

State Capitol NEWS

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SALEM—Action by the State Land Board on a definite program for administering the state's 750,000 acres of school lands scattered throughout central and eastern Oregon has been deferred until after a public hearing scheduled for Monday, September 13. At that time it is expected that stockmen interested in the programs as well as others will air their views on the three plans now before the board.

One of these plans provides for the administration of the state's scattered holdings by the federal bureau of grazing, the state to receive its pro rata share of rentals paid by stockmen for use of the public domain. The other two plans involve the "blocking" of the state school lands into large, compact bodies through exchange for fed-

eral lands. This proposal was first advanced by State Treasurer Holman nearly 18 months ago but to date has reached only the committee and report stage.

One of the "blocking" plans, submitted by a committee of nine stockmen, calls for the creation of "blocks" around the private holdings of stockmen, those blocks to be of a size to meet the needs of the stockmen, in each case. Rentals on these blocks would be fixed at from two to three cents an acre per year, dependent up on the quality of the land and location. The other "blocking" plan, submitted by R. N. Stanfield, one of the largest stockmen in the state, provides for the creation of from 16 to 20 compact areas ranging in size from 1500 to more than 70,000 acres selected for the desirability of the land for grazing purposes and scattered over the seven grazing counties but without any particular regard to accessibility of any of the stockmen.

Holman, at whose request Stanfield developed his plan, is favorable to this latter program as promoting competitive bidding to the enrichment of the irremediable school fund. Governor Martin, however, scorns a "nigger in the wood pile" in the plan submitted by Stanfield and is fearful that it might work to the advantage of the large stockmen. The governor favors the committee plan which is opposed by Holman as discouraging competition in the bidding and not adequately safeguarding the interest of the school fund. Secretary of State Snell, the third member of the board, has indicated that he will support the "blocking" plan that promises to yield the largest return to the school fund, providing it does not work a hardship on the small stockmen.

Governor Martin is taking time out from his strenuous duties as the state's chief executive until after Labor Day. While he will be in and out of his office attending to his routine duties he will take on no definite engagements. The governor and Mrs. Martin are spending a few days this week with their daughter and grandchildren at Bremerton, Washington and will attend the review of troops at Fort Lewis on Saturday.

Negotiations for the purchase of property on which the new state library building will be located are proceeding satisfactorily according

to Ralph E. Moody, legal advisor to the Capitol Reconstruction Commission, who expects the deal for the entire block to be completed by September 1.

More than five tons of paint are being used in freshening up the buildings at the state fair grounds. The painting is being done as a WPA project.

Roy McCarty, arrested in Portland last week for the fatal shooting of a service station employee, was one of more than 200 "good timers" who have been released from the Oregon prison during the past six months under the terms of the recently enacted Barnes law. Serving a sentence of five years for assault with intent to rob McCarty was discharged from the penitentiary on June 9, the day the "good time" law became operative, after serving only three years and eight months of his term.

Salem—A scheduled audience between Governor Martin and a delegation of Workers' Alliance members failed to materialize Friday when the governor late in returning to his office from a tour of irrigation projects in Clackamas county.

Realizing that he would not be able to keep his appointment on time the governor had telephoned his office of his delay and the information was passed on to leaders of the delegation. These, however, decided not to await the belated arrival of the governor and the 200 marchers who had been hovering around the state house for an hour adjourned to Marion Square, some ten blocks away, where they spent another hour in listening to their leaders harangue the governor and WPA for its retrenchment policies. Neither would they return to the state house when the governor upon his return sent word that he was ready to receive them.

PORT LEWIS, Wash.—Thousands of visitors are expected to attend the review of national guard troops here Saturday afternoon when more than 15,000 officers and men and 100 pieces of heavy equipment will participate in the largest peace time demonstration of fighting men in the history of the Pacific northwest. More than 3300 Oregon men will be in the line of march and Governor Martin has indicated his intention of joining Major General George A. White, commander of the 41st division, in the reviewing stand. Governors of Washington, Idaho, Montana and Wyoming are also expected to attend. The review is scheduled to start at 2:00 p. m. and will last two hours.

Last of the Oregon contingent, the units from Baker and Union, arrived in camp early Wednesday morning along with the contingent from Idaho and immediately joined the remainder of the command in a program of intensive training. Monday morning the army here will plunge into a gigantic battle maneuver which will rage day and night for the remainder of the week.

SALEM—Tax delinquencies in Oregon are reduced by more than \$3,500,000 during 1936, according to figures compiled by the state tax commission from reports submitted by the 36 county tax collectors. Delinquent taxes which aggregate \$46,510,724 on January 1, 1936, had been reduced to \$43,006,340 by the first of the current year, the reports show. Only four counties failed to reduce their tax delinquencies. These were Clackamas, Jefferson, Malheur and Tillamook.



JOE E. BROWN. His latest picture "RIDING ON AIR" opens Saturday midnight and continuing Sunday-Moday-Tuesday at Roxy Theatre in Ontario.

More men are now at work in Oregon industries than at any previous time in the history of the state if figures compiled by the State Industrial Accident Commission can be accepted as a fair criterion. During the fiscal year ending June 30, reports of the commission show, there were an average of 109,094 men employed daily in the industries which have accepted the provisions of the Workmen's Compensation act. This accounts for a total of 34,037,241 man-days during the 12 month period. Previous high record was set in 1929-30 when 33,500,000 man-days were worked. The average daily wage is also up to a new high point at \$4.30 compared to the low wage level of \$3.13 reached in April, 1933.

Miss Daisy Bevans, who served Clackamas county as a state representative in the recent legislature, let it be known on a visit to Salem this week that she now aspires to a seat in Congress and will probably seek the Democratic nomination.

There is a greater percentage of illiteracy in Klamath, Jefferson and Sherman than in any other counties in the state but even there the rate is far below the national state department of education show. average, figures compiled by the

KINGMAN COLONY

By MRS. C. E. ELLIOTT

A meeting of the 4-H Local Leaders of Malheur County will be held in Ontario at the City Hall Saturday August 21st at 2 p. m. Most of the business of the meeting will be centered around the 4-H activities at the county fair. A round table discussion will be led by Mr. Hauser in order that all leaders from over the county may clear up any question which they may have in regard to exhibits, records or any other part of their work. A demonstration of a style revue will be given by two club girls showing how each individual may style her costume to the best advantage. The topic for discussion is scoring and judging work to be exhibited. All club leaders, parents or any one who has an interest in club work are asked to attend. Mr. and Mrs. Jones of Glendale California have spent this week visiting at the home of Mrs. Jones son Rev. Ecklebarger. Several ladies from the church gathered at the Wallace home Thursday. They spent a pleasant

afternoon visiting and canning apples. Mrs. Wallace is recovering from a long illness and although greatly improved is still bed fast.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Claborn of Kimberly, Idaho has been visiting in the C. C. Cotton home. Mrs. Cotton is also enjoying a months visit from her daughter Mrs. Vanderpool of Kimberly. They all motored to Weiser on business Thursday.

Clifford Case, who has been working in a saw mill in Indian Valley is visiting at the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. Case.

Mrs. C. E. Winters was taken to the hospital in Caldwell this week where she underwent an operation for appendicitis. She is reported to be recovering nicely and is expected home in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gowey are the proud grandparents of a baby boy born Sunday to their daughter Mrs. Lester Lydy of Huston, Idaho.

Mr. and Mrs. Glover Halter of Oklahoma and Mr. and Mrs. Mansford Stroupe of Boise were visiting in the T. T. Elliott home Sunday.

Members of the Christian Endeavor are planning to go to Smiths Ferry for a conference on August 27, 28, and 29th.

Word was received by Mrs. Cotton from Mrs. D. C. Duvall that Mr

Duvall passed away early Tuesday morning. Mr. Duvall has been ill for sometime. Friends and neighbors of Kingman extend their sincere sympathy to Mrs. Duvall, Helen and Alvon.

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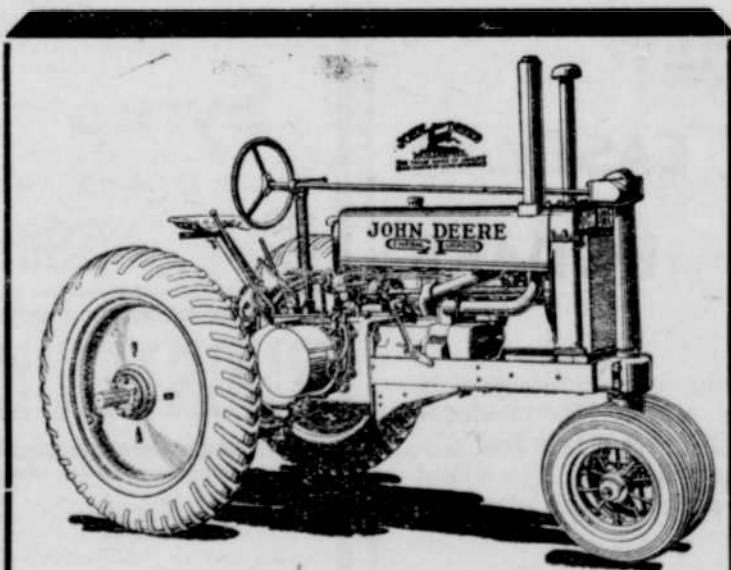
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