

State Capitol NEWS

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SALEM, ORE.—Four Oregon counties, Marion, Linn, Columbia and Clatsop, have neither bond nor warrant debt according to a survey just completed by State Treasurer Rufus C. Holman. Five other Oregon counties have no outstanding bonds although they have some outstanding warrants, the survey revealed. These are Douglas, Josephine, Polk, Umatilla and Washington.

The debt load, bond and warrant, of the state's 36 counties was lightened to the extent of \$1,508,442 during the year ending July 1, leaving the counties with a net debt as of that date aggregating \$21,692,258.64. Practically every one of the 36 counties show an improvement in their financial condition during the past year. The net bonded debt was reduced by \$1,420,970 during the year, from \$21,365,054 to \$19,944,984. While outstanding road warrants of more than \$256,000 during the year this is more than off-set by a reduction in outstanding general fund warrants from an aggregate of \$2,183,798 to \$1,762,330.

Notwithstanding the decline in assessed valuation in 1936 none of the counties report road and bridge obligations in excess of the constitutional limit. Only three counties, Clackamas, Malheur, Morrow and Multnomah, show an increase in ratio of indebtedness to assessed valuation during the year. The higher ratios in Clackamas and Malheur counties were due to increases in warrant indebtedness and declines in valuations. Morrow county cut its debt load by \$35,660 while Multnomah county whittled \$377,230

off its burden of debt. Coos county, with a debt ratio of 5.47 per cent of its assessed valuations reports the highest percentage debt. Coos county, however reduced its net debt by \$74,289 during the year. Wasco, Grant and Harney counties made the best showing with respect to reduction of their debt ratios.

When the State Board of Control referred to the state library as a "libraries' library" in minimizing the importance of this institution, the three high officials who constitute this board merely exposed their ignorance of the functions of this state activity. Records of the State Library show that less than 15 per cent of its business is transacted with other libraries. More than 85 per cent of the books sent out from the state library go to individuals living in remote sections of the state not served by city or county libraries and to isolated communities and rural schools. During the year ending June 30, last the State Library sent out 149,010 volumes in 47,836 packages to individual borrowers. In the same period the library sent out 31,139 volumes in 642 travelling libraries to isolated communities without other library facilities and another 48,859 volumes in 2472 "little libraries" to rural schools depending largely upon the state institution for their outside reading. At the same time the library selected and shipped textbooks covering 2026 reading courses for persons throughout the state who are dependent upon this source for their "higher education."

Oregon was the first of 30 states to complete its share of the interstate pact for the supervision of out-of-state parolees and probationers. Governor Martin signed the pact last week under authority of an act passed by the 1937 legislature.

State officials and employees took full advantage of Constitution day to observe another holiday. All state offices were closed for the day.

Governor Martin and Secretary of State Snell inspected the eastern Oregon state hospital at Pendleton Friday and Saturday and incidentally took advantage of the opportunity to visit the Round-Up.

SALEM, ORE.—The fate of the long pending telephone rate case now rests with the state supreme court. Upon the opinion of that tribunal may hinge a refund of more than \$1,000,000 in rates to patrons of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company in this state.

Under the original order issued by Charles M. Thoms, then public utilities commissioner, rates of the phone company were to have been reduced by approximately \$360,000 a year. The reduction was to have become effective as of November 11, 1934. That was nearly three years ago. An injunction granted by the circuit court of Multnomah county on appeal by the telephone company prevented the order from being made effective. Later the lower court held the rate order to be confiscatory and set it aside. The utilities commissioner appealed to the supreme court and after numerous delays the case was argued before the high tribunal this week.

The Oregon Blue Book, 1937-38 edition, will be ready for distribution about October 1, according to Secretary of State Snell. A number of new features will be included in the new edition, Snell said.

Applicants for jobs continue short of the demand for workers in seasonal crops, according to John E. Cooter, placement officer with the national employment bureau.

A compromise plan for the blocking of the state's scattered school lands submitted to the Land Board by W. B. Snider and R. N. Stanfield practically endorses the plan originally submitted by the "committee of nine" stockmen. While the compromise proposal would limit blocks to a minimum of ten sections this requirement is nullified by discretionary powers which the reports would vest in the Land Board. Snider and Stanfield were selected to work out a blocking plan after an all-day hearing before the Land

Board failed to make any progress toward the solution of this problem.

Male drivers react more promptly to an emergency than do women drivers, tests conducted by Secretary of State Snell reveal. The tests were conducted on a "reactometer" constructed by employees of the state department out of discarded automobile parts. During the six days of the state fair 3706 men and 1013 women took the test.

Vandals who have been guilty of cutting and mutilating trees and shrubbery on highway right-of-way will be prosecuted if their identity can be established, R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer, warned this week. Numerous cases of vandalism have been reported to the highway department during the past few months.

Oregon housewives in buying their cranberries this fall are warned by Arden A. Reed, deputy state sealer of weights and measures, to insist upon a full dry measure, which, he explains provides a much more generous helping than does the customary liquid measure. Under an act of the 1930 legislature Reed points out it is unlawful to sell any dry commodity by liquid measure.

KINGMAN KOLONY P. T. A. HONORS FATHER OF OREGON

Mrs. M. L. Judd

At the first fall meeting, Friday, September 17th, of the Kolony P. T. A. Miss Eulah Bratton reviewed the life of Dr. John McLoughlin, the "White Headed Eagle" honored alike by white men and Indians.

His old home at Oregon City is being restored as nearly as possible as it originally stood.

Several organizations wanted to provide the bronze bust in the south garden but this honor was reserved for the boys and girls of Oregon, so they might have a part in making his home the Mt. Vernon of the west.

Adrian Viosin, internationally famous sculpture has cast the bust. The state P.T.A. underwrote the obligation and each boy and girl may give his pennies.

Miss Betty Nelson is the unit chairman in charge of this project. Nearly all the mothers of the fourteen beginners in school were among the gratifying number present at the Friday meeting.

Eight standing committee chairmen made reports and plans were completed for the reception for the four teachers to be held at the Kolony school Friday evening, September 17.

FOUR GOVERNORS AT N. R. A. ANNUAL MEET

Casper, Wyoming—Four Governors are scheduled on the speaking program of the annual meeting of the National Reclamation Association to be held at Casper Wyoming October 12 to 14 according to an announcement by F. O. Hagle Executive Secretary of the National Association.

Blood of Utah Speaks

Governor Leslie A. Miller of Wyoming will give the opening and welcoming address for the State of Wyoming. B. B. Brooks of Casper, former Governor of Wyoming, will give the welcoming address on behalf of the city of Casper and the Kendrick Project. Governor Henry H. Blood of Utah will address the convention on the subject of "History and Development of Reclamation in the West," and former Governor Arthur J. Weaver of Nebraska, present President of the Mississippi Valley Association will address the convention on the subject of "Full Utilization of the Waters of the West."

The states of Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, Texas, Utah, Washington and Wyoming are represented in the membership of the National Reclamation Association.

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Eastern Oregon Normal School, La Grande, Oregon, September 22—All of the 1937 graduates of the teachers college department of the Eastern Oregon Normal School who plan to teach have secured positions for the coming year according to President C. A. Howard. Approximately one-third of these young teachers found positions in schools hiring more than one teacher, throughout Baker, Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Jefferson, Malheur, Morrow, Sherman, Umatilla, Union, Walla and Wasco counties. Eastern Oregon Normal School graduates are gradually finding their way into larger systems in Western Oregon as well as Eastern Oregon.

FUEL MIXTURE

Causes of excessive dilution of oil in the crankcase, loss of power and low gasoline mileage are a weak spark and improper fuel mixture, according to the emergency road service of the Oregon State Motor association. Good results cannot be expected if the ignition system is in poor condition or the carburetor is improperly adjusted.

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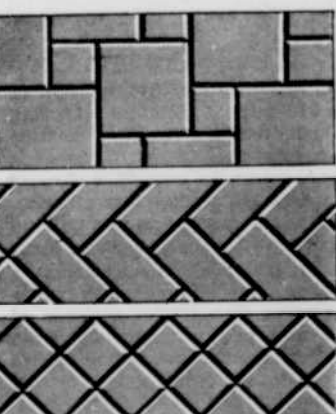
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ABOVE. Application of NU-WOOD insulating lath.

BELOW. Plastering over NU-WOOD lath in new construction.



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