

# ST. PAUL WELL IS RESTING NOW

Company Officials Certain Paying Deposits of Oil Will be Found

The Willamette Valley Gas & Oil company well at St. Paul is at rest for the present, until full arrangements are made to "bring in" the well with the big flow that the drillers are supremely confident is there waiting for them to tap.

The eight-inch casing is now down 850 feet, and is held there pending the securing of more pipe. Below this depth the drill encountered a strong flow of salt water and other plain water. So strong is this water pressure that the water rises to within about 30 feet of the top of the bore, strong enough that it would tax any pump capacity to lower the level materially. They plan to add more casing on top of that already in the hole, and lower it all down to a permanent bottom, the depth the open hole has now reached, 1006 feet. With liquid cement poured in around the outside of the casing they will seal off the water and leave the present eight-inch hole free of all possible water intrusion. Then a six-inch pipe can be set inside the present casing to go on down to the oil. They do not expect to find other water, now that they

have gotten into the real oil deposits.

Only a "gusher" with a pressure greater than the weight of the whole 1000-foot column of water, would produce oil until the casing is lowered and the water sealed off. So the company shut down the work, with the first showing of oil last week, and is now getting ready to handle the next discovery in a business-like way.

It is understood that the company, while convinced that the big thing is just ahead of them, is still in want of money to complete the casing and other necessary safety work before drilling farther, and is to sell a small quantity of stock at the old par value.

Following the insistence of some of their men who have had wide experience in oil circles in other states, the company is preparing for storage pools for the oil that is expected. A gusher is freely predicted by the more sanguine operators, which would require instant storage or else heavy loss. So firmly do these men believe that the conditions warrant the belief of a flowing well that they will not again start the drill until they have provided adequate storage for at least a small flowing well. Some of these wells shoot the ponderous tools out of the 1000-foot or even 2000-foot holes, and discharge oil faster than the whole Salem waterworks could pump water.

"If this showing were in Texas, miles and miles away from any present proven oil field, there would be a stampede like a drove of wild buffaloes," said W. H. Sayre, one of the company experts. "We're convinced that we shall find oil in paying quantities when we are able to go on down and get it."

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# Pure Food For the Home

## CHRISTMAS IN THE KITCHEN



### THE KITCHEN

Three attractive menus for a Christmas Dinner and how to Prepare Them

It is a fortunate thing that the festive, brightest of all the periods of the year. Even when the days are at their shortest and the weather at its dreariest, we have Christmas to think of and prepare for.

Though Christmas is a festival shared in by all the Christian nations of the world, yet each nation has developed its own special celebration. Christmas as we know it may almost be said to have developed since Dickens wrote the beautiful "Christmas Carol." Up to that time Christmas was more of a church festival. Dickens taught us that it might, and should, be a time of "good will to men," of family-gatherings and for taking thought of those who are lonely or in need.

Tradition Prescribes Goose for Christmas

Of course, one of the most important parts of the celebration is the Christmas dinner. Here is an orthodox menu for a quite sufficiently elaborate Christmas dinner. First raw oysters. Then a clear soup. If the housewife has an enameled ware soup kettle which she keeps duly going with all the odds and ends and left-overs, she has a foundation for her clear soup. To a quart of this soup stock, strained out, add one pound of soup meat cut in small pieces. Cook for two or three hours. Set off and when cold skim. Reheat and settle with the white of an egg, as one would coffee. Set aside and heat when needed.

For the roast have the Christmas goose of English tradition. The goose is a noble bird, imposing in appearance and most excellent in flavor. Many housewives, however, fear to try goose as it is not easily roasted. It needs much basting for one thing and a rather slow oven. If, however, the hostess owns an enameled ware roaster she need have no misgivings. These roasters are self-basting and the arrangements for ventilating allow the goose to cook as slowly or as fast as is needed.

The goose must have apple sauce as its accompaniment. Apple sauce when properly made can be appetizing. The apples should not be pared and sliced until just when they are to be cooked. Put in an enameled ware saucepan with just enough water to keep from burning and cook quickly; add sugar just before removing from the fire, also a dash of lemon juice if the apples are not sour. Cooked in this way the apple sauce will be a golden amber as the enameled ware will not darken the fruit. Onions and boiled rice go well with the rich roast goose. A fruit salad is a refreshing next course. Canned pineapple covered with a layer of sliced bananas, with a spoonful of whipped cream on top is a very good salad and easily prepared.

For dessert, of course, comes the plum pudding. No longer can the pudding enter in agony of blazing brandy to the awe and amazement of youthful guests, but it can still wear its sprig of holly and be as delicious as ever. Here is an old English rule for the genuine article. Take half a pound of stale bread crumbs, one cup of hot milk. Soak the crumbs in the milk and let it stand until cold. Then add one-quarter of a pound of sugar, the beaten yolks of our eggs, half a pound of raisins, one-quarter of a pound of currants, the same of figs, chopped

in the flax industry. I regret that it failed. I am going to try to introduce industry out there and see if this will not help to cut the present state tax bill of \$9,500,000.

"Senator Patterson claimed that a cut of a million dollars a year could be made. I believe it can. There are some things that we can't reduce appreciably, like the primary schools, the roads, and even higher education. But we might redistribute the load. Minnesota, with two and one-half times as great valuation, still pays only one-sixth as much state tax as Oregon; but they tax a kind of natural resources like their iron ore, that we have kindly let go free while we stick the burden on the land."

Mr. Pierce told of now having 270 cattle fattening on grain. A buyer recently offered him \$3.75 per 100 pounds for the choice of the herd. He said that every cattle man in Oregon will soon see the receiver coming around the corner unless there is a change in cattle conditions.

Mr. Pierce spoke feelingly of the practical communism of land, when the taxes wipe out the land values and destroy the incentive or the possibility of owning homes.

"We are all of Nordic descent, and the hope and the need of homes of our own are part of our being. Mongolians may herd to

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### GOVERNOR-ELECT TALKS ON TAXES

Walter M. Pierce Tells Realtors He Hopes to Make Penitentiary Pay

Governor-elect Pierce, a guest of the Marion County Realtors, whom he addressed as "fellow farmers," delivered a heart-to-heart talk on state government at the weekly luncheon at the Marion Thursday noon.

"Do you know that Oregon pays the heaviest tax rate of all states in the Union?" he said. "It is growing steadily until, taking the state over, the taxes are one-half the rental value of the farm land. Twenty years ago taxes were about 20 per cent of the rental value. Twenty years ago it took about 2 1/2 per cent of the crops to pay the state taxes; now it takes 45 per cent for the same purpose. We have all gone crazy on taxes, every kind of unit—school, city, state."

"It is my problem to try and help reduce state tax costs. As I looked at the army of employes coming out of the state house and thought of the state in other cities or places, I began to realize what a load of service we have built up for the state to pay for. Can we reform, or change to an easier scale? I shall want your friendship, your advice, your cooperation in the work ahead. Tax reform is a delicate surgical operation, and not a job for the heavy-handed butcher. He might kill the patient."

"I have understood that the state of Minnesota claims to have made its penitentiary pay for its own way; so is this claimed for Indiana, and for Kansas. I am told further that in Kansas at least this apparent saving is a matter of clever bookkeeping. Our own penitentiary costs us \$400,000. Maybe we can't run it for less. But I am interested

### A Christmas Dinner for Small Family

First get a quart of small oysters. Take a pint of them and make an oyster stew. With the help of an enameled ware double boiler there will be no trouble with this, for there will be no danger of the milk curdling.

Buy an old fowl or hen. These are cheaper than the roasting fowls and quite as good in flavor. Cut it up as for a fricassee. Put on a fire in an enameled ware saucepan and cook slowly until tender. Have ready a rather shallow enameled ware baking dish. Put in the chicken and add the other pint of oysters.

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### Three Attractive Menus for Christmas Dinner

- Dickens' Christmas Dinner
  - Oysters on the Half Shell
  - Clear Soup
  - Roast Goose with Apple Sauce
  - Onions
  - Baked Rice
  - Fruit Salad
  - Plum Pudding
- American Christmas Dinner
  - Clams on the Half Shell
  - Clear Soup
  - Roast Sucking Pig with Cranberry Jelly
  - Sweet Potatoes
  - Onions
  - Mock Mince Pie
  - Coffee
- Economical Christmas Dinner
  - Oyster Stew
  - Chicken Pie with Cranberry Sauce
  - Norwegian Prune Pudding
  - Coffee

### BUSINESS SHOWS MORE INCREASE

Mill Consumption and Export of Cotton Make Largest Month Gain

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Business conditions during November showed further increases in both production and distribution, according to a statement tonight by the department of commerce.

Mill consumption of cotton for November in communal units—a dozen living, eating, sleeping in a single room, but we can't do it that way. We must make our farms possible to own and live on with profit."

Senator I. L. Patterson, also a guest of the realtors, spoke appreciatively of the work done by the association in the stabilizing of values. He pledged his personal support to the new governor in the matter of helping to lower or redistribute taxes and make the Oregon farmer prosperous enough to make the whole country prosper.

President Bohrstedt presented the matter of securing farmer representation on the national Federal Reserve banks, and asked that the Realtors and the Chamber of Commerce of Salem write to the Oregon delegation in congress to demand such representation.

The Realtors are to hold no meeting next Thursday, December 28, but they will convene January 4 in an evening session, with a ladies' night program.

November totaled 577,561 bales, the largest for any month since July 1917, according to department records.

Export of cotton also increased to \$68,337 bales, or approximately 8 per cent of the entire crop. Increases were reported in the production of pig iron, steel ingots, zinc and coke, and in leather.

Prices, both wholesale and retail, rose slightly in November, according to the department's review, which mentioned as a significant movement the increased price of farm products together with the improvement in relative purchasing power.

There appeared to be little change in European business conditions. A steady appreciation of the exchange value of several of the countries, however, was regarded by the department as a favorable factor. Shipping conditions were reported fairly active in the maritime countries abroad.

### Two Locomotives Arrive for Overhauling Work

DALLAS, Or., Dec. 22.—(Special to The Statesman.)—Two of the big locomotives that are to be repaired at the plant of the Dallas Machine & Locomotive works in this city arrived this week and work has already been started on overhauling the machines. The Dallas plant recently received a contract for overhauling 10 of the big locomotives and in order to get them out in record time Carl Gerlinger, manager of the works, expects to put on an extra shift of men which will necessitate the running of the plant a full 24-hour shift.

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