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FACTORY WAGES SET A NEW RECORD

American factory wages, in terms of buying power, are higher today than ever before in history, it is revealed by a recent study made by the Machinery Institute. The average factory worker is six per cent better off today than he was in 1929, and about 46 per cent better off than in 1914, according to wage and cost of living indexes, the report showed.

Figuring the purchasing power of factory workers in terms of the hours worked to obtain a given article, the study showed that:

In 1914 cost the earnings of 709 hours can be purchased today with the earnings of 349 hours. The average pair of shoes used to cost nine hours 15 minutes of work in 1914. Now it costs 3 hours and 24 minutes.

To purchase 100 representative articles of home furnishings required the earnings of about 405 hours in 1914 but today only 279.

An automobile in 1914 cost the earnings of considerably more than a year's work whereas a greatly superior automobile today can be bought with the earnings of less than a thousand hours. The average automobile tire in 1914 cost 46 hours' work compared to 9.5 hours today.

To earn enough to paint the average two story house in 1914 would have required 59 hours work but now requires only 25 hours. Although a representative collection of drug and toilet articles which cost \$1 in 1914 cost \$1.39 in 1936, the time required to earn them dropped from four hours in 1914 to two hours 12 minutes in 1936.

The factory worker today can buy as much tobacco with earnings of an hour and 48 minutes as he could with earnings of more than four hours in 1914.



Should Governor Martin succumb to the lure of a second term, as now seems likely, thousands of republicans will change their political registration in order to participate in the democratic primary election in 1938.

Since his return from a swing around the state with the state highway commission two weeks ago the governor has been deluged with letters from his admirers commending him upon his outspoken stand against sit-down strikes and labor "racketeering" in general. Many of these letters are from admirers who admit to a life long attachment to the republican party but who express an eagerness to forget the G. O. P. in favor of the democratic donkey in order to help nominate Martin.

That, however, is a game at which more than one can play and it is not to be expected that the anti-Martinites will be caught napping when it comes to rallying support to their standards either. In fact, it is said that organized labor is already busy making democratic converts out of republicans in their ranks who will welcome an opportunity to cast a vote against the present occupant of the governor's office.

Of course, as yet the governor's attitude toward a second term is mere speculation. While Martin is openly flirting with the idea he is not committing himself one way or the other. The next primaries are still more than a year away and many things may happen in the interim — things that may have a vital bearing on the governor's final decision.

Just now the forthcoming gathering of Young Democrats at North Bend Friday and Saturday holds the center of the political stage. At least it will provide another test of the strength of W. L. Gosselin, the governor's secretary and chief patronage dispenser for the administration, among the younger element of the governor's party. Gosselin is espousing the cause of Al Greenwood, of Portland, as candidate for president of the state organization while the anti-Gosselinites are understood to be backing Walter Tooze, Jr., also of

Portland, to head the association. At least some interesting developments are anticipated to show which way the straws are blowing in the party which now appears to be dominating Oregon politics.

The quarterly distribution of beer and wine taxes by Secretary of State Snell this week totalled \$22,240. Nearly one-third of the total went to the city of Portland. The apportionment was made to the cities and counties on the basis of population.

Dr. William G. Everson, of Portland, who tendered his resignation as chairman of the state board of conciliation to Governor Martin last week has reconsidered and will remain in the post. Everson's reconsideration followed a request from the governor that he continue to serve on the board in spite of the unfriendly attitude of organized labor whose leaders had demanded that he quit.

A flat tax of \$10 a year on real property up to a valuation of \$2500 is proposed by a group of Portland residents headed by Charles B. Gibson, who expect to sponsor a constitutional amendment covering this subject. The group plans to initiate a measure-carrying out their purpose.

Plans for participation by Oregon troops in army maneuvers at Camp Lewis this year were discussed at a conference here this week attended by Major General George A. White and Major General James H. Doolittle. Port Lewis headed by Colonel Francis W. Clark. Approximately 14,000 national guard troops from Oregon, Washington, California, Idaho, Montana and Utah will take part in the 5 days of intensive training beginning August 17.

There will be no tax levy against property for state purposes in Oregon next year. That much can be predicted at this early date with reasonable safety. Income taxes are pouring in at an unprecedented rate. Present indications are for collections of more than \$5,000,000 from this source this year. This will provide a surplus of more than \$1,000,000 in anticipated revenues as set out by the tax commissioners in their 1937 levy. This surplus, according to the provisions of the income tax act, must be applied toward a reduction of the property tax levy next year. Even without this surplus, however, it is anticipated that 1938 income taxes will be sufficient in themselves to entirely off-set the property tax levy of \$5,570,000 for that year including a one-half mill levy for the Bonus Commission which was waived in the 1937 levy.

Members of the tax commission are in doubt as to the application of income taxes to the elementary school levy. While this tax is included in the state levy it is not a state tax in the true sense inasmuch as the tax is retained in the counties in which it is collected and does not flow into the state's treasury. It is probable that the next legislature will be asked to authorize a refund of income tax moneys to the several counties in amounts equal to the fund raised by the state levy for school purposes in case income tax collections exceed the property tax levy for other state purposes.

On June 30 Dr. R. E. Lee Steiner will sever his connection with the state hospital at Salem after 49 years of service with that institution, 30 years of which he has served as its superintendent. Steiner submitted his resignation to the board of control last week and the board asked him to remain on duty until the last of June when he will be succeeded by Dr. John C. Evans, who for years has served as assistant superintendent of the institution.

The state supreme court increased Oregon's income tax collections by approximately \$250,000 this week when it held that contractors on the Bonneville dam were subject to the tax. The opinion reversed one handed down by the court in the same case last November.

The board of control has authorized the purchase of two more farms for use by state institutions. One is a tract of 130 acres adjoining the "Cottage farm" of the state hospital south of Salem. Price of this farm is \$8,000. The other is a 320 acre tract adjoining the state prison annex, also south of Salem, priced at \$12,000 which is being purchased by the penitentiary. Appropriations covering the cost of these farms were made by the recent legislative session.

Elri Snell, secretary of state, is not running for office—not just now at least. Snell made the statement this week after political prognosticators had suggested that he would either seek the republican nomination for governor or a second term as secretary of state. Political observers, however, observed that he left the gate open to a more timely entry into the political race in his "not now" qualification to his statement.

The pin ball operators are leaving

no stone unturned in their determination to perpetuate their existence in Oregon. Articles of incorporation were filed here this week for the Oregon Merchants Legislative League, the purpose of which is to "carry on a campaign of education regarding the necessity and propriety of legalizing and licensing trade stimulators."

Guy V. Litner, state director of re-employment, reported to Governor Martin that 1465 men and women were placed in jobs during March. Nine hundred of these jobs are permanent positions, Litner said.

Sometimes He Appears as a Well-Dressed Gentleman

Once upon a time the writer boarded at Mrs. Moratoe's boarding house in Butte City, territory of Montana. One Sunday on returning from church and taking my place at the dinner table a fellow boarder asked, "What did you learn about the devil today, what is the devil and how does he come to a person?" Mrs. Moratoe, coming in with food, answered, "Ah, Mr. Robinson, sometimes he comes in the person of a well-dressed man." That ended the information wanted about the devil.

Whether the devil comes in the person of a well dressed man, male or female, or a well dressed bottle of booze, this is sure and certain, that the devil dressed up in broadcloth, seventeen dollars shoes and a plug hat is no less the devil on his uppers, dressed in rage and tatters, with a blossom on his nose.

So the highfalutin' names the booze makers and booze vendors give to their embalming fluid is just so much dust in the eyes for blind fools that they may become more blind.

It makes no difference whether the booze juice is stewed in a brewery, a winery, a distillery or a moonshiner's washboiler. Hell's Kitchen is the source of supply for all brands, grades and qualities and death is in the pot for him who thinks he is immune to the booze poison.

Judging from the amount of space taken in the big dailies and magazines of wide circulation, the booze advertisers must be a great source of financial strength to the printing fraternity.

The knowing receiver of stolen goods is a partner of the thief, so when this booze advertising is known to be false by the advertiser and it is known to be false by those who put it out at so much cash per line, inch square or column. Oleomargarine and corn syrup cannot sail under false colors, why should booze?

Where is the Dairy and Food commissioner, is he asleep or has he gone on a journey.

Is false advertising permissible under the law in Oregon?

Whiskey was known under the name, "Fire Water" to the Indians and I would like to add a few more appropriate names as labels for booze of whatsoever kind or brand, without charge to the booze makers: Serpent and Adder, Liquid Hellfire, Stomach Troubles, Hunger and Cold, Embalming Fluid etc, etc.

When any young man or young woman begins to think that he or she can flirt with booze and get away with it, is time to remember, "A man don't have to die to go to hell."

R. A. Easton, Ashland, Ore.

U. S. Civil Service Opportunities

The United States Civil Service Commission announces the following open competitive examinations: Truck Drivers (¾ to 2 Tons) U. S. Forest Service. Truck Driver (2 Tons or more) U. S. Forest Service. Applications must be on file with the Manager, Eleventh U. S. Civil Service District, Federal Office Building, Seattle, Washington, not later than April 23, 1937.

Competitors will not be required to report for examination at any place, but will be rated on their experience and fitness.

Full information may be obtained at the Coquille postoffice or from the Manager, 11th U. S. Civil Service District, 450 Federal Office Building, Seattle, Washington.

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Fishers Blend FLOUR	40 Pound Sack	1.89
Mayonnaise	Best Foods Pint Jar	24c
Coffee	Hills Red Can Golden West Folgers M. J. B. Pound Can	25c
Kelloggs Corn Flakes	Pkg.	6c
Lettuce	Large Solid Heads Each	5c
Carrots	2 Bunches	5c
Asparagus	2 Pounds	13c
Onions	Oregon No. 1 5 Pounds	13c
Bananas	Golden Ripe Pound	5c
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Cocoa	2 Pound Can	15c
Fluffo Shortening	4 Pound PKG.	49c
Rolled Oats	Quick or Regular 9 lb Sk.	39c
Wheaties	2 Pkg. Bowl Free	19c
Calumet Baking Powder	1 Pound Can	19c
Swansdown Cake Flour	Large Pkg.	25c
Play Fair Dog Food	1 Pound Can	5c
Life Buoy Toilet Soap	Bar	5c
Crackers	Snow Flakes Krispies or 2 Pound Box	25c

JACK'S MEAT MARKET

Cottage Cheese	Fresh Creamy Pint	13c	Ham, Slices	Center Cuts 2 For	25c
Minute Steaks	Choice Tender Beef Each	10c	Frankfurters	A Treat for the Kiddies lb	19c
Pork Chops	Nice & Lean Lb.	25c	Swiss Steaks	Tender Flavoury Cuts Lb.	25c
HAMS	Sugar Cured ½ or Whole Lb.	29c	Pork Roasts	Young Tender Shoulder Cuts Lb.	19c

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