

### TRIO WILL FRAME LAWS TO REDUCE FOREST FIRE LOSS

SALEM, Sept. 1.—(AP)—Consideration of state legislative and public education in order to further guard against forest loss will be given by a committee of three appointed by Governor Julius L. Meier today. The appointment was made as a result of the disastrous fire the past three weeks on northwestern Oregon.

C. J. Buck, regional forester, Lynn E. Cronmiller, state forester, and Thornton T. Munger, director of the northwest forest experiment station, were placed on the committee.

In making the appointment the governor said, "I am wondering if in our legislative policy we have listened too much to the timber operator who wants to operate, or the hunter who wants to hunt, or the land clearer who wants to buy regardless of the hazardous weather conditions, or the vacationist who wants to go when and where he pleases."

"I believe it is high time we are finding out where our present policy is leading us and what can be done to prevent man made forest conditions which make possible the conflagrations we have had in different parts of the state during the last few weeks."

"The disastrous forest fires in Oregon the last few years, which have caused destruction of millions of dollars in timber values," the governor said, "prompt me to secure a report as to their causes in the belief that public interest demands that every thing within reason be done to minimize the recurrence of such fires."

"Oregon is reputed to have the most progressive forest laws and the best state-wide protection organization of any state in the union yet I can't help believing that somewhere in our policy of timber operation and use of the forests for recreational purposes we have neglected to place that protection around our forests which a prudent and thoughtful people should demand."

### JACKSONVILLE GRANGE ENJOYS SOCIAL TIME AND PROGRAM SESSION

A very delightful social time was enjoyed by Jacksonville patrons Friday evening when the following program was presented by Miss Doris Conger, lecturer, "Stunt song," "Under the Spreading Chestnut Tree," led by Mabel Sims; two very fine vocal solos by A. J. MacDonough; orchestra number by the Grove and Sturge orchestras of Eagle Point; questions and answers on literary excerpts, and a very interesting account of his trip to see "Old Ironsides" by Herbert Clifford. Mabel Sims, chairman of the ways and means committee, gave a final report on the returns from the lunch stand at the celebration. Very earnest appreciation was expressed for the splendid cooperation of all members for the work done and for the liberal donations, and for the patronage of friends and members.

After the program, refreshments of ice cream and cake were served by Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Niedermeyer, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Wendt, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Sample and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Severance.

The Grange appreciated the music furnished by the Grove and Sturge orchestras, members enjoying dancing until a late hour.

The country home of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Skinner of the West Side district proved a very delightful setting for the lawn party given to the members of the Home Economics club and their husbands. The grounds were decorated with multi-colored Japanese lanterns and the tables spread for 40 guests. Those given honors at the birthday table were Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Fisk, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Niedermeyer, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Niedermeyer and Mr. and Mrs. Chester Wendt. The remainder of the evening was spent with cards and dancing.

The next club meeting will be held September 8, at the home of Mrs. Edith Clifford. All members are especially invited.

### RADICALS SPRING TO AID OF NEGRO

SALEM, Sept. 1.—(AP)—More than 500 cards demanding reversal of the conviction of Theodore Jordan, under death sentence for murder, have been received at the offices of the state supreme court, it was learned here today.

The cards were signed by members of the Oregon section of the International Labor Defense league.

Jordan was convicted of first degree murder in Klamath county in connection with the slaying of a Southern Pacific Pullman conductor. He is now in the state penitentiary pending disposal of his appeal.

The cards charge that Jordan was "framed" because he is a negro and was unemployed at the time the alleged murder was committed.

Reid, Murdock & Co., owners of the Monarch brand Bartlett pears will be represented at Medford this season by Myron Root.

DANCE—Saturday night at Butte Falls.

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## Tomato, Garden King, Boon to Housekeeper, Is Nearing Height of Reign

By Bureau of Home Economics, U. S. Department of Agriculture.

There comes a time of year when all this country, and not just the south, may enjoy fresh tomatoes at their best. That time is here as you do not need to be reminded if you are lucky enough to have garden space in which you grow your own. But city folks, the gardenless, may forget that the vine-ripened, home-grown tomato is a much more flavorful fruit than the one which is grown many miles away, picked for shipment when still green and ripened in storage. All the fine nutritive values of the tomato, as well as the flavor, says the bureau of home economics of the U. S. department of agriculture, are at their best when the sun has had full opportunity to do its work on vines and ripening fruit.

The season for home-grown tomatoes is now nearing its height. All over the country farm gardeners are getting their crops to market. Canning factories are busy producing the tomato juice, the canned tomatoes, the catsup or chili sauce that may appear on countless thousands of family tables next winter. Housewives are canning from the family patch, community canning centers are putting up tomatoes for relief supplies later on. Last year the tomato crop that was sent to market amounted to more than 18 million bushels of fresh tomatoes, and the canneries put out more than one and a half million tons—nearly all used in the United States.

It is evident that Americans appreciate tomatoes. The United States is said to be the largest per capita consumer, and there seems to be, literally, nothing that could take the color and flavor, refreshing quality, adaptability to any part of the meal, make them a god-send to the housekeeper. When you consider their nutritive values in addition, tomatoes are unique. Modern science finds them one of the very best of the "protective foods," because they are a good source, not of just one, or two, but of three of the vitamins. There are also those very important qualities of the tomato which make it unusual for cooking and canning. Vitamin C, for which the tomato is particularly valuable, is easily destroyed by heat, but the acidity of the tomato helps reduce this loss.

To a less extent, the same thing is true of vitamin B also. Again because of their acid content, and their juiciness, tomatoes are easier to can than other vegetables. A pressure cooker is not needed, in fact, is not desirable for tomatoes, although necessary in canning the non-acid vegetables to insure the prevention of spoilage. For tomatoes, says the bureau of home economics, use the hot-pack method of canning—i. e., heat the tomatoes to boiling and pack them hot into the containers—then process them in the hot-water bath.

Canned tomatoes—banned when the fresh tomatoes are at their best—are so important as a winter food that nutritionists recommend a serving in some form three times a week. This amounts to about a pint a week for each member of the family, or 18 to 20 quarts per person for eight months of winter. It takes about 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 pounds of raw tomatoes to make one quart canned—or, roughly, a bushel of raw tomatoes to make an eight months' supply for one person.

Hardly any other article of food can be used in as many ways as the tomato. Raw, cooked, or canned, in some form tomatoes may appear in

any part of any meal. The baby has his tomato juice for breakfast, but you may prefer your tomatoes sliced and broiled or fried, to be eaten with your hot biscuit. A fresh tomato, sliced or quartered, may be one of the vegetables on your plate at lunch or dinner or supper. Perhaps it is hollowed out and stuffed with chopped cabbage, or with chopped meat salad, for your lunch or supper. Sliced or stuffed and baked, tomatoes fit in admirably with potatoes or corn, or rice or beans at dinner. Broiled tomato on toast, with a bit of melted cheese and a curl of bacon in the center of the slice, is an attractive supper dish. And there are the countless uses of tomatoes in soups, in scalloped dishes with rice, macaroni, potatoes and beans, in tomato jelly, in preserves—not to mention the ever popular tomato-juice cocktail. Later on, green tomatoes that come too late to ripen on the vines before frost comes will be used for pickles, for broiling or in green tomato pie.

**LOW COST MENU FOR ONE DAY.**  
Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Tomato Juice for Youngest Child, Coffee (adults), Milk (children).  
Dinner: Meat Loaf, Rice, Tomatoes Stewed with Cucumbers, Hot Biscuits (add extra fat to some of dough and bake as shortcake for supper).  
Supper: Creamed Carrots, Potatoes and Onions, Whole Wheat Bread and Butter, Peach Shortcake, Milk for all.

**RECIPES.**  
Fresh Tomato Cocktail.  
8 to 10 ripe red tomatoes  
1/2 teaspoon onion pulp  
Salt and pepper to season  
Grated horseradish.  
Wash and chop the tomatoes. Press through a fine sieve rejecting the skin and seeds. Add the seasonings. Chill and beat well before serving.  
Stewed Tomatoes and Cucumbers.  
1 quart tomatoes, fresh or canned  
1 pint pared and diced cucumbers  
2 teaspoons salt  
Pepper  
1/2 small onion, sliced  
2 tablespoons fat  
2 tablespoons flour.

If fresh tomatoes are used, skin and cut them into small pieces. Cook the tomatoes, cucumbers, and onion together for 15 minutes or until the cucumbers are tender. Add the salt and pepper. Blend the flour and butter, mix with a little of the hot tomato juice, then pour this thickening into the mixture and cook until thickened. Serve at once.  
Codfish, Spaghetti and Tomatoes.  
1/2 pound salt codfish, diced.  
2 cups spaghetti, broken in small pieces.  
1 quart tomatoes, fresh or canned  
1 onion, sliced  
2 tablespoons chopped parsley  
2 tablespoons of fat  
Salt if needed.  
Soak the codfish in cold water to cover for 2 hours or longer, until sufficient salt has been removed, and drain. Cook the spaghetti in boiling salted water until tender and drain. Simmer the tomatoes and codfish for about 20 minutes. Cook the onion and parsley in the fat for a few minutes, combine all the ingredients, and cook for a few minutes longer. Serve hot.

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### COMMITTEE EYES MANY SOLUTIONS FOR JOB RELIEF

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dispensed in this state with no regulation or tax other than that imposed by municipalities.

One group suggested an arrangement whereby delinquent taxes could be paid through money borrowed from the federal home owners' loan corporation, the federal home loan bank, the farm credit administration or the agricultural adjustment administration. If the delinquent taxes are paid, it was explained, Oregon would have plenty of money for relief work and other necessary purposes; non-payment of taxes having placed the state in its present financial straits.

**Warrant System Offered**  
Ray Gill, master of the state grants, recommended a county warrant system based on issuance of small short-term bonds by the state up to 25 per cent of delinquent taxes, the state to do the collecting of the taxes. A companion proposal from the same source urges borrowing from the gasoline tax fund, the money to be repaid by an issue of bonds by the state highway commission.

Labor organizations are said to be back of a plan to impose a "capital" tax, placing the burden on wealth and property. Although details were not available, it was believed increased taxes on large incomes, or increased scope of income taxes was contemplated in connection with this idea.

Other groups were back of a modified sales tax, differing from the sales tax defeated in the July election in that it would be imposed for the specific purpose of relief and for lifting the grade schools out of their present precarious plight.

The Taxpayers' league of Portland wants an income tax to abolish tax on real property, and C. A. Huntington of Eugene, member of the last legislature, is urging a graduated gross income tax on salaries, wages and businesses.

Whatever the plan, it must be found to be generally acceptable throughout the state by all classes, Governor Meier has told members of

the committee. They may, of course, develop any of those already suggested, or find some other method of "painless" taxation. The governor and the legislative leaders and others agree the proposal finally accepted by the committee must be such as to merit general approval among the voters. Otherwise the suggestion might be enacted into law at a special session, only to be challenged and defeated on a referendum.

### Income Tax Proposed

The two income tax proposals were the object of considerable speculation in advance of the meeting. The taxpayers' league proposes to release all taxes on farms, ranches, homes and all real estate; help the farmer and stockman; help everyone become a home owner; abolish real estate and intangible taxes; collect taxes from the earnings of real property instead of levying a tax on the questionable value; levy 7 per cent on all transactions, including the sale of real property, but not including charges for labor performed or services rendered; leave inheritance tax as it now stands.

**Real Property Tax Burden.**  
The league believes that by removing real property taxation, work would be given thousands of laboring people in making repairs to property which cannot be improved now due to the real property tax. The proposed income tax would exempt single persons up to \$3,500 and married persons up to \$5,000, with a \$500 exemption for each dependent. The league explained that "where there is no income there is no tax. If the farmer, the sheep and cattle man, the timberman or the home owner, has a bad year, real taxes are not levied on him on the verge of bankruptcy." A great new investment in real estate would result, the proponents of the idea believe.

**Tax on Wages Advocated.**  
Huntington, in his income tax plan, proposes a graduated tax on all salaries and wages, to be collected at the source and paid each month. "It would," he said, "simply result in a reduction in payroll, which reduction would be paid into the tax commission. There would be absolutely no exemptions. \* \* \* Second, there would be a graduated privilege tax on all business, including wholesale and retail merchants, manufacturers, contractors, hotels, restaurants, amusement, etc., in the form of a license. \* \* \* Third, all business men such as insurance agents, bond brokers and all professional men, would be licensed and pay a gross in-

### HIGHWAY SYSTEM GROWING RAPIDLY

SALEM, Ore. (UP)—Oregon's state highway system has grown to 4,574 miles.

Only California and Idaho of the far western states have a larger network of state roads.

California's mileage is reported to be 7,347, and Idaho 4,812. Total mileage of state roads in the United States is 358,210. Pennsylvania leads with 34,020 miles. Washington has 3,711 miles of state roads, Arizona 2,895, Nevada 3,782, Utah 4,122, and Wyoming 3,889. Oregon also has more miles of state roads than Delaware, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Vermont, and West Virginia.

### OREGON SOFTWOOD CUT RANKS HIGH

SALEM, Ore. (UP)—Oregon cut more than 3,500,000,000 board feet of softwood in 1930, according to figures released this week.

State of Washington led in total softwood cut, with more than 5,000,000,000 board feet, California, Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana cut more than 1,000,000,000 feet each. Texas' cut was 888,680,000. Idaho

and Florida cut more than 800,000,000 each.

Total softwood production for the United States was estimated at 21,322,786,000 board feet. California was the largest user of softwoods, the estimate being 2,372,828,000 board feet.

Louisiana led in production of hardwoods, the cut amounting to 549,214,000 board feet. Wisconsin, Mississippi, Michigan, Tennessee, West Virginia, Arkansas and Virginia followed in order.

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**Blind Dog Likes Ice Cream.**  
SEWANEE, Tenn.—(AP)—Dean Baker of the University of the South owns a dog which he allows to "buy" an ice cream cone daily at the corner drug store. The dog, now blind from age, appears daily at 10 o'clock for his treat.

**Hunts Gold in Ashes.**  
CARSON CITY, Nev.—(AP)—Robert Shiroda, prospector, is working the ashes of the closed Carson City mint for gold. The ash has been deposited by 60 years of gold refining process.



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