

State Capitol NEWS

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SALEM—Workmen on the state capitol include craftsmen of almost every building trade known. Construction was progressing rapidly as the building towered skyward.

Interior partitions of hollow tile were being laid by bricklayers. Electricians, sheet metal workers and plumbers are busy laying pipes and air flues.

The concrete floor is being surfaced with a maze of conduits for the various services. Another lay-

er of concrete will be poured over the present floor.
Vaults of the state treasurer and land board are being placed to protect the contents from fire and theft. Walls are solid re-enforced concrete, 18 inches thick. Lining the inside wall is a one-inch layer of inch-thick manganese steel.
The marble exterior is being placed on the sides of the structure and heavy bronze window frames and sash are being installed. The rotunda is gradually taking taking shape.

Construction Engineer H. G. Smith and J. N. Bishop, state maintenance engineer will attend the 3rd annual Montana Bituminous conference at Glacier National Park, Montana, Sept. 7-8-9.

Rep. Harry D. Bolvin, Klamath Falls, by virtue of being speaker of the House of Representatives at the last legislative session, served in the capacity of governor of the state last week.

Gov. Charles H. Martin left on vacation for Bremerton, Wash., at noon Thursday, and was not expected to return until after Labor Day. Ordinarily, Sen. Frank M. Franciscovich, Astoria, would assume temporarily governorship, but he was out of the state also.

Franciscovich was to return from Berkeley, Cal., Saturday and replace Bolvin in the gubernatorial chair.

Cold weather—believe it or not—virtually halted the bean pack at Hillman's West Salem cannery last week. Glancing at the thermometer in the afternoon any day in the last two weeks would make this seem a falsehood.

Grover Hillman, cannery head, reported that cold nights in the West Salem bean producing area has slowed up production so much that the cannery was compelled to close down and work on limited hours for a time.

Temperatures in the low forties have been registered in the irrigated sectors where the beans are growing. Hillman said that this was entirely too low for good production.

Beans had been coming in at the rate of 85 to 100 tons per day until

the cold spell. The production is expected to rise to normal within a few days, Hillman said.

A. L. Nye, Salem, is planning to attend his 76th Oregon State Fair this year. Nye, taken by his parents to the first state fair in 1861, has attended every one since that time.

The pack rat was listed as the latest menace to Oregon forests following an incident reported to the state forester here this week.

State Forester J. W. Ferguson was notified that while a group of CCC workers were eating lunch on the upper Grande Ronde river, a number of workmen noticed smoke issuing from the base of a cottonwood tree nearby.

The crew became suspicious and felled the tree. A blazing pack rat's nest rolled free. Ferguson declared that there was no doubt that the rats were responsible for the blaze. He wasn't so certain however, just what charges could be filed against the rodents.

Persons hoping to profit by buying oil leases in the state of Oregon were discouraged last week when a statement issued by State Corporation Commissioner J. H. Hazlett said that possibility of finding oil in the state in paying quantities was slight.

"The probability of finding oil in paying quantities in Oregon is so slight that only wealthy persons, if any, who can afford to gamble, should buy oil leases," Hazlett said.

"Reports have come to the attention of the department that salesmen of oil leases are representing that they have been licensed by this department. These reports are false. A number of companies engaged in selling oil leases in Oregon have sought permits but none have been issued for a number of reasons.

"The most undesirable high pressure salesmen are selling oil leases and the gullibility of their victims surpasses belief. The victims are usually uninformed and of small means, and were oil leasing companies to be issued permits and were their salesmen to be licensed as agents of the corporations, the salesmen would probably represent, as they do, that the department had approved oil leases as an investment.

"The salesmen would thus be

Contrasting Old and New In Lumber Offices



(Above) The old store of Boise Payette Lumber Company, at the left was up three steps from the sidewalk; the new is flush with the ground level. Dwight Smith, local manager comments: "The new building, built on ground level and finished in attractive Nu-Wood tile, has brought in more of the housewife trade than the old building up three steps off the ground. Remodeling pays."

The old store had the scales in front, the modern store at the side, which is just as handy and permits one-stop shoppers to park with a minimum of effort in front. The new store has ample show windows to contrast to the house windows on the old store. The modern sign gets its display value from good design, while the old sign attempted to dominate the landscape with bulk and size.

Since this picture was taken, the old building has been stuccoed and presents a greatly improved appearance.

Right is Dwight Smith, manager of the Boise Payette yard in Nyssa.—Cut courtesy Pacific Retail Lumberman.



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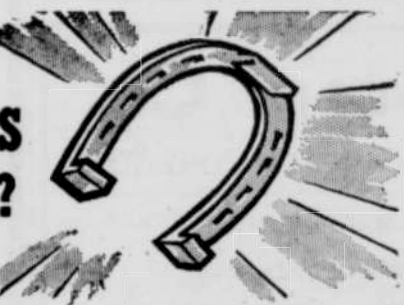


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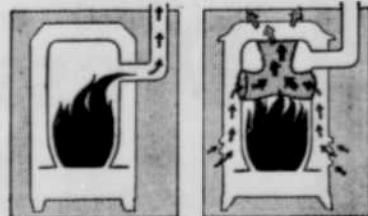
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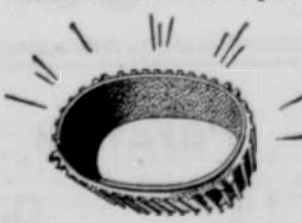


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