

STATE CAPITOL NEWS

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SALEM, ORE.—Governor Martin's refusal to accede with the request of Townsend leaders for a special legislative session met with widely divergent reactions on the part of leaders in the old age pension movement.

Glen C. Wade of Pendleton, Townsend manager of the second Oregon district, declared that no further effort would be made to bring additional pressure on the governor. Wade, who acted as special representative of the Townsend delegation which presented the request for the special session, praised the governor for his courteous consideration of the petitions. Wade's statement was regarded as reflecting the sentiment of the delegation which waited on the governor including Arthur Moore of the Monmouth congressional district.

An entirely different attitude was taken by John A. Jeffreys of Portland, H. C. Cue of The Dalles and other Townsend leaders.

"This is no time to take off our hat to the governor," Jeffreys declared. "Rather it is a time to peel our coats and continue our work for a special session."

The next step in the move for more adequate pensions, it was explained in a statement issued by Townsend leaders meeting here last week, will depend upon the action taken by the official boards of the three congressional districts on recommendations submitted by the special group attending the Salem meeting. While the nature of these recommendations was not made public it is understood to include the initiation of a measure covering the Townsend program of more adequate pensions financed by a transaction tax. Such a measure if initiated would come before the voters at the regular election in November 1938.

A large delegation of Portland educational and civic leaders appeared before the State Land Board this week to urge against undue haste in the proposed blocking of state school lands. The recommendation of the Portland delegation came as a result of interviews with federal officials charged with administering the new Taylor grazing act, all of whom, they said had advised against immediate blocking of the state holdings. State Land Board officials explained that they had been given to understand that immediate blocking was necessary if the state's interest was to be protected. Members of the Portland delegation who had attended a meeting of stockmen at Burns the week before said that they were to understand that no action would be taken by the federal government for at least a year looking to the leasing of grazing lands in the public domain. In the meantime approximately \$750,000 in federal funds are to be spent in improving grazing lands in eastern and central Oregon counties, the state's scattered holdings benefitting from this expenditure equally with the federal holdings.

Governor Martin left here Tuesday for Tulsa, Oklahoma, to attend the 20th annual reunion of his old army division, the 90th, which he commanded as a major general during the world war. He expects to be absent from the state about two weeks during which time Senator F. P. Franciscovich of Astoria will officiate as governor.

James W. Mott, congressman from the first Oregon district, will not be a candidate for the United States senate to succeed Frederick W. Steiwer, but will seek another term at his same old job he declared in

quieting rumors that he was considering seeking a promotion Steiwer's decision not to seek another term as senator has aroused a lot of speculation as to probable candidates.

The population of the state prison which was reduced materially by reason of the wholesale releases under the new "good time" law is again back up above the 1000 mark, according to Warden James Lewis. The fall session of circuit courts throughout the state has been followed by a steady influx of prisoners into the state institution.

It will not be necessary to go to Portland's famous Bull Run creek for a pure supply of drinking water for Oregon's lawmakers when they meet in Salem again. The capital city his week began using its new gravity system which brings mountain water from the Santiam river through an 18-mile long pipe line.

A sudden increase in study courses on the part of inmates of Warden James Lewis's big house at the east end of State street was reported this week by Miss Harriet C. Long, state librarian. Whereas applications for study courses from inmates of the state prison have been running from 12 to 15 a week, there were 77 applications filed this week. Engineering courses predominated in the applications, those including courses in mining as well as mechanical engineering.

Negotiations for the remaining property in the block on which the state proposes to erect its new library-office building are proceeding satisfactorily, according to T. H. Banfield who is conducting the negotiations for the Capitol Reconstruction commission. It is not expected that condemnation proceedings will be necessary in order to secure title to the property.

W. L. Gosslin, secretary to Governor Martin, is now being mentioned as a possible Democratic candidate for secretary of state. Gosslin, who was also mentioned as a possible candidate for Congress, admits that he is giving consideration to the new suggestion but has not yet made up his mind as to whether he will run or not.

Efforts will be made to keep the Crater Lake highway open all winter

according to R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer.

Beware of strangers peddling "cure-alls" for poultry diseases, is the warning issued by the State Department of Agriculture. Several such peddlers are reported to be working the state.

RECORDS OF DHI HERDS SUMMARIZED FOR OREGON

A total of 10,664 cows in 423 herds on tests in dairy herd improvement associations of the state produced an average of 553.02 pounds of milk and 26.8 pounds of butterfat last month, according to a report compiled and released by Roger W. Morse, extension dairy husbandman at Oregon State college. Of these 1759 produced more than 40 pounds of butterfat each, and 96 were culled out as unprofitable.

Butterfat Average High
The highest herd for the month was owned by Preston Mconson of the Coos Bay association. The 19 cows in this herd produced an average of 823 pounds of milk containing 47.2 pounds of butterfat each. The high cow was a grade Guernsey owned by a member of the Clatsop association, which produced 1470 pounds of milk containing 88.2 pounds of butterfat. The next high individual animal was a purebred Jersey owned by Mrs. C. E. Robertson and Son of the Washington association. It produced 1500 pounds of milk and 85.5 pounds of fat.

Among the 15 associations reporting for the month, the Tillamook county association made the highest record. The 1811 cows in the 54 herds included in this group produced an average of 625.55 pounds of milk and 31.13 pounds of butterfat.

PROPER CARE OF MACHINERY SAVES MONEY FOR FARMERS

Neglect of farm machinery is costing American farmers millions of dollars annually, says W. J. Gilmore, head of the agricultural engineering department at O.S.C. Few farmers actually wear out, but many are rotted or rusted out, he pointed out. Good care of farm machinery calls for protection from the weather by housing, protection of the parts subject to rust or decay, and repairing,

adjusting and replacing of parts, he says.

Simple Building

A shelter for farm machines needs only to be adequate to protect from moisture, sun and dust, and a simple building with wide doors for easy storage or removal of machines is desirable, Professor Gilmore points out. If space is at a premium, poles and timbers can be removed without disturbing other parts, he explained.

Hints on Storage

Professor Gilmore offers a few suggestions on storing harvesting machinery. It is especially desirable to place the mower, binder and combine under shelter to avoid high depreciation and repair costs, he says. When storing, block under the center of the tongue may keep it from warping. If the mower is stored with the cutter bar in a vertical position, it is well to place a block under the inner show to relieve lifting parts. If stored with the cutter bar down, unhook the lifting spring. If bar is tilted so that pitman is under a strain it may take a permanent twist and cause trouble later.

Combine and binder canvases may be removed and placed in a dry place away from mice and rats. It is well to clean off the dirt, tighten loose belts, spread cotter, grease wearing parts, paint the wood parts and order the repairs that will be needed before the machine is used again. At least, a list of needed repairs can be given the dealer so that the delays may be avoided when the machinery is needed again.

RODENT CONTROL METHODS TOLD

CORVALLIS—While it is difficult to entirely rid a farm of squirrels, mice and other rodents, all of these with the exception of moles are comparatively easily controlled if the farmer is willing to spend a few days time and a small amount of money to do it, points out County Agent W. S. Averill. He recently scheduled a series of four meetings in various parts of Benton county to demonstrate methods of baiting traps and poisoning to farmers. Moles are difficult to poison, but can be controlled through trapping if care is used and a few fundamental principles observed, Mr. Averill said.

Superphosphate Helps Alsike

REDMOND—While superphosphate applications up to 200 pounds per acre increase proportionately the yield of alsike clover seed, there is no advantage gained from increasing the rate of application beyond that amount. This fact has been determined in Deschutes county this year through demonstration trials conducted cooperatively on the farm of R. J. Walker of the Tumalo community, by G. Y. Hagglund, county agent.

Big Oat Yields Follow Alfalfa

DALLAS—The largest yield of oats ever reported to the Polk county agent's office from a farmer of this county was that obtained this year by Jack Stump of the Monmouth community on a field which had previously been growing alfalfa. His yield was 122 bushels an acre, according to County Agent W. C. Leth. Mr. Leth reports, incidentally, that nearly 1400 acres of alfalfa were raised in Polk county in 1937.

OREGON MAN LEADS NATION IN SAFETY CONTEST

WASHINGTON, D. C.—D. H. Haylett, Sr., Sheaville, Oregon, has been selected for an award of merit in the third annual national truck fleet safety contest of the American Trucking Association, Inc.

Fairness Assured

The 1,485 trucking concerns entered in the ATA contest were divided into two divisions: those operating within a 25-mile radius of their home terminals, and those operating in an unlimited radius. To assure fairness, each division was further divided into classes according to the number of vehicles operated by contestants. Haylett was entered in the second division, class one operators of one to three vehicles. The national winner in his division and class was the Darnall Trucking Company, Inc., Buckhannon, W. Va. Selection of the winners in the contest was in the hands of a 3-judge committee composed of Col. A. B. Barber, manager of the transport division of the U. S. Chamber

of Commerce; H. H. Kelly, chief of the section of safety, Bureau of Motor Carriers, Interstate Commerce Commission, and Norman Daman, director of the Automotive Safety Foundation.

Awards will be presented at the fourth annual convention of the American Trucking Associations, Inc., Louisville, Ky., November 15-18.

My Favorite Recipes

—Frances Lee Barton says—

THE shortcake has blossomed like the rose! Invented to do honor to strawberries, it soon made its appearance with each fruit or berry as it came into season. Now, winter is hortcake time too—and the succulent, refreshing cranberry helps to make a very handsome shortcake—and a handsome tasting one, too.



Cranberry Shortcake
3 cups sifted cake flour; 3 teaspoons double-acting baking powder; 1 teaspoon salt; 1/2 cup butter or other shortening; 3/4 cup milk.

Sift flour once, measure, add baking powder and salt, and sift again. Cut in shortening; add milk all at once and stir carefully until all flour is dampened. Then stir vigorously until mixture forms a soft dough and follows spoon around bowl. Turn out immediately on slightly floured board and knead 30 seconds. Roll 3/4 inch thick and cut with floured 3-inch biscuit cutter. Place half of circles on ungreased baking sheet; brush with melted butter. Place remaining circles on top and butter tops well. Bake in hot oven (450° F.) 15 to 20 minutes. Separate halves of hot biscuits, spread bottom halves with Place half of circles on ungreased baking sheet; brush with melted butter. Place remaining circles on top and butter tops well. Bake in hot oven (450° F.) 15 to 20 minutes. Separate halves of hot biscuits, spread bottom halves with

Cranberry Sauce
3/4 cup water; 1 1/4 cups sugar; 3 cups cranberries; 1 tablespoon melted butter; 1 cup orange juice. Combine water and sugar. Boil together 5 minutes. Add cranberries and boil, without stirring, until skins break (about 5 minutes). Remove from fire. Add butter and orange juice. If desired, cover and let stand until cool. Serve hot or cold on individual shortcakes.

Your Home

CONSTRUCTION-EQUIPMENT REMODELING

Well Dressed Windows
Whether a new house is in the building, or moving day is ahead, or an old home is being refurnished, one of the chief concerns of the woman in the house is the curtains for the windows. And these are properly one of her chief concerns, because so much of the attractiveness of her home depends upon her windows, both from the inside and the outside of the house.

Home decorators, both the professional and amateur kinds, are hanging lace net curtains at every type of window this fall. They like the softness, the custom-tailored lines, and the completely dressed appearance the curtains give to the windows.

You know we're really living in a Charm-Ago for homes. Women are not content with severe plainness. They want softness and grace in their furnishings and one way to get it is to let the open, airy weave lace net curtains fall in full folds over the windows, whether the windows are fitted out with window shades or Venetian blinds. Many of the new lace net curtains from the manufacturers in America are designed in small allover geometric style or in horizontal hand effects that harmonize especially well with the horizontal lines of the slats of Venetian blinds.

At windows using blinds, the hanging of lace net curtains over them is a very fashionable idea. And a very practical and serviceable one, too, because the open weaves of the curtains let light and air into the room and the curtains give the inside of your home privacy from the outdoors. Add to all that, the long-wearing qualities of the curtains, their washability and their moderate prices, and you have just about everything anyone can wish in a glass curtain.

Many women heave a big sigh of relief when they know that they can buy many of these lace net curtains with ready-to-hang tops. This special trick in weaving makes it possible to hang the curtains at different window-lengths without the need for sewing a heading.

Automatic Comfort Guardians
There have undoubtedly been times when, as you have trotted up and down the cellar stairs to turn the furnace on or off, you have thought that you had become an automatic heat control device yourself. At such times you have prob-

ably wished that you had a thermostat upstairs somewhere to do the turning on and off for you.

Such a thermostat, which regulates the furnace dampers according to the variations of temperature in one room, saves the householder a lot of leg work but falls far short of complete automatic control. The really up to date house has automatic heat control for each room.

Moreover, the outside temperature is watched, and the supply of heat regulated accordingly, before the house has a chance to become too hot or too cold. Indoor humidity is automatically controlled also and can be adjusted to prevent excess condensation on windows when it is very cold outside. Then, there are all sorts of safety regulatory devices for controlling steam pressure, hot water temperatures, and fuel deliveries to the furnace.

Naturally the cost of such complete automatic control is something to begin with, but savings in fuel are said to much more than cancel it during the life of the equipment.

Wrap Rooms You Want Warm
If you are trying to keep warm out of doors on a cold day, you snug your wraps about you as closely as possible. And if, as you lie in bed on a cold night, you find yourself chilly around the edges, you try to eliminate all air spaces between yourself and the blankets. You pat and pull the covers until they hug you closely on each side and, of course, around your neck.

The same principle should be applied in insulating a house. The insulation should fit closely around those parts of the house that you are trying to keep warm. Of course, this usually means all of the rooms on the lower floors. Many people, however, are uncertain about the best way to insulate a finished, or unfinished, attic. Questions about this are among the more frequent queries addressed to housing experts.

If your attic is unfinished and you are not trying to keep it warm, then the insulation should be placed under the attic floor. This is the most effective way to keep the rooms below warm. If there are finished rooms in the attic, then the insulation should be applied to the tops and sides of these rooms. If there is space between the side walls of the finished rooms and the eaves, then the insulation that is applied to the walls should continue under the attic floor to the eaves, there to join the insulation in the side walls of the house.

To put it another way, insulation should not be placed between the rafters except at places where the lath and plaster of finished rooms may be attached to the rafters. Remember the principle: to wrap as snugly as possible the rooms you wish to keep warm.

The Cited Rural Home
No rural home today need be without all the comforts and conveniences of the city home simply because it does not have access to city water and sewage systems, and city gas and electric supplies. Fuel oil and gasoline, septic tank sewage disposal, and sometimes acetylene gas, enable the farmer to have all that his city cousin has.

But let us assume that the rural dweller does not go so far as to install his private electric supply or acetylene gas supply. The gasoline engine will still furnish him with water pressure and the septic tank with sewage disposal, so that he can have everything modern in the way of bathroom, kitchen and laundry plumbing. Fuel oil enables him to duplicate the city dweller's heating plant. The modern oil range looks as well and operates as well as a gas range. The modern oil burning water heater can stand comparison with the gas water heater without blushing. And finally, the oil-burning refrigerator supplies mechanical refrigeration as satisfactorily as gas or electricity can.

Light? Well, nobody can argue that oil lamps are as convenient as electric lamps, but there are those who believe they produce a light that is better for the eyes. Anyhow, kitchen and bathroom and furnace room on the farm without electricity may not only be as efficient as they are in the city, but may also look as well. Manufacturers have given much thought to the production of oil ranges, water heaters and refrigerators that are as attractive in appearance as any of the like equipment for city homes.

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