

## STATE CAPITOL NEWS

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Oregon employers who are violating the minimum wage for women as fixed by the State Welfare Commission, will face prosecution, Chas. H. Gram, state labor commissioner warned this week. Gram declared that reports reaching his office indicate a "shameful exploitation of women and children in some industries." Since the order reducing working hours for women in Oregon from 44 to 40 went into effect on September 16, Gram said, many employers had reduced the pay of their women employees proportionately in violation of the intent of the minimum wage and hour regulation.

Citizens of Oregon are particularly blessed, Governor Martin declared in his annual Thanksgiving proclamation this week. "Here in this beautiful state of ours we can find inspiration at every hand from our magnificent mountains, gem-like lakes, rugged coast lines and peaceful valleys," the proclamation points out. "Our future lies ahead of us, our state is one of untold possibilities for development."

Contract for the construction of a laundry, heating plant and physicians cottage at the eastern Oregon tuberculosis hospital at The Dalles was let by the board of control to the firm of Malarky & Kalandar of Portland. The firm's bid, the lowest of seven entered, was for \$158,800. The federal government will contribute \$52,000 toward the construction program through the Public Works Administration, this being one of the last grants approved before the activity of the PWA was ordered curtailed.

Drawing for low numbered automobile license plates of the 1938 issue will take place Friday, according to announcement by Secretary of State Snell. All Applications received

up to that time will be included in the drawing, Snell said. Mailing of the new plates, however, will not start before December 12. The 1938 plates will be white with black letters and numbers.

Townsend leaders in Oregon will confine their activity in the coming state campaign to a measure committing this state to support of the Townsend National Recovery plan. When Governor Martin two weeks ago turned down the demand for a special session of the legislature to provide for a more adequate old age pension it was indicated by Townsend leaders that they would carry their fight directly to the people through an initiative measure. This week, however, these Townsend leaders filed with Secretary of State Snell a copy of a proposed measure authorizing and directing the state legislature to ask Congress to call a national convention for the purpose of inserting the Townsend amendment in the federal constitution. In the opinion of attorneys about the state house such a measure, even if adopted, would have no legal effect inasmuch as the legislature is a law unto itself and not subject to dictation from their constituents through the medium of the initiative. Should the measure receive a heavy vote, however, it would unquestionably have a very decided moral effect on the state's lawmakers as indicating the sentiment of the voters in support of the Townsend program. The preliminary petition as filed with the state department was signed by Arthur Moore of Monmouth, Townsend leader in the first district, and Glen C. Wade of Pendleton, Townsend manager in the second district. The absence of any signature from the third district is regarded as highly significant, especially in the face of statements from John J. Jeffreys,

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### Mining Bureau Created

The last session of the state legislature authorized a State Department of Geology and Mineral Industries which is to stimulate mining activity in the state, and to locate markets where Oregon products may be sold.

The mineral production of Oregon runs into millions of dollars, of which gold ranks first. Silver, copper, lead, and some zinc are included in the list. The quicksilver industry ranks second in the U. S., exceeded only by California. Chrome demand and many properties mite and manganese are in consideration in operation. Limestone, clays, diatomaceous earth, and many others complete the list.

**State Minerals Not Exhausted**  
The mineral possibilities of this state are not exhausted by any means. There are two methods of locating new deposits: by hitor-mis prospecting; and by a careful, systematic study as to the most favorable areas in which to search, and then by testing these areas in a scientific manner. To further and encourage prospecting, the State Department is prepared to grubstake prospectors that they may carry on with their work. Practically all the grubstake money is returned to residents of the state to purchase grub and supplies. Systematic study of, and search for mineral areas has been instigated and will be carried on as rapidly as funds and time will permit.

**To Aid Mining Operations**  
A further aid to prospectors and to potential mining operations is accomplished by the State Assay Laboratories at Baker and Grants Pass. Two free assays a month are allowed residents for samples taken within the state, except to engineers sampling mines for purpose of evaluation and operating mines. Where operating mines have special problems, the mining geologists of the department may take any desired samples, and this work and the assaying is free. Practically all of these free assays are requested by citizens who are unable to pay for a commercial assay, or by those who feel they have "values" but do not feel justified in arranging for a paid assay. When evidence is found of paying quantities of ore, these properties which would otherwise be idle, are stimulated into production, to the benefit of commercial assay offices and to the public as a whole.

**Other Duties**  
Other important duties of this department are to serve as a clearing house of information, to collect samples and develop a museum where citizens can study the rocks and ores, establish and maintain a library, assemble pertinent data on all mining properties, conduct a geological survey of the state, and identify materials of a mineral nature. The head office is located in Portland, with Earl K. Nixon as director.

**Public Highways of the Future**  
Public highways of the future will be triple-decked, well lighted and of beautiful design in the opinion of R. H. Baidock, state highway engineer. Apparently the novelty of the governorship has worn off with Senator Francisovich who failed to put in an appearance in Salem during the two weeks absence of Governor Martin from the state, attending the annual reunion of his comrades of the old 90th division at Tulsa, Oklahoma.

The need for a central agency to supervise the trading-in of old automobile tires by state agencies was pointed out by State Treasurer Holman at the last meeting of the board of control. The state, it was brought out, spends approximately \$90,000 a year for automobile and truck tires. Bids for supply the state with its 1938 needs in the tire line were approximately 20 per cent higher than the prices prevailing this year.

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or of the department, Mr. A. M. Warty as consulting mining engineer, and Mr. Ray C. Treasher as geologist. Offices are maintained in the Lewis Building at the corner of Southwest Fourth and Oak. Mr. Donald K. Mackay is mining geologist at Baker, where the State Assay Laboratory is conducted by Mr. Leslie L. Motz. Mr. J. E. Morrison, mining geologist, is at Grants Pass, where the state assay laboratory is conducted by Mr. Albert A. Lewis.

**LINN TURKEY INDUSTRY EXPANDS**  
ALBANY—The Linn county turkey industry, starting six years ago with about 10,000 turkeys, is today producing 125,000 birds annually, according to County Agent F. C. Mulden. In 1936 and the early months of 1937, a total of 103 carloads of turkeys were shipped to southern and eastern markets by Linn county packers, he said.

**SPUDS RESPOND TO IRRIGATION**  
OREGON CITY—What is believed to be the largest yield of potatoes in Clackamas county for 1937 season was obtained by Walter, Herdman and Will Staehely, who pump water 85 feet from Beaver creek to irrigate their spuds. On land receiving water they raised 395 sacks of potatoes to the acre, as compared with only 158 sacks on non-irrigated land, reports County Agent J. J. Inskip, who helped to measure off the plots and grade and weigh the potatoes. The Staehelys also irrigate 25 acres of ladino clover which makes pasture and some hay for 60 head of Guernsey cows.

Goals will be established only on commercial potato farms which grow 3 acres or more of potatoes and which are located in the counties given above. In the early producing areas, 6 cents per bushel will be paid on the normal yield of each acre in a farm's potato goal. In the late producing areas, 4 cents per bushel will be paid. As under all soil-depleting crop goals in the '38 program, payments will be reduced if the goals are exceeded.

**7 OREGON COUNTIES TO HAVE '38 POTATO GOALS**  
Sixteen Oregon counties have been officially designated as commercial potato areas for which potato goals will be included in the 1938 agricultural conservation program, it is announced by N. C. Donaldson, executive secretary of the state committee.

**Malheur County Has Goal**  
Establishment of potato goals in these counties follows a recent poll in which 82 per cent of the farmers voting favored this action. The counties for which these goals will be established are Baker, Clackamas, Columbia, Crook, Deschutes, Hood River, Klamath, Lane, Linn, Malheur, Multnomah, Union, Washington and Yamhill.

**Program is Voluntary**  
"The new program including potato goals for 1938 is entirely voluntary and should not be confused with the old potato control law," says Mr. Donaldson. "These potato goals will be handled just the same way as those for other soil depleting crops under the conservation program. Although no state goal has been set yet, the national goal is between 3,100,000 and 3,300,000 acres. This compares with an average annual acreage of 3,346,000 acres during the past 10 years. So while this will not materially reduce potato acreage, it is believed that it will help stabilize this acreage."

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**DOUGLAS PRODUCES MOST FRUIT**  
ROSEBURG—More fruit is produced in Douglas county than any other county in Oregon, according to County Agent J. Roland Parker, with nearly 15,000 acres devoted to tree fruits, nuts and small fruits. The chief fruit is prunes, the dried crop averaging from 15 to 18 million pounds a year.

**POLK SCHEDULES 4-H CORN SHOW**  
DALLAS—Another corn show will be held in Polk county this year, for 4-H club members only, announces County Agent W. C. Leth. The show is scheduled for November 27 at Independence, in the building formerly occupied by the Farmers' State bank, and will be sponsored largely by the Monmouth and Independence baks. It is considered a means not only of stimulating more 4-H club work but of encouraging the production of more and better corn in this part of the county, said Mr. Leth.

**MODERN PLUMBING**  
A home is only as modern as its plumbing. In bathrooms, kitchens, laundries and lavatories, attractive fixtures and dependable "hidden" materials pay dividends in extra satisfaction and convenience.  
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## Your Home

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**Steeled to Stay Put**  
There had been a violent wind storm and two Jerry builders were discussing its effects upon their partly constructed houses. "Mine blew down," said the first gloomily. "I don't see why yours didn't." "Ah," returned the other, "mine had been papered."

The average man about to build himself a house doesn't look to wall paper to give him the margin of safety he needs. He starts with the idea of building just as solidly and strongly as his pocketbook will permit. In so doing he obeys an ancient impulse to make the home a stronghold for himself and his. Modern construction methods enable him to do this without building massively, or sacrificing anything of comfort, convenience and healthfulness to strength.

For instance, webbed steel framing gives a house wall the rigidity, strength and durability of steel without greater weight or thickness than wooden framing necessitates. Steel joists, studs, rafters and other framing members can be handled like lumber—that is, they can be cut on the job and put together there by welding. Also, all the familiar forms of inside and outside wall treatment and floor treatment can be easily employed with steel framing.



A house with a steel frame; with stone, brick or stucco outside walls; with metal lath and plaster inside; with permanent roofing, and with rigid fireproof sub-floors, will stay put in a storm, whether or not it has been papered. And it will, in addition, be fireproof, vermin-proof, rot-proof, lightning-proof and sag-proof. It can be insulated as well as any type of house, and it offers less conductivity to sound than other forms. Steel framing is a modern building development that helps us to satisfy a desire, old as the race, for strength and safety in our homes.

**A Hall Should Say "Welcome"**  
In any house with a lower hall, the visitor gets his first impression of the home from the hall. This room, then, should be light, cheerful, welcoming—not merely a place to park rubbers and wraps and to get out of as soon as possible. Would a bit of modernizing improve your hall?  
First, it must be light. Light-colored paper or light-reflecting,

warm-toned paint are indicated for the hall. Perhaps you need a glass panel in the front door. An electric ceiling light that will diffuse a soft glow throughout the hall is better than the old-fashioned hanging chandelier. Wall lights may be necessary also. In any event, the front of the hall and the stairway should be well illuminated.



**Next, how about the floor? Does it need renewing? A hardwood floor, or linoleum in the effect of warm tones will add much to the attractiveness of a hall. Perhaps wainscoting with plywood or composition board would help the walls, particularly if there is much passing in the hall and the walls get hard wear. Of course, the stairway should be made as attractive as possible with fresh varnish, paint or cheerful carpeting. Often a hall can be much improved by changing an old fashioned doorway into the living room to a wider archway. If it is possible to have a clothes closet in the hall, perhaps under the stairway or at the back, that is desirable. Then whatever furniture the hall will admit should be comfortable and warmly upholstered, painted or varnished. Flowers always help the note of cheerful welcome that should characterize the hall.**

**Houses Shouldn't Glare**  
It is the age of color—and about time, too. Looking back, we cannot but wonder why, until so recently, Americans should have been content with drabness in the interior and exterior decoration of their homes. Too much repression, probably. Anyhow, color is here and we may hope it will stay for it unquestionably adds to the cheerfulness of life. But it must be used intelligently or it may be worse than none.



In planning the color treatment of your house outside, bear in mind the design of your house, its natural setting and the color of neighboring houses. Small houses look larger in light colors and large houses smaller in dark colors. If a

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**Safe Wedding Gift Recipe**  
It has been said by some cynical person—male, no doubt—that the only kitchen appliance that makes a suitable wedding gift for the modern bride is a can-opener. This, of course, is a base libel. But no matter how sincerely the bride may plan to give her husband the benefits of home cookery, and no matter how capable she is of carrying out her plan, she does appreciate any labor saving devices that may help her. Indeed, the tendency nowadays is all toward gifts that are useful.



Fortunately those who must meet wedding gift demands have, in recent years, been afforded a choice among a large variety of useful and beautiful electrical appliances. These are not by any means confined to kitchen appliances, but include many for table cookery. Recent models of such appliances, besides being easy to operate and equipped with automatic heat control devices, are charming in design and plated with lustrous, non-tarnishing chromium.

The bride who must keep within a carefully planned household budget finds that electrical table service enables her to cook with economy. If she herself is working, as so often happens nowadays, she appreciates the speed and ease with which she can prepare a meal for two. And no bride need fear the arrival of unexpected guests if her friends have been foresighted enough to give her electrical table appliances for wedding presents. She can feed them on the spot, so to speak, with a minimum of fuss and flurry.

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### My Favorite Recipes

Frances Lee Barton says:

**Jellied Fruit Cocktail**  
Young housewives beware! You may be a grand cook—but don't forget that if your menu is out of balance, some of your choicest dishes will go unappreciated. Never make a rich dessert to follow a substantial dinner, even if it's the family's favorite. But if you end a hearty dinner with a melange of refreshing fruit, molded in a cool fruit-flavored gelatin you will have saved yourself a lot of work and, at the same time have created the perfect ending to your dinner.

**1 package lemon-flavored gelatin;**  
1 cup hot water; 1 cup orange juice; 2 tablespoons sugar; 1/2 cup diced canned pineapple; 1/2 cup halved white grapes, seeded; 1/2 cup sliced maraschino cherries.  
Dissolve gelatin in hot water. Add orange juice and sugar. Chill. When slightly thickened, fold in fruits. Chill until firm. Serve in cocktail glasses. Serves 8.

**HOW** the world moves, the humble bread pudding of the nineties would progress from toleration for sweet economy's sake, to the proud position of being a dessert in its own right. Here is a modern bread pudding, in which the glorifying touch of apricot jam and coconut works its magic.

**Apricot Jam Pudding**  
3 slices white bread; Butter; 1/2 cup apricot jam; 2 eggs, slightly beaten; 1 tablespoon sugar; Dash of salt; 2 cups milk, scalded; 1/4 cup shredded coconut.  
Remove crusts from bread; spread with butter and jam and cut each slice in half. Line bottom and sides of greased baking dish with bread. Combine eggs, sugar, and salt; add milk slowly, stirring constantly. Pour over bread. Place dish in pan of hot water and bake in moderate oven (350° F.) 30 minutes, then sprinkle coconut over top of pudding and continue baking 25 to 30 minutes, or until done. Serves 8.

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