

## STATE CAPITOL NEWS

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SALEM, ORE.—In the opinion of many political observers the political future of Governor Martin is definitely bound up in the labor controversy now raging in Portland. Not that the governor has stepped into the Portland situation with any thought of bestirring up his political fortunes. No one will question his sincerity in desiring the immediate restoration of harmony among the warring labor factions so that the wheels of industry may again begin turning and thousands of idle workmen returned to gainful employment.

But now that he is in the picture, and upon his own insistence, the outcome of his overtures will unquestionably have a very decided bearing upon his candidacy should he seek a second term as governor as is now generally believed that he will. Such strength as the governor now possesses—which by many is believed to be considerable—is largely concentrated in the so-called conservative element of the state's voting population. This strength is based largely upon his out-spoken criticism and courageous attack of public problems. Should he succeed in bringing the warring labor factions together, especially now that the National Labor Relations Board has admitted its failure in this regard it will not only consolidate the governor's following but will attract to him thousands of wavering voters, including a large block of organized labor especially among the rank and file who are pretty well fed up with the constant wrangling of their organization heads and are ready to follow any leader who proves himself strong enough to restore them to their jobs.

Speaking of the governorship it now appears that Warren Erwin, encouraged by his success in the recent fight for the presidency of the Oregon Jackson club, now has designs on the state's highest office. Erwin report has it, might be content with

with the democratic nomination for secretary of state, should Howard Latourette insist upon a go at the governorship.

Prompt to recognize the absurdity of their original proposal to pension all aged persons in the state regardless of need, the Oregon Merchant's Legislative League this week filed a substitute and materially modified initiative petition with Secretary of State Snell. The substitute petition seeks primarily to legalize and license certain forms of gambling, including punch boards, pin ball game, horse and dog races, etc. Revenues from these gambling licenses—estimated by a "League" spokesman as approximately \$3,000,000 a year, would go toward the support of pensions for the aged under any plan that might be adopted by the legislature.

Piling of pension applications by needy aged in the 65-70 year group is now under way in every county of the state. Early filing of applications by the new beneficiaries made eligible to pensions under the act of the last legislature was urged by Governor Martin in a letter to the State and County Relief committees last week. Pensions for the new age group will date from January 1 but will not be payable until the last of the month. It is estimated that lowering of the age for pension beneficiaries will increase Oregon's pension load by approximately 60 per cent, the state and counties sharing equally in this increase.

Population of the state's 11 institutions show an increase of 175 during the past year. Seven of the 11 institutions record population gains. These include the state hospital for insane at Salem, penitentiary, and the home for feeble minded. Four state institutions record a loss in population during the year.

Governor Martin has issued a call for a meeting of all persons interested in the conservation of Oregon's wild life. The meeting will be held on the State College campus at Corvallis December 8 and 9.

Reports reaching Salem from apparently authentic sources indicate that plans are now under way in Portland to submit to the voters an initiative measure for repeal of the milk control act. Autocratic powers contained in the act giving the control board the right to fix the price of milk as well as the fact that the act virtually closes the door against any new distributor entering the Oregon field, are said to be the principal objections to the measure which has been the center of bitter fights in the past two legislative sessions.

Albert R. Hunter, chairman of the State Industrial Accident commission, is resigning his position due to ill health according to reports about the capitol. These reports indicate that while Hunter will give up his place on the commission proper he will be retained in the organization in a minor capacity. Hunter, who was appointed to the commission by Governor Meier, was formerly a resident of Union county.

Plans for the erection of a new fish hatchery on Foster creek, tributary of Rogue River, in Curry county were announced here this week by Governor Martin. The hatchery, it was explained, will be erected by the State Fish commission and will be devoted to the propagation of salmon.

Thirteen thousand pounds of Oregon flax twine will be used by Uncle Sam's navy next year. The huge order was placed with a Salem mill this week due to the influence of Governor Martin and Senator McNary with the navy department.

### FARM INDEX DOWN CROP PRICES DECLINE

With the Oregon index of the general level of farm prices down to 79 per cent of the 1926-1930 average at mid-October, there has been a decline of 14 points from the peak of last April, according to a review of the agricultural situation and outlook just released by the Oregon agricultural extension service. The report shows that Oregon farm prices in general are on an even level with the average of the whole

country, but compared with October 1936 the Oregon index is down just five points against seven for the whole country.

**Larger Crops in 1937**  
Chief among the reasons for the great decline may be listed the change from a condition of drought made scarcity a year ago, to an abundance of farm crops from this season's favorable growing conditions. Data in the report show some decline in consumer incomes and purchasing power since September but the current recession in industrial and business activity could scarcely be placed foremost as a factor in carrying farm prices sharply downward as early as mid-October this year to a point below mid-October 1936.

**1938 Income to be Lower**  
Turning to the agricultural outlook for Oregon in 1938, the report says that "cash income for farm family living and for savings may be somewhat lower in 1938 than 1937." Reasons for this expected situation are that farm operation expenses will be slightly high while total cash income from farm marketings probably will be somewhat lower if the supply of farm products is as large as seems probable and demand is somewhat weaker as predicted by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

County agricultural agents have been supplied with copies of the report for local distribution to all citizens of Oregon who request it. The title is "Oregon Agricultural Situation and Outlook, 1937 Circular No. 11."

### FROZEN FOODS DISCUSSED AT STATE MEETING

MEDFORD—The new frozen food industry as it affects Oregon horticulture, is being emphasized on this year's program of the Oregon State Horticultural society, which is holding its fifty-second annual meeting at Medford December 2 and 3.

A special exhibit of frozen foods and a discussion of this subject has been arranged for Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock, when consumers as well as producers are invited to see the display and hear about the latest developments in food freezing as explained by H. Campbell of the federal frozen foods laboratory in Seattle, and others.

The regular sessions of the society meeting this year are being devoted to a wide variety of horticultural problems, but with considerable emphasis on the pear industry. Col. Gordon Voorhies of Medford is president of the society this year, and O. T. McWhorter of Oregon State college is secretary-treasurer.

## Everybody Buys and uses Christmas Seals



**3 MORE WEEKS TO SHOP**

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24—Unskilled industrial employees and young girls between the ages of fifteen and twenty-five must be given immediate attention in the nationwide battle against tuberculosis, Surgeon General Thomas Parran said in discussing the cessation of the decline in mortality from the disease.

Dr. Parran added that people are too smug, too confident that tuberculosis is no longer a threat to the health of the nation and that renewed and intensive efforts are necessary for the prevention of the disease. Negroes and other racial groups, and boys and girls, particularly of high school age, also should be the center of preventive efforts, according to Dr. Parran.

"Tuberculosis constitutes both a challenge and a threat; a challenge because there has been a cessation in the mortality decline; a threat, because our lives are not secure against an invasion by this disease," Dr. Parran said. "Perhaps we have been too smug—too confident that this killer was in a fair way to be exterminated quickly and without too great an effort on our part. Now we are brought face to face with the fact that the decline in tuberculosis mortality has, for the time being at least, been checked. This disturbing news has become available in preliminary figures for the year 1936.

"The cessation of the decline in tuberculosis mortality is noteworthy. If later statistics confirm the indicated break in this disease, 1936 will be the first year since the World War, with the exception of 1926, that the mortality rate from tuberculosis in the United States has failed to decline. Preliminary reports from 34 states for the first quarter of 1937 show a slight increase in the mortality from this disease, indicating that the check in the decline of the death rate, which was first noticed in 1936, has continued."

One of the outstanding means of preventing and curing tuberculosis, Dr. Parran went on, is the income received from the Christmas Seals, the sale of which is now under way in all parts of the United States. "In launching a more intense and specific battle against tuberculosis, money as well as strenuous effort are required," Dr. Parran said. "Funds become available to considerable extent through the sale of Christmas seals. Now in the 30th year of their usefulness, these seals, so pleasantly reminiscent of the Christmas season and the winning fight against a ruthless enemy will, if sold in sufficient quantities, bid measurably in the intelligent direction and actual field activities of skilled fighters against tuberculosis. Despite the temporary check to our repressive measures I reiterate, 'Tuberculosis can be wiped out in our nation.'"

### WILD LIFE AGENCIES TO CONFER AGAIN AT O. S. C.

Governor to be Speaker.

The second annual Oregon Wild Life conference has been called by Governor Charles H. Martin to meet at Oregon State college December 8 and 9, in which all organizations and individuals interested in Oregon's wild life resources are invited to participate. A similar conference held a year ago resulted in the formation of the Oregon Wild Life Federation, of which Ed. Averill of Portland is president. Mr. Averill will preside at the second conference.

While the program is not yet complete, the principal features have been outlined, which indicate important subjects will be considered by the conference, one of the chief items of which will be methods of stream purification in this state, according to R. E. Dimick head of the game management department at Oregon State college, who is co-operating in handling arrangements.

**Former Oregonian to Speak**  
Ira N. Gabrielson, chief of the U. S. biological survey and a former Oregonian, will headline the program, which will also include Governor Martin among the speakers. Both Martin and Gabrielson will speak at the annual banquet, to be held the evening of December 8. Last year close to 400 persons attended this function.

**To Unite Agencies**  
The purpose of the conference this year is to follow through on the plans and programs started a year ago, say those in charge. The movement to unite all interested agencies in an intelligent development of wild life resources started two years ago with the holding of a national conference in Washington, D. C. Oregon followed this up with a big conference a year ago, and now seeks to continue the work thus started.

Agencies which have accepted invitations to participate in the conference include the biological survey, the U. S. Bureau of fisheries, the U. S. forest service, the State Game commission, the state fish commission, the organized livestock industry, and the Oregon State college school of agriculture, in which is the department of fish, game and fur animal management.

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### MARCH, APRIL CHICKS ARE BEST

HILLSBORO—Both early and late hatched chicks generally present problems to the poultryman, so that it is ordinarily unwise to order birds from either of these groups, Noel L. Bennin, extension specialist in poultry husbandry from O.C.S., told Washington county poultrymen at a recent meeting. March and April hatched chicks usually give the best results, he said. He also discussed the factors involved in fall and winter egg production, but emphasized that fact that it is impossible through management to make birds produce well at any time of the year unless they have inherited the ability for high egg production.

### THREE BOYS GET 911 COYOTES

LAKEVIEW—Three Silver Lake boys entered in the Lake County Predatory Animal contest sponsored by the county court took a total of 991 coyotes, reports County Agent Vic Johnson. Darrell Ferns was first with 483, Kenneth Emery next with 293 and Claudis Lundy third with 215.

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## Your Home

### CONSTRUCTION-EQUIPMENT REMODELING

**You May Have to Sell**  
Most persons, when they build houses for themselves, do so with the idea of creating homes in which they will live for the rest of their lives. To put it another way, they do not build with the thought of selling. But this does not mean that they should not have strongly in mind resale value, for we never know what the future has in store for us, or for our children. A home should be thought of as a family asset which, if necessary, can be turned into as much money as it cost, and possibly more.

All this has been repeatedly stressed upon home builders, but it needs especial stress nowadays for these are times of much economic uncertainty and rapid change in urban districts. How to protect resale value? First, make sure that your building site has no legal encumbrances; is well drained; has good soil; has no objectionable swamps, woods or buildings near it; is conveniently situated with respect to highways, railroad stations, schools, churches, stores and amusement places; and is located in a district that—by reason of zoning, if possible—will continue to be a desirable residence district.

**The Electric Kitchen Maid**  
Get a group of housewives together, and what do they talk about? Well—perhaps it wouldn't do to try to answer that question fully. But it is practically certain that some part of the conversation is devoted to kitchens. And why not? The kitchen is the housewife's workshop. It is only natural that she should take a keen interest in its equipment and decoration and should like to compare kitchen notes with her friends.

No part of the house has, in recent years, undergone a greater transformation than the kitchen.

The purpose of this transformation has been to lighten the labor of the kitchen and to make the room a more cheerful, pleasant place in which to work. In two ways the effort to lessen labor has progressed: first, by rearrangement of equipment to save unnecessary steps and motions; and second, by the introduction of more efficient, labor-saving equipment. Electricity has, of course, played a tremendous part in providing equipment to lighten labor.

**Give Daughter a Break!**  
When you plan the porch for your new house, don't skimp on it. If a porch is worth having at all, it is worthy of being made a genuine outdoor room. Make it spacious enough to accommodate at least a table, chairs and a swing couch—a place where your family and guests can gather comfortably and where you can dine for the sake of coolness and variety.

If possible, have your porch enclosed with screens in summer and

Indeed, it is now possible to have a completely electrified kitchen in which manual labor is reduced to a fractional part of what it would be in an old-fashioned kitchen. Electric refrigerators and electric stoves; electric hot water supplies and electric dishwashers; electric garbage disposers and electric mixers; electric toasters, fans, lights, clocks, percolators, orange squeezers, grills, roasters—these and other electric appliances put power at the disposal of the housewife for practically everything she has to do in the kitchen, and enable her to use it under comfortable conditions.

The cost of an all-electric kitchen is not excessive. Too, it should be balanced against savings of food and time, and the lower cost of house lighting that results from the reduced rate given the householder with an all-electric kitchen.

**Brick Graces The Home Fire**  
No matter how efficient the heating system the home builder nowadays installs in his new house, he is almost certain to insist that it shall also have one or more fireplaces. For nothing has "come back" more strongly than the fireplace. Neglected for a while after it ceased to be a necessity for heating, it has come to be recognized as a necessity for gracious living. Man has learned that the fireplace has an appeal to certain of his more civilized emotions—that it is a stimulus to kindness and hospitality and wholesome social intercourse.

It is safe to say that a very large majority of the fireplaces that are being built in modern homes are constructed of brick. For brick is so flexible a medium, lending itself to such a wide variety of designs and surface treatment, that it is easily made to harmonize with the decorative scheme of any room.

Well burned common brick, which is obtainable in a wide variety of shades and textures and markings, is an ideal material for the fireplace. Not only does it look well, but the average housewife will appreciate the comparative ease with which it can be kept clean. Stone fireplaces, though admirable in some settings, are seldom adapted to the modern interior and are always great catchers of dust. Common brick, which is not expensive, is the all-around fireplace construction material.



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### My Favorite Recipes

Frances Lee Barton says:

**WHAT** goes up must come down" is a simple old axiom that describes what happens when some of us take our soufflé out of the oven. But, ladies, I have something that defies the old rule. Just use quick-cooking tapioca in your soufflé and it will be light and fluffy long after you've put it on the table.

**Cheese Soufflé**  
3 tablespoons quick-cooking tapioca; 1 teaspoon salt; 1 cup milk; 1 cup grated American cheese; 3 egg yolks, beaten until thick and lemon-colored; 3 egg whites, stiffly beaten.

Combine quick-cooking tapioca, salt, and milk in top of double boiler. Place over rapidly boiling water and heat until scalded (allow 3 to 5 minutes after water resumes boiling); then cook 5 minutes, stirring frequently. Add cheese and stir until melted. Cool slightly while beating eggs. Add egg yolks and mix well. Fold into egg whites. Turn into greased baking dish. Place in pan of hot water and bake in moderate oven (350° F.) 50 minutes or until soufflé is firm. Serves 6.

THERE is some food that just belongs to "high days, holidays, and bon-fire nights." Food that belongs on the table for an important domestic anniversary or when honored guests are present. At such moments the still small voice of economy falls on deaf ears—and you just must let yourself go! Among the high company of such special dishes is

**Regal Chocolate Mousse**  
2 squares unsweetened chocolate; ¼ cup sugar; Dash of salt; ½ cup boiling water; 3 egg yolks, well beaten; 1 teaspoon vanilla; 2 cups cream, whipped.

Add chocolate, sugar, and salt to water and heat in double boiler 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Then beat with rotary egg beater until blended. Pour slowly over egg yolks, stirring well. Cool; add vanilla and fold in whipped cream. Turn into freezing tray of automatic refrigerator and let stand 3 to 4 hours. Or turn mixture into mold, filling it to overflowing; cover with waxed paper and press cover tightly down over paper. Pack in equal parts ice and salt 3 to 4 hours. Serves 8.

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