

STATE CAPITOL NEWS  
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SALEM, ORE.—President Roosevelt's program for curtailment of federal highway appropriations would, if approved by Congress, cost Oregon a total of \$18,300,000 during the next four years according to R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer. The proposed drastic cuts in federal aid for highway work would delay completion of the state highway system by 15 years, Baldock said.

Elbrt Eastman, Portland attorney, is sponsoring a move to remove the political labels from candidates for public office in Oregon and make both the primary and general election strictly non-partisan. Under the terms of a proposed initiative measure filed by Eastman with Secretary of State Snell this week, the primary election would be conducted as an elimination contest of the two high candidates for each office to compete in the finals at the general election. If enough signatures are secured to the initiative petitions Eastman's proposal will be up to the voters at the general election in November, 1938.

More than \$100,000,000 passed through the state treasury department during the period from July 1, 1936, to November 30, 1937, approximately \$30,000,000 over the figures for the previous similar period ending November 30, 1935. Cash on hand in the state treasury as of November 30 totalled \$13,372,979.35, all earmarked for specific purposes. In addition to current expenses of state government approximately \$6,000,000 will be paid out by the state during 1938 for maturing principal and interest on state bonds.

The interior finish of the new building to be constructed for the State Forestry Department will be of typical Oregon woods, each room to be representative of some native wood of the state. One room will be finished in Douglas fir, another in ponderosa pine, and other rooms in

hemlock, spruce, redwood, white fir, myrtle, alder and ash. The new building which is to be located near the state highway shops just east of the Salem city limits will be 73 by 100 feet in size, with two stories and a partial basement. Purchase of the site for the building was authorized by the Forestry Board at a recent meeting.

Oregon's chief executive has been selected for the role of matchmaker by a comely eastern miss who declares her willingness to marry any man who will provide \$500 to pay for an operation needed by her mother. The miss who has appealed to Governor Martin for aid in finding her man is Maureen Donnell, 20, of the Cumberland, Md., who describes herself as a brunette Jean Harlow. She admits that she is "not at all bad looking" in addition to which she is "not a bad cook and housekeeper."

Twenty-four persons were killed in traffic accidents on Oregon highways during November, according to Secretary of State Snell who points out that this was less than 50 per cent of the record of 58 fatalities established in November, 1936.

Installation of the new lethal gas chamber at the state prison will start this week according to Warden James Lewis, who has just returned from a trip to Arizona where he made a study of a similar death chamber is use in that state. Cost of the gas chamber, installed, is estimated at approximately \$2000.

J. M. Devers, for the past 20 years attorney for the state highway commission, is being prominently mentioned as a possible republican candidate for the United States senate. Devers admits that he is in a receptive mood but insists that he does not propose to make the plunge unless definite evidence of substantial support is forthcoming from the rank and file voters whose choice

will determine the winner in the May primaries.

J. C. Jey of Portland has been elected as chairman of the Industrial Accident Commission, succeeding Albert R. Hunter of La Grande who resigned from the commission because of ill health. Roy G. Buchanan of Pendleton, appointed by Governor Martin, to fill the vacancy on the commission caused by Hunter's resignation began his new duties December 1. Hunter who has been in California for several weeks will remain with the commission in a minor capacity.

Sponsors of the move to repeal the milk control act came out into the open this week when they filed articles of incorporation for a new organization. Incorporators include E. C. Allen of Portland, member of the legislature from Multnomah county, and C. R. Wagoner, well known as a Townsend organizer and more recently mentioned as a candidate for Governor of Oregon. The articles of incorporation declare that the milk control act was passed by the legislature contrary to the wishes of the voters of the state.

Solon T. White, state director of agriculture, just returned from a trip to Washington, D. C., says that he found Oregon turkeys featured on the menus of many of the larger hotels in cities of the east.

The automobile registration department will begin mailing out the new 1938 license plates next Monday and the new licenses may be displayed after December 15. Applications for plates this year are slightly behind the 1936 record for the same period, according to Secretary of State Snell.

Alligators' Eyes Not Luminous  
The eyes of alligators are not luminous in the dark but they do reflect any light that reaches them. Hunters attach lights to their heads, partly to blind the alligators. Then they can see the alligators' eyes gleaming like red-hot coals through the surrounding darkness.

Stamps Not Canceled Across Face  
Of all the numerous issues of postage stamps that have carried the pictures of highly honored or sacred personages, including those depicting Christ, only two, says Collier's Weekly, were never canceled across the face of the stamp—a Queen Isabella II issue in Spain in 1850 and a King Ferdinand II issue in Sicily in 1859.

PLANNING OREGON'S PROGRESS  
Editor's note: This is the third of a series of articles on conservation of Oregon's recreational resources. They have been prepared by staff members of the State Planning Board under the direction of V. B. Stanbery, executive secretary and consultant. The next article will follow in an early issue.

CONSERVATION OF OREGON'S RECREATIONAL RESOURCES  
The effects of pollution upon the natural life of a stream are not always noticeable at first. The first indication of ruining river is the exhaustion of oxygen. The first effects are destruction of insect life, such as stone flies, caddis flies, and others, which are the food of game fish. Next, certain species of plant life in the water disappear. When mills, factories and cities dump their waste into the rivers, game fish cannot live, not only because of absence of oxygen which they breathe from the water, but also from the lack of food which had been destroyed by the pollution.

FOREST RECREATION GAINS SEEN  
More people are using the national forest than ever before, according to a U. S. forest service report showing number of visitors to the forests of Oregon and Washington during the fiscal year 1937. Of the twenty national forests, including much of the attractive forest and mountain country of the two states, sixteen national forests reported increases of from ten to 130 per cent above the previous year in number of visitors.

Siskiyou Forest Popular  
In the state of Oregon, the Siskiyou national forest, which includes the picturesque southwestern part of the state with its famous lower Rogue River and sea coast country, took top rank in percentage increase with an 80 per cent gain in total visitors. Among other Oregon national forests, the Fremont headquarters, Lakeview, with 18,369 visitors showed a 73 per cent gain; the Whitman with 28,072 visitors, 45 per cent; the Umatilla, with 45,620, 44 per cent; the Malheur, with 16,813, 40 per cent; and the Willamette, with 93,089, a 27 per cent gain.

Mt. Hood Leads in Numbers  
In point of actual numbers of visitors, the Mount Hood national forest headquarters, Portland, took first place with 317,046 recreational visits in 1937. Visitors were classified as summer home users and other special use permittees, hotel and resort guests, campers, and picnickers. F. V. Horton, assistant regional forester, points out that the use of the free improved national forest camp grounds is an outstanding feature of outdoor recreational life of each state. "Increasing use of these national forest camps," says Horton, "indicates that they have struck a popular chord, possibly because they are simple and informal and satisfy the urge of people to 'camp out' after the fashion of their pioneer ancestors."

while so much industrial waste and domestic sewage from cities is allowed to destroy them.

While there are other serious menaces to fish life, such as dams without proper fish ladders, and un-screened irrigation ditches, the fact remains the pollution is exceedingly destructive to fish life and subversive to the use of water for recreational enjoyment as well as dangerous from a health standpoint.

In addition to the recreational and commercial advantages supplied fishing resources, Oregon has other great wild life resources in her large game animals, her game birds, and her fur bearing animals. The State Planning Board, in cooperation with the W.P.A. has prepared a comprehensive and very interesting report on the Oregon's Wild Life Resources, giving the habitat and approximate number of these animals and birds, and making recommendations for their permanent conservation a valuable source of supply for the recreational needs of the people of Oregon. Thoughtful citizens of Oregon might study this report and its recommendations, and join with others in movements to better conditions.

The question has also been raised about the effect of mining operations upon the recreational use of water. In placer mining regions the fine silt has often smothered the greater part of the bottom living forms of plant and animal life which serve as fish food, as well as ruined the act of fishing by muddying the water. This could be avoided if the owners of these dredges would build settling ponds for their wastes. From dredging, as in the John Day Valley, there is also the permanent loss of the fertile top soil. And who can appraise the loss in aesthetic values? All of which must be covered by the value of the various metals taken from the streams. It can't be done.

Industrial wastes from pulp and paper mills, canneries, flax and woolen mills, contribute more to the destruction of oxygen in the Willamette than domestic sewage from the population of 571,000 people. It seems that no one use of streams should ruin them for other purposes. Data furnished by the State Planning Board states that the Fish Commission of Oregon liberated 732 million salmon of various species, and that the Game Commission released over 200 million trout during a period of ten years. These commissions, together with the U. S. Bureau of Fisheries, maintain 18 hatcheries and 13 egg taking stations for salmon. People will wonder why there is a large force of state police to enforce laws and maintain long closed seasons to protect these fish.



Spencer Tracy and Freddie Bartholomew in "Captains Courageous" Pix Theatre Ontario. Sun-Mon-Tue. December 12, 13, 14

The 48-hour drought is a period of 28 consecutive days on each of which there is less than one inch of rainfall.



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The use of electric lamps and appliances is steadily growing and it is impossible to tell what new appliances will come along. It isn't safe for the householder to figure on only enough outlets to take care of what lamps and appliances he has at the time he builds or re-wires. It has been figured that a safe rule for living rooms, bedrooms and recreation rooms is to have outlets enough so that no point along a wall unbroken by a doorway is more than six feet from an outlet and no wall space of three feet or more lacks at least one outlet. And, of course, there should be ceiling outlets for lights in number proportionate to the size of the room. In the kitchen every work space should have its outlet and, of course, all standing electric appliances like refrigerators, ranges, clocks, fans and dishwashers should have outlets behind them. In the dining room at least two floor outlets should be provided in addition to ceiling light outlets and wall outlets for electric appliances or lights on sideboards or serving tables. The bathroom should have its ceiling light, wall lights at the sides of the mirror, shower bath light and another outlet or two besides for appliances.  
Terminate The Termite Peril  
It is reported that a small boy, coming from a southern home that had recently been infested by termites and visiting New York City for the first time, asked to be shown the Grand Central Terminal. Unfortunately there is no grand central termite: it would be easy to deal with it if there were. The pestiferous insect is widely spread and works in dark and devious ways to eat the heart out of sills and joists and studs. But there isn't any reason to be jittery about termites. They have always been with us, and most homes escape their ravages. On the other hand, the person who is build-

to make sure they fit and work smoothly. In the attic see if light gets in around the eaves; make sure that framing has been doubled around dormers; that cross beams tying the rafters have been installed on alternate pairs of rafters; and that no framing rests on the chimney.  
Outdoors, see that grading has been done to carry water away from the house. Area ways and cellar window boxes should have drainage. Look at the roof and make sure that it has corrosion resisting metal flashings and that downspouts do not discharge next to the foundation. If the house passes inspection on these points it is probably all right otherwise.  
Why Endure Drip, Drip, Drip?  
Not long ago a New York City woman got into legal difficulties with her landlord because she smashed a window, glass and sash. Asked in court why she did it, she said that she couldn't stand the endless drip, drip of a leaking faucet any longer. Anyone who has ever listened to the irritating drip of a leaking faucet can sympathize with her, although one may wonder why she did not resort to the simple expedient of tying a wash cloth, or any strip of cloth, about the faucet so that one end of the cloth reached the sink or bowl. Then the water would have run noiselessly down the cloth.  
Most faucets are of the compression type in which a flat washer bears down on the ring, or ground seat, that surrounds the flow opening. Generally when such a faucet leaks it needs a new washer and the careful householder will keep a supply on hand for both hot and cold water lines. All the tools required are a monkey wrench and a screwdriver. Sometimes the seat becomes uneven due to corrosion and it must be then smoothed down. An inexpensive tool for this purpose can be obtained and it is well to have one in the house. It may obviate, or postpone for a long time, the purchase of a new faucet.  
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