

6/8 Weather

Highest temperature yesterday... 73
Lowest temperature last night... 48
Forecast for southwest Oregon:
Generally fair tonight and Friday.

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GAS FUMES
OVERPOWER
DERBY FLIER

Returns to Roosevelt Field
in Unconscious Condi-
tion—Lands Safe.

WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Spokane Airport Center of
Interest Today as Fliers
Race to Goal—Stunt
Man Crashes.

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

ROOSEVELT FIELD, New York,
Sept. 22.—Steve Lacey of Lomax,
Ill., returned a few minutes after
his second take-off for Spokane to-
day and was unconscious from
gasoline fumes when his plane
reached the field.

The plane landed at 2:15 p. m.,
eastern standard time. Lacey was
lifted from the cockpit and after a
few minutes was revived and taken
from the field by auto.

L. A. Yancey, Lacey's co-pilot,
was not affected by the gasoline
fumes. He explained that they
were over New York City when
trouble developed. They
decided to return to the field. In
order to land, with less danger, it
was decided to dump the gasoline.
The dump valves were opened and
the gasoline was allowed to pour
over in New York City.

It was at this time that Lacey
began to lose consciousness.

Lacey, forced to temporarily
abandon the flight yesterday when
his plane was damaged in an at-
tempted take-off, hopped off this
morning.

He returned 20 minutes later,
however, with a skipping motor.
Repairs were rushed and the second
start was made at 1:21 p. m.
today, only to end in failure.

NEW YORK, Sept. 22.—Four
men in two huge monoplane to-
day presumably were speeding
westward over a new non-stop
transcontinental air trail, with
fame, a share in \$15,000 in prize
money and Spokane as their goal.

Their course lay over a 2,300-
mile bee-line from Roosevelt Field,
New York, where they took off yester-
day in the last and most excit-
ing of the Spokane air derby races.
If the air men were on schedule
they were today in the Rocky
mountain territory. Their trail was
60 miles longer than the ocean
jump of Lindbergh, Chamberlin
and Byrd, and 100 miles shorter
than the course of the Dole trans-
pacific fliers.

Rival pilots in the non-stop derby
event were Edward Stinson and C.
A. (Duke) Schiller. They were fly-
ing almost identical planes, both
designed and built by Stinson.
Both carried 400 gallons of gaso-
line.

Although nothing had been
heard from them during the early
stage of their race, no alarm was
felt as they had planned to avoid
large cities in following a route
that provided the shortest distance.

Race for Fourth Prize
PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 22.—A
race for fourth prize in the San
Francisco-Spokane class B derby
was on today between James Rine-
hart of Portland and Arthur L.
Borne, Los Angeles, both of whom
were forced down yesterday.

Rinehart spent most of the
morning at Camas Valley tuning
up his motor, but when the Rose-
burg News-Review telephoned him
an Associated Press message that
he still had a chance for fourth or
fifth prize he shouted "tell them
I'm off." He quickly finished his
work on the engine and hopped off
immediately.

Borne landed at the Port of
Portland airport at 12:03:15 on his
way to finish the race. He hopped
off for Spokane at 12:26:18. He
said he cruised about over Port-
land yesterday but could not get
through the high fog. He landed
near Newberg, Oregon, yesterday
and broke a flying wire of his
plane.

Tex Rankin Safe
MILES CITY, Mont., Sept. 22.—
Forced down at Lemmon, S. D.,
when push rod stuck in his motor,
Tex Rankin, No. 13 in the class A
air derby, flying the "City of Port-
land" arrived on the municipal air-
port here at 7:30 this morning.

Rankin has employed an expert
here to condition his machine and
expects to reach Spokane during
the day to participate in the races.

FELTS FIELD, Spokane, Sept.
22.—C. W. Holman, St. Paul; E.
Ballough, Chicago, and N. B. Ma-
mer, Spokane, unofficially declared
winners, respectively, of first, sec-
ond and third place in the New
York-Spokane derby yesterday
waited for pilots today who were
reported still heading for Spokane,
far in the rear. Fifteen aviators
started in this race. John P. Wood,
(Continued on page two.)

EDDIE STINSON
PASSES OVER BUTTE

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

FELTS FIELD, Spokane,
Sept. 22.—A report was re-
ceived this afternoon that Ed-
die Stinson, one of the two
New York-Spokane non-stop
fliers, had passed over Butte,
Mont., at 12:50 p. m., moun-
tain standard time. Butte is
approximately 400 miles from
Spokane by air line.
The report was in a tele-
gram to Major John T. Fau-
cher, managing director of
the national air derby associa-
tion. It was said that approx-
imately four hours would be
required to reach Spokane,
putting him here shortly be-
fore 4 p. m.

BOOKWALTER IS
SAFE BUT HIS
PLANE CRASHES

Takes Nose Dive Few Miles
South of Eugene and
Walks to City.

MAKE LOCAL SEARCH

Tyce District Combed Af-
ter Report Goes Out
He Crashed on Moun-
tain Top.

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

EUGENE, Ore., Sept. 22.—Ver-
non Bookwalter, missing flier in
the class B San Francisco-Spo-
kane air race, walked into Eugene
just before noon today.

His plane crashed a few miles
south of here yesterday, he said,
adding that it was too badly dam-
aged to be repaired. He was un-
injured.

J. C. Rinehart, at the local avia-
tion field, stated that he had
searched down the Umpqua and
in the vicinity of Tyce in the Umpqua
national forest but saw no trace of
Bookwalter. Rinehart skirted the
edges of the first range of moun-
tains north of Roseburg. He left
for Portland at 12:08 p. m.

Bookwalter said he spent all the
time since the accident in reaching
this city. Immediately after arriv-
ing here he called the Vancouver
office of the Pacific Air Trans-
port, by which he is employed as
shop manager and pilot.

EUGENE, Ore., Sept. 22.—Ver-
non Bookwalter, cut and bruised
about the face and hands and in
a sullen mood, offered to "knock" a
newspaper reporter "for a loop" at
the stage terminal here today,
when a representative of the Eu-
gene Guard attempted to inter-
view him.

Bookwalter refused to state how
he was forced down or where his
wrecked plane is.

"When the newspapers quit ex-
aggerating things maybe they'll
get some news from the pilots," he
said.

"But Mr. Bookwalter," replied
the reporter, "the Associated Press
and other organizations have been
very anxious about you. You don't
mean to insultate do you, that they
are all liars?"

"Say," growled the big fellow, "if
my hand wasn't bugged up so bad
I could knock you for a loop. I've
a good mind to do it anyway."

The representative of the Guard
quietly withdrew.

Bookwalter had been in the vi-
cinity of the Terminal an hour
when his identity was learned.
When he found that reporters
wanted to talk to him he took
refuge in a nearby garage and did
not appear until the stage was
ready to leave for San Francisco.

MEDFORD, Ore., Sept. 22.—
Seely Hall, manager of the local
air mail field reported he had re-
ceived a message from Vernon
Bookwalter, missing aviator, at
noon, saying he had crashed near
Eugene yesterday, that his plane
was ruined, but that he escaped
injury, and after walking all even-
ing and all night had reached a
telephone somewhere near Eugene.

EUGENE, Ore., Sept. 22.—James
Rinehart's plane landed at the Eu-
gene municipal aviation field at
11:57 a. m. Rinehart plans to re-
fuel here and take off for Spokane.

James Rinehart, Portland flier
in the San Francisco Spokane air
derby, took off at 11 o'clock this
morning from Camas Valley where
he was forced to land yesterday
morning after he became convin-
ced that he was off his course.
Rinehart is still in the race, hav-
ing an opportunity to win fourth
or fifth prize, and hopped off this
morning.

(Continued on page 2.)

WEDDING POST-
PONED TO LISTEN
TO FIGHT RETURNS

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

BLOOMINGDALE, N. J.,
Sept. 22.—A double wedding
ceremony has been postponed
so that the principals may lis-
ten in on the radio reports of
the Dempsey-Tunney fight to-
night.

Miss Minnie Cook was to
have married Marinas Kiel-
wyn and her sister, Miss An-
na Cook, was to have been
wedded to Arthur Vander-
hoof at the Butler Methodist
Episcopal church this even-
ing.

The four decided to post-
pone the wedding until Sat-
urday so they would not miss
the fight returns.

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

CHICAGO—Mrs. Earl McBath,
who was "Miss Chicago" for a
few hours until the sponsors of a
beauty contest discovered that she
was married, has made up with
her husband. Having filed suit
for divorce on the ground that he
cost her the title and was other-
wise cruel, she has decided to
withdraw her petition.

Tunney and Dempsey Are
in the "Pink of Condition"
As They Await the Gong

BY ALAN J. GOULD,

(Associated Press Sports Editor)

CHICAGO, Sept. 22.—For the
brief space of 39 minutes, or less,
Gene Tunney and Jack Dempsey,
fighting for the heavyweight cham-
pionship in a ten-round decision
match tonight at Soldier Field,
will hold the eyes and ears of the
sporting world.

For that short span of time,
close to 150,000 pairs of eyes, pay-
ing upwards of \$2,500,000 for the
privilege, will focus upon the most
expensive, most talked-of and most
spectacular drama the ring has
ever known. Millions all over the
world will hear or read about the
details of this gigantic spectacle
through the greatest concentration
of radio, telegraph and cable fa-
cilities in the history of communi-
cation for any single event.

Today, as the time for the bat-
tle neared, as the inrush of fan-
dom from all parts of the country
reached its peak and as the last-
minute hubbub increased, it seem-
ed that nothing short of a World
war could cause at one time as
much hectic debate and as univer-
sal interest as this duel of padded
mitts between a scholarly, scien-
tific young champion of 29 and a
two-flamed rip tearing slugger of 32
trying to batter his way back to
the top of the pugilistic ladder.

Dempsey, on the crest of a wave
of popularity and sentiment that
attaches itself to so flaming a
comeback, seemed destined to enter
the ring a favorite so far as the
crowd was concerned but the
general pre-battle consensus re-
garded the outcome as a toss up.

Betting odds, steadying after a
draft of several days toward Demp-
sey, were largely on a basis of
"even money and take your pick."
The odds on a knockout favored
Dempsey, conceded to be the
harder puncher of the two but the
majority of newspaper experts
have gone on record in support of
Tunney.

Such strong support for a chal-
lenger, in the face of ring history
that has always made champions
pronounced favorites, was itself
unprecedented but it was only one
of the record breaking angles.

Tunney was assured an unprece-
dented purse of \$1,000,000, re-
gardless of whether he retains or
loses the principal sceptre of the
prize ring. Dempsey adds \$450,000
to a collection of ring earnings
that already have run well over
\$2,000,000 to prove beyond a doubt
(Continued on page 4.)

LION CHEWS ARM
OFF SMALL BOY
AT PORT ORFORD

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Sept.
22.—Robert Fromm, 12, reach-
ed through a hole in the lion's
cage of Honest Bill's Circus at
Port Orford, Oregon, this
morning. The lion grabbed
him and pulled the arm into
the cage and chewed it off
near the shoulder before the
boy could be rescued. The
boy was rushed to Bandon
Hospital for treatment.

The lad is the son of Robert
Fromm living 12 miles south
of Port Orford and stopped at
the circus grounds while en-
route to school. The cage was
closed with exception of an
air hole about ten inches
square and the boy poked his
hand through it. Attendants
believe the boy will survive.

MUSKOGEE, Okla.—Mrs. M. E.
Hunt, in whose ice box the police
seized snuff bottles, is seeking
\$75,000 damages from the W. C. T.
U., of which she is a member. Of-
ficials of the organization said she
had read herself out by keeping
home brew. She says she was tak-
ing it on a physician's advice.

RUTH ELDER IS
READY FOR HOP

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

NEW YORK, Sept. 22.—
Ruth Elder, the real "Ameri-
can Girl" pilot of the mono-
plane American Girl spread
out her battiest flying cos-
tume before her and packed
a tooth brush and a vanity
case today, and hoped the
weather would permit her
start on a sky ride to Paris
at dawn tomorrow.

The same runway mound at
Roosevelt Field where Lind-
bergh, Chamberlin and Byrd
took off on their flights across
the Atlantic was reserved for
Miss Elder's plane. Gas and
oil sufficient for the 2,610
mile journey was provided.

There was a pronounced in-
crease in the number of
pressure area over the trans-
Atlantic air lane but Miss El-
der and her co-pilot, Captain
George Haldeman said they
would clear up by tomorrow.

"They will go as soon as
light enough to take off down
this runway," Haldeman said,
"and that way we should be at
Newfoundland just as dark
falls over the water."

JUDGE RIDDLE
DIES RESULT
HEART ATTACK

Was Preparing to Make
Auto Trip to Riddle
When Heart Fails.

WAS PIONEER OF '52

Served as Legislator From
Douglas County, Was
County Judge and in
Land Office.

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

Judge G. W. Riddle, command-
ant of the Oregon State Soldiers'
Home, died here at noon today fol-
lowing a heart attack. Mr. Riddle
was born near Springfield, Iowa,
December 14, 1839. He was the son
of William H. and Maxmilla (Bon-
man) Riddle, the former a Ken-
tuckian by birth and the latter an
Ohioan.

William H. Riddle was born in
1805, and while he has very small
his parents moved to Ohio, where
his father died. When grown to
manhood, he learned the black-
smith's trade, and was married to
Maxmilla Bonman, a native of
Ohio and in 1838 located in Illi-
nois, where he followed his trade
in connection with farming, until
1851. He then began the tedious
journey across the plains, by
means of ox-teams, and the trip
overland to Oregon was made un-
der the escort of Capt. Cornelius
Hill. After a six-months' journey
they at last reached Douglas coun-
ty, where Mr. Riddle took up a
donation claim of three hundred
and sixty acres in Cow Creek val-
ley. They were the first settlers
in that locality, and it was ten
miles to the nearest house. There
he and his wife spent their clos-
ing years, and Mr. Riddle took
quite an active part in politics, be-
ing a republican. At that time the
only Indian fighting to be done
was to serve as escort to General
Alford and to protect the homes of
settlers. The mother died at the
age of fifty but the father lived
to the advanced age of eighty-four
years.

George W. Riddle received his
mental training in the public
schools and one term at Wilbur Ac-
ademy at Wilbur, Douglas county,
and participated in the Rogue Riv-
er Indian wars of 1855-56. He was
a member of Capt. Edward Shef-
field's company of volunteers, em-
ployed as interpreter and scout.
In 1861 he responded to the coun-
try's call for men and enlisted in
Company C, First Oregon Cavalry,
and was mustered into service at
Camp Baker, Jackson county. He
entered the service as sergeant of
his company and served three
years. He was located mostly at
Fort Klamath, and during his ser-
vice there he, with two other men,
accompanied J. T. P. Huntington,
superintendent of Indian affairs, to
the Modoc country, where a pow-
er was held with the Modocs,
preliminary to making a treaty.
All the Modoc chiefs were present,
including old Souchein, Capt. Jack,
Shack Nasty Jim and others who
became famous in the Modoc war
and the lava-bed massacres. Mr.
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For years Mr. Riddle followed
stock raising. He subsequently fol-
lowed mercantile pursuits at
Grants Pass, Glendale, Canyonville,
and at Riddle, covering a period of
twelve years. He was elected a
member of the state legislature in
1874 and was re-elected in 1874,
1875 and 1887. In 1899 he ran for
county judge of Douglas county,
was elected and served one term,
making an admirable judge. In
1897 he was one of the commis-
sioners appointed by the state to
go to Washington to intercede for
pensioning Indian war veterans,
the state appropriating \$2,000 to-
ward the cause. He served on the
board of directors of the Lewis
and Clark Exposition, with head-
quarters at Portland and also serv-
ed four years as receiver in the
U. S. land office at Roseburg. He
later moved to Astoria, there being
extensively engaged in the timber
business in connection with con-
ducting a ranch. Mr. Riddle had
the first fruit evaporator in Dou-
glas county at that time and operat-
ed it quite successfully. Fraternal-
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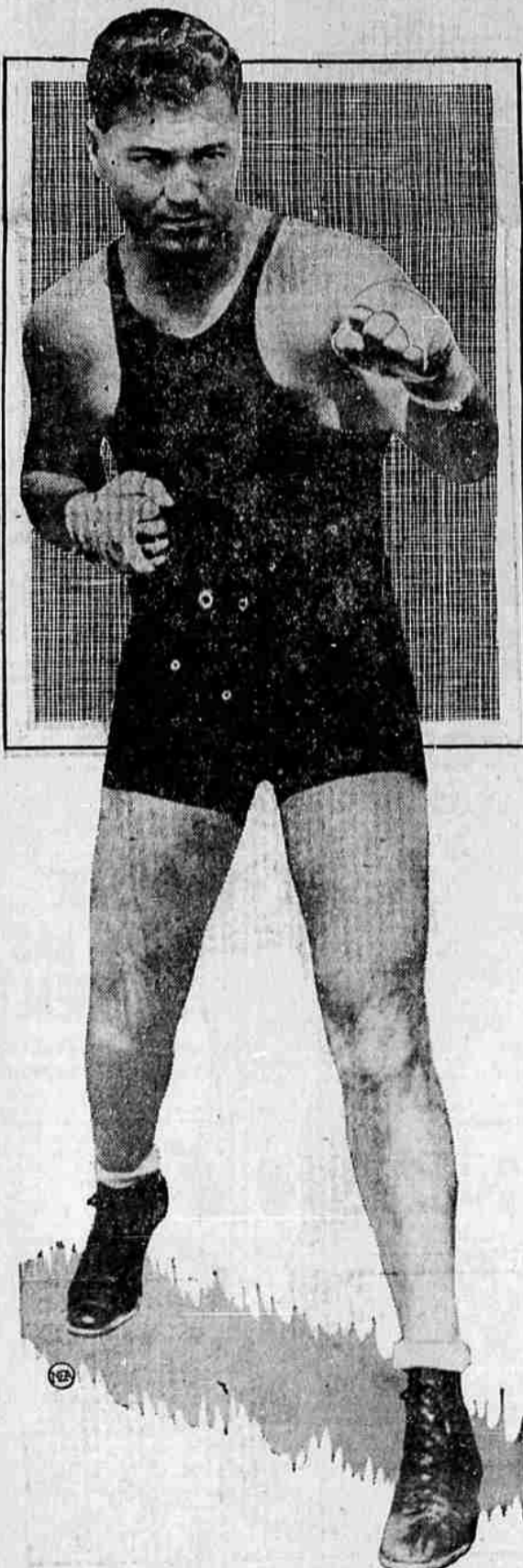
He was the last surviving char-
ter member of Union Encampment
No. 9, I. O. O. F., and only recently
received the Patriarchs Militant
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THE CHAMPION



GENE TUNNEY

THE CHALLENGER



JACK DEMPSEY

COMMITTEE OF
MERCHANTS TO
MAKE INQUIRY

Protest Award of Bridge
Contract to Outside
Firm.

EDDY INVESTIGATING

Probably too Late to Secure
Change Without Law
Suit Resulting, Is
Belief.

A meeting of the merchants and
manufacturers committee of the
Roseburg Chamber of Commerce
was called yesterday afternoon to
consider the matter of the award-
ing of the contract for the con-
struction of the Deer Creek bridge
to a Salem firm instead of to a
local contractor, whose bid was
only \$74 higher. A strong pro-
test was made by contractors and
workmen to the Chamber of Com-
merce regarding this policy and as
representatives of the merchants
and manufacturers of the city the
members of the committee, after a
discussion of the affair, visited the
mayor and several of the council-
men regarding the matter.

The mayor and some of the coun-
cillmen contended that the council
was bound to accept the low bid,
as long as submitted by a reliable
and dependable contractor, regard-
less of whether or not they were
local men. One councillor admit-
ted that the thought of giving pref-
erence to a local man had not oc-
curred to him and that he was
principally interested in letting the
job as cheaply as possible.

"It appears that this is another
one of those things that comes un-
der the heading of 'Just too bad,'"
Kenneth Quine, chairman of the
Chamber of Commerce committee
said today. "While we are all tax-
payers and want to see the bridge
work done as cheaply as possible,"
Mr. Quine said, "yet we feel that
it was a mistake to ever let this
contract to an outside firm when
the Roseburg bidder was so close.
The affair, however, now appears
to have gone so far that there is
nothing that can be done without
possibly involving the city in an
expensive law suit and this, of
course, we do not desire to do.
However, we are still investigating
the matter and if there is anything
that can be done it will be our ef-
fort to secure a change."

At the request of the Chamber
of Commerce Attorney R. L. Eddy
is making an investigation. There
is no question, Mr. Eddy says, but
that the council had the right, par-
ticularly in view of the extremely
close bidding, to let the contract to
the local man if they had so de-
sired. Nothing in the charter nor in
the advertisement for bids, he says,
would have precluded such action.
Whether or not it is too late to yet
change the award he is unable to
say until he makes a further in-
quiry.

GRANTS PASS, Ore., Sept. 22.—
Schools of Rogues River, 3 miles
from this city in Jackson county,
were closed today because of the
death of Rev. W. B. Rusko, 11, from
a disease which is believed to be
the state appropriation \$2,000 to-
ward the cause. He served on the
board of directors of the Lewis
and Clark Exposition, with head-
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