

# The Oregon Statesman

Issued Daily Except Monday by THE STATESMAN PUBLISHING COMPANY 215 S. Commercial St., Salem, Oregon (Portland Office, 627 Board of Trade Building. Phone Automatic 527-59)

MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATED PRESS The Associated Press is exclusively entitled to the use for republication of all news dispatches credited to it or not otherwise credited in this paper and also the local news published herein.

R. J. Hendricks, Managing Editor; Stephen A. Stone, Editor; Ralph Glover, Cashier; Frank Jaskowski, Manager Job Dept.

DAILY STATESMAN, served by carrier in Salem and suburbs, 15 cents a week, 65 cents a month.

DAILY STATESMAN, by mail, in advance, \$6 a year, \$3 for six months, \$1.50 for three months, 50 cents a month, in Marion and Polk counties; outside of these counties, \$7 a year, \$3.50 for six months, \$1.75 for three months, 60 cents a month. When not paid in advance, 50 cents a year additional.

THE PACIFIC HOMESTEAD, the great western weekly farm paper, will be sent a year to anyone paying a year in advance to the Daily Statesman.

SUNDAY STATESMAN, \$1.50 a year; 75 cents for six months; 40 cents for three months; 25 cents for two months; 15 cents for one month.

WEEKLY STATESMAN, issued in two six-page sections, Tuesdays and Fridays, \$1 a year (if not paid in advance, \$1.25); 50 cents for six months; 25 cents for three months.

TELEPHONES: Business Office, 23; Circulation Department, 583; Job Department, 583; Society Editor, 106

Entered at the Postoffice in Salem, Oregon, as second class matter.

## THOU SHALT NOT STEAL.

(Copyrighted by the San Jose Mercury)

This, the eighth of the Biblical commandments, has been calling through the ages, addressed exclusively to the moral and religious nature of men. It is not an appeal to man to familiarize himself with the civil statutes as to larceny in order that he may avoid technical violation of these statutes and so keep out of jail, as some people seem to think. Its author never intended that this command is to be given any narrow or technical meaning such as the civil law gives to the word "steal." It is intended as a rule of conduct, a guide of life for every man in his relations and dealings with others, irrespective of the limitations of human laws or the customs or ideas of society. It is a broad command to him not to take and appropriate to his own use what is his neighbor's.

It is in the class with the tenth and last of these commandments which commands man not to covet his neighbor's goods, "nor anything that is his neighbor's." Indeed, the sin or crime of stealing or taking and appropriating another's goods, is but the outward, active, visible manifestation of covetousness, against which the tenth commandment inveighs. Too many otherwise respectable people seem totally indifferent to their violation of these two commandments, provided they escape the entanglements of the civil law and keep out of the hands of the sheriff. In our complicated modern society, too, the distinction between what is properly ours and what is our neighbor's, is often quite shadowy in many of our minds, and we are often guilty of stealing, in the Biblical sense, without knowing that we have really committed this sin.

The man who by his "tricks of trade" or other dishonest means deceives and cheats his neighbor out of his money or his property is just as truly a thief in the sight of his God as the man who has been convicted of grand larceny and is filling a felon's cell; and he should be generally so regarded. While the highwayman who holds you up at night at the point of a gun and forcibly takes your money is a manly and honest fellow in comparison with the man who skillfully goes about getting your friendship and confidence in order that he may legally and safely cheat you out of your substance. Such a man is the meanest kind of thief. And if there ever be divine forgiveness for such a scoundrel, it must be only after a long period of repentance and suffering.

In other words, the soul of this command, "Thou shalt not steal," is that we are not to take and use what is rightfully another's without making adequate return therefor. That is what its author doubtless intended it to mean; that is what it does mean to every honest man. It is addressed to the individual conscience. It expresses the divine law or order, and like all such needs no supplementing by the laws of men to make its observance obligatory and binding. More, its violation brings its own ultimate punishment, as all sins do. This punishment is not to be escaped by subterfuge or technicalities. Every normal, enlightened, moral and honest man knows this, and he is not seeking to despoil his neighbor in some sly and evasive way. He is not consulting his lawyer to find just how far he can legally and safely go in cheating his brother. Instead, he consults his own conscience and he squares his conduct by its standards in his dealings with others. He does not desire to take from another what is honestly that other's without giving just, fair and adequate compensation. Should he do so, he would feel like a thief. Every truly honest man properly feels so, for in such a case he would, in the true sense of the word, be a thief.

Our business standards are generally much higher than they were fifty—even twenty-five—years ago, but they are still too low. The old legal maxim, "Let the purchaser beware," is still much too generally prevalent. For every merchant who takes advantage of the necessities or the ignorance of his customer and compels him to pay more than

in good conscience the merchant is justified in exacting should feel like a thief, because he really is one.

The employer who insists upon reducing the wages of his employe to the lowest limit—away below the point where the employe can maintain a comfortable existence upon them—simply because he can, although he could afford to pay much higher wages, is really violating the spirit of this eighth commandment, and is quite as truly a thief in the sight of God as the poor fellow who steals twenty dollars in order to satisfy some real or fancied ambition or need of his own.

On the other hand, the employe who is not concerned about rendering faithful and adequate service to his employer for his wages, but does as little as he can for his money is not one whit better than the conscienceless employer. Both of these must some day answer to their God for violations of His command, "Thou shalt not steal."

If men generally could be made to recognize the truth of all this, the world would soon be in a very different state.

It is not always exclusively in the marts of trade that we despoil our brother. We often try to rob him of his good name by slyly and wickedly inventing and circulating slanders against him. Instead of respecting his right to his good reputation which he has built up by years of clean, honest and noble conduct and life, when our own interests or ambitions are opposed to his, we often try to rob him of it by base insinuations, slanderous accusations and vile falsehoods. How much better than the lowest thief is the assassin of character and the slanderous scandal monger?

There come to the man who never stoops to do wrong to another in thought, word or deed a joy, a self-respect, a sense of rectitude and an inward satisfaction that can never be known by the thief, the cheating scoundrel, the despoiler of his kind or the slanderer. Such an upright man may be poor in this world's goods, but in his mind and soul he carries wealth for the ages, compared with which all worldly possessions are but rubbish.

What has become of the folks who predicted that there was to be a great spiritual uplift following the war? It is long overdue.

The slogan editor is calling for help to prove that Salem is the coming most beautiful city in the world. Salem Beautiful is the slogan subject for next Thursday.

A \$50,000 public library for negroes has just been dedicated in Atlanta. There will be no color line in the contents of the shelves.

The president broke another precedent by going to the capitol a few days ago and taking lunch with a group of senators. The list of unbroken precedents must be short enough by this time to be printed in small space.

The astonishing surgical achievement of Dr. Kolmer of Vienna in successfully transplanting eyes into blind animals should stimulate the imagination of the fiction writer. A man with a cat's or a tiger's eye would be an interesting hero.

Lady Surma, who has been made president of the new Assyrian nation, was educated in England and will be under English guidance. She will have a better chance than Mother Eve, who once reigned in that region and whose chief adviser was the serpent.

In the opinion of Judge Landis whiskey makes liars of all users. In his judgment it breaks down the moral fiber, like the use of the various forms of dope. We once knew a druggist who said he would not take the word of a devotee of narcotics on any subject, even if the victim was his mother.—Los Angeles Times.

Ex-Postmaster General Burleson, in Berlin as representative of Texas cotton interests, is struck with the fact that men, women and children are all busily working in the factories or in the fields. "I have been particularly impressed by the spirit and purpose which animate the governing class, all of whom seem determined to meet the responsibilities which this war has imposed on Germany if it is humanly possible to do so."

When General March was chief of staff he issued regulations that the Sam Browne belt, worn by officers in France, was not to be worn by them in this country. Following this order there was an actual round-up in a New York theater of recently landed officers in all parts of the audience who were wearing the offending belt. But when General Pershing arrived he wore it and has serenely continued to wear it ever since. Now, as chief of staff, he has ordered that it is to be worn and the chances are that General March will comply.

General Thomas Coleman DuPont, Republican, has been appointed United States senator from Delaware to succeed Senator Josiah O. Wolcott, Democrat, who resigned to become chancellor of the Delaware courts. The appointment was made by Governor Denney. General DuPont will be 58 years old next December. He was born in Louisville, Ky., and is a member of the family that has been identified with E. I. DuPont de Nemours & Co. for more than a century. Unlike many other members of his fam-



**GETTING BEHIND THINGS**

IT IS the community banks that get behind things, and keep them moving. The people of this section had this forcibly brought home to them recently when the fruit growers were confronted by a serious crisis.

That is but one instance of the willingness of the modern financial institutions to build up the communities intimately associated with them.

The United States National is always ready to render Marion and Polk Counties helpful service.

**United States National Bank**

FUTURE DATES July 25, Saturday — Marion county

They have heard guns and many men. They have seen strange disastrous things. When fire and fume rolled o'er their nest: But chanceless and aloof they rest.

The Swans of Ypres, with folded wings.

**BITS FOR BREAKFAST**

Now for the flax fields.

Boottleggers and booze birds better beware of Judges Bushey and Hingham. That's the alliterative truth. They are in favor of upholding the laws.

Prosecuting Attorney Carson proposes to go down the line in bringing to book speed lands. This will tend to make safer the public highways and streets.

Salem Chautauqua next week. It will be crammed full of good and instructive things.

The new dedication of the Elks at their Los Angeles convention to the Stars and Stripes as their emblem of supreme devotion gives an inspiring note of loyalty to the whole country.

Hens are up \$2 a hundred pounds since the publication of the Salem slogan pages devoted to swine breeding on Thursday last.

And that gives added emphasis to the advice to promote a hog boom in the Salem district. There should be a pig club in every neighborhood, and the leading institutions and men of this district, directed to their organization, would mean the adding of vast wealth to the country tributary to Salem. "More hogs, more cows, more corn, more money."

**THE SWANS OF YPRES.**

(From Punch)

Ypres was once a weaving town, Where merchants jostled up and down And every shuttle used to ply;

On the looms the fibres were brought from the mart at Winchester, And silver flax from Burgundy.

Who is weaving there tonight? Only the moon, whose shuttle white Makes silver warp on dike and pond;

Her hands fling veils of lily-wool On riven spire and open roof And on the haggard marsh beyond.

No happy ghosts or fairies haunt The ancient city, huddling gaunt, Where wagons crawl with anxious wheel

And o'er the marshland desolate Win slowly to the battered gate That Flemings call the Gate of Lille.

Yet by some wonder it befalls That, where the lonely outer walls Brood in the silent pool below, Among the sedges of the moat, Like lilies furled, the two swans float.



MR. HARDING'S "INVITATION HAT." An invitation has been sent to President Harding, asking that he be present at the annual "Frontier Day" of the cowboys at Cheyenne, Wyo., the last week in July. The invitation is engraved on a hatband of chased silver, tied with a knot in white doeklin and looped about the sombrero. The photo shows "Miss Wyoming" using the knot in the band.

and more progress and prosperity in more ways than you could tell in a week.

**WILL ENTER RACES.**

SANTA BARBARA, Cal., July 14.—Pleasure boats from several ports of this section are expected to enter the first annual regatta of the Southern California Yacht-club association here, August 6 to 13.

According to present plans there will be entries from the Los Angeles Motor Boat club, and the yacht clubs of Los Angeles, San Diego, Newport Harbor and Santa Barbara.

Use Statesman Classified Ads.

## "TARZAN THE TERRIBLE"

Edgar Rice Burroughs' Greatest Story

### FIRST SIX CHAPTERS FREE

This most weird, most fascinating, most thrilling of all Burroughs' wonderful stories is now being published in daily installments in the Portland Daily News. The seventh installment appears in tomorrow's Daily News

**Subscribe Now**  
50c a Month  
Pay at end of month

To the first 50 new subscribers we will give the six issues containing the first six installments absolutely free, delivered at your door.

Phone your subscription to F. W. Jobelmann, Agent Portland Daily News, Bligh Hotel, Salem, Ore. Phone 742.

## REDUCTION IN FOOTWEAR

Substantial Savings with no sacrifice of Style make this a real economy occasion, for the Shoes included in this Splendid Sale are the Popular Modes of the present season

**HOSIERY ON SALE**

**EVERY SHOE in the House Reduced**

100 Pairs of Women's Colored Boots, French heels, welt soles. Regularly sold \$5.00 at \$15.00 not all sizes. Now . . . **\$5.00**

Broken lines of womens brown Oxfords, Cuban heels, splendid value at **\$5.45**

Women's Pumps in Brown and Black Kid, Cuban, Louis heels. Sale price **\$5.85**

**NEW Arrivals in White Canvas Pumps**

**Buster Brown Shoe Store**

125 North Commercial St.