

**CIRCULATION**  
 Average for May, 1923:  
 Daily only 5040  
 Sunday and Holiday 5043  
 Average for six months ending May 31, 1923:  
 Daily only 5044  
 Sunday and Holiday 5002

IN THE CITY OF SALEM  
 and elsewhere in  
 Marion and Polk Counties  
 Monday every body reads  
**The Oregon Statesman**  
 THE HOME NEWSPAPER

# ESPEE MAY DOUBLE-TRACK

## FLOOD LOSSES RUNNING HIGH IN OKLAHOMA

Roads, Ranches and Farm Lands Suffering Through Southwest; Damage to Millions

## JESS WILLARD IS HERO BY THRILLING RESCUES

Former Heavyweight Champion Plows Through Pools For Many Hours

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., June 11.—Flood damage running into millions of dollars was reported tonight from northern Oklahoma as a rush of water swept down from southern Kansas. Hundreds of persons are homeless at various points along flooded rivers but there were no confirmed reports of loss of life.

Train service has been interrupted as the result of the washing out of important main line bridges in northern and western Oklahoma. Damage to state highways will run to nearly \$1,000,000 officials estimated.

River Over Banks  
 The Arkansas river was out of its banks from the Kansas border to the eastern end of the state, where it flowed into Arkansas, flooding thousands of acres of farm lands. At Tulsa the Arkansas was falling slightly tonight but a warning from the weather bureau at Fort Smith, Ark., stated that a further rise might be expected.

The rich Tonkawa and Burabank oil fields are shut off.  
**Livestock Lost**  
 Damage to property, crops and livestock in Kay county is estimated at \$2,000,000, according to reports. The Chickasha and Salt Ford were receding tonight but the Arkansas was still rising.

At 101 Ranch, near Ponca City, Colonel Joe Miller estimated the damage at least a quarter million dollars. Much livestock was lost. All employees on the ranch sought refuge in the Whitehouse, the only building not inundated. Two hundred whites, Indians and negroes crowded into the big structure with many hogs, thousands of chickens, bears, mothers, baby elk and an otter.

**Price Fighter Is Hero**  
 Thrilling rescue at the ranch were effected by Jess Willard, former heavyweight boxing champion. He waded into many pools rescuing women and children and livestock, where smaller men would have gone under. In one instance he stripped himself of his clothing and went down into deep water to cut loose two horses that had become entangled in barbed wire. Willard plowed through the water from 2 a. m. yesterday until after midnight.

## Seventy-One Students Graduated at Whitman

WALLA WALLA, Wash., June 11.—Seventy-one young men and women are tonight facing the world with diplomas in hand ready to meet the tasks of the future. President S. B. L. Penrose of Whitman college presented the honors to the graduation class of '23. The college chapel where the exercises took place was packed to the doors with friends and relatives of the graduates.

## WHITMAN TO RAISE MONEY

WALLA WALLA, Wash., June 11.—The board of overseers of Whitman college today approved a plan proposed by President S. B. L. Penrose to raise \$1,500,000. The campaign is to be nationwide, under the supervision of a new organization.

## THE WEATHER

OREGON: Fair Tuesday; warmer except near the coast.  
 LOCAL WEATHER (Monday):  
 Maximum temperature, 82.  
 Minimum temperature, 44.  
 Wind, S. by E.  
 Rainfall, .05.  
 Atmosphere, partly cloudy.  
 Wind, west.

## WORLD GUM-CHEWING TITLE CLAIMED BY GIRL AT SILVERTON

Miss Helen Maulding Wins by Half a Length (of a stick of gum) From Bernice Strand—Contest Staged as Part of Initiation of High School Grads Into Alumni Association.

SILVERTON, Ore., June 11.—(Special to The Statesman.)—Miss Helen Maulding claims the world record as a gum chewer, followed closely by Miss Bernice Strand. At the annual initiation of the graduating class of the Silvertown high school into the Silvertown high school alumni the commercial graduates were compelled to stage a gum chewing contest. Miss Maulding won the contest with 44 sticks in her mouth at one time. Miss Strand was able to chew but 43½ at one time.

## BANDITS LET PRISONERS GO

Shantung Train Robbers Release All—Majority Enrolled in Army

TSAOCHANG, June 12.—(By The Associated Press.)—Eight captives, the last of the foreigner kidnaped by Chinese bandits who held up the Shanghai-Peking express near Suichow May 6, and held at the Paotzu mountain headquarters of the outlaws since that time, were released today.

TSAOCHANG, June 11.—(By The Associated Press.)—Final negotiations for the release of the Paotzu bandits captives have been slightly delayed because of the brigands learning that a number of Italian detectives ostensibly working under instructions from Italy have been prowling around the mountain headquarters of the outlaws.

Relief workers here are confident, however, that the Chinese government officials and Roy Anderson, the American intermediary, will return tomorrow with the prisoners. By observing the actions of the Italian detectives, it was said, the bandit chief learned that King Victor Emmanuel III and Pope Pius XI were interested in the fate of G. D. Musso, Italian lawyer from Shanghai, one of the captives. The chiefs are then declared to have used this knowledge to exact higher terms from the Chinese government.

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## EASTERN STATION REDUCED TO ASHES

Philadelphia Terminal Loss Is Estimated at Two Million Dollars

PHILADELPHIA, June 11.—The lofty, arched, glass-covered train shed of the Pennsylvania Railroad's Broad Street Station, gutted tonight in its own arches the result of a spectacular fire. The tangled mass of steel and iron, above which stands the skeleton-like framework of the train shed, was isolated from the main arteries of traffic.

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## WHITE DINES ON BET MADE DURING WAR

Sacramento Business Man Drops Off and Buys Adj. General Good Dinner

A bet made in the last days of the Argonne was paid yesterday when Walter H. Lilley, now a Sacramento business man but formerly a sergeant in the 148th Oregon artillery, got off the train at Salem and called on George A. White, adjutant general of the state, for the purpose of paying the wager that was made in the heat of battle in 1918.

## CONTRACT IS FREE FOR ONE MONTH

Captain Wetherell Released to Complete Mining Deal in Canada

SEATTLE, June 11.—Banks clearing house association will decline to cash \$143,000 in municipal street railway salary warrants issued today, a committee representing the clearing house informed the city council this afternoon. The refusal was based on the financial condition of the railway system, which showed a deficit of more than \$3,000 a day under the 5-cent fare established March 1.

AMALGAMATION VOTEL  
 PORT ARTHUR, Ont., July 11.—After a controversy of 25 years standing the general assembly of the Canadian Presbyterian church voted tonight in favor of amalgamating with the Methodist and Congregational churches of the dominion. The vote was 126 to 126.

## MISS HENRIETTE WHITE IS WINNER OF FIRST PRIZE IN DEFINITION OF GO-GETTER

A very large number of contributions came in for the Oregon State-Statesman "Go-Getter" contest. The Oregon has been running a Peter B. Kyme story, "The Go-Getter," and this furnished a text for a 50-word essay or letter, for which some attractive prizes were awarded—\$10 for the first, \$5 for the second, \$2 for the third. Letters came in from a dozen towns tributary to Salem. They certainly read the Statesman, and they believe in the Oregon.

## RAILROAD LANDS ARE THROWN OPEN

Excitement of Former Openings Lacking; Ex-Servicemen Are Few

ROSEBURG, Or., June 11.—Approximately 204,000 acres of Oregon and California railroad lands were thrown open to homestead entry today but the excitement and interest which marked former openings was lacking today. At 10 o'clock when the office opened there were between 25 and 50 men present, mostly lessees who, under the terms of the act, have a right to purchase. There were also a few squatters filing under the preference right which they hold. Only a few ex-servicemen are here investigating the land.

## U. S. TREASURY STANDING PAT ON DRY EDICT

Custom Officials Declare That Misunderstandings With Foreign Countries Must Be Avoided

WASHINGTON, June 11.—The treasury will stand pat in its determination to enforce rigidly the supreme court decision barring beverage liquor from territorial waters of the United States. It so informed customs officers in new instructions tonight, issued an official declaration that further misunderstandings with foreign governments must be avoided.

## WINE ON SHIPS MUST BE KEPT UNDER SEAL

No Leniency to Be Shown Vessels Leaving Home Port After June 10

Suggestion is Made  
 The French government through its embassy here had suggested to the treasury that each member of the crew of the liner France in New York harbor should be allowed to have his wine ration of one-half a liter a day, as required by the French law inasmuch as the ship had left her home port prior to June 10, the effective date of the regulations. Embassy officials took the position, treasury officials said that after the liquor stores of the vessel had been sealed by customs authorities the former practice of opening the stores for issuance of the wine rations should be followed on this trip.

## CHERRIANS WILL GATHER TONIGHT

Monthly Meeting to Be in Preparation for Festival Trip to Portland

Attention!  
 The Cherrians, all arrayed in their newly pressed white flannel suits, red neckties, white shoes and a determined spirit will hold their monthly meeting tonight at the Chamber of Commerce.

After a fine repast King Bing Hamilton will distribute cards by which each Cherrian will make known just how he wishes to travel to Portland next Thursday morning. The Cherrian will also designate on a card whether he will travel alone or with his wife.

## CATERPILLAR ARMY RECEIVES NEW REINFORCEMENTS; TRAIN BLOCKED MORE THAN AN HOUR

CORVALLIS, Ore., June 11.—The caterpillar army brought up reinforcements yesterday in such force that the Yaqueina train was held up for more than an hour and 15 minutes in making the grade near Summit, Ore., that ordinarily is only a 12 minute run. The tracks literally were buried in caterpillars and a slimy ooze trickled down the mountainside where the invaders were ground under the wheels of the big engine. Local trainmen sent word to Portland headquarters asking help against the new onslaught and I. H. Benjamin, of the engineering department, arrived on the scene to direct the campaign against the crawling army.

## WORD GIVES L OF A LOT OF TROUBLE

Marion County Girl Who Put Double-L in Cancellation Is Awarded Medal

Why the "L" where the "I," and for the "I" is set forth in a letter received Monday by Mary L. Fulkerson, county school superintendent, from the World Book company, in response to a decision on the spelling of the word "cancellation," which was given in a sixth grade spelling contest recently.

## WEEK ACTIVE AT UNIVERSITY

Baccalaureate Services Sunday—Seniors Picnic—Trustees Meet Today

ST. PAUL, Minn., June 11.—Approval by the interstate commerce commission's action in authorizing the Southern Pacific railroad to acquire control of the Central Pacific road, was announced today by the United States circuit court of appeals.

Counsel for the railroad, on Monday will move acceptance of this form for the decree, and the government will have an opportunity to suggest such amendments as it wishes or may secure notice of intention to appeal to the supreme court.

## GEORGE C. BROWN TO HEAD MASONRY

Salem Man Is Elected Grand High Priest at Convention in Portland

PORTLAND, June 11.—George C. Brown of Salem was elected grand high priest of the Royal Arch Masons of Oregon at their annual convocation here today. H. Wayne Stoddard of Brownsville was elected deputy high priest; John K. Pollock of Portland, grand king; G. M. Swafford of Oregon City, grand secretary (re-elected) and D. P. Mason, grand treasurer (re-elected).

The grand chapter, Order of Eastern Star, also began its annual convention here today, and the grand lodge of Master Masons will convene Wednesday. It will convene Wednesday.

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## RAILROAD TO SPEND TEN MILLIONS UPON LINE THROUGH STATE

High Officials Now in Medford, Declare There Is No No Obstacle That Will Prevent Carrying Out Entire Program; Merger of Central Pacific Authorized by ICC; Conclusion is Far-reaching in Effect.

MEDFORD, Ore., June 11.—Charles S. Fee, general traffic manager, and John M. Scott, general passenger agent of the Southern Pacific, who were in Medford were informed of the decision awarding control of the Central Pacific railroad to the Southern Pacific.

## WEEK ACTIVE AT UNIVERSITY

The 79th annual commencement week of Willamette university is now in progress. First of the exercises was the baccalaureate service Sunday morning at the First Methodist church, preached by President Carl G. Doney.

Under Supreme Court  
 The court's decree will be under the mandate of the supreme court, issued October 17, 1922, directing the circuit court to prepare to enter a final decree declaring the Southern Pacific to divest itself of any control of the Central Pacific company.

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