

### GLIESEY IS ASKED TO MAKE THE RACE

Numerous Salem Citizens Are Anxious to Have Him File for Office

There are several groups of people in Salem who are asking Mayor Gliesey to run again for that office. They are making their pleas very insistent, some of them. A number of one of these groups, talking yesterday, expressed himself as follows:

The present administration of the city's affairs has been progressive. It has started all the movements for city betterment that are urged from other quarters as important.

It has a permanent bridge program.

It has a city planning commission already functioning.

It has the proposition for a city owned water system as far along as it can get till there is a court decision on the injunction against paying the expenses of getting a valuation of the water works.

It is trying to get rid of the city dump. Garbage men have submitted a proposition for taking the city garbage out of the city limits.

A \$10,000 sinking fund has been started, preparatory to meeting the emergency of final proper sewage disposal—when the sewage can no longer be emptied into the Willamette river, as now.

In the matter of law enforcement, Salem was never before so well organized. The laws and ordinances are being enforced, by an efficient and harmonious police department.

As to a commission form of government, there are proposals on foot now for some amendments to the charter, to allow the city council as now constituted to employ a full time man to have charge of the city's business affairs, with the idea that he can save his salary and more.

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### FIRE LOSS BRINGS FOREST MESSAGE

Governor Asks Week Be Observed to Get Increasing Flame Hazard

Governor Pierce, in a proclamation issued here Thursday, has requested the citizens of the state of Oregon to join in the observance of American Forestry Week, April 18 to 24 inclusive.

The fire hazard in our forests is a problem of the first magnitude. Read the governor's proclamation. "It is the vital duty of every citizen to give to this subject serious thought. The loss to the nation through forest fires is so great that it is staggering to the intelligence."

Over a 10 year period, Oregon suffered a loss of more than 300,000 acres through forest fires. In this vast expanse of land, once covered with virgin timber, with beauty and scenic grandeur unsurpassed, affording recreation and pleasure to thousands of citizens, can be found today the desolate hills, valleys and abandoned farms.

The great bulk of this terrible fire loss is due to carelessness and to human agencies. Before any program of forest protection can be made effective, the public must be in condemning the careless hunter, the vicious firebrand, the ignorant woodman, and the ignorant farmer whose carelessness and disregard of the rights of others annually costs this country millions of dollars.

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### 140 CITIZENS JOIN FOR A. A. BUREAU

Two Hundred Required Before Tourist Station Will Be Established

Report from the local chamber of commerce indicates members are backing the drive for Salem members to the American Automobile association.

B. C. McHenry, national field agent for the association, in Salem to assist in the drive, declares that it is only a matter of getting around to see the autists. Little difficulty is met in signing them for membership when they are interviewed.

Since Mr. McHenry came to the city 140 members have been signed up. Salem must have 200 members before she can obtain an AAA office. Because there is no AAA office in Salem, 75 per cent of the tourist travel from the south is being routed from Eugene through Corvallis instead of through Salem, declared C. F. Gliese, local furniture man, in addressing the Marion-Polk county realtors yesterday.

Tourists always like to be directed through the capital city of a state," continued Gliese. "As soon as we get our AAA office here our tourist travel will pick up at least 50 per cent, and the entire city will benefit."

Mr. McHenry brings out that the membership fee is not merely a contribution, but entitles members to benefits worth the price. A free towing and emergency road service is maintained for the members, and is available day and night.

A legal department is maintained where members are accorded free legal advice in all matters pertaining to the ownership and operation of an automobile.

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### "HANDS UP" PLAYS TO LARGE CROWDS

Raymond Griffith Comedy at the Oregon, Brings Hearty Laughs

Admirers of Raymond Griffith gave the popular silk hat comedian a rousing welcome yesterday at the Oregon theatre, where his latest comedy, "Hands Up!" began a three days' run. This is by all odds Griffith's finest, funniest and most spectacular picture to date, and reflects great credit on Clarence Badger, the director, Reginald Morris, author, and scenarists.

Monty Brice and Lloyd Corrigan "Hands Up!" has a combined Civil war and western background, and this gives the imitable Raymond an excellent opportunity to burlesque all the heavy war dramas, and the wide and well-advertised open spaces. Needless to say, he doesn't miss a single trick, and the result is a picture that provokes roars of laughter with the rapid-fire precision of a machine gun.

As a Confederate spy, sent by General Robert E. Lee to get control of the Union gold supply, Griffith runs into one exciting adventure after another. Yet, despite the fact that he is kept busy dodging Indians, battling western "bad men," and, in general, trying to win the war single-handed, he still finds time to fall in love with two—count 'em—two pretty girls.

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"Mystic Clayton," the man who knows, is now appearing at the Bligh theatre here. Clayton will present a matinee at 2 o'clock today for ladies only and tonight will be his last appearance here.

### WOMEN ARE CAPTURED BY WEAK SAYS NORRIS

Charles G. Norris' brother, Frank, was, he says, one of America's truly great writers.

"Norris' 'McTeague' is our 'Les Miserables,'" he says. "Some day America will honor Frank Norris for writing it, as France has made an immortal of Hugo for penning 'Les Miserables.'"

"Which American authors do you think are really great?" I asked.

"Let's pass over contemporaries and consider those whose careers are forever closed. I would say that Walt Whitman, Edgar Allan Poe, Herman Melville, Mark Twain and Frank Norris are the only literary artists of first rank that America has produced. Much of what Norris wrote was trash. Poe's criticisms and poems are of greater value than his other work. Whitman wrote a lot of worthless stuff. Twain did a lot of stuff that he would rather have burned than published, but needed the money. Only Melville, I think, did good work continuously."

Edgar Poe Norris' father was a great lover of Poe, hence his Christian names. "My father wrote poems in Greek and prose in Latin, and was a common ordinary tramp, working over the United States, Mexico and Cuba, until he met my mother, a Kentucky schoolteacher. They married one month after they met, and he went to work for the first time."

Edgar Poe Norris has been a newspaperman, an actor, a sailor and a cowboy. He'd rather be anything than an author, he avers, but he can, he frankly says, make more money that way than any other he has tried.

"Authoring is the hardest work known to man. It's terrible to have to hang over a typewriter, setting down, revising, rewriting, at the rate of 2,000 words a day until the 80,000 words of a novel is reached. But then I think of Milton, doing his work while blind, or Hugo writing 'Les Miserables' with a miserable quill pen, and feel easier."

"Do you think, Mr. Norris," I asked, "that any of your novels will live? 'Surrender? Methusalem's Wife? Eve's Two Lovers?'" He laughed. "No, certainly not. I write to entertain people, that's all."

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