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## **Busy Readers' Newspaper**

the local park when interviewed. "People go from camp to camp, travel so hard and so fast they begin to growl no matter what auto camps are like. Salem's camp is fine." First public band concert will be held in Willson park Tuesday evening, June 29, according to Oscar Steelhammer, band director. The concrete band stand at Willson park will be used as before. Concerts will be held twice a week this summer.

#### Thursday, June 24

"When a man gets on in years and finds that of all the people he has known, he can count on his fingers those he can actually depend on, I guess he's lucky isn't he? I mean those who really stick," said General Hunter Liggett, American general who gained renown in the World war, in speaking before a local luncheon club. General Liggett commanded the 41st division during the World war, including the 162nd infantry which was the Oregon national guard, part of which was Company M, of Salem. He stopped over to see friends on his way to San Francisco.

A "banner fall business" was forecast by merchants with prospects of individual prosperity high, due to good crops and fair prices.

Friday, June 25 Following experiences of from one to five years with private casualty insurance companies a number of large industries in Oregon are returning to the workmen's compensation act with the beginning of the new fiscal year on July 1. Among these industries are some of the largest lumber operations in the state. Industrial activity in Oregon under the protection of the workmen's compensation law increased during the first five months of this year nearly seven per cent over the same period a year ago. The hot weather of the past few days has hastened the

ripening of the flax crop in a number of districts, and there is a hurry up call for men and women and boys and girls to pull flax, especially in the small and remote fields. Those interested in this work are asked to register with the cham-ber of commerce or the "Y" employment bureau, for assignments.

Fire works, now on sale, cannot be legally shot off until Monday, July 5, police stated.

Only one fatality due to industrial accidents was reported to the state industrial accident commission for the week. A total of 856 accidents were reported, of which 733 were subject to the provisions of the workmen's compensation act. Reports of Saturday and early Sunday developments will

be found in the main news section.

### OIL STRIKE IN TEXAS SHOVES POPULATION UP

and "wide-open" town in the history of the Mid-Continent oil field boom towns, with dance halls, gambling halls and saloons running in the open.

The town is under "two gun" rule, famous as Texas law enforcement, but all the time of deputy sheriffs and Texas rangers is taken up hunting hi-jackers and trying to prevent robberies.

The town is 30 miles from the city of Panhandle, the nearest railroad point, and 60 miles from Amarillo, the oil capital

of the Panhandle country. Red Waters and Jack Seay are two of the most active officers in the area, with a good record of catching hi-jackers to their credit.

However, in spite of the best efforts of the local gendarmes. Borger is probably the finest modern example of the old-fashioned, hard-boiled, quick-trigger, hot tempered boom own of history. Its population is overwhelmingly male and almost unanimously of the traditional oil-hunter type. Manners, as such, do not exist. And the town's 400 women are not exactly of the usual "400" style. It is suggested that those who seek, in Borger, thrills and atmosphere had better take care. Borger is in no mood to be "studied." He who penetrates to its oily fastness had best take extreme caution. Cleanliness is suspect. Defrential manners simply don't work. In other words, the Wild West of beloved fiction has re-turned. Of course, there isn't much of the old West's picturesqueness, but much of the old spirit is still intact. Rough and ready. Take it or leave it. Shoot your wad. Tomorrow may bring in a gusher.

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