

The Oregon Statesman

Nobody can blame the Orientals for wanting China for the Chinese, but the puzzle is to pick out the right Chinese.—Los Angeles Times.
Ornithologists report that the night-gale is singing on a slightly shorter wavelength this year.—London Punch.

SEVENTY-SEVENTH YEAR

SALEM, OREGON, FRIDAY MORNING, JULY 1, 1927

PRICE FIVE CENTS

HALFWAY MARK CONSTRUCTION TOTALS RECORD

City's Growth Continuing Steadily Despite Depression Elsewhere

\$1,607,177 IN PERMITS

Number of Dwellings Increases Still More Rapidly; Last Day Permits Swell June Figure to \$300,725

Steady increase in building activity for Salem, despite depression elsewhere, was recorded for the first half of 1927 which ended yesterday, and served to discredit, if not to silence, the doubters who each year have predicted that Salem's growth was at an end.

Building permits for the first six months of 1927 showed an increase over the same period for 1926, and consequently set a new record. The total for the period just ended was \$1,607,177.

Steady Growth Shown Here are the figures for the first six months of the past four years, as recorded by the Salem chamber of commerce:

1924\$1,035,855
19251,162,325
19261,458,085
19271,607,085

On the basis of dwelling construction, the increase over the same period of years is still more striking. The figures for the first six months of each year are:

1924145
1925199
1926210
1927237

There were more dwellings started in the last six months just ended than in the entire year of 1922.

Record Remarkable The increase this year is not spectacular, but it is remarkable considering the contrary trend in most other cities.

Building activity which is definitely planned for the near future positively assures that the pleasing rate of construction will continue for several months at least, among the structures which are planned to be started are a new

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HOLLYWOOD MAN SET FOR FLIGHT

Richard Grace Plans Take Off Some Time Today

Broken Necked Flier Will Attempt to Cross Pacific in Monoplane

MANA, Island of Kauai, Hawaii, June 30.—(AP)—Atmospheric conditions prevented the projected hop off of Richard Grace, Hollywood aviator, from Hawaii to the mainland today. Grace said he might make a speed test later today. His start for the California coast is now set for daylight tomorrow morning.

The machine that Grace will fly is a Ryan monoplane, with a single engine. He took it to Hawaii recently from California.

Grace won his sobriquet, "the broken necked flier," when he cracked a neck vertebra in an accident while performing an airplane stunt for a motion picture at Hollywood. He wears a brace.

He has flown some 5000 hours, and gained the reputation of being a daredevil pilot. He began flying in 1914, when he was 18 years old.

In his profession of stunt man for the movies, Grace crashed to earth 24 times, of which 16 were deliberative to obtain pictures.

He has included changing from plane to plane in mid-air, and leaping from planes to automobiles, speedboats and motorcycles.

He was born in Morris, Minn., June 10, 1898. He married Lorraine Stephenson in 1926, but was divorced.

The daredevil aviator weighs 135 pounds, and his height is five feet, seven inches.

LOS ANGELES, June 30.—(AP)—Although Richard Grace had not yet hopped off from Hawaii for the flight to the mainland, plans already were being formulated tonight by his financial backers for at least one phase of his expedition—that part of his

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FLAX PULLERS NOW STARTING

Twenty Machines Ready; Sent to Ripe Fields

Work to Begin Early in Week; Amount of Hand Pulling to Be Reduced

The fleet of over 20 flax pulling machines is ready for business and the work of taking them to the fields has already begun. They are being distributed with a view to conserving time, by having them at the places needed as the flax ripens.

There will have to be some hand pulling, but an effort will be made to pull the largest possible acreage by machine, and to harvest the flax when it is just right. Not too ripe. Only ripe enough to get the mature seed, without letting the straw become over ripe.

There is a new flax warehouse that will hold 1000 tons about ready. All the pulling machines have been overhauled. They will all be run by tractors. None of them is fitted for teams.

Everything about the flax industry at the penitentiary is being put into ship shape, to take care of the crop as it comes in, and to work it up into manufactured articles as expeditiously as possible. Wonderful improvements are being made.

No Idle Men The lime plant is also being rebuilt. Orders for future delivery are being received at the rate of about 100 tons a day. They are being booked in order and will be filled in that order, so as not to play favorites. New sheds for storing the ground lime are being built, to hold several thousand tons. This will allow continuous operation of the plant.

Things are busy at the penitentiary. Two days of this week there was a shortage of labor there; with about 600 inmates, too. Double shifts will be put on at the lime plant, when the storage bins are completed, which will be within a short time.

EXPLOSION KILLS ONE

Many Injured When Fire Breaks Out in Press Building

PITTSBURGH, June 30.—(AP)—An explosion of gasoline and resulting fire in a sub-basement of the Pittsburgh Press building today caused the death of one workman and the injury of ten other men and a woman. No estimate of the loss was made by officials of the newspaper, but firemen placed it at \$50,000.

The victim, Glenn Day, an electrician, died while en route to a hospital. Of the injured, Thomas Hutton, pressman, was the most seriously hurt. He suffered burns about the face, hands and body. The woman, Miss Sarah Maier, suffered principally from shock.

MANY YIELD TO CUPID

One License Issued on Final Day of Matrimonial Month

A total of 64 couples yielded to the wiles of cupid during the month of June, according to a compilation at the county clerk's office. This was 27 more than were issued in May, indicating that June still leads as the month of matrimony.

Only one license was issued yesterday, the last day of the month. This was to Walter Carl Bondell and Mrs. Kreta Dahl, both of Salem.

JUDGE DISMISSES SUIT

Alienation of Affections Case Discontinued at New York

NEW YORK, June 30.—(AP)—Mrs. Emanuel Victor Modica's \$500,000 alienation of affections suit against Countess Roger D. Perigny, was discontinued by Supreme Court Justice Mullan today, at the request of Mrs. Modica's attorney. The suit was brought three years ago. Mrs. Modica charging that the countess had sent many love notes to her husband, a chauffeur, of Newark, N. J.

GAS RAISES CENT TODAY

Two Companies Announce Increase in Price Effective Today

SAN FRANCISCO, June 30.—(AP)—The Associated Oil company and the Standard Oil company of California, today announced that the price of gasoline and distillate would be raised one cent a gallon, effective tomorrow. The price rise affects the whole Pacific coast district.

LODGE TEMPLE WORK TO OPEN NEXT TUESDAY

Contract in Neighborhood of \$35,000 Let By Association to Henry Carl

SIX ORDERS TO OCCUPY

Fraternal Auditorium to Occupy Spacious Second Floor Room; Automotive Firm Leases Ground Floor

Construction of the new Fraternal Temple will start next Tuesday and the building will be ready for use some time in September, it was announced last night by I. Greenbaum, treasurer of the building committee. Contract for the structure, which will cost in the neighborhood of \$35,000, was let yesterday to Henry Carl, local builder.

Plans for the building have been under way for several months. It will be erected on the north side of Center street between Liberty and High streets. It will be a three story reinforced concrete building with measurements of 67 1/2 by 95 feet.

Auto Firm Leases The first floor is to be occupied by an automobile sales firm as a show room. The space has already been leased, but the name of the occupant will not be announced until later.

Hardwood floors will be laid on the second floor, which will be used as the main lodge room of a size 45 by 65 feet. A smaller lodge room, 30 by 40 feet, will also be on this floor, together with dressing rooms and lockers. The roof is

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SCHOOL DISTRICT BUYS FURNITURE

Bids Accepted for Equipment, Mostly for Leslie

Olinger and Simeral, Re-Elected Directors, Sworn in Name Officers

Bids of \$4661.15 on furniture and equipment for the Salem school system were accepted at a special meeting of the school board held last night, most of it being for the new Leslie junior high school.

The largest successful bidder was the Northwest School Furniture company, whose bids to the amount of \$3757.15 were accepted. The only other successful bidder was the H. L. Stiff Furniture company of Salem whose bids were accepted to the amount of \$904.

Furniture which will be purchased from the Northwest School Furniture company includes the following: Pupil's desks, 75 No. 2 at \$6.95 each, 75 No. 3 at \$6.45 each, 75 No. 4, at \$6.54 each, 75 No. 5, at \$6.12 each; rear desks, 25 No. 1, at \$4.70 each, 20 No. 2, at \$4.70, 20 No. 3, at \$4.30 each, 20 No. 4 at \$4.30 each, and 25 No. 5 at \$3.90 each; 75 table arm chairs at \$5.85 each; 18 teachers' desks at \$28.50 each; 30 swivel chairs at \$11.25 each, and one library table at \$28.50.

Bids of the Stiff Furniture company accepted were for 100 common oak chairs at \$3.65 each, and 22 library tables at \$24.50 each.

Bids for window shades and an office rug were held under advisement until the next meeting of the board.

Dr. H. H. Olinger and L. J. Simeral, re-elected members of the board, were sworn in at last night's meeting. Following this, Dr. Olinger was again elected as chairman of the board, with L. J. Simeral as vice chairman.

CHERRY PICKER INFANT

17 Months Old Baby Rescued From Top of High Ladder

Farmers in the Salem territory evidently train their children in the art of cherry picking while they are very young, according to a report received yesterday from the farm of Frederick Kurtz, on the river road north of town.

Delbert Chester Kurtz, 17 months old son of Kurtz, was found at the top of a thirty foot ladder which was set up in a cherry tree, where he had evidently climbed without any assistance, the report says.

The baby was rescued from his precarious perch with no damage done except the fright which his relatives received.

NAVAL EXPERTS AGREE ON SIZE

Destroyer and Flotilla Leader Tonnage Out

Atmosphere of Confidence Prevails Geneva Navy Reduction Parley

GENEVA, Switzerland, June 30.—(AP)—The tri-partite naval conference moved forward today in an atmosphere of mutual confidence, which was the immediate outcome of Great Britain's spontaneous act of proclaiming to the world that the British empire seeks no supremacy over the United States in sea power and that everything that Great Britain needs may assuredly also be built by the United States.

It was in this atmosphere of confidence created by the statement which W. C. Bridgeman, first lord of the British admiralty, gave exclusively to the Associated Press correspondent, that the naval experts reached an agreement today that the maximum size of destroyers in the future shall be 1,000 tons and that the maximum size of flotilla leaders shall be

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DISTRICT SURVEY ASKED

Investigation of Warm Springs and Deschutes Ordered

Investigation of the Warm Springs and Deschutes irrigation districts, as a preliminary step toward reorganization of the districts under the act of 1927, was ordered by the state reclamation commission at a meeting today.

The investigation has been requested both by settlers on the projects and by holders of bonds of the two districts. The reorganization, if finally realized, will involve the issuance of new bonds based on the ability of the districts to pay out as determined by the investigation.

ROAD OILING POSTPONED

Highway Department Delays to Accommodate Holiday Traffic

Road oiling on the Roosevelt highway between Salem and coast points has been suspended until after the Fourth, according to information received in Salem yesterday.

This action was taken in order to assure that the heavy holiday traffic would not be held up or forced to detour, it was said. The oil which has been spread so far will be sufficiently dried so that cars will not be damaged. Oiling operations have been carried on this week south of Hebo on the Roosevelt highway.

"COME EARLY" FINAL ADVICE FOR SHOPPERS

Crowds Attending Tenth Annual Bargain Day to Throng Streets Today

BAND CONCERT LISTED

Merchants Hope Out-of-Town People Will Visit Many Stores, Get Acquainted With Salem Hospitality

"Come early."

That is the last bit of advice being addressed to out-of-town and local shoppers—the thousands who will throng Salem's business district today to take advantage of the exceptional offers made available in the city's tenth, and largest, annual bargain day.

The advice is given for two principal reasons. One is that with such large crowds to handle, the merchants are afraid that unless most of the shoppers are downtown early in the day, there will be such a crush toward closing time that some will be disappointed.

Want Thorough Shopping

The other is that annual bargain day does not have for its primary purpose the making of a big profit from volume of sales on that one day alone. They will profit, of course, through the moving of a large quantity of merchandise, even though the margin on each article is very

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2 CONVENTIONS COMING

Chiropractors of State to Convene Here Next Week

Salem is to entertain at least two more state conventions this year and the chamber of commerce has turned over its auditorium to the use of each of them, it was announced Thursday.

The first will be the meeting of the Oregon Chiropractors' association, which will be held beginning next Tuesday and continue until Friday. Between 150 and 200 delegates will be present.

September 1, 2 and 3 are the dates for the convention of the state medical association it was announced. Approximately 250 physicians and surgeons will attend, and most of them will bring their wives. Dr. W. B. Morse of this city is state president, and he is already outlining the plans for entertaining the visitors.

LOP OFF PRISON TERMS

Canadian Government to Celebrate by Reducing Sentences

OTTAWA, Canada, June 30.—(AP)—Prisoners serving terms of more than six months in Canadian penitentiaries will have their sentences reduced by the government as "an act of grace and mercy," in honor of the diamond jubilee of Canadian confederation, it was announced today.

One month will be taken off the term of every prisoner serving a definite sentence of not less than six months, while an additional month will be taken off the sentence of those serving more than six months for each additional year above that period.

LAWYERS TO FIGHT CASE

Attorneys for Dorothy Mackaye Will Seek New Trial

LOS ANGELES, June 30.—(AP)—Attorneys for Dorothy Mackaye announced tonight they would renew their fight for her freedom Saturday morning, when they would file a motion asking that her conviction of a felony charge of concealing facts in connection with the death of her husband, Ray Raymond, be set aside, and a new trial be granted the actress.

DECEASED ACTRESS RICH

Lotta Crabtree Left Fortune of \$3,117,610 Says Report

BOSTON, June 30.—(AP)—Lotta Crabtree, one time famous actress, who died in September 1924, left an estate which on August 30, 1925, had a valuation of \$3,117,610. This was shown by a report filed by the appraisers in the probate court today.

TREASURY HAS AMPLE SURPLUS

Government Closes Fiscal Year in Great Shape

Permanent Tax Reduction to be Introduced Next Session, Say Leaders

WASHINGTON, June 30.—(AP)—The government rounded out the fiscal year tonight with a treasury surplus estimated at \$635,000,000 to \$640,000,000, the greatest in history. Acting Secretary Mills expressed the opinion, however, that the amount was to an extent misleading because of non-recurring items which contributed to it.

Inasmuch as congress at its last session did not pass legislation to apply at least a part of the surplus to further reduction of taxes, it is being applied to decreasing the public debt.

It is the intention, however, of congressional leaders to put through a permanent tax reduction bill at the next session, and first steps toward that end will be taken when the house ways and means committee meets October 31 to consider the drafting of a new schedule of rates.

In reviewing operations of the treasury during the current fiscal year, officials pointed out that along with a reduction of more than \$1,000,000,000 in the public debt, several offerings of certificates and bonds had been floated and approximately \$1,328,000,000 of second Liberty loan bonds and a considerable amount of the third Liberty loan had been retired.

The sinking fund for 1928, amounting to \$353,000,000, comes into operation tomorrow, and probably will be used further to retire the second Liberties. The fund was created in 1920 for refunding purposes, to continue until all Liberty bonds and Victory notes are retired.

RAINFALL RECORD SET

First Six Months of 1927 Bring 24.55 Inches of Moisture

The first six months of 1927 have been the wettest period of that length in a number of years, figures kept by the Salem chamber of commerce revealed when the final total for the first half of the current year was furnished by the government weather bureau. The rainfall from January 1 to June 30 this year was 24.55 inches.

The records show that the 12 months total rainfall for the previous four years was as follows: 1923, 38.46; 1924, 33.15; 1925, 32; 1926, 38.48.

January and February rainfall this year accounted for well over half of the six months total, the record in January being 8.9 inches and in February, 9 inches.

The June rainfall this year also exceeded that for the same month in the previous four years, the month just ended bringing 1.54 inches of moisture.

June rainfall records show: 1923, .97; 1924, .22; 1925, .96; 1926, .24.

JOSEPH ALBERT RESIGNS

Veteran Cashier of First National Goes to New Position

Joseph H. Albert, connected with the First National Bank of Salem and its predecessor, the Capitol National, since 1885, has sold his holdings in that institution and resigned both as cashier and director, to accept an executive position with the Ladd & Bush bank, it was announced Thursday.

Starting as messenger and office boy, Mr. Albert learned the banking business and had advanced to the office of cashier in the Capitol National by 1898.

MOUNTAINEER DELIRIOUS

Interviews With Man Said to Have Scaled Throne Forbidden

ZION NATIONAL PARK, Utah, June 30.—(AP)—W. H. Evans of South Pasadena, Cal., mountain climber, who after apparently scaling the hitherto unscalped walls of the great white throne, in Zion National park, Monday, suffered injuries in his descent which necessitated his rescue late last night, is still delirious and physicians will permit no interviews until possibly tomorrow.

REDECORATE BANK INTERIOR

SILVERTON, Or., June 30.—(Special)—The interior of the Coolidge & McClain bank is being redecorated this week. The walls are receiving a new coat of kalamine.

BYRD SAFE BUT PLANE BROKEN UP

Message From Ver Sur Mer Indicates Fliers Fell Into Sea There

LOSE BEARINGS AND MISS PARIS

World Anxious When Plane Fails Alight at Le Bourget

SEARCH STARTED

Rumor Circulates Fliers Landed in Issy-Les-Moulineaux; Reporters Flock There But Find Report False

PARIS, July 1.—(AP)—Commander Byrd and his three trans-Atlantic flight companions fell into the sea near Ver Sur Mer early this morning and swam 200 yards to shore, but were not hurt, says a report received by H. A. Gibbons, representative of Rodman Wainmaker. He received the report from the prefect of the Calvados district, in which Ver Sur Mer is located.

ROOSEVELT FIELD, N. Y., July 1.—(AP)—A cablegram addressed to Mrs. Richard E. Byrd from her husband, Commander Byrd, received at the hangar here at 4:20 a. m., said: "Landed at Ver Sur Mer, all well. Dick."

Grover Whalen, vice president of the America Trans-Oceanic company, telephoned the message to Mrs. Byrd in Boston.

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YOUNG AVIATORS TO RETURN HOME

ARMY LIEUTENANTS WILL LEAVE PLANE IN HAWAII

"Happiest Boy in America" Says Maitland of Himself at Banquet

HONOLULU, June 30.—(AP)—Lieutenants Lester J. Maitland and Albert Hegeberger, who landed near here yesterday morning after a flight from Oakland, Cal., over the 2400 miles of Pacific ocean, were planning today to leave for San Francisco Wednesday on the steamship Maui.

The giant Fokker plane, which made the longest flight over water, will be left in Hawaii for inter-island flying by army aviators.

The love of the aviator for his

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War Mothers' Benefit Program Capitol Tonight

The Salem War Mothers are presenting a benefit show for their relief fund this evening at Blair's Capitol theater, with specialties on the stage consisting of Scotch bagpipe duo, vocal solo by Mrs. Harry Harms, violin solo by Miss Elizabeth Levy, reading and solo by Mrs. Gordon McGilchrist and songs by Salem Men's Quartet. Slides of scenes at the battle front in the World war will also be shown.

This part of the show will be given at 8:30, with the pictures beginning at 9:15. The feature picture is "The Sensation Seeker," a powerful dramatic romance starring Billie Dove and Huntley Gordon.

