

# The Oregon Statesman

WEATHER FORECAST: Fair; high temperatures and low humidity in the interior. Maximum temperature yesterday, 85; minimum, 52; river, minus .8; atmosphere, clear; wind, northwest.

Before you start congratulating the country on the fact that Fourth of July fireworks do not kill nearly so many people as formerly, pause to consider the fact that Fourth of July joy riders are making up the difference.

SEVENTY-SEVENTH YEAR

SALEM, OREGON, TUESDAY MORNING, JULY 19, 1927

PRICE FIVE CENTS

## GLACIER TAKES TOLL OF DEATH ON MOUNT HOOD

Dr. S. W. Stryker, Willamette Graduate, Dies From Accident on Trip

## EIGHT OTHERS INJURED

Statesman Reporter Assists in Caring for Wounded and Sends First Authentic Report to Outside World

(By Clarence Oliver)  
Mount Hood again claimed its victims, cruelly and unexpectedly, when a party of nine persons, members of the annual Mazama Mount Hood club, slipped on the steep snow covered slopes of hipper Coe glacier, and after sliding 600 feet, dropped into a crevasse. The writer, a Statesman reporter, who was one of the party making the climb in the Mazama group, witnessed the catastrophe, assisted in removing the injured to the base of the mountain, where the rescuing parties had established an emergency hospital, and then phoned the first authentic account of the affair to the outside world.

**Deaths Killed**  
Those who were in the unfortunate squad which made the fatal slide and the injuries sustained by each, were Dr. S. W. Stryker, Portland dentist, a graduate of Willamette university, so seriously injured, when his lungs were punctured as he fell on an alpstock, that he died on the way down.

**Miss Hilda Roes, 1138 Maryland avenue, Portland, both ankles fractured, and a wrenched spine.**  
M. Bergen, Portland, collar broken, face cut, bruises.

Jerry M. Krebs, Linnon, spinal injuries, and probable internal injuries, bad bruises.

Miss Gypsy Johnston, Scappoose, who is employed in Portland, severe bruises.  
Gerald Moore, Oregon City, suffering from shock and bruises.

W. H. Harris, Portland, nose injured.  
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## WILL DESTROYED BUT MAY DECIDE

## RULING TO DETERMINE BENEFICIARY OF ESTATE

Jake Johnson Files Claim in Connection With Brother's Property

Can a will that has been destroyed by burning be established as a legal instrument, and can the beneficiary under it collect the estate of a deceased person, provided no certified copy has been made at the time the instrument was drawn?

Attorneys for Jake Johnson, brother of Charles Johnson, deceased, believe it is possible, and cited previous cases in probate court before Judge J. T. Hunt yesterday to prove their argument.

Legal heirs of Johnson are fighting the claim.

According to evidence and testimony offered, Charles Johnson, adjudged before his death to be an incompetent person, made a will making his brother Jake beneficiary. Sometime later he destroyed the will by burning, leaving no copy.

In the absence of any other known instrument, can such a will be probated legally? Judge Hunt has taken the matter under advisement, and will render an opinion later.

An opinion either way would be cause for litigation in both the circuit and supreme court, court attaches believe. About \$6,000 of \$7,000 is involved in the case, it was said.

## Watch For Statesman Extra "Pink" Edition

Returns of the Sharkey-Dempsey fight Thursday evening will be broadcast from The Oregon Statesman office and a full account will be carried in the extra "pink" edition which will be on the streets immediately after the fight ends.

## PRUNE "COFFEE" GAINS APPROVAL

MILLION DOLLAR COMPANY NOW BEING ORGANIZED

Need of Substitutes Brings Out This Healthful Beverage, Reported

H. G. Koykendall, former manager of the California Prune Growers' association, has sent to his friend, Robert C. Paulus, a sample of a new article that is being put on the market. The label reads in part like this: "Prune-Koffy, the health drink; prunes and cereals. In order to obtain full flavor and food value of the cereals and fruit juice contained in the Prune-Koffy, be sure it is cooked for at least 15 minutes after water reaches boiling point. No waste; unlike coffee. Try it cold. For muddy complexion, bad heart or high blood pressure, drink Prune-Koffy. Prune-Koffy Co., Berkeley, California."

**Can Roast Prunes**  
The people making this new prune and cereal article as a substitute for coffee have found a way to roast the prunes. That is the secret of the immediate success of the new thing in beverages, or rather in food stuffs, and the basis of hope for building up a big business. That is the big idea behind the new million dollar company being organized to make and distribute it.

There is a great sale of coffee substitutes in this country. The Postum people have built up an immense business. They are just now buying out the Walter Baker & Co. concern in Boston, which is one of the greatest and oldest of its kind, having been prominent in the manufacture of cocoa, chocolate and cocoa preparations for almost 150 years. And the Postum people are in the market for other properties of the kind.

**Big Thing Afoot**  
Also, coffee substitutes are having a great vogue in many countries abroad. Impoverished Austria used 49,000,000 pounds of figs last year, in making coffee substitutes. The proper method for roasting figs to make coffee

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## TRAPDOOR AIDS ESCAPE

Paul K. Knapp, Held on 14 Counts, Leaves Los Angeles Cell

LOS ANGELES, July 18.—(AP)—A cleverly concealed trapdoor today was the means of escape for Paul K. Knapp, said to be a former Seattle police officer and declared by the police to be a dangerous criminal.

Knapp had been held on 14 counts of highway robbery and assaults upon women. Late today he obtained permission to leave county jail under guard to attend to business matters.

Arriving at his home, Knapp was permitted to go into a room alone and when he failed to reappear the deputy sheriff guarding him burst through the doorway to find he had disappeared. A trapdoor, cleverly concealed in the floor, had permitted Knapp to drop beneath the house and then make his getaway in a waiting automobile.

## DRUM CORPS TO APPEAR

Surprise Promised in New Uniforms of Legion Musicians

The Legion drum corps, prize winning unit of Capital Post No. 5, American Legion, will make the first public appearance in their new uniforms tonight at Willson park.

The drum corps, attired in the much discussed "surprise" regalia, has been given a prominent place on the program by Director Steelhammer of the Cherrian band.

The nature of the uniform has not been made public but Legion officials assert that it is "a winner" and in a class with the striking purple and gold Australian style equipment that swept the corps into prominence two years ago.

Stunts and special numbers have been prepared by the corps members.

## MEADOWLARK OFFICIAL

Governor Will Ask Legislature to Ratify Designation

Governor Patterson Monday issued a proclamation proclaiming the "Western Meadowlark" the state bird of Oregon. The meadowlark was selected as the state bird by a vote of the school children of Oregon.

The next legislature will be asked to ratify the proclamation, the governor said.

## POWERS AGREE AS TO CRUISER RATIO, REPORT

U. S. and Britain to Get 12 10,000 Ton Vessels, Japan Eight

## MORE PROBLEMS FACED

Size of Smaller Cruisers and Guns to Be Mounted on Them to Be Threshed Out in Coming Sessions

GENEVA, July 18.—(AP)—Twelve 10,000 ton cruisers for the United States, twelve for Great Britain and eight for Japan—such is the tentative agreement reported to have been reached today at a private meeting of the chief delegates to the tripartite naval conference.

Despite the fact that the conference has been revived by the mediation of the Japanese and the conciliatory attitude of the British, difficulties are certain to be encountered and must be overcome before the success of the parley can be proclaimed assured.

**Size Now Issue**  
Now that Great Britain has come down "handsomely" as one observer put it, in total tonnage figures and met the American views in this respect, the outstanding problem to be solved is the size of the smaller cruisers and the size of the guns to be mounted on these.

The British spokesman said tonight that it would be exceedingly difficult for Great Britain to obtain even the reduced number of cruisers as now proposed, until the Americans and Japanese agreed to lessen the displacement in the second category of cruisers and restrict the guns to six inches.

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## BALLOT TITLE PREPARED

Stallard and Bylander Seek Reduction of Automobile Tax

The attorney general Monday completed the ballot title for the proposed initiative measure providing a uniform license fee of \$3 for the registration of motor vehicles. The measure does not apply to trucks, buses and certain other commercial cars.

In event sufficient signatures to the petitions are obtained the measure will go on the ballot at the next general election to be held in November, 1928.

The amendment is being initiated by H. H. Stallard and George Bylander, both of Portland.

## VETO REMOVAL OF STOP SIGNS

CHURCH STREET INTERSECTIONS DANGEROUS, SAID

Ordinance Will Be Drawn Up Soon to Make Center "Through" Street

Removal of the stop signs on Church street at Court and State, as suggested by the city planning and zoning commission did not meet with the approval of city council members last night.

The matter was broached by Mayor Livesley at the request of L. P. Campbell, chairman of the commission, but no action to approve the suggestion was taken.

Before stop signs were placed on this street, accidents were frequent because of the blind corners at the First Methodist church, and Dr. W. H. Byrd's residence. The inconvenience caused by these signs is more than offset by the elimination of the accidents. It was pointed out.

"A resolution instructing the city attorney to draw up an ordinance making Center street a 'through' street from Capitol to the city limits was passed. This was recommended by the zoning commission as necessary to the convenience of ambulances making emergency runs to the hospitals.

Alderman Townsend offered a resolution, which was passed, giving the streets committee authority to ask the state highway commission to place signs on the Pacific highway within the city limits for the guidance of tourists in passing into and from the city.

## ASSERT INDEPENDENCE

Business and Professional Women Hold Meet at Oakland

OAKLAND, July 18.—(AP)—Woman's assertion of independence in the business world stood as the keynote of the national convention of business and professional women's clubs, opening its second day of sessions here today. Nearly 2000 delegates were here.

## OPERATION LOSS SHOWN

Eugene Car Lines Have Deficit of \$52,550.61, Reported

EUGENE, July 18.—(AP)—Losses of \$52,550.61 in the operation of the Southern Pacific's street car lines in Eugene in the past four years and three months were disclosed at a public service commission hearing today on the petition of the rail company to substitute buses and abandon the trolley service. Chief opposition to the proposed change was brought by residents of sparsely settled districts outside the city who said they contributed between \$40,000 and \$45,000 to the establishment of the car lines prior to 1910. The Southern Pacific acquired the lines in 1915.

## TRANS-ATLANTIC FLIERS GREETED

VAST CROWD PAYS TRIBUTE TO BYRD, CHAMBERLIN

Acosta, Noville and Balchen Also Return; Lindbergh Welcomes

NEW YORK, July 18.—(AP)—Through the same sort of fog and rain that obstructed their paths to Europe, five trans-Atlantic fliers came back to their homeland today.

And as the gloomy weather through which they flew could not keep the armen from achieving their main purpose, so today it could not quench the enthusiasm of the thousands of their countrymen who welcomed them home.

The city tug Macom tied up during the morning to the liner Leviathan on which the fliers had come back. Commander Richard E. Byrd, leader of the scientific air expedition in the monoplane "America" was first to board the Macom, there to be greeted affectionately by his aged mother.

He was followed by his pilot, Bert Acosta, his engineer, George Noville, and his relief man, Berni Balchen.

After them came Clarence Chamberlin, pilot of the plane "Columbia" which preceded the "America" across the sea.

As harbor craft tooted a shrill welcome and gay bunting flapped from every mast, Acosta and Noville were greeted by their wives, and Noville also by his parents.

Byrd's wife awaited him at the Battery. Chamberlin's wife was with him, having accompanied him back from Europe.

Charles A. Lindbergh, the pioneer New York-Paris flier, was on the Macom with a grin of welcome and so was Floyd Bennett, Byrd's first choice for a pilot, who was seriously injured in the first test of the "America."

The progress of the Macom up the bay was a triumphal marine parade, the guns of Governor's Island booming a salute and fireboats leading the way with waving plumes of water.

At the Battery a crowd of thousands, augmented enormously by workers in surrounding office sky-

## BYRD WILL OFFICIATE

Accepts Spokane Invitation if Dates Don't Conflict

NEW YORK, July 18.—(AP)—Commander Richard E. Byrd announced tonight that he will act as an official of the Spokane air derby to be held from Sept. 19 to 21, provided his proposed expedition to the South Pole does not interfere.

Byrd's announcement followed shortly after he was visited by Major John F. Fancher of the air service division of the Washington national guard, director of the association sponsoring the air race between here and Spokane.

## FEW MARINES HOLD OFF 500 NICARAGUANS

U. S. Force Commands Situation With But One Killed and Two Injured

## 300 ATTACKERS SLAIN

Scouting Planes Carry Word and Bombing Aircraft Save Day, Raking Riflemen With Deadly Fire

MANAGUA, July 18.—(AP)—A scant two score of American marines, supported by a few more than that number of marine-trained and led native constabulary, held the bloody field of Ocotal, scene of the first decisive engagement in the country since the occupation.

One marine is dead, another seriously injured and one member of the constabulary has been treated for severe hurts. Of the attacking force of 500 under the recalcitrant liberal general, Sandino, which tried during 17 hours Sunday to enter the town of Ocotal, 300 lie dead outside the town and 100 are wounded. Hordes of vultures already sweep over the hotly contested field.

**One Marine Killed**  
Private Michael A. Obloski of Haultette, Pa., was killed and Private Charles Sidney Garrison of Asheville, N. C. was seriously wounded. Garrison's chances for recovery, however, are said to be good. He was brought to Managua from Ocotal by airplane, together with a wounded member of the constabulary.

The battle might have terminated.

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## HONEST TRAPPER FOUND

Sends in Dime Which He Collected Eroneously as Bounty

One thin dime all by its lonesome, was included among the receipts of the office of County Clerk U. G. Boyer Monday. Someone is thought to have had a guilty conscience, for the dime was enclosed in a letter which bore no signature.

The letter stated: "Dear Officials.—With a little more consideration and study, I found that I took in a scalp which I thought was a mole but found that it belonged to the mouse family. "So I thought it no more than right to return the bounty on that scalp. "Salem, Oregon, July 18, 1927." "If it was a boy that did it and I knew who he was, I'd give him a quarter for his honesty," Mr. Boyer said.

## PLAN CONVENTION TRIP

S. P. Special to La Grande Leaves Wednesday, 6:15 P. M.

Drum corps and post members fortunate enough to be able to make the American Legion convention pilgrimage to La Grande, July 21, 22, and 23 are preparing for the last call at 6:15 Wednesday evening when the Southern Pacific special Legion section leaves from Marion square.

Reservations for the trip at the special round trip fare of \$18 can still be made through Post Adjutant Bassett or members of the transportation committee.

The special rate made by the Southern Pacific includes sleeping car privileges during the three day stay and has been quite a factor in recruiting the large convention following which the post is anxious to send in support of the drum corps.

## NEW HOUSES PLANNED

Three Permits Issued, Marking Resumption of Activity

Permits to build three new dwellings were issued yesterday by City Recorder Poulsen, in a resumption of the building program of the city which slackened over the week end.

A \$3800 dwelling will be built by Edward E. Fogard, a one-and-a-half-story building, at 545 North 18th street. In the same neighborhood, at 450 North 20th street, W. S. Lamkin will erect a \$2000 one-story dwelling.

The third home is to be built by H. Egan for Florence L. Cunningham, at 550 North Winter street. It will be a single story structure.

## HERBERT HOOVER WILL COME WEST

SECRETARY TO CONFER WITH COOLIDGE ON FLOOD

Commercial Aviation Also Will Be Discussed With Coolidge Soon

RAPID CITY, S. D., July 18.—(AP)—President Coolidge will engage this week in his first conference with a cabinet officer since coming to the Black Hills five weeks ago, when Secretary Hoover reaches here on Wednesday.

Bringing with him a more detailed report on the Mississippi river floods, Mr. Hoover possibly will take up several important problems with the president. At this conference it is also likely Mr. Coolidge will get more detailed information which he desires before reaching a decision on the question of calling congress into special session before the regular meeting time in December.

While he does not believe the flood situation alone would necessitate a special session, the president is anxious to learn how soon a report can be made on the Mississippi floods on which preventive legislation would be based.

Commercial aviation also promises to occupy the attention of the president and Hoover, who is stopping off here on his way to California. Charles A. Lindbergh, New York-Paris flier, has been in conference with the secretary in Washington.

The president had time today to put in an afternoon fishing although devoting several hours to visit with callers.

## WARD HEADS MINISTERS

Pastor of First Congregational Elected President

Officers for the coming year were elected by the Salem Ministerial union at a meeting held yesterday morning at 10:30 at the Y. M. C. A.

Rev. C. E. Ward, pastor of the First Congregational church was elected president of the association, which includes most of the Protestant ministers of the city.

Other officers elected were Rev. Haworth, of the South Salem Friends church, vice president; Rev. F. B. Culver, First Evangelical church, secretary-treasurer and Rev. Norman K. Tully, First Presbyterian church, Rev. R. L. Putnam, Court Street Christian church, and Rev. F. C. Taylor, First Methodist church, members of the executive committee.

The meeting discussed the present plans for a program of religious education, and a committee was appointed to further carry on the work started during the past year.

## TRIP MAY TAKE 3 YEARS

Commander Byrd to "Go Slow and Easy" on South Pole Flight

NEW YORK, July 18.—(AP)—Commander Richard E. Byrd found time during an interval in today's welcoming ceremonies to disclose that accomplishment of his projected South Pole flight may require three years.

"I shall go down and make preliminary plans during the first year," he said. "I doubt whether I shall be able to make it by the second; but I am confident by the third year everything will be set to make it a success."

## RICHARDS AMAZES SALEM, MORE QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Another great flood of letters greeted Richards, the magician, at the office of The Statesman yesterday, and the questions are coming in from all parts of the county. Richards opened a five days' engagement at the Capitol theater last night with the greatest performance of his nature that has been seen in Salem for several years. He has a whale of a big magic show with music, comedy, sensational surprises and a very elaborate display of scenery and costumes, enhanced by the catchy music from the orchestra.

During the mental portion of the performance, Richards easily demonstrates his superiority over any "mind reader" that has been in Salem. Just send in your questions to Richards, America's greatest magician, and then watch for your answer. Sign your full correct name and address to your question. But only your initials will be used in the published answer. If your question is not here today look for it tomorrow, as additional installments will appear each day until Friday. Following is the second installment:

**RICHARDS**  
T. J.—When we were living in Utah, my sister ran away. Is she still alive and what became of her?  
Ans.—Your sister married a man named Brand and is living at 101 Fourth street, Miami, Florida.

**RICHARDS**  
B. M. H.—Is my husband true to me?  
Ans.—He is as true as the average man. Your seven year old son would make a good doctor, when he is old enough.

**RICHARDS**  
H. J.—What has become of my ruby ring? Where can I find it?  
Ans.—Your ring is behind a photograph on the piano where William hid it when he was leaving you last Tuesday evening.

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