

# About 3000 People a Day are Carried Up the Elevators of the New First National Bank Building in Salem State Highway Engineer is Working on Plans for S. Commercial Street Bridge, First on \$350,000 Bond Issue

Weather forecast: temperature above normal; humidity below normal; moderate northwest winds along the coast; maximum temperature yesterday 96; minimum 55; river minus 1.4; atmosphere clear; wind northwest.

# The Oregon Statesman

One way to have naval disarmament would be to make heavy armament unaffordable. For instance, the beautiful ladies have been busy for several years now reducing their tonnage.

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## FOUR CHARGES TO BE SIFTED BY GRAND JURY

### Case Alleging Manslaughter Due For Investigation at Special Session

### WILL PROBE BURGLARY

### Harry J. Hontz Charged With Stealing Statesman Printing Equipment; Forgery and Larceny Complaints up

Four charges, two of them of a serious nature, will be considered by the Marion county grand jury when it convenes today for a special session, it was indicated Thursday evening by officials of the district attorney's office.

The first of these is the charge of involuntary manslaughter filed against Mrs. Ruth W. Lockwood, in connection with the death of Maynard Sawyer, who was knocked down and killed on the evening of July 19 while crossing State street at the corner of Church, by a "hit and run" driver whose automobile, according to witnesses, was identical with that in which Mrs. Lockwood was driving when arrested several blocks away a few minutes after the fatal accident.

Denies Knowledge Mrs. Lockwood, who has extensive property holdings near Turner, was declared by a physician who examined her after she was arrested, to be intoxicated. She denied knowledge of having hit anyone.

The other important case is that of Harry J. Hontz, alias Jack Renfro, who is alleged to have burglarized the Statesman office on the night of July 3 or 4, stealing a quantity of linotype spacemats and other printing equipment. He has admitted the offense to representatives of the Statesman.

Admits Past Offenses Although the value of the articles taken was not over \$300, the case assumes a graver nature due to the fact that Hontz has admitted a previous record of crimes and convictions which may result in a stiff penalty if he is convicted.

Other charges to be sifted by (Continued on page 4)

## HEARING LIKELY UPON BANK CASE

### BRAMWELL ASKS INVESTIGATION OF CHARGES, SAID

### Board Not Yet Agreed Upon Successor; May Go Further Afield To Select

Investigation of the charges preferred by depositors of the Tillamook county bank against Frank G. Bramwell, state superintendent of banks who resigned Wednesday, will probably be given a hearing before the state banking board before Mr. Bramwell's resignation goes into effect September 1, it was indicated Thursday. The hearing, it was reported, will be held at Mr. Bramwell's request.

Members of the banking board reported after a lengthy session held in the treasury department Thursday, that they had not yet agreed upon Bramwell's successor.

The name of C. D. Rorer, Eugene banker, was mentioned prominently here Thursday in connection with the office of state superintendent of banks. Members are eligible for appointment unless he disposed of the stock in the bank with which he is connected. Mr. Rorer is not an applicant for the office.

The name of C. A. Apperson of McMinnville was said to have been dropped from the list of persons eligible to hold the office when it was announced that he would not accept the appointment because of his personal banking affairs.

A. A. Schramm, Corvallis banker, who has been mentioned as a possible successor to Mr. Bramwell, appeared before the state banking board at its meeting here (Continued on page 4)

## BRIDGE PLANS GET UNDER WAY

### HIGHWAY ENGINEER BEGINS WORK ON NEW DESIGN

### State Will Supervise Building S. Commercial St. Span at Cost

The project for the South Commercial street bridge, the first to be authorized under the \$350,000 bond issue voted at the present special election, will probably attain reality some time this fall, it was announced yesterday by C. B. McCullough, bridge engineer for the state highway department, who is supervising the drawing of plans for the structure.

In a recent letter to Mayor Livesley, the state highway department agreed to design the bridge and to supervise its construction at actual cost. Under the law, the department may not divert any of its funds to the building of bridges on highways within a city's limits, but, with its greater facilities and experience in bridge construction, it is willing to cooperate in a way which will be of tremendous saving to the city, as well as to assure efficient work.

The design worked out for the Commercial street bridge probably will be used as a standard for the other 11 bridges authorized under the bond issue.

C. B. McCullough returned from Portland last night, and a meeting of the council bridge committee, of which Mr. Cullough is a member, probably will be called today or tomorrow by Chairman Harry H. Hawkins, to discuss the developments.

The hope of citizens in the Richmond district to divert funds for the construction of a span across mill creek will probably not be realized, as only a vote of the people would make such diversion legal. It will probably be opposed by Mayor Livesley and the building committee.

## FOREST FIRES NUMEROUS

### Lightning Storms Start Blazes in Pacific Coast Forests

PORTLAND, Aug. 4. (AP)—Lightning, ranking with man as major enemy of the forests, has suddenly leaped far into the lead and has set hundreds of forest fires in Pacific coast forests between British Columbia and northern California.

An emergency requiring the services of thousands of fire fighters is the result of lightning storms Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons, it was stated today at forest service headquarters here. The chances were at least 100 to 1 that another such storm occurred today, forest men declared. Rain has accompanied but few of the storms.

One hundred fires were burning today on the nearby Columbia national forest in Washington, the forest service compilation shows. One hundred and six fires have occurred on the adjacent Rainier national forest during the past four days.

Sixty four have been started in four days on the Wenatchee national forest.

Three men, perched on a donkey engine and occasionally ducking their heads in a barrel of water to keep from being burned, were surrounded by fire in the central Oregon woods all last night.

## POLITICIANS SPECULATE

### Nomination "Eligibles" Parade Before Minds of Depositors

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4. (AP)—Political discussion in the national capital turned largely today from President Coolidge's announcement that he does not "choose" to run in 1928 to the prospects of the various men whose names have been put forward as eligibles for the republican presidential nomination.

While none of them has made any declaration, Secretary Hoover, Vice President Dawes, Frank O. Lowden, of Illinois, Senator Borah of Idaho and Speaker Longworth were among those around whom much of the speculation centered.

## EXECUTION BIDS MAILED

### Willis and Kelley Will Die at 8:30 a. m. August 19th

Invitations to the execution of Ellsworth Kelley and James Willis which will take place August 19th, were mailed out yesterday by H. W. Meyers, superintendent of the Oregon state penitentiary. The hour has been set as 8:30 a. m.

The men were convicted of the murder of John L. Sweeney, guard, during a sensational prison break August 12, 1925.

## TWO RADICALS ACCUSE FULLER OF UNFAIRNESS

### Sacco and Vanzetti Denounce Governor for Action As "Murderer"

### WRITE FIERY LETTERS

### "Friends All Over the World" Appealed to For Advancement of Anarchy; Prisoners Protest Innocence

BOSTON, Aug. 4. (AP)—From the death house of the state prison in Charlestown, Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti today wrote brief fiery letters of "Friends all over the world" denouncing Governor Fuller, prosecuting officials and "state perjurers" as "murderers." Vanzetti's letter ends with "we die for anarchy. Long life to anarchy!" Sacco wrote:

"Governor Alvan T. Fuller is a murderer, as Thayer, Katzmann, state perjurers, and all the others. He shakes hands with me like a brother, makes me believe he was honestly intended and that his killing of the three car barn boys was not so as to have no precedent to save us.

"Now, ignoring and denying all the proofs of our innocence, he insults us and murders us. We are innocent.

"This is this is the war of plutocracy against liberty, against the people. We die for anarchy. Long life to anarchy.

(Signed) "Bartolomeo Vanzetti." Sacco's letter follows: "My dear friends and comrades: In the death cell we are just informed from the defense committee that Governor Fuller has decided to kill us August 10th.

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## JURY CONVICTS SHERIFF KILLER

### LUTHER BAKER MUST DIE BY HANGING FOR CRIME

### Two Brothers Also Found Guilty Will Be Sentenced To Life Term

VANCOUVER, WASH., Aug. 4. (AP)—Luther Baker was convicted tonight of the murder of Sheriff Lester M. Wood and must die by hanging, the recommendation of the jury declared. He was found guilty of murder in the first degree.

His brothers, Ellis and Lewis Baker, were also convicted of murder in the first degree but will be sentenced to life imprisonment in Washington state prison. The jury deliberated three hours.

The jury was instructed by the state that the verdict in the case of Luther Baker could be first degree murder, second degree murder or acquittal, but in the case of Ellis and Ted Baker the verdict must be either murder in the first degree or acquittal.

They could not be found guilty of murder in the first degree if court declared, unless Luther also was found guilty of the crime. Wood was shot from ambush as he and his deputies climbed the mountain trail in the site of the still operations. They were searching for the moonshine still said to have been operated by the Baker brothers.

## FAITH CONFERENCE ON

### Meeting to Promote Harmony Among Religious Started

LAUSANNE, SWITZERLAND, Aug. 4. (AP)—Designed to promote unity among all Christian churches, the world conference on faith and order was opened here today by the Right Rev. Charles Henry Brent, protestant Episcopal bishop for Western New York. Speaking in Lausanne's eleventh century cathedral, he pleaded for the removal of the barriers of suspicion and misunderstanding between men of different religions and races.

The program for the conference which has been in preparation for seventeen years, covers nineteen days. It has been arranged to give every denominational group a hearing.

The leaders of the conference hope to show that the differences among the non-Catholic churches are so trivial that the delegates ought to come together and to have the congress before adjournment adopt a resolution in favor of union which can in turn be referred back to the governing bodies of the various denominations for approval.

## ALL INYO BANKS QUIT BUSINESS

### LOS ANGELES WATER WAR WITH RANCHERS BLAMED

### Examiner Takes Over 2 Banks in Bishop, Calif., and 3 More in Vicinity

BISHOP, Cal., Aug. 4. (AP)—Every bank in Owens valley, five in number, closed their doors to business today. Notes posted on the door and signed by the president and cashier of all institutions said the action was due to the "destructive work carried on by Los Angeles city" in its water war with valley ranchers.

The banks are the First National bank of Bishop and four branches of the Inyo County bank, located respectively at Bishop, Big Pine, Independence and Lone Pine. The last four are state banks.

The notes were signed by W. W. Watterson and M. O. Watterson, brothers. The former is president of all four of the state banks and cashier of the national bank, while the latter is cashier of the four state banks and president of the national bank.

Will C. Wood, state superintendent of banks, arrived here at noon today and is supposed, though his visit was unheralded, to have come positively to take charge of the financial crisis of Inyo county. It was learned today that a state bank examiner had been here a day or two going over the bank's affairs. The note posted on the doors of the banks follows:

"We find it necessary to close all of our banks in Owens valley. This result has been brought about by the last four years of destructive work carried on by the city of Los Angeles."

W. W. Watterson said late today that the direct cause of the bank's failures was that ranchers who have "failed to negotiate satisfactory sales to Los Angeles city" as well as business houses whose business had fallen off since the water war became intensive a few years ago, had been unable to liquidate their loans.

## HEAT WAVE CONTINUES

### Temperature Climbs to 96; New Duration Heat Record Set

Yesterday was one of the hottest days of the summer, the temperature being 96 degrees, 2 degrees higher than the past three days when the thermometer has stood at 94. The lowest maximum temperature since July 20 is 85 degrees, as shown by the local weather observer, establishing a hot weather duration record.

Portland showed a mark of 90 degrees, and Eugene reported 94. Weather predictions indicated that the weather today would be little cooler than yesterday.

## SIoux INDIANS TAKE COOLIDGE AS TRIBESMAN

### Name of "Leading Eagle" Bestowed On Newly Inducted Chieftain

### PRESIDENT SAYS NOTHING

### Chief Standing Bear Appeals for Leadership in Future Years of Contentment and Help to Succeed the Weak

DEADWOOD, S. D., Aug. 4. (AP)—Surrounded by several hundred Indians who let their primitive war whoops echo in the neighboring hills, President Coolidge was made a chief in the Sioux tribe today and given the name of Leading Eagle.

A gorgeous head dress of eagle feathers, buckskin and beads was placed upon his head and in the most reverential manner he was made by the Sioux chieftains to lead the tribe into ways of peace and contentment.

### Raiment Splendorous

The ceremony took place in a natural amphitheatre in which this little Black Hills town staged for the president and Mrs. Coolidge a reproduction of the days of 1876, when thousands flocked into this territory to seek the newly found gold. On all sides of the president when he nodded his head in assent to the Indian oath of allegiance were the chiefs, braves and squaws of the Sioux tribe, clad in all the splendor of their olden raiment.

As the president stepped forward to receive the honor the Sioux had to bestow, tom toms beat out a rhythm of Indian ceremonial. Chiefs and squaws hummed softly in Indian melody as Rosebud Yellow Robe, a descendant of Chief Sitting Bull, walked forward with the coronation head dress and placed it upon Mr. Coolidge's head. Valued by the Sioux at \$2,500, it was one of the most beautiful creations imaginable. Containing 180 eagle feathers tipped in black and white and fading into a deep rose, the Indian crown rose proudly from the forehead and dropped back, its lowest feathers just sweeping the ground.

### Welcomed as Leader

When the head dress had been set at just the right angle, a hush fell over the great throng of Indians, and with the soft tread of a moccasined foot, Chief (Continued on page 4)

## SENTENCE MAN FLOGGER

### Trial of Second Man Charged With Youth Assault Begins

ONEONTA, LA., Aug. 4. (AP)—Eugene Doss was found guilty of assault and battery and kidnapping by a jury today in connection with the flogging of Jeff Calloway, farm youth, several weeks ago.

Trial was immediately begun of L. A. Clayton, another of the seven men indicted for whipping Calloway.

Doss was sentenced to eight to ten years in the state penitentiary.

## WILL SUPPORT MERGER PLAN

### SAN JOSE, Aug. 4. (AP)—Disturbed by the situation in the prune industry and the failure to complete the proposed merger of prune producers and growers, G. H. Hecke, state director of agriculture, came here today to put the power of the state behind the merger campaign.

## OFFICER HELD INNOCENT

### Man Who Shot "Kinky" Thompson Exonerated from Blame

SEATTLE, Aug. 4. (AP)—In a letter sent late today to Deputy Prosecutor Carroll Gordon of Pierce county, Prohibition Administrator Roy C. Lyle said he had concluded that Patrolman Wm. Nerbonne of the Tacoma police department "was not at fault" in shooting W. H. "Kinky" Thompson, federal dry agent, who died yesterday.

At the same time Lyle revealed M. B. Johnson of Seattle as the man who is declared to have signed affidavit contradicting the assertion of Nerbonne that he shot Thompson in self defense.

## YMCA TO ELECT NINE DIRECTORS

### NEW STANDING COMMITTEES OF BOARD ARE APPOINTED

### Successful out of Door Program Noted in Monthly Reports Submitted

The successful carrying out of an active out of door program by the YMCA was evidenced yesterday in the reports made at the monthly meeting of the board of directors of the association, held in the YMCA dining room during the lunch hour.

Among the things sponsored or directed by the Y during the past month according to the reports, were a number of hikes for boys of all ages, the summer camp for boys at Elk Lake, now in progress, and the series of religious services held in Willson park every Sunday afternoon, conducted jointly with the churches.

One of the most popular features of the Y program has been that conducted in the swimming pool, which has provided opportunity for safe swimming for both sexes.

A nominating committee was appointed, consisting of Paul B. Wallace, T. M. Hicks, and Dr. M. C. Findley, for the purpose of nominating new members of the board of directors, to take the place of those whose terms expire this year.

Those who will retire, unless re-elected, at the end of the three year term ending September 30, are John Farrar, Curtis Cross, George W. Hug, A. A. Lee, Dr. Frank E. Brown, Carlo Abrams, Frank Arbuckle, Judge O. P. Coshaw, and D. B. Jarman.

New standing committees of the board were appointed yesterday by the directors, as follows: education, Carlie Abrams; religious and foreign work, Paul E. Wallace; junior board advisor, Dr. Frank E. Brown; physical department, George W. Hug; young men's division advisor, Judge O. P. Coshaw; membership, James H. Nicholson; house, D. B. Jarman; social, W. T. Jenks; county cooperation, Joseph H. Albert; thrift, D. W. Eyre; and employment, R. J. Hendricks.

B. C. Miles was elected secretary of the board of directors taking the place of A. A. Lee, whose term of office expired.

## WATCHMAN BADLY HURT

### Howard Jones Falls Down Elevator Shaft, Fractures Hip

Howard Jones, 43, night watchman at the Valley Packing company, suffered a fractured right hip and other serious injuries last night about 8:30, when he fell 15 feet into an open elevator shaft while on duty at the packing plant.

Jones is said to have been making his regular rounds, when he failed to notice that the gate to the shaft was open, and stepped into the opening.

He was taken in an ambulance to the Deaconess hospital, where an examination showed a fractured right hip and a badly sprained right wrist. While the injuries are considered serious, the injured man is expected to recover.

Another member of the family, a 14 year old daughter, is also at the same hospital, where she is recovering from an attack of pneumonia.

Mrs. Jones has been staying at the hospital nursing the daughter. The family home is on South Summer street, near Leslie.

## PERCHES HIGH ON POLE

### Masked Flagpole Acrobat Tries for Queer World's Record

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 4. (AP)—An unidentified flagpole acrobat who for 17 days has been perched high on a pole above a downtown business building in quest of the world's sitting record today at 2 o'clock achieved his aim, but continued to sit.

The masked mystery man sent down word that come what may he proposed to keep sitting until Friday noon. The old record is claimed by V. H. Crouch, who sat for 17 days and two hours at New Bedford, Mass.

## MASKED MEN LOOT BANK

### Eight to Ten Thousand Dollars Taken from Frisco Trust Co.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 4. (AP)—Four masked men held up the French American bank, on Hayes street near Octavia this afternoon and escaped after looting tills and vaults of between \$8,000 and \$10,000.

## GIBSON SCOUTS WAR BETWEEN THREE POWERS

### U. S. Parley Representative Not Unhopeful of Ultimate Conciliation

### CONFERENCE ADJOURNS

### Bitterness Or Despair Disclaimed By Delegates; Negotiations to Curtail Naval Expenditures Will Continue

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, AUG. 4. (AP)—War between Great Britain, the United States and Japan is unthinkable declared Hugh S. Gibson, America's chief representative, at the closing session of the tripartite naval conference today. Hence there is no reason, he added, why an agreement which has not been obtained at Geneva should not be reached shortly as the result of decisions between the governments for a reconciliation of the divergent views.

The burial ceremony of the conference, held in the presence of a large assembly, was carried out without the employment of words of recrimination and, as W. C. Bridgeman, head of the British delegation said:

No Bitterness Seen "We are not dispersing in a spirit of bitterness or despair."

When the conference adjourned sine die after the adoption of a joint declaration suggesting direct negotiations between governments Mr. Bridgeman walked up the stairs of the hotel Des Barges, in whose ballroom the last act of the naval drama was played, to the private office of Mr. Gibson and shook his American colleague warmly by the hand. This was hailed as an indication that the first lord of the British admiralty believed the differences between the United States and Great Britain, manifested at the conference were nothing more serious than a slight family tiff.

### See No Rupture

Admiral Saito, distinguished member of the Japanese delegation, joining in the thought of Mr. Gibson and Mr. Bridgeman, declared in a valedictory address (Continued on page 4)

## GROWERS FAVOR MARKETING PLAN

### DOUGLAS PRUNE MEN MEET TO FORMULATE IDEAS

### Without Organization "Might as Well Pull Trees" Says Seymour Jones

ROSEBURG, ORE., Aug. 4. (AP)—Representatives of all prune growers of Douglas county today proposed a definite expression favoring the organization of the prune growers of the state of Oregon along lines proposed by the committee of nine recently appointed at Corvallis to formulate a marketing system. Enthusiastic and unanimous approval was voiced with the state wide organization which would include grower and packer. A formal motion expressed the sense of the meeting that endorsement be given the plan suggested by the committee for the marketing of the 1928-29 crop, or of some plan similar in its operation.

Approval was extended a plan to pool the 1927 crop in Douglas county, providing a minimum of 6,000,000 pounds of prunes can be included in the pool. Some doubt was expressed as to whether this pool can be completed, due to the fact that some growers already have contracted to sell this year's crop, while others are connected with local pools such as those operated at Riddle and Myrtle, Ore.

Today's meeting was the first of a series to be held in the state for the purpose of effecting a permanent organization of the prune growers and for securing, if possible, some method for bettering this year's price.

The meeting was attended by 300 men and women. Dr. E. B. Steward, president of the Roseburg chamber of commerce, presided, introducing the three speakers, Marshall Dana, Portland; Seymour Jones, state marketing agent, and R. H. Klipp, manager of the marketing (Continued on page 6)

