

Local News Briefs

Albany Man Here—W. W. Work of Albany is here for over the week end.

From Reedsport—Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stewart of Reedsport are week-end visitors in Salem.

Mill City Man Here—W. K. McPaul of Mill City is spending the week-end in Salem, stopping at the Senator.

Son Born Here—Mr. and Mrs. Ben Savorn of Independence are the parents of a son born Saturday at the Salem General hospital.

Fraxier to Portland—George D. Fraxier of the Salem Engraving Company spent Friday and Saturday in Portland.

Driver Jailed—Charged with reckless driving, George Wirth was yesterday arrested and lodged in the county jail here to await a hearing.

Plans Dwelling—A. J. Flint is building a building Saturday to be a dwelling at 710 Highland avenue at a cost of \$3300.

Under Knife—Mrs. Elizabeth Veilar, Woodburn route one, underwent a major operation at the Salem General hospital yesterday.

Visiting Here—Dr. and Mrs. James L. Sears of Hermiston, eastern Oregon, are in Salem for a visit with his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sears.

Boff to Springs—Asel E. Boff, of the Eoff Electric company, and family have been spending a week at Breitenbush springs. They are expected to return today.

Byrd Better—Dr. W. H. Byrd, who with Mrs. Byrd is at their Newport cottage, the Byrd's Nest, is considerably improved in health, according to word received by Salem friends.

Intoxication Alleged—O. L. Turner of Portland was released from the city jail under \$10 bail Saturday night after being arrested that afternoon on a charge of intoxication.

Gibbard to Neskovin—Arthur E. Gibbard, assistant postmaster of the Salem office, left Friday to visit his wife at Neskovin, where his family who have been at the beach for several weeks.

To Yellowstone—H. L. Stiff, of the Stiff furniture company, and Mrs. Stiff and the family left the middle of the week on a trip to Yellowstone park. They plan to be gone two weeks.

Suit to Quiet Title—R. M. Ryer and his wife yesterday began suit to quiet title to a piece of real property in Marion county. Wilford H. Mauzy and a long list of others are named as defendants.

Goes to Coast—G. H. Grabenhorst, of the Grabenhorst realty company, is spending the week-end at Neskovin with his family who have been there several weeks. The family will accompany him home.

Home Today—Employees of the Douglas McKay Chevrolet company will have a picnic at Hazel Green park today. Employees and their families will gather at the park for dinner at 12:30, after which there will be a program of sports. Nearly 70 are expected to be present.

To See Ranch—Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Loane and child of Vancouver, B. C., arrived in Salem last week to remain a short time. Loane owns a ranch out from Salem and journeys down twice a year "to see if it is still there." They are stopping at the New Salem.

Property Changes Hands—O. E. Scott of Salem, route 4, has bought the Jarls street residence of Walter Stolz at a \$5,000 consideration and Mr. Stolz is the new owner of the 10-acre tract out from Salem, figure on it being \$4,000. The deals were closed yesterday and announced by Bechtel and Sears, who handled them.

Hawley to Albany—Congressman and Mrs. W. C. Hawley left yesterday to spend the week-end at Albany, with Mrs. Hawley's sister, Mrs. Margaret Gelfenderoff. Congressman Hawley will remain there until Tuesday to attend a meeting of the Linn county republican central committee, which is organizing for the presidential campaign.

Recklessness Charged—Miss M. Crittenden, 225 North 24th street was arrested Saturday night on a charge of reckless driving, after her automobile collided with another at the intersection of Capitol street and Fairgrounds road. It was claimed that Miss Crittenden caused the accident by attempting to usurp the right of way at the wrong time.

Sunday School Meetings—Superintendents and workers composing the executive committee of the Hayesville Sunday school groups will meet at the Middle Grove church Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. The purpose of the meeting is to form plans for the Sunday school district's booth at the state fair this fall. Thirteen rural Sunday schools are to be represented.

From California—Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Davis and son of San Francisco stopped at the Marion last night on their way to northern points. Davis states that the trip was made over the Eureka route and that right now traveling on this highway is not so good. The highway is under construction and there are a fair number of detours, but these cause little inconvenience, he says.

Four Marriage Licenses—Marriage licenses were yesterday issued by the Marion county clerk George Keef of New Plymouth, Oregon, and L. Myra Clark of Kelso, Washington. Earl L. Mason, 25 of 1295 North Liberty street, Salem, and Bernice Reeves, of 1489 Court street; John R. Johnson, 25, and Eva M. Morrison, 21, both of Toledo; Fletcher Lawrence, and Violet Kimmel, 19, the residence here listed as 2283 Bellevue, and

From Linn Town—J. F. Westley and his mother of Seio were mid-week visitors in Salem.

Goes to Grants Pass—C. E. Tyndal, formerly of the advertising department of the Statesman has accepted the position of advertising manager of the Grants Pass Courier.

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GASOLINE TAX FIGURES GIVEN

State Receives \$470,000 From Fuel Import In July Says Sam Kozer

Oregon received approximately \$470,000 from the operation of the gasoline tax during the month of July, according to a report prepared here by Sam A. Kozer, secretary of state. The total tax produced \$433,500 in July, 1927.

Mr. Kozer estimated that during July there was collected daily from the gasoline tax in the United States approximately \$1,700,000.

Total 1927 Tax
In 1927, the total tax on fuel used in the operation of motor vehicles in the states of the union aggregated nearly \$259,000,000. The receipts from licenses on motor vehicles and miscellaneous revenues from other sources in connection with the operation of motor vehicles reached \$301,000,000, an increase of 10 per cent over the same period of 1926. The tax on consumption of gasoline thus far during 1928 the tax returns upon this commodity should be about \$4,300,000 and \$4,400,000 while for all of the states of the union they will undoubtedly reach \$290,000,000 for the year.

Fees from motor vehicle licenses and incidental transactions in Oregon thus far aggregate \$6,730,000, an increase of nearly \$400,000 over the same period of the year 1927. License fees in the states of the union on the same basis of increase should aggregate at least \$330,000,000 for the year, an aggregate of gasoline tax and motor vehicle licenses of \$620,000,000, as compared with the \$560,000,000 in motor vehicle licenses and gasoline tax paid in 1927.

All For Road Work
Substantially all of these monies are diverted by the states for road construction and maintenance. A very small percentage is used for other purposes. Here in Oregon, the entire amount received from these sources are diverted for road work. Few of us can visualize the volume of these revenues or the extent to which road construction and maintenance throughout the state of the union is being conducted at this day and age through their use and application.

In a few years a billion dollars will result from license fees and gas tax. The increasing revenues from these sources permit of the rapid extension of the highways of the states of the nation and thereby bring about a closer contact between the citizens of the different states both as to their business and social relations.

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CHINESE MEN REAL ARTISTS WITH FAN SAYS VISITOR HERE

Miss Bertha Gless, Now In Salem, Talks Interestingly Of Customs Prevailing In Oriental Land

By GENEVIEVE MORGAN

AMERICANS would do well to take a lesson in fanning from the small yellow men of China. Miss Bertha Gless, now in Salem, is the one who does the fanning, or at least a large share of it. What's more, they fan—not their faces like we Americans do—but their bodies. And does it not seem the more reasonable process? And that's a tip for hot weather.

Such was one of the interesting China customs told by Miss Bertha Gless who is visiting relatives before sailing for Shanghai as Bishop Birney's private secretary. Miss Gless has spent three and a half years in China, at Nanking where she was secretary to the University of Nanking, and now she is returning for a four year service. Four years without sight of home ones here, and she is looking forward to it!

How to Carry Fan
By the way, in China no one ever thinks of carrying a fan around in his hands. They are tucked compactly—no reason, comfortably—away in the back part of the high, tight fitting collar. (Don't ask what would happen should collar styles change.) Miss Gless probably knows as much about Cannon as the poet who was moved to the remark: "Cannon to the left of them—Cannon to the right of them—Miss Gless left Nanking when the city was under bombardment, with guns shooting promiscuously and the flash of the bayonet almost as common as the people hiding in the doorways. But the Nanking trouble of March, 1927, is an old story. She feels perfectly safe in going back now, despite the fact that many Americans still think China is a "hands-off" place.

An Inside Story
Incidentally, Miss Gless has something to say about the big turmoil that the newspapers, most of them didn't say: She believes the fact that so few Americans lives were lost was due to the heroism and bravery—or loyalty, if you want—of the Christian Chinese who rallied around the Americans to save them after the Dr. Wilson incident. For instance, the gun boats had a decided share in the safety of Americans, she says. The gun boat speaks the loudest, so it gets the most credit.

Throughout the whole trouble, Miss Gless says the more than 400 foreign missionaries in Nanking hid in the doorways. One man, alone, confessed later that he was "locked in fear" during the ordeal.

Superstition Ridden
In this county we are perhaps apt to think of the negro as the most superstitious human, but in China, the uneducated and illiterate classes in China—only some 80 per cent of the population—are dominated by superstition. They go in swimming by superstition; they eat by it; they dress by it and what not. For instance, 24 hours, so the Chinese think, and once is each complete trip. It is his duty to see that at least one person is drowned. Then the spirit is released, and the victim takes his place on the daily journey. (Maybe the Chinese would have their own opinions of the drownings in this country.)

And here's another queer belief, as told by Miss Gless: "Men Most Superstitious"
In China, the Chinese think the big and only it. Evil spirits, of course, do not bother anyone but males. So the little boy wears an ear ring, and, of course, the evil spirit seeing the car ring, passes him up as being a girl. A bell worn on the ankle serves a similar purpose.

Mothers also tie a ring to the neck of the male youngsters, the string forming an invisible connection with the mother and preventing the evil from ruling.

Mirrors in China are not always for man's vanity. A small mirror is often hung above the outside door. For the spirit! It's a fact. The superstition is this: the evil spirit, entering the home, will first cast a glance at the mirror, and seeing its own reflection will become frightened at the ugliness and leave instantly.

Girls Shun the Boys
The visitor says the better class of Chinese girls never appear on the streets with young men. In striking contrast to the customs here.

The young men of new China

are casting aside a custom as old as China herself, and in some cases are refusing to accept the bride chosen by the parents, Miss Gless reports.

And women there are beginning to come into their own! They are entering many fields of work and taking an active part in political and reform movements. There is a bank in Shanghai, where Miss Gless will have headquarters on the return sojourn, officered entirely by women. Most of the paraders are women. Woman's reform movement there is not a reflection of the feminine independence here or in other countries, but due to the changing China, the China now in a period of reconstruction, and which Miss Gless firmly believes in the years to come will have a well established government.

March Alike
University boys in China are apparently just like any other modern university chap. They run heavy to athletics, with soccer football the most popular sport. Many of the students are real tennis hounds, too. Social life centers largely in the "Y" at Nanking, especially, perhaps because there are no women students at the university of Nanking.

But women are going to colleges there; there are women's colleges here or in other countries, but to our own eastern Vassar and Mount Holyoke.

Many of the Chinese youth