

## BANK CLEARING TOTAL IN JULY IS ABOVE 1929

### Concrete Evidence of Good Business is Found in Debit Checks

### Postoffice, Hardware Sale and Other Indices of Commerce Agree

Clearings in the Salem banks for the month of July gave a "merry ha-ha" to any lingering ideas of depression when they climbed above the 1929 clearings by a cool \$208,441. Most everyone will recall that 1929 was in the good old days when business was flourishing and relief monies and doles were only vague words.

In the month just past, Salem bank clearings, as reported in the Babson debit checks, totaled \$15,021,754. For July, 1929, the clearings were \$14,815,313. The bank records of July, 1930, still in the B. D. days, were only slightly over a million above last month's check. In July, 1930, the Babson debit report showed, \$16,262,443; in July, 1931, \$14,948,118; in 1932, the July low of \$9,199,405; in 1933, \$10,869,301; and in 1934 \$12,131,742.

### Three Millions Over July, 1934, Figure

Bank clearings last month were \$2,708,960 ahead of the June, 1935, clearings; nearly three millions above the July, 1934, mark; and \$1,759,682 greater than the previous high month—April—in the present year.

The Babson debit check reports, as obtained through the Salem chamber of commerce, are the big reflection of healthier conditions indicated in other July compilations.

The Salem postoffice, for instance, reports July receipts of \$20,821.64, which figure is \$3,284.64 greater than the \$17,537 recorded for the July, 1934 postal receipts.

### Building Permits Issued in Salem during July were nearly three per cent higher than in July, 1934, with the total for the last month of \$19,241.50 on 63 permits as compared to \$18,719 in July, 1934, on 61 permits.

### Hardware Stores Business is Better

Further indications of business increases in the city during the last 31 days comes from two records.

## BUILDING HERE FAR AHEAD OF YEAR AGO

Although Salem's building permit values last month barely rose above those for July a year ago, they were sufficient to bring the total building operations for 1935 to date to a point 20.2 per cent above their sum for the first seven months of 1934. July, 1935, permits amounted to \$19,241.50, or \$5119.76 more than in June this year, and \$376 more than in July, 1934.

The year's permits to date not only exceed those for the same last year, but also are higher than the entire year's totals for either 1933 or 1932.

Sixty-one permits were issued last month by E. C. Bushnell, city building inspector, in comparison with 63 a year ago. Eight were for \$2845 in new construction, including a \$250 house and several private garages; 50 went for \$16,296.50 worth of repairs, alteration and re-roofing jobs. The largest of the latter was the \$7500 permit for remodeling of the Grand theatre, which is now in progress.

## Food Poisoning Victims Better, Still in Danger

BEND, Ore., Aug. 1.—(P)—Four members of the Ochoco national forest CCC camp were recovering in a hospital here tonight from the effects of food poisoning. Seventy-four others being treated at the camp 60 miles east in the Blue mountains also were understood to be improving.

Physicians would not say those brought here were out of danger but indicated they would probably recover. Exact cause of the illnesses has not been determined, but is attributed to food eaten early yesterday.

## Knife Murder of Husband Charged

ASTORIA, Ore., Aug. 1.—(P)—Mrs. Margaret Hart of Seaside, charged with slaying her husband, Sam Hart, with a paring knife, was bound over to the grand jury today. A preliminary hearing was held in justice court on a first degree murder charge.

## Kuhn Signs Check for Million And Salem Owns Water System



A historic moment for Salem. Mayor Varnum E. Kuhn is shown signing a check for \$1,003,042.98 which constituted payment of the City of Salem for the water system here, as Herbert K. Griffin, vice-president of the Oregon-Washington Water company, looks on. City Recorder A. Warren Jones and some members of the city council were also present. The formal transfer took place in the office of Charles A. Hart, attorney for the water company, in Portland.

## 30-DAY SEASON ON DUCKS IS ORDERED

### Regulations to Be Strict in Hope of Preventing Fowl Extermination

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—(P)—A 30-day open season on ducks was promised hunters today, but under the most rigid regulations ever imposed by the government in an effort to reduce the annual kill.

The shooting season, applying to geese, brant, jacksnipe and teal, as well as to ducks, will open in northern states October 21 and will close Nov. 19. In southern states the season will run from Nov. 20 to Dec. 19.

Announcing the regulations with President Roosevelt's approval, N. N. "Ding" Darling, director of the biological survey, said the restrictions were the only alternative to a closed season because "we've killed more ducks than we've hatched every year for the last 35 years."

Chief points of the new regulations:

- Elimination of sinkboxes, sneak

## School District Orders Filters For Both Tanks

A contract with Shibley and company of Seattle to install filter systems at both of the Salem public swimming tanks will be signed for the school board today by Walter B. Minier, chairman, and W. H. Burghardt, clerk.

On opening bids Wednesday night the directors found that by having filters put in at both Leslie and Olinger pools they could save a substantial sum from the cost of the installations as made separately. The total cost will be \$4848. It had been estimated the cost of the Olinger filter alone would be \$2900 or more.

The Seattle firm will guarantee the filter systems under bond to make the pools comply with state health regulations for standard grade A swimming tanks.

## Two Rebuffs Are Handed Roosevelt on Utility Bill

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—(P)—Struggling toward the goal of adjournment, congress today took long strides on several measures but deadlocked tighter than ever the administration's utility holding company bill.

When a hot and busy day had ended on Capitol Hill, these developments were strewn behind:

- Mandatory Abolition Feature is Rejected

The house, balloting under a method which put each voter on record, rejected, 210 to 105, the proposed mandatory abolition of utility holding companies and then capped that rebuff to the administration with a second. It permitted its conferees to demand that all but congress members be barred from senate-house conferences on the legislation—and this included administration aides.

The \$270,000,000 tax bill started through the house, filibustered by republicans and without any blessing by the treasury chief, Secretary Morgenthau. Morgenthau declined to express any opinion when summoned before the senate finance committee, adhering to a policy that his was an executive position, to abide by the mandates of congress and not to recommend to it.

## 36-YEAR QUEST OF CITY-OWNED WATER CLOSES

### Mayor Signs Check for Over Million, Judge Signs Transfer Order

### Commission Will Hold Its First Regular Meeting Tonight at Office

Repeated agitation, planning and council actions that date back at least to 1899 culminated yesterday morning for the city of Salem when through the hands of Mayor V. E. Kuhn in a Portland attorney's office the city received a deed to the local water system.

Ever since 1899, when a charter section providing for acquisition of the water plant was proposed, the municipal water question had bobbed up periodically here.

Exchange of a \$1,003,042.98 city warrant for the deed and cashing of the warrant at the United States National bank in Portland by the Oregon-Washington Water Service company were preliminaries to the signing by Federal Judge James Alger Fee of the final order appropriating the water system to the city's use.

A check for the proper sum to redeem the warrant was made out at the bank by City Treasurer C. O. Rice.

### Transaction Brief; Officials Attend

The entire transaction required little more than an hour and a half's time, City Attorney Chris J. Kowitz reported on his return here. The mayor, treasurer, Kowitz, City Recorder A. Warren Jones, Walter C. Winslow and Custer E. Ross represented the city; Vice-President Herbert K. Griffin, District Manager J. T. Delaney, and Charles A. Hart, Portland, and Walter E. Keyes, Salem, attorneys, the company.

Warrants, to be turned in by the company for collection here, also were given by the city for \$5530.16 worth of supplies and \$1936 for late improvements to the water system.

The Salem water commission will hold its first regular meeting at 8 o'clock tonight in the water bureau offices, Trade and Commercial streets. Manager Cuyler Van Patten worked there until a late hour last night on administration tasks.

## VERDICT DELAYED IN DU BARRY CASE

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 1.—(P)—Two clear-cut points of issue had resulted tonight from the trial of the Aetna Life Insurance company versus George Hay DuBarry, formerly of Seattle, in which the insurance firm is seeking to be absolved of liability to pay the defendant \$125 a month on a disability policy.

Before Federal Judge John McNary today, attorneys argued pro and con on the question of whether DuBarry purposely blew off his hands at his home in Gold Beach, Ore., two years ago and whether even if that theory were established the insurance policy is contestible.

Defense attorneys summed up their arguments by asserting they had established proof that the explosion was accidental, that DuBarry was not in serious financial difficulties at the time of the explosion and that since the policy was issued in the state of Washington it is not contestible from any angle.

## Works Progress Rules Assailed By City Council

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 1.—(P)—The Portland city council today adopted a resolution proposed by Mayor Joe Carson protesting regulations of the works progress administration because of the agency's asserted failure to provide means of obtaining "lasting relief projects."

Copies of the resolution were ordered sent to officials in Washington.

Mayor Carson had charged that by limiting the materials which could be purchased by federal funds the WPA had eliminated the local government's opportunity to take part in the program, since no city money is available.

## Gopher Gun Not Lethal Weapon

ALBANY, Ore., Aug. 1.—(P)—W. W. Thompson, 80, of Lebanon, escaped with what physicians termed a severe brain today after the charge of a gopher gun, accidentally exploded, had struck him in the chest. The birdshot did not penetrate his clothing.

## Goes as Envoy Of Northwest



### CLAUDIA BENSON TO REPRESENT REGION

### Motor Association's Local Agent Picked for Task at San Diego Fair

Claudia Benson, manager of the Salem branch of the Oregon State Motor association, left late yesterday for the San Diego exposition to represent the northwest in the distribution of travel literature at the fair. She was chosen by the Shell travel information bureau because she was deemed the person, best suited to "sell" travel in the northwest.

"I consider it a compliment to Salem that Mrs. Benson was selected for this important position," Grover Hillman, local director of the motor association, said last night. "Oregon has been inadequately represented at the exposition, while California's out-of-state travel this year has doubled. Oregon has shown only a slight gain. I believe that Mrs. Benson through distribution of travel literature will be able to increase materially the flow of traffic to the north."

### Expect to Benefit From Representation

Because the San Diego fair is attracting visitors from all parts of the nation, the travel bureau there is the focal point of all western touring this year. With Mrs. Benson now representing the northwest, stationed at the information booth, many persons attending the exposition can obtain information on the northwest not heretofore available.

Mrs. Benson has been with the motor association for seven years, having assumed the management of the Pendleton branch in 1928. Five years later she was transferred to Salem. Meanwhile she has learned the northwest thoroughly. In preparation for her duties at the exposition she recently completed a trip along the Oregon coast into California, following that with a trip north to Vancouver and Victoria, B. C.

A San Diego who will represent British Columbia as well as Oregon and Washington.

## UTILITY DISTRICT Area to Include Most of County

Boundaries of the proposed people's utilities district in Marion county were tentatively set last night by the committee working the proposition out to coincide with the county boundaries, with the exception of including the sparsely populated eastern section. Petitions calling a hearing before the state hydro-electric commission will be in preparation today. An election will be called if the commission finds the project feasible.

The committee selected Sam Brown of Gervais as vice chairman. Harley Libbey of Jefferson is chairman, Lewis Stevens treasurer and Herman Latky, secretary.

Twenty-two men representing virtually the entire county attended last night's meeting, held at the chamber of commerce here.

## BOURBONS BLOCKING BILL SAYS STEIWER

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—(P)—Presidential campaign activities stirred in another quarter today when Senator Steiwer (R-Ore) charged senate democratic leaders with blocking his bill to prevent flooding of national convention delegations with postmasters and other patronage jobholders.

Breaking a senate precedent, Steiwer named as those blocking action on the measure Senators Robinson (D-Ark), Harrison (D-Tenn), Gerry (D-Ri) and Barkley (D-Ky).

He contended that the domination of party conventions by patronage recipients constituted a "major scandal." His bill would forbid federal employees from serving as delegates.

The westerner asserted that the democratic leaders wanted postmasters, attorneys and other federal appointees as delegates at the 1936 convention to assure their own control of the ballots.

## Former Student Of Oregon Heads Manchurian Road

TOKYO, Aug. 1.—(P)—The resignation of Count Hirota Hagisaka as president of the Southern Manchurian railway and the appointment of Yosuke Matsuoka, graduate of the University of Oregon, was announced today.

Observers here interpreted the change in executives as an effort to bring a degree of unity between the railway and the army in Manchoukuo and North China.

## PRINCE MDIVANI KILLED IN AUTO CRASH IN SPAIN

### Prince Chiefly Notable as Ex-Husband of Barbara Hutton is Victim

### Girl So Far Unidentified Critically Injured as Car Hits Culvert

BARCELONA, Spain, Aug. 2.—(Friday) — (P) — Prince Alexis Mdivani, 31, former husband of the American heiress Barbara Hutton, died today after his automobile struck a culvert in a winding road at Albons, Gerona province, and plunged into a gully.

An unidentified girl, whom he was driving to her home at Perpignan, France, was injured critically. She was taken to the Gerona clinical hospital.

The couple had left the home of Mdivani's sister, Mrs. Jose Maria Sert, shortly before midnight, and two hours later Mrs. Sert was notified of the accident.

The prince's body was taken to an undertaking establishment at Albons.

### Overturned Car is Found in Ditch

According to reports reaching Barcelona tonight, occupants of a passing automobile noticed the overturned Rolls-Royce in which Prince Alexis and his companion were riding.

The passers-by pulled his body and that of the girl from beneath the car, it was reported. The girl was said to be breathing faintly.

The accident, according to reports received here, occurred while Mdivani was driving at high speed.

The girl, a friend of Mdivani's sister, wife of the noted Catalan painter, Jose Maria Sert, had been visiting at the home of the Serts in Palamos. She was reported to have missed her train. Mdivani offering to drive her home.

### Was International Society Figure

Physicians at the Gerona clinic operated on the young woman, who was described as attractive, and said she was suffering from a fractured skull.

The physicians said she carried no documents by which she could be identified. Her condition was described as critical.

The prince was 31 years old. Prince Alexis Mdivani was a familiar figure in international society circles. He married Barbara Hutton, heiress to Woolworth millions, at a civil ceremony in Paris June 20, 1933.

This was his second marriage. His first was solemnized at Newport Villa, May 15, 1931, when he was married to Louise Astor Van Allen. They were divorced after a few months.

His marriage to Barbara Hutton was ended at Reno last May 13.

## ETHIOPIAN WOMEN ANXIOUS TO FIGHT

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## Homesteads at Oakridge, Plan

PORTLAND, Aug. 1.—(P)—Oregonian's Washington correspondent tonight declared that 50 forest homesteads, costing approximately \$2085 each and located near Oakridge in Lane county, are planned by Rexford Tugwell, resettlement administrator, provided his application for \$157,275 is finally approved.

## Mrs. Thelma Ensley Wins In Grape Recipe Contest

By JESSIE STEELE

Two of the prize winning Round Table recipes may be put to immediate use this week as the Thompson grapes are in full season. The first prize one calls for grape juice which is always obtainable or may be put up after the Concord comes on.

Mrs. Thelma Ensley, box 155, Turner, wins first prize of \$1 for "Vintage Dessert"; the two second prizes of 50 cents each go to Corliss Clark, 1625 N. Winter, for "Filled Melon Rings," and to Estelle Philippi of Mehama for "Ruby Grapes." All awards may be obtained at The Statesman office.

Next week the topic is peaches. Have you noticed the markets lately? The early peaches are plentiful now and soon the big, juicy ones of late summer will

## Mussolini Holds Out Against Geneva Plan For Peace in Africa

### World News at a Glance

(By the Associated Press)

Washington: Senate lobby investigators disclose effort to start "whispering campaign" that president was insane; house defeats "death sentence" in utility bill.

Secretary Morgenthau refuses to condemn or approve \$270,000,000 tax bill.

Roosevelt voices America's hope for peace between Italy and Ethiopia.

Government calls Bremen Nazi flag incident "unfortunate," but refuses to take blame.

Congressional conferees reach agreement on \$300,000,000 second deficiency appropriation bill.

Other Domestic: Maone, N. Y.—Arthur (Dutch Schultz) Fliegenheiser acquitted of tax evasion charge; judge rebukes jury.

Foreign: Geneva—Italy, France, Great Britain get together on possible ways to keep peace in Ethiopia; Mussolini's approval needed.

Rome—Additional troops dispatched to Africa.

Addis Ababa—Emperor ends conference with tribal chieftains; women demand right to fight.

London—Parliament sees war between black and white races as "world calamity," will use "every influence" to prevent war between Italy and Ethiopia.

Berlin—Hitler orders flags halfstuffed in commemoration of Paul von Hindenburg's death; calm in face of German unrest.

Moscow—Soviet officials predict commercial air route over pole from U. S. to Moscow, as Levaneffsky prepares for non-stop flight.

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### Word From Il Duce is Awaited; Program Now Complete

### Hope of Agreement in Brief Time Fades; Refusal Given

GENEVA, Aug. 1.—(P)—Italy, France and Great Britain got together tonight on possible ways to keep peace in Africa and only Benito Mussolini's final approval of the draft plan was needed to get it under way.

The tentative program, which will be submitted to Ethiopia tomorrow, was worked out at two conferences Baron Pompeo Alessi of Italy, Premier Laval of France and Anthony Eden of Great Britain held this evening.

After the final meeting, Laval told French newspapermen he was still awaiting word from Il Duce, who had been adamant to his earlier telephone plea to accept peace formulas involving an Italian pledge not to go to war against Ethiopia during peace negotiations.

### Conference Next Year Is One Proposal

A conference among representatives of Italy, Ethiopia, France and Britain next year, either at Paris or Ventimiglia, Italy, was one recourse reported under discussion. Il Duce had not agreed to that, however.

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## POST HEADS NORTH ON MOSCOW JAUNT

### Pontoons to Be Placed on Plane; Passports for Russia Obtained

SEATTLE, Aug. 1.—(P)—A red low-winged monoplane, carrying Wiley Post and his wife on a part of their flight to Moscow, slipped into an almost deserted landing field at Renton, Wash., tonight while a crowd waited at Boeing field here, 12 miles away.

The famous flier and his wife stayed at the Renton field only long enough to give instructions to air service mechanics about replacing the plane's wheels with pontoons and then sped into Seattle.

Mr. and Mrs. Post went into seclusion at a hotel, possibly weary by their five and a half hour trip from San Francisco.

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## Married Women To Be Dropped, State Payroll

The state budget department was preparing a letter Thursday urging the state board of control to adopt a policy against the employment of married women in state departments.

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Decisions were not disclosed. Mass recruiting, however, began at noon shortly after new troops from distant mountain and desert strongholds passed in review before the emperor. The military parade fired patriotic fervor to new heights.

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## PLAN PLAYGROUND

BEND, Ore., Aug. 1.—(P)—Carl B. Neal, supervisor of the Deschutes national forest, today revealed plans for the development of the upper Tumalo creek area, 10 miles west of this city, as a winter recreational center.