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"No Favor Sway Us; No Fear Shall Awe"
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Competition for City Machines

The leader of Tammany hall, James J. Dooling died of a heart attack in the midst of a mayoralty battle in which Tammany was a house divided. He picked Senator Copeland, who had Al Smith's blessing. Opposing leaders picked Grover Whelan, who is said to have new deal favor. They will fight in the primaries for the democratic nomination. The winner will have a difficult time of it against Fiolello LaGuardia who will run for reelection either as a republican or an independent.

City machines are no longer as potent as once they were, because the WPA and other federal alphabets handle the relief so the voters are no longer dependent on local political bosses. The precinct political leader was once a potent force because of his power to reward friends and punish enemies. If a man was short a hod of coal, or in a jam and needed someone to talk to the judge, or even bail for release from the police station he knew whom to go to—the precinct leader. On the other hand if a recalcitrant wanted a permit to alter a driveway or get a sewer connection he might find the going very tough with the alderman until he made his peace with the precinct captain.

Now WPA looks after cases of need and has a longer sock than the precinct leaders ever had. The latter have to gain their influence now by using what pull they may have with the administrators of jobs and relief.

In New York Tammany is just a sick cat. In Philadelphia the old Vare machine is about junked. Federal competition has done a lot to cramp their style.

Red Cross Stewardship

People who contributed to the Red Cross fund for relief of flood sufferers in the Ohio valley last spring will be interested in the report of the Red Cross on the expenditures. The organization has spent \$20,937,943 to date, and is still paying out money at the rate of a million a week. Total collections amounted to \$25,391,000 and all of the sum has been spent or allocated.

In all 1,500,000 persons were cared for with expenditures of \$10,286,628 for rescue, feeding, shelter, clothing, medical care and sanitation. Another \$14,738,000 was required to return 97,000 families to homes and farms, the RC rebuilding or repairing the houses and providing furnishings, where the individuals were unable to do so themselves.

Kentucky got the biggest share of the money, \$9,241,000, with Ohio receiving \$4,834,000, Indiana \$4,795,250, and other states sums considerably smaller.

Everyone hopes it will not happen again; but if disaster doesn't strike there again it will some place else. It is a comfort to the people to know they have a fine, nation-wide organization like the Red Cross which can take charge in emergencies of this character and do the job properly. Because people have such high regard for the Red Cross and confidence in its staff and methods they were willing to contribute \$25,000,000 into its stewardship.

A 75th Anniversary

When A. Bush ran The Statesman he used to engage in editorial combat with J. C. Avery's "Occidental Messenger", of Corvallis—"Avery's Ox" Bush called it. The Ox didn't survive, but the Corvallis Gazette, now the Gazette-Times did, and this year is celebrating its diamond jubilee. Last week an anniversary issue was published which is full of rich and interesting history of the city and county and the state college. Liberal quotations are taken from the newspaper files; old photographs printed; and much original historical material, never before published, has been used, particularly original letters dating clear back into the 1840's. Of distinct merit is the description of the 1918 battle of the Marne by General U. G. McAlexander, commander of American troops whose bravery and fortitude won him the sobriquet of "Rock of the Marne."

The Gazette-Times was born in a period of civil strife, and retains the inspiration of that early baptism. The issue makes no attempt to review the battles in which the paper has fought, local, state and national, in its 75 years of history. Perhaps it could not, or felt too modest to do so; but it has a record victory in many crusades. Corvallis is as much the child of the Gazette-Times as the G-T is of the community. Glory be, its eye is not dim, nor its natural strength abated by the storms and stresses of 75 years of Oregon journalism.

Value of Lumber Mill Operation

Salem is naturally very much concerned that the Spaulding logging and lumber operations be resumed just as soon as physically possible, so it takes heart over news that as soon as the loan from EFC has been received, which is about the last step in the company's reorganization.

The mill was until it shut down one of the leading industries of the city. It provided labor for about 150 men. The railroad company handled many carloads of freight from the mill each month. Men were employed in the woods and on the railroad and river in getting logs to the mill. Building operators benefited by being able to obtain lumber in all sizes at short notice.

We do not know what the next steps will be, but the chamber of commerce should be attentive to the situation, and is, to obtain an early beginning of operations in camps and mill. There is a large body of timber to be cut. The lumber market remains in a healthy condition, so the conditions seem very favorable for the resumption.

The congress has passed and the president approved the bill setting up a permanent settlement of the fess over the old Oregon-California railroad grant lands. Guy Cordon of Roseburg, as attorney for the counties, did valuable work in preparing the bill and safeguarding the interests of the counties; and Congressman Mott did very effective work in obtaining its enactment and approval. It is a service to the district of great importance.

Pennsylvania is going to collect about twelve and a half million dollars as inheritance tax on the estate of the late Richard B. Mellon. In view of political jibes at the wickedness of wealth it looks as though the state was an "accessory after the fact."

The 1937 law on drunken driving is getting results, juries now not hesitating to convict. The accused can no longer sober up while waiting for his family doctor who is out on a confinement case to arrive and ask him to walk the line.

The mayor of Philadelphia has announced he will run for governor: "I do not know what ticket I will run on, but it will be the people's candidate." Pennsylvanians appear to be in for a new glut of punishment.

If the people who wonder why there are so many fatal automobile accidents will stand on a street corner some afternoon between five and seven their wonder will change to: Why do not more of them happen?

Some scientists think that meteorites are fragments of exploded planets. So disordered are human affairs on the earth one may hope for a similar fate for this terrestrial ball, without too much delay.

China seems to have decided to fight Japan. This will give another opportunity for America's "young liberals" to spill their blood.

"Install governor in Earl Snell's car" reads a CJ headline. There has been some talk about installing Snell in the governor's car.

Bits for Breakfast

By R. J. HENDRICKS

Smith-Chamberlain 7-30-37
clan reunion in Helmick park, second in all Oregon; The 1846 covered wagon trains:

(Continuing from yesterday.)
Though Meek failed to find the pass, it was known among the earliest pioneers that such a pass existed. The Indians had used it from time immemorial. The first trappers knew it. Joseph Gervais, coming in 1812, had reached the east side of the Cascades by that pass. It will from a near future date be known as by far the best pass through the Cascade mountains in Oregon, south of the Columbia river gorge. (John Minto himself gave the speaker the information that came to him (Minto) from the lips of Gervais, concerning his use of that pass after his (Gervais') arrival with the Astorians in 1812.)

Some Polk county pioneers have heard of the way wagon beds were blocked up for river crossings, and also made to serve as boats or bateaus in getting across streams too deep to readily ford.

But the Quarterly article said of Henry Helmick: "Nearly the following year he built the first mill in Salem." That would make it in the spring of 1846.

The first grist mill built on the site of Salem was the first structure erected by white men on that site, and it was built by the Lee mission people after the coming of the Lausanne in 1840, bringing the machinery from New York, around "the horn."

That building housed both the grist mill and the saw mill. In the winter of 1846-7, the logs for that mill were being dragged (of course by oxen) from near where the Marion county end of the Willamette bridge at Salem is now. That land was then heavily timbered, and sheltered many wild animals.

The "Illustrated History of the State of Oregon," 1893, edited by Rev. H. K. Hines, says Henry Helmick in the first grist mill "assisted in the first grist mill in Salem." Correct, though it was not then called Salem. It had been Chemeketa, Indian name, then "The Mills," for the mission mills, and was in 1846 "The Institute of the School of the business Willamette university, Salem was not platted and named until 1850, and North Salem was platted first, present down town Salem next, and the "Salem" that had been "Boon's Island" next. Time is too short to make explanations.

The Helmicks, landing in western Oregon with only their clothes on their backs and their willing hands and unselfish hearts, grew comparatively well to do, and in a few years had 1300 acres of good land. Their sons, James and Lewis, became bonanza farmers, warehousemen at Parker station, grain dealers. James served as Polk county commissioner, 1890-1894.

James had attended Northmouth college. He joined in the deed with his mother in presenting Helmick park to the state of Oregon.

As noted, Sarah Helmick was born July 4, 1823. Linn county official records show she died December 23, 1924. She thus lived out 101 full years, five months, 19 days.

It was in 1923 that the Helmicks, Sarah, aged 99, and her son gave by deed to the state of Oregon Helmick park, on the south side of the Luckiamute river, fronting the west side Pacific highway. It contains five and a half acres of land.

This is the SECOND public park acquired by the state of Oregon, the first one having been taken over in the same manner, that is, by gift, during the year before—the Bradley park, Clatsop Crest, near Astoria, on the lower Columbia river highway.

The state park idea has grown amazingly in the short 15 years since the second one was added. There are now 109 separate public parks, some of them wondrous and monumental, and a fractional acre dedication, and some of them having started small have had additions made to them. Others are spacious, and many of them are gems of beauty and models of convenience. The total acreage is now 19,137; or that was the number up to last Tuesday, July 20.

The parks department of the state highway commission has become a division, with an engineer, Samuel H. Boardman, a man with a vision who is not a visionary, at the head of it.

He has had and is having the satisfaction of developing a system that will run into untold millions in money value, and counted in artistic estimation and in things helpful to the race in the way of health and the same satisfactions of a more abundant life.

(Continued tomorrow.)

Identical Twins Sign up For Army; Confusion may Result for Some Officer

MEDFORD, July 29.—(P)—Some infantry commander will have an interesting time when Raymond and Roy Anderson, Medford army recruits, are assigned to his company. Both asked for the Hawaiian Island assignment. Dressed in identical uniforms, it is necessary to question them to determine which is Raymond and which is Roy.

Policeman Is Robbed

PORTLAND, July 29.—(P)—Policeman Victor Cox reported a prowler grabbed his home of silverware, mining stock and a revolver. He valued the articles at \$2,665.

"Cheerio! The flag is still flying"



The Safety Valve

Letters from Statesman Readers

EVIL OF DRINKING

To the Editor:
It is almost a waste of editorial space for The Statesman to print correspondence which depicts the evils of intemperance.

Drinking has become so common among all classes of people, and the sale of intoxicating beverages so universal among all branches of legitimate business, that it seems utterly futile to say anything against it.

Not only has drinking become respectable in the upper and lower strata of society everywhere, but tipping has developed into a religious diversion.

From observations taken in some of the leading homes of this city, I am of the opinion that 75 per cent of the families serve liquor of some form. Nor does it seem to make any difference whether the people in these homes are church members and profess to be pious. Theirs is a patronizing attitude just the same.

In the large men's bible class of business men of which I happen to be the president, I proposed the question: "How many of you men believe in absolute total abstinence?" About 30 per cent answered affirmative and 70 per cent negative. The negatives did not confess they served liquor in their homes, but expressed a belief it was entirely harmless and Christian to do so in moderation.

As long as rattle snakes are pious and respectable, reformers are going to have a tough job trying to exterminate their offspring. The liquor traffic will have to be seen as a curse before it can be outlawed.

Allen O. Hess
Portland, Oregon

Ambition Causes Loss of Fingers

TILLAMOOK, July 29.—(P)—Little Mary Lu Burbank, 8, became aware of her ambition to be a pianist when she was 4 years old. She was so ambitious that she cut off her own fingers with a hand cutter.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Burbank of Faucet, Grove severed the fingers on her left hand while cutting chittum bark with a hand cutter.

Contest Judge Convicted

LOS ANGELES, July 28.—(P)—Boris Posner, theater manager, was convicted on a morals charge today for allegedly misconducting himself while judging bathing beauty contest entrants.

Editorial Comment

From Other Papers

Not so long ago all the military experts (?) were agreed that the next war would be entirely different.

Well, how does all this look now in the light of the acid test to which it has been put in Spain. Surely, asinine.

The airplanes have sunk only one ship, due to rare luck in dropping a bomb into a funnel. They haven't played a dominant part in the capture of a single city. They have bombed Madrid repeatedly without reducing its resistance. Poison gas is not playing an important role. There are no death dealing rays capable of stopping armies, or even planes. The offensive has not withered in the defensive. In fact, the other way around, the defensive seems to be more capable than ever of stopping attacks. Consider the long resistance of Bilbao and the even longer resistance of Madrid.

The fact is that war isn't much different than it was before 1914 and 1918. It is just as hellish, just as long drawn out, just as destructive of everything worth while.

Incidentally, the Spanish war seems to have vindicated the wisdom of the French government in building the Maginot line. The ability of hastily prepared trenches to keep the rebels out of Madrid suggests that France's mighty steel and concrete defenses will be impregnable for years to come, and may prevent another German attack on her. —Baker Democrat Herald.

Fancy writers of the metropolitan are now discussing at great length, whether or not, as the result of his defeat on the court, that the president will be able to regain his lost popularity. Popularity is like virtue, and last winter's icicle hanging from the depot eaves—when its gone —It's gone. —Art Perry in Medford Mail-Tribune.

Game Board Will Visit Hatcheries

PORTLAND, July 29.—(P)—The state game commission, accompanied by Governor Martin, will leave tomorrow on a three-day inspection trip to fish hatcheries and game farms in the Willamette valley, on the coast and in southern and central Oregon.

They will visit Salem, Corvallis, Aulse, Currier's village, Bandon and Roseburg Friday, and the Rock Creek hatchery, Eugene, the McKenzie hatchery and Bend Saturday.

The party will include Dexter Rice, Roseburg; E. H. Wilson, Corvallis; Charles Riley, Klamath Falls; George Aiken, Ontario; Lew Wallace, Portland; Frank Wire, state game supervisor; Matt Ryckman, supervisor of hatcheries and Charles Leach, chairman of the house legislative committee on game.

Moose Lodge Official Is Enthusiast Over Scenery Along Columbia Highway

PORTLAND, July 29.—(P)—Filled with admiration for the scenic Columbia river highway, William A. Anderson of Indianapolis, supreme dictator of the loyal Order of Moose, arrived here today.

Anderson will attend the lodge's state convention opening tomorrow at Corvallis.

Scouts' Schedule Of Hikes Revised

Jefferson Trip Set Next Week; Marion Lake Is Viewed by Fifteen

"Everything's fine," is the report brought from camp by Scout Executive Jim Monroe, who came from Camp Pioneer yesterday for a short visit. He leaves for camp this morning.

Hike schedules were revised early this week when it was found that only three scouts in camp were qualified to make the trip to Mt. Jefferson. It is thought that this hike will be made during the coming week and also during the senior camp session.

Under the direction of Cliff Lentz and Bob Day, Dan Ross, Billie Castle, Ray Talbert, Clyde McGuire, Burrell Burch and Bob Findley explored in the vicinity of Coffin mining group has gone into this territory which includes a section of the western watershed of the North Santiam.

Marion Lake Visited
Monroe, assisted by Andy Paris, lead a group of 16 to Marion lake. Those making the trip included Donald Schurr, Angus Erwin, Keith McGuire, Bobbie Anderson, Walter Hill, Richard Casteel, Dan Norris, Paul Stallmacher, Brun Roe, Bill Bird, Benton Williamson, Jimmie Brazee, Leonard Rush and Stanley Malo.

Those making the long trek to Three Finger Jack, headed by Everett Gary, camp water front man, include Donny Davenport, Jack Gibson and Ed Gottfried.

Camp members for this period will gather for the last time next Sunday for a court of honor. Parents or friends who wish to attend are invited by Monroe to bring their dinners to the picnic grounds near the camp.

Woodburn Oddfellows, Rebekahs Slate Picnic

WOODBURN—Home Rebekah lodge of Woodburn and Odd Fellows will have a picnic for all Rebekahs and Odd Fellows and their families at Pat's Acres, Sunday.

All members are to meet at the I.O.O.F. hall Sunday morning at 10:30. Markers will be given to all cars to show their identity. All members are urged to be on time and anyone wanting transportation should be at the hall.

Missionaries to Speak Tonight at Aumsville

AUMSVILLE—The ways of life and customs of Alaska will be the topic of a mission program by Mr. and Mrs. Watson, recently returned from the north country, when they speak Friday night at the Aumsville Wesleyan Methodist church.

The program, sponsored by the Wesleyan society, will be open at 7:45 p.m. No admission fee is to be charged. A free will offering is to be taken.

Radio Programs

- 7:15—United Press News.
- 7:30—Hollywood Hi Hatters.
- 7:45—Financial.
- 8:15—U. S. Marine band.
- 8:30—Dr. Brock, Bible broadcast.
- 9:00—Home Institute.
- 9:15—Voice Group.
- 9:30—National farm and home.
- 10:00—Current events, varied.
- 10:30—News.
- 11:00—Current events.
- 11:15—Show window.
- 11:30—Weather news, farm and home.
- 12:30—Market reports.
- 12:35—O. M. Plummer, talk.
- 12:45—Sabbath news, festival.
- 1:05—Lullaby and Lullaby.
- 1:45—Delmar track.
- 2:00—Speaking of sports.
- 2:05—Chamber music series.
- 2:30—Concert Potpie.
- 2:45—Musical comedy, sing.
- 4:00—Irene Rich, drama.
- 4:15—Harmonica High Hats.
- 4:30—Stringtime, 4:45—News.
- 5:00—Musical echoes.
- 5:30—Grant Park concert.
- 6:00—Speaking of sports.
- 6:15—Dinner melodies.
- 6:30—Benson concert.
- 6:45—Zella Lyne, sing.
- 7:05—Aviation news, Norman Rader.
- 7:15—Lum and Abner, comedy.
- 7:30—Promenade concert.
- 7:45—Chester Ray, sing.
- 8:00—News, fire, weather report.
- 8:15—Night Watchman.
- 8:30—Robert Ripley.
- 9:00—Baseball, Portland-Mission.
- 10:15—Devilleville orch.
- 10:30—Bal Takaris orch.
- 11:00—News.
- 11:15—Organ concert.
- 12:15—Weather and police reports.

H2O Horseshoes



Champion of the new sport, water horseshoes, which is one of the popular diversions at Elk lake, near Portland, Ore., is pretty Violet Walters. This new aquatic recreation is played with giant wooden shoes which are tossed at a stake driven in the water near shore.

Marine Recruiter Party Due Today

A travelling United States marine corps recruiting party will be stationed at the postoffice today until 5 p.m. for the purpose of interviewing men with a view to enlistment in the service.

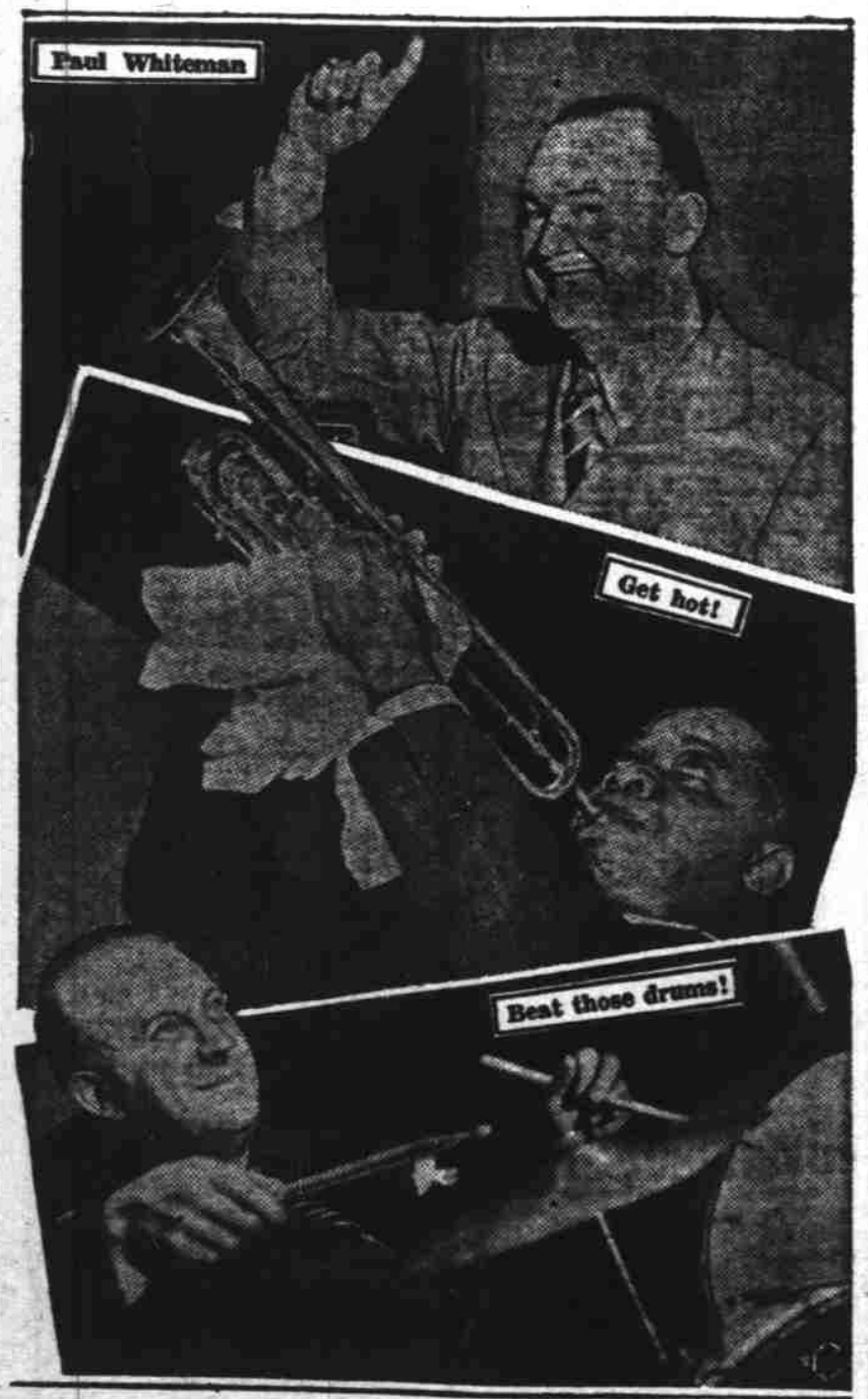
Sergeants George T. Welk and William B. Simmons state that they will be pleased to answer questions as to what the marine corps has to offer in a term's enlistment on as a career.

Inspectors Won't Drive Own Autos

PORTLAND, July 29.—(P)—Eighteen city building inspectors refused today to use their own cars in their work after the city council reduced mileage payments from 8 cents to 5 cents a mile.

H. E. Plummer, chief of the bureau, said the use of streetcars would slow up the department approximately one-third.

Fad for Swing Music Dying Out



When swing music shook the musical world three years ago with its terrific rhythms and unusual melodies, there were some who hailed it as a new and permanent trend in popular music. But today the fad for swing music is fading and orchestra leaders everywhere are varying their style and introducing numbers of different tempo and arrangement. Originating in the back country of the Mississippi bayou, the new brand of syncretism swept along with amazing popularity. Paul Whiteman, famous maestro, looks on "swing" as merely a new name for a variation of jazz music, however, and credits all the various phases of modern compositions to Negro chants and rhythms.

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