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"No Favor Sways Us; No Fear Shall Awe"

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Our Humanitarian Government

Last October 11 at his home a mile south of Gervais, Edward D. Blakely took his own life by shooting himself through the head. Blakely had been employed last spring on a PWA project, construction of the new city hall at St. Paul. While working there as an electrician he fell and suffered a back injury. He was treated originally by a Newberg physician.

Subsequently Blakely complained of severe and chronic back pains. The PWA does not arrange for protection of its workers under the industrial accident commission, but has some other arrangement for taking care of its injured workers. However, according to the Woodburn Independent which undertook, together with the Woodburn American Legion post, a careful investigation of the Blakely case, this protection was afforded to Blakely for only a comparatively short time. Since he was a war veteran, Blakely applied for admission to the Veterans hospital and was refused it after an examination. The Independent relates that on the day before he committed suicide, he had called at the Veterans hospital with another plea for treatment; a police officer was called and he was forcibly ejected.

The Woodburn Legion post recently made arrangements for an autopsy to be performed by Dr. Frank R. Menne of the University of Oregon medical school. Dr. Menne's report proves that Blakely's injuries were real and that he must indeed have suffered excruciating pain; his spine was injured in three places. It was stated however that x-rays might not have revealed this condition until several months after the injury occurred.

It may be presumed that PWA officials and Veterans hospital officials acted in good faith in so far as they had authority. But both groups of officials seem to have labored consistently under a suspicion that Blakely was "soldiering" on the job, pretending to be injured when he was not. No doubt their experience with other applicants for treatment had something to do with this suspicion. It is probably true that every false claimant harms some legitimate claimant's chances of obtaining needed treatment.

But here are two governmental agencies whose duty it was to take care of a man who was suffering untold torture; either because of red tape or lack of human sympathy or suspicion both of them failed in their duty, and drove him to suicide. If Blakely had been an employe of what a certain campaign orator last month called "big, bad business," he would have received the treatment he needed and the question of paying for it would have been determined later if there was any question. There may be some other conclusions to be drawn from this regrettable case, but to our mind it is a warning to persons disposed to rely upon governmental paternalism, that despite good intentions the government does not seem capable of being a good "parent."

Drama at Lima

The Argentine Republic is holding out on Secretary Hull's pact of mutual protection against foreign aggression, in the Pan-American conference at Lima, Peru. The appeals of Mr. Hull and the oratory of Alfred M. Landon have failed to get the Argentine delegates to join hands with the other 20 republics in an agreement for self-defense. Professing fear that the "colossus of the north" may resume its southward drive the Argentinians hold out and urge as a counter-proposal a pact for defense against aggression from within as well as without.

This paper is inclined to agree with the Woodburn Independent, that the failure to sign a pact doesn't matter a great deal because the United States would have to put up 99 per cent of the fighting in event of war.

Is the Roosevelt foreign policy one of the "good neighbor" brand, in which our concern is primarily to save the "democracies" of Latin America from falling into the clutches of Hitler? Or is it one of self-protection to this country against German march to power? The latter probably. This explains the drama at Lima, which is merely genteel methods of power politics by the United States in an endeavor to foil Germany. The stakes are not only political prestige but economic domination—markets and raw materials.

The reason this truth is not disclosed is that we Americans love to pose as idealists in a wicked world. With or without the pact Hull is likely to come back from Lima with a call for bigger armaments.

Christmas Buying Heavy

It's now too late to do your Christmas shopping early, but not too early to do it late. Crowds on downtown streets in recent days have afforded evidence that gift buying has been heavy; more gifts have been bought than in the corresponding period a year ago, although due to a pronounced preference for relatively inexpensive items and useful gifts, dollar volume of sales may not be much higher.

Nationally the same trend has been observed; in fact the Christmas buying in certain lines was so heavy that surprised merchants were caught short. The practice of holding inventories low and depending upon quick delivery of needed items brought them into difficulty when buyers discovered that the items they urgently needed were not in wholesalers' warehouses and that manufacturers were rejecting rush orders.

Disappointing and disconcerting as such occurrences must be to the merchants and their customers, they are additional signs that production will be speeded up in the coming year. Demand has caught up with supply again in many branches of industry.

Alex G. Barry won the short term senatorship and will be entitled to be addressed as "Senator" for the rest of his life. Also he will draw about two months pay from Uncle Sam. He could have sat tight in Portland and enjoyed those two rewards of victory. But Alex decided to do the thing up brown; he went to Washington, DC, established himself in the senatorial office and prepared to do whatever might be done to earn his pay. He'll be on hand when congress convenes in January, even though he won't be privileged to take part in the session. His attitude ought to be commended and not belittled by headlines declaring that he is "posing as a senator." He is a senator and is making the most of it.

E. B. Aldrich, publisher of the Pendleton East Oregonian and member of the highway commission, traveling in the southwest, eulogized the courtesy and resourcefulness of a railroad conductor on the Santa Fe, who helped him to avoid missing a connection, as evidence that those qualities are general and not just characteristic of railroad employes in the northwest. Then he discovered something that ruined his observation but was not an unpleasant surprise at that. The conductor had spent most of his life in Umatilla county, not far from Pendleton!

A wrecking company in the east had an 1800-pound steel ball which it utilized to smash stone and brick walls of buildings which had to be torn down. It swung the thing against the wall of an old postoffice building in New York City, erected 72 years ago; the wall held but the steel ball broke into two pieces. The government used to get full value for its money, back in the "good old days."

No matter what you may think of Oregon's anti-picketing law, Governor Martin was right about one thing; it is getting this state publicity. The hearing on our unemployment compensation law's certification got into most of the nation's papers, judging from those we have seen.

Bits for Breakfast

By R. J. HENDRICKS

Roll of honor grows: 12-23-38
Men who learned here
and saved the nation for
America, democracy for world:

(Continuing from yesterday.)
"In 1853, Weaver accompanied a relative overland to California, and within a few months was cured of the gold fever, from which he had suffered since 1848," says the Dictionary of Biography. (It must have been from rather late in 1853.)

Weaver had a resolved to become a lawyer. In 1855, after having borrowed \$100 at 33 and a third per cent interest, he entered the Cincinnati law school; a year later he was graduated and returned to Bloomfield to practice law.

"He was converted to free-soil principles by Uncle Tom's Cabin and the New York Tribune," says the Dictionary. "Till the outbreak of the Civil war, he was active in local republican politics; attended the Chicago convention that nominated Lincoln for president; though not as a delegate," adds the Dictionary.

In 1861, he became lieutenant of the 2nd Iowa Infantry, was in the thick of the fighting at Fort Donelson, Shiloh, Corinth; had become major before the last named battle, and when the lieutenant colonel and colonel were wounded he took command. He was then made colonel.

The winter of '63-4 he was at Palaski, Tenn., and in May '64, returned to his Iowa home. In March, 1865, he was brevetted brigadier general. In 1866 he was elected district attorney. In '77 was made assessor of internal revenue; served in '73. Then he lost respect for the republican leaders; failed of the republican nomination for congress in 1874, and for governor in 1875—through political trickery.

As a greenbacker he won election to congress in 1878; ran for president in 1880, and was defeated for congress in 1882, but won in 1884 and 1886. When the Farmers' Alliance succeeded the greenbackers as the chief exponent of "soft" money, and then the People's, then the Populist party, Weaver was nominated for president in 1892; carried a popular vote of over 1,000,000, and 22 of the electoral college. Weaver wrote a book, "Call to Action."

When in 1896 Bryan captured the democratic nomination, Weaver helped bring about his nomination by the Populist party. That was the death knell of the Populist party. Weaver became mayor of Caxias, Iowa. Wrote in 1912 the book, "Past and Present of Jasper County, Iowa."

Number 161 on this unusual, exclusive scroll goes to Reed Warden, born in DeWaver county, Pa., Feb. 28, 1838, 17 years old until July 11, 1856. He became a midshipman Jan. 8, 1834. "Made a lieutenant on Feb. 27, 1847, he was in the sloop Germantown during the Mexican war, and commanded landings at Texpan and Tampico. During the next decade, his sea assignments included a cruise on the Vandalla in the Pacific squadron, 1849-52," says the Dictionary of Biography.

He served in the Civil war on the Minnesota at the capture of Vicksburg, Aug. 23, 1862, and in the following September took command of the gunboat Stars and Stripes, on which, Feb. 7, 1862, he led the first column of the flotilla in the attack on Roanoke Island.

In the Louisiana blockading squadron (under Admiral Du Pont), he participated in the blockade of the Savannah and Stone rivers and other ports southeast. Nov. 28, 1864, Warden was elected fleet captain of the East Gulf squadron, and so acted till the close of the war. He became a captain July 25, 1866, commodore April 27, 1871, rear admiral Feb. 4, 1875. "He was stationed at the Mare Island navy yard, 1868-71; commanded the South Pacific squadron 1875-6," says the Dictionary.

Number 162 on this still expanding roll belongs to Jacob Zellin, born at Philadelphia, Pa., July 16, 1806, living till Nov. 18, 1880; entered West Point July 1, 1822; did not graduate. October 1, 1831, he entered the marine corps as 2nd lieutenant; joined the sloop Erie on the coast of Brazil, 1835-7; made 1st lieutenant Sept. 22, 1836. "During the Mexican war, he

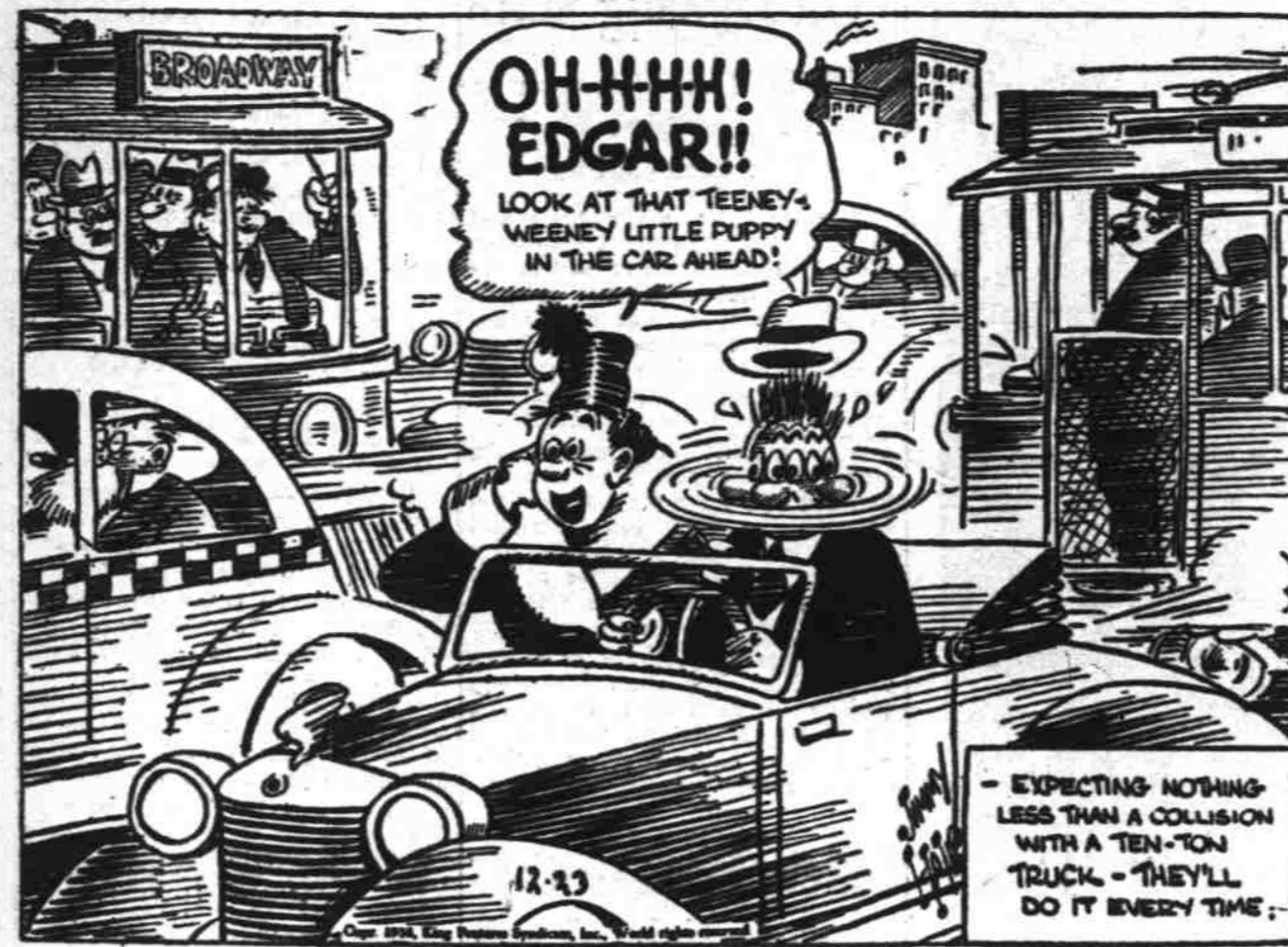
was attached to the frigate Congress of the Pacific squadron and participated in several landing parties in California and Mexico. For gallant action at San Gabriel River, Cal., he was brevetted major from Jan. 9, 1847. Was promoted to captain Sept. 14, same year.

"In 1853-4, he served as fleet marine officer of the East India squadron under Commodore Matthew C. Perry, first on board the Mississippi and later on board the Susquehanna. The marines of the squadron were organized into a battalion with Zellin in command, and they participated in the memorable events leading to the opening of Japan." (The quoted words in the above two paragraphs are from the Dictionary of Biography.)

In the Civil war, Zellin commanded one of the four companies of marines that cooperated with the army and was wounded in one of the first engagements. In August, 1863, with a company of marines, he joined Admiral Dahlgren off Charleston, S. C., and participated in the engagement against the defenses of the city. He became sick, went to the marine barracks at New York; was then ordered to Washington as commandant of the marine corps, with the rank of colonel from June 10, 1864. March 2, 1867, he was given the rank of brigadier general, the first marine officer to attain that grade. He served as commandant until retired, March 1, 1876.

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo



10 Years Ago

December 22, 1928
George C. Weller, a resident of Salem for several years, will open a store on Court street just west of Stiff Furn. Under name of Weller Hardware Paint Co.

H. G. Rosebaum of San Francisco arrived in Salem Friday to become assistant to George Guthrie in management of Elsinore and Oregon theatres.

Albert Richard Wetjen, Salem author, will break into motion pictures with his new book "Way for a Sailor" if he accepts offer from Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Studios.

15 Years Ago

December 23, 1923
Dr. H. E. Morris, former vice president of the associated charities received \$100 for the organization yesterday from the Salem Ku Klux Klan.

Nine Willamette university and Kimball College of Theology students will leave Monday for Indianapolis, Indiana to attend quadricennial convention of Student Volunteer association. They will be accompanied by Dr. J. D. McCormack.

H. E. Hallik of Halik Electric Co. has purchased property on Court street adjoining Ray L. Farmer Hardware Co. and will make extensive operations after the first of the year.

Feast of Christmas To Be Observed With High Mass, St. Louis
ST. LOUIS—The feast of Christmas will be observed at the St. Louis Catholic church with a high mass at 6 a. m., followed by masses at 7 and 9 a. m. Rev. Daniel O'Connell will conduct services assisted by the choir.

rious duties to the last day of the year, when he was detached from the navy yard to command the Hartford, the flagship of Flag Officer D. G. Farragut, preparing for service in the Mississippi. The greatest points of Wainwright's career followed, in his part in the opening of the Mississippi. Following this, he suffered from fever, which proved fatal in two weeks. He died on his ship, the Hartford. His wife was Sally Franklin Bache, great granddaughter of Benjamin Franklin.

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Buyers Offering 27 Cents Pound On Turkey Hens

PORTLAND, Dec. 22.—(AP)—Buyers offered 27 cents a pound for turkey hens today but the supply was more of a question than the price. Unwillingness of producers to part with breeding stock was regarded as the main cause of a scarcity.

The market was firm with the price to retailers quoted as 29 to 30 cents a pound for fancy young hens and 24 to 25 cents for toms. One produce firm shipped a carload of toms yesterday and another today to New York for the New Year's day trade.

Call Board

CAPITOL
Today—Doubtful bill, "Nancy Drew Detective," with Bonita Granville and John Litel and Bill Boyd as Hopalong Cassidy in "The Frontiersman."

STATE
Today—Jones Family in "Safety in Numbers," and "Time Out For Murder," with Gloria Stuart, Michael Whalen and Chuck Chandler.

SATURDAY—Midnight show, "Three Loves Has Nancy," with Janet Gaynor and Franchoe Tone.

GRAND
Today—Double bill, "Adventure in Sahara," with Paul Kelly and "Panama's Bad Man," with Smith Ballew.

SATURDAY—Penny Singleton and Arthur Lake in "Blondie," based on the comic strip by Chic Young.

HOLLYWOOD
Today—Double bill, Mickey Rooney in "Hold That Kiss" with Maureen O'Sullivan and Dennis O'Keefe and Rin-Tin-Tin, Jr., in James Oliver Curwood's stirring story of the mounties, "Caryl of the Mountains."

ELSINORE
Today—Errol Flynn in "Dawn Patrol" and Maureen O'Sullivan in "Spring Madness."

Radio Programs

KSLM—FRIDAY—1570 Kc.
7:30—News.
7:45—Time O' Day.
8:00—Morning Devotionals.
8:15—Salon Melodies.
8:30—Evening of Best.
8:45—News.
9:00—Pastor's Call.
9:15—Friendly Circle.
9:30—Hawaiian Parades.
9:45—Salvation Army Program.
10:00—Hawaiian Parades.
10:15—Hawaiian Parades.
10:30—Deana & Austin.
10:45—Voice of Experience.
11:00—Organities.
11:15—Maxine Buren—Statesman of the Air.
11:30—Valse Parade.
12:15—News.
12:30—Hillbilly Serenade.
12:45—Bob Young, Commentator.
1:00—National Emergency Council.
1:15—Midstream.
1:30—Johnny Lawrence Club.
1:45—The Hatterfield.
2:00—US Navy.
2:15—The Johnson Family.
2:30—Elixir Christmas Party.
3:00—Feminine Fancies.
3:20—Christmas Santa Show.
3:45—Musical Interlude.
4:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr.
4:15—Dick Simble's Orchestra.
4:30—Johnny Lawrence Club.
5:00—Marriage License Romance.
5:15—Adventures Gen. Shafter Parker.
5:30—Johnny Lawrence Club.
5:45—Dinner Hour Melodies.
6:00—Ann Weeks' Orchestra.
6:15—Tonight's Headlines.
7:00—Curtain Time.
7:30—Loose Ranger.
8:00—Organities.
8:15—Musical Interlude.
8:30—Hancock Ensemble.
9:00—Newspaper of the Air.
9:15—Fun in Your Kitchen.
9:30—Jan Gardner's Orchestra.
9:45—Johnny Lawrence Club.
10:00—Phil Harris' Orchestra.
10:30—Chuck Foster's Orchestra.
11:00—Pop Fields' Orchestra.
11:15—The Squires.

KXV—FRIDAY—1180 Kc.
8:30—Musical Clock.
9:00—Family Altar Hour.
9:30—Financial Service.
10:00—National Emergency Council.
10:30—Market Quotations.
11:00—Dr. Brock.
11:30—Johnny Lawrence Club.
12:00—Originalities.
12:30—Southernaires.
12:45—Tonight's Headlines.
1:30—Farm and Home.
1:45—Agriculture Today.
2:00—News.
2:15—Home Institute.
2:30—Current Events.
2:45—Johnny Lawrence Club.
3:00—Voice of American Women.
3:15—Radio Review.
3:30—Orchestra.
3:45—Johnny Lawrence Club.
4:00—Organ Concert.
4:15—Hints to Housewives.
4:30—Market Report.
4:45—O. M. Plummer.
5:00—Concert Hall.
5:15—Club Matinee.
5:30—Bill Johnson.
5:45—Johnny Lawrence Club.
6:00—Orchestra.
6:15—Land's End.
6:30—Johnny Lawrence Club.
6:45—Alma Kitchell.
7:00—Johnny Lawrence Club.
7:15—Marlowe & Lyon.
7:30—Orchestra & Son.
7:45—Johnny Lawrence Club.
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KGW—FRIDAY—550 Kc.
7:00—Story of the Month.
7:15—Crab Blasers.
7:45—News.
8:05—Ted White.
8:30—Johnny Lawrence Club.
8:45—Johnny Lawrence Club.
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WARNER'S ELGINORE SALEM'S LEADING THEATRE
STARTS TODAY
EACH NIGHT... A RENDEZVOUS WITH ROMANCE!
EACH DAWN... A RENDEZVOUS WITH DEATH!
ERROL FLYNN
as the devil-may-care ace of THE
DAWN PATROL
Each dawn these warbirds soar to battle! And at dusk some return... to cheat destiny for another night... to fly again with the Dawn Patrol!
with **BASIL RATHBONE** **DAVID NIVEN** **DONALD CRISP**
NEVILLE COOPER HARRY FITZGERALD
CARL ESMOND - Directed by EDWIN GULLING
A Warner Bros. Picture
PLUS
Walt Disney's **Silly Symphony**
"MOTHER GOOSE GOES HOLLYWOOD"
Companion Features
Our college sons and daughters... merrily they love!
"SPRING MADNESS"
with **MAUREEN O'SULLIVAN** **LEW AYRES**

Jones Family
SAFETY IN NUMBERS
THEY TRIVE ON THRILLS!
15c
TIME OUT FOR MURDER
New **STATE**

Hi-Yo Silver
HOME OWNED **HOLLYWOOD 15c**
TODAY & SATURDAY 2 FEATURES
RIN-TIN-TIN, JR.
in **CARYL OF THE MOUNTAINS**
by James Oliver Curwood
THE YEAR'S FURRIEST ROMANCE!
HOLD THAT KISS
MADE BY O'SULLIVAN - FREEFE - ROONEY
Also News, Cartoon and Chap. 3 of Serial, "Flaming Frontiers" with Johnny Mack Brown

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Sunday & Monday 2 to 11 P. M.
WORLD LOYD
WARRIOR BRAWLE

"I'm in the MOVIES NOW!"
lovable 'Blondie' steps right out of the funnies... into real life!
Blondie
WITH Penny Singleton - Arthur Lake
LARRY SIMMS - GENE LOCKHART
Last Day
Paul Kelly in "Adventures in Sahara" and "Panama's Bad Man" with Smith Ballew
GRAND
Mellow Moon Roller Rink
PRESENTS
Tonight, December 23, Christmas Party
With mammoth Floor Show at 9:30. New sensational Snowball Carnival Skating from 7:30 to 12:00.
No Advance in Price
Skating **25c** Spectators **10c**

KSLM - MBS
1370 Kc.
Tonight and Saturday - Continuous Sat. 8 to 11
TWO BIG HITS
Meet the Toughest South Who Ever Captured Your Heart!
"Nancy Drew, Detective"
Plus 2nd Feature - Fighters - Heroes - Cassidy Leads Them All!
William Boyd in "The Frontiersman"