

The Weather
Fair today and Thursday
but fogs on coast; warmer
with lower humidity. Max.
temp. 99, min. 51. River
-3.5 ft. north wind.

Welcome, Legion
From its special Legion
section today till the last
dog's hung The Statesman
will print all the conven-
tion news that's fit to print.

EIGHTY-NINTH YEAR

40 at 8 Spotlighted as Legion Meet Opens

JERRY SCOPE

By JERRY OWEN
Jerry Owen, who has written this
column especially for this conven-
tion edition of The Statesman for more
than 20 years has been editor of the
Oregon Legionaire, the American Leg-
ion's oldest and largest state publica-
tion. He is a member of the Leg-
ion's National Publications Commission,
which publishes the National Leg-
ionnaire and the American Legion
Magazine. His broad and better job
is Executive Secretary, World War
Veterans' state aid commission.—Editor's
Note.

CITIZENS of Salem with fairly
retentive memories will recall
another convention of the Ameri-
can Legion held in this city ex-
actly ten years ago. They will
remember the noise, the mill-
ing crowds, the drum corps con-
test and the parade. Some
probably have decided that
with another Legion convention
in the immediate offing now
would be a good time to retire
to their homes, bar the doors and
windows, pull down the curtains,
and remain for the balance of
the week. Such foolishness. The
general public will be most wel-
come to participate in the spec-
tacular features of the Legion
gathering, such as air shows and
barbecues, band and drum corps
exhibition and parades and will
miss something well worth while
if they do not avail themselves of
the opportunity.

But will our daughters be
seen on the streets after dark
with all these ex-soldier boys in
town? Ridiculous as it ap-
pears, such a question actually
was asked the other day. If the
boys of Salem are to be trusted
not to lead them into wild or-
gies, they are most safe. As to
the former soldier-boys—please
remember that they are middle-
aged men, many of family and
civil responsibilities, consider-
ably broader about the midribs
than in 1917 and 1918, far
tamer in the pursuit of excite-
ment than even ten years ago.

There will be some public
drinking, considerable hilarity
and nonsense for it is a time of
relaxation for many veterans
whose opportunities to smile are
too few nowadays. But there
will be no orgy—unless one is
promoted by the thousands of
young people attracted by the mu-
sic and banners who feel that a
convention gives them an excuse
for actions which border on lic-
ense.

Surprising to many not fa-
miliar with veteran organiza-
tions is the fact that even the
great national conventions of
the American Legion are more
sedate these days than like con-
caves of Shriners, Elks and
Sons and Daughters of I Will
Arise. These older organiza-
tions are constantly enlisting
new blood and are hot and exci-
table. The American Legion
has no place for those who did
not serve honorably in the
World War 21 years ago and
most of these sowed their wild
oats many years past.

Have you ever visited a college
town during a football rally or
celebration of victory? Or even as
large a city as Portland after a
football classic at Multnomah stadium?
Hotelmen will tell you
they would rather house ten
American Legion conventions
than one such jamboree.

The relaxation and entertain-
ment are but a feature of Ameri-
can Legion conventions and far
from the main purpose. The
other side is the convention
sessions where serious-minded
veterans labor with such diffi-
cult problems as unemploy-
ment, care of disabled, en-
croaching communism and fac-
tious. Tedious hours of meet-
ing and committee sessions are
what they level best to serve
the members whom they represent
in the 110 posts of the Ameri-
can Legion in Oregon.

The business sessions will be
held in the new state capitol
building by special permission of
the state legislature. These leg-
islators are acquainted with the
personnel of the American Leg-
ion. They know that the mar-
ble halls of our capitol are far
safer from desecration by souve-
nir hunters during an American
Legion convention than during a
session of the state legislature.
They know that the Legion values
the privilege and honor and that
its dignified sessions will be a
credit to its place of meeting.

No Letup Seen
As Fires Keep
Fighters Busy

Fire Fighters Withdraw
From Saddle Mountain
Conflagration

McMinnville's Watershed
Is Endangered as Is
Hillsboro's

PORTLAND, Aug. 8.—(AP)—Fanned by winds from the north
and the east, forest fires contin-
ued to spread today over
Oregon's coastal range, endang-
ering fire fighters and hobbling
or stopping logging operations.
Governor Charles A. Sprague
ordered all travel in the Tillamook
burn cancelled and State
Forester Ferguson suspended log-
ging permits in sections of Clatsop,
Columbia, Washington, Yam-
hill, Tillamook, Polk, North Bent-
on and East Lincoln counties.

The south head of the blaze
was seven miles north of the
McMinnville city reservoir on
Haskins creek and other flames
moved along Seine creek within
a mile and half of the Hills-
boro water intake. An adequate
water supply was assured, how-
ever, by the installation of aux-
iliary water pumps on Scroggins
creek.
Logging Hubs Being Burned.
Heavy equipment of the No. 3
camp of the Yamhill Logging
company was being burned and
lighter equipment was being
moved out of the danger zone
on flat cars. The camp in-
cluded 14 buildings.

Michigan Is Hit
By Quick Tornado

One Man Killed as He Is
Caught in Tumbling
Greenhouse

DETROIT, Aug. 8.—(AP)—A tornado
roared through western and
central Michigan late today, kill-
ing one man and injuring an
undetermined number while demol-
ishing homes and buildings.

Lester Baker, 31, of Scotts, 10
miles southeast of Kalamazoo,
was killed when a greenhouse in
which he was at work collapsed.
Mrs. Gus Lindell of Comstock,
village near Kalamazoo, suffered
critical injuries when her home
was wrecked.

Germany Steps up Program
For General Preparedness

BERLIN, Aug. 8.—(AP)—New reg-
istration of every German be-
tween the ages of 16 and 70 was
ordered tonight in the interests of
national defense as the nation
stepped up its general program to
establish a peak of preparedness
by mid-August.
With the press concentrating
on its most vigorous campaign
since tension developed over Dan-
zig last April, a campaigner which
was aimed at Poland—and with
reports of automobiles and trucks
being requisitioned in some sec-
tions for military maneuvers, the
new registration order was issued
by Interior Minister Wilhelm
Fricker.
He directed the cataloguing
should include details of the tal-
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and efficiency of every male and
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tion supplements the regular po-
lice register.
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istration cards.
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Legion Official
Bridges Witness



Harper Knowles, radical research-
er for the California depart-
ment of the American Legion,
is the first of a score of wit-
nesses to be called by the de-
fense in the Harry Bridges de-
portation hearing. The defense
is attempting to establish from
Knowles' testimony that impro-
per inducements were offered
witnesses to testify against
examiner and dean of the Har-
vard law school, yesterday told
Knowles that he couldn't under-
stand his English.

\$50,000 Increase
Asked by Hutton

Fire Department Program
Calls for Setting up
Alarm System

A \$50,000 expansion program
for the Salem fire department
is proposed in its budget estimate
submitted to the city recorder
yesterday by Chief Harry Hutton.
The special requests include
\$12,000 for eight additional fire-
men, installation of a 240-hp
\$30,000 fire alarm system, pur-
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er truck to replace the present
squad car, a new chief's car and
repainting of the central fire sta-
tion quarters.

Hutton asked for \$67,560 in
his regular budget as against
\$64,650 sought a year ago.
A \$1500 increase is requested
for the police department in an
estimate of \$41,140 for 1940
needs filed by Chief Frank Minto.
The increase is due to routine
salary increases and budget pro-
vision for the extra salary of an
officer as assistant chief and salary
of a stenographer.

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Protest to UCC

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Federation of Labor today to pro-
test a tentative regulation adopted
by the state unemployment com-
mission which interprets seasonal
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Bridges Case
Testimony Is
Held Paid for

Legion Prober Testifies
Doyle May Have Given
Money in Case

Knowles Charges Defense
Obtained Evidence
'Illegally'

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 8.—(AP)—A charge that "illegal means"
had been used to procure copies
of letters introduced by the de-
fense in the Harry Bridges de-
portation trial was voiced just
before tonight's recess by Har-
per Knowles of San Francisco,
anti-radical investigator for the
American Legion in California.
The argument arose regarding
a letter identified as correspond-
ence between Knowles and Homer
Chailleaux, a director of the
American Legion's committee on
Americanization.
Knowles was granted permis-
sion to seek counsel before com-
ing to the stand again and Cap-
tain John J. Keegan of the Port-
land, Ore., police was instructed
to be ready as tomorrow's first
witness for the defense.

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KLAMATH TEAM OFFERS SMILES, BEAUTY



Above are shown the 15 smiling members of the Klamath Falls Junior Auxiliary drill team, who will
participate in the junior band and drum corps exhibition tomorrow night, as well as in the senior
exhibition after the parade Friday night when they execute a drill modeled after one which cap-
tivated the national Legion convention in Los Angeles last year. They are, left to right, Clarice Fur-
ness, Mary Jane Metler, Marvella Kohler, Ruth Hall, Kathleen Mueller, Yvonne Petersteiner, Fran-
cine Foster, Bethal Hutchinson, Janice Poff, Gloria Petersteiner, Peggy Cook, Dorothy Laurensen,
Maxine Laurensen, Marylou Fowler and Rose Gallagher.

Concern Is Felt
For US Missions

Courier Is Sent to Find
Fate of Kaifeng Body
After Riots

SHANGHAI, Aug. 8.—(AP)—Con-
cern for the safety of an American
mission colony at Kaifeng led to-
day to a courier being sent from
Chengchow to determine their fate
during recent anti-American de-
monstrations.
A courier reported Saturday
that the missionaries were preparing
to leave the northern Honan city be-
cause of increasing anti-American
pressure. The Japanese army holds
Kaifeng; Chengchow, 45 miles to
the west, is in Chinese hands.
Huge crowds were reported by
the Japanese-owned Peiping
Chronicle to have gathered before
American establishments in Kai-
feng shouting slogans.
Though some may have left al-
ready, the United States consular
list in Hankow indicated there
were 30 American missionaries in
Kaifeng, including 15 nuns and
four priests. (Most of the protes-
tant missionaries there are of the
Southern Baptist and Free Metho-
dist missions.)
Other anti-American distur-
bances were reported at Hwhosen,
in Shansi province, and Shihchia
chwang, in Hopeh. Mr. and Mrs.
Ralph C. Scoville of Los Angeles
were driven by the anti-American
campaign from the Hwhosen post
to take refuge at Kiehsiu, 50
miles north. It was not known
whether any Americans were in
Shihchiachwang.

The foreign-controlled areas of
Shanghai began preparing against
possible outbreaks of violence as
the second anniversary approach-
ed of the outbreak of Chinese Ja-
panese fighting in the Shanghai
region August 18, 1937.

Johnson Leading
Mississippi Vote

JACKSON, Miss., Aug. 8.—(AP)—
Judge Paul E. Johnson of Hatties-
burg built up a 1200-vote lead
over former Governor Mike Ben-
nett Conner in the gubernatorial
democratic primary race at 9:15
p. m. (PST) as the two began
to outdistance the seven-candidate
field.
They seemed certain to meet
in a runoff primary August 29.
Johnson had 6629 votes and
Conner 5424 when returns had been
counted from 293 of the
state's 1600 precincts. Voting was
slow in the rural areas, but the
returns were scattered through-
out the state.
National significance was at-
tached to the election because
Johnson was backed by Senator
Bilbo (D. Miss.), friendly to
President Roosevelt, while indica-
tions have been Senator Harrison
(D. Miss.), who has opposed some
new deal measures, would take
the stump in the runoff for whomever opposed Johnson.

Welder Is Burned
In Gas Accident

PENDLETON, Ore., Aug. 8.—
(Ferguson) Neil Rock, employe of
the Ferguson Motor company, today
was being treated at St. Anthony's
hospital for burns suffered yester-
day in a freak accident.
Rock was in the company's
shop when a workman carrying
a gasoline can passed within eight
feet of an acetylene welder.
Sparks from the welding torch
ignited the gasoline which spread
over the floor, burning Rock. A
portion of a car also was burned be-
fore firemen extinguished the blaze.

Lebanon Boy Dies
Underneath Truck

LEBANON, Aug. 8.—(AP)—Robert
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lumber truck driven by Albert Si-
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friend was tossed free of the
truck. The fatality was the first
traffic death in Lebanon in five
years.

Vic Meyers Stuck
With Traffic Tag

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 8.—(AP)—
Lieutenant Governor V. J. A.
Meyers stumbled over Portland's
"stuck" traffic tag today when
he stopped here for a few hours
en route to eastern Oregon fish-
ing trip.
It cost him \$4 to regain posses-
sion of his car.

Zouave Girls Are
Up From Klamath;
Smart Drill Team

Special guests of the Legion
during the convention which
starts today will be the Klamath
Falls Junior Girls' Zouave drill
team, which will appear official-
ly for the first time tomorrow
night during the junior drum and
bugle corps and junior bands con-
test at 7:30 at Sweetland field.

Storm Is Heading
For Florida Coast

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Aug. 8.—
(AP)—A tropical storm, first charted
in a developing stage this
morning, was reported late today
about 200 miles north of Puerto
Rico and moving west northwest-
ward.

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Fire Razes Barn
And Tons of Hay

Grain Fields Threatened
Before Blaze Put out
Near Jefferson

Fire attributed to spontaneous
combustion destroyed a large barn
and 1500 tons of baled hay on
the Henry Thompson place five
miles north of Jefferson on the
Pacific highway last night.
State Patrolman Howard L.
Benninghof, who arrived at the
fire a few minutes after John
Terhune, a neighbor of Thomp-
son's, had discovered it, reported
at 11:30 p. m. that the flames
had not yet been entirely put out
and remained a threat to ad-
jacent grain fields.
The Jefferson fire department
and more than 50 Jefferson citi-
zens called out by the officer
found it impossible to control the
barn fire and turned their at-
tention to saving the Thompson
residence and the grain fields.
None of the Thompson livestock
was in the barn when the fire
broke out. A truck and other
farm equipment were moved out
by early volunteer fire fighters.
Mrs. Thompson was at home
alone at the time.

Bridges Goes out
After Nomination

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—(AP)—A
couple of republicans just out of
their thirties teamed up today for
the purpose of electing Senator
H. Styles Bridges, of New Hamp-
shire, the next president of the
United States.
One was Bridges himself, just
past 41, and the other was Rep-
resentative Charles Hawks, Jr., of
Horicon, Wis., a first term mem-
ber of the house who turned 40
only last month.

Amity Boys Are Winners
Of High Honors at Show

PORTLAND, Aug. 8.—(AP)—
Ratings of superior were given
Albert Derveau and Frances
Stupfel, both of Amity, in Future
Farmers team poultry judging
contest at the world's poultry
congress in Cleveland. Earl R.
Cooley, state supervisor of agri-
cultural education for the state
board of vocational education,
said today. James Bany and
John Stewart, both of Canby,
were ranked as excellent.

Roosevelt Holds Opposition
Gambling on Upturn Chance

HYDE PARK, N.Y., Aug. 8.—(AP)—
President Roosevelt asserted to-
day that a coalition of congress-
ional republicans and democrats
had gambled with the welfare of
1,500,000,000 people in rejecting
his neutrality program and with
the livelihood of 20,000,000 Ameri-
cans in scuttling the lending
and housing measures.
At his first press conference
since the congressional session
ended, the president said a solid
republican minority and 20 to 25
per cent of the democrats in con-
gress had:
(1) Made a large wager with
the nation, on neutrality, that
there would be no war until suffi-
ciently long after they returned
to Washington in January for
them to take care of things; and
(2) Wagered that private indus-
try and business would take up
the slack occasioned by dropping
a million WPA workers this year
and by closing out next spring a
WPA program which had been
providing 2,000,000 jobs.
If this coalition loses, his neu-
trality wagers, Mr. Roosevelt de-
clared, it may affect a billion and
a half human beings. That, he
added, is pretty important.
If these legislators were wrong,
he continued, they have tied his
hands and he has practically no

Stunt Parade
Is First Act
For Conclave

Committee Meetings Are
on Slate of Events
for Today

Big fun Parade Starts
at 7:30 P. M. From
Marion Square

LEGION CONVENTION
HIGHLIGHTS TODAY

All day—Registration, conven-
tion headquarters on courthouse
lawn; carnival on Cottage street.
10 p. m.—Legion Auxiliary de-
partment executive committee
meets.
6 p. m.—Streets of Paris open,
South Liberty street.
6 p. m.—Legion committees on
credentials and committees meet,
chamber of commerce.
8:30 p. m.—40 at 8 banquet,
Quelle restaurant.
7:30 p. m.—40 at 8 parade.
8 p. m.—Legion department ex-
ecutive committee meets, chamber
of commerce.
8:45 p. m.—Dancing, Crystal
Gardens.
9 p. m.—40 at 8 buffet supper,
Elks temple.
10 p. m.—40 at 8 wreck, Elks
temple.

Spotlight today as the 21st an-
nual Oregon department conven-
tion of the American Legion
opens will be upon La Societe des
Quarante Hommes et Huit Che-
vaux, more briefly known as the
40 at 8, which opens the festivi-
ties with its novelty parade sched-
uled for 7:30 p. m.

Not that there is any rivalry be-
tween the 40 at 8 and its parent
organization, the Legion—but fol-
lowing up the declaration of high
Legion officials that the main con-
vention would be the biggest ever
held in Oregon, Bert Victor, chair-
man of the 40 at 8 convention
committee, announced that to-
day's 40 at 8 gathering would be
the largest ever, not only in Ore-
gon but also in the northwest.

Registration of Legion delegates
and visitors, and delegates of the
subsidiary organizations, will be
under way all day, and various
committee meetings will be held,
as well as the major sessions of
La Boutique des Huit Cheapeu et
Quarante Femmes. This auxiliary
to the 40 at 8 will hold a "pow-
wow" meeting at 10 a. m. in the
Senator hotel, a luncheon at 11:30
at the Quelle restaurant and
Marche Call in room 21, capitol
building, at 1 o'clock, as well as
its banquet tonight at 6:30, again
at the Quelle, and installation and
initiation at 9 p. m. at the capitol.
The Legion committee on com-
mittees and its committee on ere-
ditentials will meet tonight at 6
o'clock at the chamber of com-
merce and the department execu-
tive committee will meet at the
same place at 8 p. m.
But for the public, the outstand-
ing event will be the 40 at 8 pa-
rade at 7:30, a spectacle in which
novelty stunts will predominate.
The parade will start at the state
(Turn to Page 2, Col. 3.)

Heat Reaches 99
After Hot Start

Thirteen days of higher than 90
degree temperatures were behind
Salem yesterday as the thermom-
eter climbed after reaching a
maximum of 99 at about 3 p. m.
These days, eight of which ex-
ceeded 95 degrees, have all occur-
red in less than the month since
the heat spell struck first July 12.
An apparent new record for the
year fixed out later in the after-
noon when, after reaching an un-
precedentedly high 98 when it
was only 1:30, the mercury
slumped one degree at 2:30 and
failed to put on the usual later
afternoon rise. All through the
morning, beginning with the 9:30
a. m. reading of 81, the thermom-
eter read at high or higher than
any day this year.

Legion Meet
Covered
Like a Tent

Today's special edition of
The Oregon Statesman con-
tains complete advance cov-
erage of all important displays,
meetings, parades and exhibi-
tions to be held in connection
with the American Legion de-
partment convention which
starts here today.
This edition also contains
the complete program for both
Legion and Auxiliary for the
full session, as well as up-
to-the-minute news on each event.
The Statesman will continue to
publish full accounts of all con-
vention activities.
For complete advance news
on the convention, turn to
pages three, six and seven.