

A Growing Newspaper
The Oregon Statesman is a steadily growing newspaper. Its readers know the reasons: It's reliable, complete, lively and always interesting.

Weather
Fair today; cloudier Friday; fogs on the coast; little change in temperature. Max. temp. Wednesday 69, min. 35. River 2.5 ft. North wind.

EIGHTY-NINTH YEAR

In One Ear..

Paul Hauser's Column

Martha Hassett is a pretty girl about 17 years old who lives in the little town of Brookings way down the coast highway in Curry county.

Ralph Gifford, the highway department photographer, gets the credit for discovering Martha Hassett. He went down into Curry county with Say's orders to get some pictures of the azaleas in bloom.

MILITARY NOTE
The state of Oregon's artillery, apparently parked for the duration in a vacant lot a block from the capitol, is again complete after Willamette boys borrowed a cannon and all muzzles again bear directly on the office of Secretary of State, Earl Snell.

Dear Sir:
As a commercial beekeeper and honey producer for a good many years, may I take this opportunity of recommending as a deputy bee inspector for your county the same man as we had last year, Mr. ...

Lions to Honor
Salem High Team
The Salem Lions club will honor the 1940 state champion Salem high school basketball team and its coach, Harold Hauk, at the club's regular luncheon meeting at the Marlon hotel today noon, President Glenn Gregg announced yesterday.

Sleepy Housewife Is Accused
In Murder-for-Cash Cleanup
NEW YORK, March 20-(AP)—An unsmiling, sleepy housewife who doubled as a bail bond broker was accused today by Brooklyn District Attorney William O'Dwyer as the "most important" member of a "fixing" family for a wholesale "murder-for-cash" syndicate.

Nine Hostile Ships Sunk, Says Berlin

Senate Votes \$212,000,000 Farm Aid Bill

Democrats Utilize Debate to Put Senator Taft on Political Spot

Economy Program Dented by 63-19 Tally for Parity Payments

WASHINGTON, March 20-(AP)—The senate knocked a big dent in the congressional economy program today with a 63 to 19 vote approving a \$212,000,000 appropriation for "parity payments" to farmers.

Administration senators and others from farming areas overwhelmed the economy forces. The debate found Senator Taft (R, Ohio) subjected to a sharp democratic cross-examination on his fiscal views.

Farley Statement Meaning Disputed

Democratic Chairman Says His Name in Chicago Convention Hat

WASHINGTON, March 20-(AP)—Postmaster General Farley's statement that he was in the presidential race "without reservation" prompted some legislators to predict tonight that President Roosevelt would not seek a third term—but others were not so sure.

Klepper Is Candidate

PORTLAND, March 20-(AP)—Milton R. Klepper, former state senator, announced his candidacy for Oregon republican national committeeman today.

Five Germans Die in Patrol Action
PARIS, March 20-(AP)—Military dispatches tonight said a British patrol operating on the western front last night attacked a German patrol, killing five soldiers and taking one prisoner.

House Group Rejects Proposals to Change NLRB Act Procedure

Refuses to Reconsider Once-Dropped Move to Put out Present Labor Board Members; Turns Down Three Major Revision Recommendations

WASHINGTON, March 20.-(AP)—An adamant house labor committee took a firm stand today against revising the Wagner act and against changing procedure of the labor relations board. It decisively defeated a number of key proposals recommended by the Smith committee which has been investigating the board.

Steelhammer Runs For Legislature

Albert Egan Says He'll Ask Democratic Selection as County Recorder

The members reaffirmed their decision of yesterday to add two members to the three-man board, rather than abolish the existing board and create a new one of five members.

Retail Trade in Salem Runs High

Capital Makes Second Best Gain on Coast During Month of February

SAN FRANCISCO, March 20-(AP)—Pacific coast retailers made big strides in February trade census bureau records showed today. Pacific northwest gains outstripped those of California, as Oregon displaced Washington from No. 1 spot.

PGE Stays out of PUD Hearing Here

The Portland General Electric company, utility that would be affected most extensively, will not make a formal appearance at Marlon county people's utility district hearing to be conducted in the old high school auditorium in Salem at 8 o'clock tonight, W. M. Hamilton, division manager, announced yesterday.

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Fire Burns House, But Damage Small

Fire from an unknown cause damaged a house at 520 North 19th, occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Chet Barnes, last night.

Paul Reynaud Drafts 'Push War' Cabinet

French Finance Minister Asked to Take Over Premier's Duties

All Political Parties to Have Part; Socialist Group Controls

PARIS, March 21-(AP)—Persons close to Paul Reynaud said early today that he hoped before the day was out to complete a new "push the war" cabinet for France and end the government crisis precipitated by the resignation of the cabinet of Edouard Daladier.

Abandoning Hop Agreement Urged

Brewer Representative 1st to Propose Quitting Control Program

SANTA ROSA, Calif., March 20-(AP)—Abandonment of the system of hop marketing control agreements was proposed at the closing session tonight of the AAA Pacific coast hearings for the industry.

Portland Artery Plans Submitted

PORTLAND, March 20-(AP)—Proposed development of a city traffic artery hinged today on construction of a six-lane highway along the Willamette river.

Smelt Licenses Pay

PORTLAND, March 20-(AP)—Smelt dippers, paying 50 cents each for the privilege of netting the Sandy river's first run since 1936, gave the state game commission a total of \$1380. Licenses were issued to 2760 fishermen compared with 2536 four years ago.

Wide Selections of Goods Observed in Salem Stores

Did you know? Salem has 425 retail stores. They represent virtually every type of business.

Oil and Gasoline for Germany's Air Forces 'Piped' From Russia



Oil for the German military machine, including its air force, is transferred at this former Polish rail junction of Przemysl, now belonging to Russia, from Soviet wide-gauge railway tank cars (left) to German narrow-gauge cars (right). Difference in track gauges makes direct shipment impossible.

Helen Southwick Passes Away Here

92nd Birthday This Month; Was Prominent, Church and Political Life

Mrs. Helen M. Southwick, who would have been 92 years of age on March 29, died Wednesday morning at her home, 1163 Madison street. She had lived in Salem for 58 years.

War Dependents' Pension Offered

WASHINGTON, March 20-(AP)—A house committee approved today a bill to pension the dependents of World War veterans who from causes not connected with their service.

End to Purchase of Silver Voted

WASHINGTON, March 20-(AP)—The senate banking committee today approved legislation to end the government's foreign silver purchases by a margin which left even opponents to the bill to predict its passage.

Lumber Firm Locates

SPRINGFIELD, Ore., March 20-(AP)—The half-million dollar Roanoke Lumber company, formerly operating in Arkansas, will open here early in April, officials said today.

Convoy Bombed By Planes off Scotch Coast

Naval and Merchant Ships Hit in Retaliation for Silt Attack

Abandonment of One and Damage to Three Is Admitted, London

BERLIN, March 21-(Thursday)-(AP)—Nine British warships and merchantmen with an approximate tonnage of 43,000 were sunk, and two merchant ships of about 11,000 tons, were severely damaged in a German bombing raid on a convoy off the Scottish coast yesterday, DNB, official German news agency declared today.

LONDON, March 21-(Thursday)-(AP)—Germany's air force hit back last night in revenge for the tremendous pounding which British planes dealt out to Silt.

High Court Takes Gov. Rivers Case

Appellate Judge Agrees to Accept Jurisdiction, Contempt Action

NEW ORLEANS, March 20-(AP)—A federal appellate court today lifted a jail sentence threat from Governor E. D. Rivers of Georgia—at least temporarily.

Mercury Hits 69, Record for Year

The mercury climbed up to a new high for 1940 yesterday from 3:30 to 4:30 p. m. in Salem, according to Roderic Barklow, airways observer at the local weather bureau. The day's maximum was 69 degrees and the minimum 35.

Roosevelt Better But Stays in Bed

WASHINGTON, March 20-(AP)—President Roosevelt's temperature returned to normal tonight. He had spent the day in bed to shake off a cold.

5th Largest British Liner To Sail Today, Troop Ship

NEW YORK, March 20-(AP)—The 35,739-ton Mauretania, fifth largest liner in the British merchant marine, entered a new and dangerous role as a troop transport tonight.

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