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# **Prices** Attractive?

# Trading in Gold Dust, Pigs, Wheat Feature of Salem's First Store

#### By Winston H. Taylor Staff Writer, The Statesm (Pictures on Page 1)

Butter at 20 cents a pound, shoes at \$2 a pair, even calico in the latest, brightest colors at 33 scents per yard-with pigs, fence rails, lumber, wheat or a day's labor accepted in part payment-those were merchandising conditions in Salem 100 years ago this winter, when Thomas Cox opened the city's first store, at Ferry and South Commercial streets.

Only a plaque on the modern

building now on that corner, the Salem's business district for sevnortheast, reminds Salem of the eral years, it appears from a Saoriginal building, which burned lem directory for 1871, owned by in 1863 and has been successively Judge L. H. McMahan. replaced by many structures and types of establishment. A few Saloon on the Corner How many buildings or firms in 1858 are still extant in Salem occupied the site in their various sketches of the building as it was turns is not known, but McMa-(see picture).

But a journal and a day book Salem since the 1840s, recalls a keep from 1847 to 1852 are in the state library here, showing that the business opened its doors Oct. 17, 1847. The books are owned Pete Fox. by Mrs. Chester Cox, whose husband was a great grandson of Thomas Cox.

#### Staples in Demand

taples in Demand The books reveal that calico, by Roscoe (Tad) Shelton, Marion county assessor. Milton L. Meyers shawls and boots (\$4) were in remembers a billiard parlor there. considerable demand, along with silk and linen thread, "shugar" (12<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cents per pound), "pluges toback" and colfee (25 cents a Mrs. George Waters, it has for pound). Tea was \$1.50 per pound, the past 17 years housed the local The store also sold several hun- Goodrich auto supply store. dred starts for pear and apple trees, doubtless the beginning of many mid-valley orchards.

of calico to be paid for with three bushels of wheat. Other means of settling debts were split fence Head to Retire rails, cattle, swine, leather, beaver skin, butter and lumber. But perhaps the most intriguing today is payment by gold dust, for California gold was discovered within a year after the store's founding, and many from Salem joined the southward trek, including William Cox, son of Thomas and associated with him in the store. **Customers' Names Historic** 

included in early transactions recorded in the books - the Rev. the area now known as Bush's pasture; J. L. Parrish; Dr. W. H. Willson, who platted the Salem townsite, the Judsons and Mc-Leans.

Thomas Cox was born in 1791 in Kentucky, the son of English School Thief emigrant Joseph Cox, and went later to Indiana and Illinois. In 1847 he joined the westward trek Takes Linens 1847 he joined the westward trek to Oregon, along with brothers Peter and Gideon and sister Millie

Ill, 11 ox-drawn wagonloads of city police reported Saturday price. Argentina has been accus- stead.

**'Pudler Jim'** Davis, Moose Leader, Dies

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22-(AP)-Funeral services for James J. Davis, former Pennsylvania senator and secretary of labor, who died early today, will be held at Pittsburgh Tuesday.

Private services will be held on Tuesday morning with the body han, whose family has been in to lie in state Monday at a funeral home.

saloon on that corner in the late Davis, director general of the '80s, run by George Schroeder and Loyal Order of the Moose for the past 40 years, died at the age of 74 During later years such tenants

were there as a bowling alley, a His death was attributed to junk shop and a house occupied kidney ailment. He had been a by a Chinese family, it is recalled

patient in Tacoma Park hospital Police 'Aid' since September. A native of Tredegar, Wales, Davis came to this country with The present brick structure was his parents when he was seven erected about 1915 for an early

years old. While still a boy, he entered the steel mills and by the time he was 16 had become

One purchase was of 11 yards Farm Bureau's us believe."

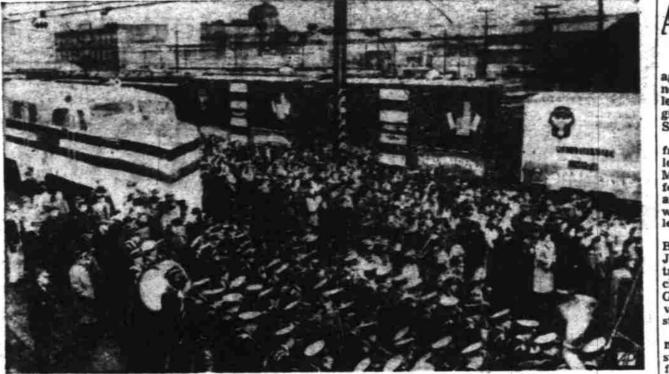
CHICAGO, Nov. 22 -(AP)- Edward A. O'Neal III, 72-year-old president of the American Farm Bureau Federation and veteran lobbyist for legislation favorable to the farmer, will retire next month to the Alabama farm he left nearly a quarter century ago. In the 24 years since he stopped

Well-known pioneer names are active farming to become president of the Alabama Farm Bureau, O'Neal has fought for con-David Leslie, who first claimed gressional enactment of measures to aid the man with the plough. O'Neal served 16 year - eight consecutive terms - as president of the federation.

Table linens, guilts and hand-

Cox brought from Wilmington, stone school, 1913 Broadway st., above the prevailing Chicago out and go Christmas shopping inmerchandise, over the Oregon trail, past Fort Hall on the Co-been entered through an unlocked ploiting the European food situain the system (the "system," unwindow Friday night or Saturday tion by selling her grain for high disclosed, hinged on the variety prices abroad, and reaping a large School rooms were ransacked government profit in the differof the bets on No. 9) and we inhouse, according to the historic and some small change taken, in- ence between sales price and the tend to work them out," said Albert Hibbs, 25, of Chillicothe, Ohio. "When that's done, we may come back to Reno or maybe visit **Portland House** 

# Freedom, Friendship Trains Meet



HARRISBURG, Pa., Nov. 22 - For the first time on their tours of the nation, the Freedom and Friend ship trains crossed paths at Harrisburg, capital of Pennsylvania. As several thousand spectators cheered, the Friendship train, with its decorated boxcars loaded with food for a hungry Europe, pulled in at right beside the Freedom train (extreme left). After brief ceremonies, during which more cars were hooked onto the Friendship train, the mercy train left for New York. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman).

**Marshall Reaches London** 

# Franzen Heads **Area Engineers**

#### tract dispute with the AFL Typographical union. Members of the Chicago Typo-

graphical union have called a neeting for Sunday to discuss the breakdown in negotiations with the publishers.

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J. L. Franzen, Salem's city man-ager, was elected president of the newly formed mid-Willamette valley section of the Professional Engineers of Oregon at a meeting Saturday night in city hall here. The 19 assembled engineers from Salem, Eugene and other valley cities also elected F. O. Mc-Millan, electrical engineering professor of Corvallis, vice president, and Robert T. Stanley, state high-

way department engineer of Salem, secretary-treasurer. Elected trustees were R. B. Boals of the Eugene water board; J. C. Compton, McMinnville con-

tractor: A. C. Mercer, practicing civil engineer of Dallas; Victor L. Goodnight, city engineer of Cor-vallis, and William C. Hill of the

state aeronautics board in Salem. The professional group will meet monthly to consider problems and standards of the engineering profession and pertinent legislation. Members planned to meet in various cities of the valley, scheduled the next session for January 9 in Salem and tentatively set the first Friday of each month for the neetings to follow.

Franzen, former Oregon City manager, had been president of the Portland section of the engineer society in 1934.

# **Mass Graves** Long Known

HAMMELBURG, Germany, Nov. 22-(P)-United States military authorities in this tiny woodland town of central Germany said tonight that the existence here of 68 mass graves of nazi victims had been known to allied forces since March, 1945. An announcement that the

graves had been recently discovered by a search team of the international refugee organization was made earlier today by the I.R.O. information division.

U.S. military authorities in Hammelburg said the mass graves, 24 large Gladiolus bulbs 4 each of in two groups of 34 each, con- the 6 best varieties will be mailed tained the bodies of 23,200 Russian in attractive gift box with your prisoners - of - war, according to markers which have been erected any address in U.S.A. for only on the site by the Russians.

# **Stassen Sees More Ballots**

ST. PAUL, Minn., Nov. 22-(AP)-Harold E. Stassen, candidate for the republican presidential nomination, said in an interview tonight he expects 54 first choice votes of the 114 to be cast at the GOP national convention by seven states he has just visited. Nomination requires \$47 votes

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lection today so the poverty-"A land where a boy can enter stricken widow could buy the the mills at 11, learn two trades, simple things she craved to bightacquire a sound business educa- en her Christmas. The woman admitted to officers 30's-is not such a bad country as responding to a call from a local the hot-headed reds would have store that she had picked up some

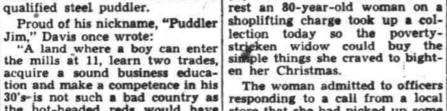
**Argentina Sets Grain Bonuses** 

BUENOS AIRES, Nov. 22 -(AP) gram of higher prices and bonuses to her grain producers to speed the movement of their harvests to the market.

The government is the sole ex- Roulette Winners porter of Argentine wheat, and some sources said this move was Take No Chances, aimed at getting the crop now being harvested to market as soon as possible — ahead of the next Keep Fund Intact United States crop.

(There was no indication in this RENO, Nev., Nov. 22-(AP)-Two dispatch whether Argentina would young fellows who ran a \$300 pot raise her export price on wheat. beyond \$7,000 at the roulette She is known to have received as Raines, all of whom settled near made "fancy work" were stolen much as \$4.02 a bushel delivered No. 9 took another look at the from storage space in the Living- alongside ships, which is well game today-then decided to stay

"We found a few discrepancies



Christmas cards and a jar of face cream. She said she wanted the cards so she would have something to send relatives for Christwas. And the face cream she wanted, she said, "to make me beautiful again." Officers escorted her to her

Shoplifter

KALAMAZOO, Mich., Nov. 22

(AP)-Police who were called to ar-

home, which she maintains with old-age assistance, and gave her Argentina announced today a pro- cash to buy the cards and the cream. They refused to divulge her name.

lumbia river and through Barlow Gate. He opened business, with his son William, in the Judson plaque, "about 950 feet to the vestigating officers reported, as price paid to her growers.) cial streets. The next spring, in 1848, they built a two-story house 1730 N. Water st., which had been at the new site. **Postoffice Opened** 

### ed the firm and was named Sa- sheriff Saturday night to investilem's first postmaster by Presi- gate at Hazel Dell school. dent Polk. The elder Cox retired to a farm near the mouth of the Santiam river, and the store became William Cox and Co. A new partner, Stephen Coffin of Port-land, was added in 1849, payment Changes Readied for his share being \$3,000 in gold dust at \$16 per ounce.

1853, when William Cox closed step down to a subordinate post the store and retired to the farm in a police department reorganto as late as 1873.

According to a book recollections by James W. Cox. grandson of Thomas, and himself formerly Lin the grocery business and a mail carrier in Salem, all the store's merchandise was shipped around Cape Horn except the opening stock.

### Store Fire Victim

465 State St.

James' sons were the late Chester Cox, for 33 years associated with Ladd & Bush bank here, and Ralph Cox, now of Boston and a lst Flight Today press agency.

is uncertain but, evidently during the '50s, a building was joined to its north side which had been A nine-man crew will be aboard to the site from a block west.

Union House (see picture), one of company officials announced to-Salem's earlier hotels, until its day.

with much of the remainder of land - based plane designed to that block. After the fire, that area - both civilian crew - two pilots, four

business and residential at that flight engineers, two test engintime - rebuilt rapidly, and com- eers and one radio operator on prised a considerable portion of tomorrow's flight.

northeast" of Ferry and Commer- well as some of the belongings stored temporarily in the school Another school break-in report-

during the day.

At this time Turner Crump join- ed from the county sent a deputy

PORTLAND, Nov. 22-(AP)-Pomage confined almost entirely to Brisk business continued until lice Chief Leon V. Jenkins will the upper floor. for his health. The day book shows ization to be inaugurated within Plane Crash Kills 8 sketchy entries following this time a month, Mayor Earl Riley said In Czechoslovakia today.

The reorganization will follow recommendations of August Vollmer, Berkeley, Calif., expert. (P)- A Romanian - Soviet airlines Jenkins, chief here from 1919 plane flying through rain and fog to 1933 and again from last April crashed and burned on Tabor until now, said he had accepted peak last night killing eight of the chief's post only on an emer- those aboard and injuring 18 othgency basis and did not feel able ers. Ten of the injured were in

to undertake the "arduous" reor- a serious condition. ganization.

# HURT IN COLLISION Alvin R. Miller, 1965 N. 5th st., incurred leg cuts when his Next disposition of the building For Biggest Plane

built as a house by Thomas Pow- Consolidated Vultee's giant XC- indicated the parked car of James

destruction by fire in 1863, along The craft, the world's largest

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motorcycle and a car driven by dent. Thomas E. Garrison, Gervais, route 1, collided at Cherry and Highland avenues about 9 p. m. Saturday, city police reported. Another police report last night

ell, a blacksmith. It was moved 99 military transport when it takes Carlin, 2372 State st., had been off from Lindbergh field on its struck by a car operated by Jim

apartments.

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JICIN, Czechoslovakia, Nov. 22



340 Court **Phone 5802** 

Las Vegas - along about next March.' **Fire Hurts Five** Hibbs said he would go with his partner Roy Walford, 23, of

San Diego, to San Francisco and PORTLAND, Nov. 22-(AP)-Five then to Walford's home. After persons suffered minor injuries that, they contemplated a cruise today as fire swept through a

frame apartment house, chasing to the Caribbean where Walford, a pre-medical student, hopes occupants from four second-story study tropical diseases. "We've got enough to buy boat that floats," Walford said. Firemen brought the blaze under control in 45 minutes with da-

"When we came here, we didn't have enough to buy a plank out of it.

# **Breaking of Custom Brings Woman's Death**

JOHANNESBURG, South Africers ca, Nov. 22 - (AP) - For 60 years Francesca Mary Rose, 81, spent every November 20 in retirement COOS BAY, Nov. 22-(AP)-The because that day in 1887 her fisale of the five-story Hall buildance was killed in a train accident

ing, Coos Bay's biggest office This year she wanted to see structure, was announced today the royal wedding celebrations by Sheldon Sackett, publisher of and went out. Five minutes later the Coos Bay Times. Don B. and she was killed in a motor acci- Alda R. Walster, Portland, were the buyers from Times, Inc.

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dor to London, and Prince Bernhard (right) of the Netherlands who was awaiting a plane for Holland after attending the royal wedding. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman via radio from London). **SMALL RADIO STOLEN** 

walks from his plane at Northolt airport, London, after flight from Washington to attend the coming meeting of Big Four foreign min-isters. Marshall was welcomed by Lewis Douglas (left), ambassa-

ONDON, Nov. 22 — Secretary of State George C. Mari

Chester F. Royer of Albany route 2 reported to Salem city police Saturday night that a \$45 Papers Puplished

month, L. C. Binford said today.

The project, on an east side site

near Rose City golf course, is

DETROIT, Nov. 22-(P)-The from the glove compartment of Automobile Manufacturers' asso- his parked car in the 500 block of ciation today announced that be- State street between 6:15 and

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ginning. Jan. 1, 1948, most truck 10:15 p. m. Entry apparently had manufacturers will be prepared been made by reaching through a to rate their vehicles in terms of car window.

gross vehicle weight and net APARTMENTS PLANNED horsepower. The announcement said truck PORTLAND, Nov. 22-(AP)-A \$2. manufacturers would file G. V. W. 500,000 apartment development

and net HP ratings with state li- that will house about 1,000 percensing officials on request. An sons will be started here next identification plant, containing these ratings, will be attached to each vehicle to assist state licensing officers and enforcing offi-

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of the convention's 1,093. The estimates were made by the former Minnesota governor who returned today from an airplane speaking tour in Nebraska, Colorado, Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Florida. The 54 delegates, Stassen said, are in addition to 100 he previously

estimated he would get from the midwest. JET WILL WATER SYSTEM

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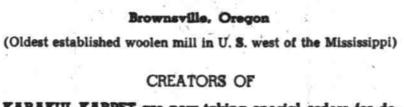
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