

## Downtown Accident Draws Large Crowd



Hundreds of spectators gathered in front of The Oregon Statesman office at South Commercial and Ferry streets Saturday when an auto overturned in a four-car collision. The photo, taken from The Statesman editorial room, shows the Salem first aid car, (left), the overturned vehicle, (right), and scores of onlookers. In center background a city policeman runs to the accident scene. The upset auto, driven by Dean Thomas, 1645 Roosevelt st., collided with another driven by Mrs. Lydia Miller, 2826 Center st., struck two parked cars and hurtled over on its side. Thomas was slightly injured. (Statesman photo).

## State Resumes Inspection of Cattle Brands

Livestock brand inspections have been resumed throughout the brand inspection area of the state. M. E. Knickerbocker, chief of the division of animal industry, state agricultural department, announced.

All brand inspections on livestock were discontinued June 23

because of a shortage of funds. Resumption of this service and the introduction of inspection at slaughterhouses were made possible through an emergency appropriation granted earlier this month by the state emergency board in conference with livestock leaders and agricultural department officials.

Supervisor for inspections in the Portland district is E. S. Mullen, who has offices at the Union stockyards in North Portland. Deputies under Mullen are Al Abrams, Ed Gavin and Edward Alexander.

Other district supervisors under

the resumed service include: B. T. McKimins, at Klamath Falls; Edward H. Angle at Medford and Reuben Kelley at Vale. They held similar assignments when the service was first set up under the 1947 livestock brand inspection law.

## Four Corners Families Back

FOUR CORNERS—Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Swinford, route 5, have returned from a three-weeks vacation trip via Yellowstone National park to Lamar, Colo., to visit Mrs. Swinford's brother and family, continuing on to Oklahoma and Texas to see friends and relatives, returning by way of California. Mr. Swinford brought several 50-pound watermelons from Texas and treated his friends to a watermelon feed Thursday evening.

Milton Rickman has been this week on a bicycle trip with the Salem Youth Hostel group from Delake to Coos Bay, where a truck picked them up to return home.

Mrs. Robert Fisher, Patsy Fish and Betty Futrell have returned home from several days visiting in Corvallis.

## Unemployment Lowest Since War Period

Unemployment listed by local state employment offices in August dropped to the lowest comparable figure since the end of the war, the state unemployment compensation commission reported Saturday.

Only 23,400 or less than 4 per cent of the labor force of well over 600,000 were actively seeking work August 1, and the number was shrinking rapidly as thousands of in-migrants and other seasonal workers were engaged in harvesting operations, officials said.

Industrial employment maintained the expansion trend, but the number of unfilled jobs listed by local offices failed to keep pace with the general upswing. Only 25 non-seasonal openings were added to the 2,290 reported a month ago but good increases were noted in skilled and semi-skilled jobs in lumbering and other basic industries. Logging and lumber mills were calling for 550 more

## Lebanon Group Asks Revision Of City Charter

LEBANON — A group from the Lebanon Citizen's committee appeared this week before the council with a request for change of the city charter making all city offices now elective to become appointive.

The group would desire the election by popular vote of three councilmen from wards, three at large, and the mayor. Other officials

workers, an increase of 37 per cent over a year ago.

The number of unemployed veterans declined 2,700 during July to reach 7,300, but comparison with last year's figure revealed only a 6 per cent drop as compared with 16 per cent for all those seeking work. Women employment also fell behind the general trend with a 5 per cent decrease from August, 1947 and 17 per cent from July, 1948. The over-all figure of 23,400 compared with 30,500 a month ago, 28,000 a year ago and 31,500 two years ago.

The September total was expected to fall several thousands below the 1947 minimum of 23,000 to set a new postwar low.

cers including those of the city attorney, chief of police, night patrolman, city recorder and street superintendent, would be appointive by the elected council and mayor. The plan would also open the way for hiring a city manager by the council if they should so desire.

Since a special election would probably not be held until after the deadline for filing for office on the November ballot, a question of legal status and feasibility was expressed.

The council members turned the request over to a committee for an immediate investigation and report at the earliest opportunity.

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**DRIVER DIES IN CRASH**  
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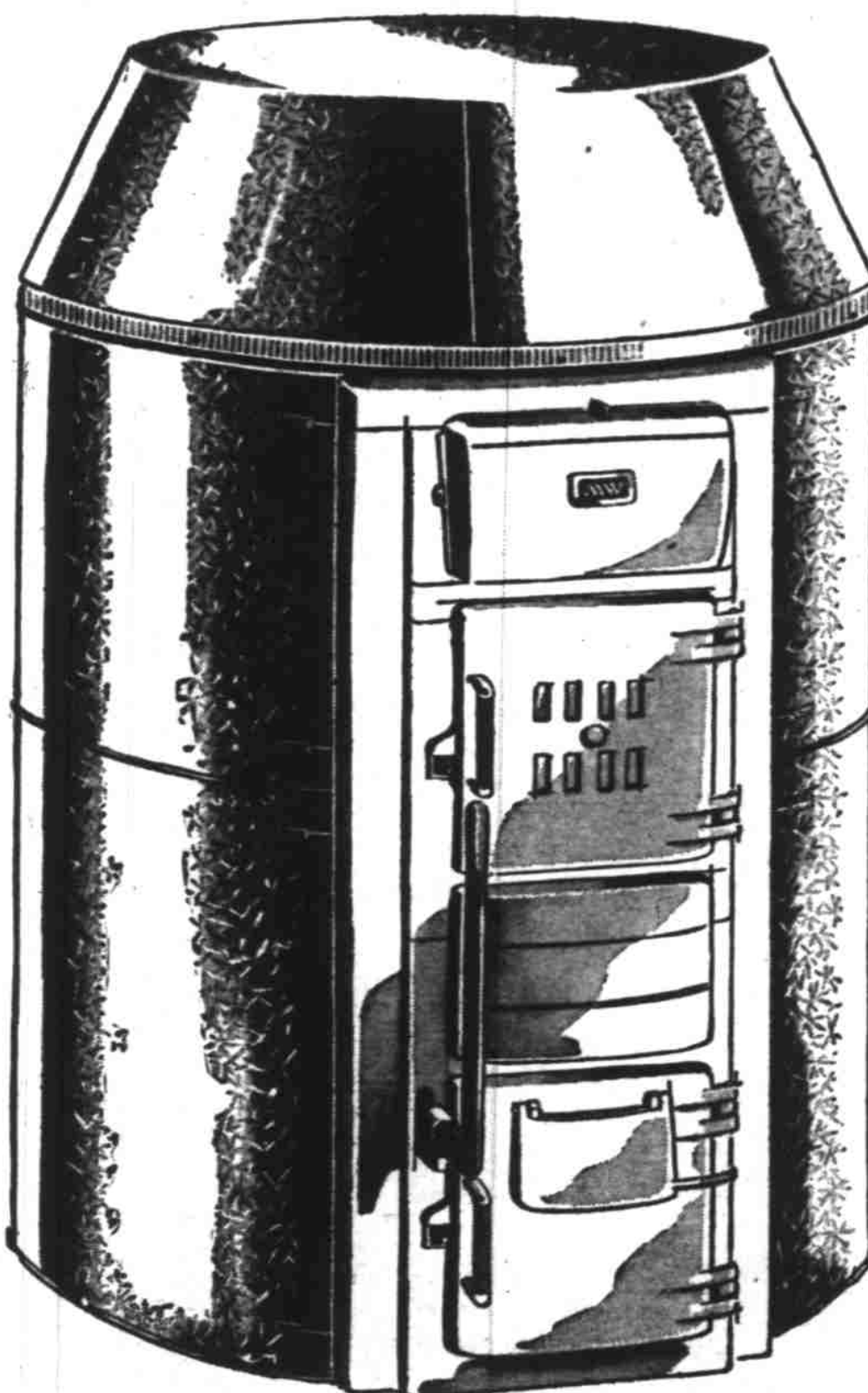
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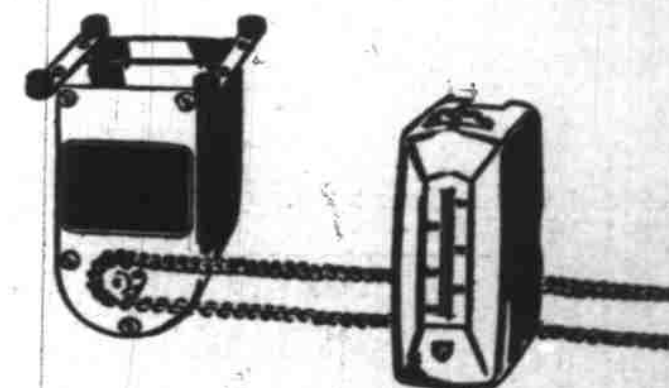
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