

Catching Up With the Comics

The new 16-page comic-feature section of THE OREGON STATESMAN becomes a regular part of YOUR HOME NEWSPAPER today. Many of the new strips have no set continuity and their theme is easily recognized. Some of the others have a sequence which the following reviews will help follow:

FLASH GORDON
Flash Gordon, the thrilling Sunday adventure comic, starts in the new comic-feature section of the Oregon Statesman today. Excitement and suspense constantly follow Flash and his lovely sweetheart Dale Arden, who were kidnapped from the earth by scientist Dr. Zarkov in an inter-planetary rocket ship and taken to the planet Mongo.

When Mongo is threatened with destruction by an approaching comet-planet, Flash and Dale take off for the threatening planet in a giant space-ship. Their plan is to attempt to change the path of the approaching planet by means of anti-gravity machines and to prevent it from colliding with Mongo.

On the comet-planet they are captured by Alb, ruler of the rebel tribe of pygmies. But later the rebel Alb himself is taken prisoner by Tor, chief of the comet-planet. Alb, Flash and Dale are transported to Tor's palace where they see a strange weapon called the gravitor. Small enough to be concealed in the palm of the hand, the gravitor enables its user to turn the powerful force of gravity against his enemies.

In Tor's palace Flash Gordon becomes unwittingly involved in a maze of court intrigue. Tor's scheming brother, Loke, unjustly accuses Flash of trying to steal Tor's sweetheart Fay, and the enraged ruler condemns Flash to the mysterious "meteor doom".

As our story opens in today's comic-feature, Flash is being led away after hearing his doom pronounced.

JOE PALOOKA
Joe Palooka, popular world's heavyweight champion who joins The Statesman's new comic section today, is currently playing the title role in the movie, "The Joe Palooka Story." The film has progressed through his boyhood; his winning of the title; his meeting with Ann Howe, his sweetheart; and other highlights of his eventful career.

The story now finds Joe in North Africa. Wrongfully accused in a boxing scandal involving gamblers, Joe left in disgust and joined the French Foreign Legion. Meanwhile, his manager, Knobby Walsh, has been trying frantically to locate him.

A girl was kidnapped by a mysterious sultan known as Ibi-Ben Abou and taken to his hidden city in the mountains far across the desert. Joe and his buddy, "Smookey," were lost while with a search party and captured by Ibi-Ben Abou's men.

Joe has agreed to fight the giant slave of sultan Ibi-Ben Abou. Ibi-Ben Abou has promised Palooka, the girl, and Smookey their freedom if Joe wins the battle.

RESUME PROJECT WORK
SILVERTON—Members of Silverton Junior Chamber of Commerce have resumed work on tennis courts and plan to have them ready for play in a short time. While the Jaycees have been working on the fence, the Jay-C-Ettes have painted lines on the courts during the evenings.

Valley Obituaries

Sarah Ann Spurlin

ALBANY — Funeral services for Sarah Ann Spurlin, 92, who died in Corvallis April 8, were held from the Sherman-Miller chapel in Harrisburg at 2 o'clock Friday, April 8. The Rev. Kenneth Abbott of McFarland officiated. Burial was in Alford cemetery Halsey.

Sarah Ann Currin was born at Currinsville (now Estacada), Jan-

uary 1, 1857, a daughter of George and Lydia Wade Currin, pioneers of 1848. She lived at Currinsville until her marriage to William Floyd Spurlin in Albany on Oct. 21, 1880, following which the couple made their home in Linn county continuously. For many years, since the death of her husband, Mrs. Spurlin had made her home with a daughter, Mrs. Arthur Wigle of Crawfordsville.

Stocks Close At April High

NEW YORK, April 9 (AP)—The stock market closed today at the highest level of the month. Demand for several oil and rail-

Surviving also are two sons, Floyd of Corvallis and Frank of Eugene; a brother, Robert H. Currin of Estacada; a sister, Mrs. Olive Aschenbrenner of Covina, Calif.; 12 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren.

Mrs. Spurlin was a life-long member of the Methodist church.

way issues supplied the backbone for the improvement although buying orders spilled over into other groups as well. Advances were mainly fractional with gains of a point or more chalked up here and there.

Business was typically slow for a Saturday with only 380,000 shares changing hands. This compared with 360,000 on the preceding weekend session.

The Associated Press average of 80 stocks advanced 1 of one point to 64.1. The utility component dipped slightly, rails were unchanged, and industrials higher. Of the 713 issues which appeared on the ticker tape, 342 advanced and 150 declined.

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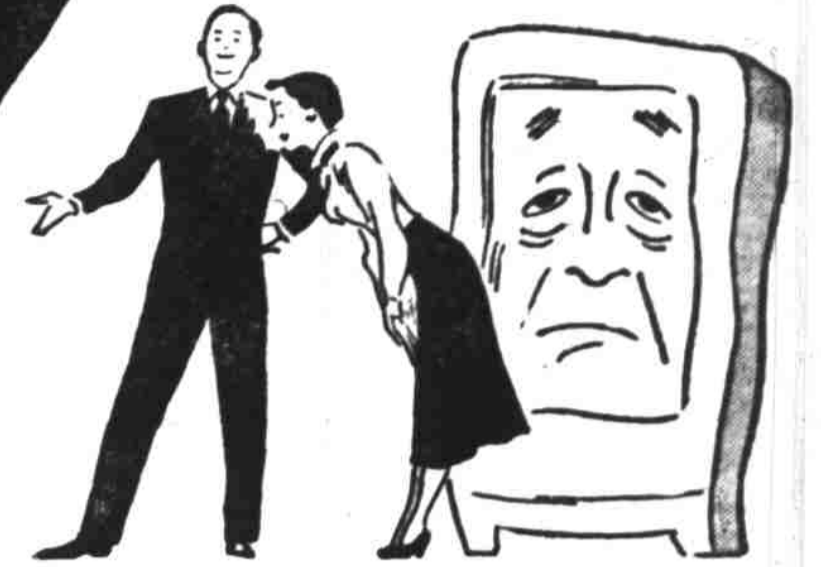
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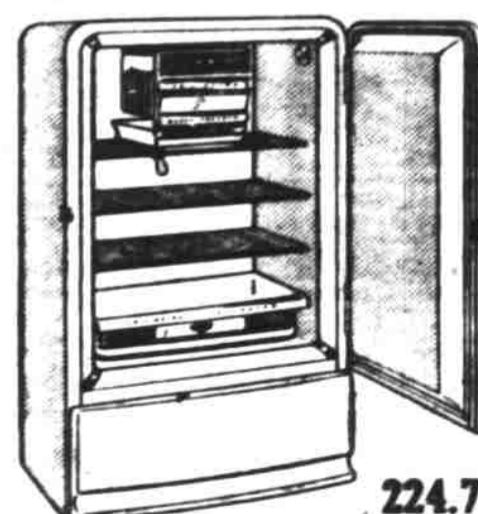


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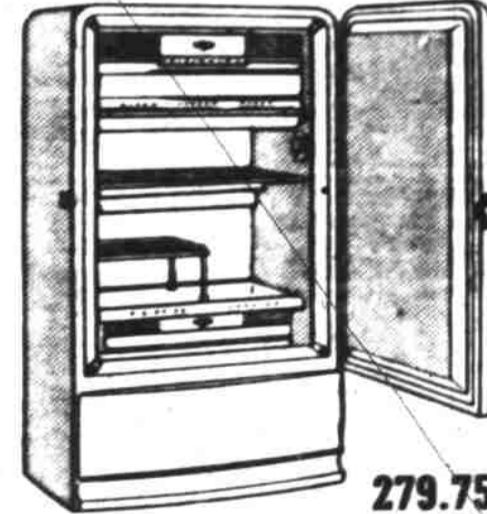
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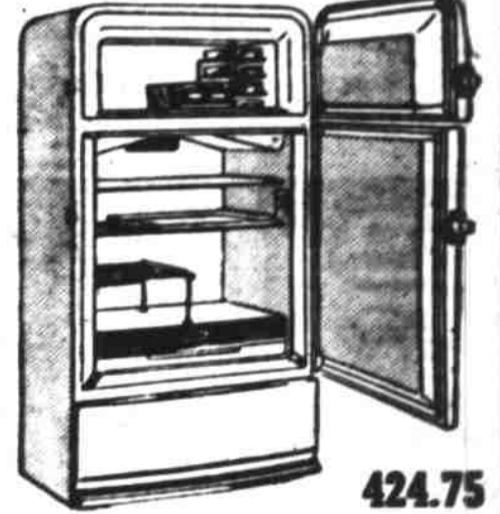
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