



Three of a Kind—Here are the three Browning Brothers, Fred, Bill and Ed, who now direct the Browning Bros. Amusement company showing this week at the Marion square in connection with the 31st state convention of the American Legion.

### Browning Shows Set Up for Legion Convention Here

Nine years before the first American post was formed in Oregon and 40 years after the original setup in Stayton on July 4, 1909, Browning Bros. Amusement company of Salem is right on the job with its setup at Marion square and will remain during the week as one of the attractions of the 31st state convention of the American Legion.

Not only has it strictly been a family show but it is the oldest one of this kind in the United States operated by the original family.

Owners and operators are Fred, Ed and Bill Browning, who inherited the business from their father, Fred Browning, Sr., who died in 1922, and their mother, Mrs. Rosa Browning, who died in 1926.

The show started with a lone merry-go-round which was operated by the senior Browning. Attractions have been added from year to year until it is a full-sized organization which makes its off-season headquarters just south of the city limits.

The show has never been refused a return engagement and it has always forbidden any type of gambling devices or crooked

### Plan Rescue of Youth in Mt. McLaughlin's Crater

Klamath Falls, Aug. 1 (AP)—A rescue party on towering Mt. McLaughlin prepared this morning to attempt the removal of Ed Freuer, 19-year-old Klamath county farm boy, from a crater-like depression near the top of the mountain into which he fell yesterday.

The youth is believed to have a broken shoulder as well as other injuries, and the party which reached him late yesterday decided not to attempt to move him in the darkness in view of his condition and the rough terrain.

Freuer fell when a snowbank gave away as he clambered over it on the way down from the peak. Companions said he rolled from 500 to 900 feet over lava rock. He stood up just after coming to rest in the depression, but then collapsed and was reported unconscious when the first help reached him.

Freuer had climbed the mountain with five other youths, all of them students or ex-students of Henley high school. They spent Saturday night at Klamath Falls and went to the peak yesterday morning, reaching the top without incident. When they started down they left the regular trail and began the ascent of an extremely steep area about three quarters of a mile from the summit.

Three of the boys, Glenn Hilyard, Harold Balin and James Inman, made their way down over snow and rocks. They found the going extremely precarious, and called back to the other three—Freuer, Dean Wells and Marvin Newell—to advise them not to attempt the steep descent at that point.

Just as they called, the snow bank gave away and Freuer fell. The startled witnesses said they saw his body bound into the air as it struck projecting rocks.

games of chance on its midway. It has the highest reputation of any show of its kind in the country.

During the war the two units were combined and now it is possible to play two engagements at the same time when dates are in conflict.

The shows operated at Stayton during the Bean festival and report extraordinary crowds and a fine business.

#### Ginger Rogers Separates

Hollywood, Aug. 1 (AP)—Screen Star Ginger Rogers was separated today from her third husband, former Actor Jack Briggs. The actress' mother, Mrs. Lela Rogers, announced that Briggs "walked out of the house and is no longer living with her."

### Monmouth Bank Bought by U. S.

The United States National Bank of Portland has purchased the First National Bank of Monmouth and will operate it as its 40th branch, according to announcement by E. C. Sammons, president of the Portland bank.

The sale, which has been approved by the comptroller of the currency and by the boards

of directors of the two institutions, became effective with the opening of business August 1, Sammons reported.

Established in 1889, the First National Bank of Monmouth was one of the pioneer banking institutions in the state. At the time of the purchase, deposits were in excess of \$1,100,000. Directors included H. W. Morlan, chairman of the board; C. C. Powell, president; W. R. Graham, vice president; Fred J. Hill, cashier; James Riddell, J. B. Lorence and Charles Calbreath.

The addition of the Monmouth branch marks the fourth unit opened by the United States National bank this year. On July 11, a new branch was established at West Salem. With deposits totaling more than \$505,000,000 on June 30, the United States National bank is Oregon's largest financial institution, ranking 29th in size among the banks of the nation.

Northern Ireland may issue identification cards for voters at elections.

### Truant Elephant Back on Show Lot

St. Helens, Aug. 1 (AP)—A circus elephant that likes Oregon's verdant countryside led police, farmers and trainers a merry chase near here over the weekend.

The eight-ton beast was at liberty 19 hours Friday night and

Saturday before being located in a Scappoose gravel quarry. Trucked back to the showlot, Big Babe broke away a few hours later, but was relocated at dawn yesterday and nudged back to the show.

The big animal is the same one that staged a similar run-out on the show in Albany, Ore., two years ago.

Mexico has made use of the metric system compulsory.

### Demos Assess Dollar-a-month

Portland, Aug. 1 (AP)—The state democratic executive committee has okayed a dollar-a-month club to help swell the party's political coffers.

The plan was proposed by Chairman Austin Flegel during sessions Saturday.

The committee also overhauled the party's state constitution. The basic change was a revision allowing mail balloting of state central committee members on party issues, but only if a majority of the officers or the executive committee call for the ballot.

Jim Goodsell, Astoria newspaperman, was confirmed in his job as the party's first paid executive secretary. He will have headquarters in Portland.

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