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MOTHER IS HELD FOR KIDNAPING

Mrs. Lena Jones Is Kidnaper of Little Girl in Portland

ARREST OCCURRED IN ROSEBURG, ORE.

Anna Pauline Hansen, Aged 8 Years, Turned Over to Grandfather in Portland.

ROSEBURG, (By the Associated Press)—Mrs. Lena Jones, mother and alleged kidnaper of Anna Pauline Hansen, arrested here today by Multnomah deputy sheriffs, was taken back to Portlan dfollowing the arrest.

The little girl was turned over to her grandfather, Captain William Hansen, of the Portland fire department in whose custody the child was placed several years ago by court.

The child was seized yesterday while on her way to school in Portland.

Mrs. Jones and her sister late yesterday placed the girl in a car belonging to an old acquaintance, Emil Olson, and drove to Salem, where Mrs. Jones purchased tickets by auto stage for herself and child for San Francisco.

Olson returned to Portland and on learning that he was sought in connection with the case, gave the authorities information leading to the finding of Mrs. Jones here early this morning.

PORTLAND, Ore. (Special) — Just as in the story books, a large automobile drew up at the curb and a well dressed, rather heavy woman stepped out. She talked to the little girl and apparently urged her to get into the machine.

When the little girl, Anna Pauline Hansen, aged 8 years, held

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COCHRAN MAY BE CANDIDATE

Citizens of La Grande, supplemented by twenty carloads of people from Baker, 15 carloads from Pendleton, three from The Dalles, and several from branch line points Portland and other Oregon cities located in the second congressional district, will stage a torchlight parade this evening at 7:15 o'clock, starting from the city hall building and proceeding to George T. Cochran's residence at 1602 Second street, where they will request him to announce his candidacy for United States representative from this district in the Republican primaries in May.

The above announcement was made today by the "Cochran for Congress" club which has been organized with A. J. Johnston as president and W. K. Gilbert as secretary.

Enthusiasm has been running high in regard to George Cochran's proposed candidacy among his friends, and a large element throughout this district is understood to be firm supporters of him providing he consents to be a candidate.

A large crowd is expected to take part in the torchlight procession tonight.

It is understood that the mass meeting will be concluded with a program to be held in the Eagles hall where prominent state speakers will give addresses.

New Head

Major Wallace W. Kirby of the engineers corps, has been named new head of the Bureau of Engraving at Washington.

PLAY DELIGHTS THE AUDIENCE

"Lion and the Mouse" Presented Last Evening at Arcade Theater—Final Show Is Tonight.

While Grande Ronde Chautauqua did not shake loose from any of its debts last night because attendance to witness the Lion and the Mouse, the benefit drama given for that worthy institution, was not sufficiently large to more than pay expenses, nevertheless the play was an exceptional number and those who were present left the Arcade theatre with effusive commendation and praise of every member of the cast.

H. E. Coolidge directed the drama and in selecting his cast, it must be said, that he used judgment that could not have been surpassed. While he took rather a minor part, he brought the other characters forward in a way that showed dramatic skill.

Miss Lorna Coolidge as Shirley Rossmore, the girl whose father was being not only removed from the supreme bench by the corporations but also whose name was threatened by them, arose to every occasion in a most remarkable manner. Her manner was ideal and her every word and movement showed that she was living the part on the stage unmindful of the audience before her. The pretty love thread that runs through the play was carried very successfully by Miss Coolidge and Dr. Ray Murphy, while the stern character of the hard headed business man with his millions was equally well played by Ernest Watkins who represented John Byrkitt Ryder. As an associate in business and political crime Senator Roberts rallied to Ryder's support and carried out his wishes relative to the impeachment of Judge Rossmere, father of the leading lady. G. L. Dutton dignified the Senator Roberts role in an able manner.

C. W. Bingner as Fitzroy Bagley, private secretary to the Ryder family, was a whiz of an Englishman with accent properly placed, with social training of the King's court, and with a stern, unwielding desire to marry an American girl.

His fiancee, Kate Roberts, daughter of the senator, in reality Mrs. Chase Bohnenkamp, was the ideal type of the girl seeking romance with nothing too serious in mind except the idea of having lots of fun and letting the world go by. Mrs. Bohnenkamp had a perfect conception of the part she was playing.

Audmer Playle as Pollifex Deemer, protector of the Presbyterian flock, and also as Jorkins, Mr. Ryd-

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SENATOR ADMITS PART IN OIL STOCK BUYING

Elkins, Republican, of West Virginia, Admits Buying Sinclair Oil Stock; Solon Is Willing to Go Before Oil Committee and Tell All About It.

WASHINGTON (AP).—Senator Elkins, Republican, of West Virginia, said today he purchased the Sinclair oil stock, adding that he was perfectly willing to go before the committee and tell all about it.

His name in broker's records was presented at a hearing late yesterday. Elkins declared he purchased the stock without any knowledge respecting the oil leases.

WASHINGTON (AP).—The trail of the oil inquiry, after devious ramblings, led directly back Tuesday to the United States senate.

When the oil committee met behind closed doors to examine certain records of the Benkard stock brokerage firm of New York, it found the name of a senator entered there.

Pending a more complete examination of all the records of the firm in New York, the name was withheld. While pledged to secrecy now, committeemen declared that when the audit of the books for transaction in oil and other stocks by other government officials had finished there would be no suppression of any of the facts unearthed.

Will Go Deeper.

Additional information with regard to such stock transactions will be sought by the committee Wednesday at another executive session at which it is expected to examine Harry Payne Whitney, New York financier, who failed to appear Tuesday in response to a subpoena. Mr. Whitney is hurrying to Washington from the south.

Aside from the examination of a partial record of transactions thru the Benkard firm, the committee, in consultation with Atlee Pomerene and Owen J. Roberts, special government counsel in the oil cases, discussed the question of possible immunity from prosecution of witnesses who might be able to furnish information of the highest importance.

This discussion was precipitated by an inquiry from one important witness under subpoena as to just what the attitude of the government would be in his particular case in the event he agreed to tell all he knew.

The matter finally was referred to counsel who will advise the committee later as to their conclusion.

Political Action Claimed.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senator Elkins said: I bought much more of Bethlehem steel and other stocks than I did of the oil stock. I am perfectly willing to go before the committee if they desire and tell all about these transactions. There is no law against buying and selling stocks. Many of my purchases were made solely on my own initiative or on the advice of my brokers. If you stop buying and selling this country will stop. This whole thing is a political drive by the Democrats but they will get the worst of it before it ends."

Today's Development in Oil Inquiry.

WASHINGTON (AP)—Harry Payne Whitney appeared today before the Senate oil committee and was questioned in executive session about possible stock transactions by public officials.

YOUTH IS HELD ALLEGED SLAYER OF HIS PARENTS

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP)—Frank McDowell, 18, was arrested following the finding of his father and mother shot dead in bed.

The police found a pistol which the youth admitted was his property. The theory is held that McDowell is responsible for the crime.

McDowell's two sisters were mysteriously burned to death at Decatur, Georgia, about a year ago and the blaze has always been a mystery, although officials said that gasoline had been thrown through an open window into the girls' room and then ignited.

Berry Plants Blossom.

THE DALLES, Ore.—Strawberry plants are in bloom in The Dalles, undaunted by the fact that it is still mid-February, it was reported by Charles Darnielle of this city. Darnielle said that a number of blossoms have appeared on plants in his yard during the last several days.

Local orchardists are fearful that the mild, springlike weather which has prevailed here for the last several weeks will cause fruit trees buds to open before the frost danger has passed.

PORTERS GET WAGE INCREASE

CHICAGO. (By the Associated Press)—The Pullman company today announced an eight per cent wage increase for all porters, totalling one million dollars annually.

They recently raised conductors six per cent.

PENDLETON HI GAME FRIDAY

Pendleton high school's basketball five will be entertained by the local tossers in the high school gymnasium Friday evening at 8:00 o'clock, in the final game of the pre-tourney season for the Blue and White quintette.

Pendleton was defeated two weeks ago in Pendleton by La Grande by a margin of one point, although Pendleton refused to admit the defeat. Many followers of basketball expect the game here Friday night to be more or less of a "grudge" battle although La Grande is favored to win on their own floor.

Reserve seats for the contest are on sale at the Glass Drugs, Inc.

Coach MacTavish has been putting the finishing touches on his protegea this week and expects them to present the strongest front of the season when they take the floor against the Buckaroos.

LESTER SMITH IS LODGED IN JAIL, THEFT CHARGED

Lester Smith, who was arraigned before Justice of the Peace, Maxwell, on the charge of burglary of an automobile, has been brought to this city and placed in the county jail pending trial.

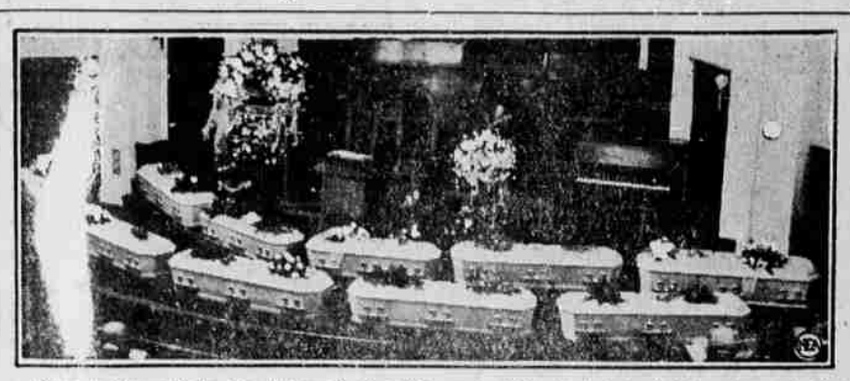
Smith is under bonds of $1,000 which he could not raise.

DOGS FEAST AS OWNER COMMEMORATES HIS PET

SIENA, Italy, (I.N.S.) — "Every dog had his day" here recently—that is, every dog citizen who was a legal registered citizen of the city did.

In commemoration of the death of his pet dog, Dr. Ventori, prominent local physician, arranged with the butchers of the city to present one-half a kilogram of fresh meat to every registered dog in the city. Dogdom responded nobly.

Burial Of Eleven Poison Victims



These coffins contain the bodies of 10 adults, and a baby locked in death's embrace in the arms of its mother. They were stricken by botulism, a poison, after eating canned beans served at a dinner given by Reinhold Garber, at Albany, Ore. Joint funeral services from the same church were held for the victims.

ADJUSTED COMPENSATION EXPLAINED BY SPEAKERS

Steiwer and Kiddle Explain Measure to La Grande Business Men.

Two speakers at yesterday's chamber of commerce luncheon clarified the atmosphere relative to the adjusted compensation bill for soldiers and each made friends for the measure.

Members of the Chamber of Commerce listened intently to the terse description of Fred Kiddle, state commander of the American Legion, when he took the bill before congress and separated into understandable part.

Unlike many supposed the bill contains a provision for $50 as the greatest amount of ready cash any service man can draw.

When the speaker had allowed the first statement to sink in he described the bill as follows:

Under the terms of the Adjusted Compensation bill now before War veterans up to and including the grade of captain in the army and marine corps and lieutenant in the navy is entitled to an adjusted credit of $1.25 a day for service overseas or afloat and of $1 a day for home service. From this credit which every veteran can readily compute for himself if he remembers the important dates of his service career, must be deducted $60, representing the discharge bonus given every man on leaving the service. Service must be computed between the dates April 5, 1917 and July 1, 1919. The maximum adjusted service credit to which a veteran is entitled is $500 for home service and $625 for foreign service.

The bill contains the following provisions:

1. ADJUSTED SERVICE PAY. This, the only cash feature provided for in the Adjusted Compensation bill, is payable only to men whose adjusted service credit after deducting the $60 discharge bonus, comes to $50 or less. Roughly, it affects only men who served less than four months. (This provision must be accepted by veterans who are not entitled to more than $50.)

2. ADJUSTED SERVICE CERTIFICATES. These certificates are paid-up endowment insurance policies, payable at the end of twenty years to the veteran if he is still alive, or, if he dies in the interval, to his estate. The certificate would have a redemption value at the end of the twenty-year period or the adjusted service credit plus twenty-five per cent, the whole plus 4 1-2 per cent in-

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BULLETINS

STORMS SWEEP EAST.

New York. (AP)—A severe blizzard and sleet storm is sweeping the eastern states and Canada. One death is reported from Beckley, W. Va.

Toronto. (AP)—The worst blizzard in years hit Ontario today.

Buffalo. (AP)—This city is buried under the heaviest snowfall of the season.

DISCONTINUE DEPARTMENT.

Salem. (AP)—The Oregon Growers Co-operative association announced today that it will discontinue its fresh fruit department as a selling and shipping agency April 1, instead of waiting until January 1, 1925, when present contracts with growers expire.

Robert G. McNary, manager of the department, will sever his connection with the association at that time. The move was made in conformity with the association's newly adopted policy of a retrenchment in overhead expenses.

C. VAN FLEET NAMED.

Eugene. (AP) — Oregon Retail Merchants association is winding up their convention business today with committee reports and election of officers. Officers of the trade division, chosen late yesterday, included: Clint Van Fleet, of La Grande, and E. W. Merrill, of Eugene, directors of the men's wear division.

BRITISH RADICALS HOLD MEET IN LONDON CHURCH

LONDON. (I.N.S.)—The red flag has made its appearance in the City Temple, one of London's famous Non-Conformist churches.

Unemployed were given the church for a demonstration against lack of action in their behalf by the government, and they marched into the church, headed by a band of pipers, waving the red flag.

Rev. Dr. Norwood, pastor of the church, said:

"I hope you will realize that you have in the present crisis the sympathy and earnest heart-searching of at least a very large section of the church-going people."

"It isn't the people who have deserted the church, it's the church that has deserted the people," declared H. E. Martin, secretary of the National Unemployed.

While the meeting was going on there was considerable noise in the galleries.

40-8 Society Meets; Fred Steiwer, State Chef de Gare, Is Present

The La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Cheveaux held initiatory exercises last evening and six men were "goat riders." Harry Williams, Ray Williams, David I. Stoddard, Walter Bean, Dr. George Vehrs and A. V. Lindgren where the newly made members.

Steiwer Speaks.

In addition to the initiation, Frederick Steiwer, grand chef de gare of the Oregon 40-8 societies, who makes Pendleton his home, was present and gave an able address, telling of the work progressing now for the care of children orphaned by the World War.

This relief work was given over entirely to the national 40-8 society by the national American Legion and according to Mr. Steiwer, guest of honor last evening; is being well taken care of.

The Forty-Eighters also discussed the La Grande Legion drum corps which is being organized and it was announced that everything possible would be done to help the drum corp to take part in the Rose Festival at Portland this summer.

NEGRESS GETS LIFE SENTENCE FOR ROBBERY

ST. LOUIS. (INS)—A hold-up in which $23 was obtained netted one of the participators life imprisonment!

This, it was conceded by court attaches, was the most severe punishment for robbery ever inflicted in the State of Missouri.

The prisoner who was crushed by the judicial storm was Maggie Macon, 20, a negress.

The woman was found guilty by a jury in Circuit Judge Ritner's court of having helped a negro hold up George Ramspott.

The Missouri statute fixes no maximum sentence for robbery. Life imprisonment was imposed on the woman by Judge Ritner when the woman's record disclosed that she was an habitual criminal, having served several prison terms.

Roseburg Man Takes Poison.

ROSEBURG, Or.—Colonel Reed, a well known Roseburg resident, drank a large quantity of ammonia, apparently with suicidal intent. The liquid was taken, it is said, because of despondency over bad health. Mr. Reed was violently ill for a short time, but is expected to recover.

London Firemen Praised.

LONDON. (AP) — London fire fighters were complimented by Chief Collinson of Chicago before his departure for the United States.

"I know some brigades," he said, "that would be left gasping after seeing one of yours get away to a fire and run through the traffic." $500.

WITHDRAWS CHRISTIAN'S NOMINATION

Senate Opposition to Appointment on Federal Trade Board Cause

"IRREGULARITIES" ARE HINTED AT

Coolidge Withdraws the Nomination at Request of Christian — Thompson Makes Charges.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Senate opposition to the appointment of George B. Christian, President Harding's secretary, as a member of the federal trade commission, led to the withdrawal by Coolidge today of Christian's nomination at Christian's request.

The opposition to Christian was expressed by several labor leaders and recently the senate interstate commerce committee was told by Huston Thompson, chairman of the trade commission, that Christian called him to the executive offices early in 1923 and inquired as to the reasons for proceedings by the commission against the Famous Players-Lasky moving picture corporation.

Thompson said he regarded Christian's course regarding the moving picture corporation as unusual and said it appeared "some one" was using the office of secretary to prevent action.

Senator La Follette, one of those opposing Christian's confirmation, said the incident was closed unless Christian later was named to some other post requiring the approval of the senate.

Bill Expected to Pass.

PENDLETON, Ore. — President Coolidge will give his indorsement to the McNary-Haugen bill, which has the support of farmers over the northwest and in the middle west, within a few days, according to a prediction made by S. R. Thompson, state president of the Oregon Export Commission league, in a telegram from Washington received by the Pendleton Commercial association. The telegram follows:

"Looks like bill has good chance of passing. Expect president's indorsement in few days. Secretary Hoover against us. The states for bill now assured are Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, South Dakota, Iowa, Illinois and Indiana.

TWO HOMES TO BE ERECTED

Three building permits, estimating proposed construction valued at $4500, have been issued from the city recorder's office.

B. A. Bennett secured a permit to erect a one-story frame dwelling on Lots 7 and 8, Block 4 in O'Conner's addition, fronting on Tweith street between J and K avenues. The preliminary estimated cost is $2000.

J. M. McShain received a permit to build a one-story frame dwelling on Lot 3, Block D, in Coggan's addition, fronting Cherry street between Cove and O avenues. Preliminary estimated cost is $2000.

Bert Brown secured a permit to repair a one-story frame dwelling on Lot 8, Block 36, in Riverside addition, fronting Harrison avenue between Oak and Walnut streets. The preliminary estimated cost of $500.

Late News Flashes

DAUGHERTY STANDS FIRM.

WASHINGTON (AP).—Attorney General Daugherty today reaffirmed to President Coolidge his determination not to resign under fire. Daugherty issued a statement denying charges made yesterday in the senate by Wheeler, of Montana, a Democrat, and said that he welcomed the opportunity to meet any charge against his administration.

Daugherty declared charges had all been exploited before the house judiciary committee last winter during impeachment proceedings and that the report exonerating him had been adopted.

ALTER STOCK PROFITS RATES.

WASHINGTON (AP).—Stock dividend profits would be made subject to regular income rates rather than a capital asset tax of 12½ percent under an amendment to the revenue bill adopted today by the house.

WITHDRAWS SURETY.

SALEM (AP).—The Fidelity and Deposit company of Maryland today filed notice with the secretary of state it had withdrawn its suretyship from State Prohibition Director Cleaver, effective in 30 days.

RITNER GOING TO CAPITAL

State Senator Roy Ritner of Pendleton, is spending today in La Grande conferring with A. R. Hunter and other members of the Union county wheat organization, before leaving this evening for the national capital, where he has been called to assist in presenting the wheat export league plan to eastern congressmen and senators.

The appeal made is for men who are actually engaged in raising wheat as a business to present to congress their view on the McNary-Haugen bill, and Senator Ritner will spend as much time as is needful in the capital in the interests of this measure.

"Umatilla county is one hundred per cent for this wheat bill," said Senator Ritner today, "we who raise wheat realize full well it is our last stand, and unless we get aid in leveling the present condition we will be caught between the industrial wheels and crushed. All wheat farmers of the northwest are seeing this plainly and that is the reason for united support for this bill."

Nominations Approved By Commerce Chamber

With the I. O. O. F. hall filled to overflowing, the Chamber of Commerce members yesterday at luncheon heard the report of the nominating committee, which was approved by the unanimous vote of those present.

Two committees were removed from the regular list of committees, to wit, the county welfare committee and the home ownership committee, and in their place has been added the tax committee and the merchant's committee.

Nominations.

The list of nominations for respective committees were read and are as follows:

Agricultural—Dr. W. T. Phy, Hot Lake; Auto Tourist—W. C. Perkins; Better business bureau—F. L. Myers; Boys committee—H. E. Coolidge; City planning—H. E. Dixon; Entertainment—H. E. Watkins; Education—A. C. Hampton; Finance — Charles Bingner; Forum—J. G. Snodgrass; Good roads—G. L. Larison; Irrigation—A. R. Hunter; Lumber — Earl Stoddard; Membership—Hugh Brady; Merchants—J. A. Tedford; New industries—A. J. Stange; Old Oregon Trail—A. W. Nelson; Pep committee—Elmer Stoddard; Publicity—C. E. Short; Railroad—Joe Keeney; Realty Board—Raymond O. Williams; Sanitation and Health—Dr. R. P. Landis; Social Welfare—Dr. Ray C. Murphy; State chamber of commerce—Floyd McKennon; Trade extension—Sam Clinton; Transportation and

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Democratic Tax Plan Ousts Mellon Scheme

WASHINGTON (AP)—Aided by a group of republicans, most of them insurgents, house Democrats Tuesday eliminated from the revenue bill the Mellon income tax rates. By a vote of 222 to 198, a republicans are planning to bring Iative Garner, democrat, Texas, was substituted.

The bill as amended fixes the surtax maximum at 44 per cent on incomes in excess of $92,000 as against 50 per cent on incomes exceeding $200,000 under existing law and 25 per cent on incomes of more than $100,000 as recommended by the treasury. It also reduces normal income rates to a greater extent than Mr. Mellon recommended, and increases personal tax exemptions, a feature not in the treasury draft.

Before approving the Garner proposal, which received the support of 17 republicans, one Farmer-Laborite, and one Independent, in addition to 203 democrats, the house went on record as opposed to rates substantially the same as those recommended by Mr. Mellon and rejected an amendment by Representative Frear of Wisconsin, an insurgent, to cut normal rates in half without altering the existing surtax schedule.

Republican organization leaders had no opportunity to bring to a vote a compromise amendment which proposed a 25 per cent reduction in both normal and surtax rates.

Plan to Force Roll Call

Rules in effect Tuesday prevented roll call on the democratic

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