

# Gettle Kidnapers Confess; All Of Gang Rounded Up

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# F. R. ASKS BILLION APPROPRIATION

## FAIR-SIZED VOTE LIKELY NEXT FRIDAY

Observer Straw Vote Indicates More Interest Than Seems Apparent

## DEMOCRATS FACING LIVELY CONTEST

Straw Vote Shows Four Republicans to Have Definite Strength in Union County.

In spite of what some term an apparent apathy among voters as the May primary election approaches, the number of votes recorded in the Observer straw ballot which closed last evening, would seem to point to what should be a pretty large turnout at the polls next Friday after all.

The straw vote counted 483 votes, of which 280 were cast by Democrats and 203 by Republicans.

That General Martin and Mayor Mahoney, candidates for the Democratic nomination for governor, should wage a battle royal in Union county seemed probable.

Whether the ballot means that Mahoney will carry this county, or whether it means that Mahoney supporters were more active in expressing their choice, remains to be seen. Friday will tell the tale.

## Enterprise And Halfway Pulpits Declared Vacant

At a pro rata meeting Monday of the Grande Ronde Presbytery, Rev. W. W. Sloan, moderator, H. B. Thomas, of Halfway, stated clerk; Rev. W. W. Sloan of Baker, and Rev. J. George Walz of La Grande, were the ministers present.

The pastoral relation between Mr. Shields and the Presbyterian church of Enterprise was dissolved, and Mr. Shields appointed to declare the pulpit vacant on the last Sunday of May as his resignation takes effect on the first day of June.

Mr. Thomas asked for his letter of dismission from this Presbytery to the Presbytery of Pendleton, as he has been assigned to the churches at Boardman and Umatilla, his work there to begin with the first of June.

Rev. D. A. Thompson, D. D., syndical executive, of Portland, was present as a corresponding member of the Presbytery.

## Will Dislikes Band For Manhunters



BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 14.—"The government is arranging a war chest of \$3,000,000 to hire and equip more men in the crime drive, 200 speedy armored cars, submachine guns, bullet proof vests and tear gas."

Two hundred armored cars can't very secretly drive up to your place of hiding without being detected in advance.

I bet we got a lot of good men hunters in our various forces, if they were allowed to work without carrying an orchestra with 'em. Yours, Will Rogers.

## REV. WALZ TO GIVE SERMON TO SENIORS

Presbyterian Pastor Selected to Deliver Baccalaureate Address

Rev. J. George Walz, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of La Grande, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon to the 128 seniors of La Grande High school at the L. B. S. tabernacle the evening of Sunday, May 27. It was announced today.

The complete program for the baccalaureate service follows: Chairman—Rev. B. Marcus Godwin, President La Grande Ministerial Association, Pastor Baptist Church, Protestant March "Coronation" Meyerbeer.

L. H. S. Orchestra. Invocation—Rev. B. Marcus Godwin.

## TIRE COVERS TO ADVERTISE BIG U. P. CELEBRATION

As a means of advertising the Centennial celebration here July 19, 20 and 21 about 100 tire covers have been ordered and will be received by the committee in the near future for sale in La Grande. The covers will have a white background and a picture of the modern streamline train and in orange and yellow letters the following information will be given:

"Old Timers Club Sponsoring Semi-Centennial Celebration, July 19, 20, 21."

This type of advertising has been used at various times for other celebrations, according to the committee, and has been found quite successful.

Word has also been received by the celebration committee from the Union County.

## EAGLES SPONSOR QUEEN CANDIDATE

The La Grande Eagles lodge today announced that it would sponsor a candidate for queen of the Eastern Oregon Livestock show at Union next month. Miss Vesta Mitchell is the Eagles candidate, and the lodge members are launching an active campaign in support of her.

This is the second La Grande girl to be entered in the stock show queen contest, the chamber of commerce sponsoring Mildred Standley.

## GETTLE SAFE



William F. Gettle, kidnaped Beverly Hills oil millionaire, was found alive and well by police late Monday in the La Crescenta district near Pasadena. Three persons were arrested and one escaped in a gun battle.

## SALARIES OF SOME SCHOOL MEN RAISED

Salaries for all teachers of the La Grande schools were permanently fixed last night at a meeting of the school board, and several were slightly raised.

The main discussion was on the salary of the music supervisor, Andrew Loney Jr. A delegation from the Rotary club, the Lions club, chamber of commerce, La Grande band, and a Cappella choir was present, and each addressed the board in favor of an increase in salary for Mr. Loney, asking that it be fixed at \$1800.

His salary was set at \$1500 when employed two years ago, and was reduced along with all others when a general cut of 7 1/2 per cent was made the following year.

Concern was expressed by the petitioners that unless a raise in salary was made that the community would lose the services of Mr. Loney. The result of the discussion was that the salary was set by the board at \$1800.

Several years ago the minimum salaries of classroom teachers was set at \$1000, and this was raised last night to \$1100 and effects about 10 teachers. Other salaries were fixed as follows: principal of Central school, \$1500; principal of Greenwood, \$1500;

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## MILLIONAIRE IS RESCUED BY OFFICERS

William F. Gettle—Crowd Cheers at Recovery

LOS ANGELES, May 15 (AP)—With a speed that left an angry city gasping, William F. Gettle was restored to his home today, the asserted kidnapers of the oil millionaire were caught, not a cent of ransom was paid and confessions were claimed from three of the band within a few hours after their arrest.

This almost unbelievable climax to the sensational kidnaping came late Monday. Brilliant success growing out of the barest of clues. A few hours after Blayne Matthews, chief of the district attorney's investigators, had been frightened out of what he thought to be a trap of hijackers attempting to steal \$60,000 ransom money which he carried, Capt. Harry Segar, police officer, came upon the key that unlocked the case. A squad of officers raided a small house in suburban La Crescenta, found Gettle, his face masked by court plaster, his limbs helpless in tape, lying upon a bed, and captured one man in the house, another escaping out a rear door.

While these officers were delivering Gettle from his bonds, other police trapped a second man and two women and a short time later, on a telephonic tip, they caught the third.

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## Plan to Improve Highways Studied In Multnomah Co.

PORTLAND, May 15 (AP)—A suggestion of Charles H. Reynolds, chairman of the highways and roads committee of the La Grande chamber of commerce, that an organization be effected to promote plans for improving highways from Eastern Oregon to Portland to provide safer and faster travel, was taken under consideration Monday by Multnomah county commissioners.

Reynolds said, in a letter to the county board, that there has been some discussion in Eastern Oregon for permanent improvement of the highways. The projects included are Burnt River canyon route, North Powder to Union, Immigrant Springs west 10 miles; Pendleton to Boardman, a new road shortening the distance about 15 miles and eliminating more than 280 curves; Heppner Junction to John Day river, and a modern highway from The Dalles to Portland along the Columbia river, constructed at a lower level than the Columbia River highway.

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## KIDNAPED CHILD SAFE AT HOME



Little June Robles kidnaped 6-year-old Tucson, Ariz., girl, was rescued late Monday and today was safe at home with her parents (pictured below). The girl had been missing since Apr. 25.

## FIND 'HOT' CLUES IN ROBLES CASE

TUCSON, Ariz., May 15 (AP)—Colby S. Parrar, Pima county undersheriff, said this afternoon fragmentary remarks made by June Robles in a brief conversation with investigators had directed definite suspicion toward two persons as members of the kidnap gang which entombed the little girl alive.

Parrar said he believed arrests

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## JUNE ROBLES IN ARMS OF HER PARENTS

Kidnaped Child Returned to Family; Kidnapers Still at Large.

TUCSON, Ariz., May 15 (AP)—Carlos G. Robles, assistant Pima county attorney and uncle of six-year-old June, flatly denied today rumors that the child's kidnapers had received \$10,000 in ransom money before the little girl was released from her desert prison. Safe at home, she was being tenderly cared for today.

"We absolutely did not pay a cent of ransom to anyone," declared Carlos. Clarence Houston, county attorney, who with Carlos found the child yesterday in a coffin-like sheet iron receptacle sunk three feet in the ground 9 1/2 miles from Tucson incorporated Carlos' statement.

Up to the moment of receipt by Houston yesterday afternoon of an anonymous letter which had been dispatched to Gov. B. B. Moeur's office in Phoenix from Chicago, the family had been holding itself in readiness to live up to its offer to pay \$10,000 privately. The Chicago letter, which included instructions for finding June "buried under a cactus," did not involve ransom.

Her ankles scarred by the cruel chain, June was too weak when found to walk without aid, although she tried gamely, and finally Houston and her uncle allowed her to go through the motions of walking as they supported her enroute to their automobile.

On her arrival at the home of her grandfather, Bernabe Robles, where

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## JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

ROBBIE KILLED; PAI NABBED

LINER HITS LIGHTSHIP

JOHNSON MEASURE SIGNED

BAKER SEWAGE CASE DECIDED

LOS ANGELES, May 15 (AP)—Two robbers held up two employees of the Belvedere branch of the Bank of America today and had \$15,000 in currency stacked up on the counter and ready to take away when the bank manager fired and killed one of them. The other, attempting to evade sheriff's officers who had been notified, ran into their arms.

NEW YORK, May 15 (AP)—Three members of the crew of the Nanuet lightship were killed and four were missing in a collision today between the lightship and the liner Olympic in which the lightship was sunk.

WASHINGTON, May 15 (AP)—President Roosevelt today signed the Johnson bill barring federal courts from taking jurisdiction over state utility rates decisions.

SALEM, May 15 (AP)—A writ of mandamus compelling the city clerk of Baker to advertise for sale \$104,123.50 in bonds for construction of a sewage disposal plant was allowed here today by the Oregon supreme court in an opinion written by Justice J. O. Bailey.

## OREGON STRIKE UNCHANGED; ONE SLAIN IN SOUTH

PORTLAND, Ore., May 15 (AP)—While labor leaders warned that a general city-wide strike in all industries will be called if the national guard is ordered to police the waterfront here, the longshoremen's strike went into its seventh day without a winch being operated or a pound of cargo moved from docks.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 15 (AP)—With one man dead and many injured in a riot at San Pedro, Governor James Rolph Jr., of California today appealed to President Roosevelt urging that arbitration be carried out to settle the strike of longshoremen on the Pacific coast.

Labor peace was shattered in nearly every section of the nation today as singularly encounters among strikers, pickets and guards added new names to the toll of dead and injured.

The smoldering strike of longshoremen, encircling the country along the seaboard and gulf ports, burst into furious rioting at San Pedro, Cal., where 500 striking longshoremen stormed a stockade of non-strikers.

Before police riot squads could act, one man was slain, the stockade put to the torch, and scores injured. Cursing strikers attempted to storm the Grace liner Santa Elena, but were beaten off by guards.

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## CROCKATT QUILTS STATE GAME POST

PORTLAND, May 15 (AP)—The resignation, effective June 30, of Ernest L. Crockatt, assistant supervisor for the Oregon game commission, was accepted by the commission at its Monday meeting here. Crockatt, a former Baker newspaper man, resigned to become a Pacific coast representative of a national manufacturing company. The vacancy will not be filled.

Every member of the commission praised Crockatt's work on the game board and he was credited with having moved the department "out of the red" during a period of acute financial stress.

## TWO MEN IN PLANE HEADED FOR ROME

NEW YORK, May 15 (AP)—Two men in a monoplane, streaked over the Atlantic ocean today headed for Rome.

With the worst part of their transatlantic journey behind, Capt. George E. Pond and Lieut. Cesare Sabelli were believed to be well on their way to Europe.

The fliers, attempting a non-stop flight from New York to the Italian capital, glimpsed their last bit of North American soil when they passed over Bell Island, off the southernmost coast of Newfoundland, at 5:30 p. m. E. S. T. yesterday, and headed for the open sea.

Their big orange and maroon monoplane, "Leonardo Da Vinci" was fueled for a 40-hour flight and Pond and Sabelli were confident of reaching their goal within that time. If they continued according to schedule, they will reach their objective between 10 p. m. and midnight, E. S. T. tonight.

## LION'S SHARE FOR RELIEF, PUBLICWORKS

President's Recovery Budget For Next Year is \$1,322,000,000.

## WARNS AGAINST TOO BIG A BILL

Hopes to Have Nation on Pay-As-You-Go Basis For the 1936 Fiscal Year.

WASHINGTON, May 15 (AP)—President Roosevelt pushed toward congress today a \$1,322,000,000 appropriation request, designed to fund recovery activities for next year within the terms of his budget.

The principal items were for public works and general relief.

As he polished up an accompanying message the president was represented as hopeful for wide discretionary authority in spending the money.

The \$1,322,000,000 would complete the \$3,166,000,000 recovery chest proposed by Mr. Roosevelt in his January budget for the fiscal year of 1934 and 1935.

In his last budget message he stated he expected the government to return to a pay-as-you-go basis during the fiscal year 1936.

Pointing to pay-as-you-go basis for the 1936 fiscal year, the president warned in his message today:

"In my judgment an appropriation in excess of the above amount would make more difficult, if not impossible an actual balance of the budget in the fiscal year 1936, unless greatly increased taxes are provided."

"The present estimates should be sufficient as a whole to take care of the emergencies of relief and of orderly re-employment at least until the early part of the calendar year 1935. If at that time conditions have not improved as much as we hope today, the next congress will be in session and will have full opportunity to act."

Simultaneously strong intimations came from high government sources today that the administration expects the banks to do a greater share of carrying the load and putting out credit to carry the recovery drive along.

Today's appropriation request completes the \$3,166,000,000 emergency recovery fund proposed for the 1934-1935 fiscal years in the Roosevelt budget of January. The president trimmed down today's estimate to take care of within the \$3,166,000,000 limit, the extra appropriations voted by this congress, including added amounts.

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## Communications Bill is Passed By The Senate

WASHINGTON, May 15 (AP)—The senate today passed the Dill bill to create a five-man bi-partisan commission to regulate all forms of communication. It now goes to the house.

The senate adopted an amendment requiring the proposed regulatory commission to prevent an individual or group from monopolizing broadcasting facilities of any community, city or state.

It also called for "broad diversification and free competition in broadcast programs."

## Baseball

National League R. H. E.  
New York 10 15 2  
Chicago 3 7 3  
Batteries: Rubeen and Mancuso; Root, Tinning and Tate.

## WALKER, STICKLER CLIMB EAGLE CAP

John Walker and Lee Stickler, of Enterprise, claim the honor of being the first to climb Eagle Cap, lofty Wallowa mountain peak, this year. Upon their reaching the higher levels, they found the snow many feet deep, they reported on their return.

With Joe Prizzell and Victor Cronin they drove up Lostine river to the end of the road in a car, which in itself was an unusual event for early

May, and spent the day in the high mountains.

Lee and John came down from Eagle Cap to lake basin and the snow there was fully eight feet deep. It was crusted hard in the morning but in the afternoon the snow softened so that walking was very hard work and the boys were nearly worn out by the time they got back to their car.

