

unconstitutional and void for the reason that in approving the act affect the concurrent jurisdiction the legislature attempted to create debt and liability in excess of \$50,000. Plaintiffs charged that such a liability was in violation of the state constitution.

Contract Violation Charged

The further charge was made that the law entails a violation of fish from the Columbia river. contract between contributors to the compensation fund and the state in that contributions to the fund are made for the specific purposes of protecting injured workmen and their dependents. The law provides purposes, according to the complaint, to divert funds contributed for a specifle purpose for building operations

In a third cause of action plaintiffs alleged that the law embraces

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SNYDER'S WIDOW DENIES MURDER

MRS. SNYDER FIXES BLAME ON HENRY JUDD GRAY

Gray's Attorney Threatens to Prove Ruth Snyder "A Serpent Woman"

NEW YORK, April 29.- (AP) Holding high her blond head, Mrs. Ruth Brown Snyder, Queens Village housewife, took the stand today and denied that she killed, or plotted to kill, her husband, Al- FIRE SIREN INSTALLED bert Snyder, magazine art editor. Her denial, accompanied by tears, was categorical. She repudiated her confession as a statement obtained under duress, and. after denying specific points, denied it in toto. Point by point she was taken over the state's case, denying that she schemed to get her husband insured for \$50,-000 and then plotted his death. She fixed upon Henry Judd Gray, her corset salesman paramour, the responsibility for the killing.

Not only did she deny participation in the crime, but she told of a struggle with Gray in her husband's bedroom, where she grappled with him, she said, in a last desperate effort to save her hushand's life. Gray, she said, whed her so hard she fell on the floor in a faint and, when she revived, made her agree to tell a story of burglary by two Italians. She complied, she said, "in mortal fear."

Opening addresses were made by counsel for both defendants. Counsel for Mrs. Snyder outlined the story she told from the stand and counsel for Gray asserted they would prove that Mrs. Snyder, "a serpent woman," not only plotted, but actually killed Albert Snyder, to get his insur- ticular one's lead in such contri ince, and that Gray was a tool.

such fishing appliances does not The building material dealers of the two states over the Colum- of Salem have organized a credit bia river for the reason that the association, the membership of fish wheels in question operate which already comprises 85 per within the state of Oregon. The cent of all Salem dealers. attorney general said that the law The object of the association does not prevent the state of is to foster and encourage build-

Washingon from enforcing any of ing in Salem through the extenits laws restricting the taking of soon of credit to all worthy builders and to protect members of the association from losses caused by

the granting of credit to unreli-COOLIDGE MAKES APPEAL able persons and firms.

man, directors,

Officers of the newly formed Additional Relief Funds Asked: organization are Oliver J. Myers, No Special Session to Meet

WASHINGTON, April 29.-(AP) - An appeal for additional, funds for flood telief in the Mississippi river valley, above the \$5,000,000 already asked on be-

half of the Red Cross, was made today by President Coolidge coin- States National bank building. cident with announcement at the

White House that a special session of congress would not be called for consideration of flood control and relief legislation. Mr. Coolidge sees no method by

which the treasury can be resorted to for funds for relief work and he wants it made clear that the Red Cross must depend on public contributions for relief

activities. Moreover, the president does not consider it expedient to call congress into session. It would take sometime, he believes, to assemble congress and a longer time

to have an appropriation authorized and actually made.

New Whistle Will Sound Alarms for all City Fires

A new firestren will be installed in the city hall some time next week. This siren has a carrying range of five miles and will sound the alarm fot all fires in the city. There are two shifts of firemen and when one shift goes to a fire the other men must come to the station in order to assure fire protection to any other property

which might eatch on fire. It is the purpose of the siren to call in all the men who are off duty. At the present time there is no adequate means for calling in these men, and so the new siren will be a distinct advance in fire protection.

CALUMET HAS RELIEF FUND

Word has been received that the Calumet Baking Powder company has started a fund with \$1,000 to further relief work in the flooded areas of the Mississippi valley. The Chicago Daily News will

take charge of the gift which is to be the foundation for the Calumet Baking Powder company flood relief fund. Other corporations. it is expected, will follow this par butions for the same purpo

\$561.375. day at 2 o'clock at the Rigdon Mark Poulsen, city recorder, funeral parlors. The services could give no reason for the dewere in charge of the Rev. C. L. crease other than that it was a Lovell, and the music was furn-

matter of fluctuation in building ished by Mrs. Ethel Poling Phelps and Miss Naomi Phelps.

of Banker's Association

projects.

Salem Donates \$1264 to Relief Brewer, Stayton, vice president; which has since been her rest-Drive for Flooded Area dence with the exception of a few

This view also was shared by

the weather bureau here, a special

flood warning late today forecast-

ing a break of probably 1,000 feet,

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Mrs. Waldo Brown, Hubbard, secretary; Mrs. P. E. Bowers, Sublim-The Red Cross has raised to date ity, treasurer; Mrs. Bradtle, Aur-\$1264, according to Dr. Henry E. ora, auditor; Mrs. W. W. Allen, Morris, local chairman of the Mill City, and Mrs. Dave Looney, drive, and of this amount \$1,000 Jefferson, directors,

has been sent east. Salem is Mrs. Eugene Moshberger premeasuring up very well in its sided at the meeting, which was contributions in comparison with attended by 125 delegates from the other Pacific coast cities, al- 21 clubs in Marion county. An though all the coast has been very address of welcome was made by slow in contributing to the relief Mrs. Frank Settlemier of Woodof the people in the flooded areas. burn. Mrs. Alice Dodd of Salem

The Lions club made an un- responded. solicited gift to the relief fund today which is the first contribu-SOCIETY TO NAME BIRD tion made by a service club, as a unit.

Audubon Society Asks Children to One old lady, 86 years old, sent Signify State Choice in \$1 for the fund, saying that she just had to do her part to help The Oregon Audubon society is the distressed people, even though

sponsoring a contest to select a it was a small bit. Salem's part of the Red Cross state bird, according to a letter

relief fund is \$2,000, of which received yesterday by George Hug, superintendent of schools. The 735 still remains to be raised. choice lies between six birds, varied thrush, meadowlark, junco,

KETTLES SOLICIT AID song sparrow, white - crowned sparrow, and bluebird. Salvation Army Seeks to Raise According to the letter, school Funds for Flood Sufferers

children are invited to vote upon these birds. A statement of the The Salvation Army of this city number of votes cast by the is in the midst of a drive, today, schools for each one are to be sent for the benefit of Mississippi flood by Superintendent Hug to E. F. sufferers. The familiar "Christ- Carleton, editor of the Oregon Edmas" kettles are on the street corucational Journal, in Portland, ners, and the financial support of

where they will be turned over to every Salem resident is solicited the society for counting. Selecin this worthy cause. tions must be in by May 10. The Salvation Army was one of

the first organizations to reach 2 SALEM ORATORS WIN the flood area, and their workers have done much to relieve suffer-McCroskey and Redding First and ing among those affected by the Second at Eugene disaster.

Dr. B. F. Pounds is in charge of EUGENE, April 30 .- (AP.)the drive which is the result of a Benoit McCroskey of Salem, Unicall sent to the local headquarters by the national commander, Evangeline Booth.

CONVICTS TRANSFERRED

Three Inmates Moved From Penitentiary to State Asylum

Three convicts at -the Oregon state prison Friday were transferred to the state hospital for

the insane for observation. The convicts included Oles Brown, colored, who is serving a life term for the murder of Otto Mays in Wasco county; Dewey Simmons, also serving a life sentence for murder in Wasco county, and Earl Davis, colored, serving seven years for larceny. Davis was received at the prison from Multnomah county.

ade from all points. **Heads** County Federation of Wom-

en's Clubs; Meeting Held

WOODBURN, Or., April 29 .---

Other officers are: Mrs. Edna

was elected president of the Mar-

the federation here today.

The parade will be led by the Salem high school band. Next in line will come an American Legioncolor hearer followed by the gov-AP.).-Miss Matty Beatty, Salem, ernor's car in which will ride Governor Patterson and C. A. ion County Federation of Women's Howard, state superintendent of clubs at the annual convention of

public instruction. Mrs. Mary L. Fulkerson, county superintendent, Dr. Walter H. Brown, county health officer, and George W. Hug will ride in the car which will follow the governor's.

Succeeding the state and county officials will march the four sections of school children. Novel floats of milk bottles, cabbage heads, carrot tops and tooth brushes, will be dispersed at regular intervals between the sections. The line of march will be down Commercial street, east on State to Liberty, south on Liberty to Ferry and into the armory where the children will be seated ac-

cording to districts. The program in the armory will be started by Rev. Fred C. Taylor who will offer a prayer at the heginning of the session. After the prayer the children will give a salute to the American flag. Short

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COUPON ADMITS TO INDIAN SHOW

THE OVERLAND STAGE PORTRAYS REDMAN FAIRLY

Statesman Offers Chance for Children to See Picture for a Nickel

Under the auspices of The Statesman all boys and girls of Salem under the age of 11 will be admitted to a special matinee Saturday morning, April 30, at the Oregon, showing the "Overland Stage" on the presentation of the coupon in this paper and five cents at the ticket office of the

theater. "The Overland Stage" is one of versity of Oregon student, won the the few productions in the history state constitution oratorical con- of motion pictures which shows test here tonight in competition the American Indian as he really with speakers from Willamette was, a willing friend of the white university, Reed college, Albany man as long as he was treated college and Oregon Agricultural right. But when a dis

college. Charles Redding of Wil- gambler to gain his ends deceived lamette was second. McCroskey them with stories about the white will represent the state in the Pa- man and his treatment of the Incific coast finals of the national dian, one band rose in its wrath to contest in Los Angeles next month. | wreak vengeance.





treasurer THE BRIDGE OF SIGHS

ALBANY, Ore., April 29 .- (AP) years spent in Bellingham and -F. E. Callister, Albany, was Portland. For the past ten years elected president of Group 2, Ore- Mrs. Hansen has made her home

Spaulding Logging company, pres- gon State Bankers' association, with her daughter, Mrs. F. B. ident; C. E. Albin, Oregon Gravel comprising Linn, Marion, Benton, Culver, wife of the present pastor company, vice president; G. E. Mc- Polk and Lincoln counties, at the of the First Evangelical church, Afee, secretary treasurer; G. C. annual meeting of the organization Mrs. Hansen is survived by Allen, R. A. Meyer and J. B. Nath- here. Other officers elected are: six of her seven children, Peter

J. H. Albert, Salem, vice president; Hansen, Andrew Hansen, Paul The office of the association will Dr. W. W. Allen, Mill City, secre- Hansen, Sophia Heckman (and be located in room 301. United tary; Henry Zimmerman, Aurora, Trena Culver of Salem, and Harry Hansen of Seattle.

Mrs. Hansen was born in Den-CALLISTER HEADS GROUP mark, January 21, 1828, and died RED CROSS GETS FUNDS on April 22. She came to Ore-Joseph H. Albert Among Officers gon in 1872 and settled at Salem.