

Let There Be No Flagging of the Spirit of Salem, the Spirit of Progress and Welcome, and 1928 Will Be Way Better Than 1927  
The Way to Continue the Building Activity in Salem to Keep All Rentable Property Rented Is to Promote Factory Growth Here

# The Oregon Statesman

Weather forecast: Rains west, snows east portion; rising temperature in east portion; strong southerly winds; occasionally gales on the coast. Maximum temperature yesterday 43, minimum 35, river 29, rainfall .31, atmosphere cloudy, wind northwest.

These "pumpkins" on the street corners are causing plenty of rumpus and plenty of humor. Seriously, why is anything needed, more than a white painted spot to mark the center of the intersection?

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## LEAD HOLDS FIRST ALIBI YARN TRUE

Andrew Cramer Was One Who Committed Gruesome Deed, Hickman Says

## STORY DOUBTED AS CHECK MADE

Clues in Los Angeles Fail To Support Youth's Tale

## ROOM REVISITED

Cleaning Materials Found Indicate "Fox" Had Made Numerous Attempts To Remove Traces of Own Deed

PENDLETON, Dec. 23.—(AP) Paced with a report that Andrew Cramer, his alleged accomplice in the kidnaping of Marion Parker, was in jail at the time of the crime, William E. Hickman today not only reiterated his original story that Cramer had butchered the girl, but gave additional details of Cramer's part in the plot. Hickman claimed that Cramer came into his apartment at the Bellevue apartments, Los Angeles, about 5:30 o'clock last Saturday and not only delivered the torso of the girl in a suitcase to Hickman but accompanied him to a short distance of the spot where Hickman turned over the body to the girl's father. "It was necessary to put the suitcase up against the instrument board when Cramer was in the car and I placed it on the seat after he left," said Hickman. "I let him out on Alvarado avenue after we had stopped and talked over our future plans. "Cramer said, 'I am feeling kind of funny about this, and want to get out of town just as soon as possible.' He stated we would meet in San Francisco to settle up."

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 23.—(AP) Ten bars of soap and two cans of cleaning powder have been found in the apartment here of William E. Hickman, suspected slayer of Marion Parker. Although Hickman occupied the apartment only two weeks, it was found that each

## WOMAN AVIATOR HOPS OFF AGAIN

FRANCES GRAYSON STARTS FIRST LAP FROM N. Y. Plane's Wings Gathered as Precaution Against Gathering Iceicles On Trip

ROOSEVELT FIELD, N. Y. Dec. 23.—(AP)—Heading into the north on the first leg of what she hopes will be a transatlantic flight to Crofton, England, Mrs. Frances Wilton Grayson hopped off a few minutes after five o'clock today for Harbor Grace. It was twilight when her huge amphibian plane "Dawn" was trundled to the foot of the mound where mechanics warmed up her motors, but darkness was falling when the ship came down the runway, gathering speed and lifting her heavy load after about two-fifths of a mile.

Onkar Omdal, the pilot, Brice Goldsborough, who accompanied Mrs. Grayson on a futile attempt to fly across the ocean in October and Fred Koehler, motor expert, were aboard the plane with Mrs. Grayson. Just before the take-off Mrs. Grayson said that she had taken aboard 500 gallons of gasoline and the ship weighed 10,000 pounds. She said she was convinced that the winter transatlantic flight was feasible and believed that the greatest hazard, that of ice forming on the wings, had been eliminated by having coated the wings with glycerine. This it is thought, will prevent condensation and freezing of fog on the ship. Once the plane gathered headway after taking the air it disappeared quickly in the thickening darkness. Omdal said he would start a compass course to Harbor Grace and be expected to reach there by 7 o'clock tomorrow morning.

## RESCUE EFFORTS BEGUN, STOPPED

NEW STORM HALTS WORK ON U. S. SUBMARINE YESTERDAY

Naval Officials Contradict Former Announcement, Say Salvage Continued

PROVINCETOWN, Mass., Dec. 23.—(AP)—Gales and rough seas which caused the U. S. S. Ralcon to slip her moorings forced suspension of diving operations at the scene of the S-4 disaster off here tonight.

## PROVINCETOWN, Mass., Dec. 23.—(AP)—With all hope gone that life exists aboard the sunken submarine S-4, the rescue fleet continued its efforts today to raise the ill-fated craft from its grave 100 feet below the surface of the sea before unfavorable weather forces suspension of salvage operations.

The navy will not discontinue its attempts to raise the submarine "until forces to do so" Admiral Frank H. Brumby, in command of the rescue fleet, declared.

"It must be remembered," Admiral Brumby said, "that off Block Island in December 1925 it was necessary because of weather conditions to cease operations on the S-51 on December 6. These operations were resumed in the spring of 1926 when weather conditions permitted them. We hope to have the diving work about the submarine more advanced than it is now, but in diving operations you are doomed to many disappointments." Captain Ernest F. King, directing the salvage operations, said that divers were still working late this afternoon, drilling a tunnel through the mud under the bow of the S-4 that cables might be looped around the broken craft. "The decision to make the trip came suddenly. After declaring that he had every confidence in Rear Admiral Brumby who has charge of the rescue and salvage operations, the secretary announced late in the day that he wished to talk with him personally and

## WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Still hopeful that some one may be alive on board the submarine S-4, Secretary Wilbur decided to go to Provincetown to confer with officers of the rescue fleet and make a personal inspection. He arranged to have Admiral Hughes, chief of naval operations, go with him, leaving tonight. They will detain tomorrow morning at Provincetown, R. I., and proceed to Provincetown by automobile.

## MOTHER YET CONFIDENT

Mrs. Hickman Believes Son Did Not Do Gruesome Deed

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Mrs. Eva Hickman remained unshaken tonight in her belief that her son, William Edward Hickman had no part in the killing of Marion Parker, Los Angeles school girl. Learning that Andrew Cramer, named by Hickman as an accomplice in the crime, had denied any part in the killing, Mrs. Hickman said: "I still believe my boy when he says somebody else did the killing. I know he could not be guilty of that."

## FIRST WITH FULL STORY

Statesman Copies in Greatest Demand Since Armistice

Not since the signing of the armistice and end of the World war had there been such a rush for copies of the Oregon Statesman as occurred Friday morning. This issue of the paper contained the first complete story of the capture of "Fox" Hickman, following the rather brief announcement Thursday afternoon of his capture in eastern Oregon. The Associated Press wire into the Statesman office was kept humming from six o'clock Thursday evening until 2 o'clock Friday morning carrying the thrilling account of the biggest story of its kind that has occurred since the escape from the Oregon penitentiary of Tracy, later captured in Washington, after he had terrorized the citizens of that state for a week by his desperate deeds. The entire edition of the paper was sold within a few minutes after it appeared on the street.

## HICKMAN THINKS AHEAD

Wants to Know Whether He Will Have to Talk Again

PENDLETON, Dec. 23.—(AP)—In the course of a quizzing at the jail here today, William E. Hickman asked City Attorney C. Z. Randall whether he would have to repeat his stories to District Attorney Asa M. Keyes, who is expected to arrive here tomorrow with a party of Los Angeles officials. "Would I have to tell—could I refuse to say anything?" he asked. He was assured of his constitutional rights by Randall. "Well I have told this much now and I might as well tell it over again." He wanted to know if notes were being carefully taken of what he said. "The district attorney will do everything he can to trip me up," he remarked. All statements made by Hickman here have been voluntary. He has been quizzed but not "grilled."

## OPINION VARIES ON SUBSTITUTE FOR PUMPKINS

"Bull's Eye" Markers To Be Installed Here For Test Today or Monday

## RESULT TO BE WATCHED

Reports From Coast Cities State in Some Cases That One Marker Plan Is Best; Portland Likes Four

Four "Bull's eye" traffic markers, placed back of the extended property line in the middle of the street, will replace the present one marker system at State and Commercial streets for a try-out to see which system is the best, it was announced yesterday by Alderman Paul Johnson, chairman of the police committee. The change will be made either today or Monday, if the markers, which have been ordered, arrive from Portland. If it is shown that traffic is speeded up by the new system and corner cutting is not too prevalent, the four button setups will be established at every corner to replace the present single markers. The new traffic markers will be made of steel, and have two reflectors installed in them. They will be similar to ones used in Portland. Letters received by Alderman Johnson indicate a split opinion as to the relative merits of the two systems. Tacoma puts an unqualified stamp of approval on the one marker system as more inexpensive, and declaring that under the four button system there is more of a tendency to cut corners. "We have found that most of

## EXTRADITION PROMISED

Governor Will Delay Only to Make Sure Papers Legal

There will be no delay, so far as Governor Patterson is concerned, in the extradition of William Edward Hickman to California to stand trial for the brutal murder of 12-year old Marian Parker. Oregon's executive declared Friday that he knew of no reason why he should hesitate in honoring a request from the governor of California for Hickman's extradition. "When the requisition papers are presented to me I shall present them to Attorney General Van Winkle for approval as to form so as to leave no loop hole through which the fox can sneak out in his fight against law and order, but otherwise there should be no delay in the procedure here," Governor Patterson declared today. It is expected here that the requisition papers for Hickman would reach Salem in care of California officials this morning.

## NO CHRISTMAS PARDONS

Governor Sees No Reason For Granting Holiday Clemency

There are to be no Christmas pardons or paroles for convicts in the Oregon penitentiary this year. Governor Patterson expressed his attitude on this policy Friday. "I can see no justification for the release of prisoners merely because it happens to be the Christmas season," he declared. "If a prisoner is entitled to a pardon or a parole he should have it regardless of the season for the year."

## LAW FOR DIRECT PLEA USED HERE

WOLLERMAN PLEADS GUILTY GETS TWO YEAR TERM

Auto Thieves Also Sentenced But Paroled; Matteson Draws 5 Years

A law enacted by the 1927 legislature last winter, whereby one arrested for a crime may plead guilty without waiting for arraignment, was made use of in Marion county circuit court yesterday for the first time. Orren R. Wollerman entered a plea of guilty to a charge of forgery, for which he had been held. He was given a two year prison sentence by Circuit Judge Percy R. Kelly. Wollerman had passed several checks for forging them. Robert Walsh, 25, and William C. Taylor, 20, were allowed to enter a plea of guilty to a charge of having stolen an automobile. They were each sentenced to two years in the state penitentiary and were then immediately paroled from the bench. Walsh was paroled to Don Miles, local attorney, and Taylor was paroled to his own father. It was Wollerman's second offense, authorities declared, and Walsh's and Taylor's first. Each made use of the new statutory provision which permitted them to waive indictment. Indictment would not have been impossible until the general jury meets, and arraignment would not have taken place until after indictment. Thus under the old law the men would not have been able to enter their pleas until some time subsequent to the next meeting of the grand jury. Dwey Matteson also appeared before Judge Kelly yesterday. He was arraigned on an old indictment for forgery, entered a plea of guilty and was sentenced to a term not to exceed five years in the state penitentiary. No minimum was fixed for the prison term.

## BIGGS RAILROAD BACKERS KNOWN

HAND BELIEVED TIPPED WHEN NEW FIRM FILES

George F. Hensner, of Linn County Company Attended Hearing Here

At a meeting in Portland Tuesday at which was first presented Biggs' request for a change in the state highway survey at the point under controversy in order to provide room for Biggs' railroad and again at a meeting here on Wednesday when Biggs deposited a \$10,000 check as an evidence of his good faith in making his request, Biggs refused to divulge the interests he was representing. At the meeting here however Geo. F. Hensner, one of the incorporators of the new logging company was present and frequently prompted Biggs in his arguments before representatives of the highway department clearly indicating his interest in Biggs' side of the controversy. H. P. Byers with a survey south of the state highway and above the proposed highway location at the controverted point, is the second figure in the fight for railroad right of way up the Santiam river. Byers, however, has not yet evidenced his good faith in opposing the demand of Biggs by the deposit of a bond as requested by the highway commission. The highway officials have indicated that they would not stand in the way of any railroad development work up the Santiam and have temporarily suspended work on the particular section under controversy until a decision can be reached on the request of Biggs. (Continued on page 5.)

## SAUVAIN'S BODY NOW IDENTIFIED FIND NO WOUND

Three Ribs Broken, Probably Result of Grinding Between River Logs

NO INQUEST TO BE HELD

Investigation Closed and Body Will Be Returned to Mt. Angel for Burial; Dog's Shooting Unexplained

## Believed Fall Result

The theory now held by officials here is that Sauvain fell from a cliff, but that fails to explain the shooting of his dog, the body of which was found several weeks ago. It was announced tonight, however, that all investigation of the case has been dropped; that no inquest will be held, and that the body will be taken immediately to Mt. Angel for burial. Young Sauvain, who was 23 (Continued on page 4.)

## TWO YOUTHS STILL HELD

Brothers on Way to Garfield Hope to Arrive Christmas

PENDLETON, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Jack and Bill Merrill, of Garfield, Wash., who were riding with William E. Hickman when he was captured yesterday, are being held by the police until California officials arrive. They hope to be released in time so that they can resume their journey to their home for Christmas. They were picked up at The Dalles while on their way from Duror, Ore., where they were working. They said that Hickman told them he was a student on his way from Olympia to Salt Lake City for the holiday vacations. He let them handle his .45 caliber revolver, but said nothing of special interest to them on the trip.

## CLASSMATE DISCOVERED

Yakima Woman Recalls Gruesome Habits of Edward Hickman

YAKIMA, Wash., Dec. 23.—(AP)—Mrs. C. E. Meister of Yakima who said today that she went to school several years ago with William E. Hickman, recalled that the confessed kidnaper was in the habit of wringing the necks of her family's chickens. On one occasion, the woman related, young Hickman took apparent delight in wringing the neck of her kitten. Her family and the Hickmans lived on adjoining farms near Hartford, Ark., Mrs. Meister said. Aside from a noticeable cruel streak in his makeup, young Hickman was generally regarded as having a pleasing personality.

## OFFICIALS HERE TODAY

Extradition Papers Will Reach Salem in Hickman Case

PENDLETON, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Inspector Chief of Intelligence Department Dwight Longuevas, who was forced down at Corning while enroute by airplane from Sacramento to Salem with extradition papers for William E. Hickman, caught the Cascade limited No. 18 and will arrive in Salem at 1:53 p. m. this afternoon.

## HICKMAN WHINES AS TRIAL LOOMS

FOX NOT SO FOXY ON REALIZATION OF SITUATION

Conceit Flees From Youth Held for Brutal Killing of Los Angeles Girl

PENDLETON, Dec. 23.—(AP)—William E. Hickman—"The Fox"—the object until yesterday of a nation wide search, and sought as an "arch-criminal," whined in his cell tonight. "I didn't kill Marian Parker," he repeated time and again to newspaper men. "I loved that little girl like my sister. I wouldn't have harmed a hair of her head. I feel as though I am being made the goat in this matter. "Why do they let these newspapers print such things about a fellow?" he demanded imperiously. "I'm not a murderer. I didn't confess. All I did was to kidnap the girl."

## WHOLE COUNTRY TOURED BY 'FOX'

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Lengthy and Startling Career As Lawbreaker Recounted By Hickman

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