

PLAN EXAMINATION FOR MAIL CARRIER

Eligible List For Salem Post-office Sought; Serve Wider Territory

Announcement that a civil service examination to establish an eligible list from which selections may be made to fill vacancies which may occur in the positions of postoffice clerk or carrier at the Salem postoffice, recalls the fact that the service is soon to be increased to include carrier delivery in West Salem.

The United States Civil Service Commission announced a Post Office Clerk-Carrier examination for the purpose of establishing an eligible register from which selections may be made to fill vacancies as they may occur in the position of CLERK or CARRIER, Post Office Service, at Salem, Oregon.

Substitute service is paid at the rate of \$6 per hour; for the first year at full time, salary is \$1,700. All citizens of the United States who meet the requirements, both men and women, may enter this examination; appointing officers, however, have the legal right to specify the sex desired in requesting certification of eligibles.

For further information and application blank, apply to Mr. Paul W. Miller, Secretary, Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, at Salem, Oregon, or to the Secretary, Eleventh U. S. Civil Service District, 207 Post Office Building, Seattle, Washington.

CLINE RELATES INSIDE STORY OF 'FOX' HUNT

and killer had driven. They were not clear enough to classify and so, to match them against our records, we possibly might have had to go through every one of the upwards of 200,000 fingerprint cards in our files.

Wires Kansas City "I combed my memory for the names of any men who were likely to have committed the crime and on information on three of these I telegraphed Chief of Detectives W. E. O'Connor of Kansas City.

"Monday night, December 19, O'Connor called me by long distance telephone to report on these three men. Just as he was about to hang up at his end he added that they recently had had another inquiry from Los Angeles about a William E. Hickman, on probation from the Los Angeles court, but that he could not be located in Kansas City and must be in Los Angeles.

"Immediately there flashed into my mind that the Hickman finger print card might be worth investigating. I had it located in our files and turned over to our finger print expert, Lieutenant H. L. Barlow. In two minutes the prints taken from the automobile steering wheel and one of the ransom letters written to Marian Parker's father, and we knew for the first time the name of the man we wanted, William Edward Hickman.

"Now, as to the confession and the manner in which I got it from the prisoner. "After we left Pendleton, Ore., on the train last Sunday morning, I took Hickman alone into a compartment of our private car and for five hours I questioned and cross questioned him. No body else was with us.

"Finally, he said that he was going to adopt the Leopold and Loeb program, referring to that Chicago case in which the two young killers of Bobby Frank pleaded guilty. "I told him that in that event it would be better for him to write out his statement, so that the judge considering his case would have all the details before him.

"Hickman said he would do this if I would promise that a copy of his confession would be placed in the judge's hands. I assured him that it would, so he told me the whole story then, much as it has been printed in the papers. "Writes Whole Story "The following morning, Monday, I took writing materials into Hickman's compartment and we sat down together, while he wrote his statement, 19 pages in long hand, of confession, and six pages outlining his motive.

A Dog's Adventure



Jack, a foxhound belonging to V. O. Cranford, of Waynesboro, Miss., was chasing a fox recently. Then he disappeared. Nine days later, a howl was heard in the vicinity of the hunt. Investigation discovered Jack at the bottom of a well. He was lonesome—but fat and sleek. It was found that the fox had jumped into the well, too, so Jack had plenty of fresh meat during his incarceration.

SCHOOL GIVES PLAY

CHRISTMAS EXERCISES HELD AT SPRING VALLEY (Special.)—A very interesting program was given by the pupils of the Spring Valley school Friday afternoon when they presented their Christmas exercises.

The program was given as a play entitled "The Cowboy's Christmas" in three acts. Act I.—A typical cowboy scene at a ranch house. Miss Patience interests the boys in making themselves presentable.

Act II.—Alkali Ike writes his mother. The letter falls into other hands, and money is sent to her on which to come west and surprise Ike.

Act III.—Alkali Ike's mother arrives and attends the program given by Miss Patience at the school house.

Program—Song—"Santa is Coming." Recitation—Ella Belle Sohn. Recitation—Marjorie Matthews. Recitation—James Smith. Recitation—Dorothy Eberly. Song—Gladys Crawford. Recitation—Marvin Cook. Recitation—Olive Stratton. Recitation—Elaime Sohn. Recitation—James Cook. Recitation—Ila Anne Stratton. Recitation—Ila Marie Versteeg. Recitation—Louis Jakubec. Candle Drill—Thelma Dowdy, Eldon Cook, Caroline Jakubec, Arthur Yungen, Ila Smith, Marvin Cook, Doris Windsor, Julian Stratton, Theodor Shafer, James Cook.

Characters of play: Alkali's mother, Alvera Leopold; Alkali Ike, Lorine Walling; Rawhide, Laura Cook; Snowball, Edgar Smith; Curly, Vernon Windsor; Bridget, Josephine Jakubec; Shorty, Edward Shubert; McKinley, Albert George; Miss Patience, Eala Smith; Mahaney, Leland George.

After the program Eula Smith, Edward Schubert, Vernon Windsor and Albert George distributed the presents and candy to the audience.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kieper and two daughters Edouise and Lois Mathews of Talbot, spent Christmas eve with Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Sohn and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Yungen and daughter Evelyn and son John spent Christmas as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Yungen and family.

Mrs. Belle Simkins has as her guests Mr. and Mrs. Errol F. Kirkwood of Seattle, Wa. Yvonne Thompson of Oregon City and Irvine Branch of Pratum were visitors at the Spring Valley school Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Alderman entertained as their guests on Christmas day Mr. and Mrs. Pleasant Holdredge of Amity, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Gillon, Charles Gillon of Salem, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Stevenson and daughter Ruth and Shirley of Salem Heights, Mr. and Mrs. E. Page Stevenson and daughter Mabel of Salem and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Alderman and small son Junior.

Miss Evangeline Jennings of Laramie, Wyoming, is spending the holidays here with her mother, Mrs. Mary Jennings and family. Mrs. Seymour Wilson and family, Miss Jennings is state nutrition specialist for Wyoming. She visited here two years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Teeple and son Howard motored to Portland Sunday where they were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Teit. Mrs. Teeple and Howard are spending the holidays with Mr. Teeple at their country home.

CITIES' GROWTH SHOWN FOR U. S.

NEW YORK TO PASS SIX MILLION MARK IN 1928

Portland not Estimated in Statistics as Compiled by Census Experts

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Sizing up the growth of 255 cities credited with populations of 50,000 or more, census bureau experts have figured, among other things that by the middle of next year New York will have more than 6,000,000 inhabitants and Cleveland will move into the 1,000,000 class before the 1930 enumeration.

Computations have been made as of July 1, 1927 and are based, in most cases, on the assumption that the annual increase of population since the 1920 census has been the same as the average annual growth between 1910 and 1920. Estimates were not made for 23 cities.

The four cities in the million class showed no change in relative rank from estimates of a year ago. New York, nearly twice as large as any other city in the United States, is credited with growth between July 1, 1926 and July 1, last of 58,800, bringing its total to 5,970,800. Estimates for its boroughs are: The Bronx 2,264,000; Brooklyn 2,274,400; Manhattan 1,814,600; Queens 809,100, and Richmond 145,600.

Chicago, second city, had a growth of 2,000 less than New York, and is estimated at 3,102,800. Philadelphia, third largest city, is credited with 27,900 increase, and a total of 2,635,900. Detroit, last of the "big four," increased 44,500 to 1,334,500.

In the half-to-one-million class, Cleveland leads with 972,500, followed by St. Louis 839,200; Baltimore 819,000; Boston 793,100; Pittsburgh 565,500; Los Angeles not estimated (576,673 in 1920); San Francisco 576,000; Buffalo 550,000; Washington 540,000, and Milwaukee 536,400.

There are no changes in relative position in the 400,000 class; Newark 466,700; Minneapolis 447,000; New Orleans 424,400 and Cincinnati 412,200. The 300,000 class gained Toledo and found Seattle advancing to second place; Kansas City, Mo., 383,100; Seattle 375,300; Indianapolis 374,300; Rochester 324,500; Jersey City 321,500; Louisville 320,100 and Toledo 305,400. Portland, Ore., was not estimated.

LITTLE GIRL'S DEATH RESULT OF BREAKDOWN

(Continued from page 1) her he would kill her if not ransomed. Therefore, when he applied the towel about her neck she realized what was about to happen and her heart stopped as the result of fright and exhaustion.

No Poisons Found "Hickman stated she did not struggle," Wagner's statement continued, "in his first reported confession. Immediately after he found she was dead, he dismembered her. The chemists report that no poisons or anaesthetics could be found in the organs I submitted."

Hickman's return to Los Angeles by train from Oregon, and his speedy race from the railroad yards to the county jail on the twelfth floor of the hall of justice, was without any great demonstration on the part of the thousands of spectators who gathered to watch his arrival. Man-acted to two detectives. Hickman was whisked in an automobile between lines of police which held back the curious crowd, and into a waiting hall of justice elevator.

Winded By Run Panting from his forced run for the jail and safety, Hickman answered the questions of the booking officer in gasps and then was led to cell number 1, where a special guard was to be maintained constantly to prevent any attempt at suicide or escape.

An hour and half later the confessed kidnaper-murderer briefly faced the bar of justice, where a milling crowd gathered in such proportions that the district attorney had difficulty making his entry.

Although whitened of face and with dark eyes flashing here and there, never looking directly upon the courtroom crowd, Hickman outwardly did not appear nervous. The clearness and precision with which he answered the court's questions as to his name brought an audible gasp from the spectators.

First Delay Made On the motion of District Attorney Yasa Keyes that Hickman's arraignment be put over until Thursday, to give a defending attorney from Kansas City time to arrive here, the court readily ordered the delay.

The youthful murderer was returned to his cell where he threw himself upon his cot and slept soundly for nearly an hour. He was awakened to be informed that he was to be taken to the identification bureau in the jail for fingerprinting.

Then he collapsed, and was in a complete faint for several minutes. When he was revived he showed little effects as he was escorted to the identification bureau. Members of the district attorney's office tonight said they would not be surprised if Hickman pleaded NOT guilty when arraigned Thursday.

Hickman denied, however, that he would do so. Attorney Not Needed "Even if that lawyer engaged

by my mother tells me to plead not guilty, I will refuse to do it," he said. "I said I'm going to plead guilty and I mean it. The officers have my story all down in writing, anyway—and I signed it. I told everything I know. I can't see where that Kansas City lawyer will be much help now."

Hickman said he anticipated "fair treatment" in Los Angeles—the home of his crime. "But all I expected to have was the public defender," he continued. "I don't want my trial to be too speedy. All I ask for is fair treatment and I'm getting that."

Reports that the youth had been intimidated or beaten into confession were denied by him. "Everybody treated me squarely," he said. "I have no cause to complain."

He reiterated a previously expressed desire to meet Perry M. Parker, the father of his small victim, face to face. "If Mr. Parker wants to see me and talk with me, I'll see him and talk with him," he said. "I have nothing to hide. I will tell him everything in detail—just as I told it in my confession."

Excuses Needed A parson in a little Colorado town was having his daily shave at the hands of an old colored barber. The negro had been good and drunk the night before, and the parson knew it, but hated to have any other barber touch his face. After two or three minor nicks, the barber at last took a generous slice out of the parson's ear, whereupon the latter could contain himself no longer.

"You see, John, that's what comes of drinking too much whisky." "Yassah, dat's a fac," sah. I's heard drinkin' makes de skin pow'ful tendah."

Hickman Pictured as Lad With Wish to be Preacher

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 27.—(AP)—He wanted to be a minister and his desire to learn to play a trombone and to see drama on the stage.

Instead, William Edward Hickman is the confessed perpetrator of an atrocious crime—the slaying of little Marian Parker—that brought down upon him hatred and inflicted tragedy on a happy home.

The youth's ambition to be a minister and his desire to learn to play a stolen \$350 trombone both are detailed in his conversations with Los Angeles officials and newspaper reporters while enroute here from Pendleton, Ore., the place of his capture.

After he had been visited by a minister in the Pendleton jail, according to officers, he later tore up the religious pamphlet, which the clergyman left, it was a piece of acting, he said.

Last summer, he related, while engaged in a series of holdups, he drove up to a music store in San Francisco and selected a trombone, priced \$350. He told a clerk to come with him to get his father's check and safely out of the store, pressed a pistol to the clerk's side and told him to return to the store. His ambition to play the trombone was abandoned.

"Later I broke up the trombone. Just got mad and crushed it—then threw it away in Elysian park." Elysian park is the spot where he also threw away parts of the slain girl's body. "Say, Cap, what do you think I'll get?" he asked a reporter, glancing quickly from beneath his bushy eyebrows.

"What do you think you deserve?" was the reporter's answer. "Well, I don't know," he said. "I sort of was hoping I might get life. Either that or the other. That's all I can get."

"Aren't you afraid of life—long years with thoughts about that little girl and how she died?" he was asked. "No," the answer came quickly. "Thoughts would not bother me. I never think about such things. If I were free, I'd soon forget it."

Hickman said he never read much. "I like to go to picture shows," he said. "Saw one almost every day. Like to see pictures with pretty women in them. Like to look at pretty women. Also I like plays, dramas, and used to go and see them all the time."

Hickman uses perfume. His overcoat, despite thousands of miles of open road driving, still smells of perfume.

BUDGET QUESTIONED

SCHOOL DISTRICTS AHEAD OF SCHEDULE, CLAIMED

The legal department of the Union Pacific railroad has raised a question as to the legality of the school budgets of certain Oregon school districts along the Columbia river. In order to clear up at least some of the points at issue, State Superintendent C. A. Howard has submitted one of the typical cases

to the attorney general for his opinion. This case is the school district of The Dalles, in which a budget was voted upon and carried in October, 1927. This budget was prepared by the school board and budget committee for the school year 1928-1929 and was so advertised in the notices of election.

The representatives of the Union Pacific company maintain that a budget for the school year 1928-1929 could not be voted at so early a date and claim that this budget should have been advertised for the school year 1927-1928.

The thing that makes this difference in opinion of importance is the fact that, at the beginning of the fiscal year for school districts in June, 1927, The Dalles school district had on hand an unexpended balance of several thousand dollars.

If the budget voted on in October was for the school year 1927-1928 the Union Pacific representatives maintain this balance should have appeared among the estimated receipts. On the other hand if the budget voted upon in October was for the school year 1928-1929, the estimated "probable unexpended

balance at the end of the current year" would have been as of June, 1928. The school board and budget committee of The Dalles estimated that there would be no unexpended balance in June, 1928 and, therefore, included no item under this heading in their budget.

DELAY BOARD MEET

SCHOOL DIRECTORS TO CONSIDER ATHLETIC FIELD

Te absence from the city of a number of school board members made necessary postponement of the regular board meeting to Saturday evening. Chairman H. H. Olinger announced last night.

One of the matters to be discussed at the meeting will be the possibility of improving the high school athletic field and repairing the grand stand so that it might be used for the football season next year. The board also is expected to take action on a request from students to publish an annual this school year.

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