

### "FOX" THOROUGHLY SANE, SAYS EXPERT

Abnormality Such As Hickman's Curable Only By Execution, Claim

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—Criminality like William Edward Hickman's is abnormal, certainly, but it's curable.—In the electric chair or at the end of a rope. Not otherwise.

Assistant Surgeon General F. A. Carmella, of the government bureau of public health, psychiatry specialist, speaks for himself, he explains, when he says this; his service, so far as he knows, takes no official position on the subject.

However, his personal views are emphatic, and the doctor an alienist of recognized distinction and a trusted medical advisor of Uncle Sam's.

"Marion Parker's murder was abnormal," continued Dr. Carmella, "in that it was too horrible even for a normal criminal.

"Some alienists contend that there's something abnormal in all crime. I don't think so. Any number of crimes are perfectly easy for any normal human being to understand.

"A gang sticks up a train, cracks the express safe, and finds it necessary to kill the messenger incidentally. Nothing abnormal about that. We all can see why it was done. No trouble to follow the robbers' mental processes.

"Judd Gray and Ruth Snyder!—why did they murder Ruth's husband? Aside from the insurance money, they had another logical reason. They were fighting a social convention. That isn't abnormal, a bit."

"Such inhuman cruelty and brutality as Hickman's argue a pathological state on his part," agreed the psychiatrist, "but it doesn't palliate his act in the least.

"The question is—Was he responsible? Did he realize what he was doing? Was he conscious what the consequences would be?

"Evidently yes. Didn't he try to get away?"

"Let's suppose a case," suggested the doctor.

"One possible motive which was mentioned in explanation of the kidnaping was revenge—for the trouble Hickman's forgeries got him into.

"Assume that that really was the motive—but that there never had been any forgeries—that Hickman never had had any trouble in consequence of them—that he'd imagined all that—that he'd sought revenge for something that hadn't happened at all, except in his mind.

"Then there might be ground for raising the theory of irresponsibility."

"But the forgeries were real," pointed out the alienist, "and revenge is a motive we can understand. Desire for the \$1500 Hickman got is a thing we can understand. The fear that he'd be hanged is understandable. All normal!"

"An irresistible impulse to kill! For one reason or another, all killers have that, or they wouldn't kill.

"Hickman planned his kidnaping intelligently. He was intelligent enough to see that the little girl was a danger to him. His method of collecting the money from her father, after she was dead, was above the average intelligence.

"His whole chain of reasoning was logical, if horrible.

"His one abnormality is his abnormal cruelty.

"As a psychiatrist, I don't think that justifies society in undertaking all the trouble to keep him alive, under safe conditions, at an expense of about \$5 a day, for maybe 40 or 50 years.

"Hard boiled or not, the treatment I recommend for such cases is electrocution—or hanging."

Woeike Family Holds Reunion At Gervais

NORTH HOWELL, Jan. 10.—(Special).—A family reunion was held Sunday at the Anton Woeike home in Gervais. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Woeike and two sons of North Howell, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Woeike of Hael Green and their son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Woeike and daughter of Salem, Mr. and Mrs. August Woeike and two daughters of North Howell, and the host and hostess. A bountiful dinner was served by the ladies.

Mr. and Mrs. Raleigh Dunn and son Keith were Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vic Van Brocklin.

TEACHERS ELECTED

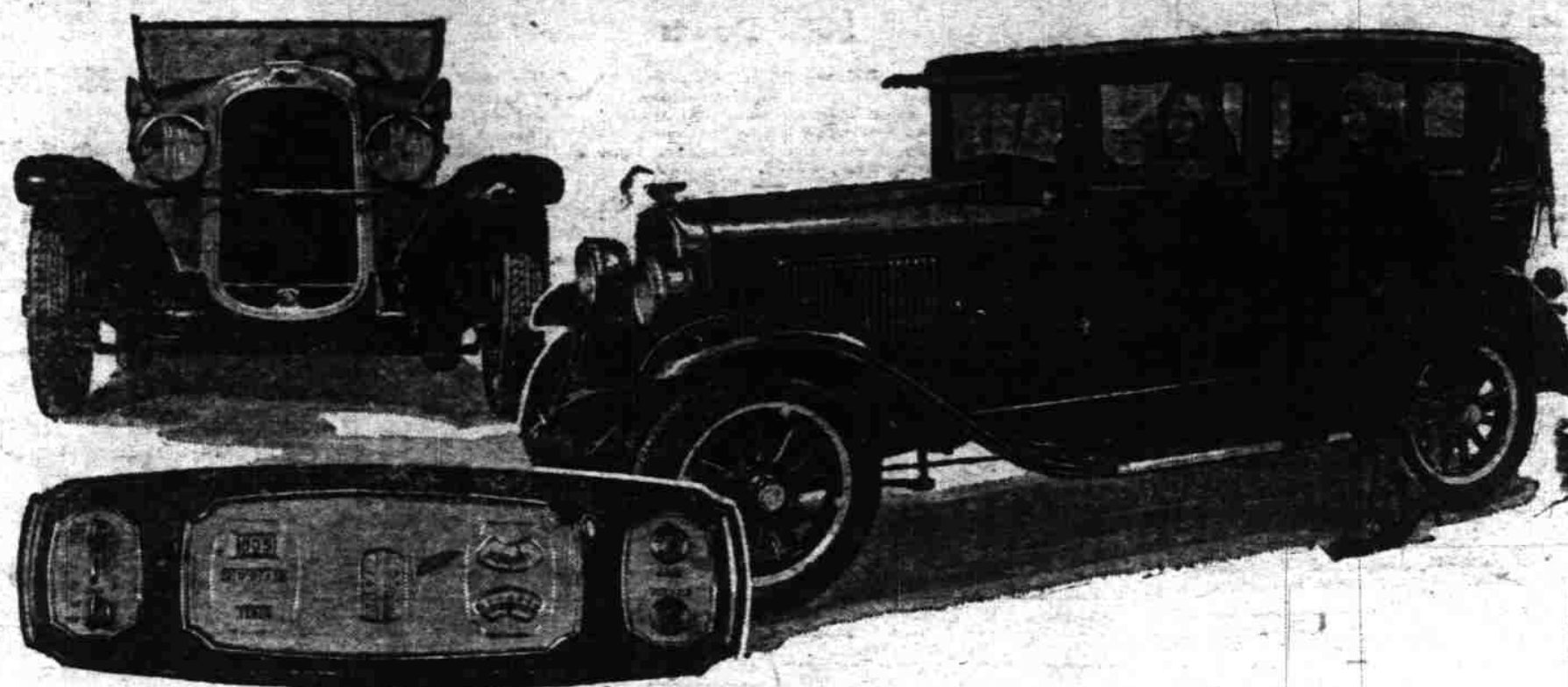
FRUITLAND, Jan. 10.—(Special).—The election of teachers for the various classes of the Fruitland Sunday school was held at Fruitland recently. Mrs. Standifer was re-elected as Bible class teacher; K. O. Runner was re-elected as teacher of the young peoples class (he has served 14

years as teacher of this class and was again unanimously elected), and Miss Daisy Lambert was also re-elected. She is teacher of the childrens class and has held this job for about 13 years. Report isn't given on the other classes as yet.

Mr. and Mrs. Forgard and family motored to Portland last Saturday on a business trip as well as a visit.

Mrs. Anna Girod and family, Mr. and Mrs. Forgard and family, daughter Joan, Fred Fagg and LeRoy Riley were among the guests of Mrs. Charles Pugh, who celebrated her 69th birthday at her home at Clear Lake last Sunday. Mrs. Girod was honored also, as her birthday was on the same day. Joseph Stauffer and his sister returned recently from a visit with friends in Albany.

### Prize in Miss Salem Contest



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### INSTITUTION UPHOLD

PERSONS COMPLAINING NOT PRESENT AT HEARING

The state board of eugenics Tuesday endorsed the action of Dr. J. N. Smith, superintendent of the state home for the feeble minded, who recently recommended that Luellen Burnside be subjected to a sterilization operation.

Dr. U. G. Snapp protested against the proposed operation and charged that the sterilization law had been abused by officials of the feeble minded home.

An investigation of the charges preferred by Dr. Snapp was ordered by Dr. Frederick Stricker, secretary of the state health board. When the eugenics board met in Salem Tuesday to conduct the probe none of the witnesses, with the exception of Dr. Snapp, was on hand to testify.

The action of the eugenics board in endorsing the recommendation of Dr. Smith was said to be a complete exoneration of the feeble minded home officials.

Fred L. Boalt, editor of the Portland News, and Richard Delch, judge of the court of domestic relations in Portland, who had been invited to attend the investigation failed to put in an appearance.

Burnside is 16 years of age and was sent to the feeble minded home from Bridal Veil.

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### GAME BODY TAKES UP FISH HAZARDS

Protective Measures Should Be Taken When Dams Put In, Verdict

PORTLAND, Jan. 10.—(AP)—Means of protecting game and food fish from extermination by dams, turbines and irrigation canal hazards should be taken when the dams, turbines and irrigation canals are built, not afterward, the Oregon game commission decided Monday.

A full discussion was had on the statutory regulations which charge the game commission with protection of game fish, the fish commission with protection of food fish, give the state water board the right to allow appropriations of water from streams, the state engineer to permit dams to be built, but make no provision whereby mutual interests can be taken care of.

Ben Dorris of Eugene spoke of the impending dam built at Crescent lake and the uselessness of the game commission spending much money to put fish there now. C. E. Miller of Portland spoke of the new fish screen upon which state bodies have spent \$7800 to protect fish from turbines at Savage Rapids dam in the Rogue river.

The commission had before it a resolution from the Jackson county game protective association entreats the federal government not to permit the construction of hydro-electric development dams 120 to 180 feet high in the lower Rogue river. This project would mean the virtual extinction of the great runs of steel head, silver-side salmon and chinook salmon in the Rogue river and its tributaries, the resolution said.

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### SLANG SAID 'AWFUL'

WILLAMETTE CO-EDS DEBATE MERITS OF SPEECH

The use of slang is distinctly deleterious to character, according to the outcome of Tuesday's interclass debate at Willamette university, which was won by the sophomore representative. Miss Pearl Craig, who won a 2 to 1 decision over Jean White, junior class speaker.

Strangely enough, it was the firmative speaker who enlisted the debate by citing "horrible examples" of slang to carry her point, while the negative speaker, upholding the values of slang as the process by which language evolution occurs, used the purest of accepted English.

Miss White, however, quoted pet phrases of three Willamette professors as examples of slang which did not injure their characters.



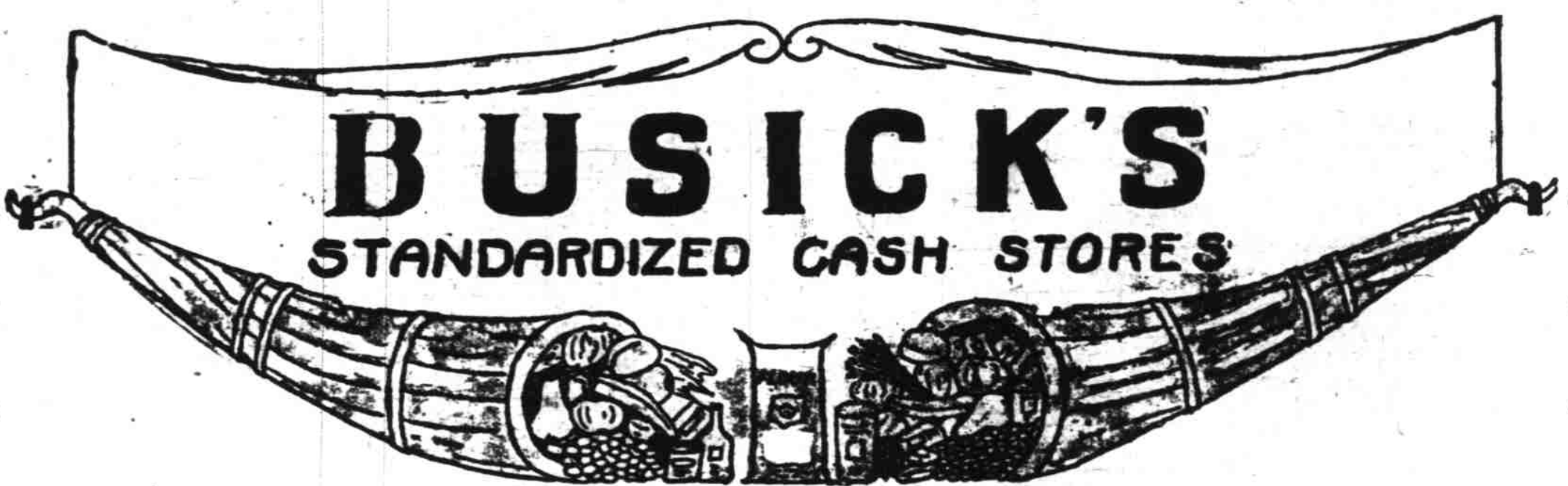
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