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WAITRESS TELLS OF SEEING GIRL KILLED BY MAN

Young Portland Woman Gives Account of Ghastly Murder 15-year-old in Boat House.

ACCUSED MAN IS 51; DENIES ALL CHARGES

Waitress Says Body Was Sunk in Willamette With Aid of Murderer's Son; Son Sought

PORTLAND, Dec. 21.—(U. P.)—Police today held Mrs. Helen Leary, 29, and Cash Weir, 51, in custody, and sought Earl Weir, Cash's son, in connection with an alleged ghastly murder of a fifteen-year-old girl on a Willamette river boat house last September 23. Mrs. Leary told the police last night she had witnessed the scene on the weir boat house with the older man cooking the girl and then disposing of the body in the river, she alleged, and the police failed to shake her story. Weir charges slander because he opposed the Leary woman's association with his son. Five detectives are conducting the investigation. Officers after quizzing Mrs. Leary and Cash Weir went to Ross Island where they will make an examination of the house boat where the alleged murder occurred. Weir is still maintaining his innocence. Earl Weir, his son, alleged to be involved in the disposal of the girl's body, on a tugboat is working in the river off St. Helens. Arrests are expected shortly.

SEVEN FIRMS BID FOR IMPROVEMENT BONDS

That a keen demand exists for improvement bonds of the city of Pendleton was demonstrated last night when seven bidders competed to purchase \$7,576.30 worth of the paper issued to pay for paving work recently done around Happy Canyon. The Ralph Schmeffel Co. of Portland made the high bid and was awarded the lot of bonds. The bid of the company was \$104.63, or a premium of \$250.71 above par and accrued interest. Other bidders and the prices they offered to pay were as follows: Lumberman's Trust Co., \$192 and accrued interest; Clark Kimball & Co., a premium of \$256; Western Bond & Mortgage Co., premium of \$246; Ladd & Tilton, premium of \$279.56; Freeman, Smith & Camp, \$192.73; Warren Construction Co. bid par and accrued interest. Final estimates on several paving jobs were submitted to the council by F. B. Hayes, city engineer. Among the number accepted were the estimates for South Main street, Jane street, and Chestnut street sidewalks. An ordinance was adopted vacating the end of Washington street and so-called Hazel street.

GUERRILLA WARFARE IS STARTED ON FASCISTI

ROME, Dec. 21.—(U. P.)—Guerrilla warfare tore Italy today, the Fascisti battling their opponents at many points. Twenty-four persons were wounded at Trieste when a bomb exploded in a group of Fascisti, and a former Fascisti leader is alleged to have hurled the explosive. Groups of Fascisti attacked the populist newspaper at Naples, damaging its office.

WEATHER

Reported by Major Lee Moorhouse, weather observer.
Maximum 47.
Minimum 28.
Barometer 29.29.

TODAY'S FORECAST

Tonight fair, Friday snow.

ASSASSINATED.



President Gabriel Narutowicz of Poland who has been assassinated, according to Warsaw dispatches.

MURRY IS ELECTED PREXY OF UMATILLA UNIVERSITY ALUMNI

Former Coach Given Degree of Bachelor of Athletics; Presented With Gold Football.

J. A. (Coach) Murray, for many years a friend of the University of Oregon, was given the degree of "Bachelor of Athletics" and elected president of the Umatilla county alumni association at the reunion banquet of the college held last night at the Elks club with 47 alumni and ex-students present. Mr. Murray was presented, in the name of the student body of the University, with a gold football, bearing the words "Alumnus Emeritus." The "B.A." was conferred by Harold Warner, who in a short talk commended Mr. Murray for his interest in the college and for the aid which he has given students.

HYLAN ASKS HARDING TO ISSUE INJUNCTION AGAINST KLAN PAPER

President Refers Petition to Department of Justice for Investigation; Delay Action.
NE WYORK, Dec. 21.—(U. P.)—President Harding was requested by Mayor Hylan to stop the publication of Colonel Mayfield's Weekly, a Ku Klux Klan paper published in Texas. He says the paper is deliberately disseminating race prejudice and endeavoring to destroy the peace and happiness of the nation. "It is not the duty of the federal authorities to check the activities of those who would destroy the peace, happiness and prosperity of the nation," Hylan asks. He says the paper is edited by Senator-elect Mayfield, Texas democrat, but advises from Houston, Texas, state the owner is Colonel Bill Mayfield. Harding delays action. Harding referred Mayor Hylan's petition requesting the government to stop the publication of Mayfield's weekly to the department of justice and the postoffice department. The president is likely to wait reports from the departments before he takes action.

STRIKE DESTROYS FOOD

DUESSELDORF, Germany, Dec. 21.—(U. P.)—With pleas for winter food supplies coming in from all over Germany, 400 carloads of potatoes were permitted to freeze in the railroad yards here because of a strike of transport workers. The station warehouses also became congested with goods, and for a time all of the Rhine-Ruhr Westphalian industry was threatened with great losses on account of the strike. The issue centered primarily in the question of wages.

STANGIER CIGAR STORE CHANGES HANDS TODAY

George Stangier has sold his Main street cigar store to Charles Towne, who has been employed there since April, and C. P. Bloom. The new owners took possession today. The establishment has been known as the Stangier Cigar Store but the new owners will give it a new name. The business consists of a cigar store, with soda fountain and notions, and a card room at the rear. Both Mr. Towne and Mr. Bloom are known here. Mr. Bloom was formerly with McClintock & Simpson.

BONUS CASE DELAYED.

PORTLAND, Dec. 21.—(U. P.)—No report will be made on the state bonus investigation concerning the Bend, Ore., until after the holidays. It was hurried today following the federal grand jury's recess until after Christmas. Three secret indictments were returned.

TAYLOR MAY BE CHOSEN BY PIERCE AS WARDEN OF STATE PENITENTIARY

That W. R. Taylor, chief of police of Pendleton, may be the next warden of the state penitentiary, is a rumor that has come through through a special dispatch from the Portland Oregonian. Salem where Governor Adams after M. Pierce arrived. While the force has not named itself to appoint a warden, it is being mentioned as a special head of the state institution. He is said to have strong endorsements for the place. Chief Taylor had nothing to say today when asked about the probability of his being appointed warden. A rumor has existed here for some time that some appointment might be given Chief Taylor.

MAN JAILED ON MINT ROBBERY ACCUSATION

KANSAS CITY, Kan., Dec. 21.—(U. P.)—Joe Wagner, underworld character was jailed here today in connection with the robbery of \$200,000 from the Denver mint. Police believed Wagner's arrest will shed light on the identity of the robbers.

DENVER, Dec. 21.—(U. P.)—Police have relied today upon the identification of finger prints on the stock of the bloody shotgun found on the sidewalk after the robbery's made their escape. They will compare them with marks on the automobile believed abandoned by the robbers. A pawnbroker told the officers that he sold the gun to a well-dressed stranger a few days before the robbery.

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Umatilla county is still in the dark as to whether it will be reimbursed and when the reimbursement will be made on account of the shortage of Carl C. Amann, former bookkeeper in the county roadmaster's office, who was given a conditional pardon from the state penitentiary Saturday by Governor Roy Ritter. Dispatches to Portland newspapers published this morning have it that Amann paid \$1500 on his shortage before he was granted his pardon, but inquiry at the offices of the county clerk and the county treasurer at noon today show that no money has been received from Salem to be applied to the credit of the county for the shortage, claimed to be a little less than \$19,000, for which Amann was serving a sentence of five years in the penitentiary.

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GERMAN COURTS FREE 93 TRIED ON WAR CRIME

Supreme Court Dismisses Case Against 'War Guilty' Tried Under Peace Treaty Terms.

FOUND NEITHER GUILTY OR INNOCENT, VERDICT

More Than 770 Other Similar Cases Pending Court Action; Meet in Secret Sessions.

WILL HAYS IS SANTA CLAUS IN HOLLYWOOD

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 21.—(U. P.)—Will Hays in Hollywood's Santa Claus. Here is the record of the movie industry as a Christmas present to the movie colony. Encouraged Wally Reid to renewed efforts to regain his strength, restored Arbuckle to the movie lots as an actor; expressed sympathy with the indictment of Ed Roberts, author of the "Sins of Hollywood" tales of petting parties and strip poker supposedly based on the film colony's life, and under indictment for using the mails to defraud; cooperating with the investigation of the narcotic traffic urged upon state and federal officials; effected a gift to a special motion picture committee of the National Education association of \$100,000,000 worth of equipment, to be used in developing the film as an educational factor.

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POSTOFFICE EMPLOYEES ASK PATRONS TO MAIL PARCELS IN MORNING

Just why people fail to mail their Christmas packages and parcels in the morning instead of waiting until the rush hours of the afternoon is a question that postal employees in Pendleton declare they are unable to solve. "In the morning the lobby is practically deserted, but in the afternoon there is a line of from 10 to 20 persons waiting constantly to have packages weighed," Lester Cronin, assistant postmaster said this morning. "If the surplus number over what we can reasonably be expected to take care of would come in the morning, they could save themselves some time and inconvenience, and it would be a great help to us."

MRS. SPEAKER

Mrs. Winifred Mason Huck, representative from Illinois, is shown while occupying the speaker's chair for the first time.

CIRCUIT COURT CONFRONTED BY FULL CALENDAR

Grand Jury Sessions Start on January 2; Have Many Other Cases up for Investigation. ONE WOMAN HAS PLACE ON LOCAL GRAND JURY

Eighteen Criminal Cases Come Before Body During Year; Has But One Murder Case.

Material for the grinding of circuit court will be plentiful during the January term, according to the calendar of cases already set and those criminal cases that still remain to be investigated by the grand jury. The meeting of the judicial body has been called for January 2, and notices to the grand jurors to be present by 9 o'clock a week from next Tuesday were sent out today from the sheriff's office. One of the cases of chief interest is that of the state against L. D. Clark, Helix town marshal, who is accused of murder in the second degree in connection with the shooting of Harry E. Ross, merchant of Helix in his place of business October 28. Clark is at liberty under bond. In all the grand jury will be called on to investigate 18 criminal cases. Clark's case is the only murder case, but there are several bad check cases, some larceny charges to be pressed, and men charged with various other offenses will be tried. The grand jury includes one woman, Mrs. Myrna Ballou of the east end of the county, and six men. The masculine members of the body are J. H. Brinker, George Cowl, Lawrence Hagen, C. E. Byrd, Victor Coffman and Slim J. Coffey. 65 Witnesses Called. Already subpoenas for 65 witnesses have been issued. The first trial case is set for January 8, so the grand jury will have just five days in which to conduct its investigation. Many of the cases will not require much time to handle. In addition to the Clark case, some of the other matters that are definitely set to come before the grand jury are as follows: John Law, larceny; Harry Nelson, bad check charge; C. M. Hoyt, bad check charge; Cecil Daugherty and Ralph Bertolotto, charged with the theft of saddles in the east end of the county; J. W. Casey, who faces a charge of forgery. Other men and the crimes they are facing are Sam Scott, larceny; H. L. Crawford, I. J. Noreen and R. L. Lewis, alleged robbery of a Mexican; J. R. McCarty, assault with a dangerous weapon; William Purviance, assault with intent to kill; and Bond, Kelly and J. L. Stronigh, bad checks. There are three men held in connection with the robbing of a freight car on the Northern Pacific recently who have been bound over to the grand jury.

FAMOUS BIBLE USED AT K. OF P. CEREMONY

With distinguished grand lodge officers present and one supreme lodge officer a class of 17 new members were initiated in to the Knights of Pythias at a special session of Damon lodge No. 4 last evening. During the ceremony the historic Rathbone bible, owned by the founder of the order, was used. The book was brought to the city by Harry Love, supreme keeper of records and seals from Minneapolis. Grand officers present last evening included M. F. Hardesty, grand chancellor, and Walter Gleason, grand K. of D. & R. Among the out of town Pythians from this county present were N. J. Van Skike, Milton, Charles Henry and Henry Keen, Athens; Ed Comedys and Harold McKee, Hermiston, Ralph and Ed Wallen and G. M. Morrison, Adams. Several members were also present from Walla Walla, among the number being Will Hendrickson, former resident of Pendleton.

STATE TAX FOR '23 LOWER BY \$500,000

SALEM, Dec. 21.—The Oregon taxpayers must raise over \$3,525,000 for state purposes under the 1923 levy, according to a levy promulgated by the state and tax commission officials today. This is over \$500,000 less than the sum raised for state purposes in the current year.

UNITED SCHOOL BOYS BAND IS GREETED BY ENTHUSIASTIC CROWD

Program of 10 Numbers Given in Third Public Appearance; More Concerts Will Follow.

A program of ten well-presented numbers constituted the third concert of the United School Boys' Band given last night at the Rivoli theater before a large and appreciative audience. Unusually good band effects were produced by the 45 boys under the direction of A. W. Lundell. The selections most popular with the audience were the overture "Arcadia" for its beauty and harmony, and the baritone solo with band accompaniment, "A Night in June." The boys range in age from 11 to 16 and for the most part are in the eighth grade in school. "We are not presenting our concerts from the standpoint of a perfectly balanced band," said Director Lundell, "as we have allowed the boys to choose their own instruments with the result that we have too many of one kind and not enough of some others. The band is sponsored by the schools to offer training in elementary music, and opportunity to belong is given every boy in Pendleton." None of the boys have had more than ten private lessons, says Mr. Lundell. He gives them instruction when it is needed on some particular phase of their work. The director was applauded last night when he explained the work of the band during an intermission. "The Little Minster" with George Hackathorne, former Pendleton boy, and Betty Compton playing the leads was shown in the regular picture program following the concert. The following is the program by the band: "Hail Columbia" Band; "Washington Post" Solo; "Sonus Overture—'Arcadia'" Laurens Waltz—"Tonesdale" Easton March—"Salutation" Seitz; Baritone Solo—"A Night in June" King; "Raphael Raymond and Band Waltz—"In Maxtime" Snyder; Medley Overture—"Living Pictures" Dalbey; March—"Salute to the Colors" Anthony; Star Spangled Banner. The boys making up the band for the concert were as follows: Solo Cornets—Clifford Christensen, Lester Hartrough, George Rigby, Ivan La Hut. First Cornets—John Beltz, Dale Harvey, Henry Johnson, Glen Worle, Lavorne Pearson. Second Cornets—Lavelle Artburn, Byron DeWilde, Raymond Reed, Ned Cronin, Harry Polson. Baritone—Raphael Raymond. Alto—Cecil Burnett, Loren Booth, Thomas Downs, Hubert Allen, Louis Frankum. Tenor—Roscoe Artburn. Bass Drum—Young Snyder. Snare Drums—Maxwell Manning, Forrest Myers, Alfred Downs, Edgar Averill. Clarinet—Jack Feulner, Donald Walden, Edward Davis, Odeh Ladino, Harold Cook. Trombone—Ray Baraga, Verne Dale, Alva Albert, Wayne McAtes, Irvin Noreen, William Crinkbank. Saxophones—Robin Fletcher, Francis McGee, Robert Withersell. Bass—Harvey Lindell, Gale Buffington. Cymbals—Gerald Englishart.

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