

KIDNAPER KILLS 5 YEAR OLD GIRL

CITY JOBS TO ABSORB IDLE LABOR ASKED

Mayor, Committee Heads
To Ask Authorization
For Elastic Program

Formulate Plans To
Provide Jobs For 500 Resi-
dents If Necessary

By HARRY N. CRAIN
Taking studied cognizance of the fact that Salem is face to face with a situation unparalleled in recent years as regards unemployment Mayor T. A. Lively and heads of the various council committees handling public construction works are formulating carefully considered plans for a program of city work during 1928 that will absorb the existing surplus of labor, maintain the city's payroll on a normal basis, and stabilize local financial and business conditions generally.

The plan being devised con-templates a graduated program of sewer, bridge and street construction at times best calculated to care for labor surpluses and is, in effect, an extension of the previously con-templated bridge and sewer construction for this year.

Paving and other street construction work, while less elastic in the manner in which it may be placed under way, being more directly subject to the demands of petitioners and weather conditions, will also be handled insofar as is possible with a view to accommodating idle men.

The whole idea may be summed up in a policy pronouncement that when men are idle work in proportion to the demand will be provided.

This does not mean, however, that jobs are to be created to accommo-

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GOOD EVENING SIPS FOR SUPPER

By Don Upjohn

Friday, the thirteenth.

And doggone if we didn't get a whole hot cake stuck in a cavity in our tooth at breakfast. Doc Tom Smith had to rent a vacuum cleaner to pull it out.

Harry Hawkins, we understand, is figuring on getting before the city council a resolution to require the chimney of the incinerator to be sprayed daily with Listerine. "What these people are afraid of, evidently, is incinerator halitosis," Harry is quoted as saying. "If we make it take a gargle and spray every day it can go into society with the best of 'em."

You can always depend on that Hawkins lad to come to the front when needed.

Seemingly this thing has gone far enough. We have received so many verbal inquiries to divulge the point to our Coolidge joke, it wouldn't be fair to keep all those good citizens in suspense any longer. As you will recall, we said that we thought we were about to have a head cold, when our nose did a Coolidge on us, and we were all right. The answer is, "it did not choose to run." Any trick is easy when you know how it is done.

Walter Lamkin, up to the circuit court, guessed it the first crack out of the box and then sneezed all over us. Of course, he had a head-start on the rest of the folks.

LOCAL POLICE ITEMS

Chief of Police Mino is enjoying a bad cold.

Walter Thompson is in the county jail.

J. C. Perry has bought himself a new sharp pointed knife to eat his pie with. He says the old blunt pointed one he had was all right for the pie, but he couldn't pick his teeth after lunch. No wonder some men succeed in business, always looking out for efficient tools to work with.

We forgot to mention in the item above about Walter Thompson being in the county jail, that it is a Walter Thompson from Seattle, and not our well known gentleman cop.

Dave Drager, our esteemed county treasurer, sat so long in his office chair he found it getting hard. He put a Blue Jay bunion plaster on each corner of the chair, and one in the middle and say he finds them very restful. If these don't work permanent, Dave, we suggest a little Frezons.

THE PERFECT POME

(By Al Lindbeck)
Of all grand things,
In burn or pen;
The grandest of all,
Is a laying hen.

WORDS AND MUSIC

AN ATTEMPT AT MORALIZING
BY STODDARD KING

The little goldfish in the bowl
Swim endlessly around.
They have, apparently, no goal,
They do not make a sound.

They live where all who pass may
But, knowing neither grief nor glee,
That does not make them blue.

The slightest thing they do,
But, knowing neither grief nor glee,
That does not make them blue.

They do not have to search for food
Or feign aggressive vim,
They do not stare, for that is rude—
They merely, simply, swim.

O little goldfish in your bowl,
What lessons you impart!
Such perfect poise, such self-control
Such singleness of heart!

I sit and watch you by the hour
And ponder on your ways,
And marvel at your patient power
Through endless nights and days.

Until... las your movements pall,
I find you dreafol, bored,
And take you, water, bowl and all
And hee-e the mess outdoors!

Democrats Pay Homage To Jackson And Jefferson In Hours Of Banquet Oratory

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RUTH SNYDER AND GRAY PAY LOVE PENALTY

Both Ask Forgiveness Of
Sins In Prayers Uttered
In Death House

Woman Whispers, Sobs
But Mate Goes To His
Death Unflinchingly

BY LOUIS KEMBLE
(United Press Correspondent)
Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, N. Y., Jan. 13.—Ruth Snyder and Henry Judd Gray, lovers and murderers, have paid the penalty for their love and murder in the same electric chair.

They went to death between 11 and 11:14 o'clock last night without a sign of fear and praying to God for mercy.

The first woman to die in this state in 19 years, and one of the handful ever to suffer capital punishment in this country, met death with calmness and resignation.

She and Gray, who had been illicit lovers, were put to death for killing her husband, Albert Snyder, in Queens village, New York, last March.

ASKS FORGIVENESS
Their lives were forfeited to the state in a little high celled room about forty feet long and twenty wide in which a group of 40 persons, including two women, had gathered.

"Forgive me, Father, for all my sins," Mrs. Snyder said in a low, thin voice, just before 2300 volts of electricity were shot into her body. Then she whimpered and sobbed ever so faintly.

In the solemn strained stillness of the execution chamber it was plainly audible and it sounded like

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HOUSTON GOES OUT TO CAPTURE BIG ASSEMBLY

Houston, Texas, Jan. 13 (AP)—The 300,000 odd residents of this south-east Texas city today emerged from the bustle of a thriving gulf trade to the inventory of facilities for staging the democratic national convention here in June.

While city officials and civic leader admitted that until yesterday they only dared hope that the national committee might award the convention to them, they were ready today to back up the promise of Dan Moody, youthful governor, and others that the affair would be staged in a manner befitting the precedents of the south.

Many echoed the sentiment of Mayor Oscar Holcombe, who when informed yesterday his city had been selected, threw his hat to the ceiling of his office and shouted:

"Everything in this city is at the convention's disposal."

Houston residents generally declined to display concern over the demands for space for the convention sessions or in regard to housing requirements. Although the city auditorium offered as convention headquarters, has a capacity of only about 5000 persons, officials said a larger building would be provided if necessary. They believed that with the sessions scheduled to open June 26, ample time remained for such a project.

LINDY AWAITS FRENCH FLIERS

Campo Lindbergh, Panama, Jan. 13 (AP)—The French aviators Costes and LeBrix arrived here this afternoon on their flight from Guayaquil, Ecuador.

Guayaquil, Ecuador, Jan. 13 (AP)—Dieudonne Costes and Joseph LeBrix, French aviators who are en route to the United States from South America, took off for Panama this morning.

Panama, Jan. 13 (AP)—Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh, who left before tomorrow on his flight to Caracas, Venezuela, enroute to Havana, was standing by at France field, Colon, today for news of the progress of Costes and LeBrix, French aviators, whose next scheduled stop was Panama.

Colonel Lindbergh possibly will come here to meet the French fliers, it was stated by commandant at France field.

PRESIDENT IS OFF ON HAVANA TRIP

Washington, Jan. 13 (AP)—President and Mrs. Coolidge, accompanied by the American delegation and newspaper men, left here on a special train at 2:02 p. m. today for Havana, where the president is to open the Pan-American conference Monday.

The train will stop at Miami late tomorrow and then will proceed to Key West, where the presidential party of 86 will board the battleship Texas for Havana.

Hickman Staging Weird Rehearsals Of Insanity Scenes

Los Angeles, Jan. 13. (AP)—Weird rehearsals of what the district attorney's office called "insanity scenes" to guide his conduct in court were being staged in his cell today by William Edward Hickman.

The young slayer of Marian Parker practiced weird gesturing, contortions of the face and body and other acts that might be attributed to an insane person, according to George Contreras, chief of detectives.

State alienists who have examined the youth and found him sane were convinced Hickman was getting ready to act the part of an insane man when he faces a jury late this month for the murder of the little girl.

Contreras kept a secret watch over Hickman, on orders of District Attorney Asa Keyes. Contreras believes the killer will attempt to convince the jury through his actions that he is insane.

Meanwhile Dr. R. O. Shelton, alienist retained by the defense, reported that Hickman is suffering from dementia praecox. Dr. Shelton spent three days in examining Hickman.

"He doesn't recognize the difference between right and wrong," Dr. Shelton said. "He is afflicted with a disease of the emotions and is no more responsible for his actions than the worst case in any state hospital."

Dr. Shelton said Hickman had a good memory and his intellectual rating was high, but that he lacked emotions and reactions and was

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MURDERER OF WOMEN PAYS ON SCAFFOLD

Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 13. (AP)—The hanging today of Earle Nelson, notorious "dark strangler," ended the grim story of a criminal trial, Pacific along which police ascribed 22 murders to Nelson's brutality.

The "rap was sprung at 7:41 this morning in the provincial jail courtyard."

Nelson protested his innocence to the last and said he "forgave" all those who had testified against him. At 7:56 a. m., 15 minutes after Hangman Arthur Ellis dropped the trap, Nelson was pronounced dead.

Known as "the strangler" and the "gorilla man" because he was believed to have strangled all of his victims, Nelson was hanged today for the murder of Mrs. Emily Patterson, mother of two children, in Winnipeg, June 10, 1927. He had been indicted also for the killing of 14-year-old Lola Cowan, Winnipeg school girl, whom he was accused of strangling.

Police said that Nelson, on February 20, 1926, in San Francisco, Calif., began his trail of death, which stretched for 7,000 miles along the Pacific coast, across the United States to the Atlantic seaboard, then doubled back into Canada and ended in Manitoba. Of the 22 murders for which he was blamed, 20 of the victims were women, one was the Winnipeg school girl and another a baby.

Nelson was composed as he marched to the scaffold between his guards. He spoke for a moment with the priest, who accompanied him and then made a brief statement denying his guilt.

A silent crowd had gathered outside the prison. It dispersed when the black flag hoisted on the jail tower signified that Nelson was dead.

MARINES KILL 10 MORE REBELS

Washington, Jan. 13. (AP)—Marine corps aviators operating in conjunction with land forces against General Saldino in Nicaragua have slain 10 more of the latter's forces by aerial bombing, say dispatches to the navy department from Rear Admiral Sellers, commanding the special service squadron in Nicaraguan waters.

The message said the aviators on January 11 located a group of Saldino's followers at Latina Vista, near this point where they ambushed marines on January 1. The bombing attack followed another on Tuesday, in which the aviators killed nine members of Saldino's army in the neighborhood of Quilali, as they attempted to concentrate, supposedly for an attack on the marines holding that village.

Admiral Sellers reported that a detachment of marines is moving from Quilali to San Albin. The marines are endeavoring to take over the garrison and as many villages as possible to deprive Saldino of a base and cut him off from supplies.

MRS. SOPHIA RITCHIE 86, PASSES AWAY

Yesterday, eight days after she celebrated her 86th birthday, Mrs. Sophia Ritchie passed away at the home of her son, Viron, at 174 South 18th street. Mrs. Ritchie made her home with Viron and his family for the past eight years. She and her family came to Salem 20 years ago and her husband died two years later.

Mrs. Sophia Ritchie was born in Livingston, Tennessee on January 4, 1842. At the age of 22 she moved to Missouri where she made her home until coming to Oregon.

Two sons, Viron of Salem, and Arthur E. Ritchie of Heppner, eight grandchildren and three great grandchildren, survive her.

Mrs. Ritchie had been a member of the Christian church since she was 10 years old.

Funeral services will be held at Rigdon's mortuary Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.

LONE ROBBER LOOTS PORTLAND JEWELRY STORE

Portland, Ore., Jan. 13. (AP)—A lone robber held up a clerk in the jewelry store of Miller & Co., 330 Alder street this morning as hundreds of persons were passing outside and escaped with about \$400 cash and one watch.

The robber, a lanky, well-dressed man, who appeared nervous, asked Bob Lovett, clerk to "sw him a watch then drew a gun and forced him to the rear of the store."

Vernon Lloyd, 17, messenger for Ross and company, manufacturing jeweler, entered the store, while the holdup was in progress. Surprised, the bandit leaped to one side and covered the youth with the gun. Lloyd was forced behind the counter with Lovett and told to "stand by" while the safe was opened.

After snatching up the silver bag and bills the bandit forced the boys up to the mezzanine floor where they were told to stay. A moment later Lovett called police.

Miller and company was robbed in March, 1924, when the store was located at 355 Washington street, by a professional crackman known as the "Yokel," who now is said to be in Sing Sing prison.

THAW CAUSES FLOODED ROADS IN UMATILLA

Pendleton, Ore., Jan. 13. (AP)—Creeks and streams throughout Umatilla county were out of their banks today and highways and roads were reported flooded in many sections following two days and nights of warm weather thawing the snow and ice and unusually heavy rains last night.

The local office of the highway department was swamped with telephone calls this morning from all parts of the county asking for relief from water sweeping over the roads or reporting small slides.

Locally, the flood hit on both the north and south sides this morning and street leading from the hall were, in many cases, running full of water from curb to curb. In the east end of the city water poured over the highway leading from town in such volume that highway officials' automobiles detoured over the railroad right-of-way. In the west end Tutuill creek was out of its banks this morning and was flowing over the state highway bridge leading to Pilot Rock and was approaching homes on the flat to the north.

Territorial rains fell in the Blue mountains last night and it was still raining hard at Meacham at 9 o'clock this morning, according to a telephone message received by the East Oregonian from the railroad operator at the mountain town.

The Old Oregon trail is covered with water in six places between Pendleton and Mission, other reports indicated, but traffic was getting through.

WILD WAVES FRIGHTEN YOUNG Radio Operator On Griffco And Cause Vain Searching

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 13. (AP)—The passenger liner Aorangi today was advised by radio from the missing steamer Griffco that "all is well" aboard the latter vessel.

After receiving the "all well" message from the Griffco the Aorangi indicated that she would proceed on her voyage to Honolulu and Australia from Victoria, B. C.

There remained considerable doubt as to whether the Griffco had ever been in actual distress.

One coast guard officer who had been in active charge of the two day search for the ship was given to the belief that no trouble considerable enough to warrant SOS had existed aboard the freighter at any time.

"It looks plain to me," the official said, "that it was merely a case of a 'green' radio operator sending us on a wild goose chase."

At the time she was sighted by the Aorangi the Griffco was reported to be about 500 miles southwest of Cape Flattery, Wash.

SHERIFFS ELECT HURLBURT, HEAD

Portland, Ore., Jan. 13. (AP)—Thomas H. Hurlburt, sheriff of Multnomah county, was elected president of the Oregon Sheriffs association here today. Other officers were:

Levi Chrisman, Wasco county, vice president.

John Ashlin, Tillamook, secretary.

All have served in these positions for a number of years.

Over in the district attorneys convention, being held here, partly in joint session with the sheriffs, discussion of the parole system, led by John L. Foote of Columbia county, was the principal feature.

The main portion of the discussion was insistence that the parole board and the governor ought to ask for and be guided to a large degree by the recommendations of district attorneys and trial judges in granting paroles.

John Medley of Lane county contended, however, that there should be no paroles except from the bench and that paroles should be granted only when evidence is obtained showing an injustice has been done.

OUTLINE PLAN TO REFINANCE PASS PROJECT

Plans for the rehabilitation of the Grants Pass irrigation district, struggling to keep its head above water under a bonded indebtedness of \$1,439,000, an interest obligation of approximately \$380,000 to the state of Oregon, and other major obligations, exclusive of taxes, upon which it cannot even meet the interest charges, will be placed in active execution tomorrow when the first appeal is issued to bondholders to agree to a refunding program to be directed by a committee representing the bondholders, the settlers on the project and the state.

The plan devised by the state reclamation commission, as reorganized by the 1927 legislature, contemplates the issuance of refunding bonds bearing interest proportionate to the ability of the project to pay, to replace the outstanding 6 per cent bonds, and a complete revaluation of the project on the basis of its ability to pay.

No assessments against the bondholders are included in the plan. The expenses of the administration of which are to be met by the reclamation commission, and the committee of which are to be met by the reclamation commission, and the committee through which the

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APPEAL ISSUED TO BOND- HOLDERS TO AGREE UPON REFUNDING SCHEME

Future Policies Of Grants
Pass District Outlined
By Rhea Luper

Appeal Issued To Bond-
holders To Agree Upon
Refunding Scheme

Judge Denies Sentences For Local Effect

Portland, Ore., Jan. 13. (AP)—Governor L. R. Patterson was taken to task today by Circuit Judge Walter Evans of Multnomah county for a statement the governor made yesterday which Judge Evans declared reflected upon the circuit judges, as well as upon municipal judges.

Governor Patterson said that heavy sentences were being imposed in liquor cases, in some cases, for local effect, and that as soon as the prisoner had served a portion of his term steps were taken by the same agencies which sent him to prison to secure his release.

Judge Evans made the statement before the district attorneys of the state, in convention here, he declared the governor's statement was a reflection on the judges, as well as district attorneys.

"There may be some cases in justice courts where that is done merely for show," the judge said, "but I can't take much stock in the governor's statement. It is far fetched."

CHILD'S BODY DISSECTED BY FLINT FIEND

Intensive Man-hunt On
For Kidnap, Slayer
Of Little Girl

On Way Home From Kin-
dergarten When Seized
By Man In Auto

Flint, Mich., Jan. 13. (AP)—A man who police said answered in a general way, the description of a man sought as the kidnaper and slayer of five-year-old Dorothy Schneider, was arrested here today. His name was withheld pending further investigation.

Officers said the man was driving a sedan which tallied in description with the car in which the child was kidnapped and carried to her death yesterday near Mt. Morris.

Several severed parts of the child's body were found on the creek bank near where her body was discovered.

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Kidnaped from under the eyes of her mother, wife of an automobile factory worker, the child was taken in an automobile to the countryside near Mt. Morris, not far from here, and brutally slain. The child here, then dissected the body and stuffed a portion of it under a ledge of ice bordering a creek. Some portions of the body still were missing today.

Dorothy was hurrying home from kindergarten shortly after noon yesterday. She was snatched from the sidewalk a block from her home. Her mother, watching for the child from the porch, saw a man drag her into an automobile and then drive away.

Discovery of the body was made by members of posies and officials, spurred to action by the mother, who ran screaming to the nearest police station, after witnessing the kidnapping.

The officials traced a dilapidated sedan which the man was driving to a spot adjacent to the farm of

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KAY ASSERTS NEED OF EQUAL ASSESSMENTS

Portland, Ore., Jan. 13. (AP)—"The greatest need today in solving the tax problem is a more equal and uniform assessment of property," declared State Treasurer Tom Kay of Salem, at the Northwest Tax Equalization conference here today.

"In Oregon we could add from \$300,000,000 to \$400,000,000 to the tax rolls by a proper assessment. This would reduce the general tax from 25 to 35 per cent. We should get all the property on the tax rolls that should be there—and today it is not."

"I am in favor of an income tax with a property offset. I do not think a man should pay taxes twice on the same property, but everyone should pay once on property. Under the old income tax law we had, which was in force only one year, the state raised \$2,000,000. Now for state purposes alone, the state government only spends \$2,100,000, whereas for all purposes—state, county, municipal and school district—the state raises by taxation some \$50,000,000 annually."

"You often hear that taxes are much higher in Oregon than in California. That is not so. In Oregon, we pay directly, in California they pay indirectly but they pay."

"Now, if you really want to reduce taxes, look after your local affairs."

LOST VESSEL REACHES PORT

Portland, Maine, Jan. 13. (AP)—The four masted schooner Alvina, reported in distress off Cape Hatteras, a week ago, and believed to have been lost at sea, arrived in port today. Captain Thomas N. Bram was surprised to learn that fears had been entertained for the safety of himself and crew, which includes two Eastport men and said no distress signals had been displayed.

The schooner, which left Jacksonville, Fla., December 30 for Portland and Cape Cod, was having been sighted a week ago yesterday in distress 125 miles southeast of Cape Henry by the fruit steamer Sixoia.

RUTH'S EXECUTIONER SUFFERS COLLAPSE

Richmond Hills, N. Y., Jan. 13. (AP)—Robert Elliot, executioner at the electrocution of Ruth Snyder and Judd Gray last night suffered nervous collapse today as a result of the strain of the last 24 hours.

He was confined to his bed at his home here and was under the care of his family physician, Dr. Morton Hertz.

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MT. ANGEL STORE LOOTED BY THIEVES

Mt. Angel, Jan. 13.—More than \$1000 worth of merchandise was taken from the Kleinger & Baughman store here during the night.

Entrance was gained through a window at the rear of the store. An early check by the owners revealed shoes, hats, dresses and a general assortment of drygoods missing.