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## MAN IS KILLED IN HOLDUP AT KLAMATH FALLS

### Bandits Get More Than \$400 in Robbery of Card Room Habitues

### MAKE GOOD ESCAPE

#### Thugs Enter Room Firing. Bullet Hits Chair, and Glances Off to Kill O. Erickson

KLAMATH FALLS, Jan. 5.—Descending into the basement of the Scandinavian Hall shortly before midnight, Saturday night, two masked hold-up men sent a fusillade of shots about the heads of a number of card players, killed a man believed to be O. Erickson, a box factory worker, lined up their victims with faces to the wall and after roughly going through the pockets of each, backed out of the place with more than \$400 in cash. A third robber stood guard at the entrance. Erickson was shot while seated at a card table, the bullet which apparently caused his end splintering the back of a chair opposite, glancing on the table cover and striking him in the right breast. When he failed to rise quickly and turn his face to a nearby wall, he was roughly ordered to "get a move on." Shortly afterward and while the bandits were searching the pockets of his companions, the man sunk to the floor, according to Henry Bagby who was lined up beside him.

"I remarked to the bandit searching me that something must be the matter with the man," Bagby states. "He ordered me to 'shut up' and after they got through with us one of the robbers turned his attention to the poor fellow. He was gasping his last then and apparently unconscious but he was turned over two or three times and his pockets were searched. I do not believe they got much from him."

"Accurate descriptions of the hold gun men were somewhat difficult to obtain but the more active of the two who did the actual robbing was said to be about six feet in height, attired in overalls and a mackinaw and wearing high laced boots. The other who aided was described as about five feet, six inches and dressed in brownish-grey. Both wore soft hats well pulled down and black cloth masks in which holes had been cut for vision.

"They commenced firing the moment they entered the basement," said Lee Rowe who is minus \$190, he claims as the result of the experience. "I was not far from the entrance and was told to get over to the wall. I saw three men at the door but could see only two after that. I believe the third man stepped outside as a lookout. When the

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## STATES AT WORK ON TREATY FOR USE OF WATER OF COLUMBIA

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 5.—State engineers from Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana gathered here today in order to discuss the Columbia Basin irrigation project, and to work up a treaty which will safeguard each state's rights to the waters of the Columbia river.

The Montana rights come first, since the Columbia basin project expects to use Flathead lake as a primary storage reservoir. A similar condition prevails in Idaho, where it is proposed to use Lake Pend Oreille for storage, and to tap the Pend Oreille river, between Washington and Idaho.

George Carter, is representing Idaho, Marvin Hart, supervisor of hydraulics is representing Washington, while State Engineer Luper is representing Oregon, which state has rights already established, since the Snake River joins the Columbia at Pasco, and the Snake forms part of the border between Oregon and Idaho.

Representatives from the Interior Department and the Federal Power Commission are present at the meeting to look out for their interests. Any treaty drawn up must be ratified by the legislatures of the four states, and approved by Congress.

## ENGLISH BOY MAY BECOME VIRTUOSO

LONDON, Jan. 5.—George John Malcolm, a seven-year-old London elementary school boy, is destined to become one of England's, and possibly the world's greatest musicians, in the opinion of Mr. Hugh Allen, famous English musical authority, and other prominent authorities.

The boy's exceptional musical talents have led the London County Council's musical committee to give him a grant and a special scholarship in order that he may study under the best tutors.

He plays the violin, piano and organ with astonishing ease and accomplishment. He learned to play the piano when he could scarcely touch the keys, and at six composed a school communion.

## STANDARD OIL CO. FORMS IMPORTANT ASHLAND INDUSTRY

### Work Here by Oil Company Aids in Building Up City. Many Men on Payroll

(Contributed by V. D. Miller)

Standard Oil Co. ranks as one of Ashland's important local industries. They maintain a local payroll of from 8 to 10 men throughout the year. This means a livelihood for from 25 to 30 persons. Several hundred dollars are turned into the tax coffers of Ashland annually by the Standard Oil Co. Ashland Standard Oil Co. employees also contribute a goodly amount of taxes.

Standard Oil Co. have a large distributing plant in Ashland, built at a cost of several thousands of dollars. People often think that an oil plant is a greasy, dirty, disagreeable place. Such is not the case relative to Standard Oil Company's local plant. Everything is in its proper place, and a neat tidy appearance is maintained at all times.

It is interesting to note the preventive measures they take against fire hazards. The following fire fighting equipment is always at hand:—3 1-2 gallon Goamite Fireproof extinguishers, 5 Pyrenes, plenty of hose, as well as a large 50 gallon Portable Foamite Chemical Engine. Safety meeting of employees are held once a month.

Oil storage capacity of plant amounts to approximately 90,000 gallons. Ashland plant has 4 large storage tanks. It would take a fleet of 120 trucks of 725 gallons capacity each to fill the storage which Standard Oil Co. has at Ashland.

3 pieces of motor equipment are being operated. A Ford Tank Truck will be added to their present equipment about March 1st, 1925. This is being done in order to give even better service than they are now giving.

Buildings at local plant consist of office, warehouse, pumping plant, and garage. Office is attractive and convenient. Warehouse will easily accommodate 6 carloads of case and barrel stock. Pumping plant is compact and built for endurance. Double action gas engine pumps are used in unloading tank cars. Garage has concrete floor, 4 entrances, lockers, work benches, bumpers, etc., and is well thought out.

Yard is very attractively designed by unique arrangements of brick around borders, hedges of roses, flag pole, beautiful lawn, etc. Not a single item is to be found out of its place.

Such a plant is an asset to any city not mentioning the civic interest always taken in a community by the Standard Oil Co., and their employees. It is natural to believe that such efficiency begets quality in the makeup of their products. Comments galore are heard on every hand regarding the splendid quality of their new winter grade Red Crown gasoline. Standard Oil Co., as a full-fledged local industry deserves the hearty support of all Ashland citizens.

Tillamook — County creamery association plans to install modern butter making plant.

Visiting Here—Mrs. Neva Berysch of Corvallis is in Ashland visiting at the home of Mrs. A. C. Keller of Allison street.

## GUN ELEVATION WILL BE AIRED IN CONGRESS

### Protests Received by State Department Will be Made Public

### McKENNA QUITS POST

#### Night Sessions for Senate Inaugurated by President to Clean Up Interior Fund Bill

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—The protests made to the United States by several nations against the elevation of the big guns on a number of American battle-ships will be publicly aired before Congress within a few days, Senator Hale, Republican, of Maine, chairman of the Senate naval affairs committee announced to newspapermen here today.

Hale declared that Secretary of State Hughes, in response to repeated requests, both by members of the naval affairs committee and other members of the Senate, will file a complete report on the alleged protests which he has received, within 24 hours. It is stated by naval officials that the elevation of the guns was done only in compliance with the conditions of the disarmament conference held in Washington, at which the naval strength of several of the leading nations of the world was determined.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—The administration's first big drive to bring to an end the bad legislative jam which has tied up both houses of Congress since it convened early last December was launched here today with the ordering of night sessions for the Senate, to be started tomorrow night. These sessions will be held in order to consider the \$238,000,000 Department of the Interior appropriation bill which has been up for some time, with no action taken.

Included in this bill are appropriations for several western irrigation and drainage projects, including a number in Oregon. In addition the bill carries with it a recommendation that several harbors on the Pacific Coast be improved.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Associate Justice McKenna, member of the United States Supreme Court, today submitted his resignation to President Coolidge, according to an announcement made at the White House this afternoon.

Justice McKenna is eighty three years of age, long since passed the retirement age for justice on the supreme court bench.

It is intimated in official circles here that Secretary of the Navy Wilbur is a candidate for the position on the bench vacated by Justice McKenna, and it is possible that he will be appointed to fill the vacancy. Wilbur is held in high esteem by President Coolidge, and it is thought likely that he will receive the appointment.

## DEPUTIES SELECTED BY KLAMATH SHERIFF NAMES MADE PUBLIC

KLAMATH FALLS, Jan. 5.—Garrett Van Riper, democratic candidate for county clerk at the general election last November and at present with the Link River Electric company, will be chief deputy sheriff, according to an announcement made by Burt E. Hawkins, sheriff-elect, who took office today.

E. X. Kendall, employed at present in the Golden Rule store, will be one of the outside men, and James W. Hilton who lives at 917 Jefferson street, and who has had experience as city patrolman, will be the other outside deputy.

Mrs. John Beal, who is now in the tax collection department under Sheriff L. L. Low, will continue in her present position. Mrs. Polly Dixon, who lives in Hot Springs and whose husband until recently has been employed by the Klamath Irrigation district, will also be in this department.

Klamath Falls—County assessment of \$24,661,016 is \$2,000,000 more than 1923.

## VIOLIN PRODIGY HELD AT ELLIS ISLAND.



PROF. CARL FLESCH & ISAAC DERSELI

Isaac Derseli, of Hamburg, an eleven-year-old prodigy, who has been hailed as a second Mischa Elman because of his marvelous skill as a violinist, was detained at Ellis Island, New York, by immigration authorities following his arrival with Professor Carl Flesch, his instructor, until bond is provided to guarantee that he will not become a von Grant renown.

## PROGRAM ANNOUNCED FOR TEACHERS MEET AT MEDFORD ON JAN. 7

### Miss Mabel Carney, Noted Educator, to be Principal Speaker at County Session

Susanne Homes Carter, county superintendent of schools, has announced the program for the school board convention, to be held at the Presbyterian church in Medford on Wednesday. Included in the program will be several round table discussions, taking up topics essential to the success of the schools in this section.

Miss Mable Carney, of the teachers college, Columbia University, will be the principal speaker at the meeting. Miss Carney is recognized as one of the leading educators of the country, and her talks will greatly interest many of the teachers in this country.

The program for the meeting follows:  
10:00 A. M. Song, America. Roll call by Districts: "Improvements in our schools or its equipment."

10:30 Address, "Basic Essentials of a Good School." Miss Mabel Carney, of Teachers' College, Columbia University, New York.

11:30 Round Table Discussions. Leaders to be assigned. Consolidation. Transportation. Other School Problems.

Noon  
1:30 P. M. Section Meetings: (a) Rural School Officers: Budgets, Teacher Employment & Salaries, Sending in Data. County Days, Jackson County Day, Athletic Day, Visiting Day for Teachers.

(b) Town School Officers: Salary Schedules, Crowded conditions, Sports & Gymnasiums.  
2:30 P. M. Organization of School Board Members of County, (if desired). Legislation needs.  
2:45 P. M. Music.  
3:00 P. M. Address, "The Opportunity and Responsibility of a Public School Officer." Miss Mabel Carney.

Evening Program  
8:00 P. M. Music. Address, "Ultimate Values in Education." Miss Mabel Carney.

## CONTRACT FOR WORK ON CAL. HIGHWAY LET

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 5.—A contract for the widening and relocating of an 11-mile section of the Pacific highway in Shasta county was let by the state highway commission here Saturday to Edwards Bros., Los Angeles for \$400,905. The decision is between Dog Creek and Half-Way creek and is an important link in the highway from Oregon.

## FRENCH DEBT FUNDING NOTE CLAIMED HOAX

### "Personal Memorandum" by French Finance Minister Is Received

### AWAITING NEXT MOVE

#### Believed English Stand on Matter Has Influenced France in Efforts to Meet Debt

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—The widely heralded "proposition" which France was supposed to have made to the United States, to be used in funding the four million dollar war debt owed by France to this country, was officially revealed here today as only an empty gesture on the part of the European nation, which for the present does not afford a suitable basis upon which serious funding negotiations can be begun at this time.

The communication was originally received by Ambassador Herrick in Paris. Herrick forwarded it to the state department and after several days of examination by officials of that department it was announced that the message contained nothing which would indicate that France had a plan by which the debt could be funded.

The note forwarded to the state department by Herrick was not addressed to the state department, nor did it come from the French government, but was merely a "personal memorandum" from the Finance Minister Clementel of France, which contained no definite suggestions for the payment of the loan.

The receipt of this note throws the debt collection matter into a state of chaos again. It was believed for a time that France was sincere in her declarations that she intended paying the loans as soon as a suitable proposition by which the debt could be funded could be arranged by the two governments. This latest angle on the case shows that France does not intend to start payments on the loans until she is forced to the move by the United States.

It is possible that the attitude of Great Britain in the matter had a great deal to do in influencing Clementel in his latest under cover move. England has, all along, demanded that if France started payment to the United States that she also commence to reduce the amount of her debt to England. Clementel is certain that France would be unable to meet the payments on both debts simultaneously, and therefore may have made this move in order to gain time in which a new agreement can be made, which will include Great Britain as well as America and France.

No announcement was made by the state department as to the next move to be made in endeavoring to collect the debt, but it is positive that some new method is being planned, judging from the number of conferences among the leading bankers of the country and Secretary Hughes.

## RELIC IN ASHLAND HOTEL IS REPLACED BY NEW APPLIANCE

Another relic of bygone days was delegated to the scrap heap Saturday night, when the old range in the kitchen of the Hotel Ashland was removed, and a new, modern range put in its place.

The old range, of black construction, several feet thick, and with a cast iron covering, had served the cooks in the hotel kitchen since the hotel was constructed, thirty six years ago. That the range was built to outlive the hotel was shown by the fact that it took two men; working with sledges and crowbars, several hours to tear it down, in order that the new Lang range might be put up.

In addition to the new range, a new steam table and several other up-to-date appliances have been put in place in the hotel kitchen, in preparation for the tourist trade which is bound to come during the spring, summer and fall.

The wrecking of the old range marks the disappearance of the third landmark in the hotel since

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## LONG RACCOON HUNT IS FINALLY ENDED

### HOOPESTON, Ill., Jan. 5.—"Old Ringtail," a giant raccoon which has defied hunters and dogs of Vermilion County for six years, has met its Waterloo. Its hide is being tanned by Ernest Deck, hunter and trapper.

The glory of the capture of "Old Ringtail" belongs to "Old Trapper," a hound borrowed by Deck from Carl Owens, of Ross-ville, Ill. The hound overtook the 'coon in a cornfield and, assisted by Deck with a club, killed it in a desperate battle.

The 'coon is declared to be the largest ever killed in Eastern Illinois. It had been brought to bay numbers of times in the last six years, but always had managed to fight its way free.

## ASHLAND HI OUTFIT TRIMS NEWBERG FIVE 52-13 IN LOOSE GAME

### Locals Score Almost at Will in Second Half of Double Bill. Newberg Meets Medford

BY TUT JACKSON  
Trouncing the Newberg High quintet, 52-13 Saturday night in the second game of their two game series, the Ashland High basketball squad made a clean sweep of their double header with the northern outfit, and kept their slate for the 1924-25 season free of defeats. The locals trimmed the visitors 62-9 in the first game of the series, played Friday night.

The locals showed as much speed as ever in their second game, while the visitors seemed lacking in the pepper which characterized their work during the early part of the first game. So loose was their work that it appeared as though the local outfit was running through a practice scrimmage with a group of grammar school players. Coach Walt Hughes ran his entire second string lineup into the game at the start of the second half, and these boys outscored the Newberg outfit, 7-5, during the third quarter.

The Ashland outfit opened the tussle with a rush, and it was apparent early in the game that the affair was to be another slaughter of the innocents. Captain Tom Bryant, the Ashland center hit his stride early in the first quarter, and seemed able to dump them through the ring without effort.

With Marske and Butterfield playing a great floor game, and with Ramsey and Kater checking every Newberg offense, the tussle soon developed into a run-away affair. The half ended with Ashland leading, 31-5. The second stringers started the third quarter, and finished that period with the score standing 38-10. Hughes pushed his regulars back into the contest to finish the second half, and they added 14 more counters to their total while holding the visitors to one lone free throw.

In a preliminary game the Ashland Elks trimmed the high school faculty five, 39-28. Although the faculty outfit tried hard, and the spirit was willing, the flesh was weak, and the Elks almost ran them into the ground. It is doubtful if a couple of the faculty boys have recovered yet.

Les Heer was high point man of this tussle, scoring 21 markers. Grubb of the Elks was runner up with 10, while Walt Hughes of the faculty and Woods, his team mate were close behind with 9 and 8 points respectively.

The Newberg outfit tangles with the Medford High five to

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## PLAN TO ROB BANK NIPPED BY POLICE

PORTLAND, Jan. 5.—A plan to rob a bank at Beaverton, near here, was today nipped, according to the police, with the arrest of Eddie Rush, George Jacobs and Mrs. Nettie Grace. The trio were lodged in jail, charged with vagrancy. Jacobs confessed, the police say, to a plan whereby they were to hold up the employees of the bank, scoop up the money and speed away in a machine.

They were to meet a second machine, with the woman driving, and to drive to a point several miles from here where the money was to be cashed.

## NEW TAX RULE ON INCOMES TO HIT CITY MEN

### Employees of Municipal Water, Light Departments Must Pay on Incomes

### RETROACTIVE TO 1918

#### New Ruling in Washington Is Result of Decisions Handed Down by Courts

WASHINGTON, D. C. Jan. 5.—All employees of municipally owned institutions acting in proprietary capacities, such as water, light and street railway companies, are subject to income tax on their compensation. They will have to pay taxes on their incomes as far back as 1918, and the bureau of internal revenue has notified the collector of customs to compel the filing of returns over those years.

The ruling, far-reaching in its application, is based on court decisions in several sections of the country, which have held, in effect, that such institutions as were named were competing with private enterprise and should occupy a similar footing with respect to certain taxation features. Officials of the bureau declined to be definite in the application of the ruling, which was made by Solicitor Nelson T. Hartson, and the problem of enforcement has been left in the hands of internal revenue collectors.

There are a dozen or more cases, involving similar questions, pending before the bureau and it was the opinion of officials that final adjudication of these will aid materially in construing and applying the law. None of the officials knew how many persons would be affected, but the consensus was that the return to the government will be small even in the aggregate.

The collector's ruling made these specific statements: "In deciding whether or not any particular activity in which a state or municipality may be engaged is a governmental function, the attitude of the federal rather than the state authorities should govern."

"The compensation received for services rendered in connection with a municipally owned water system is not exempt from income tax."

In addition the collector ruled on two other questions along the same line, holding that the manager and employees of a cafeteria conducted by public schools or by school boards, must pay a tax on their compensations.

"In general," the opinion added, "the rule that exemptions from taxation are to be strictly construed should be applied and no intendment should be taken in favor of the taxpayer in doubtful cases."

This declaration was not construed at the bureau as making the ruling apply to every sort of municipally owned institution. It was reiterated that the wide divergence of state laws and the manifold methods of handling the city or state owned services made it probable that hundreds of cases will have to be decided on their merits.

## ASHLAND AFFECTED BY NEW RAILROAD TARIFF ANNOUNCED

SALEM, Jan. 5.—All railroad corporations operating within the state of Oregon Friday joined in filing a new tariff providing for a rate based on 50 per cent of the percent charge for shipment of purebred horses and cattle for breeding purposes only. The minimum rate was fixed at \$7 per head.

The new tariff was filed with the public service commission and will become effective February 6. Reductions ranging from 25 to 40 cents a cord on wood shipped from Vernonia and Kenney to Portland was announced by the United Railways, with headquarters in Portland.

The Southern Pacific company with the Western Transportation company, has filed in the offices of the public service commission a new tariff on print paper shipped from West Linn, Clackamas county, to Ashland and intermediate points.

The new rate from West Linn (Continued on page 4)