

THE WEATHER
Unsettled tonight and Sunday.
Rain in Northwest Oregon.

ASHLAND DAILY TIDINGS

Ashland's Leading Newspaper for Over Fifty Years
(United Press Wire Service) and (United News Wire Service)

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING
Do your Christmas shopping early, while the stocks are complete.

VOL. 1 December to the Semi-Weekly Tidings Volume 41 ASHLAND, OREGON, SATURDAY, DEC. 4, 1926 NO. 79

DEFENDANTS IN HALLS - MILLS MURDER CASE NOT GUILTY

Sensational Trial Brought to an End After Many Weeks

RELEASE DEFENDANTS

Audience is Warned by Judge Against Any Demonstration When Verdict Given

SOMERVILLE, N. J., Dec. 4.—(UN)—The final word was written in the Hall-Mills murder trial today when charges of murder against Mrs. Frances Stevens Hall, Henry and Willie Stevens, and Henry De La Bruyere Carpenter were dismissed. It is believed that this will mark the end of what may be the last effort to solve the mystery of the murder of Mrs. Eleanor Mills and Rev. Edward W. Hall four years ago. This action followed the verdict of the jury who declared the defendants in the case were not guilty.

Not Guilty
SOMERVILLE, N. J., Dec. 4.—(UN)—The three defendants in the Hall-Mills murder case were found not guilty tonight.

The jury, after long deliberation, decided that Mrs. Frances Stevens Hall and her brothers, Henry and Willie Stevens, did not kill Mrs. Eleanor Mills, who was found murdered with Mrs. Hall's husband, the Rev. Edward Wheeler Hall, near New Brunswick, on September 14, 1922.

Justice Parker, when he entered, said he had attempted to conduct the trial "which occasioned such great excitement with solemnity. He warned the audience against any demonstration.

They entered the court room at 8:35 p. m. Five hours and two minutes after they retired to deliberate separately.

After the verdict had been read, Mrs. Hall said, "My brothers and I are very glad after four years of gossip and false accusations, to have had this opportunity to face the situation in open court, to have personally gone on the witness stand and submitted ourselves to thorough cross examination and to have obtained complete vindication through the verdict of a Somerset county jury."

STATE COMMISSION ADOPTS NEW BUDGET

Many Projects on State Highways Are to be Undertaken

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 4.—(UN)—The state highway commission adopted a budget of \$805,000 for forest highway construction in Oregon in 1927. Of this amount \$575,000 is to come from the federal appropriation for forest roads and the remainder will be made up by state and county cooperation.

Following are the projects to be undertaken with the amount allocated to each:

Klamath Falls-Lakeview highway, Klamath county, surfacing 11 miles, government \$45,000, state \$45,000, total \$90,000.

Shay Hill section, Lane county, Santiam highway, surfacing 8.6 miles, government \$20,000, state \$20,000, total \$40,000.

Canyon City-Burns highway, Grant and Harney counties grading 9.2 miles, government \$125,000, total \$125,000.

Rain Rock-North Fork section, Eugene-Florence highway, grading 10 miles, government \$75,000, Lane county \$25,000, total \$100,000.

Beech Creek-Forest boundary highway, Grant county, government \$20,000, county \$20,000, total \$40,000.

Widening Oregon Caves road, government \$15,000.

Widening Mount Hood Loop (Continued from Page One)

EIGHT ARE ARRESTED ON LIQUOR CHARGES

Caught Transporting Liquor From Steamer to Pier

PORTLAND, Dec. 4.—Caught removing twenty-eight cases of liquor from the Italian steamer, Timavo, eight men were under arrest today and probably face a federal charge of smuggling liquor. Walter Pearson and Herbert Nelson were in the launch which contained eight cases of whiskey, when officers swooped down upon them. On the pier were three automobiles, six men and some liquor. The steamer in the river had its deck stacked with some more liquor to be transported ashore.

COUNTY JAIL BREAK NARROWLY AVERTED

Twenty Prisoners Are Involved in Attempt to Saw Way Out

MEDFORD, Dec. 4.—A wholesale break involving approximately 20 prisoners, was barely averted at the county jail at 7:00 o'clock last night, and was prevented only by the arrival at the jail of Jailer Dunford, a few minutes before he was expected. The prisoners had sawed one bar and were working on the second. Dunford had gone to his dinner and was returning to the jail when he was halted by a small boy who told him that some of the prisoners were trying on the steel bars of a jail window. Dunford hurried to the jail with all speed, but instead of rushing in, remained outside with a view to observing who was working on the bars. Seeing no one at the windows, Dunford entered the jail, where conditions appeared normal with no one showing evidence of anything wrong.

Whether or not the prisoners saw the boy pass the jail and become suspicious, or heard him talking with Jailer Dunford, is not known, but in some manner they became apprised that the jailer was returning and hurriedly quit their operations.

Up until midnight last night Sheriff Jennings nor the jailer had been able to obtain any information indicating the ringleaders, but officers have a well formed opinion as to the leaders and hope to get sufficient evidence to attach the attempted break upon them.

As a result of the attempted break, all prisoners are being kept in the cells today, and will all probably remain there until the leaders are known.

Saw Hidden
A thorough search of all prisoners and of the entire jail was made last night with the hope of locating the saw which was used to sever the bars, but without result. Officers are confident, however, that they will locate the saw, which may lead to placing the blame where it belongs.

The window through which the prisoners were planning on making their escape is the one just below that through which Don Hall and McLeary gained their freedom a year ago. Both were recaptured and are doing time at Salem.

Just how many minutes would have been required to sever the second bar is not known, but it is the opinion of the officers that within another 10 or 15 minutes the job would have been completed.

Extra precautions are now being taken and will be continued until the number of prisoners is reduced.

HOLD-UPS ARE ARRESTED

BEND, Ore., Dec. 4.—(UN)—Two men and a woman who stole a new automobile from W. A. Bibbe and J. E. Frye of Burns, near Silver Creek, 100 miles east of here, were captured near Riverside today, according to word received here.

The trio held up Frye and Dibble last night, taking the car which the two men were to deliver in Burns.

Hubbard — Mineral Springs sanitarium opened to public.

Milfont-Freewater — Western Dehydrator has 200 employees drawing \$4,000 wages weekly.

JURY IN CASE AGAINST FALL ARE TOLD OF TRYING DAYS

High Navy Officials Were Afraid of Japanese Invasion

REFUSE NAME NATION

War Danger Caused Doheny to Take Over Pearl Harbor Oil Tank Construction

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—The story of the trying days of 1921, when high navy officials considered the danger of an invasion from the Pacific coast by an unnamed foreign power, was told today to the jury in the conspiracy case of Albert B. Fall and E. L. Doheny. Doheny was in court against the advice of his physician and is suffering from an infected arm.

Rear Admiral J. K. Robinson retired who conducted negotiations leading to the Elk Hills and Pearl Harbor contracts given Doheny by the government told his story, gingerly skirting edges of confidential information which he was under orders not to reveal. Although he refused to name the foreign nations he thought involved it was known he was referring to the report of Admiral Gleaves of the Pacific fleet who in 1921, revealed the alleged Japanese war plans against the United States. There was this "danger of war," according to the defense who was working on the bars. Seeing no one at the windows, Dunford entered the jail, where conditions appeared normal with no one showing evidence of anything wrong.

ROUND UP HELD FOR THE YOUNGER BOYS

Work Committee of Y. M. C. A. Hold Meeting at Junior High

Fifty-five boys gathered at Junior high school last evening to attend the round up staged for boys 12 to 15 years of age by the Boy's Work committee of the Y. M. C. A. Judging from the yelling and the excitement which prevailed throughout the evening, the whole affair was a real success, even to the enormous amount of doughnuts and apples which were consumed. In the early part of the evening a number of group and mass competitive games were enjoyed. The boys were divided into two divisions, Clea Howell captaining one and Hugh Gillmore captaining the other. Howell's division carried off all honors. The boys were then seated in a circle where Secretary Walter of the Y. M. C. A. explained the purpose of gathering, which was to interest these boys in the Pioneer club program, being promoted by the Ashland Y. M. C. A. This is a world wide program of Christian Citizenship for boys from 12 to 15 years of age, and is promoted by the Y. M. C. A. Mr. Walter urged these boys to get into the Pioneer clubs that are being organized in the city. These boys will register Monday evening right after school at Y. M. C. A. headquarters in Pioneer Hall, after which they will be assigned to one of the clubs. This registration is open to every boy in the city of the above age who wishes to get into a real live organization. It is planned to promote inter-club basket ball contests, with a suitable prize for the winner. Other activities will be promoted such as, monthly Pioneer round-ups, hikes, socials and many activities dear to the heart of the American boy. Following last night's games, John Rigg, J. W. Mills and D. M. Spencer, members of the Boy's committee, brought on the apples and doughnuts, which quickly disappeared and the boys were sent home.

Real Pulling Power Displayed

Swarming crowds of happy, care-free people along Main street last night gave positive proof of the value of The Tidings as an advertising and publicity medium.

Only in the columns of The Tidings was advance mention made of the formal Christmas Opening by Ashland's enterprising merchants. No other form of publicity or advertising was used. And conservative estimates last night were that more than 3000 of the city's 5000 people were down town with the holiday crowds.

The Christmas Opening special edition of 18 pages which was made possible Thursday through the cooperation of Ashland merchants is credited by the merchants as being almost wholly responsible for the unprecedented crowds of "window shoppers" who enjoyed the gala evening.

ELKS WILL STAGE ANNUAL MEMORIAL

Ashland Lodge Invites Its Friends to Services at 3 p. m. Sunday

The annual memorial services of the Ashland Elks' lodge No. 944 will be held at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, with W. E. Newcombe, past exalted ruler of the Ashland lodge, delivering the memorial address. The services were originally scheduled for 2 o'clock but were changed to an hour later because of the funeral of Mrs. Martges.

The memorial services have been announced as follows:

Funeral march.
Opening exercises, James W. Bower, Exalted Ruler, and Elmer P. Morrison, Esquire.

Invocation, Rev. P. K. Hammond, Chaplain.

Male quartet—J. Andrew McGee, S. A. Peters, Jr., R. L. Burdick, Jr., and V. D. Miller.

Vocal solo, "His Almighty Hand" — Miss Florence Allen with Miss Imogene Wallace, accompanist.

Altar memorial services by Exalted Ruler and officers of the lodge.

Memorial address—W. E. Newcombe, past Exalted Ruler.

Male quartet—Song, "The Vacant Chair."
Benediction—Rev. P. K. Hammond.

The committee which has a charge of the services this year is composed of Millard W. Grubb, general chairman; George D. Converse and V. V. Mills, music; J. Edward Thornton and John Loughlin, arrangements; Earl H. Crow, E. O. Gillings, B. C. Forsythe and O. H. Johnson, Jr.

DESCRIPTION OF ALLEGED STRANGLER IS GIVEN POLICE

Is Said to be Man With Pleasing Personality at Times

HAS PIERCING EYES

Grocery Employees Give Details of Man Who Made Thanksgiving Purchases

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 4.—(UP)—Picturing the alleged stranger as a man with a pleasing personality at times, when not acting the part of a fiend, Portland police today had the description of the man who was thought to have killed Mrs. Blanche Meyers of Portland, Mrs. Florence Monks of Seattle, as well as three other Portland women and six in California.

Grocery employees who had dealings with the man while he was here told police he was about five feet seven inches tall, weighed a hundred and fifty pounds, had dark hair and large piercing eyes. This description of the man who gave some elderly women, jewelry which has since been identified as that removed from Mrs. Monks' body.

WHITE WASH RESULTS IN SUSPENDING BOYS

Two Members of Eugene High School Faculty Asked to Quit

EUGENE, Dec. 4.—The resignation of two faculty members has been asked and nine students were suspended as an aftermath to the dousing of principal J. G. Swan with white wash from a concealed bucket in the assembly. R. G. Brown, the athletic coach, was asked to resign; E. C. Bouck, assistant principal was requested to quit because of friendliness with the ring leaders of the disturbance.

MANY DOGS POISONED

Within the last three weeks there has been thirty two valuable dogs in Ashland poisoned in the city, the last one being Jim Bowers' valuable police dog.

FOOTBALL BOYS ARE KIWANIS CLUB GUESTS

V. O. N. Smith Outlines New Service Feature of Local Banks

Members of the Ashland high school football team, were guests of the Kiwanis club at the regular noon day meeting held at the Lithia Springs Hotel, yesterday. Practically the entire meeting was given over to football, and after the introduction of the boys, V. D. Miller, in a glowing speech paid tribute to their successful record, and welcomed them to the luncheon. He called special attention to the game played with the "has beens", and related several humorous incidents of this game. Captain Sam Prescott responded on behalf of the team, and brief talks were made by V. O. N. Smith, Cashier of Citizens Bank, outlined the service charge that is to be inaugurated by local banks on January first. Mr. Smith laid particular stress upon the benefits to be derived from this movement by the local merchants. "A new depositor will come into the bank," Mr. Smith stated, "and make a small deposit. He will receive a check book with a leather cover and there will be many entries made and other expenses incurred, to insure the correct keeping of the records of his account. Many times he has not had an account before, and will write checks, up to the amount he has on deposit, and then continue to write them. This necessitates the return of the check to the merchant who accepted it, causing him much additional trouble and work. It is thought that with this new system small depositors will watch their accounts more carefully and see that it is brought up to the minimum requirement. Thus it can be readily seen will result in much benefit to the business man, the bank and to the depositor himself."

DESCRIPTION OF ALLEGED STRANGLER IS GIVEN POLICE

Is Said to be Man With Pleasing Personality at Times

HAS PIERCING EYES

Grocery Employees Give Details of Man Who Made Thanksgiving Purchases

WHITE WASH RESULTS IN SUSPENDING BOYS

Two Members of Eugene High School Faculty Asked to Quit

MANY DOGS POISONED

Within the last three weeks there has been thirty two valuable dogs in Ashland poisoned in the city, the last one being Jim Bowers' valuable police dog.

AUTOMOTIVE SHOP IS GIVEN CUP FOR THE BEST WINDOW

First Christmas Opening Proves to be Unqualified Success

MANY THROG STREET

Merchants Windows Attract Unusual Praise for Beauty and Originality

With an estimated crowd of more than three thousand people from the town section and official opening of the holiday season was declared to be an unqualified success by local merchants, while the cup given to the merchant with the most attractive window was awarded to The Automotive Shop.

This event, which was sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, with committees headed by Homer Billings and E. R. Isaac, and the general assistance of Secretary John Fuller and Superintendent Clyde Malone, working out the details, resulted in practically every Ashland merchant working out display windows, that not only attracted unusual attention but that displayed a wealth of originality, and a tremendous amount of work.

The members of the high school student body, assisted materially in the success of the affair, by staging a serpentine through the business section as the lights were being turned on. The students were equipped with horns and confetti, and with the music of the band under the direction of Carl Loveland, gave the affair a joyous holiday spirit.

All lights were turned off in the business district until 7:35 when as the band and the student body marched from one end of the business district to the other they were flashed on. Merchants following the progress of the band undraped their windows, and many exclamations of surprise and commendation could be heard, as each window presented a veritable surprise box of Christmas suggestions.

The winning window showed a miniature snow storm in progress, as the snow in the form of cleverly arranged cotton was whirled through the air by means of a breeze formed with the turning of a wheel on a beautiful Chevrolet sedan which formed the back ground for the entire window. Well arranged accessories formed the basis for the display.

To attempt to pick out any windows other than the winner for special comment would be doing an injustice to others for the entire display was one in which local merchants can take a justifiable pride.

BANKS TO INAUGURATE NEW SERVICE FEATURE

To Establish Service Charge on Accounts Less Than \$50.00

With the mailing out of notices to every depositor in the three banks in Ashland and the banks at Talent, the machinery was set in motion, yesterday, for the establishment of a service charge for the handling of all bank accounts whose average balance falls below \$50 for the month. This change to take effect January 1st, the charge to be made about the 25th of each month.

In discussing this step upon the part of the local banks, J. W. McCoy, cashier of the First National Bank, presented some interesting figures gathered from all parts of the United States which indicate that one theory of banking in that small accounts would grow into larger ones in sufficient numbers to pay for the great cost of handling these numerous small accounts was theory only, and had not worked out in practice.

"Banks generally welcome a small account," Mr. McCoy stated this morning. "There is always the thought in mind that with the establishment of a bank account, the habit of thrift will become more firmly established and this small account will gradually grow until it reaches a size sufficient to at least pay its own way. However during the past fifteen years, definite figures have been established that show conclusively that approximately fifty percent of all commercial bank accounts do not average \$50 and constitute only from 2 to 4 percent of the total of commercial deposits. This throws the burden of caring for the great number of small accounts, which exceed in number the larger ones, but which makes up an infinitely small percentage of the total deposits, upon those who are maintaining them."

Fire Destroys U. S. Legation

PRAGUE, Dec. 4.—(UN)—The American legation here was almost completely destroyed by fire which started tonight in the Schoeboern palace and spread quickly to adjoining buildings.

Spreading from the palace, which is one of the finest old structures in the city, the blaze swept to the home of the Czechoslovakian ministers of state and burned that building sufficiently to cause its roof to collapse. The American legation, also near by, was almost a complete loss before the fire had been gotten under control.

The left wing of the palace, where the fire started in a defective flue, was badly burned. The palace was uninjured.

EXCEPTIONS ARE FILED
BEND, Dec. 4.—(UN)—A third set of exceptions to State Engineer Rhea Luper's adjudication of Deschutes river water rights was filed in circuit court here today.

Myrtle Point — Methodist congregation will build \$17,000 church.

Trying to Scare Someone Not Easily Scared



Trying to Scare Someone Not Easily Scared

Within the last three weeks there has been thirty two valuable dogs in Ashland poisoned in the city, the last one being Jim Bowers' valuable police dog.