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## Grandmother Pleads Guilty to Charge of Slaying Little Girl

### Mrs. M. C. Paton of Tillamook Gets 15-Year Sentence on Manslaughter Indictment—Whipped Child So Hard It Died Shortly After

TILLAMOOK, Ore., May 4.—Mrs. M. C. Paton today pleaded guilty to a charge of manslaughter in connection with the death of her grandchild, Silvia Louise Descamps, aged 4, who died from the effects of a beating. She was immediately sentenced to an indeterminate term in the state penitentiary not to exceed 15 years. She was arraigned on a charge of second degree murder and pleaded not guilty to that charge.

District Attorney Claude Barrick told the court that a plea of guilty to a charge of manslaughter would be acceptable, provided the maximum penalty would be pronounced.

The child died April 21 last. She was the daughter of Mrs. Cora M. Descamps of Portland, who, following a divorce, sent her four children to reside with their grandmother.

## COAST GUARD TO WAGE WAR ON RUM FLEET

NEW YORK, May 4.—Units from the coast guard of the entire Atlantic sea board, with the revenue cutters Gresham, Seneca and Mohave, were mobilized at the Clifton coast guard base on Staten Island today for a new war of extermination against rum fleets lying off the coast from New Jersey to Connecticut.

The fleet comprises more than 60 vessels. Armed, manned and equipped as for battle, most of them are motor craft between 40 and 62 feet long and capable of great speed.

## OTTO ELLIS, WIRE OPERATOR, INCURS FRACTURE OF LEG

Otto Ellis, Associated Press operator for The Evening Herald, incurred a severe break of his left leg yesterday when in the ninth inning of a game between The Evening Herald and Merrill, at Merrill, he slid into first base.

Ellis had started to steal second. He changed his mind and sprinted back for the first sack and in an attempt to beat out the throw slid into the bag. In some way his foot was twisted and the bone in the leg broken. He will be in the hospital for several days before he can manage on crutches.

Until a medical examination this afternoon proved otherwise, Ellis believed he had sprained his ankle.

## Anglers Report Lake and Streams Too High or Muddy For Fishing

Fishermen, on their way home from Rocky Point last night, carried with them several convictions that are set forth in numerical order as follows:

- (1) Trout were not biting spoon, bait or fly;
- (2) The lake was too high;
- (3) Too early in the year for good fishing;

But the negative tendency of these convictions was offset by a wonderful clear and cool day; roads to Rocky Point that were unexpectedly good; and a perfect day to be in the woods.

There were, among the several score of Rocky Point anglers, Fred Houston, Dr. H. D. L. Stewart, "Red" Piper, Roy Durbin, H. H. Corey and others.

Of the baker's dozen of fish that were caught, Mr. Corey caught one, a two and a half pounder off the mouth of Crystal creek. Probably the largest fish caught at the point

## PIERCE APPOINTS PORTLAND MAN TO STATE JUDGESHIP

SALEM, Ore., May 4.—John H. Stevenson of Portland was today appointed by Governor Pierce as a circuit judge for the fourth judicial district to succeed the late Judge George W. Stapleton, whose death occurred last Friday. Under the law Judge Stevenson will hold office until his successor is elected and qualified by the general election of November 1926.

## SISKIYOU SHERIFF STAGES BIG RAID

(Special to The Herald)  
YREKA, Calif., May 4.—Swooping down on a combination dance hall and pool room at Dunsamuir as a part of a raid that swept through northern Siskiyou early yesterday morning, Sheriff A. S. Calkins and posse found whites dancing with negroes and moonshine flowing so freely that he arrested Austin and John Wilkins and William Young, colored proprietors. More than 25 patrons were cited to appear as witnesses at the preliminary hearings of the men at Dunsamuir this week. A raid on a lodging house at Mt. Shasta City resulted in the arrest of May Donaldson for conducting a disorderly house and the citing of several more witnesses. Eight people in all were arrested.

## BANK HEAD ARRESTED

VANCOUVER, Wash., May 4.—A warrant was issued this afternoon for the arrest of O. Jorgen Olson, until recently president of the American Security bank here, on a charge of embezzling \$7980 of the bank's funds. It was announced by County Attorney Hall.

## EX-SHERIFF IS "PINCHED" FOR FAILING TO DIM

Before the building into which he led scores of prisoners, Lloyd L. Low, former sheriff of Klamath county, was arrested yesterday afternoon by Deputy Sheriff R. E. Knowles, on a charge of failing to dim.

The ex-sheriff was proceeding up Main street with lights full blast, Knowles declared. The speed cop, who was in front of the court house at the time, stepped out into the street and placed him under arrest.

Low, who is now in the sheep business, was due to appear in justice court today.

## TO BUILD HOTEL AT ROCKY POINT

### Arthur Leavitt Plans Two- Story Structure for This Season

Preparations are being made by Arthur Leavitt, who conducts Rocky Point, to construct a two-story hotel on the crest of the picturesque knoll on the Rocky Point property. The new hotel is a unit included in a general plan of Mr. Leavitt to improve the property before the advent of the summer tourist traffic.

The hotel will be modern in all respects and fully capable of serving not only the tourist but also Klamath sportsmen who desire to spend the week-end tramping in the clear waters of Pelican bay and inflowing streams.

Other improvements, such as minor repairs around the ground, are now occupying the attention of Mr. Leavitt and his employees. Mr. and Mrs. Leavitt are living at the resort continually. The mail delivery to Rocky Point, Pelican Bay and Odessa territory, formerly handled by Mr. Leavitt, is now being handled by Jack Mana.

## M'MINNVILLE SAFE IS BLOWN BY YEGGS

McMINNVILLE, Ore., May 4.—Burglars used explosives and stolen railroad tools to break open the safe in the Pillsbury garage here early this morning, but found only a wallet and some papers in the strong box. They took \$70 from the cash register. The wallet and papers were found later by deputy sheriffs on an embankment near La Fayette. A touring car was stolen from a private garage near the Pillsbury garage.

## SEVERAL HURT IN AUTO CRASH

### Fort Klamath Residents Slightly Injured When Sedan Overturns

Cuts and bruises, broken bones and scalp wounds, were the result of automobile accidents on Klamath highways, over the week-end.

A car load of merry-makers from Fort Klamath piled up near Chillicothe, nearly demolishing the large sedan, owned by Frank Brady, of Chillicothe. All of the occupants suffered more or less from minor injuries. Mr. Brady was in the car but not at the wheel. A young Indian boy was driving. He is suffering from a broken nose and an injured arm and cuts and bruises. Mr. Brady is also suffering from slight injuries.

Steering apparatus of a car operated by Gus Kutrubis went wrong Saturday night and his machine veered off the highway and was wrecked near Keno. Mr. Kutrubis, suffering from a scalp wound, was taken to the Klamath Valley hospital for treatment. He was discharged from the hospital this morning.

Many minor accidents were reported. One car overturned near Algona, without causing serious accident to the occupants. A number of fender clashes enlivened holiday traffic up and down the Klamath highways.

## Lamm Co. Dry Kiln Man Hurt

W. A. Whittinger, in charge of dry kilns at the Lamm Lumber company, Modoc Point, was seriously and perhaps fatally injured this morning at 8 o'clock when a belt flew off a drive shaft and struck him across the side of the head, incurring a serious fracture of the skull. He was immediately rushed to the Klamath General hospital, where everything is being done to save his life.

Whittinger's clothing caught in the machinery, a bolt flew from the drive shaft and the belt slipped off and was thrown against the side of Whittinger's head, it was reported.

Hospital authorities said that his condition was serious this afternoon and that his chance for recovery questionable.

Whittinger, who holds a responsible position with the Lamm Lumber company, is married. His wife is now in McKeesport, Pa., visiting with relatives.

## FOUR INJURED WHEN AUTOS CRASH

### Reputed Bootlegger Strikes Car Driven by Port- land Attorney

PORTLAND, Ore., May 4.—B. E. Youmans, Portland attorney, his wife and his mother, Mrs. Edith O. Whittless, 61, are in a hospital here suffering from injuries received yesterday when the car in which they were riding was hit head on near Sherwood by a car driven by Wm. Robinson, whom the police described as a bootlegger. Youmans is in a serious condition. Robinson is in a hospital with a broken left arm and broken jaw.

According to accounts received by traffic officers, Robinson was driving at a mile a minute rate when his car swerved and hit Youmans' car near Sherwood, on the Capitol highway.

A companion of Robinson dumped a large quantity of illicit liquor from the car after the crash, drew a revolver and forced the driver of a bread truck to carry him back to Sherwood. He later disappeared and was reported to have fled toward British Columbia.

## ASTRONOMER DEAD

VIENNA, May 4.—Dr. Johann Palisa, noted Austrian astronomer and director of the Vienna university observatory, is dead. His discovery, without photography of 124 planets is said to have been unequalled. He also was the author of a stellar encyclopedia.

## Service Officer Saves World War Vet From Death

To Miss Lydia Fricke, county health nurse and assistant service officer of the American Legion, John K. Pratt, World war veteran, probably owes his life. Pratt, suffering from a serious affection of the ear, was given aid by the American Legion. Arrangements were made for him to be cared for at the Veterans' hospital in Portland.

Miss Fricke last week volunteered her services to take the sick man to Portland. On the trip north his illness intensified and before Portland was reached the case had developed into erysipelas. Miss Fricke's care of the man pulled him through until the train arrived in Portland, where expert medical attention was secured.

Miss Fricke returned last night from Portland and reported that Pratt's condition showed improvement. He is expected to survive the illness.

## MAN WHO BRIBED PROHI AGENT TO SERVE 20 YEARS

WASHINGTON, May 4.—Morris Orsatt of San Francisco, sentenced to 20 years for attempting to bribe a prohibition agent, will get no relief from the supreme court. The highest tribunal today refused to interest itself in his plea that the sentence was excessive and that a single offense had led to his conviction on 21 different counts.

## MERRILL GIRL NAMED

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, May 4.—Wanda Pope of Merrill, senior in home economics, has been elected to teach in Woodland, Washington next year.

## MAN AND WOMAN ARE BOUND OVER

### Mr. and Mrs. Silas Hough of Klamath Held to Federal Grand Jury

Evidence sufficient to warrant a further investigation was found Saturday by United States Commissioner Bert C. Thomas, against Mr. and Mrs. Silas A. Hough of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Hough were bound over to the federal grand jury on a charge of using the United States mails to defraud.

Bond was set at \$1000 which the couple were unable to furnish. They were taken to Portland by Deputy United States Marshal C. C. Wells, where they will be lodged in jail pending grand jury investigation.

Mr. and Mrs. Hough are charged with mailing two bad checks, one for \$43.08 and the other for \$61.12, to Montgomery and Ward company of Portland in payment of merchandise purchased by them under the name of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Smallett. The wholesale house ascertained that the checks were worthless, notified Portland authorities who in turn notified Postmaster John McCall of Klamath Falls to hold anybody who called for the packages.

Mr. and Mrs. Hough, when they asked for the packages at the local post office were promptly placed under arrest.

The couple have been in Klamath county since last January. They formerly lived at a camp ground to the south of town but recently lived at Pelican City, where Mr. Hough was employed by the Pelican Bay Lumber company.

No minimum penalty is mentioned in the statute under which the local couple are being investigated. The maximum is \$1000 fine and five years in the penitentiary.

## FEVER CLAIMS FIRST VICTIM

### Miss Martha Merrill Dies After Illness of Several Days

Martha Margaret Merrill, aged 14, first victim of scarlet fever in Klamath county this year, died at Merrill this morning at 12:20 a. m. following an illness of several days. She was the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Merrill, members of the original Merrill family that founded the southern Klamath town.

Miss Merrill was a native of Klamath, having been born at Merrill. She was a student of the Merrill high school affairs. The Merrill family is quite prominent in affairs of southern Klamath and well known in this city.

The body will be shipped Wednesday to Redding where funeral services and interment will take place in the Redding cemetery.

## GRAND JURY MEETS

The county grand jury went in session today and took up several criminal investigations. It is understood that one of the first matters to be considered was the reported attack on John Coleman, rancher, by Gus Jordan, a farm hand. This is expected to be one of the first indictments reported out by the jurors. The grand jury was to have convened last week but was delayed because of the illness of one of its members.

## Livestock Man To Be Arrested On Charge Of Polluting Water

### Hundred Carcasses of Cattle Owned by D.M. McLemore of California Alleged to be Threatening Heath of Holi- day Resort on Klamath Lake

Complaint was signed this morning by Dr. G. S. Newson, county health officer, charging D. M. McLemore, prominent California livestock operator, with creating a health menace on the west side of Klamath lake by refusing to remove and either burn or bury 100 carcasses of his cattle which now lie in the waters of Odessa creek.

Mr. McLemore will probably be arrested as soon as he arrives in Klamath, it was learned. If any of his cattle are driven into the county, the property will be attached and cost of removing the cattle will proceed, the cost to be taken from county sale of cattle.

The health menace will continue and be intensified, unless some governmental or private agency can raise a minimum of \$1000 for the removal of the carcasses.

## IDENTIFICATION OF SLAIN GIRL MADE BY FRIEND

GARY, Ind., May 4.—The mystery surrounding the death of a young woman, whose partly burned body was found a week ago in the Indiana dunes near Chesterton appeared to be disintegrating today with the positive identification of the torso by a girl friend.

Florence Kish Boto said the body was that of Mrs. Josephine DeSidero, 21, of Gary. This corroborated the recognition made by Mrs. DeSidero's mother.

One of the strongest points in her identification, according to police, was her pointing out a bit of cloth found near the mutilated body as part of a petticoat she lent Mrs. DeSidero.

Mrs. Artie L. Hosler, of Michigan City, however, was as equally positive as others have been in identifying the body last night as that of her daughter, Mrs. Mary Berg, 22.

Action of the county health department now awaits an opinion from state attorney general, on what steps could be taken against Mr. McLemore to remove the cause of the unsanitary condition.

According to complaints received at the health office by residents of the Rocky Point section, the stench from the decomposed carcasses can now be detected. Klamath's holiday colony depends on cold, clear waters from Pelican Bay and adjacent streams for water supply. Use of the water, as now polluted would be a continual menace to health, although no typhoid would necessarily result, Dr. Newson said.

## TWO KILLED, THREE INJURED IN CRASH

WENATCHEE, Wash., May 4.—Jess Walters, 18, Western Union office clerk, and Harold Jessup, 19, student, were killed, and J. C. Finley, aged 45; Farrell Palmer, 18, and Russell Jessup, 17, were injured in an automobile accident this morning while on their way to Lake Chelan to spend the day fishing.

Mr. Finley, the driver, suffered chest bruises and will live. Dr. Condon said today. The breaking of the steering gear in loose gravel is believed to have caused the wreck. The car plunged down a 40-foot grade. Palmer and Jessup suffered bruises and scratches.

## COLORFUL PAGEANT HELD IN SISKIYOU

(Special to The Herald)  
YREKA, Calif., May 4.—Seventy-five years of the history of Siskiyou were reviewed at Etna Saturday at the California diamond jubilee celebration. Hundreds of high and grammar school children took part in the pageants, as well as stage coaches and covered wagons that were used in this country in the gold rush days.

Several thousand people witnessed the event, one of the largest ever produced in Siskiyou, but had management by Eugene C. Golden, director general, caused much inconvenience and delay.

The celebration closed with a ball. Miss Rosie Solar of Mt. Shasta City was crowned Miss Siskiyou, the most beautiful girl in Siskiyou county.

WASHINGTON, May 4.—Massachusetts' tax upon foreign corporations doing an exclusively interstate business within the commonwealth was declared invalid today by the supreme court.

## OREGONIAN REPORTER GETS CONSULAR POST

WASHINGTON, May 4.—Charles C. Hart, Washington correspondent for the Portland Oregonian and a number of other western newspapers has been appointed minister to Albania to fill a long existing vacancy. Formal announcement of the appointment is withheld pending approval by the Albanian government.

Mr. Hart is a native of Indiana, 47 years old, and has had wide newspaper experience in the middle and far west. He was secretary and manager of the National Republican progressive league seeking the election of Charles E. Hughes in 1916.

LINE'S BUSY!  
ST. LOUIS, May 4.—Michael Richard Fay, 70, today began duty at a district station under the recent decision of the St. Louis police commissioner, to replace girl switchboard operators with aged patrol men.