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GOD'S LIVING PURPOSE—"Blessed be the Lord thy God, which delighted in thee, to set thee on the throne of Israel; because the Lord loved Israel forever; therefore made he the king to do judgment and justice." 1 Kings 10:25.

Bread cast upon the waters comes back after many days, and so we observe that India is sending missionaries to America.

The various members of the British Empire, having declared that they are altogether independent of each other, are much more inclined to work together.

There is new hope for Soviet success. Instead of going to work in government offices at eleven o'clock or noon as has been the habit, an order has been issued for employees to be on the job at nine. They may yet get a good day's work done in one day.

President Coolidge remarks that it takes a lot of money to run our government, lead pencils alone amounting to over \$125,000 a year. We wonder how much of that can be charged to Cal's trying to figure out chances for a third term nomination?

DRIVING SENSE.

Detroit, where most of the automobiles are made, ought to know something about driving them. Detroit's latest driving ordinance embodies the result of careful observation and contains some features that deserve the respectful consideration of other communities. For example:

Not more than one sticker is permitted on any car, and it must be not more than 4 by 12 inches and must be placed in the lower, right-hand corner of the windshield. That will leave the glass, all around, fairly free for the driver to see through—which is really what the glass is intended for.

No more than three people are allowed on the front seat of a car, and the driver is not allowed to have anyone, either child or grown-up, sitting on his lap. Furthermore, the driver is forbidden to have one arm out of commission by reason of its being around some other person. To insure further that the driver's attention is not distracted from his main job, it is laid down that no passenger shall have an arm around the driver. All this is drastic. But it is common sense, and is calculated to promote alike the safety of drivers, passengers and outsiders.

MAIL ON CHRISTMAS DAY

This year Christmas comes on Saturday. Postmaster General New feels that it wouldn't be fair to the gift-receiving public if there were two days in succession—Saturday and Sunday—with no mail deliveries, so he has ordered that carriers must work on Christmas day. He requires only one delivery, but any one knows that a morning delivery on Christmas lasts well into the afternoon, and the carriers who perform that service for the public will have mighty little Christmas of their own.

There are two things the public, if it is generous and thoughtful, can do about this. It can actually get its Christmas mailing done early so that by Dec. 25 almost all the packages will have been delivered and the mails on that day will be light, or at least no heavier than normal. Or it can let the postmaster general know that it is willing to go two days without mail and receive on Monday the belated presents that might be delivered on Saturday.

There are a great many persons who have to work on Christmas and other holidays to keep the general public comfortable. Milk men, railway men, telephone operators, and many others must snatch their Christmas on the fly while they go about their regular duties. The least the rest of us can do is to make their work as light as possible and give them courteous treatment and thanks for their service.

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STRETCHER CLAIMS "KING BEN" AFTER FOURTH ARREST



Weak and emaciated, "King" Benjamin Purnell of the House of David leaves court on a stretcher at St. Joseph, Mich., after his fourth arrest. He had answered a new charge of criminal assault brought by Mrs. Bonnie Woodworth, former member of his colony and the informant who disclosed Purnell's hiding place to the Michigan state police recently.

Eugene Girl Is Hurt in Collision

EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 2 (AP)—Miss Elsie McNell, 21, whose home is near Eugene, is in a local hospital with serious injuries as a result of an automobile accident here at five o'clock yesterday afternoon. She was struck to the pavement by an automobile and suffered a fractured collar bone, a fractured skull and bruises about the body.

Lester Hanks, the driver of the car, was to face charges this morning of driving the ice company machine, involved in the accident, without a chauffeur's license.

Hanks reported the accident to the police, but claimed that the girl was only slightly injured. Hospital attendants, however, assert that her injuries are serious.

Hanks said that the girl walked into the side of his car, apparently not seeing the machine.

AIRMAIL SERVICE CHANGED

Eugene, Ore., Dec. 2 (AP)—Owing to adverse weather conditions changes have been made in the Pacific coast airmail service, and the south bound mail from Portland is being transferred at the Eugene aviation field. The mail is brought here by plane from Portland each morning, when the weather permits and when the weather is unfavorable the mails are brought by truck or motorcycle.

PROMINENT MASON DIES

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 2 (AP)—James Fullerton Robinson, for 57 years prominently identified with Masonic activities in Oregon, who died yesterday, aged 80, will be given a Masonic funeral Saturday at Forest Hill cemetery here. He settled in Eugene in 1872, and was prominent in business there for many years. He came to Portland in 1903.

REPUBLICANS FACE ELECTION FRAUD CHARGE

BOSTON, Dec. 2 (AP)—Republican organizations of Massachusetts today stood accused of excessive and unwarranted expenditures of \$453,286 during the recent campaign in which Senator William M. Butler, chairman of the republican national committee, was defeated by former Senator David I. Walsh, democrat.

These charges are contained in a telegram sent by Conrad W. Crocker, general counsel of the Liberal Civic League of Massachusetts, to Chairman Reed, of the senate campaign investigating committee. In the message Crocker said that investigation by the league "indicates flagrant violation of our state laws," and "what we have already uncovered justifies continuing our request for full investigation here by your committee."

Crocker last week had requested Senator Reed to investigate the expenditures of the republican state committee, and the senator replied that he would be prepared to submit the league's charges to the senate committee on his return to Washington.

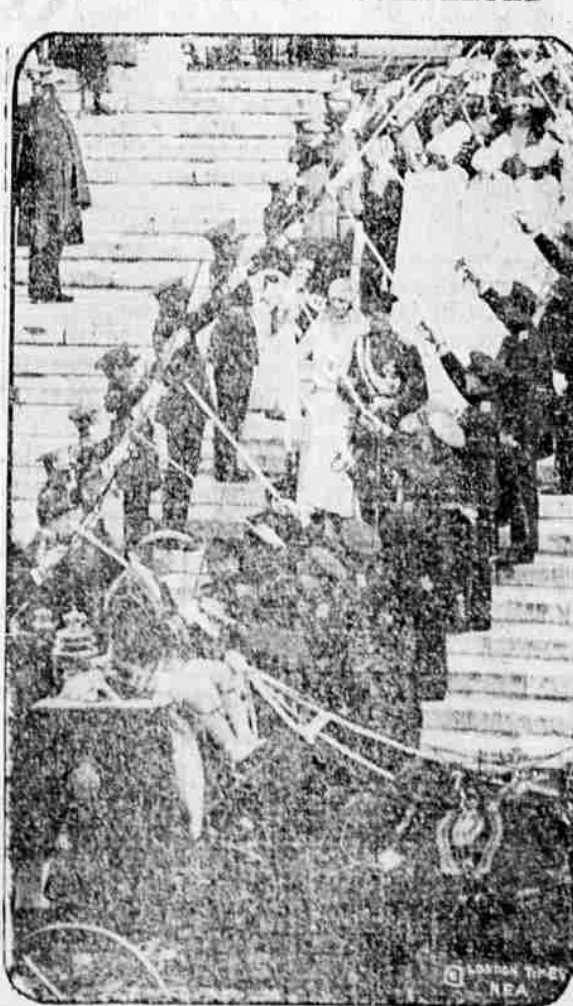
Parrot Gets Rough With Mr. Constable

EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 2 (AP)—When John Marsh, constable for the Eugene district, went to Springfield yesterday to recover a parrot on a replevin order, he ran into a new experience.

The big green bird took occasion to insult the officer all the way back to Eugene, casting many sarcastic remarks about the man. The bird included an order to "cut it out," in his conversation.

When the constable was unable to find a parking place near the court house upon his arrival in Eugene, the parrot indulged in hearty and ironical laughter.

ROYAL MARRIAGE COMPLETED



Under a canopy of clouded skies, the Crown Prince and Princess of Belgium, Leopold and Astrid, leave the Cathedral of St. Gudula in Brussels after the religious services complementing their civil marriage in Stockholm six days before. This is the first picture of the royal bride and bridegroom after the wedding to reach America from Belgium.

Union K. P. Lodge Elects Officers

About 25 members of the local Knights of Pythias lodge went to Union last night, where they attended a meeting of Blue mountain lodge of Union. It was the annual meeting of the Union lodge and officers for the ensuing year were elected.

James Webb, grand outer guard for the state of Oregon, was elected chancellor commander of the Union lodge.

Among the number who attended the meeting from here were: J. A. McCarthy, John Rogers, Ralph Byers, Elmer Rose, Dr. R. B. Miller, Ray Buell, Pete Thelton, Claude Berry and Marion Spencer.

Finds Own Funeral Ready on Arrival

KANSAS CITY, Kan., Dec. 2 (AP)—Arriving from Portland, Ore., Bernice Dennis found everything ready for her own funeral.

There were weeping relatives, a hearse, a minister and many flowers. A grave had even been dug.

A few days ago friends of Bernice sent a telegram to her sister, Mrs. L. A. Ward, here, saying: "Bernice left at four p. m., arrive here Thursday."

HALL-MILLS CASE NOW IN JURY'S HANDS

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Fifteen-cent stockings. Look at the poor little brown shoes run down at the heels. Aren't those queer clothes for a harlot to wear?"

"If Mrs. Hall didn't know of the gossip concerning her husband and Mrs. Mills she was the only one in New Brunswick without that information," Simpson declared.

Mrs. Hall, he described as an elderly woman of wealthy position. Her husband he said, was hers, and she would not tolerate Mrs. Mills taking him from her.

He described the relations between the minister and the slain choir singer as "this sitting on the lap, kissing, meeting and correspondence."

The prosecutor pictured Mrs. Hall as a "proud, cruel" woman who was aroused to "jealousy, hate and rage" because she was about to lose her husband to another woman.

He pointed out that she was older than her husband and that he was "thought and paid for," and that "of course she listened in over the telephone when this woman called."

Calls Her Coldblooded.
"This woman, look into her eyes if you want to know the truth,"

said Simpson pointing at Mrs. Hall, "she is so cold-blooded that she stops talking about the murder of her husband, to have photographers put out of the court room."

He referred to the occasion when Mrs. Hall, while on the witness stand, observed a photographer in the court room and spoke to Judge Parker, resulting in the photographer being ejected.

Simpson claimed that the telephone call which Mrs. Mills made to the minister in the evening a few hours before the murder referred to a letter, which Mrs. Mills had written to him and which he had not received. The prosecutor voiced the opinion that this letter

had fallen into the hands of Mrs. Hall.

He stressed the fact that when Mrs. Hall and Willie Stevens were out the night of the slaying looking for Hall, they never knocked at the door of the Mills home.

He then reviewed Mrs. Hall's account of her movements from the time her husband disappeared to the finding of the bodies, declaring Mrs. Hall on Friday "told them together and kills them."

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