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GOOD COURAGE—"Be of good courage, and let us behave ourselves valiantly, and let the Lord do that which is good in His sight." 1 Chron. 12:12

CLUE DEVELOPS IN MURDER CASE

Portland Inspector Can Identify Gun that Killed Peper, He Says

HOOD RIVER, Ore., Dec. 29. (AP)—A definite clue which officers believe will aid in solution of the mysterious murder of Ray F. Peper developed today in a report by Inspector Craddock, of the Portland police, that he could identify the revolver with which Peper was slain through the bullet which killed the Mount Hood woodshopper.

The bullet, which has penetrated Peper's heart and body, was found on the floor of the cabin where Peper was shot Tuesday night of last week by a man who knocked at the door. Craddock said the bullet was a Remington 80-grain and had been fired from a 32-20 Colt revolver. This has given officers a new trail to follow.

An effort was being made today to find a "Joe" and a "Maggie" who were said to have accompanied Mrs. Etta Wooster, of Goble, Ore., on a trip to Mount Hood in the course of which Mrs. Wooster told the fortune of Mrs. Peper. This episode was considered important by officers because Mrs. Wooster told Mrs. Peper of a man who was "going into her life" to give her love and happiness. Her description of this man fitted James P. Williams, who was infatuated with Mrs. Peper. Officers charge that Mrs. Wooster was used as a tool by Williams to promote his love affair with Mrs. Peper.

Seek "Joe" and "Maggie"

Mrs. Wooster said she stopped casually at the Peper cabin while her companions on a camping trip, whom she names as "Joe" and "Maggie" continued on up the mountain to Bald Butte. Officers now want to get the versions of those individuals.

Investigators have been unable to find any of whom the camping party inquired its way to the vicinity of the Peper home, which is in a remote section.

Williams, who has been held pending the investigation, was to be given a final grilling by District Attorney Baker and Sheriff Edick this afternoon. They said they had found he had told them some lies and they planned to confront him with the information they had developed in the hope that he would tell more about the case.

Lita's Dad



Marital troubles of Lita Grey and Charlie Chaplin were foreshadowed by similar troubles between Lita's parents 17 years ago, according to the girl's father, Robert E. McMurray of Wichita, Kan. McMurray, divorced by Lita's mother (now Mrs. Lillian Speers) when Lita was two says extravagance caused that divorce and hints that extravagance—the part of Lita—had something to do with the Chaplin mixup.

Booze Damages Auto Radiators Of Prohi Agents

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 29 (AP)—If you must drink New Year's eve, drink tea or coffee. Federal Prohibition Administrator Lyle, of the Pacific northwest, urged here today.

A widespread impression that liquor is getting cheaper is fallacious Lyle declared. "From the standpoint of quality, liquor prices are higher now than ever before—because people did get real whiskey when they were paying \$15 a bottle. Now it is virtually impossible to get the genuine article for any price."

"Believe it or not, in Spokane several deputy sheriffs tried the experiment of putting confiscated liquor into their auto radiators to keep them from freezing. They'll never do it again. The booze ate right through the radiators. And that's what a lot of people are going to pour into their systems New Year's eve."

Coolidge to Speak In Trenton, N. J.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29. (AP)—President and Mrs. Coolidge left here by train this afternoon for Trenton, N. J., where Coolidge will deliver an address tonight at the celebration of the sesqui-centennial of the two battles of Trenton.

Drager to Serve He Tells Scribes

SALIENT, Ore., Dec. 29. (AP)—W. F. Drager, whose service as chief clerk of the house of representatives of the Oregon legislature dates back to the memory of the oldest member of that body, will open, close and probably remain in his chair next beneath the speaker's desk throughout the entire 1927 session which opens Jan. 10, the Capital Journal says today.

The report published in a Portland paper recently that he would not be available this session was erroneous and based upon misinformation, Drager said.

SNOW IS DEEP

EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 29 (AP)—Snow is 54 inches deep in the Cascades on the new Cascade line of the Southern Pacific railway, according to word received here. The temperature hovers below freezing and fresh snow falls intermittently.

There's a town in Indiana named Santa Claus, and a woman's card club in Liberty, Mo., that doesn't gossip.



DOROTHY PILLEY AND I. A. RICHARDS RECENTLY MAPPED new trails for mountain climbers in Glacier National Park. From the looks of this picture perhaps not many will follow. Miss Pilley is from Great Britain, and Richards is a lecturer at Magdalene College, Cambridge, Mass.

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Isn't it about time for a symposium on why women marry Charlie Chaplin?

Maybe Col. Carmi Thompson had better be sent now to Nicaragua to see how American administration there is coming along and when the natives will be ready for self-government.

The new legislature is going to meet soon after New Year's and get down to the job of correcting state ills. It looks like a business session right from the start—and Oregon never needed one more seriously.

The one big event of New Year's Eve in La Grande is to be the Legion's Midnight Frolic at the Arcade theater, starting as the old year fades and the new year dawns. As it should be, the affair has taken on all the aspects of a community celebration, the only difficulty being that the theater can contain only some seven or eight hundred. Without any program at all we are quite sure that the Frolic would be a success, allowing for the gay spirit with which the coming of a New Year is celebrated by young and old alike—but the Legion hasn't depended on that and have nine vaudeville acts ready to hit the boards. They have some real talent and a wonderful program. Money from the show will go to the Legion's convention fund but an appeal for patronage on that score will not be necessary. From the simple standpoint of entertainment the house should be packed and standing room should be at a premium. The whole idea is novel and appealing and the Legion deserves commendation for providing new zest for New Year's eve.

WHEN APPETITES ARE SUPREME

When The Observer's city carrier boys—seventeen of 'em—have their annual Christmas dinner at the Foley Hotel a food shortage is narrowly averted for La Grande. In the job of consuming roast duck, dressing, soup, salad, hot biscuits, olives, candied sweet potatoes, corn, pickles, ice cream, cake, pie, oranges, candy bars, milk, and a few other incidentals, the boys' efficiency is second only to that of carrying papers. The similarity is quite truthful. Though one or two boys may lack maximum appetites once in a while just as they may miss a paper delivery, the fault is not general nor is it permanent.

Last night was the night and they lived up to all expectations. All of those present qualified as being carrier boys now or as having had that experience, from the publisher, business manager, circulation manager, and oldest carrier down to the boy who has been on the job just two weeks. One boy has carried Observers for nearly eight years; two others have carried four years. Only six of the total, however, were attendants at the Christmas dinner last year. They grow up, move away, get other jobs, and (infrequently, we are glad to say) are let go for lack of efficiency. A few years pass and the personnel is entirely changed—new generations come on and the Observer boys of the past are found in changed and better positions.

Carrying papers is not always the easiest job in the world. No matter how cold the night or how biting the wind, no matter how deep the mud or snow, The Observer boys get over their routes. Sometimes (so the boys say) the paper blows off a porch or is carried off by a neighbor's dog or is stolen out of a mail box. Their alibis on complaints are almost as perfect as their appetites, if not nearly so numerous; but they are good boys, just the same, and The Observer is proud of them and proud of their work. We hope they enjoyed their dinner as much as we enjoyed having them.

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TWO ESCAPE JAIL

GRANTS PASS, Dec. 29. (AP)—George Williams and Claudio Bart arrested on charges of attempting to steal an overcoat and blanket from a car, made their escape at noon today from the county jail. They had been left in the corridor of the jail and the pair managed to pick the lock of the door. They shut the door after them locking the other prisoners in and kicked a panel of the outer door. The front fence surrounding the jail was scaled. A sheriff's posse is out this afternoon attempting to locate the two. They gave their home as Klamath Falls.

PLAN CONFERENCE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29 (AP)—A conference to consider a program to be adopted under the food and drug act, concerning fruit that has been treated with arsenic spray during its growth will be held by the department of agriculture officials next month on a date yet to be set. Arsenic residue on fruit has been the cause of considerable difficulty and at one time threatened the heavy export trade in apples to Great Britain.

In June, 1875, an accident to one of the experimental "biometric telegraph" instruments causing a vibration to be reproduced on a similar instrument in the next room gave Alexander Graham Bell the idea for the telephone.

NONAN PROGRESS through the AGES

WHEN A BATTLE WAS FOUGHT BECAUSE NEWS LAGGED!

ANDREW JACKSON'S glorious victory at New Orleans was won after peace was actually declared! NEWS of the agreement by representatives in Europe was forced to await the pleasure of the fickle winds which carried ships to and fro in those days. The Associated Press today distributes news dispatches from Manila to Porto Rico, from Patagonia to Alaska, instantly.

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