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Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous. He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.—1 John 3:7, 8.

HURLEY'S SOUND POLICY

A change of policy in the war department towards the universal draft bill has just come to light through a frank statement of opinion by Secretary P. J. Hurley. The secretary of war has made it known that he is opposed to passage at this time of the bill introduced in 1929 at the request of his predecessor, former Secretary Good.

Secretary Hurley's reasons seem valid enough to the lay mind. He is opposed to legislation of this nature in peace time, believing that any legislation enacted now would prove inadequate for the particular emergency in which the country might be involved, and that it would be harmful and disturbing to be obliged to repeal such legislation and procure the enactment of a different law containing the essential provisions while the country is at war.

His alternative plan is for congress to keep the bill before it and to keep it up to date, that the latest thought would be always incorporated in the bill and congress be in a position to act without hesitation should an emergency ever again become imminent.

This reasoning is in accord with the program of congress, which last June adopted a joint resolution providing for a commission to study the feasibility of equalizing the burdens of war and to minimize the profits of war and to study policies to be pursued in the event of war. This commission will report a year from now.

While some may disagree with the secretary of war that the most propitious time for enacting war legislation is while the most propitious time for enacting war legislation is while war and under great emotional strain, it will be quite generally agreed that until the commission reports it would be most unwise for congress to anticipate its findings in a universal draft bill.

ALWAYS A NEW CROP

Next to fairy stories, the most popular stories in the world are probably those of adventure. When trickery, mystery and a dash of romantic love are added to adventure, the story becomes irresistible. People living rather ordinary lives have the greatest interest in such fiction. It is not surprising, then, that when circumstances offer them a small part to play in an adventure in real life they jump at the opportunity.

Unfortunately, nearly every day the news tells of men and women who are swindled by schemes that are supposed to be known to every school child. But there are plenty of people who harbor the thought that some day some one will come along and offer them an opportunity.

Everyone wonders at the ease with which soft-spoken confidence men snare their victims. Hard-headed business men who have built up their fortunes through wise planning and hard work seem no less gullible than sorrowing and distressed widows, and the worldly-wise residents of Hollywood's movie colony chase the rainbows with the rest.

Legislatures can enact "blue sky laws" and set up complicated machines to enforce them, newspapers and business organizations can expose every manner of confidence game, friends and neighbors can be swindled out of their last dollar, and yet "gold bricks" continue to find a rich market.

Most of our misfortunes never happen—and for ten consecutive years now, by actual count, there were to be no short skirts this year.

If fish were as big as the stories about them, grocers would have to sell sardines in cages instead of cans.

Cove High Cast Gives Operetta Saturday Night

By Mrs. E. G. Conklin
(Observer Correspondent)

COVE, Ore. (Special — "Our Sunbonnet Girl," an operetta in two acts, presented by the high school chorus and directed by Miss Bernice Via, Saturday evening, Feb. 7 was well attended and was greeted with much applause by an enthusiastic audience. The stage settings displayed much artistic ability and the costuming was unique but attractive. The cast was as follows: Miranda Minikens, Gertrude Bell; Mrs. Minikens, Evelyn Rigby; Luella Sumpkins, Alta Black; Evalu Meadows, Glen Hartley; Evelina Scraggs, Clara Roberts; Reuben McSpatrim, George Chadwick; Rita McSpatrim, Billy Clark; Mrs. Coleman, Verona Goodell; Bob Coleman, Eugene Anderson; Barbara Coleman, Bertha Neiger; Jerry Jackson, Almon Geise; Susan Clifton, Christine Neiger; Mrs. Scraggs, Grace Hartley; Abijah Scraggs, Carey McCord; Sadie Sumpkins, Roberta Bell; chorus of village boys and girls, Louise Anderson at the piano. Both acts were laid in a garden. An orchestra, consisting of five violins and one trombone, played between acts. Jean Miller was pianist. Violins were Mrs. I. B. Lay, Mrs. J. B. Price, Mae Norris, Almon Geise, Elton Bouchwick, trombone, Eugene Anderson. Because of the death of Mr. Hartley, Glen and Grace took not part in the operetta but their places were filled Darrell Weimer and Thelma Anderson. The chorus, under the direction of Miss Via, showed good training.

The high school quintet will play the Baker T. M. C. A. team Tuesday evening at Baker. They have one more high school game to be played with Joseph there Friday evening, Feb. 13.

The grade basketball teams, both boys and girls, will play Imbler there Tuesday afternoon. Their teacher, Mrs. Mills, is taking the entire seventh and eighth grades.

The high school boys won from Elgin Friday by a score of 18 to 17 and the girls won from North Powder the same evening by a score of 23 to 13. The games were played at Elgin and North Powder.

A. A. Antles has purchased 17 acres, the Annis farm of George Golay. This farm joins the Antles farm on the east. It is well watered and set to cherries, apples and berries and is a very desirable piece of property.

George Golay, who recently purchased the ranch of F. W. Hawkins a mile west of town, plans to make a dairy ranch of it. Mr. Golay has been engaged in fruit farming all the years he has lived in Cove but is now going into dairying.

Mrs. E. F. Roberts, who has been ill of pneumonia for several days, is slowly improving. Mrs. Margaret Mitchell, of Union, who is living in Cove this winter, is at the Roberts home caring for Mrs. Roberts.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hallmark, Lewis Arnold, Keith Hallmark, Mrs. Bertine Miller, Don and Jean Miller, Mrs. Mae Kelley and Miss Rose Kelley motored Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Tuttle to Muddy Creek Sunday. Miss Kelley remained to spend the week.

Clifford and Gerylene Lowe, of Portland, were called here by the serious illness of their mother, Mrs. M. Lowe.

Mrs. Nell Light, who went to Hot Lake for a medical examination last week, has returned to her home.

Cove had a couple of automobile accidents Monday morning. One happened on the canyon road where cars driven by Elton Southwick and Mrs. Oscar Johnson collided. No one was hurt but both cars were badly damaged.

Roy Duffy ran into the guard fence at Fry's place, demolishing it and doing some damage to his truck.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cullen and family spent Sunday at Summerville celebrating the birthdays of their aunt, Christy Murchison, at whose home they visited, and their smallest daughter, Evelyn. Mrs. Murchison is 65 and Evelyn is 5.

E. T. Boswell, who has been feeding his herd of cattle on the Townley ranch in the Hot Lake district since early in December, brought them home last week to his ranch in Lower Cove. He has a herd of about 200 Herefords that he will feed here until spring when they will be put on the ranges and be offered in the fall market.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Hefty, Charles and Donald Hefty and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Mills were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Conklin Sunday, Feb. 8.

The Ladies guild, which was to have convened Tuesday at the home of Mrs. R. I. Barker, has been postponed until Wednesday afternoon.

Funeral services for the late A. E. Hartley will be held at the Methodist Episcopal church Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, interment to be made in the Summerville cemetery.

The Three Links clug of the I. O. O. F. lodge gave another of their delightful dancing parties at the lodge rooms, Friday evening. There were about 50 guests, nearly all being from Cove. Dancing continued until a late hour. Delicious refreshments were served. The refreshment committee consisted of Mr. and Mrs. Vivian Richards and Mrs. John Richards.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Barker were hosts at a small bridge party Friday evening. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Comstock, Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Mills, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Conklin, Mrs. A. G. Conklin, Mrs. E. E. Coad, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Hefty and Mr. and Mrs. Boyal Conley. Mr. and Mrs. Conley won the high score. A dainty lunch was served.

THE CRIME IN THE DUTCH GARDEN

BY HERBERT ADAMS

SYNOPSIS: While evil hand sent a grinning stone image crashing lightly on Annabelle Querdling as she sat at sunset in her Dutch garden. Someone with taboo at her suicide where reading her wines. Evelyn and Marjorie, but Jimmie Maxwell, London lawyer and previously discovered Evelyn's engagement to Lionel Duckworth, a sugar baron, the two consulted him concerning death letters received by the spinster. Maxwell, on a chance, came with his cousin, Detroit Wade. Miss Querdling's neighbor, however to the garden with him and finds the police superintendent and constable investigating the murder. He discovers that the fatal rent had been moved so that the killing statue could not miss its target.

Chapter 4

WHAT THE GARDEN HEARD

MERROW CRAIG, the residence which Annabelle Querdling had inherited from her father, Richard Plantagenet Querdling, was more than large enough for her quiet household.

There were a dozen bedrooms and four reception rooms. The smaller drawing-room, at the side of the house, had been given the nieces for their private use and they took Superintendent Richmond and his companions there to begin the questioning.

The superintendent invited Maxwell to remain with him and Constable Roscoe. After Evelyn, Donald Wade and Lionel Duckworth withdrew, he produced his notebook and asked Marjorie, the first witness, to sit down. About a year older than her sister, her coloring and blue eyes were similar, but in manner she did not appear as attractive.

"I knew your aunt, although I have only spoken to her a few times. How old was she?" asked Richmond.

"Sixty-nine," said the girl in a low clear voice.

"Apart from those letters, had there been any trouble that you know of?"

"I don't think so, but—in what way do you mean?"

"Well, was there ever a real quarrel? You cannot think of any one who might have wanted to injure her?"

The girl considered the question and pulled a wrong, but her "No" was again quite firm.

"I see. Please tell me exactly who lives in the house."

"Only my sister and myself—with my aunt. And of course the servants."

"Had your aunt any other relations?"

"My brother Vincent. He lives in London. We haven't seen him for four months."

"Now, Miss Blake, tell me of the servants. Are men?"

"Not in the house. There is Ben Acres, the gardener, and the chauffeur, Edward Creed. But he is away. He—" she hesitated and her color returned—"he wanted to marry."

"Do you mean," asked Jimmie smiling, "that your aunt disliked Creed because she disapproved of that marriage in particular or of marriages in general?"

"Of marriages in general," said the girl more warmly. "Aunt Annabelle was very good to many wives but in that she was most unreasonable." A slight flush indicated that in this she disagreed with her aunt.

"Any families there two men?"

"George Dent and Arthur—I don't know his name—help Ben. They live in the village." Marjorie supplemented. "There are three maids, Mrs. Fraser, the cook—she's ill now—Janet Raynes and Hetty Smith, the housemaid."

"Were there others here last night?"

"Yes. Mr. Duckworth—you just saw him—dropped in and Dr. Netherton came to see the cook."

"Didn't someone mention Major Grenham?"

"I met him in the garden."

"Think carefully, Miss Blake." Inspector Richmond put the question slowly and deliberately. "Was there no one else in the house or gardens at about the time the tragedy occurred?"

She hesitated and her fair skin flushed and paled under his scrutiny.

"Tell me what happened."

"There was no one else," she said.

"After dinner," she began after a slight pause in which the memory appeared painful, "my aunt went out to her usual seat in that garden. I went with her, but soon returned to the house. Afterwards, Mr. Duckworth came. We brought him to this room and left him with my sister. Then I met Dr. Netherton."

"Did Mr. Duckworth see your aunt?" interrupted Richmond.

"No, he came straight to this room. I think Aunt Annabelle knew he was coming."

"So far as you judge, did she approve of his engagement to your sister?"

"I took Bill to see Aunt Annabelle," said Marjorie.

There was a touch of bitterness in Marjorie's words that her aunt disapproved of all engagements, although she allowed that one to go on, while not pleased about it.

Questioned about Dr. Netherton's visit, Marjorie said that after he had attended Mrs. Fraser she took him in her aunt in the garden. It was about 9 o'clock, she said, just beginning to get dusk.

"Dr. Netherton and I were with her only a few minutes. He told her Mrs. Fraser was better but should remain in bed for another day. She was a cold and Aunt Annabelle was pleased to have her go to bed."

"You say the doctor stayed for only a few minutes, talked of the cook's illness and then went? Nothing else?" queried the superintendent.

"Nothing else," Marjorie replied after a pause in which her cheeks flushed.

"Did he go off alone?"

"I went with him—through the gardens."

"How long were you away?"

Marjorie's eyes showed her distress. "I don't know," she said in a very low tone. "We were talking for some time—perhaps fifteen minutes."

"When you went through the garden, did you take him to the car?"

"No, still and walked after." Both men noticed her use of the Christian name.

"And you stood there talking for about fifteen minutes, you said. Did you meet anyone in the gardens?"

"No, not then." Marjorie answered. After the doctor left she said she had remained in the gate for about ten minutes, going or looking to or not.

"Then," she continued, "I walked down the side, on to the drive, in through the bottom gate, and up to the Dutch garden, meaning to ask Aunt Annabelle if she would come in. Then I saw her—on the ground. I thought she had fainted. I ran to her—and I found—she was dead. Janet Raynes was crying beside her. Her head was bleeding. . . . It was horrible."

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Hunted words from a safe chauffeur, mysterious murders, more clues. These complicate Windsor's installment.

SUBTLE DIGS

Vandenberg didn't say anything. He just sat there.

But George of Georgia saw an opportunity to get in a little crack himself. Arising and facing the Michigan senator seated across the aisle, he drawled:

"I congratulate the senator from Montana, because the senator from Michigan, who is closely following the discussion, occupies a dual position.

"He is an able editor as well as a distinguished member of this body. Perhaps if we succeed in persuading him as a senator we may succeed in the same undertaking with him as an editor."

Subtle jibes these.

But how they delight in such things.

Washington — Surgeon General Cummings orders the release of 11 from the leper colony at Carville, La., as cured.

Pittsburgh — William J. Kimmel, who developed the alternating current radio tube, killed by 4,000 volts while making tests.

In Washington

By Herbert Plummer

WASHINGTON — Every one who knows Senator Vandenberg, that tall, serious and bespectacled Michigander, probably is aware that the profession of journalism lies very close to his heart.

And they know, too, that his theory about the responsibility of a newspaper editor is one that he describes as "old fashioned."

He says that:

"The editorial column of a newspaper is just as great a responsibility to its readers as is the responsibility to human society of a United States judge on the bench."

As newspaper man he won fame long before he came to the senate. At 21 he stepped up from city hall reporter to editor and general manager of the Grand Rapids Herald. Now he is chairman of the board of a group of newspapers in Michigan.

His editorials attracted attention in Washington and in the senate years before he came here. It is said that Senator Lodge of Massachusetts made use of a Vandenberg editorial to clinch an argument against ratification of the League of Nations' covenant.

SURELY NOT MALICE

In view of this it is interesting to recall an incident which occurred on the floor of the senate the other day.

Walsh of Montana was in the midst of his fight to oust the three recently-appointed members of the federal power commission. Vandenberg followed the argument closely, frequently interrupting with questions.

Walsh read an editorial from an eastern paper which was a slap at the senate. In that blunt fashion so characteristic of his he said that the writer of the editorial disclosed "either dense ignorance of the question or unmitigated malice."

Key Pittman of Nevada jumped to his feet, smiling:

"I think the senator should reconsider the charge of malice. I do not believe a newspaper editor should be charged with malice without conclusive proof of it."

And his smile seemed to broaden as he added:

"I do not think it is out of the way to charge some of them with ignorance."

They stand upon the Chinese shore with Chinese ill about—
The Bunny who is selfish and cut hers who is stout.
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UNION PERSONALS

By Lorene Hutchinson
(Observer Correspondent)

UNION (Special)—Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sommers were over from La Grande Sunday evening and had dinner with the Levy family.

Miss Norma Elliot, who teaches a rural school near Baker, was a week-end guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Ward.

Members of the American Association of University Women who attended the luncheon in La Grande Saturday were Mesdames Cock, Terrall, Griggs, and Miss Eria Clark and Miss Elizabeth Pugh.

The girls of the "Needle" club had a waffle supper at the home of Mrs. Ellis Hess Monday evening.

Peter Goodbrod, small son of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Goodbrod, was taken to Hot Lake Saturday, as he was threatened with pneumonia. Although he is still under the doctors care, he is doing very nicely.

George Winship, of La Grande, was a business visitor in Union Tuesday.

Walter Vogel and H. J. Nielson drove to Payette, Idaho, Tuesday, to attend a dairymen's meeting.

A number of Union friends attended the funeral of Parley Newman's sister, Mrs. Turner, at North Powder, Sunday.

The Misses Amelia and Freida Asper, of Telocaset, were visiting in Union Monday.

Mrs. Mabel Gale returned home from Salem Friday, where she has been spending the winter months with her daughter, Mrs. F. O. Bradshaw.

Mrs. D. R. Gale returned home from Cove Saturday. She has been convalescing from a sinus operation at the home of her mother, Mrs. Cora Bloom, for the past two weeks. Mrs. Bloom accompanied her home but returned to Cove Saturday evening with her son Edward with has been working for D. R. Gale for several weeks.

Mrs. S. E. Cox, of Medical Springs, was in Union transacting business Monday.

Two couples enjoyed a valentine party given by Mrs. L. B. Anderson and Bertha Hoyle at the Anderson home Monday night. A delicious dinner was served early in the evening on a table attractively decorated in red and white—carrying out the valentine scheme. A pleasant social time was then spent playing games and exchanging many good jokes and interesting stories.

WALLOWA PERSONALS

By G. C. Meek
(Observer Correspondent)

WALLOWA, Ore. (Special)—Mrs. E. A. Downing who has spent the past several weeks visiting her sons W. M. and Guy Downing and families here, left last week for a few weeks visit at the home of her son E. A. Downing, of Leap.

Joseph Feagins was called to Joseph Sunday morning to aid in bringing his nephew, Colton Heskett, to the hospital here. It is said that Mr. Heskett became ill of appendicitis. It has not been learned whether an operation is anticipated or not.

Giles Plass and wife visited Tuesday at the Sam Hudson home on Diamond Prairie. Mrs. Plass remained in town for the balance of the week visiting other relatives and went to her home in Leap Sunday evening.

John Biles, of Leap, has been busy the past several days hauling up his year's supply of fire wood.

Giles Plass was helping Sam Meek build some hog houses the latter part of the week.

James Plass arrived here by auto Friday afternoon from Klamath Falls, where he has been living the past two or three years. He expects to be here a few days on business matters. Mr. Plass reports conditions very quiet there during the winter, but that some of the mills are scheduled to start up shortly and many are looking for things to become better. Joseph Feagins was busy a part of the week cutting and hauling out some bridge timbers for use at his farm in Leap.

Mrs. Dode Livingstone, who is visiting at L. W. Minor's this winter, spent Friday visiting Mrs. Kate Gastin.

Ed Bell, of Whiskey creek, had the misfortune to suffer the fracture of the large bone in his wrist the latter part of the week when he was kicked by a horse.

Lee W. Bell, manager of the Kerr-Gifford warehouse here, was a La Grande business visitor the latter part of the week.

George Cussins and Irvin Gastin have been busy much of the past week hauling dry logs home for wood.

Sam, and G. C. Meek and Earl Burchfield visited Sunday at Gastin's.

IMBLER PERSONALS

By Mrs. Ray Wilson
(Observer Correspondent)

IMBLER (Special) — Because this school district operates a bus through adjoining districts there has been much interest shown in the bill introduced in the state legislature to prohibit high school districts from operating buses beyond the limits of their district. This bill was referred to the educational committee who returned an adverse report.

The boys of the Smith-Hughes department of the high school have completed the garage for the school bus.

Mrs. C. Clark, of La Grance, was a dinner guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Dennison Sunday.

The First Ward M. I. A. team from La Grande played the M. I. A. basketball team here Monday evening in Wade hall. The Imbler boys outguarded, out-shot and out-generalded the fast La Grande team to win by a score of 35-22.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Cleaver and Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Bingaman were Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Bingaman.

Mrs. Bert Tucker, of Walla Walla, has been visiting at the home of her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Tucker.

Allie Watson made a business trip to Prescott, Wash., last week.

The vinegar plant in La Grande is buying cull apples from local growers, transporting them by truck.

Mrs. Clive Wilson had a tonsil operation in La Grande Monday.

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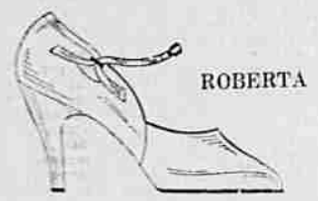

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