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Independence, Oregon, Friday, December 7, 1917

The passing of John F. Carroll, editor of the Portland Telegram, removes an able man from this life. Oregon is a prohibition state today because Mr. Carroll made the Telegram the leading exponent of the cause.

You quite often hear it said that the "Democrats are for Olcott for governor." In this particular instance if it were true we would greatly admire the taste of the Democrats. But, Democrats, like those other humans, Republicans, have a partisan strip running from one end of their back bones to the other. They want a pure, genuine Democrat for governor and will have one, too, if Doc Withycombe or Gus Moser is the man they have to beat. So you can put it down that Democrats, who love the loaves and fishes, are not for Olcott for governor.

A strenuous fight is brewing between Senator Chas. L. McNary and R. N. Stanfield. Possibly there may be another candidate. It will be up to the Republican voters of Oregon to choose between the two or three. It ought to be easy to make a choice. Senator McNary has demonstrated during his tenure of office that he stands close to the people. He has voted as they wished him to vote. The pernicious interests have threatened to get him politically. He has never once raised the white flag and laid down on the people. We repeat that it is easy to make a choice. No one can give one good reason why McNary should be taken out of the Senate and Stanfield put in his place.

COUNTRY CORRESPONDENCE

BUENA VISTA

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Neal of Portland arrived here Thanksgiving day and spent several days with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Neal.

Rev. and Mrs. Armstrong and Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Lichty were Thanksgiving guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Chown.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Bevins were Thanksgiving guests at the J. K. Neal home.

Ernest Chown, who is staying in Independence, came home and ate Thanksgiving dinner with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Chown, returning to his school Sunday evening.

The Red Cross social last Friday evening was a great success. The proceeds amounted to over \$20.

Miss Plant and Miss Rose bought the remaining stock of W. R. Bevins and commenced selling on Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Huston spent Thanksgiving at the C. P. Wells home.

Mrs. Wm. Mattison of Independence spent several days with her sisters, Mrs. B. A. Snyder and Mrs. Eston Bevins.

Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Prather, Grandma McClain and Mrs. W.

S. McClain and children spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Murphey.

Marvin Elkins visited here with his sister, Mrs. W. R. Bevins, and brother, A. A. Elkins.

Mr. and M. N. Prather spent Thanksgiving with their son, Cleve, and family.

Orville Wells, Alfred Loy and Gladys Reynolds, who are attending school at the O. A. C., were week-end visitors at their homes here.

Rev. and Mrs. Armstrong expect to leave this week for Indiana where Rev. Armstrong will have charge of a church. All are sorry to see the Armstrongs leave us, but wish them success.

Roy Knighton, who is working in the fire department in Salem, visited his parents here Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Wells and Rev. and Mrs. Armstrong combined business and pleasure in Salem Monday.

J. K. Neal was a Salem visitor Monday.

N. E. Tyler was delivering potatoes in Salem Monday.

The Ladies Rural Club meets December 13. All members are requested to be present as there is Red Cross work to do.

A Woman Detective

By ETHEL HOLMES

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We hear little of the work of woman detectives, but for my part I don't see why women should not excel in this field. A detective needs the faculty of noticing small things, an indication of large things, and that is just what women possess.

For this reason I, a woman, chose the detective field by which to make a living, and succeeded. My first case gave me a standing that another might have been years in acquiring. But I will admit there was an element of luck in it.

A family of some means living in a not very attractive portion of the city had the misfortune to lose a little girl seven years of age. They felt sure the child had been kidnapped for ransom, though there was not the slightest evidence to support the theory. The mother had left the little girl on her doorstep while she went to the next door neighbor for a chat. She said that she was away only a few minutes but her statements proved that the time of her absence was nearly an hour. At any rate, when she returned to her own house her daughter was not on the steps nor in the house.

The next day the mother gave the case to the detective agency where I had just been employed. I would not have been assigned to the work had not every other detective in the employ of the office been busy. As it was, the chief turned it over to me with a lot of instructions which were intended to make up for my inexperience.

As soon as I left him I went to work in my own way. After an interview with the mother I made up my mind that the child had been kidnapped, and I thought it likely that the kidnaper inhabited the region not far away which was filled with foreigners of a very low type. I put an advertisement in several foreign language newspapers that circulated in the region, stating that if the kidnappers of the child—giving the street and number—would leave a statement of the ransom required under the front door, the case could be settled without recourse to the police.

Within two or three days Mrs. Smithburger, the mother, came to me with a note that had been thrust under the front door. I examined it closely before opening it, but found no clue. It had been written by an uneducated person, evidently a foreigner, since several words in it seemed to have been supplied from some foreign language. I took it to my former perceptor at the Normal school, who knew something of every language spoken on the face of the earth, and after a careful study of it he told me that it had been dictated by an Irishman, but the writer was an Italian.

Much surprised at this report, I asked him how he knew this, and he said that certain English words were spelled as an Irishman would pronounce them, and there were certain words that were distinctly Irish. One of these was the word between, which was spelled betwene. The professor pointed out a number of these instances, and I was convinced that his theory was correct. Either an Irishman or an Italian was the culprit, and probably both were interested in the ransom demanded, which was \$2,000.

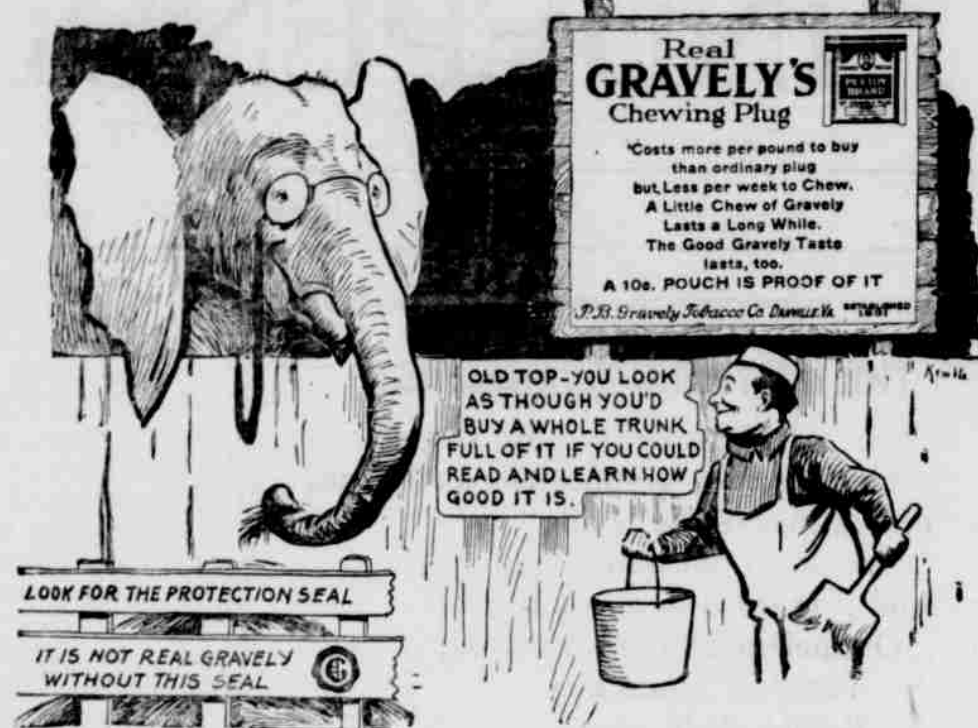
I dictated a response to the mother of the child, stating that the ransom demanded would be paid and asking where it could be left. When the response was handed to me I examined it critically, as I had the first letter before opening it, but I found only a dirty envelope. I was sitting before a table made of light wood. After reading the letter, I noticed on the light surface a black hair about an inch long. I felt sure that it had not been there before I had opened the letter, and surmised that it had fallen from the envelope. I took up the hair and examined it closely. It was a glossy black, with a tinge of green, except on the larger end, where there was possibly a sixteenth of an inch of red.

I reasoned that I had a very low class, considered intellectually, to deal with, and bethought myself how I could make the kidnappers believe that I knew them. After a good deal of thinking, I concluded to resort again to communication through the newspaper. I put a personal in the paper I had already used as follows:

"The kidnappers of the little girl (of such a street and number) are known to me. If you will return the child unharmed, you will not be prosecuted. If you do not you will be sent to state prison. The mother prefers this course to arresting and punishing you. To convince you that you are known I will say that one of the two parties interested in the matter is an Italian; the other is an Irishman with red hair which he dyes black. If the child is not returned to her home within four days the parties will be dealt with as criminals."

"Private Detective." I put in the ad with misgivings, though there was good reason to hope the scheme would be successful. On the morning of the fourth day of grace, when I had given up hoping, soon after daylight a child's cry was heard on Mrs. Smithburger's doorstep. The woman ran down and found her little daughter.

My success surprised my detective associates, and I was at once entered for regular work beside old hands at the business. It is needless to say that the mother of the child was exceptionally happy.



NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an execution in foreclosure issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Polk County, on the 19th day of November, 1917, upon a judgment and decree duly given and made in and by said Court on the 19th day of November, 1917, in a suit then pending in said Court in which Verd Hill was the plaintiff, and C. G. Long, Mary C. Long, his wife, and D. E. Fletcher were the defendants (Case No. 5038), said judgment and decree being in favor of plaintiff and against said defendants, for the sum of \$751.59 with interest thereon from July 25, 1917, at the rate of 10 per cent per annum until paid; for the further sum of \$132.86, installments, principal and interest, on street improvement assessments in the City of Independence, Oregon; for the further sum of \$69.62 taxes paid by plaintiff on the mortgaged premises hereinafter described, with interest on said installments and taxes from July 25th, 1917, at the rate of 6 per cent per annum until paid; for the further sum of \$100.00 attorney's fees in said suit, and for the further sum of \$4.65, with interest at 6 per cent per annum from July 25, 1917, until paid, fire insurance premium paid by plaintiff for fire insurance as alleged in his complaint herein, and the further sum of \$50.40 costs and disbursements in said suit, and the cost of and upon said writ; and, Whereas it was further ordered and decreed by said Court in said suit, that the following mortgaged property should be sold by me as Sheriff, to satisfy said judgment, costs and accruing costs and it appearing, that all taxes due upon said mortgaged property has been paid by the plaintiff herein, therefore, by virtue of said judgment, decree, and writ of execution in foreclosure to me directed, I will on the 22nd day of December, 1917, at the hour of 1:00 o'clock p. m. of said day at the front door of the County Court House at the City of Dallas, in Polk County, Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in hand on day of sale, all the right, title, interest and estate of said defendants, and of all persons claiming under them or either of them, in and to the following described premises, to-wit: Lot No. One (1) in Block No. Eight (8) in Henry Hill's Town of Independence, Polk County, Oregon.

Said sale being subject to redemption in form and manner as by law provided, and the proceeds thereof to be applied in payment of the aforesaid judgment, costs and accruing costs, and in case any of the proceeds of said sale are left over after the satisfaction of plaintiff's said judgment, costs and accruing costs, the same shall be paid over to the Clerk of said Court to be held for said defendants as their interests may appear herein.

Dated at Dallas, Oregon, this 23rd day of November, 1917.

JOHN W. ORR,
Sheriff of Polk County, Oregon.
B. F. SWOPE, Attorney.

First 11-23. Last 12-21.

German Salmon Bred in Thames.

Some good things come from Germany, and one of them is the German salmon, which is now being bred on a large scale in the Thames and has the advantage of being non-migratory. At least it is non-migratory to its native waters, but it may change its habits here, says a London correspondent, as happened with the English and American brook trout which were planted in New Zealand. In English waters the brook trout is never migratory, but in New Zealand they rapidly developed into confined sea rovers, and have now become a fine and healthy race of sea trout, affording excellent sport and attaining unusual size.

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