

BIGGER AND BIGGER IS YET AT LARGE

Police Kept Busy Chasing Many Blind Clews.

MORE EVIDENCE MISSING

Fact of Descamp's Marriage and Wife's Death in 1905 Is Discovered.

That a woman will be found to have been involved in the mysterious disappearance of Ernest Descamps, wealthy farmer and former proprietor of a North End establishment, is the expressed opinion of detectives who have been working on the mystery surrounding the discovery of portions of a human body in Sullivan's gulch and Kenton.

The detectives base their theory on the fact that Descamps is said to have had numerous escapades with women during his life and on one occasion is declared to have been sued for breach of promise. He also had numbers of addresses and telephone numbers of women among his files that even written on the wall of his room at the Franklin hotel. A great deal of the time of the detectives' inquiry program is spent in following various people whose names, addresses or telephone numbers were among Descamps' belongings.

Phillips and Leach, working under the leadership of Lieutenant Goltz, put in practically the entire day in this work.

Marriage Discovered.

Descamps, who had been known as a single man, was married to Mrs. Catherine Stortz, of this city, in 1902, Mrs. Stortz, previous to her first marriage, was Miss Minor, of Portland. She died in 1905 and was buried in Lone Fir cemetery. Mrs. Anna C. Callender, Royal Arms apartments, is a sister of the late Mrs. Descamps.

Mrs. Callender was unable to give any information yesterday which would shed any light on the disappearance of Ernest Descamps. She said she had met him on the train while he was coming from Beaverton. She said she had not yet done so. Mr. Descamps had especially made a pet of Mrs. Callender's daughter and had sent her presents while she was attending a school in the east.

Market Bag Is Lost.

Efforts to learn if Descamps checked a large mesh containing fruit and vegetables, which he had when last seen at the public market Thursday morning, at some hotel or railroad station proved unsuccessful.

The police were kept busy running down reports of mysterious packages found or seen in various parts of the city yesterday. The first report of a mysterious package discovered came from Eighty-second street and the Foster road yesterday morning. The package proved to be the remains of a rabbit. Shortly afterwards someone informed the police station that a man was seen walking through the Lone Fir cemetery with a package done up in newspaper. Motorcyclist officers were rushed to the scene and advanced on the cemetery from four sides, but found no trace.

Another run made to Union and Hawthorne avenues also proved to be a false alarm.

Papers, which may prove of value in the investigation of the disappearance of Descamps, will be turned over to the detectives as soon as the court appoints an administrator for the estate of the missing man. This will enable them to get hold of facts relative to his finances and may lead to more definite information as to whether he had any considerable sum of money on him at the time of his disappearance.

MILLS TO MOVE NORTH

Southern Lumber Plants Face Shortage of Supply.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—Coinciding with the announcement from Tacoma of the organization of a corporation to buy up the capital stock to take over an immense timber tract in the Cowlitz and southern Lewis county, comes word that one of the biggest timber concerns in the south, the Long-Bell company, with Kansas City as its headquarters, has closed a deal with the Weyerhaeuser timber interests for 25,000 acres of timber in southern Lewis county between Vader and Willwood.

Father Lost, Family Destitute.

YAKIMA, Wash., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—Gladys Ball, 16 years, has written to Sheriff Hutchinson here asking assistance in locating her father, Bruce Ball, aged 68, and her brother, Peter, aged 18. The father and brother, it was stated, left the remainder of the family in Spokane several months ago to come to Yakima to work in the fruit orchards. Nothing has been heard from them since that time, and the family, it was stated, is destitute, the mother providing meager support by doing such work as she can get. The family now is living in Jeffrey, Idaho.

Lands Leased for Beets.

YAKIMA, Wash., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—T. R. Horne, formerly general manager for the Utah-Idaho Sugar company in this valley, and now northwestern agent in charge of the company's labor department, is moving his family to Tacoma, which will be headquarters for that work. The recent reorganization of the company force in this territory is understood to presage more extensive growing of beets on leased lands, instead of depending exclusively upon independent farmers.

Lightens work for Ma and keeps me well fed

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—says Bobby Post TOASTIES

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NEW

MRS. DAVID LEWIS has chosen Tuesday, February 17, for the day of her marriage to Jordan Zan. The wedding will be a family affair, at the residence of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Honeyman, on King street. David Honeyman will act as best man.

Wednesday evening Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Shevlin were hosts for a handsomely appointed dinner in honor of Mrs. Lewis and Mr. Zan. The guests for this delightful dinner included Mr. and Mrs. David Honeyman, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Josephine Anzures, Miss Marjorie Dillingham, James Miall, Walter Gates, Jordan Zan and the hosts.

Mrs. J. B. Montgomery was a gracious hostess Wednesday, when she entertained with a luncheon at her residence on Mount Tabor, in honor of Mrs. J. P. McNaught of Hermiston, Or., who is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Edward Geary, and Mrs. Walter Sumner. At a table, lovely with spring blossoms, were seated Mrs. McNaught, Mrs. Sumner, Mrs. Edward Geary, Mrs. Cyrus Dolph, Mrs. Helen Ladd, Mrs. Thomas Honeyman and Mrs. Montgomery.

Mrs. Holt Cookingham was hostess for a smart tea Wednesday afternoon in honor of Miss Charlotte Breyman, whose engagement to Edward Thompson was announced recently. The affair was a kitchen shower. Those who enjoyed the tea were Mrs. Jack Hadden, Mrs. Nancy Zan Scott, Mrs. Spencer Biddle, Mrs. Jack White, Mrs. Charles Thomas, Mrs. R. M. Beach, Miss Mary Bacon, Miss Elizabeth Huber, Miss Nadine Caswell, Miss Helen Pace, Miss Elizabeth Peacock, Mrs. Helen Ladd, Mrs. Thomas Honeyman Olmstead and the hostess, Mrs. Clarence Olmstead presided at the tea table, which was a mass of spring flowers.

Mrs. Lavelle D. Winters was a charming hostess yesterday for tea in honor of Mrs. Frank G. Andrea, who has recently returned to Portland, her old home, from England, where she has lived since her marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrea and their children are at present with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Leadbetter.

At the tea yesterday about 75 of Mrs. Andrea's old friends called. Mrs. Charles Thomas and Mrs. R. M. Beach presided at the prettily arranged tea table and were assisted by Mrs. Gorrill Swigert, Miss Jean MacKenzie, Miss Charlotte Laidlaw and Miss Irene Daly.

The Portland Hunt club will have a masked musical ride this evening at the Portland riding academy at 3 o'clock. This affair promises to be a great success. Members of the club, most prominent people will take part. Prizes will be given for the best costume, for the finest single rider and one for the best pair of riders.

The gallery will be open to spectators.

Miss Bettina Freeman, prima donna of the Star Carlo grand opera company, who was detained here on account of illness, was an honor guest Wednesday when Mrs. Ben N. Wade entertained with a motor trip up the Columbia river highway with luncheon at Forest-hall. Seated at a table, lovely with Ophelia roses and Burton grapes, were Mrs. Burton L. Stanford, Mrs. Theodore Osmond, Mrs. William N. Gatens, Mrs. Newlin M. Wade, Mrs. J. Earl Elise, Miss Freeman and the hostess.

The final lecture in the Friday night junior league series will be held Friday morning at 11 o'clock at the First Presbyterian church. This lecture will be given by Dr. Joseph Williams on "Some Historical and Shaping Social Progress." This occasion will offer the last chance to hear Dr. Schaefer because, after 20 years in the forestry department of the university of Oregon, he goes next year to the university of Wisconsin.

The patriotic educational committee of the Multnomah chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, will give a benefit concert and card party tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock in the ballroom of the Multnomah hotel.

Those in the party are to be used in publishing an illuminated program embodying the flag code, or ethics of the flag. These posters when printed are to be distributed among the public schools and placed in public buildings.

Those who will receive are Mrs. John Keating, Mrs. J. B. Montgomery, Mrs. Robert Farrell, Mrs. Fletcher Linn, Mrs. John Pearson, Mrs. H. J. Williams, Mrs. William House, Mrs. C. W. Witsell, Mrs. H. O. Hlokok, Mrs. Octave Goffin, Mrs. James Davis, Mrs. John Hall, Mrs. C. J. Smith, Mrs. W. D. Fonton and Miss Valentine Pritchard.

The educational committee included Miss Medora Whitefield, Miss Laura Newhouse, Miss Stella Fording, Miss Lydia Mills, Miss Lena Ayers and Miss Nora Green.

Gresham Eastern Star chapter will entertain with a leap year dancing and card party tomorrow evening at the Masonic hall in Gresham. Beside exciting all the privileges of leap year, the ladies have planned some pleasant valentine surprises. All Masons and their friends are invited to attend. Charge consists of Mrs. H. V. Adix, Mrs. John Cannon, Mrs. B. Cameron, Mrs. J. E. Shultz, Mrs. Rebecca King, Wendell Cleveland and O. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward V. Knox are receiving congratulations from their friends upon the arrival of a baby daughter. Mrs. Knox will be remembered as Miss Augusta Seife.

The young people's society of St. Stephen's pro-cathedral will give a valentine party to members and their friends in the parish house tomorrow evening at 8 P. M. An interesting and appropriate program has been arranged consisting of musical and vocal numbers, followed by games and dancing.

One of the interesting social events of the week for ex-service men promises to be a dance and entertainment with the Knights of Columbus committee on war activities is maintaining at 230 Grand street. The ladies who the school has been open since the middle of January there has been no entertainment thus far. The event tomorrow evening will be in the nature of a formal opening. All students at the school and their girl and women friends are invited to attend. There are over 600 students registered.

According to the plans of the faculty and patrons of the Knights of Columbus officials in charge there will be a short entertainment programme, followed by a dance. The following will be the patrons: Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Bacon and Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Lonergan.

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MARINE LOSS POSSIBLE

Mrs. D. M. Watson is chairman for the industrial committee that through the city federation has arranged for groups of women to visit local industrial plants. On February 13 at 2 P. M. the Pacific Coast Biscuit company will entertain a large group of women.

The home of Mrs. Thomas G. Farrell was the scene of an interesting gathering Tuesday, February 10, when a group of friends assembled to celebrate the 74th birthday of Mrs. Sylvia Farrell. All of the women who attended have been active in the founding of some of Portland's best undertakings and all are widely beloved. Mrs. Farrell, honor guest, is one whose good deeds have made her justly popular. She is the mother of Mrs. Farrell, Mrs. S. J. Farrell, Mrs. Anna F. Cookman, Mrs. William Wallace Youngson and Miss Jessie E. Farrell.

For the event there was a big cake decked with 73 candles. Those hidden to the festivity were: Mesdames M. E. Teal, Sam Coia, David H. Farrell, Mrs. J. P. McNaught, Mrs. Maria A. World, George Woodward, A. W. Goddard, John Baird, Hattie Pope, Mrs. Helen Ladd, Mrs. Thomas Honeyman, Richard Everding, A. Bartels, Tom Connell, Richard Scott, John Bennett.

POULTRY DAY IS SUCCESS

GRESHAM FARMERS' WEEK PROGRAMME DRAWS CROWD.

Speakers Discuss Problems of Chicken Raising and Field Demonstration Is Given.

GRESHAM, Or., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—Today was poultry day on the farmers' week programme given in the Gresham hall here. The largest local interest taken in the chicken business of eastern Multnomah county.

Professor A. G. Lunn of Oregon Agricultural college discussed "Poultry Keeping as a Business, Hatching and Raising the Flock, and Care and Feeding of Breeding Stock." C. S. Brewster conducted some field demonstrations for the farmers and for the members of the children's industrial clubs. H. J. Seymour, of the Gresham Co-operative Poultrymen's association, gave a practical demonstration following the lectures.

Friday's programme will be devoted to horticulture, with lectures and field demonstrations by Professor W. S. Brown, H. A. Lewis and other authorities.

A large attendance is anticipated at the luncheon on Saturday, when Dr. Kerr, president of Oregon Agricultural college, and several other eminent speakers will be present.

SHRINERS MAY SLEEP OUT

CANVASSERS FAIL TO GET ALLOTMENT IN HOMES.

Theatrical Managers Pledge Support and Give Financial Aid for Conviction.

Theatrical managers of Portland, at a session held in the Hippodrome yesterday afternoon, not only gave spirited, enthusiastic endorsement to the work of the Shrine canvassers, but pledged \$1500 to help on the financial side of the big meeting.

It was reported at Shrine headquarters yesterday that of 150 canvassers now out scouting for rooms in the residence sections, 56 have reported with 1600 rooms. On this basis, half of the city assigned this group will yield only 6000 rooms and the entire city would provide but 12,000. The committee is seeking a total of 30,000 rooms.

As an illustration of how things are running as to the crowds that are going to be in Portland for Shrine week, headquarters yesterday cited the visit of C. E. Jenney of Calgary, Alberta, who was sent here by his committee to see if rooms for accommodation could be had. Calgary temple already had booked for 100 persons. He was assured that the additional people will be cared for.

ALLEGED FAKER ARRESTED

J. A. Elrod Charged With Profiteering on Tacoma Bank.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—J. A. Elrod of Tacoma was arrested here last night and is being held in the county jail on a charge of grand larceny in connection with alleged withdrawal of funds from the Puget Sound Bank & Trust company belonging to another man of similar name.

It was charged that Elrod placed about \$75 in the depository and soon thereafter another man of same name and initials deposited \$1800. Later, it is alleged, the former Mr. Elrod asked to have his account closed, with the result that he accepted the money belonging to the other depositor of the same name.

Besides this a criminal action against Elrod the Puget Sound Bank & Trust company has brought a civil suit against him in the circuit court, in which it seeks to recover approximately \$1200.13.

It is expected that an officer will arrive here today or tomorrow from Tacoma to return Elrod to that city for trial.

CYCLIST KILLED BY TRUCK

Clifford Pitts of Salem Struck by County Machine.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—Clifford Pitts, aged 13 years, was killed almost instantly today by being run over by a county motor truck. The boy was riding a bicycle east on State street, and as the truck came he was struck by the rear of the vehicle. He had gone but a short distance when the wheels of his bicycle came in contact with the front of the truck, which was under the truck. One of the wheels passed over his body. The boy was dead when picked up by pedestrians who had witnessed the accident.

The lad is a son of W. S. Pitts and had resided here practically all of his life. An inquest over the body will be held, according to the county coroner.

SCHOOL HEAD GOES AWAY

Superintendent Churchill Leaves for Convention.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of public instruction, will leave here tomorrow for Cleveland, where he will attend the annual convention of the national society for vocational education. This convention will meet on February 19, 20 and 21. Mr. Churchill will then go to Cleveland, where he will participate in the annual meeting of the department of superintendents, which is a part of the National Educational association.

On his way home, Mr. Churchill will pass a few days in Wisconsin, studying the part time school which has been in operation in that state for several years. He expects to be absent from his office for three weeks.

Secretary Seeks Students.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—C. A. Eber, educational secretary of the Portland Y. M. C. A., was here yesterday seeking young men to take advantage of a scholarship and trade advancement programme of the Work council from funds left unspent following the war. Mr. Keils states that Hood River county's quota of the fund is \$100 and that three young men will receive funds for their tuition fees.

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Dresses That Excel On Charm, Value and Workmanship \$24.75

The materials of these frocks are the three most called for in this season's fashions; georgette, crepe de chine and taffeta. All the touches of newness that mark distinctive dresses are found on these dresses. The attractive short sleeves are a feature of many. Shades are navy, copen, taupe, brown, black, rose and burgundy.

Executive Secretary Dodson had wired Senator McNary under date of January 24, calling attention to the fact that everything possible to obtain adequate provision for necessary work.

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What Your Heart Desires in Spring Fabrics

36-inch new French serge in plaids of light and dark combinations at 59c yard. 36-inch wool-mixed French serge in shades of pink, green, light blue, navy and black at 75c yard. 50-inch black and white shepherd checks in attractive weave at 75c yard. 42-inch wool-mixed French serge for spring suits and dresses at \$1.19 yard. 36-inch all-wool imperial serge, a wonderful value at \$1.50 yard. All-wool and wool-mixed remnants marked at one-half price!

Gingham 65c Yd. Voiles 98c and \$1.25

Inverness Zephyr Gingham that is 32 inches in width in wonderfully effective light and dark plaids. No spring outfit will be complete without an attractive gingham frock and these will make up into such dainty ones.

These new cotton voiles with their printed designs of floral patterns in light and dark combinations are as charming as can be. In the darker combinations the prices are 98c and \$1.25 while the lighter shades are priced at only 65c yard.

To Replenish Your Home

You can hardly afford to miss this opportunity to renew your bed linen at these extremely low prices.

Hemstitched pillow slips 45x36 and 42x36 in. are priced at 35c each. Pequot pillow slips of a fine quality material are 75c each. Hemstitched pepperell sheets are reasonably priced at \$2.50 each. Bleached sheets of practical value, 81x90 inches, \$1.98. Sheeting 81 inches in width and bleached is a bargain at 75c yard. Unbleached sheeting that is 72 inches in width is priced at 60c yard.

Slip-on Sweaters at \$6.95 to \$11.95

Attractive slip-on sweaters in a number of the very newest weaves and in shades of turquoise, salmon, American beauty, Pekin, rose and buff.

SPRING UNDERWEAR AND HOSIERY

Women's silk bodice union suits with cuff knee, in sizes 36 to 38, at \$1.75; extra sizes 38 to 44, at \$1.98. Women's fine cotton union suits in sleeveless style, with cuff or lace trimmed knee, sizes 36 to 38, at 75c. Women's medium weight union suits with high neck, long sleeves and ankle length, sizes 36 to 44 at 79c each, or 2 for \$1.00.

Boys' Buster Brown stockings in black only; durable stocking in sizes 6 to 10 at 39c. Women's fiber and silk mixed hose in black, field mouse, navy, cordovan, black and gold, priced the pair at \$1.50. Women's pure thread silk hose with lisle garter top in shades of black and cordovan at \$1.75.

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Henry J. Ditter, Mgr.

court presided at the meeting. The holiday was observed by the schools of the city and the banks and public offices remained closed.

Logging Train Wrecked. CENTRALIA, Wash., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—A logging train of the H. H. Martia Lumber company was wrecked Monday evening when it ran away on a steep grade, resulting in injuries to T. H. Greenwood, superintendent of the mill company. Two of his ribs were broken. The crew jumped to safety and Mr. Greenwood was the only one injured.

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Ladies' and Men's Suits to make to order from your own materials, or cutting and fitting only. HUFFMAN & CO. TAILORS. 23 Floor, Medical Bldg., Main St.

Influenza Situation Improving.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—The influenza situation in Buxaco, where 70 residents were ill, is considerably improved. The Mutual mill, which was forced to suspend operations as a result of the epidemic, has started up again. Practically all of the schools in southern Thurston county have closed as a result of the epidemic. Numerous cases of the disease have been reported from Tenino and Maytown.

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There are wonderful new creations in women's and misses' frocks, and some stunning new polo coats which are more than ever popular this season.

The values offered prove again that you can buy at Cherry's just as economically as anywhere, and you can buy on terms that will make buying a pleasure rather than a burden.

GUITTARD The Pure CHOCOLATE

GROUND OR CAKE

Swiss Registers at Oregon U.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Feb. 12.—(Special.)—Fridolin, a Swiss native of Lucerne, Switzerland, diamond mines speculator in South Africa, lecturer, salesman and newspaperman, has registered in the University of Oregon as a special student. He intends to devote his attention principally to the study of law.