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## Kill Two Birds With One Stone

When the new court house is constructed it will be necessary for several of the officers to be quartered outside at the usual rental charges for office rooms. There is a building on Main street that will be vacated after the first of the year, and it has real historical significance as far as Washington county and Oregon are concerned. This building is the old court house and the county court could do much worse than to secure the structure, move it to the court yard, fit it up for offices during the spring and summer, and then after the new court house is completed turn it into a county historical museum and rest room. The owner of the property would probably be glad to have the building moved off.

This county has more history than any other, and many things that should be preserved.

The state historical society has suggested that the old court house be preserved, and the court has an opportunity to kill two birds with one stone.

This newspaper would be glad to

print expressions of various taxpayers on this subject.

Through the efforts of the Port Orford chamber of commerce the 100-mile stretch of scenic Roosevelt highway from Randon south to the California state line will be free from commercial signs and billboards. This is a plan for the beautification of highways that might be extended throughout the state. Billboards are almost so numerous in some places that they obstruct the view.

The sinking of the U. S. submarine S-4 marks another tragic step in the history of the American navy. The heart of America goes out to the families of the victims of this tragedy.

Arthur Pender, convicted murderer and girl attacker, has been sentenced to the state prison for life. It is to be hoped that the state officials keep faith with the public and see that the sentence is enforced.

Skunk disrupts the Toledo high school. Good thing Christmas vacation is at hand.

## Friends Remember Laurel Minister

Laurel, Dec. 22.—The Christmas spirit seemed quite manifest in this community last week, and when Sunday came the people had a purse of \$33 to present to the minister, W. L. Strange, and his wife, as a Christmas present.

Several men have been working on the ditch that is to carry the water pipe line to the school house. The school children had no difficulty in selling their quota of Red Cross seals.

The Philoexians of the Hillsboro high school will have a dance at the Laurel hall next week. The Senate club had a banquet and dance last week. The local orchestra furnishes music.

Mrs. Olive Lee is staying with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cally Whitmore, while convalescing from an operation.

The Ladies' Social club met with Mrs. Roy Heineck last Wednesday, seventeen ladies being present. All reported a jolly good time. They are planning on entertaining their husbands some time between Christmas and New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. Granville Everest visited in Newburg Tuesday with Mrs. Everest's brother.

Arleigh Everest is home for a few weeks' vacation. He has been employed at Sherman's mill near Mountaineale all summer and fall.

Charlie Schmidt is at home for the rest of the winter, after working in the logging camp in Cochrane all season.

Mr. Everest and Mrs. Flora Baker attended Grange at Scholls last Saturday.

## HIRAM F. KEARN

Hiram F. Kearn, aged 43 years, died Saturday at his home in Hillsboro. Funeral services were held Tuesday at 2:30 p. m. from George J. Limber's residence funeral parlors with the Rev. H. A. Deck officiating. Interment was in the local cemetery.

The widow, Marie Stella Custard-Kearn, and eight children, Hazel, Anna, Nellie, Frances, Donald, Willie, Lola and Kenneth, survive. Two brothers and two sisters who live in the middle west also survive. Born in Missouri August 22, 1884, he came to Oregon 14 years ago. He was married in 1906.

He had been janitor at the grade school for several years.

## OTTO PAUL SKIBBE

Otto Paul Skibbe of Helvetia died Tuesday at Salem, following a long illness. Funeral services will be held Saturday at 2 p. m. from the Helvetia cemetery, with the Rev. Charles Whorter officiating and interment will be in the Helvetia cemetery.

The widow, Helen Skibbe, survives. Mr. Skibbe was born at Dallas, Oregon, February 22, 1883, and had lived at Helvetia for about eight years.

## MRS. CORA L. MARTELL

Mrs. Cora L. Martell, 39, died Monday at the Forest Grove hospital. Funeral services were held on Wednesday morning from the St. Anthony church, with the Rev. H. E. Boesch officiating. Interment was in the Mount Calvary cemetery.

Mrs. Martell, a resident of Gaston, is survived by one daughter, Blanche Martell.

## FRITZ REDLUND

Fritz Erik H. Redlund, 30, died Monday at Sherman's Mill above Mountaineale. Born in Sweden, November 15, 1887, he came to the United States three years ago. His father, John Redlund, who resides in the old country, is the only known relative.

## Probate Allen Estate

The estate of F. H. Allen, who died in Hillsboro, November 24, has been admitted to probate.

## Local Happenings

The estate of Eugene J. Hulbert, who died February 14, 1924, has been admitted to probate.

The hearing on the Banks to Buxton market road was continued from last Monday to January 4 at 10 o'clock.

County Assessor W. F. Boley was able to return to his duties at the court house Monday morning after an illness of three weeks.

Leslie L. Henry was arrested Tuesday on a charge of larceny by bailee. Howard Smith was taken into custody the same day on a non-support charge.

The building of a new two-room school with auditorium at Raleigh was discussed at a meeting of the Raleigh Parent-Teacher association Monday evening. F. Marion Stokes, Portland architect, presented several drawings.

## Celebrates 91st Birthday

F. M. Wadsworth of North Plains was a Hillsboro visitor Friday. Mr. Wadsworth celebrated his 91st birthday anniversary on December 14, but you'd never know it. He gets around as well as most men of 70, and takes a great interest in current events. Mr. Wadsworth has lived in the North Plains neighborhood since 1908, coming there from Portland. He arrived in Portland from the east on November 8, 1865.

## W. R. C. Very Active

At the last meeting of the Women's Relief Corps, four candidates were initiated, and seven are in line for initiation at the next meeting. The corps voted \$10 to the Community Christmas fund and \$10 to the Week Day Bible school. A special meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 3, for installation of officers and a reception to the new members taken in this year. Luncheon will be served at noon to the Post, Corps and their families. The business session will be held at 2 o'clock, followed by a program.

## Have Christmas Party

Mrs. Harry Morgan and Mrs. Reynold Chapman entertained the Bridgett club Monday night with a Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Morgan. Christmas decorations were artfully used in the rooms, and each guest received a present from the tree, the members drawing names for the presentation of gifts. Bridge was played, Mrs. Phillips receiving first and Mrs. Kamna the consolation prize. Those present were Mrs. Vesta Combs, Mrs. H. E. McCaskie, Mrs. John Kamna, Jr., Mrs. Leonard Brown, Mrs. James Wood, Mrs. J. W. Kelley, Mrs. Verne McKinney, Mrs. Burt Willeford, Mrs. Otto Steinke, Mrs. W. W. Phillips, and the hostesses.

## Too Late to Classify

Forty acres, 16 cultivated, fruit, walnuts, wood and water, \$1,200 cash, 10 years' time or town property for the balance.—"B," care of Argus. 43-45

Wanted—Girl or woman for general housework.—Phone 466. 43

For Sale or Trade—3-year-old Jersey cow; milking 1 1/2 gallons per day; will freshen March 1; price, \$75; registered Jersey bull, 11 months' old, price \$50; Ford touring car in first-class condition, new rubber and new batteries, price \$65; will take anything you have on trade.—J. H. Reichert, Aloha. 43

## Berry Growers Agree on Rate of Paying Pickers

Twenty-seven berry growers, representing 250 acres of strawberries, met at the Kansas City community hall Thursday evening. The growers agreed to pay pickers 30 cents a crate of 24 boxes, with a 10-cent bonus for the pickers staying all through the season. M. Lewis was chairman and C. R. LaFollette was secretary.

# The Girl in the Mirror

By  
Elizabeth Jordan

(Continued from last week)

"My G—d!" he muttered. "My G—d!" He fell into the nearest chair and sat there, his head in his shaking hands.

As if the collapse of his friend were a call to his own strength, Laurie suddenly sat up and took himself in hand.

"Now listen," he said. "Let's take this sensibly. We've got to thresh out the situation, and here's our last chance. I want to make one thing clear. Shaw was pure vermin. There's no place for his sort in a decent world, and I have no more regret over exterminating him than I would have over killing a snake. Later, Miss Mayo will tell you why."

Under the effect of the clear, dispassionate voice, almost natural again, Epstein began to revive.

"It was self-defense," he croaked eagerly. He caught at the idea as if it were a life-line, and obviously began to drag himself out of a pit with its help. "It was self-defense," he repeated. "You was fighting, I s'pose. That lets you out."

"No," Laurie dully explained. "He wasn't armed. I thought he was. I thought he was drawing some weapon. He had used chloroform on me once before. I was mistaken. But no jury will believe that, of course."

His voice changed and flatted again. His young figure seemed to give in the chair, as if its muscles sagged under a new burden. For a moment he sat silent.

"We may as well face all the facts," he went on, at last. "The one thing I won't endure is the horror of a trial. "But you'll get off," choked Epstein.

"It's self-defense—it's—it's—"

"Or a brain storm, or temporary insanity," Laurie interrupted. "No, old chap, that isn't good enough. No padded cell for me! And I'm not going to have my name dragged through the courts and the case figuring in the newspapers for months. I've got a reason. I think you will all admit it's a good one." Again his voice changed. "That would break my sister's heart," he ended brokenly.

At the words Bangs uttered an odd sound, half a gasp and half a groan. Epstein, again in his pit of wretchedness, caught it.

"Now you see the job we've done!" he muttered. "Now you see how we looked after him, like she told us to!" Bangs paid no attention to him.

"What are you going to do?" he heavily asked Laurie.

"I'll tell you, on one condition—that you give me your word, all three of you, not to try in any way to interfere or to prevent it. You couldn't, anyway, so don't make the blunder of trying. You know what I'm up against. There's only one way out."

He looked at them in turn. Doris and Epstein merely stared back, with the effect of not taking in what he was saying. But Bangs recoiled.

"No, by G—d!" he cried. "No!" Laurie went on as if he had not spoken.

"I promised Perkins to be in my room at eight o'clock tomorrow morning," he muttered. "No, old chap, that isn't good enough. No padded cell for me! And I'm not going to have my name dragged through the courts and the case figuring in the newspapers for months. I've got a reason. I think you will all admit it's a good one." Again his voice changed. "That would break my sister's heart," he ended brokenly.

"For an interval which none of the three ever forgot Laurie watched the tableau. Then, rising briskly, he ostentatiously stretched himself, and in loud, cheerful tones answered Rodney's steady babble.

"Yes, old chap, it's all up to you," he said. "So what do you think of this as a climax for the play?"

(To be continued)

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# Farm Market Review

Weekly Review of Commodity Market Trends and News  
Co-operative Extension Work in Agriculture and Home Economics.  
Oregon Agricultural College and the United States Department of Agriculture co-operating. Paul V. Maris, director.

Corvallis, Dec. 19.—Prunes—The American agricultural commissioner at Berlin cabled that the new German-Yugoslav commercial treaty would be effective December 20 by mutual agreement. The new rates on prunes, which are also effective for prunes from the United States because of the "most favored nation" clause in the American-German commercial treaty, are 65 cents a hundred pounds instead of \$1.08 on unpacked prunes in barrels, sacks or other packages containing not less than 176 pounds, and 86 cents a hundred pounds on other packing instead of \$2.16.

Apples—The Liverpool auction last week brought \$4.28@4.38 for Oregon Newtons against \$3.77@4.01 the previous week, but most other boxed apples were weaker. Barrels showed some improvement, but the fruit trade is reported very poor by the agricultural commissioner because of buying power in the United Kingdom being worse than expected.

Turkeys—Prices being paid producers for turkeys at Texas points were lower at the close of last week, ranging 24@25c for No. 1 live birds. Los Angeles dealer prices were quoted 36@38c for live, or 40@44c dressed, with poorer quality as low as 35c. Number one northern young toms were quoted in Chicago at 48c, young hens at 42c, old toms 35c, and old hens 36c.

Butter—Foreign butter markets went lower last week, but domestic markets held generally steady with receipts light, production near the low point and storage stocks selling well.

Wool—A well sustained demand at foreign primary markets, considerable contracting of medium grade stocks in western early shearing districts, and moderate trading at Boston, featured last week's wool market news.

Livestock—Eastern cattle markets went sharply lower last week and some bearishness was noted in the west. Hog receipts were liberal and

prices tended to go lower. Fat lambs were draggy owing to liberal receipts and much over-weight stuff was well finished.

Potatoes—The carlot movement of potatoes during the week of December 4 to 10 ran slightly ahead of the same period for 1926 in the Pacific northwest because of Idaho shipments, but fell short somewhat for the whole country. The movement in Oregon, Idaho and Washington was not so good as for the week November 27 to December 3.

Grain—Out of a surplus of wheat estimated at 75,000,000 bushels in the Pacific northwest, 41,000,000 bushels had been exported up to December. Pacific coast markets were not active last week but export demand improved. The wheat situation generally was not so strong because of relatively large stocks and improved prospects in Argentina. The southern hemisphere crop is now expected to be only 20,000,000 bushels less than a year ago.

Good premiums continue to be paid for high protein and other desirable classes of milling wheat. Corn went about 2c lower on heavier receipts. Barley was steady in the west but weakened in eastern markets because of less export demand, but the English markets held steady. Stocks of barley in California appear to be less than a year ago.

Hay and Feed—Hay markets generally continue dull, but alfalfa prices have strengthened on light receipts and improved inquiry. Wheat feeds and best grades of alfalfa were advanced and other kinds were generally steady.

Seeds—Sweet clover seed is reported moving at higher prices. Imports of white sweet clover July 1 to November 30 amounted to 538,500 pounds against 977,700 pounds last year, and 366,100 pounds two years ago. Yellow sweet clover seed imports for the same period this year were 38,200 pounds, compared to 54,400 pounds in 1926, and 76,900 in 1925.

Today the Shortest Of Year; Snow Falls

Today is the shortest day of the year and the weather man did his best to give it a white baptism. The ground in the vicinity of Hillsboro had a white coating of snow, which quickly disappeared, but still indications point to a white Christmas.

White Sees New Models In Portland on Monday

C. W. White, local Studebaker and Erskine dealer, attended a banquet in Portland Monday, where new Studebaker models were introduced, including the new straight eight in four models.

Fourth Engineers to Meet

The 4th U. S. Engineers will hold their annual business meeting and banquet the latter part of January, 1928. All members in Oregon and Washington should write to the committee in charge, care of C. H. Anderson, 1718 East Burnside street, Portland, Oregon.

Births

Blaser—To Mr. and Mrs. John Blaser of Mountaineale, December 19, a girl, at the Smith hospital.

Bucher—To Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bucher of Portland, December

To our Friends & Patrons  
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**Christmas Greetings**

With full appreciation of the many courtesies shown during the past year we extend our best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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**Marriage Licenses**

Claude R. Morgan and Vesta Melissa Armentrout, both of Banks, December 16.

Earl Alvah Zuver, Sherwood route 5, and Edith Lenora Alspaugh, Tigar, December 17.

J. L. Vail and Eula Mabel Lyda, both of Gales Creek, December 17.

Robert Gerald Tracy and Marjorie Elliott, Redlands, Cal., December 17.

Clarence Joel Eastwood and Emma Rebecca Rowland, both of Forest Grove, December 20.

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