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"No Favor Sways Us; No Fear Shall Awe"

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Poison Death Ring

Since the first widow's confession little more than a month ago, 29 arrests have been made and nine deaths are claimed to have been definitely established as cases of poison murder for insurance, in the amazing roundup that has been under way in Philadelphia. Police have estimated that deaths of this nature run as high as 100 and that many more persons are involved.

In Oregon two poison cases are still fresh in the public mind; the Ledford case which involved two little girls who had lived in Salem, and the case at Oregon City in which poisoning was tried without success, and in which a confession was made this week.

Reading the accounts of these known or suspected crimes, the average citizen is filled with an incredulous horror. It is difficult to imagine that there were in one community, even as large a one as Philadelphia, so many persons who would cold-bloodedly murder for cash. Mixed with the shock of contemplating such evidence of depravity, is the whisper of a thought concerning the ease with which such a fate might overtake anyone, and with such slight apparent prospect that the crime would be detected and the guilty persons punished.

Actually, however slight might be the comfort to the potential victim, the science of crime detection has advanced to the point at which homicide by poison is one of the most easily recognized of crimes. The tentative success of the Philadelphia authorities—only five convictions have been obtained to date—is an example of the efficiency of post-mortem investigation into such cases once suspicion is aroused.

In many sections of the United States there are competent toxicologists who have had noteworthy success in solving such cases, so that with respect to poison murder, the old saying that "dead men tell no tales" has been revised to "the dead speak to the chemist."

All of the common poisons invariably leave their trace. In most communities it is still essential, if such crimes are to be revealed and the guilty punished, that some suspicion develop which will result in an autopsy. There was a time when it was estimated that more than half of all poison murders went entirely unsuspected. Today that record is improved, but there is still a weakness in the matter of convictions. The prevalence of such crimes is another argument for the elimination of the present coroner system, substituting one which will assure the investigation of all unexplained deaths by a trained criminologist with all the scientific means of detection at his command.

However with the advance of science in this direction and the more general prevalence of the preventative safeguard, obligatory recording of all sales of poisons, this type of murder has been so thoroughly discouraged as to reduce the number of cases materially. The Philadelphia "ring" is merely an isolated exception.

Hazards of Undersea Travel

Fifty nine men trapped in a partly-flooded submarine 240 feet below the ocean's surface; 33 of them rescued—all who remained alive within a few minutes after the mishap occurred. The incident is a dramatic reminder of the hazards faced by America's defenders even in peacetime, of the heroism which is the tradition of their calling. The outcome is a tribute to the pains which our government takes in minimizing these hazards as much as possible.

Until the incident of this week off the New Hampshire coast, the ten-year international record of disabling mishaps to submerged submarines has been "zero." Not one man rescued, not one vessel salvaged. Five submarines and 230 men lost. In 1927 when the S-4 of the United States went down with 40 men aboard, no lives were saved but the submarine was raised months later.

The problem of rescue must have seemed insurmountable 12 years ago, but men who had that disaster vividly in mind went determinedly to work and perfected a cumbersome, intricate device which would make rescue possible. Three different groups invented such diving bells, later the best features of all three were combined.

Not until this week, when the submarine Squalus became flooded through failure of a valve to close, was the diving bell put to actual use in an emergency, but it had been tested successfully many times. Its development and operation were portrayed in a motion picture shown here some months ago.

The rescue of more than half of the crew is thus an unprecedented and praiseworthy achievement. The other side of the picture is more somber; the 26 who were trapped when the compartments in which they were stationed filled with water; the grim necessity which faced the others of "shutting the door in their faces" in self-preservation. National defense is still a grim business, though no more so than many hazardous industrial occupations which play a part in our technological progress. Civilization is suspected of "growing soft," but the undersea drama of the week is evidence that there are still outstanding excitements.

Business "Better Than It Feels"

The magazine "Banking" observes in its current issue that "sometimes business is better than it feels, and this seems to be one of the times."

Complaint of a recurring slump has been general, but the monthly index of this magazine, official publication of the American Bankers association, based upon a poll of bank directors, reveals that 35 per cent reported an upward trend, 34 per cent a downward trend, and 35 per cent no change. A year ago 58 per cent reported a decline and 11 per cent improvement.

"If the actual prospects in each line of commerce and industry are examined on the basis of orders and buying in sight, there is more reason for optimism than pessimism," the magazine concludes.

The magazine "Time" also reports that its index of business conditions, based on underlying factors likely to affect business volume, increased substantially last week and was several points higher than a year ago. The improvement consisted principally of increased spending in financial centers.

The suspicion probably has occurred to a good many persons that business is not so bad but that business men won't admit it for fear the present national administration will get credit. However their objections to the administration are based upon fundamentals—such as the unfriendly attitude toward themselves, which New Dealers all but admit. Their opposition will continue so long as that attitude is unchanged, even though, miraculously, a marked improvement might occur in the absence of a new spending program.

Incidentally, traffic on the downtown streets and sidewalks of Salem suggests that business is pretty good here right now.

Bits for Breakfast

By R. J. HENDRICKS

King Louis Philippe 5-26-39

of France gave a lift to the St. Paul Catholic church: Capt. Mene's story:

(Continuing from yesterday.)

One easily finds at his proper place in the index of Marion county estates the name of Captain F. Mene, and discovers that his estate was number 25. That is, his was the 25th estate administered in Marion county.

The envelope containing the papers of the conduct and settlement of the estate fill an unusually large jacket—for Captain Francis Mene had been a merchant at St. Louis—and evidently the big business man of that pioneer town, having transactions with nearly every one of the best known early French Canadian settlers.

But, first, let's have something of the story of Louis Philippe, king of the French, and the reasons that perhaps led that historic person to have an interest in the Oregon Catholic missions during their beginnings.

Very briefly:

Louis Philippe I, king of the French, was the eldest son of Louis Philippe Joseph, duke of Orleans (known during the Revolution as Philippe Egalite, meaning Equality), and of Louise Marie Adelaide de Bourbon, daughter of the duc de Penthièvre, born at the Palais Royal, Paris, Oct. 5, 1773.

He was 46 at the outbreak of the French Revolution. In 1792 he was a colonel of dragoons in the army of the north; a lieutenant general at allied parties, April 5, 1793, he escaped into the Austrian lines. He went first with his sister Madame Adelaide to Switzerland, where he was a professor in the college of Reichenau, under the colorful name of M. Chabaud de la Tour.

The execution of his father in November, 1793, had made him the Duke of Orleans, and he now became the center of the intrigues of the Orleans party. In 1795, on the thought of going to America, but postponing his departure, traveled through the Scandinavian countries. In 1796, the Directory having offered to release his mother and his two brothers who had been kept in prison during the Terror, on condition that he went to America, he set sail for the United States.

In October of that year he settled in Philadelphia, where, in February, 1797, he was joined by his brothers the duc de Montpensier and the comte de Beaujolais.

The news of the coup d'etat (change of government without the consent of the people) of 18 Brumaire (October 22, fog), decided him to return to Europe. They returned in 1800, only to find Napoleon Bonaparte's power firmly established. They remained in Sicily.

His estate of Orleans being partially restored, Louis Philippe had vast wealth. The restoration of 1830 brought a demand that he be made France's "citizen king." Lafayette embraced him, as being the nearest possible popular ruler of the time.

The chamber of deputies of France, Aug. 7, 1830, proclaimed him "king of the French by the grace of God and the will of the people." He started as a democratic ruler. The Palais Royal stood open, like the White House of America. Any one might shake hands and talk with the king. But, gradually, the taste of power went to his head, as through the ages the world has so many times witnessed. The royal blood made him wish to reign as well as rule. He made alliances with other European powers; showed monarchical ambitions. Went to Windsor in 1844 and established friendly relations with the British throne.

In February, 1848, Paris rose against King Louis Philippe. He was isolated; escaped with his queen from the Tuilleries by a back entrance and made his way to Honfleur, France.

The royal pair were smuggled out of their country by the British consul at Havre under the names of "Mr. and Mrs. Smith," and settled at Claremont, New-Haven, England, placed at their disposal by Queen Victoria, living there incognito under the names of Count and Countess of Neuchilly.

There, August 26, 1850, Louis Philippe died. He left eight children, mostly married with titles of European royalty.

The reader has noted that in the period when the newly appointed Archbishop Blanchet of Oregon was in France seeking funds and recruits for the St. Paul mission, King Louis Philippe was in the time of his greatest power, though approaching his flight.

He was in a receptive mood, owing to his personal knowledge of and sympathy with the United States, which had furnished him asylum in his need of it. With that explanation, let us return to the Marion county probate records to find what they tell us, and hint to us, concerning the early days of the French prairie section.

Remembering that the term "French prairie," in the first period of Oregon's settlement, held nearly every home of Oregon, then containing all the territory of the present state of Oregon, Washington and Idaho and what is west of the Rockies' summits in Montana and Wyoming.

The title on the jacket containing the files reads: "No. 325. In the Matter of the Estate of Francis Mene, Deceased. G. A. Manning, Administrator." (Continued tomorrow.)

FISHER AT CONFERENCE

DAYTON—Rev. F. E. Fisher, local pastor of the Evangelical church left Tuesday to attend the 56th annual conference to be held May 24-28 at Portland.

Radio Programs

WMAZ—FRIDAY—1300 Kc.

6:15—Hillman's Serenade.

7:15—Time O' Day.

8:00—Morning Meditations.

8:15—Lorna of East.

8:45—News.

9:00—Pastor's Call.

9:15—Harpist's Minute.

9:30—Hills and Escapes.

9:45—Friendly Circle.

10:15—News.

10:30—Morning Magazine.

10:45—Prof. F. Franklin Thompson.

11:00—Variety.

11:15—Evening Drama.

11:30—Marian Brown, Home Economist—Statesman of the Air.

11:45—Vocal Parade.

12:15—News.

12:30—Hillman's Serenade.

12:45—Musical Subjects.

1:00—Interesting Facts.

1:15—Class and Music.

1:30—Marion County Health Talks.

1:45—Variety.

2:00—US Navy Talk.

2:15—WOB Symphony.

2:30—News.

2:45—Pacific Parade.

3:00—Down the Aisle.

3:15—Hillman's Serenade.

3:30—Merton Gaudin Orchestra.

3:45—Back Stage.

4:00—Joe Ranger.

4:15—Tonight's Headlines.

4:30—Swingtime.

4:45—Mrs. Fed. Music Club.

5:00—Hills of the Day.

5:15—Newspaper of the Air.

5:30—Instrumental Novelties.

5:45—Hancock Ensemble.

6:00—Let's Waltz.

6:15—Carl Ravara's Orchestra.

11:00—News.

11:15—San Myer's Orchestra.

11:30—Skinner's Music Orchestra.

11:45—Just Before Midnight.

WMAZ—FRIDAY—1180 Kc.

6:30—Musical Clock.

7:15—Family Altar Hour.

7:30—Musical Service.

7:45—Melody Time.

8:00—Dr. Brock.

8:15—Farm & Home.

8:30—Agriculture Today.

8:45—Patty Jean.

9:00—Ladies.

9:15—Alice Joy.

9:30—Current Events.

9:45—Little Boy Blue.

10:00—Navy Band.

10:15—Solo Doctor.

10:30—O. M. Plummer.

10:45—Dept. Agriculture.

1:00—Market Reports.

1:15—Quiet Hour.

1:30—Whispering Rhythm.

1:45—Carleton's Quiz.

2:00—Financial and Grain.

2:15—News.

2:30—Song Pictures.

2:45—Box Score Extra.

3:00—Saxophone.

3:15—Vaughn Comfort.

3:30—ABC of NBC.

3:45—Trio.

WMAZ—FRIDAY—940 Kc.

6:15—Market Reports.

6:30—Clock.

7:15—News.

8:00—Melody Ramblings.

8:15—Nancy James.

8:30—Helen Frost.

8:45—Mr. F. Devoe.

9:00—Goldberg.

9:15—Life Can Be Beautiful.

9:30—Yours Sincerely.

9:45—Big Sister.

10:00—Hilltop News.

10:15—Musical Basket.

10:30—This and That.

10:45—Kitty Kelly.

11:00—Myrt and Marge.

11:15—The Sun.

11:30—Stepmother.

11:45—Scotchgood Balloons.

12:00—The Sun.

12:15—Singing Sam.

12:30—Man Behind the Stars.

12:45—Fischer Wiley.

1:00—Halo Agin.

1:15—Orchestra.

1:30—Newspaper of the Air.

1:45—First Nighter.

2:00—Let's Waltz.

2:15—Playhouse.

2:30—Grand Central Station.

2:45—Believe It or Not.

3:00—Amos 'n' Andy.

3:15—Lynn and Abner.

3:30—Burrus and Allen.

3:45—I Want a Divorce.

4:00—News.

4:15—News and Reviews.

4:30—Orchestra.

4:45—Masters Music Room.

5:00—Orchestra.

5:15—Fishing Bulletin.

5:30—Five Star Final.

5:45—Orchestra.

6:00—Nightcap Yarns.

6:15—Orgn.

6:30—Orchestra.

6:45—Black Chapel.

WMAZ—FRIDAY—500 Kc.

9:30—Today's Programs.

9:45—Homebaker's Hour.

10:00—Weather Forecast.

10:15—Story Hour for Adults.

11:00—Alexander Hull.

11:30—Music of the Masters.

12:00—News.

12:15—Farm Hour.

1:00—Variety.

1:15—Mrs. J. C. Singleton, Salem.

2:00—Guard Your Health.

2:15—Facts and Affairs.

2:30—Monitor View of the News.

3:00—Symphonic Half Hour.

4:00—Stories for Boys and Girls.

5:00—On the Campuses.

5:45—Vespers.

10 Years Ago

May 26, 1929

Executive committee of board of trustees of Willamette University directed the university student body to install the graduate management system for handling its finances.

Formal opening of the Salem Hunt club was held Saturday at the state fairgrounds horse show attended with 800 Salem people attending, and headed by Governor and Mrs. L. L. Patterson.

George Palmer, one of the members of the Salem Trapshooters club who entered the Northwest Trapshooters association tournament at Klamath Falls, ranked among the first 24 in 200-bird event.

20 Years Ago

May 26, 1910

Student body nominations at Salem high school have been made with Ralph Wilson nominated for president and Kenneth Waters and Paul Staley for vice-president.

Major W. Carlton Smith, who has recently returned from France, expects to receive his discharge from Camp Lewis this week and will reopen his medical and surgical practice in Salem June 1.

Salem was chosen as the next meeting place and T. E. McCroskey, manager of the Salem Commercial club, was elected vice-president by the state association of commercial club secretaries at a meeting held in The Dalles.

Bennett Addresses 8th Grade Class

SCIO—County School Superintendent J. M. Bennett addressed 16 eighth grade graduates Wednesday afternoon. Parents and pupils elected to forego this year an elaborate or formal graduation program.

Diplomas were presented to Bernice Archer, Allen Bartu, June Cyrus, Robert Dennison, Geraldine Haney, William Hoagland, Betty Holland, Eugene Kindred, Helen Mazachek, Robert McDonald, Silas Medlock, Robert Metcalfe, Leo Morgan, Victor Nadvornik, Robert Trunkelbusch, Lucille Zemleka. A. N. Turnbull is grade principal.

Mrs. Fred Stone

GATES—Mrs. Fred Stone entertained recently with a birthday party in honor of her daughter, Francis, who just recently returned home from the Vancouver hospital.

Guests included Ernest Sack, Salem, Gale Carey, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Stokes and daughter Jean, Misses Burnell, Francis and Winifred Stone and Mr. and Mrs. Stone.

Strawn, Townsend Receive Honors

HALLS FERRY—Kenneth Strawn, student at OSC, was awarded a certificate of merit by Oregon Alpha of Tau Delta Pi for having ranked scholastically among the six highest in his engineering class during the first two terms of his collegiate course.

Donald Townsend also an Oregon State college student, won an expert gunner's medal in the ROTC in the second term.

Willamina Takes Fourth at Track

Kershaw Catches Dogs at Kill in His Sheep; Shoots two

WILLAMINA—Prof. L. U. Riggs and 15 high school boys attended the county field day exercises in McMinnville Saturday. Willamina took fourth place. Dick McKinley won the mile in track and Lavern Baer placed fourth in track.

Miss Estelle Howe, teacher in typing reports that her second year class won fourth place and Lavern Shively placed second in the amateur division.

Tuesday Mrs. McCollough, civic instructor took her senior class of 29 members to Salem where they visited the state capitol and other public institutions.

Early Friday morning Andrew Kershaw heard his sheep bleating and on investigating found one large police and one small dog had killed and mutilated 11 head. Kershaw shot the dogs and reported the killing to the owner of the dogs. This was the second time dogs had made a killing in his sheep within a few months.

Sheridan won from the Willamina high school ball team, 6 to 4, here Friday.

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Last Rites Held For Mrs. Lais

HUBBARD—Funeral services for Mrs. A. J. Lais, 67, were held Tuesday forenoon from the Zion Mennonite church near Hubbard. Mrs. A. J. Lais was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Troyer, a former bishop of the Mennonite church. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. C. L. Kropp and Paul

E. Roth, pastors of the church. Eight children survive.

AT CHURCH SESSION

UNIONVALE—Rev. V. A. Ballantyne local pastor and Mrs. Fred Withee, delegate, are attending the annual conference in the Willamette Boulevard Evangelical church in Portland. The conference will close Sunday.