

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Dean T. Goodman went to Portland Monday to join Mrs. Goodman and Dean, Jr., who have been in the city for some time.

Miss Yelma Cass arrived here from Seattle on Saturday and will spend the holiday season with her mother, Mrs. May Cass. She is attending school in that city.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Ayers, accompanied by Mrs. Annie Spencer, departed Saturday afternoon for Portland, expecting to visit in the city over the holiday season.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. McMillan of Lexington were in town last evening to see "Dr. Jack" at the Star theatre. This Harold Lloyd comedy was a big drawing card.

V. M. Sackett, who is with the Standard Oil company at Sheridan, Oregon, is a visitor in the city this week, a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Nelson.

Heppner merchants are all busy now taking inventories of stocks, and by January 1, they will all "know where they are at."

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Livingston and Miss Lois spent Wednesday in town where they enjoyed the day visiting with friends.

Miss Gertrude Davies, grade teacher, departed on Saturday for her home at Baker to spend the holidays with her parents.

Percy Jarmon is in from his Pine City ranch today. The winter weather down his way still remains mild and open.

Gunnar Lindbe, extensive farmer of Alpine, was a visitor in this city on Monday, doing some Christmas shopping.

The year 1924 is leap year and all the girls will be in line to do the "proposals." Boys will have to look out.

Billy Padberg was in town yesterday. He and his family enjoyed Christmas with relatives in June.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Wyland of Ione were Christmas shopping in Heppner on Saturday.

Chas. Allinger was a prominent resident of Ione doing business in this city on Monday.

Punchettes By REV. M. A. MATTHEWS, D. D., L. L. D.

(Editor's Note—Rev. Mr. Matthews is the man whom the Bethel Chapel people heard by radio last Sunday evening.)

NEW YEAR. The habit of course of the superficial is to speak of turning over a new leaf. It is not so much a new leaf as it is a new pen, a new purpose, a new policy, a new prophecy the world needs.

Let us make resolutions, even if we break them. If we fall let us try, try again until we succeed. We are enjoined not to yield to temptation, for yielding is sin. Each victory will help us some other to win. If that negative truth is valuable, the positive side of it is more valuable.

Try, even though you fail. Each effort new strength will bring. Arise and try again, for the mountain peak you shall reach. Be not faint-hearted, the future is yours. Be not short-sighted, the horizon is extended. Be not little, the world is big. Be not human only, God is your friend. Do not look at the failures of last year. Look at the material of next year, out of which you can construct success, fortune and favor. The prophecy of the future is pregnant with prosperity, progress and power. If Jesus Christ does not return before the year ends there will be, from a human standpoint, unlimited progress and power. These things should make us serious because we need more humility and grace in the moments of disaster and peace and progress than we do in the moments of disaster and sorrow.

The new year is before you, seize it, use it, go through it, and at its end you shall be a better man, worth more to the world, and the world shall lay at your feet its garlands of gratitude.

World Search for "Master Swindler"



Leo Korte, called Chicago's master swindler, who is alleged to have victimized friends, business men and mother to the amount of five million dollars, also left his wife (below) and two children penniless when he departed Dec. 6.

Farm Activities

FROM THE "MORROW COUNTY FARM BUREAU NEWS"

American Wheat Growers Plan Export of Surplus

Proposals for legislation to improve conditions in the wheat industry will be at the front during the session of Congress which is just opening, and the most discussed among the many plans to increase wheat prices is the program advocated by the American Wheat Growers Association. This organization is the sales agency for nine state wheat growers associations and brings to the support of its proposal the united strength of the more than 80,000 members of these state organizations.

The American Wheat Growers Association advocates the creation of an agricultural export commission consisting of the Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of Commerce and the Secretary of Agriculture who would be chairman. The commission would have power to levy a tax upon all of the saleable wheat produced in the United States. The fund thus created would then be applied as a premium on that portion of the wheat crop which is sold for export. Inasmuch as the export portion of the crop is less than one-fourth of the total production, the bushelage tax levied would be increased four-

"Haunted Valley"

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CHAPTER XIII TO HAZARDOUS HEIGHTS

Henry Mallinson was having an exciting time of it in the control room. With Ruth Ranger and the reporter in the mine shaft, and with fire destroying the treasure at the bottom of the shaft, Mallinson was in a frenzy.

"Are those levers working over there?" he shouted to the control man. The answer came in the affirmative. "Then turn 'em on and flood the passages!" he shouted.

Ruth and Dick Foster were indeed in a precarious predicament. The elevator was rapidly reaching the top of the shaft, and threatened to crush both of them. Suddenly Foster whirled out his revolver and began shooting holes in the planks in the top of the elevator. He succeeded in gradually smashing his way through into the inside, where he managed to grasp the lever and start the elevator downward.

In the underground passage, Foster began to tell Ruth of his discoveries. "Mallinson is behind the entire scheme," he finished, "and in that control room they've got all kinds of devilish contrivances. They kept me a prisoner for a week, but I got this map of the whole layout for my trouble."

After looking the map over the girl decided she would explore the place at once. "I've gone too far to turn back now," she declared. "I'm going to solve this mystery before I leave Haunted Valley." And grasping the arm of the reporter, Ruth started forward to explore the lower room.

Meanwhile, Vivian Delamar was worrying herself sick over the disappearance of Mallinson. She finally decided to visit his home and see if she could learn anything there. Upon her arrival, she found Mallinson's secretary burning a lot of papers in the fireplace in the library.

"Mr. Mallinson telephoned me and asked me to destroy all these papers before the police can make a search," he explained. "Mr. Mallinson is at his headquarters in Haunted Valley, and he is badly wounded."

Vivian was startled at the news that the man she loved was injured. She determined to get a doctor and hurry to the control room. As the girl was about to leave the house, she encountered Eugene Craig, about to enter.

"Where is Mallinson?" he asked. "I have an account to settle with him."

Vivian saw she must act quickly. "If you have anything important to take up with Mr. Mallinson," she said, "I know he will be glad to see you. Just one moment and I will tell him you are here."

Craig seated himself as Vivian Delamar walked into the next room. But the young lady didn't believe in wasting any time. She walked through the library, picked up her things and hurried for the side door of the house.

Now it so happened that the suspicious and ever-wakeful Denny had observed all that had been going on in Mallinson's home. When Vivian left, Denny followed; and when Vivian started for Haunted Valley with the doctor, Denny succeeded in climbing onto the rear of the automobile and enjoying the ride to the same spot.

Mallinson was giving final orders in the control room when Vivian and the doctor arrived. Denny had sprung from the rear of the car and had hidden in some brush before the car had stopped. The youngster wondered whether he should follow the crowd into their camp or wait outside for developments. He suddenly made up his mind, for he beheld a stranger furtively picking his way through the valley, only a short distance away. Denny hoped that by following the man, he would find some clue to the whole mysterious business surrounding Ruth.

Meanwhile, Ruth and Foster had wended their way through the maze of underground passages in the valley. The place seemed unusually spooky, and both had the feeling that a third person was somewhere near them, watching every move they made. A noise behind them caused them both to wheel around, and their eyes fell upon a chest that they had not observed before.

Foster hurried to open it, but the chest was tightly bolted and the cover could not be budged. Ruth's flashlight fell on some papers on the floor. The girl grasped quickly for

...ant thus added to the export price would also place the domestic price 30 cents a bushel above the present world's level. The enhanced price for export wheat would have to be met by those desiring to purchase domestic wheat. The returns to the farmers, then, would be 30 cents a bushel above the price he is now receiving, and from this would have to be deducted the seven-cent tax, leaving him a net gain of 23 cents a bushel through the operation of the export commission.

The tax, according to the plan of the marketing organization, would be collected by the government through railroad channels and through certified mill reports on wheat delivered directly to mills by farmers. Export premiums would be applied on an equitable basis on flour milled in this country from United States wheat and then exported.

The tax and premium would be subject to revision by the commission from year to year depending upon the probable amount of the surplus and the world's price range, but always so fixed that the actual return to the farmers would be maintained at a

"Take the present price conditions as an example to see how this plan would work," said George C. Jewett, general manager of the American Wheat Growers Association. "From the present crop we have approximately 700,000,000 bushels of saleable wheat—that portion which leaves the farm. A tax of seven cents a bushel or \$49,000,000 would be assessed against this amount of grain. Then the fund would be applied as a premium to the available price which could be secured for the portion which we export, approximately 170,000,000 bushels. This would add about 30 cents a bushel to the price received for the export wheat.

"The result would be that the am-

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Passion Players Awe-Struck But Unaffected Amid New York's Glitter



From the valley of Oberammergau, in Bavaria, where their lives are molded to the character they aspire to portray in "The Passion Play" (produced every 10 years) has come a small band of wood carvers to sell their wares, all returns to help feed their starving women and children. It is their first trip away from their valley. Though awe-struck and marvelling at the life and glitter of New York, they refuse to be moved from their simple Christian thinking and ways of living. Heading the group is Anton Lang, who is the present Christus, having portrayed Jesus in the last three productions, his brother Andrea Lang Peter, and Guido Mayr, Judas.

French Burroughs, the Rhea creek farmer, shipped 1300 pounds of turkeys to Portland this week. For the Thanksgiving trade some 1600 pounds were shipped—1000 independent.

FOR RENT—The George Parman wheat ranch in Gooseberry section. For further information call on or write C. J. Anderson, Ione, Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. Werner Boltmann of Ione were Saturday visitors in Heppner.

Bert Johnson and Oscar Donovan of the "D. D. Ranch" near Ione, were in Heppner a short time today and this office acknowledges a pleasant call from them. These young men are extensive wheeltraders of their section, and while they admit that the farmer is getting a pretty hard deal

at the present, they are optimistic and will stay on the job, fully expecting that within a couple of years at least they will be on an even footing again and come out OK. We stopped the press long enough to get Bert's picture in the paper, and if you will take a second look you can locate it on the first page.

AT THIS Holiday Season we think of our customers as our friends. We like to feel that in a broad sense our customers are our partners—that our success is but a reflection of theirs. And so, on the eve of the New Year we extend to you our hearty Good Wishes.

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