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**SCHMIDT JURY
 STOOD 10 TO 2
 FOR CONVICTION**

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Plans for a second trial of Hans Schmidt, confessed murderer of Anna Amuller, were being considered at the district attorney's office here today. After deliberating for thirty-six hours, the jury which heard the testimony against the priest-murderer in the court of Judge Foster, was unable to reach an agreement and was discharged last night. The jury stood ten to two for conviction on the first ballot and the vote never changed. Two of the jurors stood out to the last in favor of a verdict declaring Schmidt insane.

**SWEDISH YULE FEST
 SMITH'S HALL TONIGHT**

The Swedish Yule-feast at Smith's hall tonight promises to be well attended by the Scandinavians in the valley, although the sudden death yesterday of Nils Paulson of Gold Hill sadly effected several Swedish families in Medford.
 A partial list of the program reads as follows:
 Vart Land, Vart Land, Misses Johnson and Kjelsson.
 Speech of Welcome, in Swedish and English, O. N. Nelson.
 Guitar music, Guben Noak, Miss Nille Frick.
 Declamations of Swedish poems, Dr. T. Malmgren.
 Swedish folk songs, Miss Dina Ekstrom.
 Piano music, Miss Ella Broth.
 Swedish folk songs, P. W. Childgren and others.
 Speeches in Swedish, Norwegian, Danish and English by guests from different parts of Southern Oregon.
 Refreshments will be served, and is in charge of Mrs. J. S. Frick, Miss Augusta Carlson and Mrs. John Carlson. Miss Laura Frick, Miss Dina Ekstrom and Mr. G. A. Johnson compose the reception committee, and will direct the folk-games and introduce the strangers.
 Some of the young ladies will be dressed in the national costume of Dalarna, a sight now seldom seen except as a historical display of ancient fashion. But the dresses are beautiful, and are often used by the rich and poor alike at great festivals in Sweden.

**NEW SENTENCE FOR
 TRAIN ROBBER FRIDAY**

LOS ANGELES, A. C., Dec. 31.—Judge Gaving Craig of the superior court will re-sentence Ralph Fariss Friday morning, for the murder of Horace Montague, whom he shot while robbing a train near El Monte, December 22. At that time attorneys for the bandit will plead that he is mentally unbalanced and that his offense could not, therefore constitute, first degree murder.
 If Craig again sentence Fariss to the gallows it is regarded as probable that the youth's attorneys would appeal directly to the state supreme court, which may set aside the sentence and send the case back to the superior court for trial.

The Old Year Out. The New Year In! Watch night service at the Free Methodist church, corner Tenth and Ivy, will begin at 8 o'clock p. m.
 Rev. J. W. Shilpe, district elder, will be present and assist the pastor in the service.
 The meeting will be free and open to all. Come and welcome.
 J. E. BRADLEY,
 Pastor.

**SOCIAL EVENT OF
 SEASON GRAND BALL
 NEW YEAR'S EVE.**

The most important social event of this evening will be the fancy dress ball to be given by the ladies of the Greater Medford club through its musical department.
 A great many out-of-town guests are to be present and the Colony club will bring the ranch people from all over the valley. This is to be the most important and select social function ever undertaken by the club.
 While a great many will be in fancy costume and some in evening dress still more will come in party frocks and business suits—to watch with one another the dying gasps of the hoodoo year and the advent of the brand New Year. A blare of toy trumpets and whistles will welcome 1914 in true martial style.
 Dancing will continue until 1:30 and a delicious buffet luncheon will be served to the guests from midnight on.
 The grand march will form at 9:15 p. m. with Colonel and Mrs. Sargent as leaders—the colonel in full dress uniform. They will be followed by the throngs of merry-makers in fancy costume who will dance away the hours till the witching hour of midnight when the grand fanfare of trumpets will herald the birth of the New Year. The toy trumpets will be for sale in a booth presided over by one of the committee.
 Despite the weather a very large gathering of our representative people are expected—and the home-coming young people are planning to add their light-hearted gaiety to the affair.

**MOYER TO APPEAR
 BEFORE CONGRESS**

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 31.—Despite his injuries, Charles H. Moyer will go to Washington to appear personally before congress and urge a federal investigation of strike conditions in the Michigan copper district. International Vice-President Mahoney, of the Western Federation of Miners, made this announcement here today.
 Mahoney said he himself would go to Washington in a few days to assist Moyer when congress re-convenes January 12.

**KID'S NOISE CAUSED
 BURGLAR TO ESCAPE**

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 31.—"Your kids make too much noise and keep waking up and it is now five o'clock, so I cannot finish the job. Good bye. I see you did not buy a new overcoat."
 The police today are searching for the burglar who pinned the above note to a Christmas tree in the home of A. L. White and escaped with plunder valued at more than \$1200.

**WASHINGTON GLADDEN
 RESIGNS HIS PULPIT**

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 31.—Rev. Dr. Washington Gladden, nationally prominent for his books on sociology, and who refused a donation from John D. Rockefeller, "because it was tainted money," today served his last day as active pastor of the First Congregational church, where he has preached for thirty-one years. Advanced age caused the withdrawal.

**AUTO OWNERS MEET
 SATURDAY AFTERNOON**

The Southern Oregon Auto association will hold a meeting in the basement of the Public Library Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock for the purpose of discussing further plans for contesting the payment of state license held illegal in other states, and outlining other plans. A large attendance is sought.

**BUSH ESTATE \$2,000,000;
 TWO-THIRDS LEFT TO SON**

SALEM, Or., Dec. 31.—The will of Asahel Bush, pioneer banker, disposing of an estate valued at \$2,000,000, is on file for probate today. Asahel N. Bush, a son, in active charge of the Ladd & Bush bank, is left almost two-thirds of the estate.

**DRINKS 4 GALLONS
 OF TEA A DAY
 TO TEST QUALITY**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo has in his employ a young man who is a hard drinker. Moreover, the secretary knows that this young man imbibes freely, and strange as it may seem, pays him because he is a good drinker.
 The young man in question is Geo. F. Mitchell of Washington. But before you form an opinion of this young man and his employer, you should know that he drinks nothing stronger than tea—and that his position is "supervising tea examiner" of the treasury department.
 Up to date he has never been known to test less than four gallons of tea a day. He could tell in his sleep the difference between a cup of Ping Sacy Green, Scented Oriental Pekoe or Foochow Oolong. He can recognize by second nature whether the brand which mildly serves at 5 p. m. is going to fill her with cheer immortalized in literature or with indigo blue, tale, gypsum or barium sulphate.
 Mitchell has seven men in his charge located in New York, Boston, Chicago, St. Paul, Tacoma, San Francisco and Honolulu. Like Mitchell, these men must test several gallons of tea a day to determine whether or not the importations from the far-off tea fields measure up to the official standards set by Mitchell's office.
 Tea is the one article of food which is measured according to a set standard. Twelve grades are selected yearly. Then every chest of tea that enters the United States must conform to these standards—or farewell. The tea drinking determines the quality and fitness for consumption.
 The test for coloring and chemical "facing" is the simple device of Dr. E. Alberts Read of the department of agriculture's bureau of chemistry. She discovered quite by accident one day while testing some teas that the sediment from her samples left a blue mark on paper. She rubbed the tea with a knife. It left a blue smudge. This was further tested and found to indicate invariably the presence of indigo coloring.
 Then she investigated further and found that a black paper would indicate the presence of such "facing" or adulterants, as tale, gypsum, barium sulphate. Now the "Read test" is officially recognized by the supervising tea examiner as the best and simplest manner of determining the presence of impurities. All that is really left for the examiners is to taste for quality.

**OFFERS TO SELL
 HUSBAND FOR \$1000**

BOSTON, Dec. 31.—"As for me, I'd rather have my cat," writes Mrs. Agnes Bedell of Quincy to Miss Mary E. Chandler, in offering to sell her husband for \$1000.
 Mrs. Bedell wrote that she had noticed in the newspapers where Miss Chandler needed a husband to take care of her property and offered her own.
 "I want money to open a boarding house," said Mrs. Bedell.

**MONA LISA SENT
 BACK TO FRANCE**

PARIS, Dec. 31.—The train bearing Leonardo da Vinci's famous painting, "The Gioconda," from Italy back to Paris, crossed the frontier at Modena at dawn today. Curator La Prieur of the Louvre met the train and accepted custody of the picture. The detachment of Italian carabinieri, who had accompanied the train from Rome, were also relieved and a squad of French gendarmes took their places.

**NEW YORK'S LAVISH
 NEW YEAR'S GAIETY**

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Clearing skies and moderating temperature gave promise today of an atmospherically ideal New Years Eve for New York. Advance preparations indicated nineteen fourteen would be ushered into the greater city with a lavish expenditure, perhaps, never equalled. At midnight, when the glasses clink in the costly restaurants, the star of hope, the idealist's beacon of good will, will be turned on for those unfortunates on the Madison Square benches.
 The tango will be allowed in exclusive cafes for the first time in the city.

**OWNER'S NEGLIGENCE
 CAUSE OF FATALITY**

NEWCASTLE, Colo., Dec. 31.—Negligence on the part of Coryell Leasing company, a subsidiary of the Rocky Mountain Fuel company, caused the recent explosion in the Vulcan mine here which resulted in the death of thirty-eight miners, according to the verdict of the coroner's jury returned today.
 The jurors state that the operators did not sprinkle the mine property, permitted the use of open lights, did not forbid smoking by the miners at work and frequently fired shot while miners were working in the shaft.

**John A. Perl
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 28 S. BARTLETT
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 Ambulance Service Deputy Coroner

**GOVERNMENT TO
 PUSH PENDING
 MONOPOLY SUITS**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Pending suits of the government against alleged violators of the Sherman anti-trust law will be pushed to a conclusion in the courts unless new overtures are made by the corporations. No compromises are pending at this time.
 This idea was expressed both by Attorney General McReynolds and by Assistant Attorney General Todd in reply to persistent reports that various suits, notably that against the sugar trust, will be terminated by agreement out of court.
 "The department is not negotiating any settlements in cases that have already been called, although I cannot say what the future will bring. I will say we do not look for a compromise in any of the cases," said the attorney general. "The suit against the sugar combine, so far as I know, will now take its regular course in the courts and will be vigorously pushed."

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