

BRINGING UP FATHER

By George McManus



BIG SETTLEMENT SCHEME STARTED FOR GRANTS PASS

GRANTS PASS, Dec. 26.—The Josephine county Christmas stocking will be filled to overflowing this year for announcement was made today of a half million dollar development program to be undertaken immediately after the first of the year by the Chicago Land company. The Chicago Land company owns some 1800 acres of valley land, the greater part of which lies within the Grants Pass irrigation district. In addition to this there are some 300 acres of the Leonard Estate, on the east side of the Applegate river, which will be included in the development.

The plan, as outlined by J. W. Lucas, when he was here a short time ago, is to divide the lands into five, ten, 15 and 20-acre tracts, clear them, plant alfalfa or clover as is best suited and build a complete set of buildings. These tracts will then be sold to settlers, in an improved condition so that they can start immediately in their farming enterprise. The lands are to be sold on easy terms with deferred payments at a low rate of interest.

Offices are to be established in Grants Pass within a few weeks from which the work will be carried on. Other offices are to be established in the principal cities on the coast. Mr. Leonard's idea also is to establish a connection in every small town in the middle west, these plans to be worked out as the organization grows. The settlers will be interested in the community through the connections established by the Chicago Land company and will result in the bringing of hundreds of new settlers on the lands within the irrigation district.

NEGRO NARCOTIC OFFICER SHOT IN SEATTLE CLUB

SEATTLE, Dec. 26.—P. J. O'Brien, 35 negro, who claims to be working for federal narcotic officers, was shot several times, perhaps fatally, at the Porters' club, 614 Jackson street, at 2:30 o'clock this morning.

Police arrested Edward Dewitt, white, age unknown, who lives at a hotel nearby. Negro bystanders, witnesses of the fight, assert Dewitt attacked O'Brien. Dewitt would not admit that he had shot O'Brien and denied ownership of a revolver, with which he was confronted.

Negro witnesses of the affair also stated that O'Brien, known to them under the name of Kelly, confronted the white man, claiming he was a federal narcotic officer and started to search him. O'Brien, they say, apparently took some money from Dewitt and the white man shouted that he was being robbed, drew a gun and fired. After the shooting he was set upon by the negroes and beaten about the head.

Three silver dollars were found in the pocket of O'Brien's overcoat when he was taken to the station.

Two of the shots went through the negro's abdomen and one hit his arm.

48 YR. OLD BRIDE ILL, TRIAL IS POSTPONED

RIDGEFIELD PARK, N. J., Dec. 26.—Mrs. Burton S. Tucker, 48 year old bride, was reported ill at the home of friends today. Her trial and that of her 17-year-old husband on a charge of perjury in connection with their first marriage last October probably will be deferred until after New Year's it is said. They were married last week at Carthage, N. C.

APPLIGATE

The school closed last Friday to take up again Monday, Dec. 31. This marks the end of three and one-half months of school. This particular Friday will be recalled by the Applegate children as one bright and pleasant spot in their lives. The grade children presented an excellent program, the high school helping a bit. The parents were there to hear what was said and to see the fun.

Now, here is where the fun came in, a Christmas tree had been placed and beautifully decorated by the grade teachers. Names had been drawn and each school child had sent in a present. Candy, plenty of candy, Candy heaped high in sacks. Old Santa was there and talked awhile and passed out. Teachers smiled like little children for they too got presents. After all it is nice to make children happy, once a year at least.

Miss Woods, the high school teacher will spend her vacation with Mrs. McKee and Miss Beebe at their home near Central Point. Mr. Milam will be at home in Medford, phone 575-R.

The basket ball manager has scheduled a game with Butte Falls Jan. 3, on the Butte Falls floor. Butte Falls will play Applegate January 18 on Applegate floor.

New Year's eve at the Applegate hall, that is Dec. 31, the young people will have a good time that night; the older people will also; they always do, you know. Good music has been provided for. The editor of the Medford Mail Tribune is welcome too.

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