

Murder at High Tide

By CHARLES G. BOOTH

SYNOPSIS: Who murdered Dan Parades? His symbol of luck is his phœnix, disappeared shortly before his death. Everyone on an island estate is "suspect." Clues are plentiful, but Parades was hated by all, but fruitful clues are few. Allan Hunt seeks some evidence on his own account. He finds a newspaper with all stains on it—perhaps from a gun. Claude Anneraley had been seen with a similar paper, yet his alibi is good. Anatole Flaque, a French detective, and Samuels, deputy attorney, seem baffled. On a rose Flaque finds blood stains which are traced by a hound-dog chief to Gringore, a hired man. The detective wonder if Gringore is shielding Anneraley.

Chapter 14
WHOM IT MAY CONCERN
YOU did a good job with that handkerchief," Samuels conceded. "I'll keep it, if you don't mind."
"I am the principal agent of la merite," Flaque answered. "Let us proceed with our clues. That blackness on the carpet there—"
"Crude oil," Kirk informed us. "Somebody tramped it in here."
"We'll check on that," Samuels grunted. "And then there's the phœnix."

"It is another of the little mysteries," Flaque continued volubly. "And that price ticket for 35 cents in the dead hand of monsieur—that is yet another."



Flaque told of "those desperate ones" who escaped from Devil's Island.

The little man beamed upon Samuels. "But we have our clues. Come, I shall be your inward eye and you shall be the outward eye."
"Fair enough," Samuels grinned. "You might begin by telling us what brought you to San Lucas."
Flaque chuckled. "You have me there, my friend. I have been at the house three times during the past four months. It is an old story—25 years old. I speak of the robbery of the Banque du Midi. You do not remember that robbery. And why should you? You have them every hour. But in my France c'est different. We have our artists of the crime. Such were those little ones, Jules Lacote, Clecron Bec, and le Balafre, the Bearded One."

"Bec and le Balafre," Samuels muttered. "Those names sound familiar."

"Ah, you think of those desperate ones who escaped from l'ile du Diable seven months ago. Those are the two. In June of 1904, those three robbed the Banque du Midi in Marseilles. A million francs were secured and a patron of the bank who attempted resistance was shot. That patron—a merchant of an antique, like M. Hunt—died the next day. I shall tell you about him. Well, those three got away. It was then attached to the Marseilles police and I was directed to secure their apprehension."

"Soon I received an information concerning two of those three—Clecron Bec and le Balafre. There was a combat, but those rascals were overcome and we took them away. But what of Jules Lacote? Messieurs, I cannot tell you."

"Well, those canaille were sentenced to l'ile du Diable, where France sends her little ones to repent of their sins. But of Lacote and that million francs we hear nothing since. But what has all this to do with Anatole Flaque in the home of M. Parades?"
Flaque paused dramatically; and then, "Messieurs, I am here because of that jade phœnix."

"We could not have been more startled," Samuels shook his head. "Where does the phœnix come from?" he demanded tersely.

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Al. G. Barnes has arranged a program for the 1930 tour, which is said to surpass all previous efforts. The Al. G. Barnes circus will give two exhibitions on Monday, May 19, at 2 p. m. and 8 p. m.

CENTRAL POINT PLAY SET FOR MAY 23RD

CENTRAL POINT, Ore., May 16.—(Special)—The senior play, "Why Smith Left Home," will be given on the evening of May 23. The plot centers around the difficulties that arise from visits of too many relatives of a newly-married couple.

The cast is as follows: Mr. Smith, Louis Straube; Mrs. Smith, May Elcher; Miss Smith, Ruth Webster; Major Duncombe, Marion Caster; Count von Guggenheim, Fred Virtue; Julia, Elizabeth Scott; Elsie, Loomis Davidson; Mrs. Bulliboux, Glen Wilson; Rose Walton, Edna Wolff; Bob Walton, Robert Loesch and Lavinia Daly, Delpha Milton.

The cast is working hard under the coaching of Mr. Jewett.

TALENT IRRIGATION TRANSFORMS LAND

(By Mary O. Carey)
EDEN PRECINCT, May 16.—(Spl.)—On Monday of this week I was taken over to the little place belonging to S. P. Hunter just west of the depot at Phoenix. I found a nice modern home with as fine a young orchard surrounding it as I have seen in the valley for the age of the tree.

The five-year-old apricot and peach trees were loaded and they had been heavily thinned. Mr. Hunter has all kinds of berry and grape vines, all in bearing. All of that section has been transformed since the Talent Irrigation company put water on the land. There are fine fields of alfalfa and Landino clover and acres of peaches and other fruit trees, all looking fine.

PAT SWAYNE'S DEATH SADDENS APPLLEGATE

APPLLEGATE, Ore., May 16.—(Spl.)—Friends of this vicinity were saddened by the death of "Pat" Swayne, May 16, at the home of his daughter, Miss Hazel Swayne of Medford.

Mr. Swayne was a former resident of the Applegate district, coming here 37 years ago. He made his home here all of that time. He was buried at Jacksonville cemetery, Monday, May 12.

The entire neighborhood feels the loss of a very good friend and wish to extend their deepest sympathy to the bereaved family.

LIGHTNING FIRES TREE IN APPLLEGATE DISTRICT

APPLLEGATE, Ore., May 16.—(Spl.)—A lightning fire was reported Monday afternoon at the Star ranger station. It proved to be a hollow pine tree about four feet in diameter in the Copper vicinity.

The tree was burning about 20 feet high and was not put out until the next morning, although it did not spread. Ranger Lee Port will station a lookout man at Tallow-box within the next few days.

EDEN PRECINCT SCOUTS PERFORM KINDLY DEED

EDEN PRECINCT, Ore., May 16.—(Special)—Sixteen Boy Scouts volunteered to set out a couple of acres of tomato plants for Carl Madden, last Wednesday evening. Mr. Madden has been very ill with pneumonia and is just able to sit up. The Madden place is just across the highway from the Ever Shady auto park.

Mrs. Madden in telling your correspondent of the kindness of the scouts, expressed her deep appreciation of the kindly help.

SARDINE CREEK WOMAN SUFFERS BROKEN ARM

SARDINE CREEK, Ore., May 16.—(Special)—Mrs. George Ring had the misfortune to have her arm broken last Saturday while cranking their truck.

HUMDINGER MINE HAS ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT

WILLIAMS CREEK, Ore., May 16.—(Special)—At the Humdinger mine, on Williams creek, new machinery installed recently includes an air compressor and a pump to bring the water from the bottom of the shaft.



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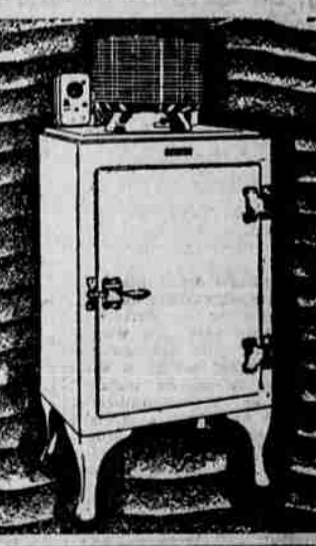
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In response to many requests, the organist will play "Humoresque," "Away Down South in Heaven" and "The Pilgrim's Chorus," while the male quartet will offer "Old MacDonald's Farm" and their well known yodel numbers.

This program is sponsored by the Spicy Pick Co.

WILLIAMS GRANGE TO MEET SATURDAY NIGHT

WILLIAMS CREEK, Ore., May 16.—(Spl.)—Williams Grange will hold regular meeting Saturday evening at Williams Community hall. Potluck supper at 7:30 p. m. There is a class to be given in Bird and fish degrees, besides other business.

The Josephine county Pomona Grange will meet with the Williams Grange, May 31, at 7:30 p. m. This meeting will be open to the public as Governor Norblad will be present and will be the principal speaker of the evening. Alf White Master Palmer will be present to speak.

Everybody is invited. Potluck supper will be served at 7:20 p. m.