

# Murder at High Tide

By CHARLES G. BOOTH

**SYNOPSIS:** Four play is suggested when Caroline Brent mysteriously disappears from the gaze into the Parados' death. A strange party opens out. Alvin Hunt, in love with Caroline, hears her scream when he enters a room in the Parados' home. A man leaps at him and he is knocked unconscious. Waking up, Hunt remembers the man's face. It was to be expected, one of the French convicts who had come to the island during the war for Parados, whom they believed their betrayer of 23 years ago. Hunt has a hunch they have taken Caroline to an old fishing village at one end of the island. Telling a maid to notify others of the searching party, he races there, only to find no trace of anyone.

### Chapter 35

#### THREE MEN OF BABYLON

I SHOOK myself. That wouldn't do. I had not given the place a chance. If the cave had been the destination of the convicts their launch was out there somewhere.

The wharf attracted me. I started along it, cautiously picking my way over the rotten planking. I moved with absolute quietness. The wharf was some 55 feet wide and perhaps 200 feet long. Several dilapidated sheds occupied the lower end of it.

Suddenly I stopped. I had to stop. The wharf was broken in two. Where I now stood, some hundred feet from the beach, the planking had collapsed. A gap perhaps ten feet wide separated the two sections. It was impossible to get across the gap, except by swimming or boat. The lower half, where the sheds stood, formed a little island—a little fortress.

Just then I saw a light.

A mere thread of a light it was. In a twinkling it had gone. I breathed deeply, gratefully. They were there and Caroline was with them. Not a shadow of a doubt lingered in my mind. How was I to get her away from them?

As my eyes drilled into the darkness something heaved itself up, stood erect and became the figure of a man. I dropped, my heart in my throat.

I supposed he was either Be Lafre or Bec; then I heard the faint dripping of his garments as he wrung them and I knew better. He would be Fliquo or Samuels—the former, I hoped. A breaker sloshed around the piling just then and he did not hear my low whistle. By the time the water had subsided, he had moved down the wharf and passed from sight.

Slipping out of my shoes and overcoat, I let myself down over the edge of the wharf, which was some four feet above the water. Then I hooked my right arm around one of the piles and slid cautiously down it. I clung to a pile for an instant. The tide was ebbing fast.

Letting go, I was swept along 25 feet or so, when I anchored myself to another pile—the one up which the man had climbed, I thought, as several cross pieces were nailed upon it, forming a ladder. My hand was upon one of these cross pieces when I heard a voice. What it said I could not make out, but a penetrating metallic quality in its tone recalled to my mind the livid face of Be Lafre.

The voice was blown toward me through the piling from a point somewhere under the wharf and I listened. The gurgle of the water was all I heard, but I did see something. A barricade of planking was erected against two of the center piles in a cross-wise direction. I thought the planking made a right angle turn and ran lengthwise with the wharf.

I knew in a flash what it was. The convicts had built an oblong enclosure large enough to give their launch secret harborage, or they had found some sort of an enclosure there and adapted it to their needs. The latter, probably.

A carelessly erected barricade of rotting planking beneath a ruined wharf would not be apt to attract the attention of anyone putting casually into the cove. It was not unlikely, indeed, that they had broken the gap in the wharf to isolate themselves more effectively.

A trap would connect the enclosure with one of the sheds on the wharf, I supposed, and it occurred to me that I could not do better than make use of it. Fliquo—or Samuels—would have his hands full, as I doubted if either Be Lafre or Bec would be taken alive.

Striking out for the barricade, I found finger and toe hold in the planking—as I had surmised it had been thrown together with deliberate carelessness—and hoisted myself to the top, which was some two feet below the wharf.

Inside the enclosure the launch I had expected to find, a powerful speedy-looking craft, swung at its moorings. A rectangle of light descended from a trap in the floor of

## News Notes of Pomona and Subordinate Grange Chapters Given by Official Reporters

(Edited by Gertrude Haak.)

**Grange Calendar**  
(For this week.)  
State Grange convention June 10 to 13, inclusive, Redmond, Oregon.  
Lake Creek Thursday, June 12, 8:30 p. m.  
Jacksonville, Friday, June 13, 8:30 p. m.  
Enterprise, Saturday, June 14, 10 a. m.  
Live Oaks, Monday, June 16, 8 p. m.

**Grange Motto.**  
In essentials, unity;  
In non-essentials, liberty;  
In all things, charity.

**Come and Visit Us.**

We, the Grangers of Jackson county, have visited with you in Baker, Coquille, Rainier, Myrtle Point and have enjoyed your hospitality and courtesy.

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Come to Medford in June, 1931.

Signed, JACKSON COUNTY GRANGERS.

**Delegates at Redmond.**

There has been a general exodus of delegates and others from Jackson county to the State Grange convention. Among those going are C. F. Davies, state steward and William Perry and wife from Eagle Point; Albert Straus, Pomona master and wife, and R. E. Nealon from Sams Valley; John Anderson and wife of Central Point; Theodore Sims and wife, Henry Conger and wife and C. C. Hoover and wife from Jacksonville; Mrs. Alma Meyers and Beth Farlow from Lake Creek; O. M. Goddard from Talent; Oscar Shepard and wife from Rogue River and R. N. Bowen from Wimer.

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**The Granges of Jackson County, Invite the State Grange to Medford in June 1931.**

Jackson County Pomona Grange—Master, Albert Straus; secretary, Mrs. Gertrude Haak; lecturer, Mrs. Lela Shepard.

Enterprise Grange—Master, J. H. Bowen.

Live Oak Grange—Master, Oscar Shepard.

Eagle Point Grange—Master, A. C. Mittelsteadt.

Sams Valley Grange—Master, R. E. Nealon.

Lake Creek Grange—Master, Reed Charley.

Central Point Grange—Master, John Anderson.

Talent Grange—Master, O. M. Goddard.

Jacksonville Grange—Master, Theodore Sims.

The best will be none to good for you if you come to Medford in June, 1931.

**We Invite You to Medford, 1931**

The eight Granges of Jackson county are scattered all over its territory, taking in nearly every section of this county which is noted for its wonderful fruits, its dairying, its cattle and its sheep, its chicken farms, its rabbit farms, its truck gardens, its turkey farms, its wonderful climate and soil which make all of the above possible; its splendid homes surrounded by beautiful flowers, its fine rivers and streams and the best fishing ever, its many fine camp grounds, equipped with the best in cabins, and all modern conveniences, its many fine small cities and towns all centered around Medford, which has a population of over 11,000 and is one of the finest, wide-awake towns in the west.

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The Jackson County Pomona and the eight subordinate Granges invite the State Grange to meet with us in June, 1931.

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### The Granges of Jackson County

The eight Granges of Jackson county, together with the Pomona, the county unit, constitute eight large groups of people in eight separate communities in the county, working diligently for the best interests of the agricultural people (not only of the county, but of the state and nation) and for the best interests of all the common people of the nation.

Just who are the common people? Probably all of those who are not sufficiently rich, sufficiently powerful, to buy their way through life, or powerful enough to dictate to business, to legislatures and law-making bodies, also to law enforcement bodies, in the aggregate or individually. Or powerful enough or rich enough to put their foot on the necks of the common people and make them "stay put" as they would on a worm.

But history shows that the worm sometimes turns, then bites or stings or in some way makes his presence known in an unpleasant way, to the great discomfiture of the powerful ones.

When a million or so of these worms resent being stepped on and turn and flock in myriads over these powerful and dictatorial ones, then things begin to happen. As you talk how the flea defied the lion by getting in his ear and getting busy.

The Granges of Jackson county and the Granges all over the nation are working for the common good of all. This united effort on the part of thousands of earnest people is getting results, not spectacular, but steady and sure. We are climbing the ladder of "equality of all the people" and their constitutional rights.

Equality under the law, to life, liberty and happiness and an equal chance to make a comfortable living.

Slowly and surely are we climbing this ladder, getting nearer and nearer the top, and at last we can begin to see over the apparently unmountainable difficulties of yesterday. But this is no time to rest. It still means work, work, work and constant vigilance.

**Eagle Point Grange.**

Eagle Point Grange met in regular session on Tuesday evening, June 3, at 8:30 p. m., with a very large attendance present. Many visitors were present from Central Point Grange and Sams Valley Grange.

A juvenile program was put on under the direction of Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Mollie Burges, and Mrs. Ross Smith, and consisted of songs, recitations and a couple of folk dances. The children did very well, as they always do. The program was much enjoyed.

The first and second degrees were conferred on a class of 13. We are very glad to welcome these new members into our Grange and hope the associations of the new members with the old may prove pleasant and beneficial to all.

The third and fourth degrees will be exemplified on a large class at the next meeting, June 17. We hope for a large attendance.

Also at that meeting, our returning delegates from the state convention will give their reports of the convention. Everyone will want to hear these reports. We hope they will be able to report that the State Grange will meet in Medford in June, 1931.

The legislative committee did not report with a discussion of the cabinet form of government, as announced, due to the lateness of the hour. However, they expect to have I. R. Kline discuss this measure at the next meeting.

At each meeting some member of the legislative committee will discuss some measure that will appear on the ballot at the next election. Some discussion will be on measures that will not be on the ballot, but on which it is well that the members should be posted.

We are glad to report that the people's utility district bill, which we hope to see on the ballot this fall has been received from the supreme court of Oregon with the decision that the title is O. K. We hope no time will be lost in getting this petition filed with the secretary and returned to the state secretary so that it may appear on the ballot this fall.

C. F. Davies, who has been circulating the petition for the amendment, has gone to attend the state grange meeting and has turned the petition over to Mrs. Gertrude Haak. We have to get this petition filed and returned in short order.

Quite a large number of our members attended the meeting of the Central Point Grange last Friday night. This was the first meeting held in their new hall, which is splendidly equipped and should prove a real joy to the members. We congratulate the Central Point Grange on their success and co-operation in Grange work.

We also witnessed the exemplification of the first and second degrees by the Central Point "first" degree team, who did the work very well. We were particularly impressed with the way in which the lectures were given.

**Lake Creek Grange.**  
Mrs. Alma Meyer and Miss Beth Farlow left early Monday morning for Redmond, Oregon, where they will attend the 57th annual session of Oregon State Grange.

Miss Farlow is alternate delegate from the Lake Creek Grange. Mrs. Meyer attended the session at Myrtle Point last June as alternate delegate from the same Grange.

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## SAMS VALLEY GRANGE TRIES LECTURE STUNT

(By E. H. Strohmeyer)  
Sams Valley Grange has its points of interest and one was featured last Saturday night. The Grange lecturer with a twinkle in her eye, said that lecture hour should be 50 percent educational, and it was carried out 100 percent, by answering to the roll call to name some government official, from president down to traffic cop.

The Sams Valley Grangers are a very keen class of farmers and figure it to be to their interest to know all the traffic officers around Medford and vicinity. You could have gotten into a discussion as to just who is governor of Oregon at the present time.

## KNIGHTS PYTHIAS IN BUSINESS MEET

Talisman Lodge No. 31, Knights of Pythias, held a short business meeting in their hall last night, with seven past-chancellors present. One re-instatement was accepted.

Dan Woolver of Laurel Lodge No. 7 of Albany, Ore., and O. E. Allen of Myrtle Lodge No. 36 of McComb, Miss., were visitors. Both gave interesting talks.

A special business meeting of Fuhat Burkan Temple No. 221, D. O. K. K., was announced for next Thursday night. A new secretary will be elected at this meeting to fill the vacancy caused by the recent death of E. W. Jaqua. Plans

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## The Noted Dead

HEIDELBERG, Germany, June 10.—(AP)—Adolf Von Harnack, German Theologian, died today after a fortnight's illness.

**Elk Leader Honored.**  
ASHLAND, Ky., June 10.—(AP)—Walter P. Andrews, of Atlanta, grand exalted ruler of the Elks, was appointed a colonel on the staff of Governor Sampson of Kentucky at a state convention of Elks here last night.

**Notice of Annual School Meeting.**  
Notice is hereby given to the legal voters of School District No. 43 of Jackson County, State of Oregon, that the Annual School Meeting of said District will be held at the Junior High School, to begin at the hour of 2:00 p. m. and continuing to 7:00 p. m. on the third Monday of June, being the 14th day of June, A. D. 1930.

This meeting is called for the purpose of electing two directors to serve a term of three years, and the transaction of business usual at such meetings.

Dated this 5th day of June, 1930.  
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