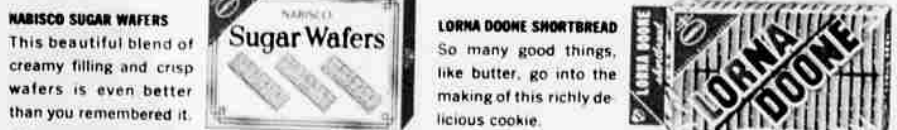




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FIG NEWTONS



WHY STOP THE FUN WITH ONLY ONE? THEY'RE PURE NABISCO COOKIES!



by William T. Brannon

THE BODY of James Morrow, 21, was found on the street less than a block from his home in Portland, Ore., by a milkman at 4:30 a.m. A bullet had lodged in his skull. Morrow's wallet contained \$20, so robbery as a motive was ruled out.

Young Morrow was well known in Portland because of his football exploits, first in high school, later as captain of the team at the Portland Iron Works where he had been employed.

The victim had spent the previous evening with the girl he was engaged to marry and apparently was slain shortly after he got off a streetcar and started walking home. Residents of the block had heard a shot at 12:15 a.m., which was fixed as the time of the crime.

Police quickly learned that at least two persons could have had a motive for murdering Morrow. One was a former suitor of his fiancée. Though he knew of her engagement to Morrow, he had refused to give her up and still tried to see her. But he proved that he was on the other side of the city at 12:15, and was cleared.

The other suspect was also a popular football player who had wanted to be captain of the iron-works team. When Morrow had won out at a plant election, he became so angry he quit his job.

Police went to his room and found a .32 caliber revolver with two bullets missing. But the young man gave a satisfactory alibi and was definitely cleared when the fatal bullet proved to be a .44 caliber.

When no other clues could be found, detectives began canvassing the neighborhood. They talked to dozens of people before they finally found one who had been returning home after midnight. He told of seeing two strangers walking toward the bridge over the Willamette River which bisects the city.

He said one of the men was short and stocky; the other was tall and slender and talked in a soft voice, with a Southern accent. He also said that both wore brown top-coats and black hats.

Having no other leads, the detectives followed the trail of the two men. They had stopped at a saloon not far from the bridge.

The bridge tender said he had talked to the two men, one of whom had thrown something into the river. The bridge tender had reminded him that it was illegal to toss articles off the bridge. The man with the Southern accent explained it was an empty whiskey bottle and apologized. They had left then, saying they were going somewhere to eat.

"Those are our boys," said one of the officers. "We're on the right trail."

They canvassed restaurants and found a blonde waitress who had served the two men. She said the short, stocky man had asked her for a date and she had finally agreed, bringing a girl friend for the tall Southerner. But the date

The Clue That Splashed

One of the two men tossed an object into the river.

was called off when the men failed to receive some money they had expected and were unable to pay for an evening's outing.

The girl knew only their first names. The short one was called Jack; the tall man, Bill. She didn't know where they lived, but thought it was somewhere in the vicinity.

THE DETECTIVES canvassed other saloons and learned that the pair had visited several, though nobody knew who they were. At one place, the bartender had noticed them because they had stared at a man known as a gambler who usually carried several hundred dollars in cash. When the gambler left the saloon, they followed.

But they hadn't harmed him; he was back the following night.

Next, the detectives canvassed lodging houses. After many failures, they found a landlady who recognized the men from their descriptions. She said they were Jack Wade and William Dalton, and were very persuasive. Though she normally required payment in advance, they had talked her into renting them a room on credit "until they received a large sum of money they were expecting."

The men still lived there, so they were arrested and taken to headquarters. They were not questioned until the bridge tender and others positively identified them as the two strangers who had been in the vicinity of the murder area.

Wade and Dalton then confessed, each blaming the other for the fatal shot. They said they had watched the gambler flash a

big roll in the saloon and had followed with the intention of robbing him. They had lost him temporarily, then had seen a man they thought was the gambler as he was boarding a streetcar.

They followed. Leaving the streetcar behind, they held him up on the dimly lighted street and discovered their mistake. In the excitement, the gun was fired, killing James Morrow. They had left quickly, without robbing him, and had stopped at a saloon to steady their nerves. Then they crossed the bridge, tossing the gun into the river.

Wade and Dalton were convicted of murder and hanged on Jan. 31, 1902. But before they went to the gallows, they asked the detectives how they had been caught.

"It took plenty of leg work," said Detective Joe Day, who had led the investigation. "You were seen on the street where Morrow was killed. After that, we followed the Southern accent."

"Well, other people were on the street that night," Wade said. "Why were you so sure it was us?"

"We weren't," Day said. "until we talked to the bridge tender. We figured you had thrown the gun into the river."

"Why?" Wade persisted. "The bridge tender didn't see what it was. We told him it was an empty whiskey bottle."

"That's what tripped you up. We didn't think you had a whiskey bottle."

"What made you think that?"

"You bought several drinks in a saloon. You wouldn't have done that if you'd had a bottle of your own."

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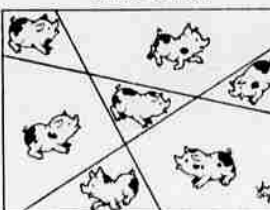
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