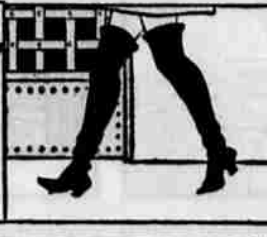


KLAMATH FALLS, OREGON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1963

DICK TRACY



CRIMESTOPPERS TEXTBOOK

I GOT MY BIKE BACK.

A REMINDER

IF YOU RECEIVE CHRISTMAS GIFTS SUCH AS WATCHES, BICYCLES, CAMERAS, ETC., TAKE THE SERIAL NUMBERS DOWN, IN CASE OF THEFT.

AT LAST THAT MURDEROUS MISGUIDED GENIUS WHO DEALT IN HUMAN HEARTS IS BROUGHT TO BAY.

CIGARETTE?

THIS HAS BEEN ONE OF THE MOST DEPRESSING CASES I HAVE EVER WORKED ON! THANK GOODNESS, IT'S ALMOST CLOSED.

"ALMOST" IS RIGHT. WE STILL HAVEN'T FOUND THE BODY OF DOCTOR ORTA.

MAYBE NOW YOUR FOLKS WILL HAVE TIME TO DO YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING. LIL DROPOUT AND I HAVE FINISHED OURS.

LIL DROPOUT COULDN'T WAIT TO USE THE NEW BOX OF PAINTS I BOUGHT FOR HIM.

I MADE THAT "MERRY CHRISTMAS" CARD, AND HE'S COPYING IT.

Little Orphan Annie

"NO SANTA CLAUS! THANK GOD! HE LIVES AND HE LIVES FOREVER!" FRANK CHURCH ("IS THERE A SANTA CLAUS?" N.Y. SUN, 21 SEPT, 1897)

I CAN'T REMEMBER! I JUST CAN'T REMEMBER ANYTHING!

SURE YOU CAN, ANNIE! WHAT ABOUT CHRISTMAS?

CHRISTMAS! CHRISTMAS! SOMEHOW THAT DOES RING A BELL, FAINTLY!

OF COURSE IT DOES, WITH ALMOST EVERYONE!

EVER HEAR OF SANTA CLAUS?

SANTA CLAUS?

SANTA CLAUS! A LITTLE FAT GUY, WITH REINDEER AND A SLED?

THAT'S THE FELLOW I HAD IN MIND!

THAT GUY! SURE! Y'HANG UP YER STOCKING AND GO T'SLEEP.....

GO ON, ANNIE!

... WHEN Y'WAKE UP SANTA CLAUS HAS BEEN THERE AN' YOU'VE GOT PRESENTS!

IS IT ALWAYS THAT WAY?

WELL, THAT DEPENDS! IF YOU'VE BEEN A GOOD KID, YOU COLLECT REAL BIG!

RIGHT! BUT IF YOU HAVEN'T BEEN GOOD?

EVEN THEN, I GUESS SANTA UNDERSTANDS AND SORT O' FIGGERS Y'VE NOT BEEN TOO BAD!

VERY TRUE!

POOR LITTLE TYKE! SOUND ASLEEP WITH A SMILE ON HER LIPS! BUT HER MEMORY HAS COME BACK!

IS IT MEMORY, OR SOMETHING DEEPER?

BUT SHE DOES REMEMBER SANTA CLAUS!

SANTA CLAUS? FOR ALL CHILDREN HE GOES BEYOND MEMORY!

SANTA CLAUS IS THE SYMBOL OF SELFLESS GIVING THAT ALL DECENT FOLKS NEVER FORGET! SLEEP OUR DARLING, AND DREAM THE BEAUTIFUL DREAMS THAT SANTA CLAUS MAKES COME TRUE!

HAROLD GRAY