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commence the publication of the ac-
count of the birth, life, crucifixion and
resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth, in-
cluding Jonathan's report to the San-
hedrin at Jerusalem, of his interview
with the shepherds of Bethlehem, Ge-
malie's report to the Sanhedrin, of
his interview with Joseph and Mary in
regard to their child Jesus, and his in-
terview with Mary and Martha; Ca-
iaph's report to the Sanhedrin, giving
his reason for the execution of Jesus,
and his second report to the Sanhedrin
in regard to the resurrection of Jesus;
Eli's story of the magi, and the Hillel
letters regarding God's providence to
the Jews, all taken from the ancient
parchments and scrolls at Constanti-
nople; also Pilate's report to the Ro-
man senate of Jesus' frequent visits to
the pretorium (Pilate's palace) their
friendly relation and the effort he made
to prevent his execution; Herod Anti-
pater's defense before the Roman sen-
ate concerning his execution of John
the Baptist and other charges, taken
from the ancient scrolls and parch-
ments at the vatican, Rome.

If the readers will preserve their
copies of the paper until the narrative
is complete they will have an authentic
account concerning Jesus of Nazareth
in greater detail than can be had from
any other source.

Report of Jonathan's interview with
the shepherds of Bethlehem concerning
the great excitement the night Jesus
of Nazareth was born:

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Order No. 2.

Jonathan, son of Hegiel, investigates
the shepherds and others of Bethlehem
in regard to the strange circumstances
reported to have occurred there, and
reports to this court: Jonathan to the
Masters of Israel, servants of the true
God: In obedience to your order I
met two men who said they were
shepherds and were watching their
flocks near Bethlehem. They told me
that while attending to their sheep,
the night being cold and chilly, some
of them had made fires to warm them-
selves, and some of them had laid
down and were asleep; that they were
awakened by those that were keeping
watch with the question, "what does
all this mean? Behold how bright it
is;" that when they were awakened it
was as bright as day. But they knew
it was not daylight for it was only the
third watch. All at once the air seemed
to be filled with human voices singing
"Glory, Glory, to the Most High God;
happy art thou Bethlehem for God
hath fulfilled his promise to the fathers,
for in thy chamber is born the King
that shall reign in righteousness." Their
shoutings would rise up in the
heavens and would then sink down in
mellow strains and roll along the foot
of the mountains, and die away in the
most soft and musical manner they
had ever heard; that it would begin
again high up in the heavens, in the
very vaults of the sky, and descend in
sweet and melodious strains so that
they could not keep from shouting and
at the same time. The light would
seem to burst forth high up in the
heavens and then descend in softer rays
and light up the hills and valleys, mak-
ing more visible than the light of the
sun, though it was not so brilliant but
more clear like the brightest moon. I
asked them how they felt, if they were
not afraid. They said at first they
were, but after awhile it seemed to
calm their spirits, and so fill their
hearts with love and humility that
they felt more like giving thanks than
anything else. They said it was around
the whole city, and some of the people
were almost scared to death. Some
said the world was on fire; some said
the gods were coming down to destroy
them; others said a star had fallen;
until Melker, the priest, came out
shouting and clapping his hands, seem-
ing to be frantic with joy. The people
all came crowding around him and he
told them it was a sign that God was
coming to fulfill his promise made to
their father Abraham. He told us
that fourteen hundred years before
God had appeared to Abraham and told
him to put all Israel under bonds--sac-
red bonds of obedience; and if they
would be faithful, he would give them
a Savior to redeem from sin, and that
he would give them eternal life, and
that they should hunger no more; that
the time of their suffering should
cease for ever more; and that the sign
of his coming would be that light
would shine from on high and the
angels would announce his coming, and
their voices should be heard in the city,
and the people should rejoice; and a
virgin that was pure should travail in
pain and bring forth her first born, and
he should rule all flesh by sanctifying
it and making it obedient. After Mel-
ker had addressed the people in a loud
voice he and all the old Jews went into
the synagogue and remained there
praising God and giving thanks.

I went to see Melker, who stated
to me much the same as the shepherds
had reported. He told me that he had
lived in India and that his father had
been priest at Antioch; that he had

studied the sacred rolls all his life, and
that he knew the time had come from
signs given for God to visit and save
the Jews from Roman oppression and
from their sins; and as evidence he
showed me many quotations on the
tripod respecting the matter. He said
that the next day three strangers from
a great distance called on him, and
they went in search of the child; and
they found him and his mother in the
mouth of the cave where there was a
shelter projecting out for the shelter-
ing of sheep; that his mother was mar-
ried to a man named Joseph, and she
related to them the history of her
child, saying that an angel had visited
her and told her that she should have a
son, and she should call him Jesus, for
he should redeem his people from their
sins; and he should rule all nations of
the earth, and that all nations should
call her blessed forevermore. Whether
this is true or not remains to be proven
in the future. There have been so
many imposters in the world, so many
babes born under pretended miracles
and all have proven to be a failure,
that this one may be false; but as Mel-
ker says, there never has been a case
before with such apparent divine man-
ifestations as has been seen on this oc-
casion. In the past where virgins pre-
tended to be with child by the Holy
Ghost, but at the time of their deliv-
ery there was no light from the
heavens, no angels talking among the
clouds declaring that this was the
King of the Jews. And as to the truth
of these things, the whole of the people
of Bethlehem testify to having seen it,
and the Roman guards also came out
and asked what it meant and they
showed by their actions that they were
very much alarmed. These things Melker
says are all declared in the Scriptures
to be the sign of his coming. Melker
is a man of great learning and well
versed in the prophecies and he sends
you (the Sanhedrin) this letter refer-
ring to the prophecies:

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SUMMONS.

In the Circuit Court of the State of
Oregon, for Malheur County.
Mathias B. Priest, Plaintiff, vs.
Molly Priest, Defendant.

To Molly Priest:
IN THE NAME OF THE STATE
OF OREGON, You are hereby required
to appear and answer the complaint
filed against you in the above entitled
Court and Cause, on or before the ex-
piration of the time prescribed in the
order authorizing service of summons
upon you, to wit:

On or before the expiration of six
weeks from the date of the first publi-
cation of this summons upon you. If
you fail to answer for want thereof,
plaintiff will apply to the Court for
the relief prayed for in the com-
plaint, namely, for the dissolution of
the marriage relation between plain-
tiff and defendant herein, for the ex-
clusive care and custody of three minor
children, existing by virtue of said
marriage, namely, Eva, Gerald and
Virgil, and for such other and further
relief as to the Court may seem just
and equitable.

This summons is served upon you,
pursuant to an order of Dalton Biggs,
Circuit Judge of Malheur County, Ore-
gon, duly made and entered on March
9, 1916.
R. W. SWAGLER,
Attorney for Plaintiff.
Date of first publication May 12, 1916
Date of last publication June 23, 1916

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.
Homestead No. 03961.
Department of the Interior,
U. S. Land Office at Vale, Oregon,
May 4, 1916.
Notice is hereby given that Antonio
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21 South, Range 45 East, Willamette
Meridian, has filed notice of intention
to make final commutation proof, to
establish claim to the land above de-
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U. S. Land Office, at Vale, Oregon, on
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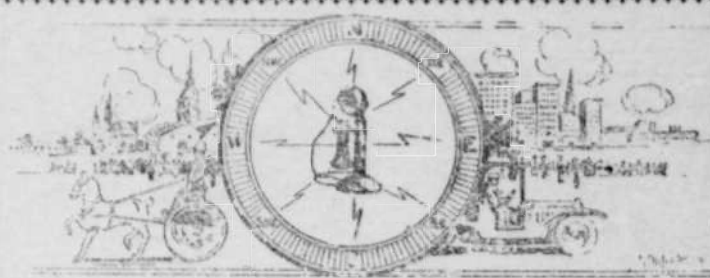
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