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## PEARY WILL LOOK FOR THE SOUTH POLE

### FEARS COOK MET WITH FOUL PLAY

Brother of Explorer Thinks He Has Been Kidnaped and Met With Foul Play.

### ONLY FEW RECORDS SENT TO DENMARK

Last Heard From Cook Was a Letter Dated "On Board Ship"—Outlined Plans of Presenting Data to the University of Copenhagen and Its Faculty.

ined his plans, which had largely to do with the presentation of his polar data to the committee of the University of Copenhagen. In the letter he told me that only a few of his records had been sent to the committee. He stated further that the originals of these records, and many more important documents, were being carried to Copenhagen. He feared those in Lonsdale's possession would be stolen. "His failure to meet Lonsdale in Copenhagen to deliver these records has led me to the belief that something has happened to him. There is no reason to believe he would not have met Lonsdale, according to his original intention."

Police Still Looking for Bandit.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]

Los Angeles, Dec. 23.—The theory that Leslie Harris, the young attorney who is in jail here charged with robbing the safe of Don McFarland last Sunday, may be the San Francisco bandit who recently terrorized San Francisco, was exploded today when the police compared the description of the bandit sent by the authorities at San Francisco with that of Harris.

After an investigation the police here concluded that there is no possibility of Harris being the bandit.

According to the description received here the desperado is of slender build, and about five feet 11 inches in height. Harris is six feet two and is heavily built. Harris was in Los Angeles a week before he was arrested here and during that time the San Francisco bandit did another job.

Harris probably will pass Christmas in jail as he has been unable to secure the \$3,000 bail necessary for his release.

### FAILING TO MAKE HIS CLAIM TO DISCOVERING THE NORTH POLE STICK WILL GO SOUTH

Washington, D. C., Dec. 23.—Commander Robert E. Peary today informed the United Press that he intends to seek the south pole. He intimated that he will organize an expedition as soon as he has completed the magazine work on which he is now engaged.

### VAUDEVILLE ACTOR IS IN TROUBLE

Oakland, Cal., Dec. 23.—Claude Black, who is said to be a vaudeville actor, and Ruth Ward, 15 years of age, were placed under arrest here today, following the receipt of advices from Lindsay, Tulare county, California. The advices stated that Black is wanted in Lindsay to answer felony charges, and for "running away" with Miss Ward. The girl's parents live in Collinsville, Okla., where her father is a notary public. She recently went to Lindsay to visit a sister, and there met Black. The couple will be returned to Lindsay.

### Will Be Buried at Brandon.

Jackson, Miss., Dec. 23.—The funeral of Senator McLaurin, of Mississippi, who died at his home last night, will be held at Brandon, Miss., and will be unostentatious in every respect.

### PRAYS TO BE RELEASED FROM WEDLOCK

Four years of happy married life, and then came the break, and affection died and two lives were plunged into a separate existence is the story told in a complaint for divorce filed in the circuit court today by Mason Mickenham against his wife, Mary Mickenham.

The marriage, the husband says in his complaint occurred in the city of Salem on November 23, 1904, and they lived happily together until one day in July, 1908, at Turner, Ore., trouble came, but the complaint does not say what, and the wife left the husband. Shortly after that, he says, he came to Salem in search of employment, and after securing it sent for her to join him, but she declined to come. Ever since they have lived separate and apart and the husband now asks that a decree of divorce be given him, making that separation permanent.

N children resulted from the union, nor are there any property rights to be adjudicated between the parties.

### ROOSEVELT PARTY CHANGES LOCATION

(By a staff correspondent of the United Press.)

Kamata, Uganda, B. E. A., Dec. 23.—Colonel Roosevelt and his party left here this afternoon for Lake Nyanza after spending two days in the Ugandan capital.

Dadi Ohwa, the 12-year-old king of Uganda, presented the former president with many valuable ivory ornaments prior to his departure and waved good bye to the party from the steps of his palace.

### OREGONA GOES TO PORTLAND FOR REPAIRS

The steamer Oregon, which was stranded on a reef in the Willamette river near Dayton about two weeks ago, will be ready to be launched and sent to Portland for final repairs soon, according to a statement made by County Clerk Allen, who returned last evening from a business visit to his farm near St. Paul, Oregon.

The steamer when stranded sank in about six or eight feet of water, and the large cargo of merchandise which it carried was badly damaged. Since then workmen have raised it, and it is now resting on the bank of the river, while a false bottom is being constructed for it to be used in its journey to Portland. The work is now about completed, and the boat will be launched in a few days. The steamer was one of the finest and best operating on the Willamette or Columbia rivers.

### WANT TO PUBLISH YEAR'S PROCEEDINGS

The State Horticultural Society, an independent organization, which at the last legislature received some financial aid to assist it in its labors, has written to State Printer Dunlavy for the purpose of ascertaining the cost of having the proceedings of the organization published for the past year. The society proposes to publish between 2,000 and 3,000 copies.

### Will Eter Other Business.

E. G. Miller, rate clerk and stationer for the railroad commission, has tendered his resignation and will accept a position with the Northwestern Corporation, which operates a line of street railways in Walla Walla and also an interurban line between that city and Milton.

Mr. Miller is an experienced railroad man. He has been with the commission ever since May, 1907, and his services have been both satisfactory and efficient in every respect.

Andrew F. Harvey, chief clerk of the general freight agent of the Northern Pacific Railroad company at Portland, has been appointed as Mr. Miller's successor, and will assume his duties at the first of the year. Mr. Harvey is an experienced railroad man and is very familiar with the rate situation.

### HOW CHURCHES WILL OBSERVE CHRISTMAS

Appropriate Exercises Will Be Held Friday Evening for the Children.

### FESTIVITIES WILL START TOMORROW

Santa Claus and His Reindeers Will Make His Annual Tour and Gladden the Hearts of the Little Ones, While the Older Heads Will Exchange Greetings.

Christmas will be celebrated at the churches of the city Friday evening with a program of recitations, song and music in harmony with the spirit of the occasion. Those in charge of the Sunday schools have made extensive preparations for the event, and the celebrations promise to surpass all others held in previous years. The interior of the churches have been artistically decorated—handsome Christmas trees will be in evidence, and the traditional Santa Claus will enter upon the scene at the conclusion of the programs and distribute the many beautiful gifts. Each member of the Sunday school classes will receive as a present a package of nuts and candy.

**Central Congregational Church.**  
The feature of the celebration Friday evening at the Central Congregational church, which is presided over by Rev. Stillman, will be a hand some tree, loaded with beautiful gifts, and an excellent program, which will be participated in by the older members of the congregation, as well as the children.

**U. B. Church.**  
At the U. B. church Christmas eve will be ushered in with a fitting program, consisting of recitations, songs and musical selections, and the event is anxiously looked forward to by the children. A handsome tree has been secured for the occasion, and is now being decorated, and the many presents that it will bear will bring joy and rejoicing to the members of the Sunday school of this religious organization.

**Leslie Church.**  
An exceptionally interesting and attractive program is being prepared at the South Salem Leslie church for Friday evening. Those in charge are also busily engaged in the decoration of the large tree which will grace the church on this occasion, and every effort will be made to make the celebration one of the best ever given at the church on a like occasion.

**Brush College.**  
The Brush College, in West Salem, will observe Christmas eve this evening, instead of Friday evening. The program for this evening has been prepared by Miss Minnie Beckett, the instructor, and the pupils of the school, and an evening of joy and rejoicing is being looked forward to by the pupils.

**First Methodist Episcopal.**  
Sunday school will hold its exercises in connection with Christmas tree on Friday evening, at 7:30. The program will consist of music, recitations and class exercises, and will close in giving and distributing of presents to and by members of the Sunday school. The primary department of the Sunday school will hold an annual Christmas party on Wednesday of next week. Sunday morning the musical exercises will be in harmony with the spirit of the day. In the morning the pastor will deliver a sermon on Incarnation. In the evening at 7:30 the church choir will render a Christmas cantata, entitled, "The Prince of Peace," by John Spencer Camp, under the direction of Prof. Mendenhall. The soloists will be Mrs. F. S. Mendenhall, soprano; Miss Helen Smith, alto; Frank Hughes, tenor; Ralph Jones, bass. Prof. T. S. Roberts will officiate at the organ. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

**At Presbyterian Church.**  
The Sunday school of the Presbyterian church will observe Christmas tomorrow evening at 7:30 o'clock, and a splendid program has been prepared for the occasion. Arrangements have been perfected with the Salvation Army to provide the poor

## HOLIDAY BARGAINS

The choicest lines of Christmas Goods at Sale Prices to insure quick selling. Don't wait any longer to do your Xmas shopping for there is sure to be a scramble. Here you will find quality and prices to suit everyone



### Half Price on Ladies' COATS AND SUITS

At the Chicago Store you will find the greatest stock of up-to-date Coats and Suits in Salem. Remember, we are not looking for profits now. It is a matter of disposing of the stock before Christmas. Right after the holidays we begin taking stock, consequently we want all our Coats and Suits closed out. At half-price and less. Here is a chance to buy this season's newest Coats, and it is at prices that were never quoted before in Salem.

- \$10, \$12.50 and \$15 Coats now \$4.50, \$6.50, \$7.50
- \$15, \$18 and \$20 Suits now \$7.50, \$8.90, \$9.90

Silk Underskirts and Furs at Reduced Prices



### 5000 Yards of Fine Dress Goods and Silks now on Sale

We realize that the holidays is a god time for selling dress goods and dress silks. We have marked them at prices that will induce quick selling. We show the most complete lines of these goods in Salem; all spick span and new of others

- Dress Goods, yard . . . 25c, 35c, 49c, 75c and up
- Dress Silks, yard . . . 25c, 35c, 49c, 69c and up

### Wonderful Bargains In Holiday Goods

- Dolls, Toys, Games, Drums, Airships, Books, Guns, Wagons, Mechanical Toys and Hundreds others.
- Ladies' Shopping Bags, Kid Gloves and Silk Umbrellas now on sale at very low prices.
- \$7.50 Dress Silk Waists now . . . . . \$3.90
- \$7.50 Sulk Underskirts now . . . . . \$3.90
- \$1.25 Leather Shopping Bags now . . . . . 65c
- \$6.90 Dress Skirts now only . . . . . \$3.90

MEN'S 45c  
ALL SILK NECKTIES  
now only 25c

## CHICAGO STORE

SALEM, OREGON.  
"The Store That Saves You Money"

MEN'S SMOKING JACKETS  
\$5.00 values  
now \$3.90

### TWO KILLED 12 INJURED BY EXPLOSION

Volcanic Outburst of Gas Is Said to Be the Cause of the Catastrophy.

Albuquerque, N. M., Dec. 23.—Two Mexican miners are dead and 12 are hovering between life and death as the result of a volcanic outburst of gas in the Weaver mine at the American Fuel Company's plant near Gallup yesterday, when the workmen broke through a wall separating the Weaver mine shaft from the workings of an old coal mine, which has been burning for several years. The miners didn't know the wall was thin at that point.

They were drilling preparatory to setting off a blast, when the heavy iron shot through the wall. In an instant there was a rush of gas into the shaft where the workmen were.

The explosion followed, and the two men nearest the drill hole were instantly killed, while 12 were enveloped by the flames. They were terribly burned before they could escape. Later a force of miners was sent into the shaft and the hole was sealed up.

Work in the shaft will be continued, according to the announcement of the officials, who assert that the workings are not dangerous, despite the proximity of the burning mine shaft.

### Are Now Notaries.

Notarial commissions were issued today by the governor to the following persons: Geo. G. Harris, Astoria; Hay C. Steans, Yoncalla; J. M. Engle, Oakland; W. S. Nochol, Hood River; A. D. Hall, Albany; T. K. Ford, Salem; Geo. W. McElroy, David A. Pepp, T. M. Word, David N. Mossosohn, H. S. Clodeter, Portland.

### CHARGED WITH VISITING OTHER WOMEN

Minneapolis, L. I., Dec. 23.—Declaring that "your mother" was the worst thing he ever said to his wife, W. Gould Brokaw took the stand today in the separation suit brought by his wife, Mrs. Mary Blair Brokaw.

Brokaw denies that he had mistreated his wife and reiterated the statements made by him previously that he believed the suit had been brought for the purpose of forcing him to pay a large sum of money. He admitted that he and his wife had "occasional spats." Sometimes she called him a liar, he said, and he retorted in kind.

On one occasion, he testified, she charged him with visiting other women, and when he denied it she called him a "damned liar." He admitted that he thereupon replied, "you are another."

The millionaire declared that he had never given his wife any cause for the allegations of cruelty and mistreatment which she has brought against him.

### 10-Year-Old Boy Seriously Injured.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 23.—While gathering holly branches on Santa Fe Hill, near Highland Park today, for Christmas tree decorations, Francis Hutchinson, the 10-year-old son of F. S. Hutchinson, of 358 Boyle avenue, slipped and fell on the large blade of his pocket knife. The sharp steel punctured a lung, penetrating just below the heart. His agonized cries were heard by boy companions who rushed to his aid. They found him lying on the ground with the knife buried to the hilt in his breast. Help was summoned and the injured boy was taken to his home. A physician was summoned who pronounced the injuries very dangerous, as he was suffering from internal hemorrhages.

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