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### STORY OF PLOT TO MURDER WEALTHY RANCHER IS HOAX

Report That Chicago Man Had Not Been Seen Since Last September Is Untrue

PUEBLO, March 11.—A sensational story to the effect that a plot for the murder of Peter Dieter, the wealthy Chicago ranchman, who disappeared last fall from his place at the foot of the Greenhorn mountains, about thirty-five miles from Pueblo, had been disclosed is discredited in this city.

Bay Gordon, cowboy, who is suspected of having murdered the young man, some time ago gave a check signed by Dieter to a woman of Pueblo. This apparently is the only foundation for the story of a plot. It was at first reported that Dieter had not been seen since last September, but this is proved to be incorrect from the fact ascertained this morning that he had bought several articles for household use from a local furniture concern October 16, and he was seen on the streets of this city during the latter part of November or early in December.

The heavy snowstorm of yesterday and today has prevented close search of the neighborhood of the ranch.

School girls and boys may win cash prizes for the best letter on "My Ambition." Write to Aunt Laura, care this paper.

### TO USE POISONED WHEAT TO KILL PRAIRIE DOGS

Rodents in Arizona and New Mexico Become Too Numerous and Too Destructive

WASHINGTON, March 11.—Poisoned wheat is to be used as bait to kill off the prairie dogs, the stockmen's enemy, that now infest Arizona and New Mexico, and have become a menace to the forest ranges there.

On ranch lands prairie dogs have proved destructive to a variety of crops, including wheat, grain, potatoes and sugar beets, while on grazing lands they destroy so much grass that the grazing capacity of the land is reduced 50 to 75 per cent.

The forest service is employing every effort to prevent range deterioration. Last spring a successful campaign was made against the prairie dog and this year it will be waged on a larger scale.

Senator Is Operated On  
BALTIMORE, March 11.—United States Senator Beveridge underwent an operation at Johns Hopkins hospital today. While it was delicate, the operation was said to be not of a serious character, and the surgeon does not fear but that Mr. Beveridge will be able to get about in a few days.

### TO OVERCOME POSTAL DEFICIT

HEAD OF PROGRESS LEAGUE OPTIMISTIC

Frederick C. Beach Says That if All Facilities Were Utilized Loss Would Be Eliminated

That the annual deficit in the post-office department can be eliminated by the utilizing of the facilities provided for the delivery of rural mail is the contention of Frederick C. Beach, who registered at the Angelus yesterday. Mr. Beach is president of the Postal Progress league and editor and part owner of the Scientific American. He is here for the purpose of consulting with the friends of the league in this part of the country. It is the hope of the league that when congress sits this spring for the purpose of revising the custom's tariff the postal question will be taken up also.

Mr. Beach declares that it is absolutely necessary that a low uniform tariff upon the local business of the rural routes be established.

In his capacity of editor of the Scientific American Mr. Beach is perhaps one of the best posted men in modern inventions in the world. In viewing the possibility of successful aerial navigation Mr. Beach is exceedingly optimistic. He believes that the future will witness the introduction of a machine that will be of commercial value as a navigator of the air.

Speaking last night, Mr. Beach said: "The field of invention is expansive. There is always the need for something new. I believe that the near future will witness the introduction of a flying machine that can be used to advantage from a commercial standpoint."

"Some time ago I was informed through a friend of a proposition to organize a \$500,000 company for the purpose of building large passenger balloons to cross the Atlantic. Some people are exceedingly optimistic, however, and inasmuch as these balloons were to be in operation as early as May 1 I am not surprised that the scheme failed to materialize. At another time I heard that a company was to begin the manufacture of aeroplanes which would be sold at the price asked for the average touring automobile. I think the figure decided on was \$2500 per machine. These machines were to be used for both commercial and pleasure purposes.

"My business in the west, however, is not to discuss the progress of invention, but to stir up the people in the need to change the present rates and system in the postal department. In the country places the government is maintaining teams capable of carrying several hundred pounds of merchandise which are not compelled to carry more than twenty-five pounds of mail a day. If things were fixed so that these teams could be utilized for the purpose of making local parcel deliveries the present deficit in the postoffice would be eliminated."

Mr. Beach will be entertained during his stay here by the members of the California Postal Progress league. He will be banqueted at Leveys at noon today. In the morning he will visit the Los Angeles high school with Edward Berwick, president of the California Postal Progress league. It has also been arranged to take him on a visit to the Polytechnic high school.



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### TELEGRAPH NEWS IN BRIEF

Edward in Pau—King Edward is expected to be in Pau, France, today from Biarritz to witness an aeroplane flight by Wilbur Wright.

Centenarian Dies—Mrs. Ruth McPherson, a noted character of Des Moines, Iowa, died Thursday, aged 102 years. She was the oldest person in Iowa.

Noted Physician Dies—Dr. Thaddeus Asbury Reamy, 80 years old, one of the great authorities on gynaecology, died at his home at Cincinnati yesterday.

Reception to Roosevelt—The citizens of Oyster Bay have arranged to give former President Roosevelt and Mrs. Roosevelt a public reception in the town hall today. Guests are restricted to residents of the village.

New Names for Monitors—The navy department has changed the name of the monitor Arkansas to the Osark and that of the monitor Nevada to the Tonopah in order to permit the following out of the custom of giving

the names of states to only battleships and armored cruisers.

Snow in Kansas—A blinding snowstorm prevailed Thursday in southwest Kansas. A dispatch from Liberal, on the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific railway, close to the Oklahoma-Colorado state line, says all trains from the west are delayed.

Bank Fails—The Washington State bank of Baldwin, Wash., is in the hands of the state banking commissioner. Unfortunate speculation in western and southern land is the assigned cause. The bank has a capital stock of \$50,000 and deposits of \$216,000.

Young Duke Dies—Francis the 4-year-old son of the Duchess de la Rochefoucauld, died Thursday at Paris, France, of meningitis. The Duchess de la Rochefoucauld is a daughter of the late Senator Mitchell of Oregon.

Snow in South—Snow at Corons, Duran and other neighboring points of New Mexico has tied up all trains on the Chicago, Rock Island and

Pacific railroad and none has arrived here today. Snow also fell at El Paso, Tex., Wednesday night, following a heavy rain, but melted.

Bill Against Liquor—A bill prohibiting the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors in Missouri after July 1, 1910, was introduced in the senate at Jefferson City Thursday. The measure carries a referendum clause. A senate committee reported adversely a bill providing for the "county unit" local option system.

To Raise Old Vessel—That arrangements have been completed to raise the first torpedo boat of the Confederacy from the bottom of Lake Pontchartrain, near New Orleans, was announced at a meeting of Confederate veterans at New Orleans Wednesday night. The boat is lying near Spanish Port, where it went down years ago.

Expenses Allowed—Lord Guthrie, who granted a divorce Wednesday to John Alexander Stirling from his wife at Edinburgh, Scotland, the wife having been an American actress, has allowed Mrs. Stirling the expenses of her action. He has decided also that Lord Northland, named by Mr. Stirling as co-respondent, should pay the cost of the husband's action. Mrs. Stirling is to have reasonable access to

her child, which is placed in the custody of the husband.

Gets Ten Years—Dr. Charles McCracken of Cameron, W. Va., recently convicted of second degree murder for having caused the death by shooting of his 2-year-old child last Christmas eve, was sentenced Thursday to serve ten years in the penitentiary. McCracken shot and seriously wounded his wife and a second bullet killed the child.

Sailors Die of Gas—E. S. Hicks and W. W. Jarrett, two young sailors on the cruiser Milwaukee, stationed at the Puget Sound navy yard, were found dead in bed Thursday morning. They went to Seattle Wednesday night and attended a theater. They registered at a hotel at 11 o'clock and left a call for 5 Thursday morning. Death was due to gas accidentally inhaled.

Packers to Teach—A campaign of publicity and education pertaining to the preparation and sale of all canned goods has been decided by the Western Packers' Canned Goods Association at Chicago. It is the unanimous opinion of the eighty-five members that the public should be educated in the manufacture of canned goods in order that certain prejudices prevailing may be killed.

# YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

## The Department of Physical Training

- Is not a physical culture school—
- But HEALTH of mind and body is promoted through hygienic practice.
- Is not an athletic club—
- But FOSTERS clean sport in a diversity of athletic competitions.
- Is not a loafing place—
- But IS THE place to get mental and physical relaxation through active play.
- Is not an exponent of the prize ring—
- But INSTRUCTS its members in the use of their mitts.
- Is not a bathing pavilion—
- But PROVIDES excellent facilities for a delicious shower and plunge after exercise.
- Is not a haphazard conglomeration of facilities—
- But INCORPORATES in a most effective completeness all the best and most attractive means for

Men, Young Men and Boys to Get and Keep Health

## The Boys' Department

"As Go the Boys So Goes the City."

- IT IS NOT a Side Issue—
- But: IT IS a department in which the Association does identically the same for Boys as in its other departments it does for men. It is foundation work.
- "Boys' work is beginning with men where manhood begins."
- IT IS NOT ONLY a CLUB—
- But: IT IS THE LARGEST BOY BROTHERHOOD IN THE WORLD. Over 150,000 boys in their teens are members. Over 700 boys in Los Angeles have joined since Sept. 1, 1908.
- IT IS NOT INTENDED to replace home influence—
- But: WHERE THAT BOY OF YOURS spends his leisure hours after school, after work, means something. THE TWO BEST PLACES FOR HIM ARE: First, home; second, Y. M. C. A. Better yet—Home, Y. M. C. A., both. The street and other places (?) are bad training quarters.

The Association Co-operates with the Home in Training, at Different Times the Following Graded Classes

Boys 8 to 12 years of age	Grammar School	<b>Boys</b>
Boys 12 to 14 years of age	High School	
Boys 14 to 16 years of age	Employed	
Boys 16 to 18 years of age		

Under special supervision, with entirely separate equipment, amid most helpful influences a boy may enjoy

Good Fellowship	Bible Study	Gymnastics
Social Events	Practical Talks	Shower Baths
Games	Callisthenics	Hikes
Entertainments	Basketball	Summer Camp

EDUCATIONAL CLASSES—Swimming pool 25x70 feet; boys' gymnasium, under special supervision; indoor baseball leagues, basketball leagues.

A desire to be of service to the Other Fellow grows out of membership in this department.

## The Triangle Department

(For Young Men 16 to 21 Years of Age)

- IT IS NOT ONLY—
- The strongest, most wide awake young men's club with special quarters.
- BUT IT HAS—
- The strongest private military organization of its kind on the Pacific coast.
- EQUIPMENT OF COMPLETE camping outfit, best Springfield cadet rifle, the latest target practice invention (now in use in the U. S. Army), the Sub TARGET Rifle Machine, armory, office quarters, club rooms, etc.
- IT IS HEADQUARTERS—
- You will find groups of high school fellows here.
- OTHER PRIVILEGES—Parlors, reading room, club rooms, game rooms, basketball, bowling, baseball, track, football, military work; debating club, senate, house of representatives. Entertainment, Bible classes, Sunday afternoon meetings, summer camp.

Employment Department The object of the department is not financial gain, but service and efficiency. We investigate the references of the men registered and aim to send Employers only clean and capable men. There are now registered in this department experienced men for all lines of work, and we would earnestly ask the co-operation of the business men of the city. We assure you prompt and careful service.

## HOPE STREET, NEAR SEVENTH



## Religious Work

No other known organization does a more multifarious religious work than is accredited to the Young Men's Christian association. By indirect and direct contact it reaches men of all classes, lifting them to the highest standards and producing symmetrical Christian manhood.

- THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION IS NOT A CHURCH—But it is the Right Arm of the Church, reaching into the high and low places of the city and handing to the ministers the choice men of the land.
- IT IS NOT A SUNDAY SCHOOL—Yet the hundreds of boys who come under its influence are given an opportunity to pursue a course of Biblical instruction that supplements the work done in this department of church activity.
- IT IS NOT A PUBLISHING HOUSE—But more than 350,000 pieces of advertising matter, together with 13,000 copies of booklets printed and distributed by the Los Angeles Association last year, not to speak of the hundreds of books and pamphlets published by the International Committee, will give a fair estimate of its work in this direction.
- IT IS NOT A BIBLE SCHOOL—Yet the 610 sessions of Bible Study clubs, with an enrollment of 641, and a total attendance of 12,995 for last year, indicate that the Association is alive to its possibilities.
- IT IS NOT A RESCUE MISSION NOR AN EVANGELISTIC EFFORT—Yet the total attendance of 34,590 at the religious meetings of the local Association expresses the work for which the Association stands.

## Four Thousand (4000) Men Are Wanted

TO HEAR FRED B. SMITH  
New York City, the Great Men's Man, next Sunday, March 14, at Temple Auditorium, at 3:30. Roosevelt and Bryan regard him as the greatest Religious Leader since Dwight L. Moody.

## The Educational Department

### The Association Institute

- IS NOT A UNIVERSITY—But its seventy-five day and evening courses in technical, industrial, commercial, preparatory and grammar school subjects, together with its system of private school tutoring, and its lectures, clubs, library and reading room, enable it to give practical educational help to men and boys in every occupation and stage of advancement.
- IS NOT A SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY—But its courses in electrical, steam and gas engineering, automobile, surveying, mining, drafting, architecture, etc., meet the needs of men in numerous technical and industrial occupations.
- IS NOT A BUSINESS COLLEGE—But its day school of commerce and finance, and its evening business training.
- IS NOT A GARAGE—But the repair department of its automobile school serves the double purpose of doing high grade repairing and giving practical instruction in the mechanism and care of cars.
- IS NOT A COLLEGE OF LAW—But its evening law school for business men is taught by able attorneys.
- IS NOT A COLLEGE OF PHARMACY—But its review course qualifies drug clerks to pass the state board examinations in pharmacy.
- IS NOT A SCHOOL OF LANGUAGES OR EXPRESSION—But it offers thorough instruction in Spanish and other modern languages as well as practice in public speaking and debate.
- IS NOT A CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC—But it conducts classes and clubs in which instrumental and vocal music may be thoroughly mastered.
- IS NOT A PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL OR GRAMMAR SCHOOL—But it prepares men for college and technical schools, and its plan of individual coaching in grammar grade subjects gives the best results for boys needing special help.

SIX HUNDRED STUDENTS INDIVIDUAL INSTRUCTION  
SINCE OCTOBER 1ST BY MALE TEACHERS  
Spring Term of Evening Schools Opens March 29

## The Social Department

The Association is not a Social Club, but it is more; within it is social atmosphere unequalled by any mere club.

It is not a Conservatory of Music, yet there may be found a first class glee club, orchestra and mandolin club.

It is not a theater or playhouse, yet it presents a lot of the best entertainments, concerts, plays, picture shows, to be found anywhere in the city.

EDMUND VANCE COOKE, poet, orator, lecturer, humorist, March 23, 1909, will give the fifth number of the Euterpean Lyceum Course at the Y. M. C. A. Hall. General admission 50c.

Concert—The Glee Club, Orchestra and Mandolin Club will give their first concert the last week of April next.

It is not a hotel, yet under its roof are housed about one hundred forty men; and the dining room, grill and banquet hall are in constant use.

It is not a photo studio, yet it has a first class equipment for its Camera Club.

On March 18, 1909, will be given a stereoscopic lecture on

"THE YOSEMITE VALLEY," by MRS. FRANCES KING HEADLEE, under the auspices of the Camera club. Admission free.

## Membership Department

THE ASSOCIATION IS NOT A MAGNET, drawing in to give nothing out, BUT we bring in boys and men to send them forth honest

and strong, manly and brave, happier and brighter; sober and industrious; more competent; better and firmer; stronger and truer; brainer and smarter.

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## Coupon

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