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Notice is hereby given to all whom it may concern that James S. Peach aministrator of the estate of William 6. Peach deceased, has filed in the on, his final account as administratrix of said estate and said court has set Wednesday the 18th day of February A. B. 1910 at 2 o'clock P. M. at the county court house in La Grande, Gregon as the time for hearing such reports and all object-

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S. LLY MENDUM. opyright a by American Press Asso-

Ail I'me was ringing with the series o. . . . Meagher, an old man ho lived a one in his cottage on the I a detective firm in the city twents uites distant was utown authorities. He we he matter over, came to with the mayor and preome one on the case lumbwas taking his supper

com in a restaurant wir the unbened and a man of rather seedy ap curance entered. "Mr. Miller, I believe," said the new

"I am. What can I do for you?" "I was in the detective business once.

and I'm trying to get into it again. I'd like to take hold of this Meagher case." "I'm going to send a man up to atrend to it."

The seedy individual pulled a letter from his pocket and handed it to the detective to read. It was a certificate from a detective firm that Joel Zimmerman had worked for it and done good service.

Miller's bargain with the mayor had been largely contingent upon tracking and capturing the murderer, a not very profitable way to do business. It ocurred to him that if he could get this person cheap he would let him work for awhile-at least long enough to make some development. Besides. the man told him that he suspected a certain person and would look for a lew in that direction. He felt so con fident in the matter that he offered to work without pay unless he made a valuable discovery, but stipulated that he should have the field to himself No other detective should be put on the case. On these terms Mr. Miller engaged him and went back to the city to attend to other matters that promised more certain results.

Joe Avery, a nephew-of the murder ed man, lived in Petersville, a much respected young man, with a very nice wife and two very pretty children One day while walking on the street he picked up a ten dollar bill. He was ip hard luck at the time and very much delighted at his find. The bill was partly spent for meat at a butcher The same afternoon Avery was arrested for the murder of his uncle on information furnished by Zimmerman. The detective produced a list of bills, giving their numbers, that he said he had found in an unused chim ney in the murdered man's house. The list was supposed to refer to \$7,000 that the old man kept there. The the ory was that the money had been taken by the mur erer, who had mnwit-

tingly left the list. Everybody in the town was surprised at Avery's arrest, and no one at first believed him guilty. It was not sup posed that his uncle bad any money. and if he had the murderer was the only one who could have known of it.

There was a strong case of circumstancial evidence against Avery, but it was weakened by Zimmerman himself. who under cross examination contradicted himself as to how, where and when he had found the list. Experts disagreed whether it was or was not in the handwriting of Meagher. By throwing doubt upon this evidence the prisoner's attorney saved his client from a verdict of guilty. The jury disagreed, but in order to avoid the expense of another trial brought in a ver-

dict of not guilty.

Avery had no doubt that he had been made the victim of a plot and as soon as he gained his liberty set about a bit of detective work to discover the author. The first fact he noticed was that with his acquittal the case was dropped. The authorities believed that the murderer had been discovered, but that his acquittal was a case of "not proved" rather than "not guilty." The detective who worked up the case against him had dropped the matter and was now working for the Miller detective agency that had employed him. Indeed, every one seemed satisfied to let the matter rest except the man who had narrowly escaped the gallows and was in consequence living under the ban of being a murderer These were the reasons that induced Avery to take up the case on his own

account. Avery made up his mind that his uncle had been a hoarder. Indeed, he remembered certain incidents to indicate that such was the case. Some one had discovered that the old man had money in his possession and had robbed and murdered bim to get possession of it. If his uncle had saved money possibly he might have had something to do with some bank. He sent out a circular letter to all the banks in the state asking if Timothy Meagher had any deposits there, Sevcounty court of Union county, Ore- en savings banks replied that bank books to the aggregate amount of \$260,000 had been issued to one Timothy J. Meagher. Avery did not suppose that his uncle had a middle name. but searched the family records and found that he had. It was John.

Avery was astounded. He was also delighted-delighted for two reasons. First, he was his uncle's legal heir and would be rich: second, his uncle bad undoubtedly had some money in his house and had been robbed as well JAMES S. PEACH. as murdered. Could be find this rob

per be would be exoperated and rich. He first took steps to secure his uncie's formue, then offered \$25,000

The reward brought a letter from the murderer's accomplice stating that he would give up his principal if not prosecuted himself. His terms were accepted, and he sent in the name. It was Joet Zimmerman.

Eight mouths later Zimmerman was

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was matched agolust a burly and clever negro. The trishman was a hot Invorite, and his friends bet heav By that he would while libs colored co ponent. The referee was gise an trush man, and when in the first round the pegro reached the trish tighter's Jav and the latter's head thumped the boards with a crash that seemed to preclude further contest the follow ing monologue by the referee as be stood over the fallen favorite, counting the seconds, took place:

"One!" (In an undertone to his gasp ing compatriot: "Come on, man; get n;



out o' that. Are yez goin' to let this,

black son of Ham say he knocked yez (Wurrah, man, can't yez

raise yourself and listen to what I'm tellin' yez? Come on; get up!) "Three! (For the sake of yer fathers that bled on many a field get up and wipe up the floor with this black

smoke that's grinnin' at yez!) "Four! (An' sure are yez goin' to He there slapin' while this limb of Satan takes all the money? Get up. I say, afore I pull yez up!"

This sort of entreaty continued until. as the disgusted referee lingered on the final count, the badly dazed Irish pugilist staggered to his feet, swung wildly at the unguarded negro and bowled him over unexpectedly.

Quick as a flash the ever ready referee sprang to the prostrate colored man, who, though dazed and weak. wildly struggling to regain his feet, and counted:

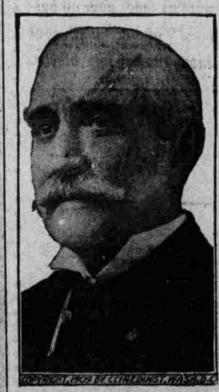
"One, two, three, four, five and five is ten! You're out, you naygur!"

Why He Didn't Go to Church. A Scottish minister who was indefatigable in looking up his folk one day called upon a parishioner. "Richard," he said, "I hae na seen ye at the kirk for some time and wad like to know the reason."

"Weel, sir," answered Richard. "I hae three decided objections to goin'firstly, I dinna believe in bein' whaur ye does a' the talkin'; secondly, I dinna believe in si' muckle singin', an', thirdly an' in conclusion, 'twas there I got

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