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On Crazy Legislation

THE existing impasse between the counties of Oregon and the state government over payment for the care of non- some breaking down of the normviolent insane affords adequate illustration of hasty, care- al structures of the foot and conless legislation. In an impassioned desire to lower state sequent pain in the legs or feet, less legislation. In an impassioned desire to lower state A person may have a very low taxes the 1931 legislature hurried through a law which loads arch and still have a normal foot onto the counties a \$20 monthly charge for its insane pa- that gives rise to no discomfort. tients in the state hospital, unless the county be successful Such people should not be misled in passing the charge along to the relatives of the afflicted by ill-advised suggestions that persons.

The legislature overlooked two major considerations, First, at the same time it was unloading its costs on the should be watched to see that counties, it appropriated funds for running the state hospi- they do not toe out. Soft pliable tal as in former bienniums. Second, it strengthened exist- shoes or better still, no shoes at ing budget laws which forbid county courts to spend money the child to walk correctly. Enexcept as budgeted. By these two circumstances the un-couraging the baby to walk fairness of double taxation is set up and at the same time straight and also to walk on the no legal means is provided to the counties for paying the taxation, even were it not double.

The result will be litigation to test the new law and cerned about the absence of a probably a decision that it is invalid. Ben Wing, who did well developed arch in the child's the North End work in Portland for Meier before election, may find himself out of a job, at least until a succeeding legislature can unravel the snarls in this latest piece of new aught to walk correctly and are legislative yarn.

The idea of making relatives of insane patients bear the cost whenever possible has been worked with success in other states and has merit. Passing the costs along to the shoes that are "straight" on the was not started until 1870, after the meeting the next day. At that counties is false economy. It is another of those moves like inside, that is so that the inside the completion of the Oregon & meeting, Feb. 18, a provisional free high school transportation and free texts; they are without cost to the state government and appease the lobbyists at the legislature but the county budget is swelled mit the foot to bend easily for the father of State Senator Sam under him, and he instructed to and the tax bird of passage comes home to roost on the walking. The heel, if any, should Brown. It was named Gervais proceed under the laws of New already over-burdened county budget.

Woodward Again

WILLIAM F. "GRANDPA" WOODWARD has just cauce to complain about the H. C. of Running Circuit Courts. ILLIAM F. "GRANDPA" WOODWARD has just cause proper food, a sufficient number to complain about the H. C. of Running Circuit Courts. of hours spent in sleep and out of the early days. of hours spent in sleep and out of the famous "wolf meeting" was held there, and at that gathering held there, and at that gathering the plans discussed Feb. 7. The In his latest half-column protest to a Portland paper he doors and other health habits. tells of long vacations, of a year's sick leave enjoyed on full pay, of clogged dockets and inactive bailiffs and clerks, and lays the blame at the feet of Multnomah county's circuit send it either to The Statesman or the marion county department of health. The provisional government.

Any observer of judicial practice knows that the circuit the paper.

What health problems have you! If the above article raises any question out and authorized the Champoeg meeting that authorized the formation of the provisional government.

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judge is the favored son of the jurists. He has regular terms of court but postponements, settlements and nonsuits cut the average docket into less than half of its announced length. The intervals between court terms are long. Much of the matter which comes to his attention between the terms is of routine, quickly handled nature.

In actual work handled the county judge, and in Marion county the justice of the peace, has more demands upon his time. The county judge is head of the county court, administering a \$1,081,000 annual budget. He is head of all probate work in the county. He administers the poor relief law and is juvenile court judge. The justice of the peace gets the great bulk of the everyday offenders; the drunkards, speeders, small thieves and the men who will not support their families. He turns out a grist of petty civil cases.

Yet the compensation of these classes of judicial officers is widely dissimilar. Circuit judges with all the prerequisites of extended vacations and irregular hours in this district stores in Salem make approxi- west of Front. His residence was receive \$6500 annually. In certain districts in the state the mately one twenty-fifth of the near the historic tall tower of the compensation is higher.

The county judge, with his responsibility, draws the salary of a good clerk-\$150 a month. The justice of the peace the 1938 retail distribution in keeps daily court for \$200 a month.

Of course there's a reason. The circuit judges are better organized. In the 1929 legislature before the slump came, they had a lawyer's lobby to push up the salary schedule. What lawyer, depending so much upon his circuit judge, could afford to oppose the raise? Moreover, the circuit compared to an approximate per seventles when Jesse A. Applejudgeship to most attorneys is legal paradise, the possible climax to a career at the bar. If it should be achieved the higher salary would not go amiss.

We want good courts and we want good circuit judges. To obtain them, laziness or inefficiency need not be tolerated nor need salaries be kept so far out of line with ments reporting 27 per cent of 1883. other responsible, judicial positions.

Stars in the Summer Sky

THILE a fog of gloom encompasses the economic firmament the world around, in Salem the sun and stars \$101,758,260 to consumers, as the latter class. are both shining. Were there complete protection from the compared to 115 food stores in single record of history written adverse reports from external points, this city and com- Salem doing a business of \$3,- up to the past few years in refmunity might feel comparatively untouched by bad times.

But it appears fashionable to talk depression, just as op- State Ranks Third erations, bridge, the weather and new styles are favorites of many a social gathering. Salem should ban the fashion.

For example, Salem's industries are in good shape. Its largest industry, the Oregon Pulp & Paper company, grinds ported \$1,716,559 in sales. on steadily, with one added machine from a year ago and a total payroll almost up to 1930 totals. Each cannery just tail business, or \$18,186,988, is Lee in 1838. Leslie ordered arnow is operating and while the pack will not be a bumper hold group of stores, which numone or the prices high, there is a pack, a large one, and ber 426. In Salem, there are 16 Feb. 18, 1841, with Dr. Ira L. thousands of workers are busy on pears and peaches, soon such stores doing a business of Babcock as supreme judge, and to be followed by prunes.

That old stalwart of Salem's income, the state payroll, has been little untouched and the addition of departments business of \$27,692,569. Salem the money to build the first jail, formerly in Portland has easily compensated for any slight has 44 of these stores, handling out of the estate funds, and genreductions made by the present administration. Willamette university faces the largest enrollment in its history.

It is true that wheat is low and hay cheap and hogs and the state, 349 have fountains. sheep depressed in price. But celery is high, and onions are Besides stores already mentioned firming, and wool has gone up markedly. Hops are not bad and building yards and stores at 15 cents a pound and the walnuts and filberts, both in quantity and price, are something to write east about.

If building is markedly less than three or four years ago, there has been no orgy of repossessions and some cessation tains, 188 cigar stores without in construction was inevitable after the house-a-day con- fountains, 234 jewelry stores and struction of half a decade ago.

Salem dare not be a naive Pollyanna thinking the sky is not a whit overcast-not with the worst famine in generations in China, or real distress in our own industrial east and cotton growing and wheat raising middlewest. On the other hand Salem would be an ungrateful Scrooge to fail other hand Salem would be an ungrateful Scrooge to fail to realize that there are stars in her sky as bright as shine on any district in the nation.

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Walking Straight

By C. C. DAUER, M. D. Marion County Health Dept. This is not intended to be an article on morals but to point out the importance of training

the



other words to walk with the straight ahead neither out nor A slight amount of the latter is to be preferred former. Turning the toes out walking throws the weight on inner side of the foot and

feet, in

Dr. C. O. paner often tends to produce the condition known as "flat foot". The foot is not really flattened nor have the arches actually broken down, but the muscles of the leg have been so strained that they are no longer able to hold the foot in an up-

Toeing out even when there is a high arch is very apt to lead to

Children Should Learn Right Children when learning to walk all, will make it much easier for toes will cause the muscles of the foot to develop correctly.

Many parents are often confoot when it begins to walk. Year old babies have not developed an arch but if they are not hampered by improper shoes, the arch will develop in due time.

"Straight" Shoes Best be low and wide.

walking is to see that the child's vais, two miles below the old mishealth and general condition in sion, was on the Willamette riv-

What health problems have yout If was app

Salem Retail Stores Have That Portion of State **Total Says Census**

\$460,170.647 in total sales hand- water works, a wood frame strucled by the 14,640 stores in Oregon, according to a summary of Oregon released by the federal bureau of census. The 440 Salem frame work of the tower creaked stores report an annual business of \$17.959.907.

state in 1939 totaled \$482.50, as Salem remembers one night in the capita of \$682 retail sales by Sa- gate fled from his home and took lem merchants.

In the state, the automotive he moved with his family from group leads all other store groups the house by the tall tower and with 22.5 per cent of the total re- they afterwards lived in the easttail business; and the same group ern section of Salem. He conleads in Salem with 83 establish- tinued a Salemite until about the total retail business.

The food group does the same percentage, 22, of business in the the only man writing early Oregon state as in Salem. There are 15 history who made a mistake. All kinds of food businesses in Ore- made them. Some made many. gon with 3,944 stores selling Bancroft, usually reliable, was in 941,698.

Merchandising in

In the state, the general mer- is without mistakes. chandise business ranked third, with 551 stores. Fifteen general. rerchandise houses in Salem re- sional governments. The first,

Four per cent of the state's re- ed justice of the peace by Jason \$1,043,718.

Oregon has \$28 apparel stores, including 18 kinds which do a tate of Ewing Young, provided \$1,537,384 worth of business and erally carried on in a satisfactory employing 141 people full time. Of the 567 drug stores over in Oregon there are 886 lumber in motion at the same place July and building yards and atores 5 of the same year, and all of its lion dollars; 201 feed stores; 159 tifled by a vote of the people the coal and wood yards, 149 cigar 144 radio stores and 94 florists. There are 283 second hand stores in the state.

Daily I hought

By EDSON HERE'S HOW



Tomorrow: Loop From the Ground.

BITS for BREAKFAST

Mistakes of history:

* * * ment:

"The town of Gervais now sion." only because that name was his- York. Another essential for straight toric. The house of Joseph Ger-

> several months there, and remain- present Newberg.) ed there with his people until after harvest in 1844, when they moved to the Salt creek district. to southern Oregon.

5 5 5 More than that, Jesse A Applegate came back from southern Oregon, to the Willamette valley, after he had grown to manhood, studied law, and practiced at Dallas and in Salem. In the seventies he lived with his family Four hundred and forty retail on the south side of Court street, ture lifting the 170,000 gallon tank 80 feet above the ground,

In times of high wind, the and the tank swayed, scaring the householder in that block almost Retail sales per capita for the out of their wits. R. P. Boise of refuge in a hotel room. Later,

> But Jesse A. Applegate was not erence to the old mission, the Gervais house, and the formation of the provisional government, that

There were really three provi-

under Rev. David Leslie, appointwith a coterie of under officers. That government settled the esand orderly manner, until what is now known as the Oregon provisional government was authorized at Chambpoog May 2, 1843 set acts and those that follo ed ralast Saturday in July, 1845.

Bancroft wrote: "A committee of arrangements called a mass meeting of the settlers to be held at the Methodist mission the 17th and 18th of February, 1841." That is not what happened. There mission Feb. 7, to talk over a laws."

yards from the Young house. Jason Lee conducted the funeral In the course of his "Recollec- services. The rites over, he intions" reprinted in the new vited those present to tarry and book, "The Oregon Trail," of consider the formation of a gov-Maude Applegate Rucker, Jesse A. ernment, because Young left a Applegate, nephew of the original large property and there were no Jesse Applegate, made this state- known heirs. Preliminary work towards forming a civil government was done there, the proceedings reduced to writing, and stands on the site of the old mis- the meeting adjourned until the Of course, it does not. It next morning at the old mission: stands several miles east of the Jason Lee being entrusted with Children should wear only site of the old mission. Gervais the written record, to report at

> 5 5 5 Bishop James W. Bashford, one of the most reliable and par-Applegate should have made mission (the old mission) might such a mistake. As a boy, he be called a church; which it really spent the winter of 1843-4 at the was. But the funeral was at the old mission, with the whole Ap- Young grave side, many miles plegate clan, attended school for away (six miles northeast of the

> Bashford gives a correct record of the meeting of the next day, Polk county, northeast of the site Feb. 18. But he does not name of Dallas, thence a few years later the place. He evidently did not know; else he would have been sure to give it.

> > Bashford also gives the meeting that set the provisional government in motion as May 3 (1843), instead of July 5. He was badly mixed on that point.

> > Dr. C. H. Chapman, president of the University of Oregon, write a fairly good short history of Oregon, published in 1909. Here are a few words from it: "In the winter of 1841-2 . . . Ewing Young died, . . . leaving a considerable estate with no heirs present in Oregon to claim it. . . . At Young's funeral a call was issued for a general meeting on Feb. 14, 1841," etc., etc. He evidently did not know the date of Young's death. It surely was not "in the winter of 1841-2." And there had been no call for the Feb. 17 meeting at the funeral. Throughout his account of those proceedings. Dr. Chapman was confused as to dates, places and events.

> > But they all did it; even the

New Views

"Do you favor enforcement of present prohibition statutes? If not, what do you favor instead of so-called prohibition?" Statesman reporters yesterday asked this question.

Louis Lachmund, hop and storage business: "I believe in the enforcement of all laws. But I do to help in Y. P. work this would like to see the present prohibition laws repealed, the Volstead act modified to permit use of beer and light wines."

wife: "Why, I certainly do favor enforcement. In some ways, I'd like to see the law modefled."

Mrs, Oren Stratton, 2005 Market street: "Yes, I favor it, but it is not intensive enough. No doubt much better work could be done if enough people favored it. It needs to be worked harder." O. Smith, rancher: "I don't

favor the present system, or lack of system. If I knew what would solve the preblem I wouldn't be on a farm."

The Mystery of Geraldine' By Anthony ABBOT

was looking in at her from the

however, did not recognize her-

er Colt had now to show. Natalie

Maskell and her husband were

kell stirred from his deep leth

"This first envelope,"

The Murderer

Colt drew out a third envelope.

Then from a lower, deeper draw-

er, he took out a long, thin glass

tube on a low pedestal, a hydro-

static tube such as is used by

"Recently", explained Colt. "I

managed by stealth to obtain sev-

Geraldine Foster, I took a leaf

from the brown book-I went to

her own beauty parlor and bribed

a girl there—just as she had

gone to Doctor Maskell's barber,

and obtained a cutting for an

equally deadly purpose. Here is

one of her hairs-a dark and

lovely auburn. But observe when

I drop it into this chemical that

We watched that demonstra-

tion in utter silence. The tiny

strand of hair fell almost unseen

into the chemical, and then the

water became discolored. After a

moment Thatcher Colt drew out

the bair and dropped it across

his sleeve and beside it he laid

the one found on the scene of the

"Good God!" cried Dougherty

"Even such an identification

as this might not convince a

jury," he temporized, "but for-

tunately I found another. In the

bathroom of the murder-house

was a face cloth. It had scarlet

stains on it. They might have been taken for blood stains, but

they were not. They were the

Why suffer from the queer skir disease causing severe itching of toes and feet, cracking, peeling skin blisters, Ringworm, Trench Foot or Crotch Itch, when you can avoid infection and quickly heal your skir with Dr. Nixon's Nixoderm? Based on the famous English Hospital formula, discovered by a leading London skin specialist, Dr. Nixon's Nixoderm acts with amazing speed, because designed for this particular skin disease. Nixoderm is guaranteed. It must stop itch and quickly heal your skin or the small cost will be refunded.

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115 S. Commercial

"Who is the woman,

commissioner

They were a perfect match.

The police com shrugged his shoulders.

chemists. It was filled with

colorless liquid.

the dye falls away."

again.

Colt?"

struggle."

medium blonde.

"At a little after \$ o'clock that bringing the bottles which the screams were unheard. There was doctor had requested—and thus a furious struggle. The room was lured to her place of execu- showed that plainly enough when tion. It must have been some at last we got there. But the deed thing urgent to impress the mind was done. Geraldine was killed. of Geraldine Foster—so much so "Lifting the still warm and that she agreed to go with this stranger, carrying those bottles with her. In a private car they on the bathroom floor. Crossing drove uptown, So much we know. then to the upstairs bedroom be-Now we have to draw again upon Now we have to draw again upon cause she heard a noise, 'X' en-our telepathic or deductive pow-countered an apparition. A boy ers. 'X' and Geraldine entered the house. No sooner was the hall window. The room was dark. door closed than the woman bade identification was hardly possible. Identification was hardly possible. Geraldine sit down and wait. The Nevertheless, someone had seen. roman went upstairs, taking the Instantly the clever mind of this hottles. There she emptied them mad creature worked out the sointo the tub and turned the spig- lution. The boy turned and fled, ot on. But no identifiable thumb but the woman fell to work. The prints or finger prints show on body would be stripped anyhow, the highly polished spigot. The for the soaking in the tub. But woman had clearly put on gloves. before burial 'X' would have "Now, this mysterious woman dressed it again, had it not been did an apalling thing—and for a for this accident. Instead, the highly practical reason. She took body was buried nude, and if that off every stitch of clothing and boy ever testified, he would be-

hand and not the murderess. "Perhaps you have guessed why the murderess elected to do dine Foster was found nude, and of terrible disclosure. Doctor her awful deed while she herself her blood-soaked clothes found in Maskell stared up at her in horwas naked. There was a lot of the dark corner of the closet in ror, but she had eyes only for blood flying through the dark air Doctor Maskell's suite. The mur- Thatcher Colt. of that little house. Her clothes deress put them there. She drove must not be spattered. So she was back to Washington Square and divining to what you were leadnude, and afterward she stood in opened that office with Gerald- ing," she mocked. "But I have the shower and washed herself." "Good God!" breathed Dough- inside and planted them where they would eventually be found,

esterdays . . . Of Old Salem

Town Talks from The States-man of Earlier Days

August 25, 1906 LONDON, Aug. 24-President Roosevelt's decision to adopt reformed spelling in his messages it was dark and there was anand executive correspondence is other reason, too. commented on by London newspapers this morning in anything will be recognized. I found traces but a sympathetic spirit.

W. F. Hodges, Silverton cobbler, found notes and valuable I have it here." papers to the amount of \$425 in a pair of old shoes which were brought to him to be repaired.

Reports from pretty reliable ated interest. The tale he told us sources indicate that within an- had stirred us all deeply. Doughother year Salem will lose one of erty was the first to bend over its most valuable industries, the the desk, his face washed free of Oregon Nursery company. The plant and business is to be moved to a 700 acre ranch in Washing- on his elbows to see what Thatchton county.

August 25, 1921 At 1 o'clock yesterday the last spoonful of concrete was laid argy, leaned forward and completing the south-of-Salem watched. section of the Pacific highway leading towards Jefferson. It is 8.57 miles long, 16 feet wide,

The famous Lake Labish vege table loam has become ignited from burning brush and all efforts to extinguish it with loose dirt have proven unavailing.

Washington, Aug. 24-Congress took a recess tonight until September 21, without a vote by the senate on a bill prohibiting manufacture and sale of beer to

Auxiliaries of District Will Gather at First M. E. Church Here Friday

The auxiliaries of the Salem district, Woman's Home Missionary society, will hold a district rally Friday, from 10 a. m., to 4 p. m., in the First M. E. church here. Several out of town speakers will be present. All women interested in the work of the W. H. M. S. are invited to attend. The program follows: 10:00 a. m .- Devotions, Mrs. Hugh Fouke.

10:30 a. m .- Finance round table, "To Do or Not To Do, That is the Question", Mrs. E. J. Maple. 11:00 a. m .- Department conferences 11:45 a. m .- New literature

Mrs. A. F. Jack. 12:00 m .- Our plans at Manley Community center, Miss Mable 12:30 p. m .- Lunch. 1:30-Song. Prayer, Mrs. B.

E. Parker. 1:45-Demonstration, W. M. Work among children and P., Jason Lee auxiliary. .2:15-What the auxiliary can year, Mrs. Mason Bishop. 2:30-What the Auxiliary Can Do to Help in Children's Work this Year, Mrs. E. C. Miller, 2:45-A lesson from Challenge of Change", Mrs. R. L.

Reed

3:00-Dos and Don'ts in Home Missionary Problems Round Table Discussion and Question Box. Mrs. H. Peterson 3:45-Closing devotions, Mrs. Rateliff, Song, "I Shall Not Pass This Way Again", Mrs. Arlie Walker, Hymn.

Miss Baird Now At City Library

Miss Helen Baird yesterday took over her duties as the new children's librarian at the city li-C. Fleckler, machinist: "The brary, filling the vacancy left by present plan is all wrong. More Miss Nellie Roe, who left August people are drinking now than ev- 15 to be married. Miss Baird was an informal meeting at that er before—partly because of the has just completed a course in library methods at Western Reington.

erty, crossing himself.

A Fiendish Crime to the department, I had those "At the time exactly fixed by stains analyzed—a delicate and afternoon, 'X' arrived at the of-fice of Doctor Maskell. I do not the battered wrist-watch, 'X', the lengthy task—and I compared know what passed between those blood-thirsty woman, without them with the dried pieces of lip-two, but it is not hard to guess. warning fell upon poor Geraldine stick taken from the lips of woman came to Geraldine Fos- Foster with the axe. The girl was Geraldine Foster—they had been ter with a pretended message, a literally backed to death-prob- fixed there in a crust by the tansummons from Doctor Maskell. ably not until after many blows nie acid. I found that the lipstick She accompanied that woman, was her skull crushed in. Her used by Geraldine Foster was a screams were unheard. There was Corday product, but the one used by the murderess was from Coty. George Maskell nodded his

> "And you have found the Coty "Lifting the still warm and lipstick on the woman you susbloody body, the naked murderpect?" he asked in a strange ess carried it upstairs and laid it

head tragically.

"I have," said Thatcher Colt. I observed her stick one day when she dropped it in this very

Natalie Maskell, rising, was pale as snow and smiling

strangely. "Do you accuse me of murdering Geraldine Foster?" she cried. "I do," said Thatcher Colt. 'And you did it with an axe because no one would connect a woman with such a weapon!"

George Maskell struggled pathetically to his feet, an old and beaten man, and tried to take his stand beside his wife. Dougherty, too, stood up, staring unbeliev came downstairs naked, axe in lieve it was Geraldine he saw, ingly into the face of this calm woman, this banshee, scorning "That was the reason Geral- the rest of us, even in this hour

"I have sat here and listened. ine's key. She carried the clothes yet to hear the motive.'

"Your father-in-law has not long to live. He will bequeath and hung the coat and purse con- millions of dollars to each of his spicuously on a hook. Then she two sons. But if one son dies, the came out of 'he office, locked the other gets all. You wanted all. door and was about to leave You are mad-money-mad," said when suddenly-and here I guess | Thatcher Colt, in solemn and ac--she remembered having left cusing tones. something inside. She had to wait

She laughed balefully. until the doctor came before she "You are very clever, Mr. came in—and she ran a fearful Colt," she cried, "but you must risk of recognition. The doctor, admit it was a pretty plan." "To have the state kill the man you wanted to get rid of! It is a clever, but not a new device." "Indeed? But you have not

"But, my friends, the woman And Natalie Maskell sat down which led me to her by devious and began to laugh, most horbut certain steps. The first clue ribly, shaking her shoulders and was a hair from a coman's head. quivering. Divining her terrible meaning, Thatcher Colt rushed to From his desk drawer Thatchthe medicine cabinet in his dreser Colt drew out two envelopes. sing room, while Humphrey both marked with the word Maskell sprang to the side of the "Hair". We watched with fascinwoman who would have destroyed him. But she was already beyond the need of a doctor-and not one of us had noticed when she swallowed the poison tablet. all cheapness of jealousy, almost of all doubt, indeed, as he leaned half-way through Colt's explana-

By the time Thatcher Colt had returned, the murderess of Geralkeen and alert. Even Doctor Mas- dine Foster lay, beautiful and unlater she was dead

To the astonishment of all New York, on the following day said Colt, holding it up, "contains a Doctor Humphrey Maskell was hair I took from the hair-net of suddenly released from the Geraldine Foster the night I first Tombs. The indictment against visited her apartment. I kept it him was squashed, the case set-because I might need it if her tled, and Dougherty made a handsome statement in which he body were found and identificacompletely exonerated the laughtion proved difficult. This other ing physician of Washington hair I found on the floor, where

it had fallen from the head of the "Then, who did kill Geraldine murderess, probably during the Foster?" howled the newspapers. What is going on behind the Opening the second envelope. scenes of the district attorney's Colt drew out a long almost inand the police commissioner's ofvisible strand of hair. It was of

fices? They never knew. The facts were rigidly withheld. They are "I may tell you," added the given here now because the princommissioner, "that the murdercipals who would have suffered ess has since had her hair dyed. needlessly from the publication If you look among all the posof the facts are beyond all harm. sible suspects, you will not find George Maskell, a broken man, the counterpart of this hair. But has at last been laid in his grave, now I will show you a third exsolaced until the last by the knowledge that the terrible crime The silence was almost deafof the woman he had trusted was ening in its effect as Thatcher

never revealed. The Next Victim As he went to her funeral, I could see by the look he fixed on the coffin that he realized the truth. If Natalie Maskell had succeeded in her terrible design, it would have been only a little while before her own husband eral hairs from the head of the would have been the next victim. woman I suspect of killing Then all the money would have been hers. As it was, she was the

first to be buried. Doctor Humphrey Maskell and the beautiful women he loved are thousands of leagues from Washington Square today, married and happy, having obtained divorces the old mother-in-law that Felise would not desert, and little Doris not so little any more. The husband of Felise and the wife of Maskell, who had stood between them and happiness, live on, without the power to molest

But all this lay in the future that night. When all the others had gone and Thatcher Colt and Iremained alone in the library of the police commissioner, I congratulated my chief, and he smiled a little sadly.

"Tony," he confessed. lonesome tonight. Everybody has gone home except you and me and a little girl waiting down-

"Really? Will you two join me in a little supper-or would you rather be by yourselves?"

We ate our supper, Betty and I, as the guests of Thatcher Colt in his little house on 70th street, and Betty would let me have only two glasses of that priceless port. She said that from then on she intended to manage me. And I've always found her a girl of her

(The End)

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