Salem Market Quotations

FRUITS
(Buying Prices)
(The prices below supplied by a local grocer are indicative of the daily market prices paid to growers by Salem buyers but are not guaranteed by The Statesman.)

Apples — Jonathans 60 to 85c; Spits., 60 to 85c; Delicious 65 to 95c; Pippins 35 to 55c; Grimes Golden 60 to 85c; Baldwin .....60 to .85
Bananas, lb on stalk ..... .06
Hands 06½
Grapefruit, Texas 3.65
Grapefruit, Calif., Sunkist, crate 2.50
Ground Cherries, lb ..... .10
Huckleberries, qa. 1.00
Dates, fresh, lb. ..... .14
Lemons, crate 5.00
Oranges, crate .....$2.65 to 3.15

VEGETABLES
(Buying Prices)

Beets, doz. ..... .25
Cabbage, lb. ..... .02
Carrots, local, do ..... .25
Cauliflower, Portland ..... .95
Celery, Utah, crate 1.35
Celery hearts, doz. ..... .80
Lettuce, Wash. 1.25
Onions, boiling, 10 lbs., No. 2 ..... .14
50 lbs. ..... .80
Green onions, doz. ..... .25
Radishes, doz. ..... .30
Peppers, green, local ..... .02
Parsley ..... .40
New Potatoes local, cwt. 1.50
50 lb. bags ..... .40
Spinach ..... .60
Danish, doz. ..... .30
Hubbard, lb. ..... .01½
Zucchini squash, flat 1.05
Turnips, doz. ..... .30

NUTS
(Price to Grower)

Walnuts — Franquettes, fancy, 12c; medium, 10c; small, 8c; orchard run, 8 to 10c. Walnut meats 25 to 30c lb.
Filberts — Barcelonas, large, 12¼c; fancy 11½ cents; babies, 11c; orchard run, 11 to 12c. Duchilly, 1 cent higher.

ROPE
(Buying Prices)

Cinsters, nominal, 1937, lb. ..... 10 to .12
Clusters, 1938, lb. ..... 20 to .22
Fuggles, top ..... .25

WOOL AND MOHAIR
(Buying Price)

Wool, medium, lb. ..... .22
Coarse, lb. ..... .22
Lambs, lb. ..... .18
Mohair, lb. ..... .23

EGGS AND POULTRY
(Buying Price of Andresen's)

Large extra ..... .34
Medium extras ..... .29
Large standards ..... .30
Pullets ..... .18
Colored fryers ..... .15
Colored medium, lb. ..... .15
White leghorns, lb No 1 ..... .12
White Leghorns, fryers ..... .13
White leghorns, lb. No. 2 ..... .10
Heavy hens, lb. ..... .15
Roosters ..... .05

LIVESTOCK
(Buying price for No. 1 stock, based on conditions and sales reported up to 4 p. m.)

Spring lambs, top 6.50
Lambs ..... 3.00 to 3.50
Ewes ..... 2.00 to 2.50
Hogs, tops, 150-210 lbs. 8.00
1.20-150 lbs. ..... 7.25 to 7.75
210-300 lbs. ..... 7.00 to 7.25
Sows 6.00
Dairy type cows ..... 3.00 to 3.50
Bulls ..... 4.50 to 5.50
Heifers ..... 4.50 to 5.50
Top veal, lb. 7.50
Dressed veal, lb. 12½

MARION CREAMERY Buying Price

Butterfat, A grade ..... .28
Leghorn hens, over 3½ lbs. ..... .10
Leghorn hens, under 3½ lbs. ..... .08
Springers ..... .12
Colored hens, over 5 lbs. ..... .15
Stags, lb ..... .06
Old Roosters, lb ..... .05
Rejects, market value, No. 2 grade 5c less
Large extras ..... .34
Large standards ..... .31
Medium extras ..... .29
Medium standards ..... .25
Undergrade ..... .20

GRAIN, HAY AND SEEDS

Oats, white, ton ..... 24.00 to 25.00
Wheat, white, bu. ..... .60
Wheat, western red, bu. ..... .58
Barley, feed, ton 20.00
Oats, gray, feed ..... 28.00 to 28.00
Gray, No. 1 ..... 29.00 to 30.00
Alfalfa, valley, ton 13.00
Oat and vetch hay, ton 12.00
Alsike clover seed, lb ..... .09 to .10
Red Clover Seed, lb. ..... .12 to .13

Grade B raw 4 per cent milk, Salem basic pool price $2.20.

Co-op. Grade A butterfat price, FOB Salem, 28c.

(Milk based on semi-monthly butterfat average.)

Distributor price, $2.32.

A grade butterfat—Delivered 28c; B grade, 26½c; C grade, 22c.

A grade print, 30½c; B grade 29½c.

Stocks & Bonds

November 1

STOCK AVERAGES
Complied By The Associated Press

	30 Indus	15 Rails	15 Util	60 Stocks
Net Chg.	D .1	D .1	D .4	D .1
Tuesday	76.1	21.2	36.7	52.3
Previous day	76.2	21.3	37.1	52.4
Month ago	73.2	19.4	33.1	49.5
Year ago	69.2	23.4	35.1	49.1
1938 high	77.7	22.1	37.7	53.4
1938 low	69.2	12.1	24.9	33.7
1937 high	101.6	49.5	54.0	75.3
1937 low	57.7	19.0	31.6	41.7

BOND AVERAGES

	20 Rails	10 Indus	10 Util	10 Fngn
Net Chg.	Unch	D .2	A .1	A .2
Tuesday	110.0	98.9	94.2	65.0
Previous day	60.3	99.1	94.1	64.8
Month ago	57.9	98.8	93.7	64.4
Year ago	77.0	99.1	92.5	66.9
1938 high	70.5	100.3	95.1	67.0
1938 low	46.2	93.0	85.8	59.0
1937 high	99.0	104.4	102.8	74.7
1937 low	70.3	95.5	90.3	64.2
1932 Low	45.5	40.0	64.6	42.2
1928 high	101.1	98.9	102.9	100.5

Stock Rally Short Lived

Bethlehem Steel Rises to new Highs for Year Before Decline

NEW YORK, Nov. 1—(AP)—Stock market leaders put on an early rallying foray today but most lost driving force eventually and closed behind minus signs.

Business optimism was still predominant in Wall Street and offerings were coparatively light throughout. The urge for profits, though, apparently was too much for some traders and these decided to begin lightening commitments in view o ftwo holidays on which the exchange will be closed next week.

Steels Are Bellwethers

Steels were the best in the forenoon when gains ran to around 2 points. These bellwhethers began to slip after Bethlehem had penerated new high ground for the past year. Motors acted tired throughout and some coppers, especially Anaconda, were under pressure. Few specialties managed to hold most of their advances and handful of rails retained modest improvement.

The Associated Press average of 60 issues was down .1 of a point at 52.3. Transfers totaled 1,280,630 shares against 1,093,270 the day before.

Poland Allocates Special Quota on Import of Prunes

A special quota for the importation into Poland of 2,000 tons of American prunes, subject to payment of compensation fees of 52 per cent of the c.i.f. value, has been allocated recently, according to a cablegram received in the department of commerce from the office of the American commercial attache, Warsaw. It is understood that the above quota has been granted "on behalf of Polish malt exports to the United States."

Quotations at Portland

PRODUCE EXCHANGE

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 1.—(AP)—Produce Exchange:

Butter—Extras 27½c; standards 27c; prime firsts 26c; firsts 24c.

Butterfat—28½-29c.

Eggs—Large extras 35c; large standards 31c; medium extras 30; medium standards 29c; small extras 23c; small standards 19c.

Cheese—Triplets 13½c; loaf 14½c.

Portland Grain

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 1.—(AP)—

Wheat:	Open	High	Low	Close
May	63¾	64¾	63	63
Dec	62	62	61	61

Cash Grain: Oats, No. 2-38 lb. white, 26.00. Oats, No. 2-38-lb. gray, nominal. Barley, No. 2-45 lb. BW, 21.50. Corn, No. 2-EY shipment, 24.50.

Cash Wheat Bid: Soft white 61½; western white 61; western red 59. Hard red winter ordinary 58; 11 per cent 58; 12 per cent 62; 13 per cent 65; 14 per cent 69. Hard white-Baart ordinary 61½; 11 per cent unquoted; 12 per cent 61½; 13 per cent 63½; 14 per cent 65.

Today's car receipts: Wheat 31; barley 3; flour 4; corn 4; oats 3; hay 2; millfeed 5.

Portland Produce

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 1.—(AP)—Country Meats—Selling price to retailers. Country killed hogs, best butcher, under 160 lbs. 11-11½c lb.; vealers 12½-13c lb.; light & thin 8-10c lb.; heavy 8-9c lb.; lambs 12-13c lb.; ewes 4-6c lb.; cutter cows 6½-7c lb.; canner cows, 6-6½c lb.; bulls, 8½-9c lb.

Live Poultry—Selling prices; Leghorn broilers 1¼ to 1¾ lbs., 16-17c lb., 2½ lbs., 16c lb.; colored springs, 2-3½ lbs., 17c lb.; over 3½ lbs., 17c lb.; Leghorn hens over 3½ lbs., 14c lb.; under 3½ lbs., 12c lb.; colored hens to 5 lbs. 18c lb.; over 5 lbs., 18c lb.; No. 2 grade 3c lb. less.

Turkeys—Selling prices; dressed new crop hens 22-23c lb.; toms 21-22c lb.; Buying prices: New hens 21c lb.; toms 20c lb.

Potatoes — Yakima Gems, $1.00-1.05 cental, local $1; Deschutes Gems, $1.10-1.15 per cental.

Onions—Oregon No. 1, 65c; Yakima, 40-50c per 50 lb.

Wool — Willamette valley, nominal; medium 22-23c lb.; coarse and braids 22-23c lb.; lambs and fall, 20c lb.; eastern Oregon, 15-21½c lb.

Hay—Selling price to detailers; alfalfa No. 1, $16 ton; oat, vetch 11 ton; clover 10 ton; timothy, eastern Oregon, 19; do valley 14 ton Portland.

Hops—New crop Clusters 20-22c lb.; Fuggles 23c lb.

Mohair—Nominal: 1938, 23-25c lb.

Cascara Bark—Buying price 1938 peel; 5c lb.

Sugar—Berry and fruit, 100s, $4.90; bale, $5.10; beet, 4.90 cental.

Domestic Flour—Selling price, city delivery, 1 to 25-bbl. lots: Family patents, 49s, $5.65-6.25; bakers' hard wheat, net, $3.90-5.40; bakers' bluestem, $4.25-4.55; wheat flour½ $4.60; graham, 49s, $3.35; whole wheat, 49s, 4:30 bbl.

Portland Livestock

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 1.—(AP)—(USDA)—Hogs: Receipts 500, market active, 10-15 higher than Monday average, good-choice around 165-215 lb. 8.35-50, no carload lots offered, good-choice 225-70 lb. butchers 7.75-8.00, packing sows 6.50-75, lightweights up to 7.00, choice feeder pigs salable 8.00-25.

Cattle: Receipts 100, calves 25, supply light but demand limited, scattered sales steady, practically no steers offered, medium-good salable 6.75-7.65 and above, common steers quotable 5.50 and down, fine cuttery dairy type heifers 3.50-4.00, common heifers up to 3.25, low cutter and cutter cows 2.50-3.25, common-medium 3.50-4.75, including young dairy type cows 4.40, common-medium bulls salable 4.50-5.25, cutters 4.00, few good vealers 8.00, choice quotable 9.00.

Sheep: Receipts 300, market slow, early sales about steady, few good 70-95 lb. trucked in lambs 6.75, common 5.50, choice carload lots salable 7.50, yearlings quotable 5.00, slaughter ewes nominally 2.00-3.00.

Wool in Boston

BOSTON, Nov. 1.—(AP)—(USDA)—Twelve months Texas wools received a fair demand today in the Boston market. Good length wools were bringing 70 to 73 cents. Scoured basis, while average and ordinary Texas wools of 12 months growth were bringing 68 to 70 cents. Superior character extra long Texas wools were firmly quoted at around 75 cents, scoured basis. Short French combing length fine territory wools, in original bags, were moving at 65 to 66 cents, scoured basis.

Firming Is Noted For Celery Mart

Loadings of celery totaled 88 cars with Oregon shipping 43 and Washington 45 cars. While the demand has been very slow during the past several weeks, there has recently been some improvement. Prices firmed up slightly with sales f.o.b. shipping point returning 80-90 cents per crate for the US No. 1 grade.

Onion loadings were down to 163 from 218 during the week previous. While the market is firm, it is in somewhat of an unsettled condition. Buyers are offering 75 cents per cwt., net to the growers, but many growers are holding at 80 cents with the result that few cars are changing hands. Some sales of top quality were made at 80 cents net, but most stock changed hands around 75 cents.

Potato loadings increased from 875 cars for the week ending October 22 to 1,411 cars for the week just closed. While increase in shipments were recorded for Oregon and Idaho, there was a decrease in Washington The potato market has been rather dull with prices in Yakima around $15-15.50 per ton for US No. 1 Russets and 65-75 cents per cwt., f.o.b. Idaho points.

Wheat Drops As Rain Falls

Moisture in Drouth Area and Slow Export Business Slump Markets

CHICAGO, Nov. 1—(AP)—Sudden tumbles of 1⅝ cents a bushel here and 2 cents at Winnipeg late today followed reports of rains falling in domestic drought districts southwest.

Kansas and Oklahoma dispatches indicated considerable moisture relief for both of those states. Adding to the downward impetus of values was a denial of assertions widely circulated that the United States government had been a purchaser of wheat futures.

Export Business Slow

Disappointingly small export business in North American grains counted also as a weight on the market. A few loads of Canadian wheat was all that Europe bought.

At the close, Chicago wheat futures were ¾-1⅝ cents lower finish, Dec. 63½-⅝, May ¾-⅝.

Gardeners' and Ranchers' Mart

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 1.—(AP)—(US Dept. Agriculture).

Apples—Oregon, Washington, Spitzenbergs, fancy medium to large 1.60-1.75; fancy 1.25-1.35; unclassed face and fill, 50-65c; Delicious, extra fancy, large to very large, 1.75-2.00; C grade, medium to large, 90c-$1.00; unclassed, face and fill 60-75c; Jonathans, fancy medium, 1.50-1.60; unclassed, face and fill, 60-75c; loose 2½-3c.

Artichokes—Calif. $3.65-3.75.

Avocados—California fuerte, $2.45.

Beans—Calif., green, 6-7c lb.

Broccoli—Lugs, 35-40c.

Brussels Sprouts—12-cup crt., 85-90c.

Cantaloupes—Oregon, $1.25-1.50.

Cabbage—Oregon Ballhead, new crates 75-85c; old crates 65-70c; red 2-2½c lb.; broken lots, 1¾c.

Cauliflower—Local, No. 1, 50-60c; No. 2, 35-45c.

Celery—Oregon, Milwaukie Utah type, 85c-$1 per crate; Labish white, 65-70c; hearts 60-65c.

Corn—5 doz., $1.00-1.25; Wash., $1.25.

Citrus Fruit—Grapefruit, Texas marsh seedless, $2.85-3.00; Foster pink, $2.50-2.75; Arizona fancy, $1.90-2.00; choice, $1.75-1.90; lemons, fancy, all sizes, $4 5.00; choice, $3.25-3.50; Limes, California, 50-pound boxes, 3.00-5.50 according to size; display cartons, 75c; trays, 18c; oranges, California Valencias, fancy 126-176s, 2.75-3.00; 200s, smaller, $2.25-2.60; choice, $1.65-1.75.

Cranberries — ¼ bbl., McFarlands, $3.50-3.75; Ore., $3.75-3.85.

Cucumbers—Ore., flats, 40-50c; hothouse, fancy, doz., 85c-$1.00; choice, 65-75c; standard, 50-60c.

Dill—6-8c lb.

Endive—Local, 35-40c dozen.

Eggplant—6-7c per lb.; flats, 65-75c.

Figs—Local white, 60-65c flat; black, 50c.

Garlic—Local, best, 7-8c pound; poorer 5-6c pound.

Grapes—Oregon Emperors, 90c-$1.00; California lug boxes, Thompson seedless, $1.10-1.25; Tokays, 90c-$1.00; Emperors, $1.25-1.35; Malagas, 85c-90c.

Lettuce—The Dalles dry packs, 3-4 doz. best, $1.25-1.35; local, $1.00-1.25; Seattle, $1.25-1.35; Walla Walla, $1.50; Calif., 5 doz. iced, $2.60-2.75.

Mushrooms—Cultivated, 1 lb., 35-40c.

Onions—Washington, Yakima yellows, No. 1 medium, $1.00-1.10; large, $1.20-1.30 hundredweight; 50-pound sacks, 55-65c; Oregon Labish yellows, 50-pound sacks, 65-75c; 10 lb. sacks, 15-20c; boilers, 10-lb. sacks, 15-17c; No. 2, 10-12c.

Peaches—Orange clings, 50-60c; Krummels, 50-60c.

Pears—Oregon, Bosc, loose, 45-50c; ex. fcy., 90c; Anjou, fancy, 80-88s, med., $1.35-1.50. C grade 75-85c; loose C grade 40-60c.

Peas—Calif., $2.90-3.00 crate.

Peppers—Oregon lugs, 25-30c; orange boxes 75-80c; red, 5-6c; flats, 40-50c.

Potatoes—Oregon local Russets and Long Whites, No. 1, 90c-$1.00; Washington Russets $1.10-1.25; 25-pound sacks, 30-35c; No. 2s, 40-42½c ped 50-pound sack; bakers, 100 pounds, $1.50-1.60; Deschutes, No. 1 Russets, $1.15-1.25.

Squash — Oregon, Washington Crookneck, scallop Zucchini, 40-45c per flat; Danish, flats, 45-50c; crates, 85-90c; Marblehead, 11-1½c; Calif. Zucchini, 6-7c lb.

Tomatoes—Local, No. 1, 50-60c; No. 2, 30-35c; Calif., lugs, $1.50-1.60; hothouse, 9-10c lb.

Spinach—Oregon, 45-50c orange box.

Bunched vegetables—Per doz. bunches, beets, 20-22c; carrots, 20-22c; green onions, 20-25c; parsley, 20-25c; radishes, 20-25c; turnips, 20-22c dozen; broccoli, lug, 40-45c.

Root vegetables—Carrots, lugs, 35-40c, sacks, $1.25-1.50; rutabagas, $1.25-1.50 cwt.; lugs, 40-45c; beets, $1.50-1.75; turnips, lugs, 40c, cwt., $1.25-1.50; parsnips, 40-50c lug.

Closing Quotations

NEW YORK, Nov. 1.—(AP)—Today's closing prices:

Al Chem & Dye	187½	Comwlth & Sou.	2	Natl Power & Lt	8⅞
Allied Stores	12⅝	Consol Edison	32⅛	Nor Pacific	12¼
American Can	103	Consol Oil	9	Packard Motor	5⅜
Am For Power	4¼	Corn Products	69⅜	J C Penney	80
Am Pow & Lt	6⅞	Curtiss Wright	6⅝	Phillips Petrol	39
Am Rad Std San	17½	Du Pont de N.	145⅜	Pressed Stl Car.	11¾
Am Roll Mills	20⅜	Doug Aircraft	68	Pub Service NJ.	32¾
Am Smelt & Ref	54	Elec Power & Lt	12½	Pullman	34
Am Tel & Tel.	148	Erie RR	2½	Safeway Stores.	24½
Am Tobacco B.	39	Genl Electric	45⅞	Sears Roebuck	75¼
Am Wat Works.	14⅜	Genl Foods	38¾	Shell Union	15
Anaconda	36⅞	Genl Motors	49⅛	Sou Cal Edison.	23½
Armour Ill	6	Goodyear Tire	32½	Sou Pacific	19
Atchison	38⅝	Gt Nor Ry Pf	23¾	Stand Brands	7½
Barnsdall	17¾	Hudson Motors.	9¼	Stand Oil Calif.	30
Baltimore & O.	8	Ill Cent Illinois	14¼	Stand Oil NJ	53½
Bendix Avia	22⅞	Insp Copper	17	Studebaker	8⅜
Bethlehem Steel	67	Int Harvester	63⅝	Sup Oil	3¼
Boeing Airp	27⅛	Int Nickel Can.	55⅜	Timk Roll Bear.	52½
Borge-Warner	32	Int Pap & P Pf.	49⅝	Trans-America	9½
Budd Mfg	5⅞	Int Tel & Tel	10	Union Carbide	84⅝
Calif Pack	21½	Johns Manville.	102½	United Aircraft.	34¼
Callahan Z-L	2⅛	Kennecott	46⅝	United Airlines.	11¼
Calumet Hec	8⅝	Libbey-O-Ford	55¼	US Rubber	52
Canadian Pacific	6⅜	Lig & Myers B.	102	US Steel	64
J I Case	93½	Loew's	58⅜	Walworth	9⅛
Caterpil Tractor	51	Monty Ward	50⅞	West Union	27
Celanese	25⅛	Nash-Kelv	10¼	White Motors	13⅝
Certain-Teed	11¾	National Biscuit	26½	Woolworth	50½
Ches & Ohio	34	Natl Cash	25½	**New York Curb**	
Chrysler	81⅞	Natl Dairy Prod	13⅞	Cities Service	8⅝
Coml Solvent	11	Natl Dist	28	Elec Bond & Sh	12⅞

Parent-Teachers Meeting Is Held at Victor Point

VICTOR POINT — Halloween decorations were used in the schoolhouse Friday night for the first Parent-Teachers' meeting for the year. A short program of games followed.

At the business meeting Paul Jaquet, president, appointed these committees: Program, Jimmie Darby, Mrs. W. F. Krenz, Donald Jaquet; lunch, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Krenz, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Perkins; visiting, Mrs. J. C. Krenz, Mrs. Clarence Jones, J O. Darby; membership, Wesley Darby and Richard Krenz.

The Eleven of Diamonds

By BAYNARD A. KENDRICK

CHAPTER XXXVI

A flashlight shone—white and cold, caressing the pearl handle of a wicked gun he had seen before—touching the hem of a green silk raincoat. The muzzle was close to the graying hair of the man on top—reflected rays of the flashlight burnished the knife in his hand.

"You better reef a mainsail, Commander Fishface," said Millie LaFrance sweetly, "or little Millie will blow off your navy blue bottom with her pretty popgun." Her voice shrilled just before Stan passed out. "I mean get off of him, Dawson, and drop that knife or I'll blow your brains out!"

Afterwards, the night was never more than a bad dream to Stan. The rending screech of sirens—the battering pop of motor-cycles—the splintering of wood as boarded windows fell before an ax—struck on ears gone deaf with pain. A blue ethereal haze supported him as the ambulance sped to Jackson Memorial. In bed he opened dull eyes to the stab of a hypodermic, but the lids dragged heavily, so he closed them again and floated peacefully away.

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"There's a man to see you," Miss Leslie announced, her capped head thrust in the door.

Stan beckoned her in. "Is he in a uniform?"

"Yes." She patted a pillow into place. "He's been here twice this morning—and three times yesterday."

"He's come to arrest me for murder. Tell him to go away—that mother and son are doing nicely—anything, but hurry so you can come back and give me my bath."

"Why, you've already had your bath—" Miss Leslie stopped, blushing pinkly.

"There's something so soothing about your hands running up and down my spine." He gave a blissful sigh. "You taught me to be a bathiophile."

"I'm sending in the policeman," she stated primly. "And the orderly can bathe you tomorrow. Maybe he can teach you to behave yourself."

"Your hands are soft—but nursing has calloused your heart," Stan told her as she left.

The Captain was speechless for a short while after he came in the room, then he pulled his chair close to the bed. His face lost its firm lines in one of his unpredictable smiles.

"You're a rich man, Mr. Rice—a hundred and thirty-five grand including Farraday's reward. The diamonds were in the mud under the floor!"

"Thirty-five grand, Vince. That's my cut. Thirty-five goes to Millie—and the balance to you and the department where it belongs. If you find Fowler had a family—I'll leave it to you to look after them. Please, Vince," as LeRoy started to protest. "I couldn't have cracked this without the help of the Squad—and you know it. And I wouldn't be alive to collect—without that hell-cat and her nickel-plated gun. Let's don't bring the money up again. I'm glad I'm out with nothing worse than a broken arm—and that Bruce Farraday's going to pull through. I suppose Mumford is deviling you to death for information—"

"He wanted to come with me. I couldn't see you taking one of his cross examinations right now. Why did you take such a chance, Stan?"

"I had to—but I'll come to that. Put it down, Vince, so I won't have to cover this again. Most of it you know—but ask your questions now—I'm talking my last talk about the murder of Fowler and Eckhardt."

LeRoy placed his notebook on the table by the bed. "I'll start with the 'boloney.'"

"Where I should have started—and didn't. First, I'll tell you all I have on Dawson. Up to night before last his record was without a spot. The record of Commander Eric Dawson, U.S.N., Retired, is still spotless—except that Eric Dawson died in China five years ago. The man you have in jail, Vince, is his brother—Ernest Dawson. He's the black sheep of a fine family—forger—ex-circus performer—murderer—and jewel thief without peer."

"You had nothing to go on, Stan."

"Quite a bit. I didn't know he was impersonating his brother until Millie dug up an old clipping that Ernest Dawson had died in the interior of China, while exploring with his brother, Retired Commander Eric. The story hinted that Ernest had been in trouble. She tipped me that by phone on our return from the trip—night before last. From what I already knew, I guessed that Ernest had assumed the identity of Eric—and had kept it for the past five years."

"What did you know?"

"The perfectly obvious thing, Vince,—that Dawson was the only one who could be responsible for the two murders. Eckhardt knew who killed Fowler—and who knocked me off the Four Leaf Clover. He intended to chisel in—and rented an apartment for a month so he could be near his man. The apartment was over Dawson's—but he didn't get much chance to use it. It's simple as that. Dawson had overheard him at Millie's. Act two was murder at the track."

"But Dawson saved your life—"

"An error he's regretted ever since. He thought I was dead when he fished me out. A grandstand play, Vince. The love of it has always been a stumbling block for crooks. Ben Eckhardt made one when he phoned Dawson's apartment—and tried to put the fear of God into Dawson by the omnipotent presence—who heard all and knew all.

"Another thing made me suspicious of Dawson that same afternoon. Neal was talking about the year of his graduation—1900. With thirty years of service up to 1930 and six years of retirement—he'd have to be near sixty today. If he's much over forty I'll pluck out his gray hairs. Even Mrs. Bessinger remarked about his youthfulness."

"The boloney," LeRoy reminded.

Stan settled himself more comfortably in bed. He was beginning to feel like a chronic invalid. "Bologna phosphorus is sulphide of barium, made by grinding the Bologna stone. You'll find it in the dictionary—it is used in the preparation of luminous paint—"

"I don't want to find it—I want to hear about it."

"You're about to. The Miles Standish Rice version. Fowler came to Miami on the trail of the diamonds. They were stolen by Dawson. Juan Andres was his accomplice in this country—"

"He's on the twenty-first floor," LeRoy said grimly.

"Juan had contacted Caprilli, and Caprilli had chosen the Bessingers to close the deal. Dawson had no intention of revealing his identity to Caprilli—so he chose the eleven of diamonds as a contact card, to be shown to Juan. Somehow—I don't know how—Fowler found it out and got one for himself. The Bessingers must have been suspicious of him and tipped him off to Juan—anyhow here's what I believe happened—

"The Bessingers brought him to the club Saturday night. The trap was already set—the Caprilli gang warned to stay away—the one chair placed in the poker room. Juan wrote the warning note, signed 'DB'—telling Fowler to wait in the dark room. As Fowler was reading the note, or as Juan was brushing his coat, he gave him a generous dab of Dawson's specialty—the luminous paint. It had vanished under Fowler's blood when you found him. Juan went downstairs, earlier, and drove his own small car out and back—to make it sound like Fowler had gone."

"And Ben?"

"Dawson must have gotten close to him in the crowd and given him an application. When the lights went out—he threw the knife from some distance away, probably underhanded. It can be done with terrific force by someone who knows the trick."

"If Juan was in with him," LeRoy said, shaking his head, "there are still a lot of things I don't get. Who knocked Juan on the head—when you were fired at on the roof?"

"Dawson, of course. He told Juan that was the only way for him to be put in the clear—and the spick fell for it. It was really Juan's dumbness that lost them the game. Juan thought he was being double-crossed when Dawson took the diamonds from the Sunset for safe keeping. Juan started watching every move he made—and saw him hide them in the apartment Ben had rented, after Ben was killed.

"Night before last, Juan took them from the apartment to the old mill, and hooked onto our boat intending to get Dawson out of the picture entirely. The nigger janitor followed him and phoned Millie—"

"And you cooked up the brilliant plan that would have put you out of the picture—if Millie hadn't followed you and saved your neck."

"I had nothing on him, Vince—except suspicion, and a certainty of my own that he was guilty. You can't burn a man with that. I might have waited and investigated his record, and turned him over to the Feds for drawing his brother's retired pay, but unless we jailed him on nothing—he'd have knocked off Juan—"

"A small loss," LeRoy grumbled.

"I wanted those diamonds," Stan assured him with a smile. "And I did have fun accepting his story about the smuggling and the non-existence retreat on the keys. Failing to kill me with the aid of Fowler's car—he tried so hard to sell me the idea that he'd been fishing the day before that he stubbed his toe. I accepted his offer to take me there. He probably knew some shack on the keys. We'd have ended there—if Farraday hadn't been shot!" Stan gnawed at the knuckle of his left hand. "There was always a fair chance that I was on the wrong track. I didn't dare pass it up. He actually had me going, Vince, when we started out on the Swampfire—and on the way home you nearly sold me a bill of goods on Button."

"Nearly!" The Captain rose. "I'm always so near and you're so far. Maybe you know in which pocket he kept that Hispano-Suiza of Fowler's."

"There are twelve garages in back of the apartment house. I think it was in one of those belonging to an unrented apartment. He undoubtedly kept it to search—but didn't find the stuff hidden in the rumble seat." Stan hesitated, and scratched his head. "Do you think that bus could be bought, Vince? I might take a tour this summer. I've never owned a car as fast as that—"

"Anything can be bought," said LeRoy at the door. "Including blonde drivers for men with broken arms. By the way," he added, sheepishly, "the doctor said a mild stimulant wouldn't hurt you—so I've ordered half a case of Scotch to last you out the week." He left, with a wink to Millie, who was waiting outside.

"Close the door," Stan said mysteriously, when she came in the room. "Now look in the bottom of the closet. Under my bathrobe you will find a large box—a very large box. It contains two whole roast chickens with trimmings—smuggled in by that woman whose name is Doris. In a bucket of ice in the box are four bottles of Chateau d'Yquem—smuggled in by her husband."

"Let's celebrate," Millie suggested, hopefully.

"First I have a task to perform," Stan told her. "Afterwards I will join you gladly. The nurse said too much food would make me ill. They have fed me nothing—and I'm getting ill. I intend to demolish an entire chicken and throw the bones down in my bed. Will you join me, Millie LaFrance?"

"Try and stop me!"

THE END

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