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Tires and Retail Trade
Under the heading "That's $W$
Goes" this department analyzed some months
ago census figures on retail trade showing that
farmers, passing farmers, passing up the old crossroads general
store, made the bulk of their purchases in the nearest town; people from the smaller towns
had acquired the habit of shopping in the cities t medium size, and peopple from those cities
nade frequent trips for combined shopping and entertainment purposes to the nearest metropo-
lis. In recent years retail sales had decreased in
rural communities and increased in the large
cities, while the medium-sized towns had just about held their own though the charter of
their retail trade had altered. Now if you want to start an argument, the
quickest way is to assert that tire rationing will
put people back on their feet-force them to put people back on their feet-force them to
quit driving-or that it will not. It doessn't make
much difference which side you take, you'll find
omeone to take the contrary view. Best guess people will have tires on their cars an
able to drive them-but they wont drive th
unless it's necessary. This state of affairs w
continue as long as war needs monopolize
greater part of the rubber supply, and th
apparently means longer than it will take to
he synthetic rubber industry into full produ tion.
If that is the actual result it will amount,
after all, to something of a return to horse-and-
buggy conditions. Farmers won't visit towns
like Stayton and M.t. Angel quite so often Stay-
ton and Mt. Angel poople won't be sen quite so
frequently on Salem's streets; Salem people
won't be dashing into Portland to see a road
show or ball game and do some heavy shopping
while they're there.
People will buy things at the nearest place
where they can get them. While Salent will lose
some trade in staple goods which are available
In the smatler cities. it it our oupinion that other
things being equal meaning chiefly the gen-
eral pubilic's buying power-Salem and other
cities similarly situated will gain as a result
of this state of affairs. walem is the nearest
point for a great many Willamette valley resi-
pents, where almost any conceivable type of
dents,

News Behind The News

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$\qquad$ Mr. Roosevelt, Yound they were faced with a
farm price boosting bill, it was too late to stop the
stampede. The tulk it the tinal votes against them
were being contributed by their own leading sena-
tors from southern states.


Bits for Breakfast

"Emerald Embassy"

| When the Prince was being hustled to the patrol car, three other officers began a swift but apartment. They grabbed Toto le Chat; a half empty bottle of absinthe explained his dead-to-the-world sleep; and Jacqueline, was stuffed and stilled in the nick o' time by a silk stocking. And they found a slim-bladed knife and $a$ small Browning automatic pistol. | boured Then he sighed and heavily towards the opening of blundered into a tall, lazy-looking individual. <br> "Sorry," he mumbled, and other put a hand against his chest and stopped him. "I think your name's Horton," the man said. <br> Philip peered at him, quite before. "Yes," he sail. "D'you want me?' |
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| When Philip Horton arrived at the flat he rang the bell, and it was nearly five minutes before it was answered. To his surprise, Anne de Vassignac herself flung | The blue eyes in the br face contemplated him with expression of genuine com er, "I don't. But these men |
| the door open. "Sacre nom | He nodded sideways |
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| out the brown | (To be continued) |
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| (ex's supposed presence in the | by LILLIE L. MAdSEN |
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| oke the string, un- | but jus |
| ed the parcel, and laid the ficent string of emeralds |  |
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| turned | very straight |
| slim hand on his arm. "Philip, |  |
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| cheek. "You're tired," |  |
| red. My poor P |  |
| ckly |  |
| iled and he gathered her into |  |
| "My poor Philip," Anne cooed |  |
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| could be so caressing when could be "You mustg when | when the |
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| here. 'rll see you in the mo |  |
| ppping." | pieces of bark or limb to |
| ched him | on the trees. Be careful to |
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| of the wonderful jewels whi | And don't, |
| had already cost two lives. Outside in the corridor |  |
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