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## The Truth Hurts

The Portland Telegram, in an article reprinted elsewhere, replies to Capital Journal's remarks concerning the failure of Portland to furnish promised cooperation in the financing of the linen mill, declaring:

Portland will no doubt raise the \$135,000 for the flax industry. It could raise this amount with an entirely public spirited motive. It has hitherto raised larger amounts than this for public projects not half so worthy or wise for the state as the flax industry. But fortunately it is not necessary to seek anyone's subscription to this project from the motive of community loyalty alone. The men taking the leadership in this movement represent the most conservative business brains in the state. They are not the kind to be led astray by any fantastic schemes for earning money; yet they make the statement that this proposition of the flax industry in Oregon is thoroughly sound and demonstrated one from a business standpoint.

The Oregonian replies by abuse of the Capital Journal as "a Salem liability" and strains its ingenuity to accuse it of a "left-handed depreciation of flax investments." It declares:

As before remarked, capital in Portland—capital in Portland—capital everywhere—is readily to be found to invest in any sound enterprise. The only reason for alousness in response to flax industry representations is the newness of the enterprise in this field. Portland newspapers and Portland citizens who have investigated its possibilities have given the encouragement of an expressed conviction that it offers a promising field for the use of capital. It is now up to the individuals who have capital at hand.

Neither of these replies hits the mark or explain why Portland has not subscribed the quota voluntarily fixed by her leading financiers and business men for the linen mill. Three months ago, Salem citizens were assured by these Portland financiers that Portland would subscribe \$175,000, if Salem subscribed \$300,000. Salem subscribed her quota. Portland then cut her quota to \$135,000, which has been repeatedly promised, but which is no nearer subscribed than when promised. Time after time, the Salem committee has traveled to Portland, by appointment, been assured that the money was in sight, told to proceed with the incorporation—but found nothing had been done. And the enterprise cannot wait indefinitely upon masterly inactivity.

Portland presents in the flax enterprise a typical instance of her failure to cooperate with the state in financing development enterprises in her tributary territory and her attitude contrasts sharply with that of San Francisco, Seattle and other coast cities and their cooperation in building-up their back-country.

If as the Telegram says, Portland has not the necessary organization and machinery for playing the part of a metropolis, it is high time she acquired it. She has an expensive enough organization for her own upbuilding. The Oregonian, however, mirrors the true Portland spirit, when it declares that it is none of the community's business but "up to the individuals who have capital in hand," which confirms everything the Capital Journal has said, for the Oregonian spirit is the Portland spirit.

## "The Perfect Crime"

Suicide, and "suicide is confession," has brought to a close the hectic drama of another "perfect crime," as scientifically planned as it was diabolically executed. Schwartz, the chemist, has joined Brumfield, the dentist, wherever the souls of the damned may go.

Each of these murders was planned with ingenuity, and yet each over-reached itself through the impossibility of controlling details that betrayed the author. A pair of charred shoes aroused suspicion and led to the apprehension of Brumfield. The filling in the teeth of Schwartz's victim furnished the clues of his undoing.

There was nothing particularly original in either crime. There have been many others similarly planned, all with the common motive of swindling insurance companies by disappearance and the substitution of a disfigured corpse. In few of these crimes, however, has murder of an innocent person been deliberately planned to furnish the body. The rapidity with which the plots were uncovered showed how clumsy they were, in spite of their supposed cleverness.

Once in a while, of course, a murder mystery remains unsolved, but in such cases luck rather than skill deserves the credit. The deliberately planned and thought out crime usually betrays itself.

For murder, though it have no tongue, will speak  
With most miraculous organ.

## Portland's Part in Flax

(From the Portland Telegram)  
The Salem Capital Journal engages in the usual fruitless and unjust "rambling" of Portland because Portland has thus far failed to "come through" with \$135,000 toward the financing of the flax weaving industry at Salem. It is utterly unprofitable for a newspaper which is interested in the real progress of better relations between Portland and the rest of the state to engage in petty criminalities. In the first place, the Salem paper's accusations are not true either generally or in this particular instance, and if they were true the situation would be made worse by a show of anger and bitterness on the part of either side to the controversy.

That the criticism is not true generally may be well shown by an analysis of the list of stockholders and organizers of some of Salem's most important industries. Portland capital has never lacked the will nor the opportunity to invest in industries not only in Salem but in all parts of the state. In this particular instance of the flax industry, Portland has taken an interested and important role from the start. As recently as last year the Oregon development fund of the Portland Chamber was applied to the financing of practically all the flax pulling machines which operated last sea-

jects not half so worthy or wise. But fortunately it is not necessary for the state as the flax industry. To seek anyone's subscription to this project from the motive of community loyalty alone. The men taking the leadership in this movement represent the most conservative business brains in the state. They are not the kind to be led astray by any fantastic schemes for earning money; and yet they make the statement that this proposition of the flax industry in Oregon is a thoroughly sound and demonstrated one from a business standpoint.

Inasmuch as the machinery for approaching a sufficient number of Portland citizens quickly is the main thing lacking in the present instance, would it not be wise policy to determine how practically this machinery can be found and set in motion at once without requiring an undue amount of time from a few willing but exceedingly busy citizens?

Aldrich-Copier Lumber Company Portland; incorporators, Gertrude N. Aldrich, H. B. Cooper, Christine M. Cooper; capital, \$10,000.

## One Wife on Approval

By Violet Dare

### LOUELLA STEPS IN

Cynthia answered the telephone herself the next morning, expecting that Cecile would be at the other end of the wire. Instead, Noel's voice answered her. "Cynthia, I must see you," he exclaimed. "It's most important." "But I can't see you," she answered. Then, recalling that Cecile had insisted that Noel must not know of the revelations which she had made to Cynthia the day before, she added hastily: "I'm not feeling up to talking with you, Noel. Can't you write me about it?"

"Well, I suppose so if you insist. It's about business—that stock which you bought has gone up; you see—I've sold the sub-division and you're going to make loads of money. Aren't you delighted?" "Why—yes, of course I am," she congratulated him, and listened while he talked excitedly of the deal and how he had put it over. But when at last she was free to hang up the receiver she turned away with a sigh of indifference. After all, what did money matter when your life was worse than usual.

But her feeling about the stock was not shared by others. That afternoon Louella dropped in. Remembering how her sister-in-law had cut her a short time before on the street, Cynthia smiled as Louella was announced wondering what had brought about the change. Louella came straight to the point. "I wanted to see you about that stock of mother's," she explained. "I mean that stock in Noel Gardner's company that owned that new

paid for it. That's what I've come about. She's so unhappy about the whole thing. I'd written her, of course, that people were talking about you and Noel—that they were saying unpleasant things—that is—"

"Yes, of course," Cynthia cut in. She could well imagine what Louella had written Madame Leland! "And so we can just straighten out this matter of the stock right now," Louella went on, sauntering over to the window. "Why don't you come to luncheon now with me downtown, and on the way we can call for Stanley, and while we're at his office we can do the whole thing legally; I suppose there'll be papers that have to be signed in the presence of a notary public, or something like that."

Cynthia laughed softly, and then lamely excused herself for doing so. How simple it was all to be! Louella, having heard that Noel Gardner's sub-division had been sold and that the stock in it had suddenly increased in value as a result, hated to see this money go out of the family. She was going to get it back at once, before Cynthia heard anything. And as a sop to Cerberus, she was going to lunch publicly with Cynthia, so that the black sheep of the family might feel that she had been reinstated in favor.

"That's awfully kind of you and your mother, Louella," she answered slowly. "But I'd have to go to Noel Gardner's office; you see, he's been keeping the stock certificates in his safe for me."

"Oh—well, then—why couldn't Stanley just go and get them, while we're on our way downtown and save you that bother?" Louella asked quickly. "We wouldn't have to go there then. You see, Noel has such a reputation that I hate to have you go to his office at all."

Cynthia shrugged her shoulders. After all, why not let the whole thing go through as Louella

## RUBBER CULTURE IN PHILIPPINES FOUND FEASIBLE

Washington, Aug. 10.—(A. P.)

The Philippine islands government promise of eventually bringing to the American rubber user a part of his crude supply. The commerce department in a report today on an exhaustive investigation of the potential value of the archipelago for crude rubber expressed the opinion that profitable production is possible there. The report, representing many months of study, held that under favorable conditions an annual maximum output of 70,000 tons could be produced in the islands, in the southern portion of which approximately 1,500,000 acres are suitable for rubber raising. The 700,000-ton potential Philippine outcome would compare with an annual import now of \$40,000 tons by the United States. The lack of political disturbances and the utilization of the present available labor forces in the islands were stressed as factors in reaching this estimate. The report marks the completion of another stage in the department's world wide survey of the rubber situation, started 18 months ago at the instance of congress and the rubber trades, when it became apparent that the legal had planned it. Nothing mattered anyway. "Very well—I'll put on my wraps at once," she replied. "Tomorrow—A Shock for Louella"

restriction of the plantation rubber output in British colonies might menace American consumers. In recent months high rubber prices, feared by the American industry at the outset of the British restriction program, have been realized. Previous department reports have dealt with the British program as now established in that nation's colonies, while today's report was devoted to a study of the possibility of creating competitive plantation areas in the Philippines. The investigation is being continued to study the advisability of expanding the crude output of South America, Africa and the Caribbean area. In the Philippines, the survey disclosed considerable commercial rubber plantations now underway with several plantations in cultivation to give a highly favorable hope to the islands becoming a new source for the rubber. The Para rubber tree, mainstay of the Atlantic plantations, had shown satisfactory progress in the more southern islands. Soil and botanical experts of the department found that the plant there is less troubled by disease than in the plantations of Malaysia and that plants of Mindanao, Jolo and Basilan, soil conditions are highly satisfactory in areas already charted. Importation of some labor and some modification of Philippine land legislation are recommended to facilitate commercial production.

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By Chick Young

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### BRINGING UP FATHER



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### MUTT AND JEFF



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