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"I haven't seen him either," replied Tuppence impatiently. "Go on about Waterloo. What were you doing there?"

"He gave me a call. Over the phone. Told me to get a move on, and hustle. Said he was trailing two crooks."

"Oh!" said Tuppence, her eyes opening. "I see. Go on."

"I hurried along right away. Beresford was there. He pointed out the crooks. The big one was mine, the guy you bluffed. Tommy shoved a ticket into my hand and told me to get aboard the cars. He was going to sleuth the other crook." Julius paused. "I thought for sure you'd know all this."

"Julius," said Tuppence firmly, sit down in that armchair and tell me the whole story with as few fancy turns of speech as possible."

"Well," began Julius. "I got into one of your dear old-fashioned first-class British compartments. The train was just off. I did a bit of prospecting along the corridor to the next coach. Whittington was there right enough. When I saw the skunk, with his big sleek fat face, and thought of poor little Jane in his clutches, I felt real mad that I hadn't got a gun with me. I'd have tickled him up some."

"We got to Bournemouth all right. Whittington took a cab and gave the name of an hotel. I did likewise, and we drove up within three minutes of each other. He hired a room, and I hired one too. So far it was all plain sailing. Well, he just sat around in the hotel lounge, reading the papers and so on, till it was time for dinner."

"I began to think that there was nothing doing, that he'd just come on the trip for his health, but I remembered that he hadn't changed for dinner, though it was by way of being a slip-up hotel, so it seemed likely enough that he'd be going out on his real business afterward."

"Sure enough, about nine o'clock, so he did. Took a car across the town—mighty pretty place by the way, I guess I'll take Jane there for a spell when I find her—and then paid it off and struck off along those nine woods

on the top of the cliff. I was there, too, you understand! We walked maybe, for half an hour. There's a lot of villas all the way along, but by degrees they seemed to get more and more thinned out, and in the end we got to one that seemed the last of the bunch."

"It was a pretty black night, and the carriage drive up to the house was dark as pitch. I could hear him ahead, though I couldn't see him. I turned a curve and I was just in time to see him ring the bell and get admitted to the house. I just stopped where I was."

"Whittington didn't come out again, and by and by I got kind of restive, and began to mouch around. All the ground floor windows were shuttered tight, but upstairs, on the first floor (it was a two-story house) I noticed a window with a light burning and the curtains not drawn."

"Now, just opposite to that window, there was a tree growing. It was about thirty feet away from the house, maybe, and I sort of got it into my head that, if I climbed up that tree, I'd very likely be able to see into that room. So I started up."

"It wasn't so easy by a long chalk! The rain had made the boughs mighty slippery, and it was all I could do to keep a foothold, but bit by bit I managed it, until at last there I was level with the window."

"But then I was disappointed. I could only see sideways into the room. Just as I was going to give it up, and climb down ignominiously, someone inside moved and threw his shadow on my little bit of wall—and, by gum, it was Whittington!"

"After that, my blood was up. I'd just got to get a look into that room. It was up to me to figure out how. I noticed that there was a long branch running out from the tree in the right direction. If I could only swarm about half-way along it, the proposition would be solved. Very cautiously, inch by inch, I crawled along. At last I got safely to where I wanted to be."

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Walton and the Klan

Tales of Floggings in Oklahoma Sworn to

Aldrich Blake, executive counsellor, has made public an account of some of the brutal floggings that led Governor Walton to invoke martial law in Tulsa county, Oklahoma. He says:

Through the 1200 pages of testimony runs the same brutal refrain. It's always the klan or some members of the klan.

In every case thus far examined, except two which have not proceeded very far, the evidence has led straight to the doorstep of the Invisible Empire, known as the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. Not an alien has been accused, not a breath of suspicion against a single Tulsa citizen except members of the imperial organization.

No arrests had ever been made until the military court convened. Except in one or two instances were the police called and immediately returned to the station, no investigation has ever been made of any of these dozens of other cases now under investigation.

The average man is pretty apt to change his address after his skin has been whipped until it is raw and then he is unretreated with death if he tells. That is exactly what happened in Tulsa, not once, but many times, or perhaps 200 times, in a little more than a year.

The wet rope is out of style. In Tulsa they use a leather strap. It is about three inches wide, perhaps four feet long. The end of the strap is cat-tailed—sliced into three straps. Fifty lashes will tame the strongest man. Strong men stagger away, ruined for life.

A mother roughly dealt with when a band of 20 men raided her home and beat her husband—a child was born prematurely as the result; a member of a township school board abducted by floggers and coerced into voting for a school head whom he opposed; an elderly man lashed because he opposed the way the school was run; a man and a woman run out of their beds and taken to the whipping field where the strap was applied to both, because the whippers charged that they had been selling beer—these are among the cases related by Blake from the testimony.

A Klansman testified: "I think there were about 150 men out there. They were all disguised with old hats and old coats and with handkerchiefs tied over their eyes. They had two prisoners there standing near a telephone pole. The one that was whipped first was told to leave the country. A man from some other town talked to the prisoners. I didn't know him, you see, they usually have a man from some other klan, a stranger in the community take charge. It is well arranged."

A woman who was lashed testified: "They took the quilt away from around me and I just had on my nightgown and they began whipping me and I began screaming and they put their hands over my mouth and I fell unconscious. I didn't know any more until I was back in the car and when I came to I was all wet with blood and someone had hold of my pulse and someone asked if my heart was beating. They blindfolded me again and brought me back home. I was sick at the time and haven't been well since."

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Jots and Tittles

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L. M. Curt was here from Albany on business Friday.

Miss Nettie Spencer gave a well-received talk on her travels at a recent meeting of the Corvallis Evangelical church.

There is now paved road all the way from Portland to Harrisburg on this side of the Willamette except between Shedd and Tangent, and that may be completed this month.

F. M. Gray, administrator of the Kirkpatrick estate, has sold lots 5, 6, 7 and 8 in block 2, Hayes' addition to Halsey, to Mrs. Amelia P. Smith, mother of the Halsey-Sweet Home mail contractor, for \$400.

Thomas McLain tried to cross the railroad track at Harrisburg the other night and bumped into a car of a freight train that was standing still. He can't be accused of having raced with a train that time.

Harrisburg and Junction City each want to be the Junction point of the Natron cut-off, instead of Eugene or Springfield. Why not bring it to Halsey? We have lots of room for growth.

One of the Brock sisters who owns a confectionery at Harrisburg was reported not long ago as having under gone an operation for appendicitis. Now another one, Miss Marie has been married without the knowledge of any of her friends at home. This occurred in Portland and the bridegroom is Lee Lowrey of that city but well known in Harrisburg.

D. O. Woodworth gave a \$200 purebred bull calf to that member of a cow-testing association who guessed nearest to the butterfat production of three cows with records at the fair. Col. M. Miller of Knox Butte won the prize against a number of other guessers and he was 53 pounds too low on one and 67 and 158 too high on the other two. That's a pretty good argument for cow testing.

Ex-County Commissioner Butler argues strongly for the building of the Harrisburg bridge in 1924.

The biggest grain crop in recent years in the Willamette valley is practically all thrashed and stored.

Halsey still has fine fresh strawberries this week. They came from the Winniford farm and retail at 15c.

Peter Whitney, 33, of Albany was drowned Thursday when a boat from which he was fishing near Harrisburg upset.

The tax commission organized with C. H. Stewart as chairman and appointed Mrs. D. S. McWilliams as secretary. The McWilliams family talk of moving to Albany. D. S. is one of the commissioners.

It cost John Ehrenreich \$100 in the city court and \$250 before a justice of the peace to sell liquor in Albany last week and a ninety-day jail sentence was added for good measure.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Scott, from Oakland, Cal., arrived Thursday for a visit at the A. E. Whitbeck home. Mrs. Scott and Mrs. Whitbeck are sisters and had not met for thirty-two years.

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O. A. C. reports the July productions of butterfat by tested cows in July 3.7 pounds more this year than last. Some of the boarder cows have been sent to the slaughter house.

Thursday afternoon the Rickard Garage at Corvallis was turned, with forty-one automobiles. Loss about \$60,000. The Beaver laundry was damaged one-tenth as much and some other damage was done.

Texas rangers have brought about the indictment of a number of floggers. Perhaps the accused can escape conviction by spiriting away witnesses or dispiriting officials as they have done in Oregon.

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