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PORT OF LANE COUNTY

A move is being made by the Siuslaw Chamber of Commerce to have the Port of Florence taken over by Lane county. The Siuslaw people say that the Port is debt free and the support of Lane county is wanted for promotional purposes only. In other words they think if Lane county was behind the port ships might be brought into the harbor and everybody would benefit by water transportation. To make the county a port district will take a favorable vote of the people.

If by the use of the port at the mouth of the Siuslaw cheaper freight rates would result for all Lane county and this usage can only be gotten by making it a Lane county port then everybody shrould be for the proposition.

On the other hand, if more money is needed for port development we think it would be next to impossible to get the county as a whole to vote a bond issue for this purpose. Consequently with the larger unit development might be held back.

If moral support and the county's influence is all that is needed to bring ships into the Siuslaw harbor then we see no reason why all Lane county cannot give this without extending the port district. What is good for us all is surely worth going after. If there is sufficient business in this area to justify the use of the port with lower freight rates than at present, it seems to us that the commercial organizations in the county might sign up tonnage available for water transportation and present the statement to a steamship company. Surely good business will not go begging this day and age. No doubt but that there are several steamship companies which would be glad to operate out of Florence if there were money to be made in the service.

TOWN AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Professor Thomas H. Reed, director of the Department of Political Science of the University of Michigan, has been making a study of rural local governments in the United States and has come to the conclusion that there are too many of them, that they are too expensive and that they are out of date and unnecessary.

In the early days, when it was a day's journey to go ten miles to the court house and back, and a hardship on children to send them more than a mile to school, the nation needed seats of government and of education close to or in every community. Professor Reed points out that it is no more trouble today to go sixty miles to the court house than it used to be to go ten miles, and believes that the answer is going to be found in the consolidation of counties and the elimination of superfluous township government, all of which will tend to reduce local taxation.

The movement toward consolidating county schools and hauling school children from a radius of ten or fifteen miles to a good, centrally located, graded school, is growing all over the country. The little one-room school house is a survival from primitive times; it was picturesque but on the whole inefficient, Prof. Reed thinks.

We don't expect to see such radical changes in our time as Prof. Reed thinks will come eventually, but we are inclined to agree with him that, taking the country as a whole, the cost to the taxpayers of local government is out of all proportion to the needs, and that one way of reducing this would be to reduce the number of local governmental units and make each one cover a larger territory.

WAS FORCE NEEDED?

Japanese marines were landed in Shanghai and the city bombarded to protect lives and property of their nationals the Japanese government tells the world. It seems strange to us with 30,000 foreigners in Shanghai international settlement that if Japanese life and property were in danger the world had not heard about it before. With several thousand foreigner troops in Shanghai, the world has always thought that it was the safest place in the Orient and that accounts for the substantial development of the foreign settlement. History will no doubt record the invasion of Shanghai as the Japanese rape of the Chinamen.

QUIT QUARRELING AND DO SOME SHOOTING

There has been much ado about the locks on the doors of the new cell block at Oregon penitentiary. Instead of Governor Meier and Secretary of State Hoss making a political issue out of it, we recommend that the legislature pass another law. This statute should provide that anyone breaking out of jail should be shot when captured. This would make locks on the jail doors needless and might also relieve the congestion in the prison somewhat. It also would create harmony in the board of control, which probably is more important for the welfare of the state.

Congress is preparing to assist business by finance corporations. What some businesses need most is for the government to quit competing with them with cut throat prices and charging the loss up to the taxpayers.

To the political followers of Gandi in India the cow is sacred. In a political year in this country the masculine sex of the bovine family is worshipped.

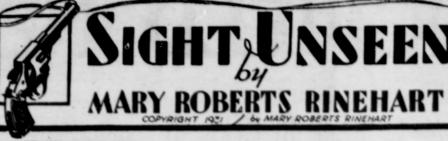
The sage of the Mohawk says that anyone breaking out of jail this day and age must be insane.



A REVIEW Within the last week I have had quite a patronage in "blood pressure cases." In this particular interval, all the subjects were ladies. I could not help noticing similarity that was almost uniform. All were women past middle age-60 and beyond. All were of stout build-170 pounds or over, in weight. All except one-a Jewess-were farm dwellers. All except the Jewish lady were of fair complexion. Most all were of German extraction, liberal feeders. All except the city woman had reared large families of children. And all of them, without exception, carried their high

tension without kidney disease. It is very common these days to encounter cases of high blood-pressure, the kind that produces hemorrhage in the brain, and, paralysis, if not sudden life ending. Hence the subject is of rather keen importance, both to patient and physician. First of all in the treatment the cause must

be sought for. My habit is, first, to test for kidney disease, that being in many cases co-incident with high arterial tension. If not "kidney trouble," what then? Well-are the arteries hardened? Or, is there evidence of a chronic liver derangement? How about the spleen, the largest of the ductless glands? Is there any focus of infection by harmful germs? What of the elimination by bowel and kidneys? Is the colon functioning? The heart? The voluntary and sympathetic nervous system? Lastly, the blood-condition as to viscosity, and its power to properly feed the muscular system, which includes the heart itself. Diet? Regulate it according to need, not routine.



TENTH INSTALMENT

SYNOPSIS

Six people, Horace Johnson (who tells the story), his wife, old Mrs. Dane, Herbert Robinson and his sister, Alice, and Dr. Sperry, friends and neighbors, are in the habit of holding weekly meetings. At one of them, Mrs. Dane, who is hostess, varies the program by unexpectedly arranging a spiritualistic scance with Miss Jeremy, a friend of Dr. Sperry and not a professional, as the medium.

At the first sitting the medium tells the details of a murder as it is occurring. Later that night Sperry learns that a neighbor. Arthur Wells, has been shot mysteriously. At a second seance, Miss Jeremy adds details about a summer resort where Charles Ellingham was known to have been at the same time that Mrs. Wells was there. She also speaks of a pocketbook being lost which contained some important car tickets and letters. Mrs. Dane, lone of the women, seems thrilled by the Investigation.

Sperry objected to this, as movement in the circle during the trance ment in the circle during the trance

investigation.

Johnson goes alone and investigates the seserted house. He is frightened by strange noises, as of an intruder in the house, but sompletes his investigation.

He visits Mrs. Dane and tells her how he had carried off the fire-tongs and left behind his overcoat in his excitement. She then tells him she had advertised for the finder of the pocketbook and turns over to Johnson an answer she had received from one having guilty knowledge of the crime. Dr. Sperry announces he is to be married to Miss Jeremy when the club meets again. Hawkins, the butler, is identified as being the person who answered Mrs. Dane's advertisement. Johnson's missing overcoat is mailed to him, but the letters contained in a pocket are missing. Sperry accompanied by Johnson, makes another search in Well'shouse for the letters written by the slayer.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY

Our inspection of the curtains was hurried, but finally we found what we were looking for. In the lining of one of the curtains, near the bottom a long, ragged cut had been made.
"Cut in a hurry, with curved sciswas Sperry's comment. "Prob-

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY

ably manicure scissors."

The result was a sort of pocket in the curtain, concealed on the chintz pide, which was the side which would

ang toward the room.
"Probably," he said, "the curtain would have been better. It would have stayed anyhow. Whereas the bag—" He was flushed with triumph. "How in the world would Hawkins know that?" he demanded. "You can talk all you like. She's told us things that no one ever told her."

"We'll have a stick from the hall, Horace," she said. "And tell Clara I'll rap on the floor with it when I want her."

I found a stick in the rack outno one ever told her.
"We'll have a go at the floors under
the carpets now." he said.

The dressing-room had like the nursery abo There had been a stain beneath where ! the dead man's head had lain, but it had been scrubbed and scraped away. The boards were white for an area

And, after a time, we lound was we were after. The upper hall was sort of cynical amusement.

Sperry was watching me with a sort of cynical amusement.

"You're an absent-minded beggar, requisition to lift the tacks. They came up rather easily, as if but re-

Just outside the dream of two square feet or more beneath the carpet had been scraped and scrubbed. With the lifting of the carpet came, too, a strong odor, as of ammonia. But the stain of blood had absolute disappeared.

"I did. But I didn't bring the said, more gently, "you come in and see the said, more gently, "you come in and see the said, more gently, "you come in and see the said, more gently, "you come in and see the said, more gently, "you come in and see the said, more gently, "you come in and see the said, more gently, "you come in and see the said, more gently, "you come in and see the said, more gently, "you come in and see the said, more gently, "you come in and see the said, more gently, "you come in and see the said, more gently, "you come in and see the said, more gently, "you come in and see the said, more gently, "you come in and see the said, more gently, "you come in and see the said, more gently, "you come in and see the said, the said, it was maddening, under the circumstances.

"I did. But I didn't bring the said, the said, more gently, "you come in and see the said, and the said,

sperry, kneeling on the floor with the candle held close, examined the wood. "Not only scrubbed," he said, "but scraped down, probably with a floor-scraper. It's pretty clear, Horace. The poor devil fell Mrs. Dane's house a ballot the stick into "Hawkins has them."

"Hawkins has them."

"They were not hidden in the curtain?" This was Sperry.
"No. The police might have searched the room."

"Where were these lettere?" down. He lay there for a might occur. a sort of solitary deed. He fell here, ing would probably show it came from here, too, and went through

It was getting on, so I suggested We reached Mrs. Dane's, to find that Miss Jeremy had already arrived, looking rather pale, as I had noticed she always did before a seeyes seemed sunken in her head.
"Not ill, are you?" Sperry asked

her, as he took her hand.
"Not at all. But I am anxious. I always am. These things do not come for the calling." "This is the last time. You have promised.

"Yes. The last time." For our last seance, Herbert Rob-inson, who had been reading up psychic literature, said he had arranged things to convince us all of the genuineness of any phenomena

hat might appear. Herbert placed Miss Jeremy in her chair, and proceeded to wrap her, chair and all, in a strong network of fine threads, drawn sufficiently taut to snap with any movement.

"How do you know it is an L?"

"On letters," was the laconic answer. Then: "Letters, letters, who has the letters?"

"The letters," was another. I had not done it. I had placed it on the table and had not touched it again.

But those were immaterial, compared with one outstanding fact.

Any supernatural solution would

their position there with a pencil

absurdity by what we all felt was ning

the extreme gravity of the situation | medium was in difficulties.

There were present in the room moved uneasily, and spoke irritably. Mrs. Dane, the Robinsons, Sperry, The replies were slow and grudg-

This created a profound sensa-"How do you know that?"
"He carried it at the seashore.



Robinson bound the medium to her chair and traced her feet on a sheet of white paper.

"Would a slight noise disturb her?" Mrs. Dane asked. Miss Jeremy thought not, if the ircle remained unbroken, and Mr.

Dane considered. "Bring me my stick from the hall

side and brought it in. The lights were still on in the chandelier overhead, and as I gave the stick to Mrs. Dane I heard Sperry speaking "Where did you get that stick?"

"In the hall. I——," said Mrs.
"I never saw it before," said Mrs.
Dane. "Perhaps it is Herbert's."

"No. He attacked her found the letters."

"And she shot him?"
"I can't tell you that." Sperry eyed the spot with indif-ference. "Not essential," he said. "Shows good housekeeping. That's Arthur Wells's, the one which all. The point is, are there other Sperry had taken from his room, spots?" and which, in turn, had been taken

Just outside the dressing-room door the boards for an area of two square feet or more beneath the loud didn't, by any chance, stop here on your way back from my place the other night, did you?"

"I did. But I didn't being although eral times. Instead

There was a struggle, and he prepared them for anything that but instead: A number of things occurred al-

black curtain commenced to ring. ly after, my chair twisted under Finally Mrs. Dane rapped on the

floor and Clara came in. Mrs. Dane told her to switch on the lights.

Miss Jeremy had drooped in her clara's candle, was toppling. The next instant it fell, and we saw chair until the silk across her chest was held taut, but none of the lights.

In this, the final chapter of the noticed she always did before a se-ance. Her color had faded, and her ning slippers still fitted into the as briefly as possible, the events of outline on the paper beneath them the day following the third sitting. Without getting up, Sperry reached to the stand behind Miss Jeremy. Arthur Wells's death, and I shall

of us by his Christian name, but the initials were correct.

The proceedings were saved from come easily and quickly. But beginwith the cane question, the

'Ten o'clock." "He wrote 'ten o'clock' in the sand, and the waves came and washed it away?"

'Horace," said my wife, leaning forward, "why not ask her about that stock of mine? If it is going down, I ought to sell, oughtn't I?" Herbert eyed her with some ex-

asperation.
"We are here to make a serious investigation," he said. "If the mem-bers of the club will keep their ttention on what we are doing, we

"Now," he continued, turning to die medium, "the man is dead, and the revolver is beside him. Did he kill

He attacked her when be

And, after a time, we found what from Sperry's library.

Sperry was watching me with a him. I don't know. She says she arneted and my penknife came into sort of cynical amusement.

"She says she killed him?" But there was no reply to this although Herbert repeated it sev-Instead, the voice of the "con-

"I did. But I didn't bring that trol" began to recite a verse of poetry—a cheap, sentimental bit of

There was no direct reply to this,

"He found them when he was while, too, until some plan was thought out. A man does not usumost as soon as the lights were out. Were in the top of a closet. His ally kill himself in a hallway. It's Then, suddenly, a bell that Sperry revolver was there, too. He went had placed on the stand beyond the back and got it. It was terrible." and was dragged into the r.om. black curtain commenced to ring. There was a profound silence, ceived the previous week. This is followed by a slight exclamation the twelfth successive week with from Sperry as he leaped to his feet. The screen at the end of the m, which cut off the light from

> In this, the final chapter of the than production. The present betand brought into view a piece of sculptor's clay he had placed there. The handle of the bell was now jammed into the mass.
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> Arthur wells's death, and I said give the solution arrived at by the Sculptor's clay he had placed there. Neighborhood Club as to the strange communications from the medium, Miss Jeremy, now Sperry's wife. jammed into the mass.
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> "Now," Herbert said, addressing On Tuesday morning I wakened creased approximately 2,430,000 "Now," Herbert said, addressing the medium, "we want you to go back to the house where you saw the dead man on the floor. You know his name, don't you?"
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> There was a pause. "Yes. Of course I do. A. L. Wells."
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> Arthur had been known to most stick to Mrs. Dane's house; that was one than the clear light of morning. Hawkins had the letters that Arthur Wells had found; that was one thing. I had not taken Ellingham's stick to Mrs. Dane's house; that was one than the clear light of morning. Hawkins had the letters that Arthur Wells had found; that was one thing. I had not taken Ellingham's was another. I had not done it

ment.

He finished by placing her feet on the sheet of paper, and outlining on the sheet of paper, and outlining is?"

Any supernatural solution would imply full knowledge by whatever power had controlled the medium.

And there was not full knowledge.

TO BE CONTINUED

BY RADFORD MOSLEY

Day has come and gone. The day how perfervid the oratory. There didate, and that is the off chance around the corner for the party.

Incidentally the date and place of ted, June 27 and Chicago being nees, was one of the principal picked the same city and a date used his time largely in ridiculing tions the electorate will be asked to since 1884 the two parties will meet lion-dollar loan to put the unem- cans are known to be wavering, "Name," replied the indignant in the same city, and will use the ployed to work. Governor Ritchie, especially those who are only policustomer, "don't you see my signasame hall, a fact that some Demo- of Maryland, also attended the ban- tically bone dry and personally wet, ture on the check?" crats are using to add to their quet as a guest. He made his formal anguries of success. They point out al bid for the nomination the night ed into this issue at the Jackson "That's what aroused my curosity."

that Cleveland was named under before at another dinner. While guilty of reckless driving. Tennis these conditions in his first campaign, when he won. one important respect the popular of all those being mention- near Judkins Point Saturday night.

conditions. A system of air conditioning will hold the temperature in the hall at 70 degrees, no mat-WASHINGTON, D. C. -Jackson ter how hot the sun shines, nor Hoover will not be named the canwas marked by banquets by the will be no chance that any ob-Democrats in many parts of the jectionable candidate will be foistcountry, but the big dinner was in ed on the delegates because the lat-Washington, where three former ter are at the end of their physical still persist in the byelections, With candidates for the presidency on stamina, a feat that has been perthe ticket of the party addressed formed in the past by the insiders. discomfort.

Al Smith, whose name will not the national convention were selec- down in any discussion of nomichosen. As the Republicans had speakers at the banquet and he been arranged. For the first time huge public works with a five-bii- the wet issue while many Republi- ed the man presenting a check.

vociferous.

The Republicans claim there is that Mr. Coolidge will permit hima strong running mate, like Gen-

most prominent of all the ques- the program.

self to be drafted to stem the rising H. S. STUDENTS TO HEAR

all that have preceded them. They he was not at the Washington din- bile his machine swerved and will be held under perfect physical ner, yet his friends were many and crashed into the heavy railing only one possibility that Mr. No one was injured in the acci-

eral Dawes, the Hoover enemies ing nightly meetings at the Christthe delegates. They all stressed The conventions will not hurry in in his own party claim they can ian church will speak before the the thought that victory is just their deliberations just because of win. Mr. Coolidge is felt by many students of the Springfield high to be the only man able to wrest school at their general assembly the nomination from Mr. Hoover. Friday morning. His sister, Miss

the National Convention's consideration for a Twentieth Amendment to the Constitution which would permit all states to decide for themselves whether they would be wet or dry. His plan calls for a refer endum by popular vote upon which congress would act.

Day banquet when Chairman Ras

kob, of the Democratic National

Committee, submitted a plan for

Many Republicans favor a referendum on outright repeal, a principle which they feel the country would reject but would at the same time elect a Republican slate, knowing that it could be depended upon to carry out the expressed wishes of the nation. Some shrewd men in the party feel this plan is the best from a political standpoint

Others think the party can do no better than steal the Democratic thunder by adopting the Raskob plan. If this is done, and both parties should advocate the same liq uor plank, the campaign will be re duced to fights entirely upon economic conditions, the liquor question being passed over to the entire body of voters for their decision saving congressmen from any further fear of reprisals for whatever stand they may take.

Should the right to determine their own wetness be passed back to the various states, it is felt the old battles over transportation of liquor, which really gave birth to the Eighteenth Amendment, will be renewed. There were thirty-three dry states at that time and friction was constantly arising through the mailing of liquor into these states. The Webb-Kenyon act, which tried to cure this evil, was generally felt to be unconstitutional and a substi tute for it will have to be sought and will then be made the basis of more political fighting.

With a prospect that the wet is sue may thus be relegated to a minor position, it begins to look as though the major battle of the campaign might be fought out on tariff lines. Democrats point out that Cleveland won on that issue and they feel the country at large is far from satisfied with the pres ent method of handling the tariff. The farmer, in particular, is said to feel that all tariff legislation of late years has resulted in everything he buys costing him more, while practically no protection has been given to products of the soil. "I can't tell you that."

"Try very hard. It is important."

"I don't know," was the fretful a bid for the agricultural vote. bid for the agricultural vote.

ORDERS FOR LUMBER **EXCEED PRODUCTION**

Pacific Coast Mills End Twelve Weeks in Which Orders Exceed Total Cut for Period

Seattle, Washington- A total of "Do you know where the letters 324 mills reporting to the West Coast Lumbermen's association for the week ending January 16 operated at 22.1 per cent of capacity, as compared to 21.2 per cent of capacity for the previous week and 36.2 per cent for the same week last year.

Current new business reported by 215 identical mills was 21.2 per cent over production and totaled 8,500. 000 feet more than the footage rethe twelfth successive week with orders in excess of production, the longest period since the summer of 1924-June to September-when for fifteen weeks successively orders were reported in greater volume ter relationship between orders and production is due to the current low production and a fairly regular flow, although small, of new business. Shipments for the week were 14.8 per cent over production. Profeet over the week before while orders totaled 8,450,000 feet more.

Unfilled orders increased 2,000, 000 feet over the previous week New export business received during the week was 20,373,220 feet, which was slightly more than twice the volume reported for the previous week.

RECKLESS DRIVING BRINGS \$35 FINE

L. C. Tennis of Cottage Grove was fined \$35 in Eugene justice court Monday when he was found both Smith and Ritchie are con- is alleged to have driven into the sidered in the running, yet Gover- rear of the Fenton automobile also nor Roosevelt is easily the most going east on the Pacific highway coming conventions will differ from ed to succeed Mr. Hoover. While After striking the Fenton automobreaking off three of the posts. The steel cable being all that kept

EVANGELIST FRIDAY

E. A. Parrish, evangelist conduct Lilly Parrish, planist for the evan-Prohibition still appears to be the gelistic party will also take part in

two weeks earlier, all the main the accomplishments of the Hoover decide. The Democrats appear "I beg pardon, sir, but what is preliminaries to the campaign have administration and in favoring ready to risk their political lives on your name?" the teller political

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