MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE, MEDFORD, OREGON, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1912.

······ THE FORTUNE HUNTER

"About what?"

just too sweet for anything."

"I'm awful glad you done it when

you did," pursued Tracey, oblivious to

Nat in his own ecstatic temper. "I

guess I wouldn't never 've got up the

"Ob, Tracey, how can you talk so!"

"O Lord!" groaned Nat.

onger. Didn't it. Angle?"

uniling feebly upon them.

"Yes, sir.'

Novelized by LOUIS JOSEPH VANCE From the Play of the Same Name by WINCHELL SMITH

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(Continued from last Saturday.)

He caught sight of his hat abruptly. ceased taiking, grabbed the hat and



"HERE! HOLD ON! WHERE ARE YOU GO

jammed it on his head, muttering, then started on a run for the door. "But what's the matter?" demanded Kellogg, thunderstruck. "Here! Hold on! Where are you going?" "To the only place I can get any con-

solation. I'm going to church?

CHAPTER XXIL

UT at the doorstep of the Methodist church Nat besitated. The building was dimly lighted, for it was choir practice night, and the door was ajar, but he couldn't bring himself to enter.

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Raving and ranting with the exso of youth, he named through

"Oh, Miss Tuthill" Nat discovered | money and try for the others." that little rogue, all smiles and dim-"That's true too. But when did you ples and blushes, not distant from his find it out?"

"Here-this last year. You know 1 slow. "I didn't see you-I was thinkhad everything my heart desired until "Guess we know what you was the governor cashed in, and I used to thinkin' about," observed Tracey, think I was a pretty happy kid in those days. But now I've learned that bringing his hat round the counter. you can beat that kind of happiness 'Everybody in town's talkin' about it." to death. Harry"-Duncan was growing almost sententious-"the real way "Ab, you know about what, and to be happy is to work and have your we're mighty glad of it, and we want work amount to something and-and to congratulate you, don't we. Angle?" to have some one who believes in you "Ob, yes. indeed, Mr. Duncan. It's to work for."

> "Is this a sermon, Nat?" "Call it what you like. It goes, just the same. That's what I've found out this year."

> > CHAPTER XXIII.

spunk to-to tell Angle what I did to-TFELLOGG let his chair fall fornight 'f it hadn't been we was talkin' ward and rose, imprisoning bout your engagement to Josle. Then, Nat's shoulders with two somehow, it just seemed to bust right heavy but kindly hands. out of me, like I couldn't hold it no "And you're right," he cried heartily. "I'm glad you had the backbone to "Then you're engaged, too?" Nat inback out, Nat. It was a low down trick, and I'm ashamed of myself for quired, rousing himself a little and proposing it. I did it, I presume, simply because I'm a schemer at heart and I knew it would work. It did "I'm glad to hear it. It's great news.

Now, run along, both of you, and don't forget you'll never be so happy again." I dreamed of-it's made a man of you, With what he thought an expiring Nat. and I'm mighty glad and proud of you!" Nat awayed with amazement. "What's charged you all of a sudden?" he demanded blankly. Releasing him. Kellogg resumed his

things. Among others, I've talked with Graham, and I've met his daughter." "Ob-h!

changed the subject brinkly-"I understood from you that Graham was sole owner of that patent burner." "So he is."

make him from the Mutual people, and he referred me to you, saying that you controlled the matter."

Nat protested.

any kind, even oral, between you, but just the same you'd been so good to him and his girl that he'd made up his

make you a present of the burner, but naturally he forgot to tell you about au insignificant detail like that." "Of course that's nonsense. wouldn't and shan't accept." "Of course you won't. I did you

left New York."

Nat laughed outright. "Can you beat that? But what is the offer?"

The father that would cure his boy of lying must not lie in the hearing of that child.

The father that would discourage what do you say?" "Say? Great Caesar's ghost! What

"No nonsense, young man. I am't lished by the French revolution, n the humor for foolin'." Blinky was

enquestionably in no sort of humor at all beyond an evil one. "I come here to have a word with you." "Well, sir?" Nat's tone and attitude were perfectly pacific, "Ah, there ain't no use beatin' round the bush. You've behaved yourself ever since you come to Radville and insinooated yourself into our confidence, 'splie of the fact that nobody in town knows who you were before

you came. But now Roland's laid a charge agin you, and I went to know the rights to it." "Well," Roland interposed cockfly, "I accused him of it tonight, and be insecure. didn't deny it."

"What's more," Lockwood continued. with rising color. "Roland says he can prove it." "Prove what?" Nat insisted. "Get down to facts, can't you?"

out for you," said Roland. "You're to be, that Mortimer Henry what absconded

from the Longacre National bank in Noo York." There fell a brief pause. Nat bowed

his bead and tugged at his mustache. his shoulders shaking with emotion variously construed by those who watched him. Presently he looked up again, ble features gravely composed.

(To Be Continued.)

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

called capital punishment.

abolition of capital punishment.

killings between this date and next

decided the question by their ballots.

We all know the great power of ex-

(From the New York Journal.) The great number of Americans that had the pleasure of meeting Governor West of Oregon during his

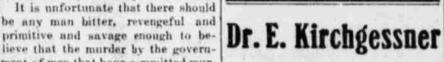
recent trip throughout the country with the other governors of the northwest were impressed by him as a man modern in thought, kind in heart and sharing in truly advanced good ideas.

Of those that met him not one will be surprised to learn that he has taken a firm stand against that form of murder, impersonal and general,

The state of Oregon, setting an ex-

are in need of health, come now. And Governor West, expressing the are open all the year and can give the best sentiment of the best men in his best of care and attention now as well pest sentiment of the best men in his as in summer. Stage daily from Red state, acts without delay, and an-Bluff to the springs. Further parnounces that exercising his power as ticulars address

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committed perjury and swore that the gest that the good example comes Oregon and Governor West are to be congratulated.

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'IT'S JUST TOO SWRET FOR ANYTHING."

flash of humor he raised his hands above their heads. "Bless you, my children!" he said solemnly. "Now, for beaven's sake, beat it!" Alone he went to the prescription desk and, opening one of the drawers,

took out the firm's books. After that for some fifteen minutes there was nothing to be heard in the store mave Nat's breathing and the scratching of bls pen as he figured out a trial balance

Brisk footfalls disturbed him. He sighed and moved out into the store to find Kellogg there, suave and easy. as always, yet with that in his manner, perceptible perhaps only to a friend of long standing like Nat, to betray a mind far from complacent. "Oh, you're here?" he cried, with a distinct start of relief. "I've been look-

ing all over for you." "I just got in." Nat brushed explanations curtly, intent upon his 75." Kellogg waited a moment. "Well, and, in the course of an hour and a purpose. "Harry, I've got something half, back, all blindly, circling back to to say to you. I'm not going through "You're bot?" "No, and that's final. I was just on It was with increduilty that he found the point of drawing you a check for himself again in that cheerful, cher- three hundred-that's all my share of ished, homely place. But there he was the profits of this concern so far-and when he came out of his abstraction- my note for the balance. I'll pay that there in those familiar surroundings, up as soon as I'm able, and I'll work like a terrier until I do. But, as for the rest of it. I'm through." "Oh, you are?" Kellogg took a chair moon he had watched lift up into the and tipped back, frowning gravely, "But what about your word to me?" "There's nothing to that," said Duncan without heat. "The words of honor of a man who'd stoop to a trick as sumed command of himself sufficiently vile as I have doesn't amount to a continental shipplaster. I'll rather be disbonored by breaking it than by ruining a woman's life."

work, but it's worked a finer way than

seat, laughing, "Well, a number of

"And that reminds me"-Kellogg

"He says not. I had a proposition to

"I've not the slightest interest in it,"

"I know you haven't, but Graham in sisted you owned the whole thing. I but murder none the less, which is pressed him for an explanation, and he finally furnished one in his rambling, inconsequent, fine old way. He admitted that there wasn't any sort of existing contract or agreement of

mind-some time sgo, I gather-to December, when the people will have

the honor to discount that. But he wouldn't may a word about the offer. yes or no-just left it all up to you. He says you're a business man and that be's often thought what a help ment of men that have committed muryou must have been to me before you der can be called now necessary, use-

"Fifty thousand cash and 10,000

shares of preferred stock-\$100 par." "What's that worth?"

"At the market rate when I left

one pathetic case a kind hearted man example. Only the stupid would sug- ished.

property stolen from him was worth from the murderer. less than the sum that involved capital punishment in order to save : mere boy from death. It was said that if the petty thief

were no longer hanged, if property worth a few shillings were not protected by the public hangman, thieving would be universal and property

But England and the other countries that called themselves civilized ceased punishing the petty thief with the death penalty. And there is less stealing now than there was then, and "That you're a thief, with a reward property is more secure than it used

> Men that mean well will tell you that if you stop punishing murder with murder, if you cease to do to the murderer what he has done to his victim, you will make life insecure and murder more frequent. But that in not so

> > Murder, thieving and every other feature of degraded human life depend not upon savage laws, but upon intelligent, conscientious national character accompanying benevolent government.

There is no capital punishment in Switzerland under any circumstances. And in America, in proportion to the population, we have at least 10 times as many murders as they have in Switzerland, where there is no guillotine, no electric chair and no hangman's noose

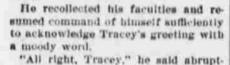
A witty Frenchman defended capital punishment by saying: "If the murderers don't want capital punishment let them give it up themselves, Let them stop killing." His exact

TUSCAN SPRING

ellent example to the rest of the Baving no equal on earth in variety of mineral waters and curing diseases that medicines will not reach. If you ountry, will vote this year upon the

the village, out into the open country, the store, in the course of his wander- with this thing." ings, as instinctively as a carrier pigeon shapes its course for home.

with Tracey's round red face beaming at him over the cigar stand like a lively counterfeit of the round red skies, back there in the still countryt'de, just as he-paused to turn back to town.



ly. "You may go now. I'll shut up the store.'

He looked at his watch and was surprised to discover that it was no later lived a lifetime in the last few hours. "Thank you, sir," said Tracey, with a is what you mean to do." gush of gratitude. "I'll be glad to get "I mean to do the only

off. Angle's waltin'." "Angle?"

"Good evening, Mr. Duncan."



THE MILITANT MRS. WILLING.

"Very well, if you feel that way about it," said Kellogg as coolly. "And you may keep your check and note; I wouldn't take them. You can pay me than half past 8. He seemed to have back when it's convenient--1 don't care when. But what I want to know

"I mean to do the only thing left to do. I'm going to shut up here and then see Lockwood and Josie and tell them the whole story."

"Hm?" Kellogg reflected, quizzical, "You've got a pleasant little job ahead of you."

"I don't care about that. I deserve all that's coming to me. I owe Josle a duty. Why, it's awful, Harry, to trick a girl into earing for you and then to -10"-

"Break her heart?" Kellogg's tone was sardonic. "That's what I meant."

"Don't flatter yourself, my boy. Josle Lockwood doesn't love you. She just set herself to win you because you're the best chance abe's seen." Kellogg laughed quietly. "The system would have worked just as well if any one else had tried it."

"Do you think so-honest?" Nat's engerness to believe him was undisuised.

"I'm sure of it. The trouble is that people will sny you've thrown her over -there isn't any one in Radville who hasn't heard the news by this timeand that's going to make the girl feel pretty cheap, but only for awhile. She'll get over it and solace herself

with the next best thing. And don't forget-you lose a fortune." "No, I don't." Duncan disclaimed

"I never had it, and now I don't want

"That's true enough." Kellogg admitted evenly. "And I hope you'll always feel that way about it; but, believe me, you'll find plenty of money a great help if you want to live a happy life."

"There are better things than money to make a man hoppy. I'll pass up the

ance before they get their second wind. that his authority permits that which You don't know how good this makes is forbidden to childhood, me feel, Harry. I can't thank you



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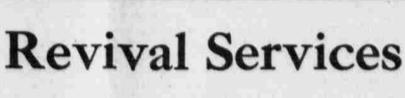
And the state that does not wish its citizens to commit murder in anger for revenge or on any pretext must not itself be guilty on any pretext of committing an official murder.

Capital punishment is brutal, degrading; it encourages murder and does not discourage it.

Ignorant criminality must often say to itself, "If the highest power in the land, the government, thinks it right to kill, why should I not think it right?"

There was a day when witnesses You are naturally concerned, espewere tortured brutally in every socially if they begin to show signs of called civilized country of the world weakness. Do not delay, but come to make them tell the truth-even when they were accused of no crime. have the confidence of all my paat once and have them examined. I This was the rule everywhere only trons, for they are satisfied with my a little more than 100 years ago. Men, work and with my charges for same, ordinarily humane and wise, said : "If you abolish torture of witnesses you Dr. Rickert will no longer get truth and justice

But torture of witnesses was abol-



AT THE



Rev. Parsons will conduct the following meetings on Friday:

Address to business men at the Nash Grill 12:15 p.m.

Business men are urged to be present.

Noonday meeting at Meeker's, 1 p. m.

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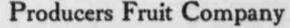
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"SO WE'VE FOUND YOU, EN?"

enough for what you've done. This'll square me with Graham to some extent, and I can clear out"-

"No, you can't, Mr. Smarty! You ain't been cute enough."

Both men, startled by the interrupfon, wheeled round to discover Roland Barnette dancing with excitement in the doorway, the while he beckoned frantically to an invisible party with out. "Come onl" he shouted. "Here

he la!" "What's eating you, Roly Poly?" inquired Nat, too happy for the money to cherish animosity even toward his one time rival.

"You'll find out soon enough," snarted Roland. "Mr. Lockwood's got something to say to you, I guess."

And on the heels of this announcement Lockwood strode into the store, Josie clinging to his arm, Pete Willing -a trifle more sancly drunk than he had been some hours previous-bringing up the rear.

"So," snarled Blinky, halting and transfixing Nat with the stare of his cold blue eyes-"so we've found you, eh?"

"Oh? I didn't know I was lost."