

Death Treasure

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SYNOPSIS: Veronica and Tom are captured. But their betrayer is interrupted when Laxton, assuming Tom to be the man to meet Mr. Redside—who is the escaped convict—Cousin John? Redside reveals a curious story that begins to open the mystery of Pell. Redside and Pell become friends in the army. After the war, Redside inherited Newplace Abbey but could not meet the mortgage on it. He fell into the hands of Smithson, an unscrupulous firm of money-lenders, and lost Newplace to them. Pell saved him from attempted suicide but the report of his death was accepted. Then followed his million-dollar coup, the Dover affair, their prison terms and finally Redside's escape. Laxton tells the rest. He has arranged a meeting in Fotherbury's library for that very night—a negotiation that will solve the mystery of Pell's death.

Chapter 40 TINY THREADS

It was just half-past nine when we passed under the gatehouse of Newplace. On the bridge six men had silently fallen in behind us, saying no word to anybody.

Inside the gate on dropped out and stood motionless near the door of Marling's house. The other five followed. At the fork of the road two disappeared towards the cloisters. The remaining three accompanied us to the house. One of these walked around to the back. One stayed in the shadow of the porch. The last of the six entered



Laxton pointed to a circle on the map—tomb of the Newplace treasure!

with us and stood aside in the hall. We made a single file procession in the vaulted corridor, now lit up by electric bulbs, and issued into the library.

Mr. Fotherbury and the doctor were sitting by the center table talking. Mr. Fotherbury rose and came to Laxton, saying:

"Ah, professor, you've brought your friend who's going to show us a way through the maze? Will you all find chairs?"

Laxton stood aside and indicated Redside.

"A little surprise for you, Mr. Fotherbury," he said. "This is Mr. Redside, the former owner of Newplace."

Mr. Fotherbury's surprise was not so little.

"I apologize for my rudeness," said he, after a moment of silence. "Mr. Redside! Has he risen from the dead?"

Laxton laughed a little.

"Substantial ghost, eh?" he said. "But truly a ghost. Pell's ghost, in fact."

"Pell's ghost? Poor Pell!" Mr. Fotherbury shuddered. "Shan't we all sit down?"

"Yes, Mr. Fotherbury," said Laxton, "here's the ghost Pell was about to conjure up in this room when he lost his life. I'm sorry some of the people to whom he wished to show his ghost are not here now, and particularly one of them—Marling."

"Ah—Marling. You know—"

"Yes, Marling is no longer available—however, we proceed without him. This, then, is the former owner of Newplace. It is also Pell's ghost. It is also an escaped convict—"

"Good gracious!" exclaimed Mr. Fotherbury.

"Yes—but don't be alarmed. I have already presented to him a free pardon. He escaped from Dartmoor on the 25th of June. He also knocked me out in your corridor on the 25th of June."

"I suppose this is not an elaborate joke, Laxton?" Mr. Fotherbury observed.

"Absolutely Protean, isn't it?" said Laxton, with his heartiest laugh. "But no—it's not a joke. I hadn't quite come to the end. He is also the person who was found in possession of the book stolen from your library, Mr. Fotherbury. But he now restores it at my request, and here it is."

Laxton turned back the covers of Sheldon and took out the volume, bound in quarter of the Abbot John Deacon.

USE STICKERS AS AUTO LICENSE ON OPENING OF YEAR

SALEM, Ore., Sept. 26.—(AP)—Much curiosity as to the manner in which automobile registrations will be handled the first of the year due to the change in the registration period is manifest among motorists of the state, according to Secretary of State Hal E. Horn.

With Oregon unique among the states in establishing a split of the calendar year, registrations always in force heretofore, an entirely new system has had to be worked out by the secretary of state to provide for the half year registration period on January 1, 1930, and the full year registration on July 1, of the same year.

To obviate the necessity of issuing metal license plates twice in the six-month period a method of issuance of temporary licenses for the first six months of the year has been evolved. A windshield sticker, readily identified by special design, will supplant the customary distribution of license plates on the first of the year. The sticker will not mean that the old 1929 plates should be removed from the automobile, for it will take the 1930 sticker, the 1929 license plates and the official receipt of registration, which is carried in the driver's compartment of the car, to serve as complete identification of the vehicle.

As usual on the first of the year, operators of motor vehicles will be required to file applications for licenses, but this year they will be able to make remittances on a less scale than in the last few years, becomes effective January 1, 1930. Fees for both automobiles and automobiles and trucks will be based on weights, with a new scale of fees making reductions of approximately 25 per cent all along the line.

A change in the gas tax will be effective also the first of the year, the added 1 cent per gallon bringing the total gas tax to 4 cents per gallon.

COOLIDGE GAVE LARGE CHECK WEDDING GIFT

HARTFORD, Conn., Sept. 26.—(AP)—Mrs. John H. Trumbull said that ex-President Calvin Coolidge gave as his wedding gift to John and Florence a "substantial check," but would not divulge the amount.

The wife of the governor had been asked to comment on a rumor that the parents of John gave a trust fund amounting to \$50,000.

"Oh, no, I don't think that is so. At least, I haven't heard of it," she said. "Mr. Coolidge, the father, gave them a check. You can say it was a substantial one."

PRIME DRIER BURNS

ROSEBURG, Ore., Sept. 26.—(AP)—The tunnel prime drier, owned by Judge A. P. Stears at Oakland was destroyed by fire last night, with a loss of \$6000, and constituted the second drier fire of the season.

FISH FLOUR FOR SOVIET

WERNERHEIM, Germany, Sept. 26.—A steamship built here for the Soviet Republic has apparatus for turning the smallest fish of a daily catch into flour to be used for bread.

Hot Dog Stand Was Wet Joint at County Fair

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 26.—(AP)—The technique of hot dog vending is not without its potentialities, even to a prohibition enforcement officer.

Captain James Benson of the Los Angeles county dry enforcement squad opened a hot dog stand at the recent county fair at Pomona, as part of his dry enforcing activities, contracting with bootleggers to sell their wares.

The stand sold few sandwiches, but netted the arrests of 50 gallons of liquor.

FIRST ASSEMBLY FOR BUTTE FALLS

BUTTE FALLS, Ore., Sept. 26.—(Special.)—The children of the Butte Falls grade school will give assembly programs on the fourth Fridays of every school month, at 2 p. m. Everyone in the community interested in the school work is cordially invited to attend. No extra school time is to be given these programs. All numbers are to be taken from the regular school work.

The program for Friday, Sept. 27, is as follows:

Assembly singing, accompanied by piano and harmonica band.

"Story of Chicken Little"—Third Grade.

"The Young Musician"—Third Grade.

"Story of Three Pigs"—Marie Abbott.

Piano solo—Ruth Moore.

Reading, "The House With Nobody in It"—Wilma Ellis.

Song, "Brother Thou and I"—Second Grade.

Preamble—Perry Rodgers.

"Monroe Doctrine"—Frank Edmondson.

Reading, "Daffodils"—Evelyn Abbott.

Song, "Tell Us"—Seventh and Eighth Grades.

Reading, "Dark Brown Is the River"—Donald Cleveland.

Reading by Freda Roberts, Dorothy Baker, Billie Spencer, Bob Hoover, pupils of Third and Fourth Grades.

Song, "When the Clouds Roll By"—Fifth and Sixth Grades.

Reading, "Trees"—Frank Platt.

"The Carpenter and the Ape"—Opal Woodley.

Original Language Story—Fred Hoofs.

How to Care for Cats and Brakes—Roberta Fleming.

Saxophone solo, "O Sole Mio"—Robert Baker.

Early Customs of Oregon Indians—Gerald Ting.

"Sing a Song of Sixpence"—Fourth Grade.

PORTLAND FAGAN WILL FACE COURT HEARING

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 26.—(AP)—A preliminary hearing for T. P. Wilson, who police said was a modern Fagan by receiving stolen goods from five schoolboys ranging in age from 12 to 16 years, was set for today.

Wilson was arrested Monday when police took a carload of groceries from his establishment, all of which were said to have been stolen by boys within a month.

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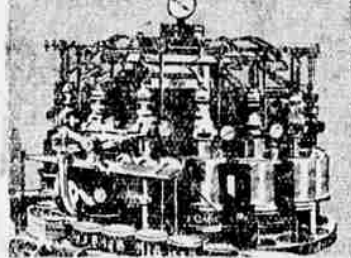
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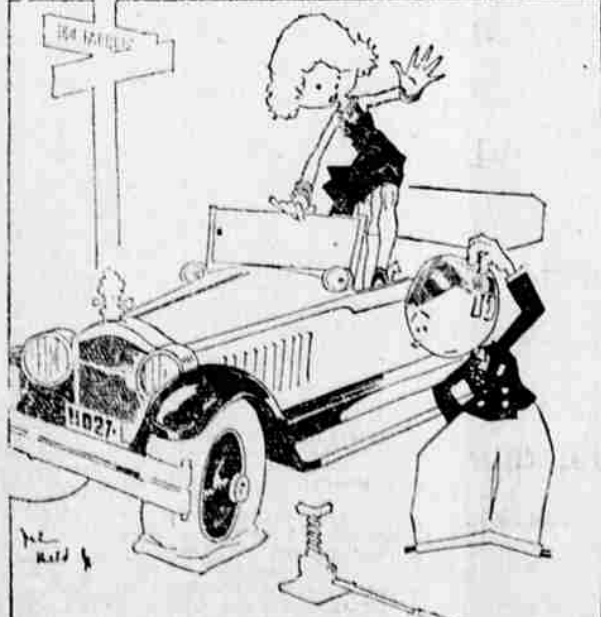
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