

The Wrong Murderer

By HUGH CLEVELY

SYNOPSIS: Inspector Kennedy has given Terence Mahony, a man who has been in the law because he thinks Terence was the murderer of a woman, a chance to clear his name. Terence is a man who has been in the law because he thinks Terence was the murderer of a woman. Terence is a man who has been in the law because he thinks Terence was the murderer of a woman.

"this somewhere?" queried Bassett. "I suppose you won't meet her then?"

"Your supposition is entirely incorrect," replied Mahony cheerfully. "If Lawson is behind this, and in planning some ambush for me, I should hate to disappoint the poor fellow. He's had rather a lot of disappointments lately."

"You fix an appointment for me with her in some nice, isolated, lonely house; be sure you find some place where almost anything might happen without anybody getting in to disturb the fun and games, and let Miss Little know where this appointment is to take place five or six hours beforehand, so that if friend Lawson is going to pop up with some dirty scheme, he'll have plenty of time to make all his preparations. When you've fixed every thing up, let me know, and I'll tell you what else to do."

Fatty Bassett sniffed disparagingly. "I shouldn't take too many chances, gov'ner," he said. "I can see you're laying a trap for Lawson. But don't forget he's got about four times the number of men that I have, and if it comes to a free for all in some lonely place, there's more than a chance that they may prove too many for us, even if we do take 'em by surprise."

"They'll be too many for us all right, if it comes to a fight," answered Mahony. "But don't worry about that yet. And another thing. Not a word about this to Miss Frazer. If she knows I've got some big scheme on, she'll want to be in it, and I don't want to run any risk of anything happening to her."

That concluded the interview between them, and they parted. Elsa felt somewhat guilty after she had left Bassett. She had no doubt that after Mahony had been kidnapped Bassett would think that she had betrayed him, and in spite of the fact that Bassett was a self-confessed crook, she did not want him to think that of her. Yet, in a way, she was undoubtedly planning to betray Mahony as she had betrayed him before.

But Lawson soon banished all her qualms and doubts. He did it very cleverly.

"So Bassett threatened you, did he?" he said. "Well, then, if you take my tip, you'll abandon the whole idea of trying to help Mahony. From what I've heard, Bassett is the kind of man who carries out his threats, and it's not worth helping Mahony if you're going to have a bad car accident, or have your beauty spoiled by an accurately hung broken bottle, afterwards."

"I don't care what happens afterwards if I can help him," said Elsa defiantly, as Lawson had known she would. "I got him into this trouble and it's up to me to get him out of it. I shan't abandon the idea at all."

"If you take my advice—" began Lawson.

"I don't want any advice," interrupted Elsa. "All I want is the help you promised me."

"Very well, if you're determined to go on with the idea, I suppose I shall have to help you," said Lawson in a resigned voice.

When Bassett left Elsa he went straight to Mahony and reported the result of the interview to him.

"You know gov'ner, I was all against 'er at first; I thought she was wantin' to do the dirty on yer. Like she did when you met 'er before," he stated. "But I changed my mind. I think she's on the straight this time. I think she's really out to 'elp yer."

"I DARE say she is," replied Mahony smiling. "But she's a marvelous actress, you know. Fatty. She took me in once, and while I wouldn't profess to be such an authority on women as you are, I wouldn't put it past her to take you in. There are one or two things about all this that strike me as a bit queer."

"In the first place, what made her think of trying to get into touch with me through you? She may have thought of it herself, but it doesn't strike me as the kind of thing that would occur to her unless someone else suggested it. Then, if she's got information to give me, why must she see me personally to give it? Why can't she write it out and send it to me through you?"

He paused, smiling.

"Personally, I believe that she would help me if she could," he went on. "But I think there's just a possibility that she may have asked some one—some old friend of hers, perhaps—to help her to help me, and he may have generously agreed, and may be using her as a cloak for his own schemes against me."

"You think Lawson may be behind

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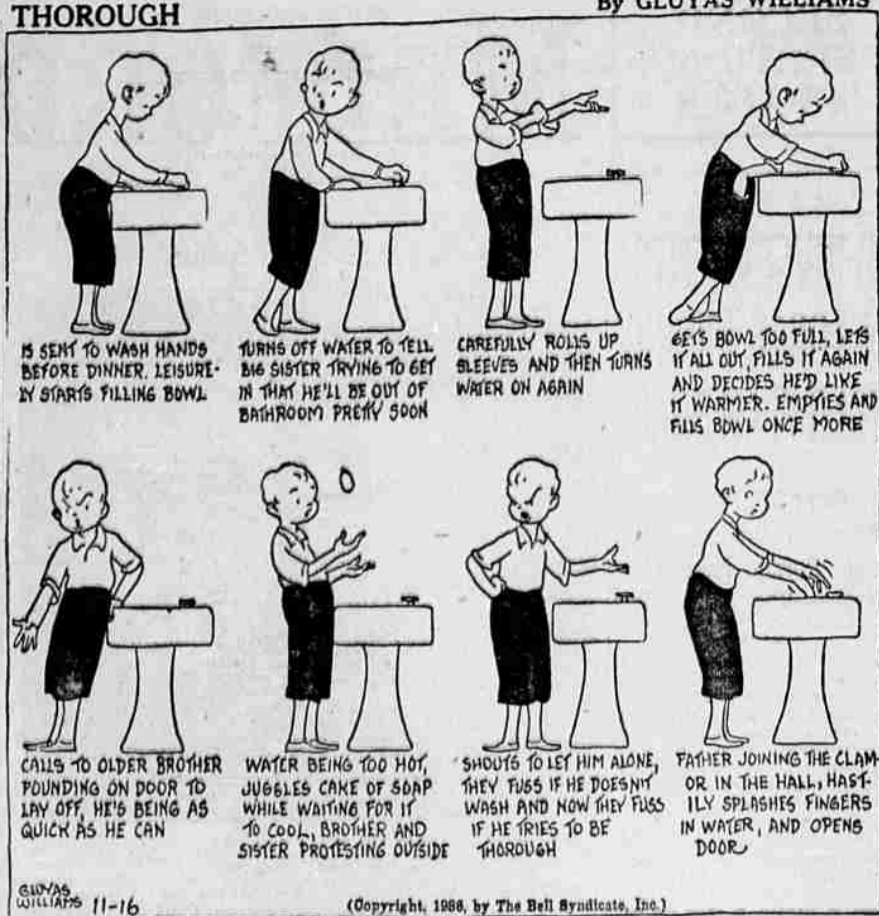
SALT LAKE CITY, Nov. 20.—(AP)—Zion's Cooperative Mercantile Institution (Z. C. M. I.), established in 1888 by the Mormon pioneers and said to have been the first department store in the United States, announced a \$185,000 Christmas bonus and dividend today.

Portland Carrier Held For Thefts

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 20.—(AP)—Postal inspectors took Dice W. Griffith into custody here and U. S. Attorney Carl Donough said a charge of theft and rifling of mail had been placed against him. Griffith was a Portland letter carrier. Donough said evidence would be placed before the federal grand jury, now in session.

THOROUGH

By GLUYAS WILLIAMS



STRANGE AS IT SEEMS—By JOHN HIX

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CORNELL WAS UNDEFEATED AND UNLIT FOR 3 CONSECUTIVE YEARS OF FOOTBALL!
1921-23
1051 POINTS WERE SCORED TO THEIR OPPONENTS' 81...

Strange as it seems, the great raisin industry of central California was founded because General John Bidwell, a wine-maker, turned prohibitionist!

Born in Chatsquaque county, New York August 5, 1819, Bidwell went to Missouri in 1839, and from there immigrated to California with the first overland party, arriving in the land of El Dorado, 1841.

Here he soon rose to wealth on the proceeds of a rich gold claim to which he won title, located on Feather river. When the mine was exhausted, Bidwell turned to ranching, purchased a 24,000 acre ranch east of Sacramento and proceeded to

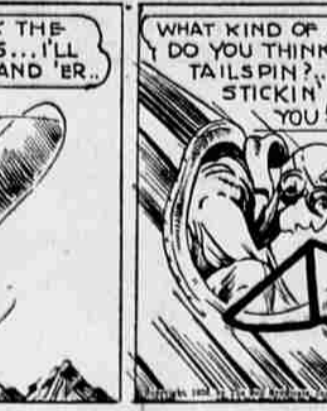
of the United States by the Prohibition party in 1892, the ex-wine maker received the largest presidential vote ever polled by the party.

Cornell Wonder Teams
A scoring record probably never bettered in the annals of football was that established by Cornell teams from 1921 through 1923. Only eleven teams managed to even score on them during this period out of the 24 games played!

One hundred ten to 0 was the score rolled up by the powerful Cornell team against Western Reserve in 1921—the largest score made during the three years.

Tomorrow: County High School.

TAILSPIN TOMMY—Skeets Is Stubborn!



BEN WERSTER'S CAREER—The "Howling Wolf"



THE NEPBS—On the Way Back



COURT TO PONDER LAUREL HOME LIFE

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 20.—(AP)—Superior Judge Dudley S. Valentine today reserved three weeks to decide whether Mae Laurel, film comedienne, is to be held legally responsible for having lived with her former vaudeville partner as man and wife.

The actor admitted on the witness stand that he and his former partner, Mae Laurel, lived together and that he had called her his wife "because it was the gentlemanly thing to do."

Mrs. Laurel, claiming she became the comedian's common law wife in New York in 1916 and continued so until 1925, is demanding \$1000 a month alimony. She is now working on a relief sewing project.

Laurel has been twice married since she and the actor. The actor's present wife, Virginia, recently won a \$750 a month temporary alimony pending trial of her separate maintenance suit.

ARGENTINE WILL SHOW CATTLE TO ROOSEVELT

BUENOS AIRES, Nov. 20.—(AP)—With an eye on a possible breakdown in United States import restrictions, Argentine cattlemen today planned a unique livestock "show" to greet President Roosevelt if he decides to land at Mar del Plata, 230 miles southeast of Buenos Aires.

Herds of prize cattle will be driven close to the railroad line over which the president would travel so that he can see them closely from the train.

Behind the idea lies Argentina's desire to impress on the president the quality of the nation's cattle. Cattle meat is now barred from the United States by sanitary regulations.

Piano Plant Burns
ATLANTA, Nov. 20.—(AP)—Two persons were killed, ten persons were injured and property valued at \$200,000 was lost in a fire which raged through the five-story Cable Piano company building in downtown Atlanta today.

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