

# The Cowboy's First Hearse

BY J. D. GILLILAN

In the ruder, cruder and earlier days a cowboy now living in Owyhee county, Idaho, was on his way from the Indian Territory to the land of the Dakotas accompanying a large herd of horses that were being driven across the wide country. A big order had come to the owner from Water-town and he organized a regular caravan for the long trip. Few of the animals were broken to harness or even to the saddle; so after using the necessary number for teaming, such as pulling the buggy the owner and his wife used, or hauling the mess-wagon and the camp equipage for a few days, they were changed and other bronchos hitched up and thus partially fitted for labor by the time the cavalcade reached the destination.

At Grand Island, Nebraska, the six pintoes that had been hauling the mess-wagon were divided, two of them being attached to the owner's carriage and the others turned loose in the herd. This made it necessary for the driver of the cook-house to get another bunch of six unbroken mustangs from the motley aggregation and break them as he drove.

Six were lassoed, blindfolded, harnessed, and with one leg tied up they were hitched to the lumbering load. At the proper moment the ties were taken from their legs, the blindfolds from their eyes and the bow-backed cowboy-driver, reins in hand took his foot off the brake and the dancing wild beasts began their antics. He was to bring up the rear; soon the owner's rig was out of sight, the long-maned cayuses of the herd were sailing northward, and the cook-wagon was having a serious time. Some of the bronchos were straddle of the tongue, some out of the tugs, others were in the reaches and some even in non-descript positions. The cloud by day—the dust, fading in the distance was the only indication the cowboy had of the balance of the company. They raged and tore; he whipped and—well, I was not present—but any way, after a long time the animals came to the unanimous decision that to be like-minded or like-actioned was the only thing they could do, and they settled down to a "pull all together."

In those days it was not uncommon for some tilted lori or duke or something (often only things) to arrive from Europe and hunt the helpless bison murdering the thousands for nothing but the mere sport afforded the gunman. After Mr. Cowboy had been traveling for some time in a sober manner he saw ahead of him a long procession of vehicles. In the van of the line rode two men in a single buggy; following this rig was another with six men; behind that was a big black lengthy wagon with waving plume; and then came a long string of all sorts of vehicles.

He said to himself: "I'll bet that's one of them there English lords galavantin' around the country in expensive style. They think they can put on a hull lot of dog when they come over here and make everybody bow down to them; I've never seen none of the lot, but they don't put nothin' over onto me; I'll make them give half the road any way."

The men in the first conveyance drove as though they were going to stay in the road and the timid animals of the claims began to shy as they approached; with difficulty he held them to their share of the direction, but still the leader of the procession did not take the hint and veer from his course. The driver of the mess-wagon

was not to be bluffed by royalty or royalty; so he reached to his holster lying beside him on the seat and drew out his heavy Colt's revolver and laid it in his lap holding it down with his elbow so that the prancing of the wiry mustangs would not displace it. When the other driver saw this act he gave the half road most willingly but ungracefully and was followed by the whole procession, tasseled coach and all.

At nooning time when they had to wait dinner-making till he arrived, some one said to him, "How did you get by that funeral with your bronks, Charley?" "Funeral!" echoed he in surprise, "I never seen no funeral!" When told that the procession was funeral in character he kicked his heel in the dust and said—noting worth mentioning.

He had never seen one like that, he told the writer, but only a wagon or a packsaddle used to carry the dead. Since then he has great respect for processions specially if they contain black wagons with nodding plumes.—Boise, Idaho.

### CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.**  
(Sixth and Washington avenue.)  
Mrs. W. W. Berry organist.  
Sabbath school, 9:45 a. m., Robert Eakin, superintendent.  
Morning worship, 11:00 subject: C. E. Prayer Meeting at 6:30 o'clock.  
Leader and subject:  
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G. L. CLARK, Pastor.  
Manse 1310 Washington, Phone B-2021.

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Sabbath school at 9:45 a. m., William C. Drahm, superintendent, Harris Kumbel, organist.  
Class meeting, 9:45.  
Morning worship 11:00 o'clock.  
Subject:  
Evening Service at 7:45, subject: William C. Drahm, Pastor.  
Res. 1502 Second St. Phone Black 1291

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.**  
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Sabbath School 9:45 a. m., Jesse Wiseman, superintendent; Iva Wilson, organist.  
Morning worship 11:00. Subject: "The Love of God."  
B. Y. P. U. meeting at 6:30 p. m.  
Leader and subject:  
Iva Wilson. "What will improve our prayer-meetings."  
Evening worship at 7:30. Subject: "The Last Night."  
Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7:30.

R. E. CLOSE, Pastor.  
Main 766. Sixth and Spring streets.

**CHRISTIAN CHURCH.**  
Seventh and Pennsylvania Ave.  
Bible School 9:45 a. m., Anna Morgan, superintendent; Ameta Johnson, organist.  
Morning worship 11 a. m.  
Evening worship at 7:30.  
Leon L. Myers, pastor. 1304 Penn. Phone Black 411.

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Morning worship 11 a. m.  
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Class meeting following morning service.  
6:30 Epworth League, W. C. Wickline, president.  
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Parsonage 1205 4th St. Residence Phone Main 705; Office Main 747.

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Morning worship, 11:00. Subject: Epworth League at 6:30.  
Evening worship at 7:30. Subject: J. H. LUMPER, Pastor.  
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Morning Worship, 11 a. m.  
Epworth League at 7.  
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