

GOLD BULLETS

by Charles G. Booth

SYNOPSIS: Startled by the sound of someone entering the Ogden mine, Peebles and Deacon stand back in the darkness and watch his approach. The man makes an apparently futile search near the rich vein. As he is about to leave, his searchlight reveals his identity—Roy Hammond, the San Felipe lawyer. Peebles and Deacon do not reveal their presence and conclude that Hammond sought "Helen's snuff-box." As the two men start the return trip to San Felipe, Peebles examines the newspaper he found under the skeleton in the mine.

Chapter 28
THE ACE OF SPADES
One of the headlines I had noticed in the mine again caught my eye and I read the paragraph beneath it:
ANOTHER HOLD-UP AT LUNDY'S! WHERE IS THE LAW?
Ten thousand in gold and cash were stolen from Mr. Joe Lundy's



"His sneaked smoothness scared my hand—I held the ace of spades." safe early this morning. This is the fourth of a series of thefts and hold-ups in Lundy's Place in the past three months and it is by far the largest amount yet taken. The town is in a fine state when a man cannot conduct a respectable business venture without being subject to outrages of this sort, and the firebrand calls on Deputy Sheriff Billings to do his duty. The firebrand has no good authority that Mr. Lundy has brought an expert from San Francisco to see what's wrong and he has helped his need to a great extent. "I thought of Torridity look to your gold! And your gun! (We know of half a dozen good ropes lying to stretch the humber's neck, Joe, Ye Ed.)

The item was interesting and amusing and something of a side-light on conditions of that day, but nothing more, apparently, and why it should occur to me that there might be a connection between Mr. Lundy's misfortune and Andrew's death I couldn't for the life of me tell. But the notion had got into my head and there it stuck. "Listen to this, Henry?" I read the item to him.

"Play the poor devil if they found him," he muttered gruffly. "Torridity was one wild town from what I hear."

Of my feeling that the item might have bearing upon the matters which occupied our minds I said nothing. Henry is intolerant of feelings. Pithfork Canyon, to which we presently came, had lost none of its grim terror, but we managed the descent without disaster in something under two hours. It was three o'clock when we reached San Felipe. Deacon dropped me at a downtown corner, muttering something about seeing me later. He had been in a gloomy mood ever since we left Torridity and I had attributed it to his bewildered state of mind. Henry had been so sure of certain things, exceedingly sure, it is true, but sure, nevertheless, and our discoveries had shaken his conclusions more than he had admitted. Needless to say, his perplexity had delighted me and I had let him alone.

Hailing a taxi, I settled into it, keenly anticipating the joyful reunion before me. I had expected Deacon to insist on driving me home and I was relieved when he didn't, for I wanted the children to myself. My longing for a sight of Lucy's face had become almost a physical ache and I could hardly sit still on my seat. Lucy had come to me as a little thing, but I had never dreamed that she would ever fill my heart as completely as she did. One of those days I would have been a little more than a little bit, but I could not remember myself to it. Jerry was a fine lad, too.

If only Andrew had lived to see the flowering of those young lives!

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But he hadn't and we had still to clap a rope around the neck of the devil who had killed my uncle. Well, in a little while now, surely, —

I began to think of what we'd have to say to one another. Jerry and Lucy and I. What with Jerry's mad flight to Torridity, Lucy's daring pursuit of him, my own experiences in the town, and the discoveries Deacon and I had made in the mine, we'd have enough to keep our tongues wagging until midnight.

Mrs. Moffit met me at the door. "Where is Lucy?" I demanded, pushing into the house.
Mrs. Moffit began to weep.
"I don't know, Mr. Peebles. I haven't heard a word of her since I went to Circle Sunday morning. Nor you, neither. Nor Mr. Jerry. And what with the house being broken into and your lovely floor ruined—simply ruined—and the police doing nothing about it—"



"Not here! Not here!" I shouted. "Nonsense, woman! Of course they are here!"
"Indeed they are not!" she swept hysterically. "And I haven't seen

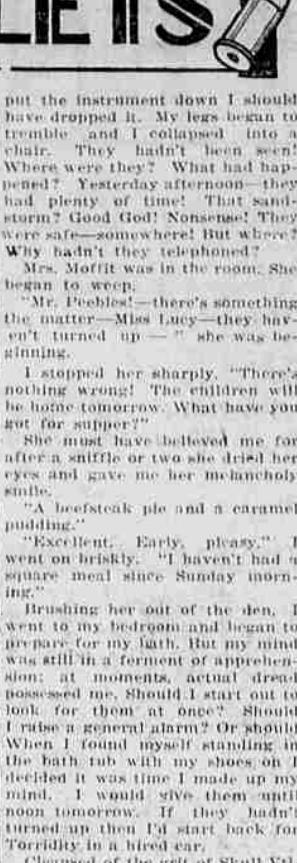
brushing her out of the den, I went to my bedroom and began to prepare for my bath. But my mind was still in a ferment of apprehension; at moments, actual dread possessed me. Should I start out to look for them at once? Should I raise a general alarm? Or should I wait until I found myself standing in the bath tub with my shoes on? I decided it was time I made up my mind. I would give them until noon tomorrow. If they hadn't turned up then I'd start back for Torridity in a hired car.

"Housed of the grit of Skull Valley, I got into clean linen and a fresh suit. I was fumbling for my billfold in the right-hand hip pocket of the trousers I had taken off when my blood suddenly turned cold in my veins. My billfold was there right enough, but there was something else with it, the sinister smoothness of which scared my hand as if it were a hot iron that I held—instead of a playing card, the ace of spades.
It hadn't been a nightmare—and Peebles had fled!
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Peebles's ghastly nightmare with the two figures at the poker table was no dream. Tomorrow's chapter brings him a step nearer the solution of Ogden's murder.

RAISE FISH FOR MILK
HILBERT, Wis. (AP)—Peter Flemming, milk rancher, is raising fish now to feed his 67 pairs of adult milk and the 250 spring calves. After weaning time fish is the chief food for the far-bearer. When the ranch is stocked to capacity, as it will be soon, 50 pounds of fish daily will be required. The ponds, stocked with cat, blackhead and bull heads, will also furnish sportsmen an angling spot.

BOY SLAYER



This telephoto shows Carl Newton Mahan, 6, Paintsville (Ky.), boy who was sentenced to 15 years in a reformatory for shooting a playmate, but later spared when a higher court set the sentence aside. However, the prosecution filed an appeal, so his fate still is in doubt.

Port of Rodosto Damaged by Flames

LONDON, June 6 (AP)—A rupture dispatch from Constantinople states that enormous damage was caused by a fire which destroyed a large part of the port of Rodosto on the Euxinean bank of the sea of Marmora about eight miles west of Constantinople.

School Hauls Water
LOS ANGELES (AP)—Five hundred millions of salt water, dipped from the ocean four miles off shore, has been hauled to the marine biological laboratories of the University of Southern California here to provide students a natural condition in the study of marine life. As evaporation occurs, the tanks are replenished by the same method.

Cove Exhibiting Livestock This Year At Union

Mrs. J. H. Price (Observer Correspondent)
COVE (Special)—About 50 head of stock from Cove have been taken to the stock show at Union this year. Those who are sending stock are Ralph Comstock, A. L. Becker, J. E. Mills, Ray Duncan, E. H. Bell, Charles DeLuss, Ray Baum, La Von Koker, Mrs. Minnette Scenicler, J. Orlivie and John Collins. A great deal of this stock is being sent by the boys and girls of the various calf clubs.
M. V. Witly dangled three truck loads of lambs to Union Junction Tuesday for Becker Brothers. These are the early spring lambs which flow are ready for market.
Ralph Comstock suffered a broken nose Tuesday when a cow which was being unloaded at the stock show grounds lammed him with her horn.
R. H. Daniels left Saturday for a business trip to Portland.
Among those who attended the normal school dedication at La Grande Wednesday were Mrs. A. B. and R. L. Baker took their cattle to the reserve Monday.
S. Comstock, Mrs. R. H. Daniels and Mrs. R. L. Barker. Where there's a will there's a way. Miss Lola Martin and her friend court contest.

Miss Ruth Brown left Wednesday morning for an extended trip through California. They expect to be gone until the beginning of the next school term.
Virgil Richards and Donald Smith are taking the eighth grade examination Thursday and Friday of this week.
Miss Mildred Cade of La Grande is a house guest at the home of Miss Lois Canby. She was also a visitor at the meeting of the county fire girls held Monday evening.
Tuesday afternoon was spent by the members of Nisaski campfire collecting articles donated by the Guild to Mr. and Mrs. Emory Miller who lost all their household goods in a fire recently.
W. J. Hallmark has finished painting, wallpapering and rearranging his grocery store.
Mrs. M. V. Witly and daughter Elaine are leaving for Portland Saturday. Mrs. Witly is going as a representative of Cheery chapter to the grand lodge which convenes June 11, 12, 13. She will return the following Friday.
Miss Elaine Whistler is spending two weeks with her parents in Cove. Miss Whistler is taking training at the Dickinson hospital in Spokane.
Robert French, C. E. Lawson Grande Wednesday were Mrs. A. B. and R. L. Baker took their cattle to the reserve Monday.
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Shipping Lambs To Market From Lower Cove Area

By Mrs. Nell Kight (Observer Correspondent)
LOWER COVE (Special)—Farmers are shipping their early lambs and receiving a fancy price for them.
The rain was appreciated in this vicinity, crops are all looking fine.
Mrs. George Hempe and children and Mrs. Stephen Troy and family of Portland are visiting their sister, Mrs. A. L. Becker and family.
Warner Beem and Miss Gayle Tucker of Imbler spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Fils.
Elizabeth Slanger of Tillamook is spending a few days with her cousin, Mrs. E. T. Boswell.
Mrs. H. A. Gasset returned from the Wonderlich hospital Sunday afternoon and is improving rapidly.
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rogers at 2305 Spruce street, La Grande, spent the weekend with their cousin, Mr. and Mrs. Neil Kight.
Mr. and Mrs. John Charwick of Union visited at the N. P. Kight home Sunday.
Mrs. Pearl Hite who has been at the T. B. Johnson home the past eight months left recently for Grandview, Wash., for a visit with relatives.
Henry Miller of Baker is visiting at the home of his niece, Mrs. Mary Davolt.
Mr. and Mrs. M. Borkgren have returned from a trip to Wenatchee, Wash., where they visited their son, Ernest and family. They also visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Richardson.
Paul Trueblood, brother of Mrs. Harlan Koker, left Saturday for Roseburg to spend his vacation.
Mrs. Orphie Bayford at Hot Lake is taking care of her sister, Mrs. Howard Gasset.

SECOND STORY HOME FOR KANSAS CHICKENS

HAWATHA, Kas. (AP)—John Moser, a Hawatha farmer, provided a second story apartment for his chickens when coxotes supplemented the activities of thieves.
He arranged quarters in the upstairs room of an old home on his place and when it was suggested that the chickens might need more sunlight Moser cut a hole in the roof. This was fenced with chicken wire and now the flock has a promenade when the skies are bright and a protected shelter when it rains.
Courses in "boyology" will be conducted this summer by the Knights of Columbus at Cliff Haven, N. Y., and Jackson's Point, Ontario.

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