

GOLDEN PHANTOMS

Fascinating
Tales of
Lost Mines

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THE CURSE OF GOLD

IN "THE golden, golden days of '40," there were five or six men from Indianapolis, who went West and worked together on shares. They were mining on the San Joaquin river, and had not found any great wealth to spur them on. One day Charles Tooker, one of their number, went out to hunt herbs for medicine, and in his wanderings about he dislodged a boulder and uncovered a nugget which weighed fully 90 pounds, and was nearly pure gold. No other gold was to be found near the place.

Tooker wanted to keep this wonderful treasure for himself instead of sharing it with his comrades. (Had he been honest, no more would remain to tell, but his cupidity started a chain of events which reads like some Oriental fable.) He concealed the nugget where it lay, and went back to camp with the herbs and without saying a word about his golden find.

In spite of himself, he could not act exactly natural. Still, how could any one behave in an ordinary manner when he knew that an enormous lump of gold, worth a fortune, was his if he could get away with it? It could prey on any man's mind. He remained with the party for a month, trying to avert suspicion, but the spell of that great lump of gold was on him, and the other men wondered what was ailing him. At last he could bear the suspense no longer. He had bought a mule from an immigrant, and one night he took the animal to the place where the wonderful nugget lay, dug it out, loaded it on the mule, and set out for other parts.

Two of the men at his camp, who had been suspicious of his actions, had followed him. They saw with bulging eyes the wonderful lump of gold—at last they knew what had been on his mind! They were justly resentful that he was trying to get away with the gold instead of sharing it as was agreed, but they were not quite sure what to do, so they trailed on behind him. They followed all night, and at daybreak they came up in time to fight against a couple of outlaws who set upon Tooker, hoping to rob him of whatever treasure he might have. They succeeded, too, and left Tooker and one of his former friends dead as they hurried away with the laden burro.

The other man returned to camp, aroused his friends, and told them the story. Immediately they armed themselves and set out on the trail of the thieves, catching up with them as they were camped at night. In the ensuing fight two more of the Indians were killed, and one of the outlaws. The remaining desperado hid the nugget and escaped; he went to San Francisco and lay low.

After six months, this man felt that it would be safe to go back for the nugget. Instead of making the trip alone, for he knew only too well the perils that lurked in wait for lone travelers in that rough country, he got together a party for the purpose of retrieving the gold, and they were to set out together. Two men in the expedition, however, who knew where the monstrous nugget was buried, rode ahead, found the gold, loaded it on a mule, and hurried off. They had a day and a half start on the rest of the party, so they took the stolen treasure 40 miles away to a small mining camp, buried it there, staked a claim over it, and went to work like honorable citizens and honest miners. For six weeks they kept up this pretense; at last, feeling that the trail was clear, they dug up the great lump of gold and went their way. Where they went, and what became of them, we do not know.

The next time the nugget was heard of, it was in the possession of three miners, who joined a large immigrant train and showed it to the travelers. They found it, they said, in the Hot Creek mountains of Nevada. After going for some distance with the immigrants, the miners and their treasure left.

Only the nugget, if it could talk, could relate the adventures through which it passed. It again dropped from all knowledge, only to be recalled again by a half-breed Indian at a military post in Colorado. He knew where it was, he boasted, even, in the simplicity of his heart, giving directions for its finding, and a sergeant and two privates deserted and went to see if he were right.

The cache was 50 miles away from the post, but the three men reached it, found the nugget, and

had been followed by other soldiers with orders for their arrest, and the party came up with the two privates at last, but too late, for they lay dead on the trail. The sergeant had killed them for the gold, and had fled onward with it. Strangely enough, in spite of the fact that the deserter and murderer was hunted by the government as the criminal he was, he was never captured. The fact that the nugget apparently passed into the possession of Indians may perhaps suggest the reason why he was never found.

And there the story rests. The wonderful, accursed lump of gold had done all the damage it could, for only white men are so quick to murder for the sake of gold. In Indian hands, perhaps kept for an object of ceremony, it vanished from the sight of every one else.

NOTICE OF SALE ON ATTACHMENT EXECUTION.

By virtue of an attachment execution issued out of and under the seal of the Circuit court in and for the county of Lane, state of Oregon, upon a judgment rendered and docketed in the said court on the 30th day of July, 1935, in an action wherein Frank Guerlock is plaintiff, and Floyd S. Day and Champion Extension Mines, Inc., a corporation, and William J. Cowen, are defendants, in favor of the said plaintiff, and against the said defendants for the sum of \$270 together with interest thereon at the rate of 6 per cent per annum from June 11, 1934, \$85.00 reasonable attorney's fees, \$32.45 costs and disbursements, less \$75.00 paid thereon, which attachment execution was to me directed and commanded me to sell the real property and mining claims hereinafter described to satisfy said judgment, interest, costs and accruing costs, I will, on Tuesday, the 1st day of October, 1935, at the hour of ten o'clock a. m. at the southwest door of the county court house, Eugene, Lane county, State of Oregon, offer for sale and sell at public auction for cash, subject to redemption as provided by law, all the right, title and interest of said defendants in said action, and all persons claiming by through or under them, or any of them, in and to the following described real property and mining claims, recorded in Mining Records, Lane county, Oregon, to-wit:

North Star, book 12, page 8, recorded September 7, 1932.
East Star, book 7, page 500, recorded September 17, 1929.
West Star, book 7, page 500, recorded September 17, 1929.
Gold Star, book 12, page 9, recorded September 7, 1932.
Middle Star, book 7, page 501, recorded September 17, 1929.
Silver Star, book 12, page 164, recorded June 7, 1933.
Rising Star, book 12, page 164, recorded June 7, 1933.
Lucky Star, book 12, page 165, recorded June 7, 1933.

all being located in the Bohemia Mining District, Lane county, state of Oregon.

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C. A. SWARTS, Sheriff, Lane County, Oregon.
By A. E. HULEGAARD, Deputy. a29-a26c

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been by the county court of the state of Oregon for Lane county, appointed administratrix of the estate of George O'Neal, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are notified to present such claims, properly verified, with vouchers attached, to the undersigned at the office of Gordon S. Wells, Miner building, Eugene, Ore., within 6 months from the date of the first publication of this notice, to-wit: before March 2, 1936.

CORA B. O'NEAL, Administratrix of Estate of George O'Neal, deceased. a29-a26c

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE.

In the county court of the state of Oregon for Lane county.

In the matter of the guardianship of Ruth Ellen Sheehan, a minor.

This matter coming on to be heard upon the petition of Herbert W. Lombard, guardian of the person and estate of Ruth Ellen Sheehan, a minor, for license to sell the following described real estate, to-wit:

An undivided one-fourth interest in southeast ¼ of section 4, township 24, south range 4 west of Willamette meridian, Lane county, state of Oregon, containing 160 acres more or less, subject to dower interest of Katherine M. Sheehan.

for the purpose of paying taxes and to be used in the care and education of said minor and for such other purposes as may be necessary.

It is therefore ordered that service be had upon the next of kin and all persons interested in the estate personally and in person by serving a copy of the petition to sell real estate and the order to show cause upon each of the following persons:

Katherine M. Sheehan, mother, residing at East Lansing, State of Michigan;
Ruth Ellen Sheehan, minor, residing at East Lansing, State of Michigan.

and that said order to show cause be published at least three successive weeks in the Cottage Grove Sentinel, Cottage Grove, Ore., and requiring such next of kin and persons interested to appear and show cause, if any they have, why the guardian should not be granted a

license to sell the real estate herein described at private sale for cash or part cash and part credit, and a hearing is hereby ordered upon said petition to be held in the county court room, county court house, Eugene, Lane county, Oregon, at 10 o'clock a. m. of Tuesday, the 1st day of October, 1935.
Dated at Eugene, Oregon, August 27, 1935.

FRED FISK,
County Judge.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed by the county court of Lane county, state of Oregon, administrator of the estate of Andrew Nelson, deceased, by an order bearing date the 23rd day of August, 1935.

All persons having claims against the estate of said Andrew Nelson, deceased, are hereby notified and required to present the same, duly verified, to the undersigned at the law office of Herbert W. Lombard, First National Bank building, Cottage Grove, Lane county, state of Oregon on or before 6 months from the date of the first publication of this notice.

Date of first publication August 29, 1935.

Date of last publication September 26, 1935.

RAY E. NELSON, Administrator of the Estate of Andrew Nelson, Deceased.
Herbert W. Lombard,
Attorney for Estate. a29-a26c

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, U. S. land office at Roseburg, Oregon, July 30, 1935.
Notice is hereby given that Albert S. Lancaster of Diston Rt., Cottage Grove, Ore., who, on June 27, 1932, made homestead entry serial No. 020257, for E½, SW¼, section 7, township 21 S., range 2 W., Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final three-year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before E. O. IMMEL, U. S. Commissioner, at Eugene, Ore., on the 14th day of September, 1935.

Claimant names as witnesses: Fred Overton, James Lebow, Fred Frazee, Ada Overton, all of Diston Rt., Cottage Grove, Ore.
ROBERT E. CRAWFORD,
Acting Register.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed herein her final account as the administratrix of the estate of Clarence J. Stephenson, deceased, with the county court of Lane county, state of Oregon, and an order has been made and entered of record directing this notice and setting the 10th day of September, 1935, at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon of said day as the time and the county court room, county court house, Eugene, Lane county, state of Oregon, as the place for the hearing of objections, if any, to the final account and the final settlement of said estate.

Dated and first published this 8th day of August, 1935.

Date of last publication September 5, 1935.

OPAL E. WAGNER, Administratrix of Estate of Clarence J. Stephenson, Deceased.
HERBERT W. LOMBARD, Attorney for Administratrix.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed by the county court of Lane county, state of Oregon, administrator of the estate of John Wesley Sheehan, by an order bearing date the 20th day of August, 1935.

All persons having claims against the estate of said John Wesley Sheehan are hereby notified and required to present the same, duly verified, to the undersigned at the law office of Herbert W. Lombard, First National Bank building, Cottage Grove, Lane county, state of Oregon, on or before six months from the date of the first publication of this notice.

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Date of last publication September 19, 1935.

HERBERT W. LOMBARD, Administrator of the Estate of John Wesley Sheehan, Deceased. a22-a19

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