SUPERSTITION MOUNTAIN

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CHAPTER XIV

...idn't matter if the reporters ...l one salient detail in their ...r excellent coverage of the tra... and it wasn't their fault any... Sheriff Watson didn't want ...fact known that Paul Colter's ...hand had clutched gold; he had ...own reasons. Only his searching ...y and Stuart had been told.

"...ou see what all they printed," the sheriff commented two ...later, in talking to Stuart. "...we'd let it be known Colter ...ly found gold, we'd have thou... of people climbing around up ...and more business than any ...ff could take care of. Gold ...fools, Mr. Blake!"

"Have you been back to the place? Have you found the body?"

"...ope. But the old man knows. ...probably go back. His son's ...might have discouraged him ...sent him with his family on ...to Texas, but I had to give ...the nuggets. They was right-...his. He'll hunt ag'in."

The Colters did go hunting again. They buried Paul the next day ...they found him. It was a ...larly mixed group of mourners ...went to the graveside right there ...the base of the mountain. Carolee had suggested this as the logical ...to bury him, for economic as ...as for sentimental reasons. ...her and her grieving family ...all the people at Superstition ...a few assorted ranchers and ...boys, and the newspaper men. ...sheriff kept several dozen ...strangers away. Twenty-...hours afterward, old man Colter ...Silas were preparing to enter ...mountain fastnesses again, head-...for Paul's last camp in the hope ...heightened expectation of locat-...the gold deposit. The sheriff ...d continue whatever investiga-...he could.

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Carolee herself rode in with the ...er men this time. Paul's body ...been found miles from home. ...sadly made such limited inspec-...at this place as they thought ...while, but nothing indicated ...might have killed him. It look-...like murder mainly because there ...no plausible natural cause for ...young man's death.

"I'll set up the camp," Carolee ...ested, "while you men do the ...specting."

They had provisions for a two-...t stay. The men searched every-...re in the vicinity where the body ...found. With their short miner's ...they inspected every likely ...ing piece of rock and soil, even ...ing simple tests with chemicals ...a few ore specimens, but nothing ...ved of value.

"Reckon Paul was headin' back ...to tell us," Silas concluded. "...tellin' how far he might have ..."

"That's right," his father agreed. Toward sundown Carolee led them ...quarter-mile to a cave entrance. ...looked for all the world like an ...estra shell or loud speaker on ...gigantic scale—a great open mouth ...rock. Back of it, to, was a ...row gullet, leading to another ...almost totally dark room inside.

"This is jest right, Sis," said Silas. ...had protection overhead and on ...sides but one. She had their bed ...already spread on mattresses ...pinon needles she had gathered. ...veniently near she had a fire ...too. When they had seen ...this, Carolee exhibited a "sou-...r" she had found. She was ...er excited about it as she held ...up.

"That there's a spur!" her father ...claimed. "Spanish spur. I've seen ...before. No American ever wore ...big spikes on his spur, and ...shanks is different. Where'd ...git it?"

It was badly rusted, almost flaked ...places, and the rowel would no ...ger turn. But in other places the ...al was intact, even to the orna-...tal designs.

"I dug it up here in the soil, while ...was scratching aside some rocks ...the fireplace," Carolee explained.

"The Spanish miners camped here, ...right," her father declared. "By ...rge, we are warm if we ain't hot! ...come here after gold, son!"

Silas was already digging in the ...himself, but he found nothing ...Carolee bade him come and eat.

"You been in the back cave?" he ...ed her.

"I peeped in, but it looked ...ky."

After supper they lighted torches ...pinon limbs and went into the ...k room" of their camp. It was ...with shadows, but nothing else ...red. Other occupants obviously ...pack rats, for their piles of ...rted rubbish could be seen ...each of the inner walls. ...bones and bits of dried fur ...seen and old man Colter ...that a panther or lynx had ...a jackrabbit or other quarry ...and maybe denned there at ...time.

Silas was elated when he found ...rusted iron ring, of the type still ...on harness and saddles. It ...was of Spanish origin too. [illegible]

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(To Be Continued)

Club Makes Final Plans For Picnic

FALL CREEK, July 12.—Special)—The Neighborly Neighbors Club met with Mrs. Emma Morris on Thursday for an allday event.

Final plans were made for the picnic to be held at Shady Nook park on the evening of July 15. The committee planning the program is Mrs. Alice E. Tengs, Mrs. Alice Callison and Mrs. Erma Morris. Serving on the refreshment committee are Mrs. Charles Tarrier, Mrs. W. B. Scott, Mrs. Theo Brown and Mrs. Dora Glaspy.

Members present were Mrs. Elizabeth Brewer, Mrs. Virginia Conner, Mrs. Charles Tarrier, Mrs. Estella Fisch, Mrs. Pearl Frantz, Mrs. Dora Glaspy, Mrs. Katherine Kollias, Mrs. Alice E. Tengs, Mrs. W. B. Scott, Mrs. Doris Tonole, and the hostess, Mrs. Morris.

Mrs. Theo Brown was admitted as a new member. Mrs. Lillian Humphrey and Mrs. Brown were visitors.

The next meeting will be held July 22, at the Warner schoolhouse. Election of officers for the next year will take place at that time.

Miss Knox Leaves For Visit In South

LOWER CAMP CREEK, July 12.—(Special)—Miss Frieda Knox left last week for California to visit relatives. She left with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hughes, who visited with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Knox for a week. Their home is in Pasadena.

Visitors Here

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Innis and daughter of Coquille and Mr. and Mrs. Quentin Thurman of Springfield visited recently with the girls' parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Chase and family.

Mabel Chase returned to Coquille for two weeks' visit with Mr. and Mrs. Innis.

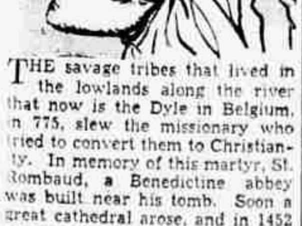
Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Hotaling and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Carpenter and children of Eugene were recent guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Chase.

MISSIONARY SPEAKS

FALL CREEK, July 12.—(Special)—J. J. Ray, of Junction City, who is a missionary for the American Sunday School Union, visited at the Warner Union Sunday school last week and gave an illustrated sermon following the school service.

Stories in STAMPS

Aspired To Build Highest Steeple



THE savage tribes that lived in the lowlands along the river that now is the Dyle in Belgium, in 775, slew the missionary who tried to convert them to Christianity. In memory of this martyr, St. Rombaud, a Benedictine abbey was built near his tomb. Soon a great cathedral arose, and in 1452 construction was begun on what was to be the tallest spire in the world. But when the great Gothic tower reached a height of 318 feet, work on the tower was stopped, a little more than half way to its proposed 550 feet.

On each of the four sides of the tower is a dial of one of the largest clocks in Europe. Inside is a carillon that is believed to be among the finest on the continent. During the World War German guns severely damaged the south side and the chimes. Restored, the edifice contains a memorial to British soldiers who fell there. It appears on a Belgian stamp of 1928.

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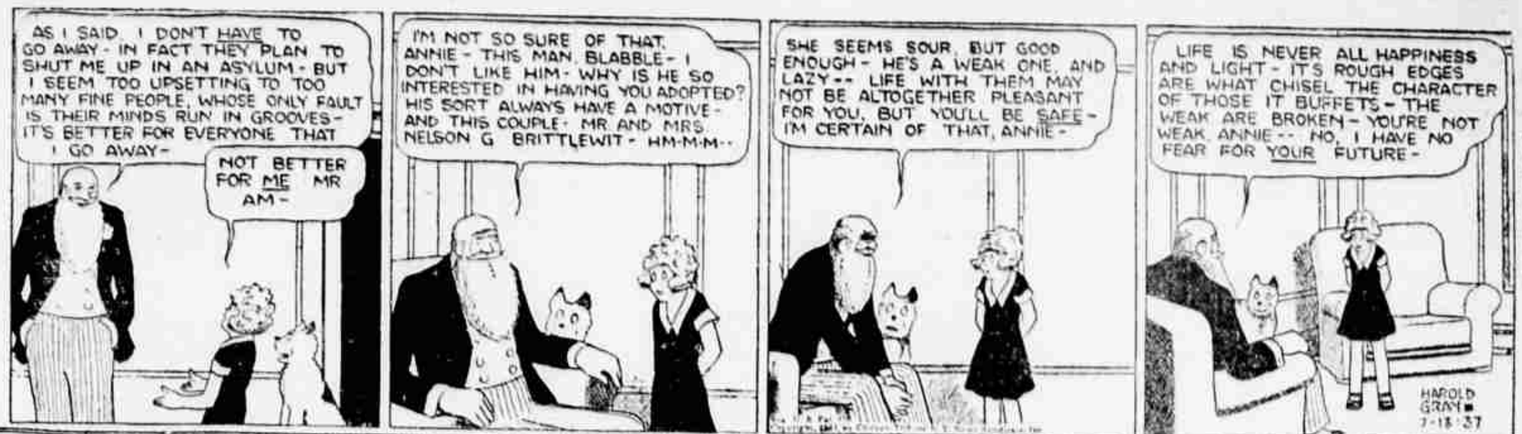

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