

Only the Brave

By PAUL EVAN LEHMAN

(Chapter 17)

Jeff took the badge from Jeb King's hands and pinned it over the pocket of his shirt. It was Monday morning and they were in Jeb's office at the bank.

Jeb said, "You know your duties—preserve law and order in Cougar. You'll find some unfinished business like the murder of Sam Tolson and John Stover."

Jeff got up. "I guess I don't have to tell you that I'm obliged to you for the job."

"By the way, there's one chore that I didn't mention," Jeb went to the door, looked outside, then closed it and returned to his desk. "Every so often we have to ship gold. Some time next week we're due to ship and I might as well tell you something about it."

"You'll have charge of the movement, if anything happens between here and the express office at Briscoe, it's your loss; once you turn the shipment over to the express agent, it's up to Wells Fargo."

"I see," said Jeff and Briscoe. "Not you alone—all of us. But there isn't much to be afraid of. We use a light freighter with a canvas cover. Two jurors. The gold is in a specie box, and in the wagon with it are two armed guards, with another one on the seat with the driver. You range around on horseback, scoutin' before and behind, and examin' anything that looks like it might hold an ambush. With that kind of set-up it would take an army to get it from you. I'll tell you more about it when we're ready to ship. Jeff went to the general store and drew Hank Wolfanger to one side.

"Hank, have you any kind of poison in stock?"

"Poison?"

"Yes. Arsenic, for instance."

"Gosh, no. Jeff went outside and stood there, thinking. A horseman swept into the street at the far end of town. It was Chuck Gale. He saw Jeff and rode to the edge of the sidewalk, and when he jerked his head Jeff went down the steps and crossed to him.

"Just heard about your Hereford," said Gale. "Tough luck for the gent that poisoned them when I run him down."

"Know what kind of poison it was?"

"Arsenic."

"Try the drug store at Briscoe," Chuck nodded shortly and started away; then he reined about and rode back to where Jeff was standing. "Here's a hunch, Tyler. Don't go lookin' so far in the distance that you miss what's right under your nose."

"Creaning the street?"

"Think it over."

Jeff gazed after him, frowning. The fellow couldn't possibly mean it. Why, it was ridiculous, as absurd to believe that Gale would poison his cattle as that he would help him escape or shoot Sam Tolson. Jeff dismissed the thing with an impatient gesture and started for the alley behind Glenn's place.

He walked down the alley to the place where John Stover had been shot. There were the prints of many boots where men had milled about the body, but if those of the murderer were among them he had no way of distinguishing them. He walked to the buildings and circled them with his gun in his hand. Finally he came to a corner where a hoofprint showed and, following, found several more.

Jeff followed the tracks until he came to a soft patch of mud where they were quite distinct. There he squatted on his heels and examined them closely. At once he saw something which would identify the horse without a doubt unless the animal had been re-shod. On the left hind hoof was a shoe with an end calk broken off. He noted the print carefully and got to his feet. Here was a real clue to the killer's identity; all he had to do was find the horse that wore the broken shoe.

Crossing the street to Mike's place, he stood at the hitching rack in apparent idleness; but his gaze was on the ground near the feet of Chuck Gale's horse. The animal finally shifted his position and he had a good look at the left hind print. It was perfect; it was Chuck's horse which had made those tracks. Unless, of course, Chuck

had replaced the broken shoe. He walked to the Town Hall and was about to ascend the steps when he heard a cheery hail and turned to see Connie in the ranch backdoor. He went to meet her and took the hand she extended. "Congratulations, Mr. Marshall!" He grinned and rubbed the badge with his sleeve.

She laughed. "I had to come to town for some groceries and was hoping I'd see you. Jeff, I think it's grand—you getting this job."

"I want to see you get ahead."

"I reckon I'll just plod along on my hundred-and-twenty a month. If I buy one cow every day I'll have a pretty good herd by the time I'm a hundred."

She looked away for a moment and he saw her lips tremble; then she looked directly into his eyes. "Jeff, have you ever quarreled with Glenn?"

"Glenn? Good gosh, no. What ever made you ask that?"

"I don't know. I just wondered. Well, I must run along. Come out to the Crown when you can; we'll all be anxious to know how you're making out. 'Bye!"

(To Be Continued)

Aurora Plans Picnic

Aurora — A committee was chosen during last week to formulate plans for a community picnic. The date will be announced later. Chester Smith is chairman of the committee, with Arthur Mills, A. J. Zimmerman, Elmer Jeskey and Lou Glenn assisting.



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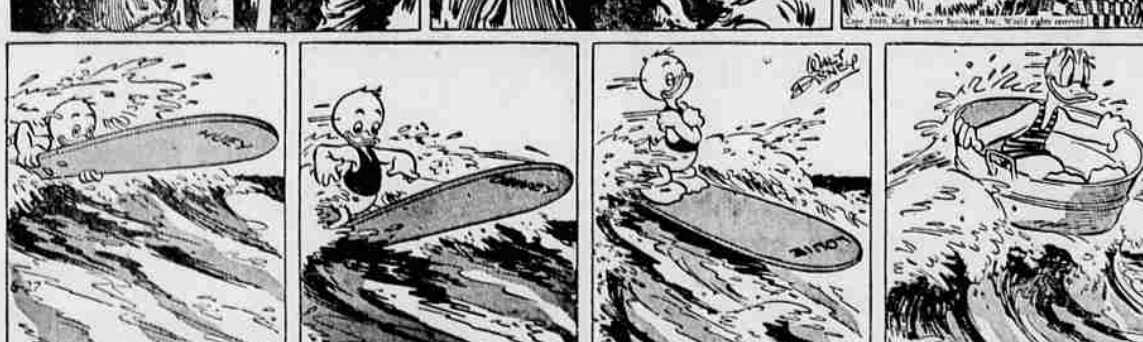
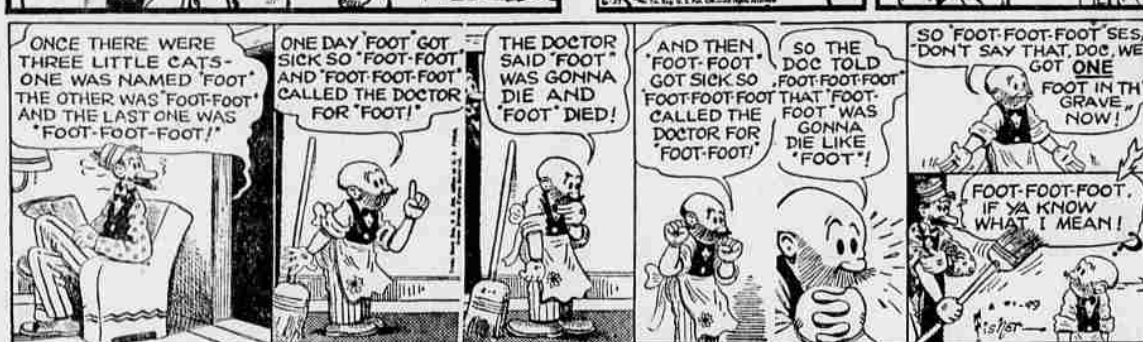
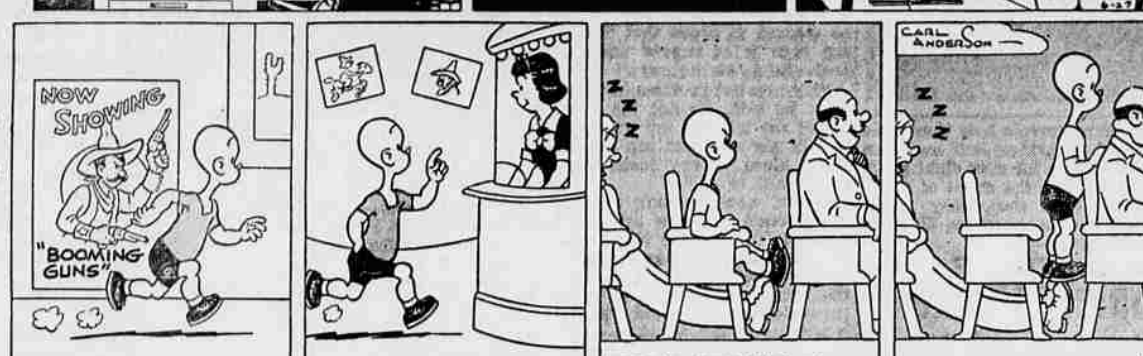


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MONDAY—P.M.

KSLM 1300 MBO	KGW 430 NBO	KOCO 1490 KC	KOIN 970 CBS
5:00 Pella Lewis Jr. Frank Howard Carmen Cavallero	Woman's Secret Sunny Side News H. V. Kallenborn	Rhythm Ranch Rhythm Ranch Club in CBS Edward Marrow	Curt Massey Little Show Club in CBS Edward Marrow
5:30 Ted Drake Adv. of Champion Curly Bradley	Musical Solos Musical Solos Voice of Firestone	Candlelight & Silver New Tropicana	Knot Manning Belah Chet Huntley News
6:00 Gabriel Heatter Northwest News Music	Telephone Hour Telephone Hour Dr. I. Q. Dr. I. Q.	Pal O'Brien's Handstand Dugout Dope Baseball	Radio Theatre Radio Theatre Radio Theatre Radio Theatre
6:30 American Forum American Forum Circus Kid	Contented Hour Contented Hour Playhouse	Baseball Baseball Baseball	My Friend Irma My Friend Irma Bob Hawk Show Bob Hawk Show
7:00 Let George Do It Let George Do It Murder by Expert Murder by Expert	Supper Club News of World Cavalcade	Baseball Baseball Baseball	Lowell Thomas Jack Smith Show Talent Scouts Talent Scouts
7:30 Select Local News Select Local News Music	News Sports Page Final Orchestra Orchestra	News Track 1400 Track 1400 Track 1400	Five Star Final Inner Sanctum Inner Sanctum Let's Dance
8:00 Pella Lewis, Jr. Frank Howard Bob Poole Show This Day	Sam Hayes Wax Museum Wax Museum Wax Museum	Track 1400 Track 1400 Track 1400 Track 1400	Serenade You and World Orchestra News
12:00 Sign Off	Sign Off	Sign Off	Sign Off

TUESDAY—6 A.M. TO 4:45 P.M.

6:00 News Dawn Patrol NW Farm News March Time	Hodge Podge Hodge Podge News Hodge Podge	News KOCO Klock KOCO Klock KOCO Klock	News KOIN Klock KOIN Klock KOIN Klock
6:30 Dawn Patrol Dawn Patrol Dawn Patrol News	Farm Time Farm Time The Old Songs News	Top Sitter News & Sports Top o' Mornin' News	Fred Beck Consumer News Art Baker Robert Lewis Robert Lewis
7:00 News Breakfast Gang Breakfast Gang Top Trades	Fred Waring Fred Waring Hiders of Sage Sam Hayes	Western Melodies Western Melodies Stars King in Wild Church in Wild	Consumer News Art Baker Robert Lewis Robert Lewis
7:30 Bargain Counter Walter Lindahl Walter Lindahl Music	Second Cup Second Cup Tommy Dorsey Tommy Dorsey	Haven of Heat Haven of Heat Mac's Melodies Mac's Melodies	Arthur Godfrey Arthur Godfrey Arthur Godfrey Arthur Godfrey
8:00 Northwest News Kate Smith Walter Lindahl Charlie Sylvak	Tommy Dorsey Tommy Dorsey Tommy Dorsey Tommy Dorsey	Coffin Cup N.W. Report Rhapsody Rhythm Rhapsody Rhythm	Wendy Warren Aunt Jenny Our Gal Sunday Our Gal Sunday
8:30 News Three Sons Walter Lindahl Walter Lindahl	Lopes Orch. Lopes Orch. Today's Children Brighton Da	Glass Wax Glass Wax Glass Wax Glass Wax	Big Sister Ma Perkins Dr. Malone Spotlight Music
9:00 Top Trades Queen for a Day Queen for a Day Ladies First	Double or Nothing Double or Nothing Light of World Light of World	Hollywood Music Hollywood Music Hollywood Music Hollywood Music	Duncan McLeod Cume & Get It Norah Drake Norah Drake
9:30 Ladies First Ladies First Northwest News Bob Eberly Show	Life Beautiful Life Beautiful Pepper Young Pepper Young	Mac's Melodies Mac's Melodies Mac's Melodies Mac's Melodies	Pat O'Brien Show Pat O'Brien Show Pat O'Brien Show Pat O'Brien Show
10:00 Tell Neighbors Tell Neighbors Organ Reveries Bliss Sims	Backstairs Wife Stella Dallas Loretta Jones Wildcat Brown	Mac's Melodies Mac's Melodies Mac's Melodies Mac's Melodies	Newspaper of Air Newspaper of Air Winner Take All Tunefully Yours
10:30 Against the Storm Against the Storm Waltz Serenade Waltz Serenade	A Girl Marries Portia Faces Life Front Page Farrell Front Page Farrell	Mac's Melodies Mac's Melodies Mac's Melodies Mac's Melodies	Arthur Godfrey Arthur Godfrey Arthur Godfrey Arthur Godfrey
11:00 Say It With Music Say It With Music News News	Road of Life Lora Lawton Aunt Mary Spotlight Music	Women's Page Philosophy Spotlight Music Spotlight Music	Arthur Godfrey Arthur Godfrey Arthur Godfrey Arthur Godfrey

DIAL LISTINGS: KEX 1190; KOAC, 550

KEX Monday P.M.—5:00, Squirrel
Care: 5:30, John's Luncheon
4:00, Keeping Up With Sports: 6:15, Hearst
Editions: 6:30, Challenge of Yankin: 7:00,
Edwin C. Hill: 7:15, Elmer Davis: 7:30,
Mr. President: 8:00, Long Ranger: 8:30,
Dream Girl: 8:45, Arthur Goetz: 9:00,
Radio Hour: 9:30, Ella Mae Morse: 9:45,
Henry J. Taylor: 10:00, Richfield Report-
er: 10:15, Interzone: 10:30, Concert Hour:
11:30, News Tomorrow: 12:00, Xtra
Hour: 1:00, Sign Off.

KOAC Monday P.M.—5:00, On the
4:00, News: 5:15, Dinner: 6:15,
Dinner Melodies: 6:30, Music of Czech-
oslovakia: 7:15, Evening Farm Hour: 8:00,
The Beaver Tale: 8:15, Great Songs: 8:45,
The News: 9:00, Music That Entertains:
9:45, Evening Meditations: 10:00, High-
lights of the Week's News: 10:15, Seren-
ades: 10:45, The News: 11:00, Sign Off.
(Listed as Standard Time)

KEX Tuesday A.M. to 4:45 P.M.—6:00,
East: 6:00, John's Luncheon:
7:15, Bob Johnson: 7:30, Bob Harrn
Show: 7:45, Time Tempus: 8:00, Mrt
and Marg: 8:15, Marvin Marzocchi:
8:30, Miss Manners: 8:45, East:
9:00, Breakfast Club: 10:00, The
News: 10:15, Stars of Today: 10:30, Kay
Kyer: 11:00, Ted Malone: 11:15, Gal
Drake: 11:30, My True Story: 12:00,
Betty Crocker: 12:15, The News:
12:30, Bookhouse Talking: 12:45, Club
Travelers: 4:30, Art Linkletter.

KOAC Tuesday A.M. to 4:45 P.M.
11:00, Concert Hall: 12:00, News: 12:15,
Noon Farm Hour: 1:00, Ride'em Cowboy:
1:15, Variety Times: 1:30, Melody Lane:
1:45, Parade of Dramas: 2:15, Memory
Book of Music: 3:00, The News.
Time: 1:00, Northwesters: 1:30, Kay
Kyer: 2:00, Breakfast in Hollywood:
Ladies Be Seated: 3:00, Survivor Packard:
3:30, Bride and Groom: 4:00, Welcome
Travelers: 4:30, Art Linkletter.

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- Weep convulsively
- Hastened
- Score at bridge
- Puns
- Winglike
- Prong
- Learning
- Indian
- Leave undone
- Place of nether darkness
- Release on honor
- Boat
- Harbor
- Caution
- Church governing body
- Exists
- Cereal
- Plant with aromatic seeds
- Topnotcher
- Pronoun
- Musical instru-
- Meat dish
- Portuguese measure of length
- Economic agreement
- Latin helmet
- Dismounted
- City in Paragon Bay
- Transportation charge
- Repetition
- Restaurant
- Noise
- Equal
- Watches closely
- However

DOWN

- Period of reduced prices
- Smell
- Calliber
- Symbol for annularium
- Sign of addition
- Devour
- Genus of Hawaiian
- Laid away
- Bay at the north end of the Panama Canal
- Indigo plant
- Measure
- Very black
- American republic; abbr.
- English river
- Sacred songs
- Twisted
- Affirmative
- Concerning
- Church vestment
- Solid water
- Make needlework
- Approach
- Dealer in pedgear
- Being
- Banal
- Pillar
- Pink flower
- Medicinal plant
- Out of danger
- Wife of lord
- Great lake
- Encamp
- Largest river in Scotland
- Plural ending

Solution of Saturday's Puzzle

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33
34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44
45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55

ROOM AND BOARD By Gene Ahern

