

DOUBLE TROUBLE

By WILLIAM HOBSON

(Chapter 6)

Jay Allison watched Ellen go and then slipped between the post office and a general store building. He came out in the alley and sprinted for the back of the hotel. He went in, got the gunnysack containing his saddle gear and rifle, carried it back down the stairs and set off in the darkness. He didn't see the figure of Peg Smith following him.

"That you, Jay?" asked the lawyer's voice.

"It's me."

"Good. We've got a long ride ahead of us."

"How far?"

"About twenty miles. We can make it before midnight."

He swung down and laid his ear to the ground. He heard nothing. He went back along the trail for a hundred yards.

"Well?" the lawyer inquired.

"One man," Jay said briefly. "He's swung to the east and is trying to come in ahead."

Jay led off to the left, keeping his position by the stars. They angled for a sharp ridge, sound might be bracketed. He waited for the sound of his horse's heavy breathing to subside somewhat, and that was almost a mistake.

The shot came from out of the night, not more than sixty yards away. It was a rifle. Jay heard the high spanging report, saw the brief orange flash, and began thumbing his six-shooter. He fired four times and listened to the sound of a running horse heading toward the north.

Swinerton said, "Whoever he was, he'll try again. He can't pick up our trail until morning, and if he tries to follow it one of Brad's boys will stop him cold."

Jay felt his breath go out in surprise as the lawyer led off. "Are you taking me to Brad Morden's camp?" he demanded.

"I'm taking you to where Joe is with some of Brad's men looking out after him," Swinerton said.

Jay led him take the lead then and they rode on through the night for what seemed to be hours and hours. At last they entered a sharp defile and dropped down a canyon until it opened up and from somewhere out of the night came a man's voice. It was not more than thirty feet away.

"Ease up and rest your gents. Stand put and call your names."

"It's Jim," the lawyer said. "That you, Charley?"

A man's form came through the night. He carried a repeating rifle in his hands. "Yep. Who's with you?"

"A friend," Jay answered quickly. "All right, mister," chuckled back the voice of the guard. "Pass on Jim; you and Mister Friend."

The camp loomed up close. Jay saw the outlines of three corals of pole and brush and a crude cabin of brush daubed over with mud. They rode up and swung down.

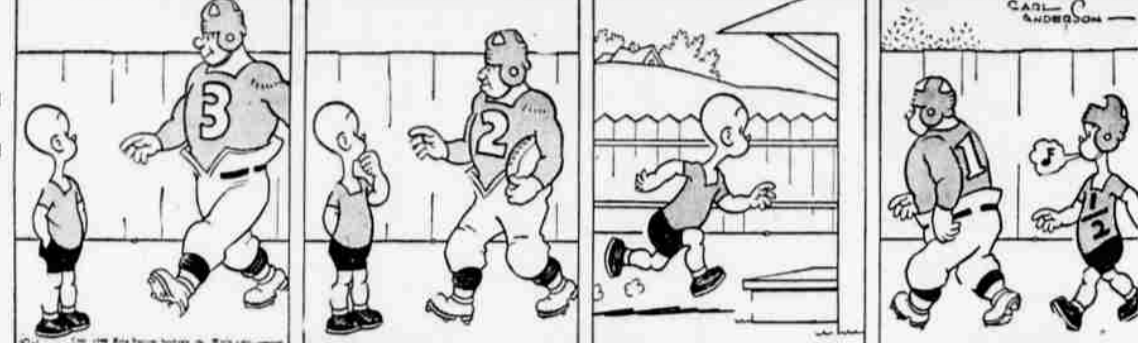
Jay followed the lawyer in and saw him shake hands with the mud sandy-haired man of about forty. He turned and said, "Jay, I want you to meet Brad Morden."

Jay stuck out his hand and Morden took it, his jaw almost sagging. "Glory be!" he burst out. "It ain't true. I'm seent' it with my own eyes but it ain't true. This is Joe."

Jay's eyes flickered around the room to four other men, all watching him with curious stares.

"Where's Joe?" he asked abruptly. "Buck," grinned the horse thief. "No reason to be in a hurry. Plenty of time after we talk a bit. You're going to help us steal Randall's herd of Morgans."

Jay swung around to let his cold eyes play on Swinerton's face. It all came clear now. The lawyer saw the look and chuckled. "Yep, you guessed it, Jay. Brad and I are partners. And you're going to play ball with us or Joe will never get back to the ranch."



But there's one band of hosses Jim and me sin't been able to get yet and that's the sixty or so head of thoroughbred Morgans on Mike Randall's place. We tried it a few nights ago but they was well guarded and in the morn'g Joe, who was helpin' us got caught by a big slug."

Brad Morgan's voice droned on. "Nobody but Jim and me knowed about you. So when Joe got shot we had to think fast. I've got a man or two on Randall's payroll but if Joe showed up mist'ry, crazy like he is over that Randall girl, it might look suspicious. So you're voin' right on the ranch and take over Joe's old job. You'll take yore old lineback job back and Turk will show you the ropes on how to help us get stolen stuff across Randall's range. You'll ride to the ranch as often as you kin 'n find out about them blooded Morgans. The first time anything looks as though we get a break on it, you'll burn the breeze to Antelope Creek camp and let us know."

"You'll do as we say because if you refuse I'll drag Joe out of his bed and hang him with a slow rope and then run you down. It's his life or my orders to you."

Jay set down the cup and sneered at him. "So that's how you treat a man who gets shot stealing for you! All right, I'll play ball with you. But if anything happens to me I'll hunt you down and cut your throat with a dot knife. Morden, now where's my brother?"

Brad Morden rose, smiling. "Right through that blanket into the lean-to. I expect he'll be glad to see you."

(To be continued)



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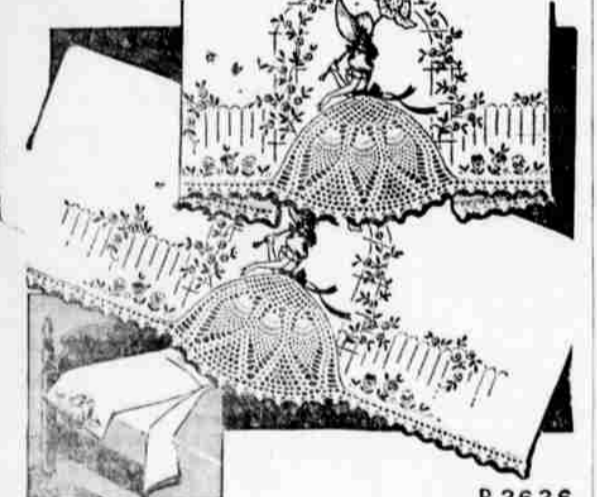
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SATURDAY—P.M.			
KSLM	KGW	KOCO	KOIN
5:00 Music	Musical Scoreboard	Round Up Time	News
5:30 Tabernacle Ephraim	John Doe's Music	Round Up Time	News
6:00 Quick as a Flash	T B A	Round Up Time	News
6:30 Xavier Cugat	Drum Set	Round Up Time	News
7:00 Lombardland	Judy Canova	Time Was Playhouse	Sing It Again
7:30 Voice of Youth	Grand Ole Opry	Band	Sing It Again
8:00 Life Begins at 40	Truth or Consequences	20 Yard Line	Vaughan Monroe
8:30 Meet the Press	Dragnet	S. H. S. Albany	Vaughan Monroe
9:00 News	Hi Parade	S. H. S. Albany	Gene Autry
9:30 Harry James	Hi Parade	S. H. S. Albany	Gene Autry
10:00 Plantation Jubilee	Star Theatre	S. H. S. Albany	Gene Autry
10:30 Monica Whalen	Dirce. Playhouse	S. H. S. Albany	Gene Autry
11:00 Open House	Wax Museum	S. H. S. Albany	Gene Autry
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12:00 Sign Off	Sign Off	Sign Off	Sign Off

SUNDAY			
7:00 Music	Radio Pulpit	Church of the Air	Church of the Air
7:30 1st Baptist Ch.	John Doe's Music	Church of the Air	Church of the Air
8:00 1st Baptist Ch.	Memorable Music	Church in Your Home	Church in Your Home
8:30 Radio Bible Class	On the Village	Church in Your Home	Church in Your Home
9:00 News	Chicago Round Table	Church in Your Home	Church in Your Home
9:30 News	Chicago Round Table	Church in Your Home	Church in Your Home
10:00 Chamber Music	University Theatre	Church in Your Home	Church in Your Home
10:30 News	Mr. Flax	Church in Your Home	Church in Your Home
11:00 News	Mr. Flax	Church in Your Home	Church in Your Home
11:30 News	Mr. Flax	Church in Your Home	Church in Your Home
12:00 News	Mr. Flax	Church in Your Home	Church in Your Home

DIAL LISTINGS: KEX, KOAC, 550

KEX Saturday P.M.—5:00, Here's Hollywood; 5:15, Special Event; 5:30, Harmonica; 5:45, News; 6:00, Here's Hollywood; 6:15, Home Edition; 6:30, The Comedy Trio; 6:45, Bert Andrews; 7:00, Hollywood Blues; 7:30, As We See It; 7:45, Your Business; 8:00, Lone Ranger; 8:30, Clearmont Orchestra; 9:00, Time for Music; 9:30, Heine and His Band; 10:00, News; 10:15, Lawrence Welk; 10:30, Dance Band; 11:00, Let's Dance; 11:30, Xtra Hour; 1:00, Sign Off.

KOAC Saturday P.M.—5:00, On the Carpet; 5:15, Look at Australia; 6:30, London Letters; 6:45, Holland Today; 7:00, 7:00, Light Opera Tonight; 8:15, Loggers' Fire Weather Forecast; 9:00, Dance Parade; 10:30, Sign Off.

Gervais Altar Society Starts Card Series

Gervais—The first of a series of card parties sponsored by the St. Rita Altar society of the Sacred Heart Catholic church was held at the parish hall with Mrs. Anthony Duda in charge of arrangements. There were 14 tables of cards in play and high scores in 500 were held by Joseph Schlechter; John Ferschweiler and Mrs. Frank Eder.

Sisters Enjoy Visit

Fairview—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stephens and family of Fairview, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Stephens and family of Hopewell have had as their guests, Mrs. Albert Willis of Portland and Mrs. Mary Baird of Newberg. The four women are sisters.

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- Craven
- Masculine
- Click beetle
- Brilliantly
- Title of a knight
- Ocean
- Eye
- At home
- Plant disease
- Booty
- Egyptian goddess
- Negative
- Condition
- Ahead
- Send out
- Marry
- Convinced person
- Two; prefix
- Biblical city
- Capital of a liquid
- Hang down
- Old literary note
- Feminine
- Asiatic peima
- Smoothed
- Evening
- Scatter
- Girdle

DOWN

- Part of a minstrel
- Excitation
- Age
- Scotch
- Work in clay
- Reverend
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Solution of Yesterday's Puzzle

1. Part of a minstrel
2. Excitation
3. Age
4. Scotch
5. Work in clay
6. Reverend
7. Reverend
8. Excitation
9. Age
10. Scotch
11. Work in clay
12. Reverend
13. Reverend
14. Excitation
15. Age
16. Scotch
17. Work in clay
18. Reverend
19. Reverend
20. Excitation
21. Age
22. Scotch
23. Work in clay