

ON TO OREGON— The Way West

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SYNOPSIS: A little band of mountaineers (including a Britisher) may yet split the On-to-Oregon wagon train. These men tell of dangers ahead on the Oregon Trail and sing the praises of California where the weather is mild and the going easy. Another problem bothers Lije Evans' adolescent son, Brownie, who has just asked a word with his friend Dick Summers, the wise old guide of the party. It is the end of August, 1945. Now go on with the story—

(Chapter 19)

Summers asked Brownie, "Where's this boss wants to see me?"

"Dick?"

"Uh-huh."

Brownie shuffled to a stop. He slid his eyes up to Summers and down to the ground. "You got time to talk to me?"

"Sure, boy. Time plenty. Train don't roll till tomorrow."

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"And might be she would have a baby?"

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"From her. And she didn't know if she cared for him and she didn't know if she didn't, but she had to make up her mind."

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"It's Mack."

"She didn't have to tell you, Brownie, he already told myself how honest it was of her."

"And she could've made out she took to you, 'stead of sayin' she didn't know."

"Maybe she never will take to me."

"I ain't in doubt about that."

"The boy's never had a kind of goodness in it. Aain't you, Dick?"

"Not a mile."

"The voice sank back. "Even so, I don't know. A man don't like less than what he'd hoped."

"I don't feel so. Don't feel like I ever could. Only—only—"

"There's your answer then," said Summers, and knew that there it was, closer than his foot thought, closer than the wide ranging of his mind, there it was, plain as day. There it always had been, and he had seen it from the first but still had missed it.

"You think she's all right, don't you, Dick?"

It was confidence the boy wanted, and Summers tried to give it to him, saying, "Why you ask a fool question like that! She's tip-top. She just ain't been favored in her pa or ma, and maybe thought what was the use, or maybe was carried beyond herself just because a naboob played up to her. Forget, and take her, and count yourself lucky."

Brownie got to his feet. "I got to tell Pa that I'm marryin'."

"Lije! Be all right. He thinks just of you."

"I know! I'm thankful to you, Dick."

"No cause fer it."

"Here, Rock! Where'd that dog go?"

Life Evans kicked his horse out ahead of the train, which was readying to roll. The wagons were supplied and repaired. The gab went on. The marriage was done. So come on! Get started! Time to move. Can't spend the live-long day on a wedding and a lost dog. Snow'll be flying in Oregon before you know it. Follow along, Mr. and Mrs. George Brown Evans!

He would think about the trail or about the life ahead and the house he would build or about California and the folks who'd stayed behind to follow Greenwood—Tadlock and Brewer and Davisworth, and here

was McBee in his thoughts again, in-law Hank McBee and his in-law brood. There was one thing, anyhow; he wouldn't have to put up with one McBee.

He had cut McBee off when, just before the wedding, McBee had shown he might change his mind about going to California. "Never can tell what'll happen," McBee had said.

"Can't tell," Evans moved away and figured he'd done right. It was just that McBee was McBee and his woman his woman, and no worth to either of them. Fine thing to have them round! Meet my in-law, Hank McBee.

Evans looked back of him and saw the train lining out at last and Dick Summers riding by the lead team, understanding, Evans knew, that sometimes a man wanted to be alone and wear himself in to a hurtful fact.

Evans yanked his hat tight and cocked a shoulder against the wind, telling himself that what he couldn't help he couldn't help. So forget it. And forget Brownie and last night and his own arguments that came to nothing.

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RADIO PROGRAMS

MONDAY—P.M.				
KGW	KOIN	KEX	KSLM	KOCO
620 KBC	970 CBE	1190 ABC	1190 MBO	1490 Ka
5:00 The 3 of Us	Harvard Little Show	Challenge of Zekes	Mark Trail	Swing Time
5:30 News	Lida Shaw	Jack Armstrong	Mark Trail	Swing Time
5:45 News	Jack Armstrong	Jack Armstrong	Tom Mix	Swing Time
6:00 Boston Symp.	Radio Theater	Edwin C. Hill	Gabriel Heatter	Hand of Fate
6:15 Boston Symp.	Radio Theater	Home Edition	Home Edition	Hand of Fate
6:30 Living 1950	Radio Theater	Med. Romance	Telle You	Hand of Fate
6:45 Living 1950	Radio Theater	Med. Romance	Telle You	Hand of Fate
7:00 Night Beat	My Friend Irma	Lone Ranger	Murder Experts	Hand of Fate
7:15 Night Beat	My Friend Irma	Lone Ranger	Murder Experts	Hand of Fate
7:30 Brian Donery	Bob Hawk	Edna Albert	Class Kid	Hand of Fate
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8:00 Brian, Kirt.	Lowell Thomas	Solo, Holliday	Let Geo. De R.	District
8:15 Brian, Kirt.	Lowell Thomas	Solo, Holliday	Let Geo. De R.	District
8:30 Railroad Hour	Jack Smith	J. Taylor	The Sain	Tournament
8:45 Railroad Hour	Jack Smith	J. Taylor	The Sain	Tournament
9:00 Telephone Hr.	Inner Sanctum	Am. Arts Orch.	News	District
9:15 Telephone Hr.	Inner Sanctum	Am. Arts Orch.	News	District
9:30 Dan O'Grady	Belair	Hannah Cobb	News	Tournament
9:45 Dan O'Grady	Belair	Hannah Cobb	News	Tournament
10:00 Sam Hayes	1-Star Final	Richfield Rep.	L. V. Mystery	News
10:15 Sam Hayes	1-Star Final	Richfield Rep.	L. V. Mystery	News
10:30 More of Life	Yes & World	Intercom	Hour. News	News
10:45 More of Life	Yes & World	Intercom	Hour. News	News
11:00 News	Chas. Forum	News	Marina Band	News
11:15 News	Chas. Forum	News	Marina Band	News
11:30 Wax Museum	Treasury Band	Concert Hour	News	News
11:45 Wax Museum	Treasury Band	Concert Hour	News	News
12:00 Sign Off	Sign Off	Sign Off	Sign Off	Sign Off

PM Moe., KGW 100.5, 3-10 p.m., KOIN 101.1, 8 a.m., 12 p.m., KEX 92.5, 3 to 9 p.m.

TUESDAY—6 A.M. TO 4:45 P.M.

6:00 Hodge Podge	News	Farm News	News	News
6:30 Farm Time	KOIN Klock	Keep Smiling	March Time	KOCO Klock
6:45 Farm Time	KOIN Klock	Keep Smiling	March Time	KOCO Klock
7:00 Early Bird	KOIN Klock	Washington News	Top Trades	Top Trades
7:15 News	CBS News	Bob Hagan	Bob Hagan	Bob Hagan
7:30 News	CBS News	Bob Hagan	Bob Hagan	Bob Hagan
7:45 News	CBS News	Bob Hagan	Bob Hagan	Bob Hagan
8:00 Eddie Albert	Consumer News	Breakfast Club	Family Club	Family Club
8:15 Eddie Albert	Consumer News	Breakfast Club	Family Club	Family Club
8:30 Jack Berch	Grand Slam	Breakfast Club	Family Club	Family Club
8:45 Jack Berch	Grand Slam	Breakfast Club	Family Club	Family Club
9:00 Second Cap	Wendy Warren	News	N. W. News	N. W. News
9:15 Second Cap	Wendy Warren	News	N. W. News	N. W. News
9:30 Sports News	Ann Jany	News	News	News
9:45 Sports News	Ann Jany	News	News	News
10:00 Marriage for 3	Big Sister	Be Seated	Glen Hardy	Glen Hardy
10:15 Marriage for 3	Big Sister	Be Seated	Glen Hardy	Glen Hardy
10:30 Car. Cavallero	Ma Perkins	Tel. Malone	News	News
10:45 Car. Cavallero	Ma Perkins	Tel. Malone	News	News
11:00 Double or Noth.	Mrs. Burton	Betty Crocker	Ladies Fair	Ladies Fair
11:15 Double or Noth.	Mrs. Burton	Betty Crocker	Ladies Fair	Ladies Fair
11:30 News	Ferry Mason	Vic. Lindhart	Queen for Day	Queen for Day
11:45 News	Ferry Mason	Vic. Lindhart	Queen for Day	Queen for Day
12:00 Kansas News	News	Backbar	Top Trades	Holloway Music
12:15 Kansas News	News	Backbar	Top Trades	Holloway Music
12:30 Road of Life	News Got It	News	News	News
12:45 Road of Life	News Got It	News	News	News
1:00 Happiness	News	News	News	News
1:15 Happiness	News	News	News	News
1:30 Backstage Wife	Nora Newberry	Welcome to	Bob Mitchell	Bob Mitchell
1:45 Backstage Wife	Nora Newberry	Welcome to	Bob Mitchell	Bob Mitchell
2:00 Stella Dallas	Jack Holt	Hollywood	Bob Mitchell	Bob Mitchell
2:15 Stella Dallas	Jack Holt	Hollywood	Bob Mitchell	Bob Mitchell
2:30 Lawrence Jones	News	News	News	News
2:45 Lawrence Jones	News	News	News	News
3:00 G. P. Farrell	News	News	News	News
3:15 G. P. Farrell	News	News	News	News
3:30 G. P. Farrell	News	News	News	News
3:45 G. P. Farrell	News	News	News	News
4:00 Love & Learn	News	News	News	News
4:15 Love & Learn	News	News	News	News
4:30 Love & Learn	News	News	News	News
4:45 Love & Learn	News	News	News	News

DIAL LISTING, KOAC 550

KOAC Monday 7 P.M.—8:00, Children's Theater; 8:15, On the Upbeat; 8:30, Sports Club; 9:00, News; 9:15, Music of the Week; 9:30, News; 9:45, News; 10:00, News; 10:15, News; 10:30, News; 10:45, News; 11:00, News; 11:15, News; 11:30, News; 11:45, News; 12:00, News; 12:15, News; 12:30, News; 12:45, News; 1:00, News; 1:15, News; 1:30, News; 1:45, News; 2:00, News; 2:15, News; 2:30, News; 2:45, News; 3:00, News; 3:15, News; 3:30, News; 3:45, News; 4:00, News; 4:15, News; 4:30, News; 4:45, News; 5:00, News; 5:15, News; 5:30, News; 5:45, News; 6:00, News; 6:15, News; 6:30, News; 6:45, News; 7:00, News; 7:15, News; 7:30, News; 7:45, News; 8:00, News; 8:15, News; 8:30, News; 8:45, News; 9:00, News; 9:15, News; 9:30, News; 9:45, News; 10:00, News; 10:15, News; 10:30, News; 10:45, News; 11:00, News; 11:15, News; 11:30, News; 11:45, News; 12:00, News; 12:15, News; 12:30, News; 12:45, News; 1:00, News; 1:15, News; 1:30, News; 1:45, News; 2:00, News; 2:15, News; 2:30, News; 2:45, News; 3:00, News; 3:15, News; 3:30, News; 3:45, News; 4:00, News; 4:15, News; 4:30, News; 4:45, News; 5:00, News; 5:15, News; 5:30, News; 5:45, News; 6:00, News; 6:15, News; 6:30, News; 6:45, News; 7:00, News; 7