Before the Law Came to Wyoming

Maverick Queen

By ZANE GREY

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THE STORY SO FAR: Seeking the murderer of his pal, Jimmy Weston, Linc Bradway comes to South Pass, Wyoming. He fights with Emery, the gambler, wounds his right hand man, McKeever, and confiscates his derringer. Then he teams up with Vince, another cowpoke. By accident he meets Lucy Bandon, Jimmy's girl. Lucy stirs him deeply and he finds himself falling in love with her. The girl warns him to watch out for Emery and her Aunt Kit, the Maverick Queen. Later in town, the Texan, Colonel Lee, offers Linc a job, but he is not interested. Instead he contacts the local doctor and arranges to have Jimmy's body disinterred to check the bullet that killed him against McKeever's derringer. Now go on with the story—

CHAPTER 6

It was almost dark when Lincoln stepped into the street, and went to the Chinese restaurant for his supper. Vince was there but he appeared not to notice Lincoln. Three other men sat singly at tables. Vince did not linger long after Lincoln entered, but as he passed by he gave the Nebraskan a glance which was enough to cause Linc to make haste with his own supper.

Linc started down the street, suddenly to be startled by Vince appearing from behind a board fence.

"Don't do that!" he said, his arm relaxing. "I might have plugged you. Don't pop out of nowhere like that . . . What's on your mind?"

"Pard, the opposition has made the first move. They figure you cain't stay away from cyard games while you've got money. An' if you stay away Kit Bandon will lure you back. Reckon they want yore money first an' then yore life."

"Kit Bandon doesn't want me shot—not right away, at least," murmured Lincoln, thoughtfully. "Lucy heard her quarreling with Emery about that."

"Wal, mebbe the Queen has some particular reason to want you alive for a spell but don't trust thet dame, pard. Anyway, you're slated to buck the tiger again, an' a gun-slinger from Atlantic, the other minin' town is heah to beat you to a gun."

"Reckon my deal is to see them first," muttered Lincoln.

"Wal, so long as you're goin' ahead with yore deal, I want to be there when it comes off. You can gamble on this, pard. There'll be one or more of thet outfit hangin' back somewhere, aimin' to plug you from where it's safe."

"How'd you get this information?"

"Bill tipped me off first. Thet hombre from Atlantic answers to the handle Gun Haskel, double loaded with artillery, an' Bill said he was a loud-mouthed feller who made no bones of claimin' he was sent to put some cowboy out of the way. Then I saw Haskel in the Gold Bar hotel: I followed him in an' out of three other saloons. He was drinkin' none or shootin' off his lip. I reckon he's a hard customer."

"We've got the cards," Linc said. "Le's play. Keep ahead of me. Go in Emery's place and look around. If you locate Haskel be in sight when I step in."

"I savvy, pard. It'll be my particular job to bore any hombre who acts queer behind youre back."

Linc slowly followed him to the "Leave It" and as he stepped into the bright, garish hall, Vince stalked back past him. Out of the corner of his mouth he whispered: "Rustle back!"

At the same instant Kit Bandon ran to catch his arm. "Linc Bradway—Wait! Don't go in there. Come with me!" She drew her bare arm under his, and pulling him close to her fragrant and bewildering person, almost dragged him up the narrow stairway.

There was an open door leading into a little parlor where a lamp under a colored shade gave a subdued rosy light. Kit Bandon closed the door behind her. Then Linc turned to look at her. The white gown augmented her lush beauty and he caught a glint of diamonds. Only half conscious of these details, it was her face that transfixed him. He had never looked into such a passionate and alluring face as the Maverick Queen's. But in the dark, soft beauty of her eyes he could see both fear and courage reflected. As she stood before him in that little room, Linc became aware that a red mark marred the whiteness of her forehead.

He pointed toward the ugly welt. "Who did that?"

"Emery. He knocked me down—on your account.

"Why?"

"I had spoiled—his plans . . . He accused me—of falling in love—with you . . . I admitted—laughed in his face."

"What plans?"

"He sent for Gun Haskel—to meet you."

"Why are you telling me this, Miss Bandon?"

"Because, Linc Bradway, I've met many men in my time, but none who ever before made me forget my own self-interests. Men are cheap out this way—but they'll have to kill me first before they get at you."

Lincoln had no doubt of her statements. There was something false about her, yet he knew that this time she was telling the truth.

"But you can't stop it for long."

"I could—if you'll go out to my ranch with me. Otherwise the gamblers and Haskel will force a meeting."

"What was your motive in dragging me up here?"

"You're the only—decent man I've met out here, and—I like you . . . The other thing concerns those letters you got from Jimmy Weston."

"I have Jimmy's letters," admitted Lincoln, warily.

"What did he—he write about me?" she whispered.

"Not much. He admired you but most he seemed to say in his letters was about a girl he liked."

"Was her name Lucy?"

"Why, yes, ma'am. He said you had querred him with her—and he was going to get even."

Without warning, Kit Bandon threw her white arms about his neck. It was a gesture of abandon and relief. It was as though she had been released from a fearful strain. Was it possible that after all Weston had never betrayed her? "Linc, it's all right now. I thought Weston had made you hate me . . . You don't, do you?"

"A man would find it mighty difficult—hating you," he said.

"Then—kiss me," she whispered

It was as if fire had taken the place of blood in his veins. Still he released himself from her arms, those enticing lips. "That'll be all—Kit," he said, hoarsely.

"But it was a great deal, wasn't it?" she replied, softly. "Linc, will you come out to my ranch to get away from this deal to put you out of the way?"

"I can't do that, Kit. I'm not the kind to run from anyone."

"Then meet Haskel, outside in the street . . . He's a trigger-happy lout," she went on, with contempt in her tone. "But to meet you in an even break he knows would be suicide . . . I dared Emery to meet you like a man."

"You did?"

"I'm a fickle woman," she said, with her dazzling smile. "But I tell you I never before met a cowboy like you, a really dangerous man . . . that I could love!"

"Listen, lady. I can save you some time and trouble. I just don't rope easy, Kit."

"I've saved your life twice already. Usually I don't go out of my way to save the lives of strangers. Cowboy, I'm spoiled. I've never had to plead for any man's favor!" Again she threw herself upon him, but Linc took her arms from about his neck, and stepped back.

"Don't make a fool of yourself or of me. You've had your little scene, as you must have many a time before. You've only seen me twice—only been with me once."

"No man would dare . . ." Her voice, a moment ago so warm, was now cold with the anger of a woman scorned. She had suffered a repulse, something wholly unprecedented in her experience. Yet she fought down her anger for the sake of her self-respect, perhaps even because she loved this man who had resisted all her blandishments.

"What are you going to do?" she asked.

"First look up this man Haskel."

"That suits me. Let me go down with you. Even these dogs wouldn't shoot you while you're with me."

He followed Kit Bandon down and stalked toward the alcove where there was not a movement among the dozen or more men present, except the furtive glances of their eyes. There were five at Emery's table, including a burly-shouldered, heavy-whiskered individual, who sat across from a vacant chair.

Vince suddenly appeared staggering through the alcove, giving a realistic performance as a drunken cowboy.

"Whas goin' on in here?" he asked, and he lurched to a point behind Emery, where he backed against the wall.

Amid a tense silence, Linc pointed to the bewhiskered man, saying, "Emery, is this big clown your man Haskel?"

"Who're you?" snarled Gun Haskel.

"I'm Linc Bradway. You bragged in every saloon in town what you had ridden in here to do to me. Everybody in South Pass knows it. And now you're suddenly not so keen for gunplay. Could it be you're yellow?"

(To Be Continued)

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1. Clay mixed with calcium carbonate
5. Pulled
9. Resting place
12. Musical instrument
13. City in Nevada
14. Past
15. Line of junction
16. Alienate
18. Swaggers
20. Send out
21. Upright piece of a step
22. Act
25. Church of a monastery
29. European blackbird
30. Town in Ohio
31. Got up
33. Figure in "Uncle Tom's Cabin"
34. European finch
36. Electro-magnetic instrument used in telegraphy
38. Solid
39. Rent
40. East Indian tree
42. Elocutionist
46. Come before in time
49. Weed of grainfields
50. American general
51. Still
52. Great Lake
53. Guided
54. Colors
55. Tear asunder

DOWN

1. Small plant
2. Aid
3. Bellow
4. Nocturnal animals
5. Chest of drawers
6. Thing: law
7. Go in
8. Animal used as bait
9. Ridiculed lightly
10. Urge
11. Female deer
17. Military assistant
19. Gigantic
22. Irregular
24. Sprite: arch.
25. Beloved
26. Reduce to a pulpy state
27. Mental image
28. Related
29. Hole in a fence
32. Fliers
35. Lazy
37. Tidier
39. Depart
41. German river
43. Venture
44. Ireland: poet.
45. Tall grassy stem
46. Entire
47. By birth
48. Spread for drying

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Solution of Yesterday's Puzzle

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RADIO PROGRAMS

SATURDAY—P.M.

	KGW 620 NBC	KOIN 940 CBS	KEX 1190 ABC	KSLM 1390 MBS	KOCO 1400 LBS
3:00	News Summary	News	Junior Junction	Dunn on Discs	Sat. Matinee
3:15	Ed Godwin	Lake Success	Junior Junction	Dunn on Discs	Sat. Matinee
3:30	NBC Symphony	Sport Review	Guest Star	Music	Net News
3:45	NBC Symphony	Larry LaSueur	YWCA Week	Music	Let's Talk UN
4:00	NBC Symphony	You and School	Rex Koury	John Flynn	Hosp. House
4:15	NBC Symphony	You and School	Squirrel Case	Hemingway	Chin-Up Chat
4:30	Bands of Land	Johnny on Spot	Squirrel Case	Mel'dy Portraits	Assem. of God
4:45	Bands of Land	Johnny on Spot	Una M. Carlisle	Twin Views	Assem. of God
5:00	Bands of Land	Music U Know	Navy Hour	Singing Marsh'l	Rhythm anch
5:15	Bands of Land	Guest Star	Navy Hour	Singing Marsh'l	Rhythm anch
5:30	Carson-Stern	Danger Ahead	Chet Huntley	Christ. Science	Jerry Gray
5:45	Elmer Peterson	News	Ira Blue—Sports	Music	Encore Hides
6:00	Dixieland Jazz	Hop. Cassidy	Salem Spotlight	Hawaii Calls	Dinner Music
6:15	Dixieland Jazz	Hop Cassidy	Home Edition	Hawaii Calls	Dinner Music
6:30	Dennis Day	Broadway Beat	Stars on Parade	West Coast	News
6:45	Dennis Day	Broadway Beat	Beri Andrews	Ramblers	Ass'bly of God
7:00	Judy Canova	Sing It Again	At Shamrock	Riders Pur. Sage	Balladiers
7:15	Judy Canova	Sing It Again	At Shamrock	Music	Drivers Playhse
7:30	Grand Ol' Opry	Sing It Again	Shoot the Moon	Salute Reserv.	Band Stand
7:45	Grand Ol' Opry	Sing It Again	Shoot the Moon	Salute Reserv.	Bandstand
8:00	Brian Donlevy	Vaughn Monroe	Lone Ranger	Reporters	Dugout Dope
8:15	Brian Donlevy	Vaughn Monroe	Lone Ranger	Roundup	Baseball
8:30	Man Called X	Gene Autry	The Sheriff	Orchestra	Baseball
8:45	Man Called X	Gene Autry	The Sheriff	Square Dance	Baseball
9:00	Hit Parade	Gangbusters	Dancing Party	News	Baseball
9:15	Hit Parade	Gangbusters	Dancing Party	Pop Edwards	Baseball
9:30	Life of Riley	Lineup	Tafi-Douglas	Music	Baseball
9:45	Life of Riley	Lineup	Tafi-Douglas	Music	Baseball
10:00	News	Sat. Nite Final	Tafi-Douglas	Family Theater	Baseball
10:15	Orchestra	Spotlite on Asia	Tafi-Douglas	Family Theater	Baseball
10:30	Sports Final	Orchestra	Dance Time	News	News
10:45	Wranglers	Orchestra	Good Listening	Orchestra	Russ Morgan
11:00	Wax Museum	Organ Melodies	Good Listening	Open House	Dance Party
11:15	Wax Museum	Organ Melodies	Good Listening	Open House	Dance Party
11:30	Wax Museum	Treasury Band	Good Listening	Open House	Dance Party
11:45	Wax Museum	Treasury Band	Good Listening	Open House	Dance Party
12:00	Sign Off	Silent	Good Listening	Sign Off	Silent

KOAC Saturday p.m.—5:30, Defense Report; 5:45, London Letter; 6:00, News, Weather; 7:00, Grand Opera; 8:30, High School Speech Tourney; 9:30, News, Weather; 9:45, Dance Parade; 10:00, Sign Off.

SUNDAY

7:00	Radio Pulpit	Church of Air	Concert Revue		
7:15	Radio Pulpit	Church of Air	Concert Revue		
7:30	Eternal Light	Church of Air	Lyrically	Melody Portr.	
7:45	Eternal Light	Church of Air	Speaking	Melody Portr.	
8:00	Church in	Salt Lake		1st Baptist Ch.	River Boys
8:15	Home	Tabernacle	News	1st Baptist Ch.	News
8:30	John Doe Music	Invitation to	Morning Song	News	Fell'ship Voice
8:45	John Doe Music	Learning	Adv. Research	Music	Fello'ship Voice
9:00	News	People's	Garden Guide	Ba. Bible Class	Bible Program
9:15	Folk Songs	Platform	Garden Guide	Ba. Bible Class	Lutheran
9:30	Musical	Garden Gate	Message of	Voice of Proph.	Ave Maria Hr.
9:45	Comedy	News	Israel	Voice of Proph.	Ave Maria Hr.
10:00	Glenn Shelley,	NY Philharmon.	News	News	Ch'reh in Wld.
10:15	Organist	NY Philharmon.	Foreign Rep'ter	Dick Templeton	Sacred Heart
10:30	Memorable	NY Philharmon.	Nat'l Vespers	Lutheran Hour	Net News
10:45	Music	NY Philharmon.	Nat'l Vespers	Lutheran Hour	Organ Loft
11:00	Memorable	NY Philharmon.	Parade of Hits	Frank & Ernest	First Baptist
11:15	News	NY Philharmon.	Parade of Hits	Science Report	First Baptist
11:30	Bob Considine	Symphonette	Parade of Hits	Fulton Lewis	First Baptist
11:45	J. Morgan Sings	Symphonette	Parade of Hits	Radio Canaries	First Baptist
12:00	American	News	Parade of Hits	N W News	Concert
12:15	Forum	Hiway Romance	Garden Talks	Cunningham	Favorites
12:30	David Lawrence	St. Francis Hr.	Christian Action	Hashknife	News
12:45	J. C. Schwayze	Music for You	Christian Action	Hartley	United Nations
1:00	Foster News	News	Revival Hour	Wild Bill	Northwest Alert
1:15	Waltz Time	Collingwood	Revival Hour	Hickock	Northwest Alert
1:30	Music with	News	Revival Hour	Martin Kane	Singers
1:45	Girls	CBC News	Revival Hour	Martin Kane	Sk. Henderson
2:00	Falcon	Meet Sinatra	Voice Prophecy	The Shadow	Show Case
2:15	Falcon	Meet Sinatra	Voice Prophecy	The Shadow	Show Case
2:30	Cary Grant-	News	Greatest Story	True Detective	Army Band
2:45	Betsy Drake	News	Greatest Story	True Detective	Platter Party
3:00	Hardy Family	Charley Wild	Billy Graham	Roy Rogers	Sun. Serenade
3:15	Hardy Family	Charley Wild	Billy Graham	Roy Rogers	Sun. Serenade
3:30	News	Memo From	Sunday Noteb'k	Nick Carter	Net News
3:45	Dick Haymes	Molly	Sunday Noteb'k	Nick Carter	Evelyn Knight
4:00	The Big Show	Jack Benny	Sammy Kaye	Harmony House	US - UN
4:15	The Big Show	Jack Benny	Sammy Kaye	Harmony House	Quartet
4:30	The Big Show	Amos 'n' Andy	Symph. Choir	Harmony House	Youth & Draft
4:45	The Big Show	Amos 'n' Andy	Sunday Edition	Harmony House	Youth & Draft
5:00	Phil Harris —	Edgar Bergen	Stop the Music	News	Net News
5:15	Alice Faye	Edgar Bergen	Stop the Music	Music	Ministerial
5:30	Theater Guild	Dick Jor	Stop the Music	Lynn Murray	Supper Serenade
5:45	Theater Guild	Harmonus Huddle	Stop the Music	Lynn Murray	Supper Seren.
6:00	Theater Guild	Corliss Archer	W'ter Winchell	Music	Geo'town Forum
6:15	Theater Guild	Corliss Archer	Louella Parsons	Band for Bonds	Geo'town Forum
6:30	Youth Views	Horace Heidt	Familiar Music	Present Danger	News
6:45	Youth Views	Horace Heidt	Familiar Music	Geo Field. Eliot	Civil Defense
7:00	864 Question	Contented Hr.	Paul Harvey	Lean Back, List.	St. Francis
7:15	864 Question	Contented Hr.	Jimmy Fiddler	Music	SHS Players
7:30	Voices & Events	The Whistler	Ted Mack	Comedy of	Nazarene
7:45	Voices & Events	The Whistler	Family Hour	Errors	Nazarene
8:00	Noah Webster	Miss Brooks	Drew Pearson	Twenty Q'stions	Nazarene
8:15	Says	Miss Brooks	Headlines	Twenty Q'stions	Nazarene
8:30	Symphony Hr.	Edgar Bergen	W'ter Winchell	Forward	Donald Stewart
8:45	Symphony Hr.	Edgar Bergen	Roadside Chapel	America	Donald Stewart
9:00	Symphony Hr.	Red Skelton	Mr. President		W U Workshop
9:15	Symphony Hr.	Red Skelton	Mr. President	News	W U Workshop
9:30	The Saint	Jack Benny	Orchestra	Editorial	Reverie
9:45	The Saint	Jack Benny	Harry Wismer	Dream Time	Reverie
10:00	Reporter	Five Star Final	Final News	News	
10:15	Marry A. Mercer	Music Memory	Intermezzo	Sign Off	Pentecostal
10:30	Inredible	Howard Smith	Good Listening		Pentecostal
10:45	Catholic Hour	Treas. Band	Club		Pentecostal
11:00	Catholic Hour	Oregon Melodies	Good Listening		
11:15	Wax Museum	Orchestra	Club		
11:30	Wax Museum	Orchestra	Good Listening		
11:45	Wax Museum	News	Club		
12:00	Sign Off	Sign Off	Xtra Hour		

MONDAY—6 A.M. TO 4:45 P.M.

6:00	Hodge Podge	News	Farm News	News	
6:15	Farm Time	KOIN Klock	Keep Smiling	Timekeeper	
6:30	Clock Watcher	KOIN Klock	Keep Smiling	March Time	Andy Pekar
6:45	Farm Time	KOIN Klock	Still Smiling	News	Network News
7:00	News	KOIN Klock	1st Edition	News	Liberty
7:15	Old Songs	Duncan M'Leod	M. Arronski	Breakfast Gang	Ministrels
7:30	News	News	Bob Haven	Breakfast Gang	Dr. Hamblin
7:45	Sam Hayes	H. Babbitt	Bob Garred	Top Trades	Temple Echoes
8:00	Br'kf'st Biscuits	Consumer News	Breakfast Club	Cecil Brown	D. J.
8:15	Br'kf'st Biscuits	Dave Valle	Breakfast Club	Fami Altar	Roundtable
8:30	Jack Berch	Grand Slam	Breakfast Club	Bible Institute	Trails West
8:45	Garroway	Rosemary	Breakfast Club	Bible Institute	Tabernacle
9:00	Crosby Friends	Wendy Warren	9 P.M. Edition	N. W. News	Net News
9:15	Jack Baker	Aunt Jenny	Stars of Today	Gospel Singers	Stars Sing
9:30	Tune Test	Helen Trent	as Flash	Pastor's Call	Hollywood News
9:45	News	Our Gal Sunday	Quick as Flash	Bargain Count'r	Women's Page
10:00	Hostess Party	Big Sisters	Johnny Olsen	News	Mac's Melody
10:15	Hostess Party	Ma Perkins	Edwin C. Hill	Cecil Brown	Mac's Melody
10:30	Break the Bank	Rr Malone	My True Story	Bob Eberly	Mac's Melody
10:45	Break the Bank	Guiding Light	My True Story	Music	Mac's Melody
11:00	Double or	Mrs. Burton	Betty Crocker	Ladies Fair	Mac's Melody
11:15	Nothing	Perry Mason	Victor Lindlahr	Ladies Fair	Mac's Melody
11:30	Like Millionaire	Norah Drake	N'westerners	Queen for Day	Mac's Melody
11:45	Like Millionaire	Brighter Day	N'westerners	Queen for Day	Mac's Melody
12:00	News	News	Paul Harvey	Top Trades	News
12:15	Road of Life	Come & Get It	Noon Edition	News	Major League
12:30	P. T's Family	House Party	Mod. Romances	Gay 90's	Major League
12:45	Right to Happi.	House Party	David Amity	Morgan Music	Major League
1:00	Backstage Wife	Hilltop House	Today's Tops	Jack Kirkwood	Major League
1:15	Stella Dallas	Kings Row	Kay West	Jack Kirkwood	Major League
1:30	Lorenzo Jones	Kirkham News	Kay West	Mus. for Men.	Magic Melody
1:45	Widder Brown	Kirkham News	Kay West	Mus. for Men.	Magic Melody
2:00	Girl Marries	Strike It Rich	Welcome	News	Magic Melody
2:15	Per. Faces Life	Strike It Rich	Hollywood	Concert Hour	Magic Melody
2:30	Just Plain Bill	Roberta Quinlon	Surprise Pkg.	Tennessee	Magic Melody
2:45	Fr. Pro. Farrell	Tunefully	Surprise Pkg.	Jamboree	Magic Melody
3:00	Welc. Travelers	Kirkham News	Mary Margaret	Music	News
3:15	Welc. Travelers	Arthur Godfrey	McBride	Music	Frank deVol
3:30	Aunt Mary	Arthur Godfrey	Barney Keep	NW News	Music You Want
3:45	Woman in Her.	Arthur Godfrey	Barney Keep	Tony Fontaine	Music U Want
4:00	Wom. Secret	Arthur Godfrey	Little David	Fulton Lewis	Hosp. House
4:15	Life Beautiful	Arthur Godfrey	Squirrel Case	Frnk. Hem'way	Science
4:30	Dr Paul	Arthur Godfrey	Squirrel Case	Behind Story	UN News
4:45	Music	Curt Massey	Jerry of Circus	Sam Hayes	Network News

Monmouth — Miss Louise Scott, speech therapy instructor at the University of Southern California and co-author of "Talking Time," a new speech textbook, will conduct speech therapy classes at OCE this summer session.

ROOM AND BOARD

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