Westport Landing

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(AP Newsfeatures)

CHAPTER 14

Her bland assumption of his cooperation was so certain that Clay stared at her in complete amazement before he could gather himself for a reply. Then he exploded.

"I've got a murder charge hanging over my head now, and if you think I'm going to complicate it with a little job of grave-robbing—"

"But that's just it," she interrupted. "You don't want that murder charge to come to rest on your shoulders right now, do you. But it might—if you don't help me!"

"I believe you mean that," he said slowly.

"I should think you'd be delighted, Mr.—Bennett," she said softly. "After all, it isn't every fugitive with a rope around his neck who has a chance to share a fortune while he's running away."

Suddenly he laughed. He had only been half listening to her words, for he was suddenly aware that Sally was an uncommonly handsome woman and that there might be far worse things than an alliance with her.

"Why," he agreed sardonically, "now that you put it that way, it may be that you're right. I've been thinking of going into the Santa Fe trade. If I'm going on the trail anyway, I might as well look for the treasurer along the way. You're suggesting that we share it equally, of course?"

She studied him appraisingly, finding in his broad shoulders and reckless eyes the same vibrant threat and promise that had attracted her to Blaine Shepley. But it was far too soon for that.

"Equally? Well, we" have to see about that. The question right now is whether or not you can find our friend Meisendorf's money. You've never been over the trail, have you?"

He shook his head slowly. "All I know about the Santa Fe trail is that it goes through about eight hundred miles of country that God made and then forgot—and there's a town named Westport at this end and a place called Santa Fe at the other. How about your map? Can you tell anything from that?"

Sally shrugged her white shoulders helplessly. "It doesn't tell me a lot," she admitted. "However . . ." She fumbled in her reticule and brought up the soiled, crumpled scrap of paper that had already cost three men their lives. "Here it is."

Clay unfolded it slowly and studied it carefully.

"Did Shepley or Andre tell you anything at all about where this spot was located?" he asked.

"A little," she said, "but only a very little. Blaine said it was between the Arkansas and the Cimaroon, at a place they call the Jornada del Muerto."

Clay grinned at her, considering her information.

"The Journey of the Dead," he translated. "Well, it has a likely sound, anyway. I'll inquire around a little and see what I can find out. In the meantime, I'd keep this out of sight."

She returned the map to her reticule and rose to her feet, straightening her skirt and her petticoats about her.

"It's all arranged then, isn't it?" she asked, smiling. "You are going to help me, and we'll both wind up very rich and famous in the new lands on the froniter?"

He bowed meticulously over her outstretched hand and smiled back at her as he lifted his head.

"We will undoubtedly 'wind up,'" he agreed, but whether we'll be rich and famous or only dead and notorious before the winding's completed I'm damned if I know."

You could hear Westport Landing before you could see it, for even before it came into view around the wide bend of the Missouri the noise of men talking and shouting came floating across the water, occasionally and unexplainedly interspersed with strains of gay, half-barbaric music. Clay and Sally were leaning against the forward rail, watching the dark brown water that rushed by on either side between the towering, heavily forested bluffs on the left and the flat river-bottom land on the right, which ran back to smooth-topped, rolling hills on the north.

Burl Russell came strolling up to stand beside them just as the narrow, rock-ribbed levee came into view.

"Well," he said, "there she is—Westport Landing, the beginning of the Santa Fe trail."

Clay turned his attention to the activities on the levee. It was more like a fair than a steamboat landing, for the narrow rock ledge was packed and jammed with people, horses, drays, covered wagons, blanket Indians, Negroes, carriages, and piles and bales of merchandise and pelts. A half-dozen three- and four-storied warehouses were set back into the fifty-foot bluff that towered above the river, and a few shabby houses and false-fronted wooden stores could be glimpsed crouching beside the narrow, wavering roads that had been half dug and half chopped to provide a passageway across the bluff toward Westport.

He looked down at Sally, to find her as wide-eyed and eager as a child. Her dark eyes were sparkling and her cheeks were flushed with excitement. Now and then she stood on tiptoe, leaning over the rail to get a closer view of something that had caught her attention.

"How do you like it, Sally?" he asked, a little puzzled by her obvious eagerness.

She looked up at him with eyes that were suddenly very serious and mature.

"I like it," she said soberly. "I like the idea of being here where there isn't any past — where it doesn't matter at all what's already happened. It's like starting all over again. And that's what I need now, Clay."

Clay laughed at her gently, feeling the soft warmpth of her body pleasantly firm and yet yielding against his.

They joined Burl on the levee, and Clay asked, "Burl, what sort of arrangements can we make for lodging?"

"There isn't exactly the widest choice in the world," Burl admitted ruefully. "I'm inclined to believe the best bet for all of us is Yost's Tavern, a few miles south of here at Westport."

Sally and Clay and Burl rode through a land that was still almost a wilderness, their eyes upon the crooked road ahead, their minds intent upon the gold of Santa Fe.

(To Be Continued)

Gates

A reunion of the Carey family was held Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gale Carey. This was the first time the family had all been together since the return of Lt. Norman Carey and Lt. Gale Carey from the Korean war. Present were the mother, Mrs. Velma Carey and son James, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Carey and family of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Carey and son of Albany, Mr. and Mrs. Don Carey and Jon, of Stayton and the hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Gale Carey and two children.

Word has been received here of the sudden death of Mrs. Virginia Willis Thursday, Aug. 7, at Ratsil, Wash. Mrs. Willis, better known here as Mrs. Lawson, was a resident of Gates for several years and had a host of friends here. Her only son, Bob Willis, it pitcher for the Eugene softbal lteam which played in the tournament in Mill City this week. Bob was a student in the Gates high school while a resident here.

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12:00	Bekstge Wife	Hilltop Hse.	Kay West	Top Trades	Serenade	News
12:15	Stella Dallas	Carl Smith	Kay West	N W News	Serenade	Baseball
12:30	Wider Brown	Kirkham	Kay West	Gay 90's	Noon News	Baseball
12:45	Wom. in Hse	New:	Kay West	Garden G	Serenade	Baseball
1:00	Plain Bill	Jack Owens	Cal Tinney	Kirkwood	Rec. Room	Baseball
1:15	F. F. Farrell	Little Show	Cal Tinney	Kirkwood	Rec. Room	Baseball
1:30	Bob & Ray	C. Adams	Music Revue	J. Sebastian	Rec. Room	Baseball
1:45	Doc's Wife	Tunedully	Music Revue	Music	Rec. Room	Baseball
2:00	Wel. Travlr.	Art Kirkham	Music Revue	News	Rec. Room	Baseball
2:15	Wel. Travlr.	Godfrey	Bill Ring	Paula Stone	Rec. Room	Baseball
2:30	Dr. Paul	Godfrey	Fer Girls	Baseball	Rec. Room	Baseball
2:45	Garroway	Godfrey	Fer Girls	Baseball	Rec. Room	Baseball
3:00	Life Beautiful	Kirk. News	Northwstrnrs	Baseball	Rec. Room	Baseball
3:15	Music Box	Godfrey	Squirrel Cage	Baseball	Rec. Room	Baseball
3:30	Music Box	Godfrey	Squirrel Cage	Baseball	Rec. Room	News
3:45	Music Box	Curt Massey	Happy Time	Baseball	Rec. Room	Young Heart
4:00	Harkness	Ed. Marrow	Fun Factory	Full. Lewis	Kiddies Krus	Music U Want
4:15	Chuck Foster	Frank Goss	Alright Rep.	Hemingway	Navy/Army	Music You Want
4:15	L. McCall	World Today	Chet Huntley	Curt Massey	Music Mart	
4:45	E. Peterson	News	Bob Garred	Sam Hayes	Music Mart	
5:00	Relax With	Music	Weatherman	Merry Mail	Music Mart	Flanniran
5:15	Music Box	Sports	Hms. Edition	Man	Music Mart	Fisbeaster
5:30	Khabi &	Sports	Good	Your Host	Music Mart	Musi.
5:45	Blue	Meditation	Listening	Cecil Brown	Music Mart	Gospel Sing.
6:00	Mario Lanza	Capitol	Bandwagon	Gab. Hester	Music Mart	Candle Light and Silver
6:15	Mario Lanza	Cloakroom	Bandwagon	NW News	Music Mart	
6:30	Swayze	Orchestra	Edison Ork.	Answer Man	Music Mart	News
6:45	Tr. Bouquet	Orchestra	Edison Ork.	Sam Hayes	Music Mart	Bandstand
7:00	Man's Family	Eric Severid	Top Gur	Music	Music Mart	Baseball
7:15	World News	Star Call	Top Gur	Music	Sign Off	Baseball
7:30	Roy Shields	Musicland	Your FBI	Music		Baseball
7:45	Roy Shields	Musicland	Your FBI	Music		Baseball
8:00	Bob and Ray	Musicland	Newsstand	Cisco Kid		Baseball
8:15	Bob and Ray	Musicland	Theatre	Cisco Kid		Bandstand
8:30	Freedom	Waxworks	Powerland	Harmonies		Duzzut Depo
8:45	Forum	Waxworks	Music	Dtn. Concert		Baseball
9:00	Reporter	5 Star Final	Final Edit.	Glen Hardy		Baseball
9:15	Sports Page	You & World	Dance Time	Fulton Lewis		Baseball
9:30	Falcon	City Club	Dance Time	Music		Baseball
9:45	Falcon	Talks	Dance Time	Music		News
10:00	News	Mel Baldwin	Dance Time	Love Mystery		Baseball
10:15	L. McCall	Mel Baldwin	Dance Time	Newsreel		Baseball
10:30	J. Wallington	Treasury S	Dance Time	News		News
10:45	J. Wallington	Treasury S	Dance Time	Mysterious		Night Song
11:00			Dance Time	Traveler		Night Song
11:15			Dance Time	Music		Night Song
11:30			Dance Time	News		Night Song
11:45			Dance Time	Music		Night Song
12:00	Sign Off	Silent	Dance Time	Sign Off		Sign Off

SATURDAY—5 A.M. TO 11:45 A.M.

5:00	Symphonette	CBS News	Farm Hour			
5:15	Symphonette	RFD Oregon	Farm Hour			
5:30	Symphonette	KOIN Klock	Farm Hour			
5:45	Symphonette	KOIN Klock	Farm Hour			
6:00	News	KOIN Klock	1st Edition	News	Kelly Show	Western Melodies
6:15	Hear This	News	Agronsky	Timekeeper	Kelly Show	
6:30	Hear This	News	Bob Garred	March Time	Kelly Show	Farm News
6:45	K. Manning	Consumer	Bob Hazen	NW News	Kelly Show	News
7:00	Music Box	Let's Pretend	No School	Hemingway	Kelly Show	Koco Klock
7:15	Music Box	Let's Pretend	No School	Breakfast	Kelly Show	Koco Klock
7:30	Love Story	Give and	No School	Breakfast	Kelly Show	Koco Klock
7:45	Love Story	Take	No Sch'l	Top Trades	Kelly Show	Exten. Serv.
8:00	Howdy Doody	Theater of Today	Toyland Tunes	Music	Kelly Show	Proudly Hail
8:15		Stars Over	Space Patrol	Music	Kelly Show	Proudly Hail
8:30	Howdy Doody	Hollywood	Space Patrol	Haven of Rest	Kelly Show	Showcase
8:45					Kelly Show	Showcase
9:00	Book Carn.	Grand Central	Stars of Tomorrow	News	Back Fence Serenade	News
9:15	Adventure	City Hospita	Stars of Tomorrow	Marsh Time		Science
9:30	My Secret	City Hospita		Paster's Call	Back Fence Serenade	4-H Club
9:45	Story			Bar. Counter		Soap Box
10:00	Mary L. Taylor	Music with Girls	Concert Hr.	News	Back Fence Serenade	Aunt Sophie
10:15	Nat'l. Farm	Meet Missus	Concert Hr.	Music	Back Fence Serenade	Aunt Sophie
10:30	Hour	Meet Missus	Concert Hr.	Music		Serenade
10:45			Concert Hr.			Serenade
11:00	Guest Star	News	Air Force Concert	Herb's Hour	Back Fence Serenade	Baseball
11:15	Defen. Stars	OPS Show		Herb's Hour		Baseball
11:30	U. S. Army	Way for	Air Force Concert	Herb's Hour	Back Fence Serenade	Baseball
11:45	U. S. Army	Way for		Herb's Hour		Baseball

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$40 Gets Him a Penny

New York (U.P.)—William Mertes of Chicago handed the man four $10 bills and got a penny in "change."

He paid $40 to Abe Kasoff, a Beverly Hills, Calif., coin dealer, for a rare 1907 Indian head penny at the annual meeting of the American Numismatic association here.

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1. Bishop's headdress
6. Morning and evening moisture
9. Understand
12. Papal scarf
13. Chronological division
14. Strange
15. Unit of weight
16. Carrying of boats
18. Bow
19. Turf
20. Begin
21. Beseech
24. Sunken fence
27. Cereal
28. Poison
32. Counselor
34. By the side of
35. Sign of the zodiac
36. Pikelike fish
37. Write
38. Takes offense at
41. Go by
44. Writing fluid
45. Sly look
49. Matured
51. Poorer
52. Bustle
53. Epoch
54. Ascend
55. However
56. By means of
57. Precipitous

DOWN

1. Ridicule
2. Persia
3. Edible tuber
4. Puff up
5. Steep
6. Send out of the country
7. Wear away
8. Armed conflict
9. Cleansing agent
10. Margin
11. British statesman
17. Carries
19. Headliner
22. Running knot
23. Ward off
24. Wine vessel
25. Pronoun
26. Black bird
29. Pinch
30. Poem
31. Chess pieces
33. Concise
34. Financial institution
36. Sex
39. Beleaguerment
40. Fun
41. Beseech
42. Military assistant
43. Discolored place
46. City in Pennsylvania
47. Actual being
48. Retain
50. Short sleep
51. Existed

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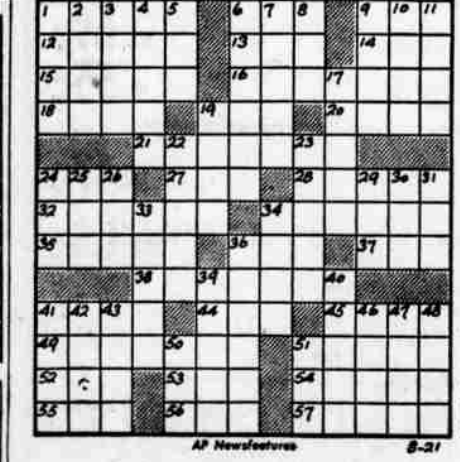
Solution of Yesterday's Puzzle



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