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ROBERTINE

The Manager Of the B. & A.

By VAUGHAN KESTER

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(Continued from last week)
It was late afternoon as Roger Oakley approached Buckhorn. When it was dark he would cross the railroad and take his chance there. He judged from the light in the sky that the fire had already burned in between Buckhorn and Antioch. This gave him a certain sense of security. Indeed, the fire surrounded Buckhorn in every quarter except the south. Where there was no timber or brush it crept along the rail fences or ran with tiny sports of flame through the dry weeds and dead stubble which covered much of the cleared land.

He could see a number of people moving about a quarter of a mile west of the depot. They were tearing down a burning fence that was in perilous proximity to some straw stacks and a barn.
He heard and saw the 6:50 on the M. and W. pull in. This was the Chicago express, and the Huckleberry's local, which was due at Antioch at midnight, connected with it. This connection involved a wait of three hours at Buckhorn. Only one passenger left the train. He disappeared into the depot.
Roger Oakley waited until it was quite dark, and then, leaving the strip of woods just back of the depot, where he had been hiding, stole cautiously down to the track. He had noticed that there were an engine and some freight cars on one of the sidings. He moved among them, keeping well in the shadow. Suddenly he paused. Two men emerged from the depot. They came down the platform in the direc-

ly, expecting each day to read that he had been captured and sent back to Antioch, but the days slipped past, and there was no mention of him. Holt, with whom he was in constant correspondence, reported that interest in his capture had considerably abated, while the organized pursuit had entirely ceased.
Dan had the feeling that he should never see him again, and the pathos of his age and dependence tore his heart. In a manner, too, he blamed himself for the tragedy. It might have been averted had he said less about Ryder in his father's hearing. He should have known better than to discuss the strike with him.
One morning as he left Holloway's office he chanced to meet an acquaintance by the name of Curtice. They had been together in Denver years before, and he had known him as a rather talkative young fellow, with large hopes and a thrifty eye to the main chance. But he was the one man he would have preferred to meet, for he had been in South America and knew the field there. Apparently Curtice was equally glad to see him. He insisted upon carrying him off to his club for lunch, where it developed he was in a state of happy enthusiasm over his connection with a road which had just gone into the hands of a receiver, and a new baby, which he assured Oakley on the spur of the moment he was going to name after him.
"You see, Oakley," he explained as they settled themselves, "I was married after you left to a girl who had come to Denver with a consumptive brother. They boarded at the same place I did." His companion was properly interested. "Look here, how long are you going to be in the city? I want you to come and see us."
Dan avoided committing himself by saying his stay in Chicago was most uncertain. He might have to leave very soon.
"Well, then, you must drop in at my office. I wish you'd make it your headquarters while you are here."
"What about the road you are with?"
"Oh, the road? We are putting it in shape."
Oakley smiled a trifle skeptically. He recalled that even as a very young man, filling a very subordinate position, Curtice had clung to the "we." Curtice saw the smile and remembered too.
"Now, see here, I'm giving it to you straight. I really am the whole thing. I've got a greenhorn for a boss, whose ignorance of the business is only equalled by his confidence in me. If you want to be nasty you can say his ignorance is responsible for much of his confidence. I've been told that before."
"Then I'll wait. I may be able to think of something better."
"There are times when I wonder if he really knows the difference between an engine's headlight and a coupling pin. He's giving me all the rope I want, and we'll have a great passenger service when I get done. That's what I am working on now."
"But where are you going to get the funds for it? A good service costs money," said Dan.
"Oh, the road's always made money. That was the trouble," Oakley looked dense. He had heard of such things, but they had been outside of his own experience.
"The directors were a superstitious lot. They didn't believe in paying dividends, and as they had to get rid of the money somehow they put it all out in salaries. The president's idea of the value of his own services would have been exorbitant if the road had been operating 2,000 miles of track, instead of 200. I am told a director's meeting last night a family reunion, and they had a most unworldly lot of nephews—nephews were everywhere. The purchasing agent was a nephew, so were two of the directors' sons-in-law. Why the president even had a third cousin of his wife's breaking on a way freight. We've kept him as a sort of curiosity, and because he was the only one in the bunch who was sane, make his pay."
"No wonder the stockholders went to law," said Oakley, laughing.
"Of course when the road was taken into court its affairs were seen to be in this rotten shape that a receiver was appointed."
Oakley's business instinct asserted itself. He had forgotten for the time being that his services still belonged to Cornish. Now he said, "See here, haven't you ears you intend to rebuild?"
"We've precious few that don't need carpenter work or paint or upholstery."
"Then send them to me at Antioch. I'll make you a price you can't get inside of. I don't care where you go."
Curtice meditated, then he asked: "How are you fixed to handle a big contract. It'll be mostly for paint and upholstery or woodwork. We have been considering equipping works of our own, but I am afraid they are not going to materialize."
"We can handle anything," said Dan. (Continued on page 6)



Roger Oakley watched him from his cover.

tion of the cars. They were talking earnestly together. One swung himself up into the engine and lit a torch. He wondered what they were doing and stole nearer.

They were standing on the platform now, and the man who held the torch had his back to him. His companion was saying something about the wires being down.

He listened intently. Antioch was in danger, and if Antioch was in danger—Dannie!
All at once the man with the torch turned, and its light suffused his face. It was Dan Oakley.

CHAPTER XX.
DAN OAKLEY went to Chicago, intending to see Holloway and resign, but he found that the Huckleberry's vice president was in New York on business, and no one in his office seemed to know who he would return, so he sat down and wrote a letter telling him of the condition of affairs at Antioch and explaining the utter futility, in view of what had happened, of his trying to cope with the situation.
He waited five days for a reply and, none coming, wired to learn if his letter had been received. This produced results. Holloway wired back that he had the letter under consideration and requested Oakley to remain in Chicago until he returned, but he did not say whether or not his resignation would be accepted. Since there was nothing to be done but await Holloway's pleasure in the matter Dan employed his enforced leisure in looking about for another position. He desired a connection which would take him out of the country, for the farther away from Antioch and Constance Emory he could get the better he would be satisfied. He fancied he would like to go to South America. He was willing to accept almost any kind of a post-salary was no longer a consideration with him. What he required was a radical change, with plenty of hard work.
By far his greatest anxiety was his father. He watched the papers close

DEERING

April didn't, May may, June must. Mrs. Jess Hoaglin was the guest of Mrs. D. L. Webb for a couple of days this week.

Elk Valley has a fighting population. Just now the fleas are catching thunder. So far the fleas have been victorious. Our people must get up and scratch if they wish to win.

We have heard of some people who went broke trying to get something for nothing.

Chas. Reynolds has been repairing his father's irrigating ditch. Mr. Reynolds always raises a fine crop as he has some excellent land.

Clark Webb, Jr. killed a big "bar" Wednesday. Now you ought to see him strut. This is his first one and was killed with a 22 short cartridge and a Savage gun. Clark says you don't need a canon to kill bear with.

Where was "Red Cloud" last week? Did "Windy" blow him away?

There are some people who have manual labor so badly that they are willing to accept the job of circulation liar any old time.

Well now this rain is very likely to put irrigation back somewhat. Anyway we don't expect to hear much of a howl from the placers.

Mrs. Frodelius gave a tea party to a few of her lady friends Tuesday p. m.

Some of our ranchers have succeeded in getting a good deal of "new clearing" into grass land. Red clover seems to take the lead and it grows here as well, if not better than we ever saw it grow elsewhere. Most of our gardens as a rule are very backward this Spring, although fruit is looking fine; plums galore.

Mr. Mook says "a man who attends to his own business has all he can do and a whole lot more." He also says fleas are good for something as they sometimes make a fellow forget his other troubles.

Uncle "Jim" Bonebrake of Kerby is visiting with his many friends here in Elk Valley. Uncle Jim was formerly a homesteader and owned the ranch that now belongs to Fred Alberg.

Sam Egger is building flame for Tommie Gilligan.

Say! did you know the short-berry, straw-cake has made its appearance? "Please pass the cream."
Binger out-Bingered them. Next! EBEN.

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The Stencil Piano Fraud.
Sheboygan, Wis., Apr. 22, 1907. H. M. Cross, Medford, Ore.
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Replying to your favor of the 18th inst., will say that we have heretofore appointed you sole agent in Southern Oregon and wish to mention the fact once more that you are the only dealer in the southern part of Oregon, that is entitled to sell the "S. W. Miller" pianos manufactured by the S. W. Miller Piano Co. of Sheboygan, Wis. Any other piano turned out or manufactured or stenciled with a similar name is a rank stencil and is not the genuine "S. W. Miller" piano. In order to protect the buying public from frauds of this kind, we wish to say that all genuine "S. W. Miller" pianos are manufactured at Sheboygan, Wis. and have the name "S. W. Miller, Cabinet Grand, Chicago and Sheboygan" on the fall board and also have the name "S. W. Miller Piano Co." cast in the cast iron plate. Any other piano with a similar name excepting the Henry F. Miller piano manufactured at Boston, Mass., are rank stencils, and if we can trace their origin, we will certainly bring suit against all such manufacturers and dealers. The genuine "S. W. Miller" piano is strictly high grade and cannot be sold for a low price, as there is no better piano manufactured in the world.
We attach to this letter a caution slip printed a year ago, when we had similar trouble with some manufacturers making stencil "S. W. Miller" pianos and stenciling it Chicago. These parties were promptly dealt with and had a good suit on their hands to settle, which they have done and we have not been bothered with these people but now it appears that some other concern is making a similar stencil piano and stenciling it New York. It will be a very easy matter for us to find out the origin of any stencil "S. W. Miller" piano and we will deal with them very harshly, as we will appeal this matter to the Manufacturers Association and are sure that we can find out the offender.
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