The Free Traders

By Victor Rousseau

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(Continued from last week)

The base of the chasm was a little wider than he had supposed, perhaps fifty paces across between wall and wall. Along the center a thin stream trickled over a sandy bed, issuing from one end of the chasm, where it burst out through the granite, carrying with it the debris of the alluvial land above—mud, gravel, and sand.

This sandy deposit, carried along by the stream, had been heaped up, probably in times of overflow, against the granite walls, and within the little limestone caves that studded their lower surfaces.

Looking about him, Lee saw that some two or three hundred yards from the place where he had emerged out of the face of the cliff, the gorge made a sharp bend, almost at right angle, and here the ground was strewn with a mass of fallen boulders, ranging from huge rocks to small debris. Above it was a gap in the lower section of the cliff, from which it had been detached.

Lee made his way in this direction. At once he came to the conclusion that dynamite had been the cause of this collapse of part of the surface of the granite wall, which, smooth as a steel lining, could have been disrupted by no natural force such as gravity.

And then he came upon something that confirmed the obvious deduction. It was a rotting wooden cradle.

Beside it lay a rusty pick. Not far away were two huge iron pans, their bottoms eaten out with rust, so that they resembled fretwork in steel. Under them were still the ashes and charred residue of the wood that had been used to thaw out the frozen earth.

All about among the fallen rocks were mounds, the residue from the pans after the extraction of the gold, now covered with tangles of dead vegetation.

There was no longer any doubt that this was Pelly's gold mine.

Before making further investigations here, Lee decided to explore the remainder of the chasm. It ran on beyond the bend for a quarter of a mile, and then came to an abrupt termination. Without any gradual lessening of the depth it simply ceased, the two cliff walls coming together, in the same way as they did near the rocking stone at the other end. The chasm was, in fact, simply an elongated crater.

Returning, Lee made his way to the cave formed by the explosion. If Pelly was in the district, there was hardly any doubt but that he would be hiding in that inaccessible spot, where he would be safe against discovery. It was not unlikely that he was in the cave itself at that moment.

Lee first examined the snow about the mouth of the cave for footprints, but he found no tracks except his own. Drawing his automatic, he advanced into the opening. The sand in the interior bore the marks of continued trampling, but there were no imprints with clear edges, and it was certain that no one had been there for a long time.

Unfortunately, Lee had brought no candle, but he advanced some distance within the cave, lighting his way with matches. However, it was a foregone conclusion that Pelly was not in there, for the sandy interior bore no fresh footprints as far as he went.

A faint, distant roaring, as of a waterfall, came to Lee's ears, and the air was fresh, as if the cave were connected with some opening in the mountain side. Lee resolved to explore it another day. But it was clear enough that Pelly was not in the chasm after all. Another thing that led Lee to that conclusion was the fact that no mining operations had been carried on there for a considerable time—long enough for the pans to have rusted through.

If Pelly had taken refuge within the gorge, it was incredible that he would not have resumed operations.

And these seemed to have been interrupted unexpectedly, to judge from the exposure of the pans to wind and weather.

Perplexed and disappointed, Lee turned his thoughts toward the capture of the man who had attacked him in the tunnel. He could no doubt throw light on Pelly's whereabouts. Perhaps he was the assistant of whom Joyce had spoken.

Lee expected that he would be lurking in the tunnel, ready to renew his attack, but this time there should be no such fiasco as before.

Lee made his way back on the opposite side of the gorge. Here there was a thick growth of dwarfed scrub laurel, which had taken root in the soil brought down by the little stream, and bordered it, extending back from it toward the cliff in a sort of miniature jungle. Something protruding out of this growth arrested Lee's attention.

It was a wooden cross carved with the name HELENE PELLY, standing up above a low cairn of boulders.

Lee stood and looked, and vaguely mournful thoughts coursed through

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his mind. It was a sad and lonely burying place for Joyce's mother. Its existence there was in itself a testimony to the old man's mental condition—that he should have carried his wife's body through the tunnel to that place of his dreams. And yet it was certain that no prowling thing would ever violate that grave.

Lee went on, and, a few steps further, stumbled against something else.

It was the skeleton of a man, the bones protruding through the rents and tatters of the scarecrow clothes. The laurel tangles sprouted between the ribs. The bones were bleached white, the flesh had long since disappeared.

One bony hand still tightly clutched the handle of a large, old-fashioned revolver. The muzzle was choked with rust; there were rusted cartridges inside.

Disengaging it with difficulty from the fingers, Lee saw, on the less rusted portion of the handle which they had protected, the initials, C. P.

But he hardly needed that to know that his mission was at an end, and the last barrier between himself and Joyce overthrown.

The problem so inscrutable an hour before had been solved. All cause for antagonism between them had come to an end.

And Lee was conscious of a quiet satisfaction. It was the happiest solution, and though Joyce would grieve, she would come to see that it was the best. She would be glad, after the first shock, that her father would not have to face the ordeal which he had dreaded for so many years.

But as Lee looked down at the remains of the dead man, he became aware of a single fact. Nearly every bone on one side of the skeleton was broken—the skull, ribs, arm and leg bones, and pelvis.

Then Pelly had not died of a stroke or from a sudden attack of heart failure. He had fallen from the summit of the cliff above—perhaps he had been flung down, for the revolver which he had been clutching showed that he had either encountered or anticipated an enemy.

And, filled with a mixture of emotions—happiness for their future, grief for the news that he must break to Joyce, Lee made his way toward the tunnel.

But all at once he made the singular and unexpected discovery that he did not know where the entrance was.

(To be continued next week)

EGG GRADING MAY 26

The law passed by the last legislature fixing grades under which eggs must be sold, went into effect May 26.

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That it is our purpose to organize a tunnel district under the provisions of Chapter 319, Laws of Oregon for 1921, entitled "An Act providing for the organization of tunnel districts for the construction, operation and maintenance of tunnel systems, and for the payment of the cost of such systems and expenses incident thereto;"

That the lands embraced within the boundaries of the district hereinafter described lie in a contiguous body at either end of the proposed tunnel connecting the same;

That the lands of the undersigned petitioners, and all lands included within said district, will be benefited through the construction of the proposed tunnel;

That the lands included within the boundaries of said district lie within Multnomah County, Oregon, and Washington County, Oregon; the greater portion of which district lands are situated in Washington County, Oregon.

That the boundaries of the proposed tunnel district are as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at a point, which is the center of the Northwest Quarter (NW¼) of Section Nine (9), Township One (1) South, Range One (1) East of the Willamette Meridian, within the corporate limits of the City of Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon; thence east Three-quarters (¾) of a mile to the southeast corner of the Northeast Quarter (NE¼) of the Northeast Quarter (NE¼) of said Section Nine (9); thence northerly along the east line of said Section Nine (9) to an intersection with the center line of Arthur Street, if extended; thence easterly along the said center line of Arthur Street and its extension thereof, to the center line of Front Street; thence northerly along the center line of Front Street to the center line of Sherman Street; thence easterly along the center line of Sherman Street and its extension to the harbor line on the west bank of the Willamette River; thence north along the westerly harbor line of the Willamette River to a point in the center line of Sixteenth Street, if extended; thence southerly along what would be the center line of Sixteenth Street, if extended, and the center line of Sixteenth Street to the center line of Washington Street; thence westerly along the center line of Washington Street to the center line of Sixteenth Street; thence southerly along the center line of Sixteenth Street to the center line of Main Street, or its extension; thence easterly along the extension of Main Street and Main Street itself to the center line of Fourteenth Street; thence southerly along the center line of Fourteenth Street to the center line of Columbia Street; thence easterly along the center line of Columbia Street to the center line of Tenth Street; thence southerly along the center line of Tenth Street to the center line of Hall Street; thence easterly along the center line of Hall Street to the center line of Broadway Street; thence southerly along the center line of Broadway Street to the center line of Grant Street; thence easterly along the center line of Grant Street to a point which is One Hundred (100) feet west of the west line of Sixth Street; thence southerly parallel with and One Hundred (100) feet west of the west line of Sixth Street to the south line of Sheridan Street produced; thence easterly along the south line of Sheridan Street produced to a point which is one Hundred and Thirty (130) feet west from the center line of Marquam County Road, also called Terwilliger Boulevard; thence southerly and westerly, parallel with and One Hundred and Thirty (130) feet westerly and northerly from said center line of Marquam Road, also called Terwilliger Boulevard, to a point which is One Hundred and Thirty (130) feet northerly from a point at the division of said Marquam Road and Terwilliger Boulevard and in the center line of both said road and boulevard; thence westerl parallel with and One Hundred and Thirty (130) feet northerly from the center line of Marquam County Road to a point where such line intersects the northerly line of Marquam Road Addition to the City of Portland, Oregon, which point is approximately One Hundred and Thirty (130) feet northwesterly along said northerly boundary line of said Marquam Road Addition, from the center line of Marquam County Road as now located, and is in Section Nine (9), Township One (1) South, Range One (1) East of the Willamette Meridian; thence northwesterly along the northerly boundary line of said Marquam Road Addition to the northwest corner thereof, which point is the most northerly point of Lot Fourteen (14) of Block Three (3) of said addition; thence due west to the west line of the Northeast Quarter (NE¼) of the Northwest Quarter (NW¼) of said Section Nine (9); thence following a straight line in a southwesterly direction to the center of Section Eight (8) in Township One (1) South, Range One (1) East of the Willamette Meridian, in Multnomah County, Oregon; thence west along the center line of Section Eight (8), Section Seven (7), Section Twelve (12) and Section Eleven (11), to the quarter corner between Sections Ten (10) and Eleven (11) in Township One (1) South, Range One (1) West of the Willamette Meridian, in Washington County, Oregon; thence North One-half (½) mile to the Northeast corner of said Section Ten (10); thence west One (1) mile to the Northwest corner of said Section Ten (10); thence north One-half (½) mile to the Quarter corner on the east line of Section Four (4) in Township One (1) South, Range One (1) West of the Willamette Meridian; thence west One (1) mile along the center line of said Section Four (4); thence north One-Half (½) mile to the northwest corner of said Section Four (4); thence west one (1) mile to the southeast corner of Section Thirty-one (31) in Township One (1) North of Range One (1) West of the Willamette Meridian; thence north One-half (½) mile to the Quarter corner on the east line of said Section Thirty-one (31); thence west One (1) mile to the Quarter corner in the west line of said Section Thirty-ont (31); thence North one-half (½) mile to the northwest corner of said Section Thirty-one (31); thence west Two (2) miles to the Northwest corner of Section Thirty-five (35) in Township One (1) North, Range Two (2) West of the Willmette Meridian; thence south One (1) mile to the Southwest corner of said Section Thirty-five (35); thence west Two (2) miles to the northwest corner of Section Four (4) in Township One (1) South, Range Two (2) West of the Willamette Meridian; thence south Two (2) miles, more or less, to the center line of Tualatin River; thence easterly and southerly, following the meanderings of Tualatin River and in the center thread thereof to a point where said center line intersects the east and west center line through the center of Section Eighteen (18) Township Two (2) South, Range One (1) West of the Willamette Meridian; thence east approximately One and one-fourth (1¼) miles to the center line of Section Seventeen (17) in said Township and Range; thence North Two and One-Half (2½) miles to the Quarter corner in the north line of Section Five (5) of said Township and Range; thence east Two and One-half (2½) miles to the Southeast corner of Section Thirty-four (34) in Township One (1) South, Range One (1) West of the Willamette Meridian; thence North One (1) mile to the northeast corner of said Section Thirty-four (34); thence east Two and Three-fourths (2¾) miles to the southwest corner of the Southeast Quarter (SE¼) of the Southeast Quarter (SE¼) of Section Thirty (30) in Township One (1) South, Range One (1) East of the Willamette Meridian; thence north One (1) mile to a point in the north line of said Section Thirty (30) which is One-fourth (¼) mile west of the Northeast corner of said Section Thirty (30); thence east One-fourth (¼) mile to the northeast corner of said Section Thirty (30); thence north One-half (½) mile to the Quarter corner on the west line of Section Twenty (20), Township One (1) South, Range One (1) East of the Willamette Meridian; thence east One-Half (½) mile to the center of said Section Twenty (20); thence north One-half (½) mile and east One-half (½) mile to the northeast corner of said Section Twenty (20); thence north Three-fourths (¾) mile to the southeast corner of the Northeast Quarter (NE¼) of the Northeast Quarter (NE¼) of Section Seventeen (17) in Township One (1) South, Range One (1) East of the Willamette Meridian; thence west One-half (½) mile to the center line of said Section Seventeen (17); thence north One-half (½) mile to the Northeast corner of the Southeast Quarter (SE¼) of the Southwest Quarter (SW¼) of Section Eight (8) in said Township and Range; and thence following a straight line in a Northeasterly direction to the place of beginning.

It being understood that in all of the foregoing description of the boundaries of said tunnel district, the distances are understood to be approximate only, and the words "more or less" should in each case be read therein so that the point described may fall at the particular corner or legal sub-division, or point, intended in the description above, and where a direction is given to a given legal sub-division point it is intended that the legal sub-divisional line shall be followed if its true bearing varies somewhat from the true bearing as given for brevity in the above description.

WHEREFORE, Your petitioners pray that said district be organized as in said act provided.

A. E. Roy, Portland, Oregon, Rt. 5, Box 61, 22 acres in district.

J. E. Nicholson, Hess & Dosch Rd., Portland, Oregon, Rt. 5, Box 62-A, 1 acre.

Martin Meier, Portland, Rt. 5, Box 56, 10.40 acres.

Mrs. J. Sandstrom, Portland, Rt. 5, Box 52, 1 acre.

Esther E. Rogers, Portland, Rt. 5, Box 51, 30 acres.

Theo. Billeter, Portland, Rt. 5, Box 50, 4½ acres.

Emily Holmes, Portland, Rt. 5, Box 49 A. 5 acres.

David Streiff, Portland, Rt. 5, Box 47, ½ acre.

Barbara Streiff, Portland, Rt. 5, Box 47, about 1½ acres.

Albrecht Streiff Portland, Rt. 5, Box 47, 50 acres.

E. R. Trayle, Portland, Rt. 5, Box 46, about 7 acres.

Charles Wilson, Portland, Rt. 5, Box 46, 7 acres.

A. G. Carlson, Portland, Rt. 5, Box 44, 5 acres.

William Wolfel, Portland, Rt. 5, Box 42, 6 acres.

John Carlson, Portland, Rt. 5, Box 45, 3 acres.

Thomas Streiff, Portland, Rt. 5, Box 49, 4 acres.

A. R. Rogers, Portland, Rt. 5, Box 41, 8.95 acres.

Norena Robertson, Portland, Rt. 5, Box 187, 18 acres.

Bernice Robertson, 761 Ellis Avenue, Portland, 1 acre.

J. M. Rogers, Portland, Rt. 5, ½ acre.

John Zurbuchen, Portland, Rt. 6, 3 acres.

Patrick Harnett, Portland, Rt. 6, Box 372, 19 acres.

A. Malston, Portland, Rt. 5, 7½ acres.

Glenn Folkes, Portland, Rt. 5, 1½ acres.

John H. Green, Portland, Rt. 5, Box 53, 1½ acres.

John B. Whitton, Portland, Rt. 5, Box 54, 1½ acres.

Marion P. Povey, Portland, Rt. 5, Box 65, 2½ acres.

Abraham Meister, Portland, Rt. 5, Box 68.

Martha E. Plummer, Portland, Rt. 5, Box 66, 10 acres.

Chas. Lehmann, Portland, Rt. 5, Box 67, 22½ acres.

John Lehmann, Portland, Rt. 5, Box 67, 10 acres.

Margueritte Dosch Campbell, Portland, Rt. 5, Box 69, 17 acres.

C. E. Pierce, Portland, Rt. 6, Box 122, 3 50'x100' lots.

Ross M. Plummer, 260 3rd St., Portland, 2½ acres.

John W. Cullen, Portland, Rt. 6, Box 380 C, 46 acres.

A. W. Molin, Portland, Rt. 5, Box 665, 52 acres.

Geo. B. Thompson, 454 Broadway, Portland, 1 lot.

Thos. T. Georges, Portland, Rt. 5, 10 acres.

Rosalie E. Zimmerman by W. A. Zimmerman, 101 E. 65th St., N., Portland, 2 acres.

August F. Kohler, Portland, Rt. 5, Box 62, 5 acres.

E. Herrman, Hillsdale, 10 acres.

Joseph M. Healy, 978 C. C. Drive, Portland, 1 Lot.

R. Tannler, Sherwood, Rt. 4, 160 acres.

C. J. Stickney, Aloha, 3½ acres.

L. Semler, 329 Jackson St., Portland, 1 lot.

M. Glickman, 243 Alder St., Portland, 4 lots.

S. G. Schlotthauer, Portland, Rt 5, Box 64, 1 acre.

Karl Sandin, 11th & Yamhill Sts., Portland, 100'x100' lot.

A. G. Dunnagan, 11th & Yamhill Sts., Portland, 100'x100' lot.

W. D. Kenney, Portland, Rt. 6, Box 889, 2½ acres.

Chas. E. Runyon, 297 East 24th Street, Portland, 10,000 square feet.

E. J. Jaeger, 326 Albemarle Terrace, Portland, 2 lots.

Colonial Realty Co., 474 Salmon St., Portland, 1 Lot 50'x112'.

F. Friedlander, 732 Flanders St., Portland, 1 lot.

Jennie Levy, 732 Flanders St., 2 lots.

Lansing Stout, 457 Ravensview Drive, Portland, 3 lots.

Frank E. Watkins, 252 Stark St., 4 lots.

J. C. Luckel, 615 Front St., Portland, 2 lots.

Margaret C. Paget (By B. Lee Paget) 282½ Stark St., Portland, Oregon, 1 Lot.

Louis Rosenblatt, 503, 21st St., Portland, Oregon, 2 lots.

Edith W. Stubbs (By R. W. Stubbs her attorney in fact) 75, Sixth St., Portland, Oregon, 5 lots.

Alfred L. Stone, 52, Trinity Place, Portland, Oregon, 1 lot.

Carr Gangsbroke, Wilcox Building Portland, Oregon, 1 lot.

NOTICE OF PRESENTATION OF PETITION FOR FORMATION OF TUNNEL DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that the petition hereto attached asking for the organization of a Tunnel District under the Tunnel District Act, passed by the Legislature of the state of Oregon in the year 1921, will be presented at a regular meeting of the County Court of Washington County, at the county courthouse of said County, in the City of Hillsboro, State of Oregon, at 10 o'clock A. M. of Monday, the 6th day of July, 1925.

PETITION FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF A TUNNEL DISTRICT

For the Construction, Maintenance, and Operation of Tunnel Systems and the Payment of the Cost of Such Systems and Expenses Incident Thereto.

To the Honorable County Court of Washington County, Oregon, and to the Honorable E. J. Ward, County Judge:

We, the undersigned petitioners, respectively show, and say:

That each of us is over the age of twenty-one years, duly qualified, and the owner of Five Thousand (5,000) square feet, or more, of land situated within the boundaries of the district hereinafter described, and whose name appears on the last assessment

FARMS AND FACTORIES ALIKE

Spurred by inexorable necessity, cotton manufacturers have been going over their operations determined to find every short-cut to efficiency.

Farmers got less money per pound last year, though the total crop was enough more to bring more money. Cotton acreage this year is expected to be even greater than last; the Department of Agriculture forecast is for an increase in every farm crop, except potatoes and flax. A decrease in cost of production on the farm is as vital as a decrease in manufacturing costs, if farm operators hope to make money. No marketing organization, tariff or federal aid, can make poor methods win in factory or on farm. The overhead of Waste must be eliminated before Profit can become general.

FUNNY THE ELEPHANT WAS NOT THERE YET

It was Jimmy's birthday. He was only three.

His mother said that they'd go any place he wanted to, but he couldn't make up his mind where to go. They decided to walk around town while he was trying to find where to go. They came to a poster, and Jimmy wanted them to read it to him. It said, "Come and see the elephant that weighs two tons."

Jimmy decided he would like to go there, so they went.

Half an hour before the circus was to start his mother noticed that he was looking all around as if searching for something. His mother said, "Why, what's the matter, Jimmy?"

Jimmy replied with tears in his eyes, "The elephant 'at weighs two tons isn't here yet, and he's gonna be late."

DIRECT TO THE CONSUMER

The farmers around Decatur, Illinois, are duplicating the farmers' market plan of Portland. The farmers of Macon County organized and established their public market in Decatur and the business is fast increasing. The producer is also the salesman and the consumer can buy from this market products that were on the land the day before. It is a co-operaive movement and strict grades and standardization is required of all stall operators.

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