



THE LAST OF THE DUANES

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"Feller's name was Brown, Me an' him fell out over a hoss I stole from him over in Huntsville. We had a shootin' scrape then. Wal, as I was straddlin' my hoss back there in Mercer I seen this Brown an' seen him before he seen me.

"Could have killed him, too. But I wasn't breakin' my word to you. I kind of hoped he wouldn't spot me. But he did—an' fust shot he got me here. What do you think of this hole?"

"It's pretty bad," replied Duane, and he could not look the cheerful outlaw in the eyes.

"I reckon it is. Wal, I've had some bad wounds I lived over. Guess mebbe I can stand this one. Now, Buck, get me some place in the brakes—leave me some grub an' water at my hand—an' then you clear out."

"Leave you here alone?" asked Duane sharply.

"Shore. You see, I can't keep up with you. Brown an' his friends will follow us across the river a ways. You've got to think of number one in this game."

"What would you do in my case?" asked Duane curiously.

"Well, I reckon I'd clear out an' save my hide," replied Stevens.

Duane felt inclined to doubt the outlaw's assertion. For his own part he

WHAT HAPPENED BEFORE—

Buck Duane, quick on the draw, kills Cal Bain in self-defense and finds himself an outlaw. Flying from pursuit, he meets Luke Stevens, another outlaw, and the two become pals. Luke narrowly escapes capture and Duane is shocked to find his brother outlaw severely wounded.

Cast of Principal Characters in This Thrilling Story by Zane Grey

- Buck Duane Last of the Duanes
- Cal Bain A Texas "Bad Man"
- Luke Stevens An Outlaw
- Bland Leader of Outlaw Group
- Mrs. Bland His Wife
- Jennie Girl at Bland's Camp
- Capt. McNelly Captain of Rangers
- Cheseldine Dangerous Outlaw

decided his conduct without further speech.

First, he watered the horses, filled canteens and water-bags, and then tied the pack upon his own horse. That done he lifted Stevens upon his horse, and holding him in the saddle, turned in, to the brakes, being careful to pick out hard or grassy ground that left little signs of tracks.

All that night, Duane, gloomy and thoughtful, attentive to the wounded outlaw, walked the trail and never halted till daybreak. He was tired then, and very hungry. Stevens

seemed in bad shape, though he was still spirited and cheerful. Duane made camp. The outlaw refused food, but asked for both whiskey and water. Then he stretched out.

"Buck, will you take off my boots?" he asked with a faint smile on his pallid lips.

Duane removed them, wondering if the outlaw had the thought that he did not want to die with his boots on. "Pard, you—stuck—to me!" the outlaw whispered.

Duane caught a hint of gladness in the voice—he traced a faint surprise in the haggard face. Stevens seemed like a little child.

To Duane the moment was sad, elemental, big with a burden of mystery he could not understand.

Duane buried him in a shallow arroyo and heaped up a pile of stones to mark the grave. That done he saddled his comrade's horse, hung the weapons over the pommel, and mounting his own steed he rode down the trail in the gathering twilight.

Presently the trail widened into a road, and that into a kind of square lined with a number of adobe and log buildings, of rudest structure. Within sight were horses, dogs, a couple of steers, Mexican women with children, and white men, all of whom appeared to be doing nothing.

His advent created no interest until he rode up to the white men, who were loitering in the shade of a house. This place evidently was a store and saloon, and from the inside came a lazy hum of voices.

As Duane reined to a halt one of the loungers in the shade rose with a loud exclamation.

"Bust me if that ain't Luke's hoss!"

The others accorded their interest, if not assent, by rising to advance toward Duane.

"How about it, Euchre? Ain't that Luke's bay?" queried the first man.

"Plain as your nose," replied the fellow called Euchre.

"There ain't no doubt about that then," laughed another, "fer Bosomer's nose is sure plain on the landscape."

These men line up before Duane, and as he coolly regarded them he thought they could have been recognized anywhere as desperados.

The man called Bosomer, who struck out in advance of the others, was a hardlooking customer, with yellow eyes and an enormous nose. He had sandy hair and a skin the color of dust.

"Stranger, who are you, an' where did you get that bay hoss?" he demanded.

His yellow eyes took in Steven's horse, then the weapons hung on the

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THURSTON

Perry Price and Jay Grant, who are attending O. A. C. in Corvallis, arrived home last Wednesday to spend the holidays with home folks here.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Herrington and Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Herrington and daughter, Dorris, from Klamath Falls are here for an indefinite visit with their daughters and sisters and family Mr. and Mrs. William Henson and Miss Flossie Herrington.

There was a Christmas tree with an excellent program given by the grade school assisted by the Thurston orchestra and Professor Landies and his helpers from Eugene on Monday evening.

The high and grade schools are having a vacation until Wednesday January 2.

James Edmiston returned to Cottage Grove with his brother, Loren, who spent Christmas here, to spend a few days.

The Thurston high school staged a play "Professor Pep," at the hall here last Friday evening which was well attended and pronounced as one of the best plays ever given here, by those who saw it.

Rev. John Turner visited friends near Franklin last week. The revival meeting which he will conduct here for a week will begin next Sunday morning.

Miss Maude Russell who is teaching near Enterprise is spending holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Russell.

Miss Eva Phetteplace, who teacher at Blachley, is home for the holidays. Miss Hazel Edmiston, who teaches at St. Helens, is home for the holidays. Mrs. Belmont Russell spent Friday night at Freu Russell's. She was driving through to California to meet her husband and where they expect to make their home for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Weaver and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Weaver and family and William Weaver spent Christmas day at Harpole home in Meadowview.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Mathews gave a Christmas dinner for their family, on Christmas day, which includes Mr. and Mrs. Lum Drury, from Jasper, and children, Mrs. Alebra Weaver, and daughters from Leaburg, Miss Nellie Mathews from Los Angeles, who will spend holidays here, Miss Norma Mathews from Eugene and Miss Lois Mathews and Alex Mathews. Mr. and Mrs. James Calvert and

daughter, Dora, and grandson, Roy of Junction City took Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Baugh.

James Hastings had a wreck coming home from Springfield a few evenings ago damaging his car quite badly.

THEATRES WILL HAVE NEW YEAR FROLIC

Reports of the entertainment headquarters for the big combined Mid-night matinee at the McDonald and Rex theatres next Monday night, New Year's eve, indicate that one of the most pretentious midnight shows ever staged locally will be offered by these to Universal houses.

A dozen acts of professional vaudeville, headed by a musical comedy with a choir of dancing and singing beauties, will hold headline honors on the stage, augmented by a stage band and pit orchestra and several extra surprise musical features.

The absolute cream of the vaudeville circuits were combed to make a combined midnight matinee bill for this special New Year's show, advises Manager Russell Brown, who is busily engaged with details of the huge affair.

Advance ticket sales indicate that a record crowd will attend these two shows, and a unique innovation this year being that the same ticket will admit the holder to either theatre, and of selecting which ever program they wish for their evening's entertainment.

Doors will be thrown open at 10:50, immediately after the close of the regular night show, and the New Year's eve frolic will begin about 11:30. A "preview" feature will be shown at both theatres, and each house promises a full program of fun and hilarity in keeping with the spirit of the New Year, which will be insured in promptly at the stroke of twelve, with a big surprise stage stunt at each theatre.

Family Gathering Held

A pleasant family gathering was had at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Rosmon on their farm in the Camp Creek section on Christmas day.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. William Lightfoot and two children of College Crest, Mr. and Mrs. John Henderer, P. H. Emery, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Paddock, wife and daughter, Bertha, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Paddock, and Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Emery.

TOWN AND VICINITY

From Salem—Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Scott of Salem spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Adrian.

Go To Albany—Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Dawson and son spent Christmas with relatives and friends in Albany.

To Newport—Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Moffitt braved the rain yesterday and motored to Newport.

Portland Teacher Here—Miss Grace Male, teacher in the Portland schools is spending the vacation with Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Male of this city.

Visits Waltherville—Miss Lucy Scherwing of Portland spent Christmas day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Scherwing of Waltherville.

Week-end Visitor—Dr. C. G. Van Valzah, of Portland is spending the week-end with his mother, Mrs. A. B. Van Valzah.

Here From Portland—Miss Maude Gorrie and Elery Fay, both of Portland, spent Christmas with Mrs. C. I. Gorrie, Sr.

Spend Christmas Here—Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Adrian of Eugene spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Adrian here.

Springfield Visitors—D. W. Gerber and family and daughter, Grace, from Seattle spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Gerber of this city.

Christmas on the McKenzie — Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Wheaton spent Christmas day at Redside with Mr. and Mrs. Burt Vincent.

Library Gets Donation—Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Stewart made a generous donation of 25 books to the Springfield library this week. Among the authors of this collection are: McCutcheon, Hugh, Crawford, Hodgson, Burnett, Ellsmere, and Townsend.

Leaving for Portland—Mr. and Mrs. Arnold D. Collier, county club leader, will leave Saturday for Portland and from there will go to Los Angeles, California where he will get his father and mother and bring them back to Eugene. Mr. Collier is a frequent visitor to Springfield in connection with his work with the boys' and girls' clubs.

Family Reunion—To celebrate a family reunion, dinner was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Wright on Christmas day. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Wright, W. C. Wright, and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Elder and family of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. William Price, of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Wright of Eugene, and Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Wright.

Come from Portland—H. C. Dyke and Mrs. Dyke, who is a sister of A. R. Sneed of this city, and son, Harold, spent Christmas day here and at Cottage Grove. While here they were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sneed.

Leaving for California—Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Allen of Cottage Grove are leaving soon for San Diego, California, where they will spend the winter and possibly locate. Mr. and Mrs. Allen are parents of Mrs. A. R. Sneed of this city.

From San Diego—Mable Low, from San Diego, California, spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Endicott.

From Portland—Walter Green and family of Portland visited friends in Springfield during the holidays.

Family Visits—Max Green and family from Portland are visiting friends in Springfield and Cottage Grove.

Mr. and Mrs. Merle Tobias of Kelso, Washington, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Tobias over the holidays.

Black Recovers—E. G. Black of the Danner Motor Company recently included in the sick list returned to work last Saturday.

Return Home—Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Chase and son Dorman and daughter, Doris, returned Wednesday from Forest Grove.

Back to Work—Miss Viola Lane who has been down with the flu is much improved. Miss Lane returned to her work as book-keeper for the Danner Motor company yesterday.

Will Leave Sunday—Mrs. J. W. Lorah is leaving for Fresno, California Sunday night to be with her daughter, Mrs. Rose Whitney. Mrs. Lorah has been visiting in Springfield for two months.

W. J. Burgoine III—W. J. Burgoine, assistant manager of the Portland branch of the Ford Motor Company is seriously ill in Portland. Mr. Burgoine is a brother-in-law of J. F. Inman of Springfield and has many friends here.

In Confidence

Readers desiring a personal reply can address
Miss Pto, in care of this newspaper.

Should She Take Him Back?

Dear Biss Vera:

I used to go out frequently with a young man about two years my senior. Suddenly he stopped calling on me, and for about eight months I did not see him. Now he is calling on me again. He says he was interested in another girl, but no longer is, and wants me to be his sweetheart again. Shall I welcome him back although he hurt me very much by keeping away and going with another girl?

EIGHTEEN

Yes, dear Eighteen, I think you should. The fact that he has come back to you shows that he must care for you very much, else instead of coming back to you he might have skipped out to some other girl after

breaking with the girl he has been seeing for the past half year or so.

It is quite natural for him to have been led away from you for a time, then finding that he was mistaken and preferred you. Of course, this was not very nice of him in a way, but I think it can be forgiven—unless you sense that he is less fond of you than formerly, in which case he may simply be calling on you for want of other company.

Ascertain just how he feels about the girl he has been seeing—whether he gave her up or whether she sent him away. Do this carefully, without asking direct questions but by showing great interest in him and encouraging him to confide in you. If he seems still to care for her, it will be a hard struggle to make him forget her!

Visit at Salem—Mrs. G. W. Hawke and children, Donald and Vernice, left Christmas day for Salem to visit Mrs. Hawke's daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Holt. They plan on returning here Sunday.

Returns Home—Inez Neet of Portland who has been visiting friends in this city through the holidays, returned yesterday to Portland. While here she was a guest of Miss Juanita Haack.

Called to Marshfield—Mrs. Edith Ohlson was called back to her home during the middle of the week. She left Wednesday night for Marshfield. She has been visiting with Mrs. Harl McPherson here.

Frank De Pue Jr., Returns—Frank De Pue, Jr., will today return to Portland. He has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. De Pue Sr., in Springfield.

Leaves for Everett—Charles Girard, of Everett, Washington, and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Girard and baby of Olympia, Washington, have been visiting over the holidays at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Karl Girard. Charles Girard left Wednesday for Everett and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Girard departed today for their home.

PIONEER PASSES AWAY AT HOSPITAL IN EUGENE

Mrs. Georgetta Zimmerman of Springfield died at the Pacific Christian hospital on College hill yesterday morning. Mrs. Zimmerman was 71 years old.

Surviving are: Daniel Zimmerman; one daughter, Mrs. Skeels of Marshfield, and one sister, Mrs. Rhoda Pyle of Eugene. Mrs. Zimmerman had been a member of the Springfield Methodist Episcopal church for 35 years.

The funeral services are to be held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Walker-Poole chapel. Rev. C. J. Pike will officiate. Interment will be at the Laurel Hill cemetery.

St. Nick Strikes Flu

The holiday season finds the flu epidemic which has been so much in evidence during the past few weeks on the wane, according to Dr. W. H. Pollard, health officer. Other contagious diseases are also clearing up. Mr. Pollard reports one of scarlet fever and one of small pox.

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