

Slat's Diary

By ROSS FARQUHAR

FRIDAY—Was at the Pichee show tonight & go began skidding me because I dropped my skidding cam on the seat just before we set down. I guess he would be jawing yet if I hadn't of suggested to let folks see how unreluctantly I have been being up.

Saturday—There was a quiet wedding in our neighborhood tonight. The young couple had been going to gather for over 10 years and that the woman in the case must of got tired seeing the fellow of the opposing sex so much and married him to get that of him.

Which is a pretty good plan to pass on to the fare sex name. ly Women.

Sunday—They was a neighbor lady in here at are house this evening and she is very fat and heavy and they got to talking about reducing your waist and she and she had tried the fengraig method and wood of kep it; up only it was to much trouble to go and wind up the fengraig every time it runs down.

Monday—Since everybody has been talking of Dieting and reducing and etc. etry, pa decided to see a doctor and get him to lern him to be healthy and the dr. sed to work hard and go to bed early and get up early and not to eat only a little bit and take a bath every day but pa sed

What's the use of killing yourself just to get to live a long time enny ways. Tuesday—Went out to see Mr. and Mrs. Killex tonite and there baby. They have had it moren a yr. now and it still looks nice. Mabey they will trade it in on a new 1 wife they got a good chance.

Wednesday—Wey at skool today we had a lesson on trees and the teacher tried to make it plane by naming each 1 of us kids after a part of the tree. Pug was the root and Blisters was the bark and Jake was the trunk and Elsie the leafs and Sarah the branches and it was a toos up among Jane and me as to witch 1 was to be the Sap. I win.

Thursday—Ant Emmys sistern law and husband has been saving there money to by a car. last week they got snaf saved but insted of bying a otto they went and spent it for a divorce.

PROTECT FARMERS AND INDUSTRY.

THE new Congress has convened. Will it consider the problems of the people from the standpoint of the public interest or will personal political ambitions and controversies be allowed to sidetrack action on important national matters.

Take the Muscle Shoals situation. Representative Madden says that to lease the properties to Henry Ford it is necessary for the government to spend \$5,500,000 on a steam plant and \$50,000,000 on dams. Opponents to these large expenditures argue that government property costing 17 times Mr. Ford's \$5,000,000 cash offer, is being given up.

So far as the whole Muscle Shoals controversy appears to the public, it seems to hinge around how many million dollars the government is willing to spend in order to get somebody to lease the property at a very minor

figure, and not what the public is going to get for the expenditure of its tax funds or the granting of a 100-year lease.

The farmers have been led to believe they are going to get cheap fertilizer. What guarantee have they got that they will get fertilizer, cheap or otherwise? What guarantee has been made to industries that they will get cheap power or any power at all at points where they might wish to operate plants near Muscle Shoals?

These are simple points that would be definitely decided under any lease of private property between individuals or corporations. Then why can't politics be wiped out of the present Muscle Shoals controversy and definite promises made to the public as to what benefits it, the public, is to derive from the further expenditure of \$50,000,000 on the Muscle Shoals proposition? When states and nation are trying to reduce taxes why put more millions into a relic of the war unless there are definite advantages for the taxpayers in so doing?—The Manufacturer.

Will Ask No Increase In Forest Grazing Fees

The secretary of Agriculture will ask for no increase of grazing fees on national forests during 1924 is the information received in a telegram by Mac Hoke, secretary of the Oregon Wool Growers association from Senator Charles L. McNary, and published in Tuesday's Pendleton East Oregonian. It has not been expected the increase would be asked for before 1925, according to Mr. Hoke but livestock men were already in the saddle battling against the proposal to make the increase in 1925. They contended that an increase will be ruinous to their business.

ATTENTION. For the convenience of the people of Morrow county they should know that there is an x-ray machine in

NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the stockholders of the Lexington State Bank, Lexington, Oregon, on the second Tuesday in January, 1924, (January 8th, 1924), between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., of said date for the purpose of electing directors and for the transaction of such business as may legally come before the meeting.

W. O. HILL, Cashier. Dated this 13th day of December, 1923.

NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the stockholders of the Farmers and Stockgrowers National Bank of Heppner, Oregon, on the second Tuesday in January, 1924, (January 8th, 1924), between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., of said date for the purpose of electing directors and for the transaction of such business as may legally come before the meeting.

W. E. MOORE, Cashier. Dated this 6th day of December, 1923.

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Heppner, located in the Masonic building. It is not necessary for anyone to go to the expense of a trip out of the county to get an x-ray picture. Adv. 31.

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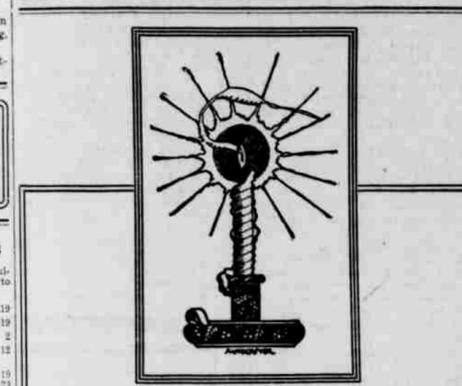
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The centuries have rolled by and His command survives—to love one another. And it was He who taught us that the greatest is he who serves most.

Obeying these commands, let us all open our hearts to the beauty in the world and the loveliness and essential goodness of the men and women in it.

May we learn that those who give most and that those who offer themselves completely in service to their fellows find their hearts flooded with peace which passeth understanding.

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"Haunted Valley"

By HERBERT ROBINSON
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CHAPTER XI
HER WEDDING NIGHT

Realization that she had lost and most forfeit everything was a terrific blow to Ruth. Ranger. Henry Mallinson was calmness personified.

"Ruth," he said, "marry me today and let me relieve you of your worries."

"I—I will marry you one week from today," the girl replied, "I must go immediately to the police station and see Eugene Craig."

Mallinson believed that Ruth was still in love with Craig. "I believe that Craig won your confidence," he sneered, "to injure you and your business."

Ruth turned to Weatherby. "Arrange to have the title to Haunted Valley served and the deed made out to Mr. Mallinson," she said. The girl then started for the police station.

Craig, being ignorant of the real state of affairs, was delighted to see Ruth. "Mr. Crawford and I started from the dam with the check, but were held up on the road," he said. "The police didn't understand—so here I am. If you hurry to Mallinson with the check—"

"It is too late. I must keep my agreement and forfeit Haunted Valley to Mr. Mallinson—"

"And marry him?" Ruth nodded sorrowfully.

"But Mallinson is a crook!" Craig ejaculated. "I am sure that it was his men who held me up."

"I am beginning to believe that you are the crook and not Mr. Mallinson," Ruth returned. "How did you come to be in Haunted Valley the day we first met?"

Craig was astonished. "I can't tell you now," he replied, evasively, "but soon I will be free to explain."

"Mallinson was right," the girl persisted. "You won my confidence to save your own ends—I never want to see you again!"

With a sorrowful heart, Ruth Ranger turned and left. A few moments later, Eugene Craig was set free.

As Ruth was about to step in her car, she saw Mr. Crawford approaching. He hastened to the girl's side and told her everything concerning the unfortunate event which delayed the payment of the check.

"You are very fortunate in having a friend as loyal as Mr. Craig," he finished. He fought vainly to save the check from those ruffians."

Ruth was again dismayed. Was it possible that she had misjudged Craig. In vain she had fought against the thought that she loved him, but even as Crawford had mentioned the young man's name her heart seemed to leap to her throat.

In the meantime, Craig had hastened to his office. That he felt downhearted over the attitude of Ruth was putting it mildly. And yet, his hands were tied. He could not speak out everything that he would like to. As he entered his office, a strange man waiting for him made him start back in surprise. The visitor greeted Craig and followed the young man into his private sanctum.

"Mr. Craig," he began, "several months ago we sent you here to do certain work in Haunted Valley. I understand that a very attractive young lady has caused you to neglect your work."

"You are wrong," Craig protested. "I felt that if I first won Miss Ranger's confidence, it would be a great help in the Haunted Valley case."

"Craig, we must have results in Haunted Valley! Drop everything and get busy!"

Meanwhile, the police report on the million dollar check had caused no small stir in Newspaper Row. And this had brought Dick Foster of the Morning Globe to interview Craig and worm out what he hoped would be a sensational story. At first Craig was loath to tell anything to his visitor, but the young man's persistence was amazing.

"Reporters are not just trouble-makers," Foster persisted. "Of course I want a story, but in return I may be able to help you."

"Fair enough," Craig smiled. "Then I'll tell you the entire yarn, but I must insist that you will not print a line of it until the story really ends." And then Craig began his amazing disclosure, that not even Ruth Ranger could have im-

agined. "So you see my hands are tied," he finished, "but you are free to get the biggest story of the year and—and also can help me to prevent this marriage."

"And I—just a week in which to do it," smiled Foster.

In the days that followed, Dick Foster never left Mallinson's trail. Finally, one night in Haunted Valley, he managed to trace him to the secret control room. But Foster was a little too persistent in his efforts to pry into the enemy's stronghold, and was unmindful of the different bits of mechanism inside. Mallinson had not been without suspicion and was aware that he had been followed. Consequently, the next thing the reporter knew, he was suddenly precipitated into the underground chamber.

"This is quite a place you have here, Mallinson," he said calmly.

"Mr. Crawford and I, for you'll be here a long time," came the answer. Henry Mallinson tried in every possible way to worm information out of Foster, but he could not get the young man to speak. And even though Foster was a prisoner, he was the most observant party ever held under lock and key.

When the time came for Foster to return and make a report to Eugene Craig, the latter was again thrown into the throes of dejection. He knew in a moment that something had gone wrong. Foster was his only aid, and now he had disappeared. Craig determined to do something desperate to save Ruth from the tricks of Mallinson.

Finally, the night of the wedding came. Ruth's only stipulation was that the ceremony should be a private affair. She and her guests were in the living room of her house waiting for Mallinson to arrive. "Glad you taking it in constant attendance, watching over the girl like a father."

"With Mr. Mallinson allied with us and with the million which you didn't have to pay back to him," he comforted, "Foster, Inc., faces a wonderful future."

Ruth was not so sure of this. In fact, she was beginning to regret many things. Thoughts of Eugene Craig were coming to the girl constantly. She found it impossible to drive his image from her. At that moment Henry Mallinson arrived. Ruth felt like a slave about to be sacrificed to the highest bidder.

Mallinson was extremely pale. Mysterious warnings had been sent to him, warning that something might happen any time. In fact, at that very moment, Ruth's butler approached Mallinson and handed him a note. The latter took it and walking to a window, read:

See me before you marry Ruth Ranger. I am waiting outside.—Denslow!

A shudder passed through Mallinson. It was impossible! Denslow had been put away at his orders on the island of Herakl. Mallinson paced back and forth nervously. Several times he started for the door, but each time his cowardice got the better of him. Finally Mallinson summoned all his courage. He wanted to get to the bottom of the thing. He walked to the front door and threw it open. No one was in sight. He stepped out on the porch. A hand reached out and pulled him to one side. Mallinson found himself facing a figure in a black cloak, a scarf covering the man's entire countenance.

"I am real and I am armed," came a low voice. "You tried to murder me and get my share of Haunted Valley." The scarf was withdrawn and Mallinson beheld the pale face of Denslow. In utter panic, he forgot everything and turned and fled toward the street.

Ruth wondered what had happened to Mallinson. She saw that the front door was open and arrived at the entrance to the house just in time to see him leap into a car and speed away. As she stood there, wondering what could have happened, another cloaked figure seized her, clapped a hand over her mouth and dragged her to the sidewalk where another car waited. Ruth attempted to cry for help—but all in vain.

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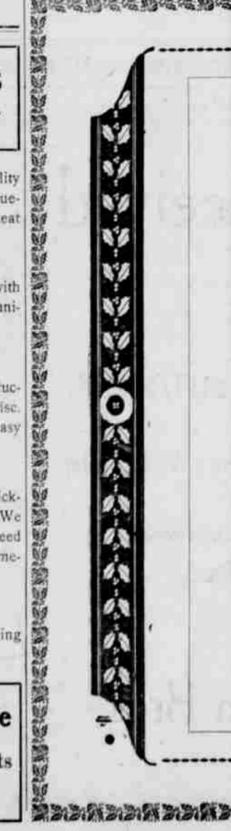
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