

A Butte Creek Saga

(By a Friend)

Alec, Old Mike's roustabout, was down to the Lake Creek store after the mail. Ezra Haggood, from over on the South Fork, was there. Ezra was limping and all skinned up; he seemed uneasy about telling what had happened to him, and roused Alec's curiosity. After Ezra had taken a chew off of Alec's plug of tobacco and absent-mindedly put the rest in his pocket, he led off to one side of the crowd, sat down on a log and after chewing deliberately for a while, and making sure no one else was in hearing, he told Alec all about it. Says he, "I been in a bear race."

"How come?" Alec asked. Ezra answered: "Last Friday I was about out of fresh meat, so I went to the store and got a 30-30 and started out to get me a Mowitch. Even since that star spangled game warden, Pat Daily, threw me in that time—"

"How was that?" Alec exclaimed.

"Oh-h, hadn't you heard about it? Oh-h—oh-h, Pat was sneaking round in the brush and I saw him. He had a hind quarter of mutton hanging up in a tree. He claimed it was a chunk of old doe. I told Pat he was no judge of mutton as he never ate anything himself but venison. But he stuck to it it was deer meat; said he had found where I had killed the old doe and the two fawns had starved to death and had tracked me home with the meat. Said he would know my number twelve anywhere. He got to acting so mean I let him throw me in the cooler for sixty days rather than have a law suit with him. Pat is a better tracker than I thought he was. Pat is a pretty good old scout at that."

"Ever since then I been leeching out on them little meadows of getting out on country up on the head of the creek. I keep round in the burns and gulches. The huntin' aint so good but the doagin' is a sight better. I was point' along purty keerful as I knowed old Pat think he was over on the Lake Creek watchin' that one-eyed homesteader. Believe me, he'll stand watchin'! He's a regular game hog! The last time he was over here to get a quarter of fresh meat I was told that was the first time he'd been out of venison in over a year! But he's damn liar, because he's getting some often me about half he had beyond the school house here comes Old Mike up the road with a shovel over his shoulder, riding Little Mike's pinto pony and Spot, his pot hound trotting along behind. I says, "Howdy, Mr. Hanley!" And I see Mike was all set up and he spoke to me how he had got a quarter of a thousand dollars to Judge Evans to get him a deer-ree about two inches thick from the Supreme Court givin' him all the water rights on the creek and them homesteaders up above all the water. He said Old Uncle Joe used to get the water without no deer-ree a-tall. And he was going to get him to wet up his second crop of alfalfa if he had to teach them Bohunks a lesson and use a shovel handle for a pinter. I struck old Mike for a job in his second cutting of alfalfa but he said he would think about it.

"I took the trail over the ridge to the log skidway. When I had gone a little ways I looked back and here comes that dam pot hound and I let him follow me. By the time I had got to the top of the last ridge I had jumped two or three but I couldn't get a shot cause that hound would break on me. I kept under the summit round into the burn in the head of a Yank Gulch. I hear some a feedin' and I gets Spot between my legs to hold him. In a little while a three pinter in the full velvet feeds out into the open off about seventy-five yards and I am just ready to knock him when that dog gets a whiff and makes a break! Say! I light on my left ear forty feet down the gulch. The last I see of the deer he's kickin' up the dust ten feet ahead of the dog. In about half an hour, back comes old Spot all perked up and acting as if he'd won the war. Then I took off my suspender and tied it around his neck and onto a hazel stick so I can lead him."

"By now it's gettin' around noon and I went over into the berry patch in the head of Raster Creek to see if they were ripe. Say! you never see such a sight in your life. I could a picked a car load. I set the old gun down by a stump and lit in with both hands to fill up. I fed off into the patch toward a big black log laying up off the ground a little. I turned Spot loose so he could go under the log while I climb over it and jumped down on the other side right behind him. Then things happened! An old brown bear that looked to me to be seventeen feet tall riz right up in front of me and says, "Woocher!" When I hit the ground behind Spot he let out a yowl and made a jump. The stick I'm leadin' him with catches the bear between the hind legs and upsets her right on top of him. And say! If ever you see a fair race and no favors there one starts. The dog has the pole and light weight and I figure he is just about making. Boies, Idaho, by now. I started on down the trail they made through the brush, and purty soon I jumped two bear cubs. They was as big and clumsy as a big fat pup. I ketchin' one. He let out a bawl like brandin' a yearling steer and I am chasing round after the other one when I hear something coming and I looked up and here comes that old bear with her mouth open. It looked like the big door to Old Mike's barn wide open, with the red threshing machine inside. Her tusches looked as big as walruses. That's all the picture the instantaneous exposure I give registered. For I'm leavin' right now for home and all points north and west. For the next five minutes I hunt all records for down hill running and brush jumpin' with that bear a jump and a half and

still gaining behind me. In another ten minutes I'd have been two miles below my cabin before I could stop. But that then I jumped over a puzanilla bush and landed kerplunk, twenty-five feet down in the ground in four feet of soft muck in the bottom of a prospect hole. The bear missed me. But in five minutes she was back circling around that hole, gritting her teeth and making a noise like a rock crusher grinding up a crossbar. She stayed around there, it seemed to me, for two days but I guess it was only an hour or so. Finally I donated her my sheer in that berry patch and she went off up the hill talking to herself. I would have been in that hole yet but some kids had stuck a kumity fir pole down it. It was them knots on the pole that skinned me up so. After awhile I climbed out and sneaked off down the hill and got into my cabin just at dark.

"Since then I've been too sore and skeered to go up and get my gun. I run out of meat this morning and come down to the store to get me some. This little hunk of saw belly is all that miser of a storekeeper would trust me with till he sees whether old Mike is going to give me a job in his second cutting or not."

Just then three men, Pat Daily, the game warden, Sam Jensen, the forest ranger, and a stranger rode onto the bridge below the store. Ezra took a good look at them and started home—saying: "I don't like them two I know any too well. Sam claims I set that fire up on Wild Cat hill so as to make the huntin' better (and he damn near caught me at it, too) and that other fellow looks like he might be a Vindicator, so I guess I'll be moneying off up the trail. There's a little somethin' in my wash boiler I want to kind of rid up before anybody goes nosing around my cabin."

Choosing Some Natty Seat Covers



Springtime and roadsters less tops go hand in hand and along with this trend comes the necessity of protecting the upholstery from the hot summer sun. Above photo shows a Western Auto Supply Company salesman assisting a fair motorist in selecting a set of seat covers for her roadster, which, according to Western Auto information, add to the car's appearance as well as protect the upholstery.

FLYING CLOUD POPULAR WITH LADY DRIVERS

The ever-increasing influence of the gentler sex in the final choice of this or that motor car is a matter that all automobile manufacturers are taking into consideration in greater measure each year.

Statistics show that direct sales of motor cars to women buyers is 17 per cent and that women's influence in the sale of automobiles is as high as 50 per cent. Fifty-one per cent of all automobile owners' wives who were questioned in a recent investigation, drive—and of this number more than 56 per cent drive more than do their husbands.

In the 1928 Reo Flying Cloud, the makers have provided not only a new beauty of exterior and interior, new modish appointments and the comfort which my lady looks for and appreciates, but Reo designers have also created many year-ahead operating advantages which anticipate today what women drivers would ordinarily expect no sooner than a year from now.

It is these, and many other advantages found in the new models, which will still further increase the popularity of the Flying Cloud among women drivers, and enable the new 1928 Flying Cloud to exceed even the record-breaking production of last year. Reo officials believe.

OAKLAND HAS NEW TEST TRACK

A loop of cedar road nearly one-half mile long and banked at the turns has been constructed by the Oakland Motor Car company as a private factory test track over which Oakland and Pontiac sixes are run immediately after leaving the assembly lines.

The loop extends past the Pontiac six assembly and the new Oakland All-American Six assembly building which is to start operation April 2. Exits from the two assembly buildings open directly upon the test track.

A squad of 20 test drivers has been organized to pilot both Oakland and Pontiac Sixes around the loop. After being given a thorough road test, the cars are returned to their respective inspection departments where they are rechecked. If pronounced perfect, they are driven to the shipping department. Should any adjustment be found necessary after a car has been tested, it is placed back on the line, the adjustment is made, and the road test and inspection are repeated.

The installation of the private track is in line with the recent announcement by Gordon Lefebvre, vice-president in charge of operations, that he intends to provide the Oakland-Pontiac dealer organization with cars that require a minimum amount of inspection and adjustment before delivery to purchasers.

The private test track, of course, does not affect in any way the Oakland Motor Car company's practice of maintaining a fleet of major test cars in constant operation at the General Motors proving ground. These cars are run at high speed for thousands of miles and then "run down" for microscopic inspection by Oakland Motor Car company engineers.

Too rich a soil is not desirable for sweet potatoes. It has a tendency to develop the vines at the expense of the tubers. As a commercial crop the sweet potato is of large importance to Virginia, Maryland, Delaware and New Jersey, as well as in southern Illinois, southern Indiana and the cotton

region of the test track.

Shipments of motor cars and trucks from the plants of Dodge Brothers in the United States and Canada during the first quarter this year totaled 69,337 units, according to preliminary figures.

Compared with the first quarter last year, when 48,566 units were built, the gain in output is 13,821, or 29.7 percent. The February shipments this year exceeded the January by 7964 units, or 62.4 percent, and March with an output of 26,925 units, was 29.8 per cent ahead of February. Compared with the corresponding month of 1927 February showed a gain of 25.9

DODGE BROTHERS SHOW BIG GAINS THREE MONTHS

per cent and March a gain of 102.6 per cent.

Reports reaching the factory from dealers all over the country indicate a record-breaking spring buying season, according to John R. Lee, general sales manager.

"Our April production will exceed the March figures of 26,835," said Mr. Lee. "And the introduction of the Standard Six at prices within the reach of millions has not only met with the public acclaim but stimulated interest in the motor and Victory lines as well. From present indications the April production record will exceed March by a wide margin."

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THE pre-eminence of the symbol "Body by Fisher" is founded on gigantic resources embracing more than 170,000 acres of timberland, 14,000,000 square feet of factory floor space and an army of more than 50,000 employees. Fisher is one of the largest manufacturers of lumber, of plate glass and of hardware—as well as the largest manufacturer of motor car bodies. Fisher closely controls all sources of materials, effecting an efficiency of manufacture which is immediately apparent in the superior design, beauty and particularly in the value of every car with Body by Fisher.

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Have Your Car Ready for Spring!

Be sure your car is thoroughly overhauled . . . tightened up . . . tuned up . . . that your tires are in good shape, and your battery in perfect condition, before "Touring Fever" catches you. A good cleaning and polishing or perhaps a paint job will then make it look as well as it runs.

"Western Auto" offers a complete stock of guaranteed tools, accessories, cleaning and polishing materials, etc., at pleasing prices

To Save Your Tires

Your tires will give more mileage if you care for them properly. Keep air pressure up, use small cuts, etc. We list a few of our many values in tire supplies.

- "Schradler" Gauge, the old reliable, \$1.19, \$1.25 and \$1.55
- Valve Insides, the genuine Schradler and Dill, 5 in box 25c
- Tube Patch Outfits, 2 to 90c
- 5-Minute Vulcanizer, .98c

A Trouble Lamp

In handy for night work around the car. Several styles, all guaranteed, priced low from 98c up.

Cleaning and Polishing Materials

Everything for cleaning and polishing your car. The following examples show your economy at "Western Auto":

- Whisk Brooms, .30c up
- "Simonic" Cleaner or Polish, 48c
- "Pyrene" Safety Upholstery Cleaner, 25c and 45c
- "Insto" Hand Cleaner, 10c, 25c and \$2.00
- Sponges, fine quality 35c to \$1.25
- Chamois, French oil tanned, \$1.15 to \$1.85

Free

This Week Only

45c can of Imperial Nickel Polish with the purchase of any of the following polishes at our regular price:

- Pl. can Imperial Polish, \$1.00
- No. 7 Duo, .98c
- Lightning Polish, \$1.00
- "All Klean" Polish, \$1.00
- Qt. size "Non-Olio" Polish, \$1.25

Only one Free can to a customer. This offer ends Saturday, April 21st.

Free

This Week Only

2 packages "Western" Polishing Cloth or one 5-yard roll Chamois with every purchase of \$1.00 or more of merchandise listed in this advertisement, excepting the polish listed above.

This offer ends Saturday, April 21st.

For Top Repairs

"Western Auto's" top repair materials and "Recoverers" are of the best.

- "Duro-Gloss Auto Top Finish" .65c up
- Top Material, Best quality 22-oz rubber cloth, 48 in wide, .98c up
- Top Dressing, "Black Duck", "Western" and others, .65c up
- Spoke-Tite, liquid-tightens spokes by expanding them, 70c
- Rim Lug Wedges, Stop squeaking of demountable rims, Ea. 5c, Doz 50c
- Spoke Shims, for tightening loose spokes, ea. 3c, pkg. of 50, according to size, .60c up

For Better Lubrication and Silence

Oils, greases, equipment and parts at economy prices.

- Spring-Eas, . . . A Super-penetrating oil, Cans, 30c up
- "Spoke-Tite" liquid-tightens spokes by expanding them, 70c
- Rim Lug Wedges, Stop squeaking of demountable rims, Ea. 5c, Doz 50c
- Spoke Shims, for tightening loose spokes, ea. 3c, pkg. of 50, according to size, .60c up

Work in Comfort

and Keep Your Clothing Clean

"Lee" Dura-Bit One-Piece Suits and Motor Coats are well made of lasting materials. Roomy with convenient pockets.

- "Lee Dura-Bit" One-Piece Suit, \$2.95
- Genuine "Lee" Motor Coat, \$3.95
- Work Gloves, very convenient, cotton, Pair 15c

For a Good Paint Job

Pleasingly low prices on everything at any "Western Auto" store.

- "Zapon" flowing lacquer. Easy flowing, quick drying, and makes a beautifully lustrous and lasting finish. Most popular colors. Pint, \$1.20; Quart, \$2.20
- Paint Remover. Makes a hard job quick and easy. Pint, 65c; Quart, \$1.15

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Carry an extra one always. Several makes, all styles, and in bulk at prices that save you money.

Radiator Hose and couplings at typically low "Western Auto" prices.

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Good tools make a better job. Be sure you have what you need before you start. "Western Auto" will save you money on the kind of tools the mechanics use. . . for example:

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- Drills, . . . 20c up
- and three small extra breast drills and bits, all sizes.
- Hack Saws, Guaranteed, 45c up
- Socket Wrench Sets, . . . 45c up

Extra Light Bulbs

All sizes and voltages, clear and blue, for all cars, . . . both single and double contact bases. Oh, yes, house bulbs, too.

Metal Tub Chest . . . Safety holds two large and three small extra bulbs in non-rattling sockets (chest only) 35c