

GOLD BULLETS

by Charles G. Booth

SYNOPSIS: Loyal coming to the defense of Jerry Ogden, her fiancé, who is accused of murdering his father, Lucy, defies the police and attempts to hide some important evidence. Attacking the police theory of circumstantial evidence against her lover, Lucy insists that the person seen fleeing from the Ogden home after the murder was not Jerry. With her uncle, John Peckles, who is also convinced of Jerry's innocence, she pleads with Lather MacNair, famous retired detective, to make an independent investigation of the murder. Two words—"gold bullets"—angrily shouted by Andrew Ogden a few hours before his death, and two queer, unknown visitors, add a new note to the intriguing mystery.

CHAPTER 8.
The Evidence Against Jerry.
 MacNair, the relentless man-hunter, remained quiet for most of the time while I told him as much as I knew of the case. Occasionally he interrupted with a pertinent, pointed question.

"Hyde refused to tell you where he got the pistol?" he growled.

"Yes."

"And Hubbard heard Ogden shout 'gold bullets' while this man Furlie was in the library. Furlie, eh? Good name, that."

"Are you inclined to connect Furlie with the murder?" I asked quickly.

"I am inclined to consider him. That woman in black, too. And



A burglar's searchlight was circling the den.

Nathan Hyde, perhaps. Don't misunderstand me. I am not saying any of them did it. They have merely entered the case—that's all."

"You are going to help us, then?"

He flashed his disconcerting stare at me.

"I suppose I shall have to," he grumbled. "It's about as odd a thing as I ever tackled."

Lucy gave a sob of relief, but she was too overcome to do more than whisper some incoherent expressions of her gratitude.

"I want it clearly understood," he went on, "that I play no favorites. If I take the case I look for Ogden's murderer. When I find him I shall turn him over to the police, no matter who he may be. Is that understood?"

I nodded, shuddering a little and averting Lucy's eyes.

"We are not a F. A. I. B., Mr. MacNair," she assured him bravely.

"Do you believe from what I have told you that Jerry Ogden killed his father?" Lucy winced at my question, but it had to be asked.

"Why shouldn't I?" he returned with such brutal directness that Lucy gave a cry of pain. "Hubbard heard him talking to his father shortly after midnight. You and Stinson saw him running as if for his life two minutes after the thing was done. If it had been anyone else you had seen him running along that walk you'd have known who killed Ogden."

The man's opinion appalled me. "What about the possibility that somebody else was wearing Jerry's clothes, that somebody else dropped his keys?" I ventured. "I didn't see Jerry's face, remember?"

MacNair laughed. "Why should it be somebody else? Because you want it to be. Well, never mind that! He lighted a cigarette. See here, Peckles! It looks as if young Ogden killed his father. But I am not starting out on the assumption that he did. I'll draw my conclusion later."

"Fair enough," I agreed.

"We understood each other, then. You have known Ogden for some time, is that it?"

"About nine years."

"Intimately?"

"He was my closest friend."

News Notes of Pomona and Subordinate Grange Chapters Given by Official Reporters

Do you know of anything in his life that might suggest a motive for his death?"

"It's rather hard to explain. Ogden and I were together a good deal and the engagement of the children brought us closer still. But well, I always had an idea there was a side of him I hadn't seen. Sometimes I wondered if the Andrew Ogden I knew really was the man himself."

"What kind of a lad is young Ogden?"

I smiled at Lucy. "A fine, clean boy. A bit reckless and impulsive, perhaps, but that's all. He favors his father in looks but he has none of that restraint, that secretiveness, I sometimes sensed in Andrew."

"On good terms with his father?"

"Of course. They had their differences, I expect."

"For instance?"

"The question came so abruptly that I was startled. He was Lucy, the color flaming into her white cheeks. Both of us were thinking of Jerry's difference of opinion with his father about the mine."

"Nothing much," I replied calmly. "Ogden owned a deserted mine near Torrville. Jerry, who is an engineer, thinks there's pay gold in it. He wanted to reopen the mine but Andrew wouldn't have it touched. Jerry is a persistent youngster and he kept at his father constantly about it. They hadn't quarreled, so far as I know."

MacNair grunted. "Did you ever hear Ogden mention Furlie and this woman in black?"

- Program for May.**
- Eagle Point, Tuesday, May 7, 8 p. m.
 - Lake Creek, Thursday, May 9, 8:30 p. m.
 - Jacksonville, Friday, May 10, 7:30 p. m.
 - Enterprise, Saturday, May 11, 10 a. m.
 - Talent, Thursday, May 16, 8 p. m.
 - Live Oaks, Friday, May 17, 7:30 p. m.
 - Central Point, Friday, May 17, 8 p. m.
 - Sams Valley, Saturday, May 18, 8:30 p. m.
 - Eagle Point, Tuesday, May 21, 8 p. m.
 - Lake Creek, Thursday, May 23, 8:30 p. m.
 - Jacksonville, Friday, May 24, 7:30 p. m.
 - Pomona, Central Point, Saturday, May 25, 8 p. m.

Pomona Grange.
 The Pomona Grange will hold a special meeting on May 25, at 8 p. m. in Central Point. This meeting has been called to handle business to be carried to the State Grange, which meets in June.

All interested in the resolutions which this county should take to the state Grange should make it a point to attend.

Pomona Grange Radio Program.
 The Pomona Grange radio committee will give a radio program over KMED next Thursday evening, May 9. A good program is assured.

Many have expressed their appreciation of these Grange radio programs and consider them above the ordinary free from any of those numbers or incongruous advertising. No commercial fillers are used, but each number is given by a county Granger. Listen in.

Eagle Point Grange.
 Will meet Tuesday night at 8 p. m., May 7.

Besides the regular business and Grange work, there will be a debate on the McNary, Haugen bill "Equalization Fee," with C. F. Davies, captain of the affirmative side and L. R. Kline, captain of the negative.

Visitors always welcome.

Eagle Point Juvenile.
 Eagle Point Juvenile held their regular meeting last Saturday afternoon.

Owing to the large amount of sickness, the attendance has not been up to the average for the last few weeks. We hope this condition will soon be improved.

The juveniles attend very regularly, however, when possible. They enjoy the grange work and are making progress.

In the contest the Reds are ahead by 20 counts, but judging by some remarks made by the losers, the Blues may be far ahead at the next meeting.

Each absence counts off 5 for the members' side.

The young master, Grace Holman, handles the work of her station with dignity. Business is done according to Robert's parliamentary rules, and it is surprising how quickly they grasp the fundamental principles of parliamentary work.

After the grange closed the juveniles spent an hour practicing for the entertainment.

Since there has been so much sickness and consequently a smaller attendance, the juveniles voted to postpone the date of the entertainment.

This is a disappointment, as they were anxious to put it on as soon as possible. They need the funds in order to supply themselves with working equipment. At present they have no equipment of any kind except such as comes with the charter. But they are an energetic, happy group and are bound to succeed.

All children of Grangers are eligible. The dues and initiation fee are so small that none need stay out for so small an amount. Dues are 5 cents a quarter. Initiation fee 15 cents. Initiation fee paid in advance (25 cents), afterwards 10 cents every six months for dues.

And for this small amount and a little time they get a splendid training in Grange work and Grange principles.

Eligible age is from 5 to 16 years. There is work for all.

Talent Grange.
 Talent Grange was organized one year ago by Mrs. Gertrude Haak, county deputy, and W. E. Geckler, of La Grande, state deputy. It was recalled that Mrs. Haak had rendered this community a great service when she worked so hard to organize a Grange here, with very little encouragement from the community. Off and on for several months she had interviewed farmers and their families, with some success, but more discouragement. A person less interested in Grange work with less faith, would surely have given up. The gist of the argument was "that we tried it once and failed, so we don't see no use in trying again." But Mrs. Haak assured them that such a thing could not happen again. That there were several granges in the county and these granges would assist in any way they could and would not permit them to fail and that, as long as she was deputy, she would instruct and assist in every way possible. We believe her faith in the grange carried us through more than our own faith in the move. But she proved a true prognosticator. Other granges have helped us through the first trying period and Mrs. Haak instructed us faithfully for the short time that she remained in the deputy work. Since she is no longer deputy we miss the inspiration of her friendly cheerfulness, her intelligent understanding of the grange work, her direct, business like manner and patience.

Not long ago the writer heard a member from the new Lake Creek grange say that Mrs. Hook, with her high ideals and her practical business-like way, had been a source of inspiration to them. That she had helped them through many trying experiences by her kindly explanations of grange work. He said that the members of their grange not only respected her as an able officer, but they had a real personal love for her.

Talent grange started with 30 members and now has 185, a good showing. Nineteen of these were taken in at our last meeting.

We celebrated our anniversary with a fine birthday cake and afterwards had a cake walk.

We recently purchased a fine new piano, as the old piano was a wreck.

H. H. Lowe and wife were selected as alternate delegates to the state grange convention, which will be held at Marshfield in June. Floyd Bell was appointed to take charge of the grange fair exhibit. George Carter was appointed to take charge of the grange fair exhibit. George Carter was appointed on the county fair board some time ago.

And now, while we are only one year old, we have in that short time gained considerable numbers and in understanding of grange work.

We may not be much, but we plan to stand shoulder to shoulder with the other granges in carrying out any work which may help the farmer.

Jacksonville Grange.
 Jacksonville grange will hold its next business meeting next Friday evening at 8 o'clock. There will be several important matters to attend to, so it is urged that every one be on time that the meeting may be opened promptly.

All candidates who have not yet been initiated, are asked to be present as the obligation will be given at this time. Plans for initiation are being made to put the work on at the next meeting after this.

We are fortunate in having W. S. Brown, professor of horticulture of O. S. C., who will speak at this week's lecture hour. His message will be of interest and importance to all grangers. A large attendance is desired.

The Grange Service to Citizenship
 (By Gertrude Haak)

For 60 years the grange has been molding citizenship. For 60 years the grange has held its high ideals and the principles upon which it is founded before its membership. For 60 years the grange has been educating the American farmer in civic duties, moral responsibility, co-operation and general efficiency.

What has been the result of these 60 years' work? The careless, uninformed person will say "not much." But the one that has made a study of grange history and grange accomplishments will say, "We cannot begin to tell all of the things the grange has done for the farmer."

Very little has ever been accomplished that is worth while in this world without co-operation. If, by the co-operation of the farmers of the nation, such results as have been accomplished by the grange have been brought about, what could we not do with 100 per cent co-operation.

The grange has had its growing aches and pains and will continue to have them, for the grange will continue to grow. But grangers are a hopeful group and keep their minds eye fixed on the silver lining rather than on the black cloud. This hope (and come true) is the only thing that has kept American agriculture from complete bankruptcy.

We would like to present a series of articles, gleaned from various sources, for your consideration and for the good of the grange.

The following is from "The Grange," Civ. Serv. 2:

"Nothing worth while can be estimated on a purely dollars and cents basis. Least of all can an organization like the grange whose range of service is so broad, whose avenues of helpfulness so varied. It is not enough to all the farmer merely in the raising of crops and the breeding of stock; in its assistance toward making the farmer more efficient, more sympathetic, more broad-minded, more co-operative, in short a valuable citizen—here is where the largest service of the grange is rendered, where it always has been and ever must be."

Civic Duties.
 Every man is benefitted by high ideals of home, of social and civic progress. Every man owes to society his best, and should contribute in so far as he may to all that makes for the welfare of his fellow man. It is the working together—and each one for the good of all—that has made civilization.

Moral Responsibility.
 In the growth of civilization the family was the first recognized unit of every man. To provide for the physical comfort, and to protect those dependent on him, was the first consideration. Society is but a larger family—and the law of inter-dependence is that which binds communities together. The standard of community life affects every unit of that community. Therefore the farmer owes a share of his time and his effort to creating the best possible conditions in moral and social environment in his own town, his state or the national government. Public matters are of vital importance to every citizen, and every man should recognize that he has an individual responsibility

in the making of the laws under which he lives."
 (Continued Next Week)

FARMERS' CO-OPERATION
 (By Clay D. Parker)

Farming has always been spoken of as "the independent life." Business and professional men have in times past envied the farmer his independence. We have proof of this in the fact that in all specialized farming districts, particularly orchard districts, we find many former business and professional men engaged in farming.

However, the day of individual independence for the farmer is past. Farmers can still have the coveted independence only as an organized industry, operating through co-operative organizations owned and controlled by themselves.

The biggest problem of the

farmers' industry is marketing and this cannot be separated from systematic and economical distribution and the service clubs.

The success of each one of these organizations is measured very largely by the amount of financial backing the organization gets from its members. So long as money remains the medium of exchange it will continue to be the one absolutely necessary factor for the success of any business proposition.

Any farmer in this community would be not only surprised but shocked to see the figures which represent the total amount of money collected and spent by the above organizations in the interest of business co-operation.

Every member knows that although he gets no direct return for the money invested, it indi-

rectly pays big dividends to the whole community and makes more profit possible for the individual member.

With the best business men of our country and our federal government interested in evolving the best method of farm relief, it behooves every farmer to get behind the farmers' syndicates not only with good will and hard work, but with a capital investment.

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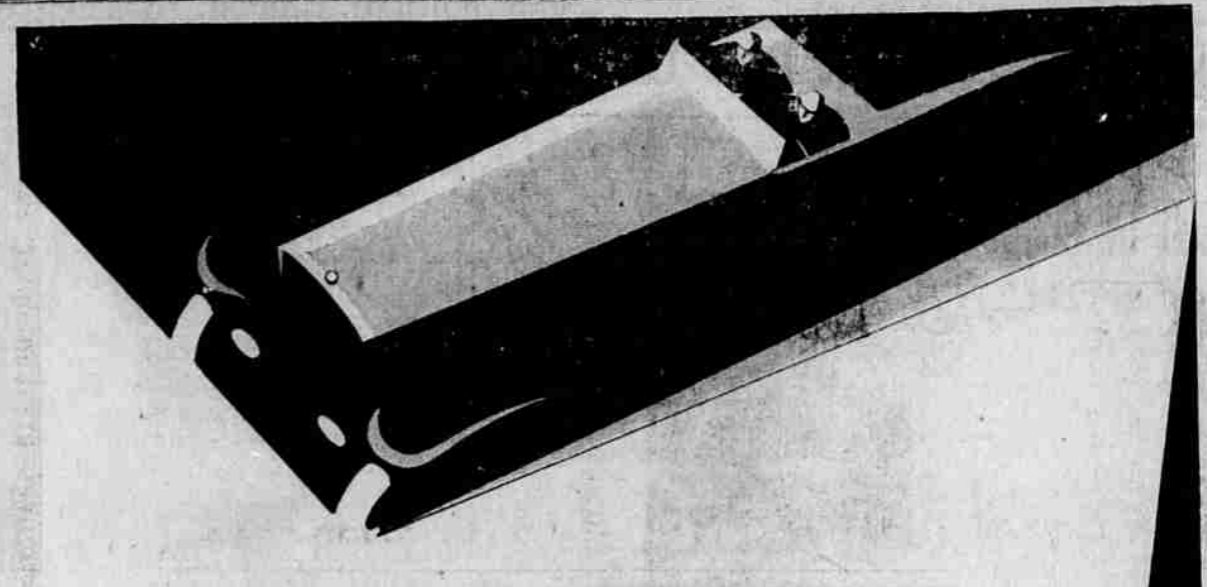
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CHILDREN CRY FOR IT

Frankish Students.
 SEATTLE, May 7.—(AP)—Two Washington university students in a frankish mood, put in a telephone call from a sorority house, asking to be connected with President Hoover at the White House. A few minutes later operators completed the call to the president's office, but were unable to locate the young men.

Student Falls to Death.
 FRESNO, Cal., May 7.—(AP)—Harry B. Hoare, 15, University of Southern California student, and former Fresno State college student, was killed while fishing in King's river canyon today when he accidentally fell over a 100-foot cliff.