

GOLD BULLETS

by Charles G. Booth

SYNOPSIS: Discovery of a famous gold-mounted pistol in Andrew Ogden's home after his murder develops the theory that the wealthy civic leader had been, 20 years before, adventurer and overlord of Torridity, Alex Peterson, stammered by the revelation, John Peebles, Ogden's intimate friend, still insists that the MacNair, Dillon, and not Ogden's son, Jerry, is the murderer. Peebles' niece, Lucy, engaged earlier MacNair, famous detective, to prove her fiancé innocent. Lat MacNair also supports the police theory of Jerry's guilt.

CHAPTER 16 On Jerry's Trail

There was nothing else to be done, and so we followed Deacon from the Ogden home. I put the car in the garage and MacNair came into the house with me. Mrs. Moffit had got a fire crackling in the den and he put his back to the blaze while I sat down at the desk and began to pencil in the little red notebook. MacNair watched me, his ironic look tempered by amusement.

"Claws?" he inquired when I had done.
"By a way," I admitted, "I thought I might be able to supplement your conclusions with one or two of my own."
"Good idea! Two heads are better than one. Well, I must be off."
"No, indeed!" I exclaimed, sending up. "You must have dinner with us."



"Jerry Ogden was seen racing toward Skull Valley."
He laughed. "You tempt me. I have a different cook."
"Mine is the best in San Felipe. You will stay?"
"Thanks. I will."
The meal wasn't especially lively, although both Mrs. Moffit and Lucy did their best, and I must admit MacNair was interesting in his cold-blooded way. But his twisted outlook and his ironical philosophy of life took from our intercourse that spontaneity which always graces my table. I suppose the trapping of one's fellow beings discourages the social instinct. He and I had a pleasant hour in my den, though, and I found him able to tell me a good many things about small firearms.

When he had gone, Lucy came in. Dropping on a stool at my feet, she leaned her dark head against my knees. My fingers were soon stroking her sleek black hair. A common softness of spirit suffused us and neither of us spoke for a little while.
"There's no word?" Lucy whispered presently.
"None," I said, huskily, and she pressed her head hard against my knee.
Then she looked up I tried to avoid her eyes, but there must have been some magnetic quality in the look she turned on me, for I felt my eyes drawn down to hers. Her expression tore my heart and I



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Jerry fleeing to Torridity—the police on his trail—arrested of murder. Another amazing development in tomorrow's chapter.

PORTLAND — Contract will be awarded May 21 for construction of wood waste water tank at U. S. Veterans hospital on Marquam hill.

PORTLAND — Geller's Theatre in Sellwood installed talking equipment.

SEED SUGAR CANE ON 20 ACRE PLOT NEAR EAGLE POINT

EAGLE POINT, Ore., May 13.—(Special)—Dave Pence, one of our local sugar cane growers, has seeded 20 acres to sugar cane. Mr. Pence is well known for his sorghum syrup.

Mrs. Wilber and Mrs. Gordon of Alturas, Calif., who have been spending a few days with their father and brother, William Wilber and son, Glen, returned to their home in California Friday morning.

Charles Givan and brother, Tommy, were in town Friday morning trading with our local merchants and purchasing lumber from our local yard. These boys live with their parents on a beautiful ranch on the banks of the Rogue river of over 200 acres, which is well stocked with milk cows, goats and sheep.

Mrs. Lewis Robertson of Plaza gardens, and sister, Miss Hattie Hannaford, were in town Thursday morning attending to business.

The Geo. Brown & Sons store have painted their Frigidaire room and cutting room all white. This is quite an up-to-date meat market where pork sausage and all other fresh meats can be got at any time. Mr. Knadler did the work and he is a first class painter, doing almost all the local work.

Ernest Spunker of Central Point is holding Mrs. Hall around the place while Mr. Hall is attending to his new orchard.

Fred Stinson, Fred Stanley and Mr. Rodgers, forest rangers, have gone to Fish Lake, where they will open up the road leading to Klamath Falls. As soon as the snow is cleared away, our local cattle men will drive their cattle to the Klamath country.

John Foster and his father, Perry Foster, were at our local blacksmith shop Thursday morning getting their farming implements in order.

The Eagle Point girls' baseball team played a game with the girls' baseball team of Phoenix Wednesday. Eagle Point was victorious in a score of 18 to 23.

Two of the forest service men were at the school Tuesday afternoon showing pictures of the forest before and after fires have gone through and other scenes. The pictures were greatly enjoyed by the pupils.

Mr. Worthington of Long Beach, Calif., is interested in the land along the Crater Lake highway and under the Eagle Point irrigation ditch. H. T. Seaman, manager, was showing him around Friday and Mr. Worthington was much impressed by the beauty of the country. Mr. Worthington intends to return some time in the fall and will be ready to do business.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Morgan of Hevo, near the coast, arrived Tuesday for a two-day visit with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. Morgan. Mr. Morgan had not been very well lately, but the visit with his son greatly cheered him, and he is longing for the warm weather so that he can be out in the open sunshine in his wheel chair.

Grandma, the mother of Mrs. Morgan, who makes her home with them, will be 90 years of age on June 10.

Marshall Minter passed through town Thursday morning with about 700 head of sheep belonging to W. E. Hammel. The sheep were purchased last fall and had wintered east of Talent. They will be put in pasture belonging to Mr. Minter, who is in charge of the sheep for Mr. Hammel, who left Wednesday for St. Louis, where he is interested in real estate business. Mr. Hammel owns about 600 acres of land, of which 35 acres are in pear and it is one of the largest ranches on the Crater Lake highway.

Mrs. Merrill Brown, who has been chairman of the board of directors of the Eagle Point school for three years, in succession, resigned her office after their last meeting because of ill health.

GOLD HILL CLASS PLAY PROVES BIG COMEDY SUCCESS

GOLD HILL, Ore., May 13.—(Special)—The play, "Cyclone Sally," presented Friday evening by the senior class of the Gold Hill high school, proved a great success.

The cast was as follows: Jack Webster—Clarence Wheatley Jim Jenkins—Wilmer Bailey Reginald Manners—Maxwell Marvin Willie Clump—Seth Coy Sally Graham—Ruth Dufus Jenny Thatcher—Beth Roomeliter Effie Varden—Lucille Hittle Vivian Vernon—Jewel Quackenbush The comedy was under the direction of Miss Mildred Orr.

Between acts a quartet sang two selections, and music was also furnished by the Beaver dance orchestra.

A large crowd attended and all enjoyed the evening.

The house owned by Mrs. Ella Patrick is being re-roofed.

Mrs. Priscilla Melinger and Mrs. Maude Robinson attended the Business Women's club meeting at Medford on last Tuesday evening. Work has been in progress the last week spreading tar upon the roof of the school building.

Mrs. May Hozay of Lance Creek, Wyo., and Mrs. Bertha Whaley of Whittier, Calif., are visiting in this city at the home of their sister, Mrs. W. H. Walker.

PARENT TEACHERS OF CENTRAL POINT TO ELECT TUESDAY

CENTRAL POINT, Ore., May 13.—(Special)—The P. T. A. of Central Point will hold their regular meeting on Tuesday, May 14th. Electors of officers will take place and every member is requested to attend if possible. There will be a play, entitled "Sauce for the Gossips," put on by a few of the boys and girls of the freshmen English class.

Mr. and Mrs. Simmerville of Butte Falls were transacting business Tuesday in Central Point.

Mrs. E. E. Scott who has been quite ill for several months was taken to the Jacksonville hospital where she has been taking treatments and had her tonsils removed Wednesday. Her many friends are hoping she will soon be able to return home.

Mrs. Al Simmons entertained the Past Noble Grand club Tuesday afternoon. A very enjoyable afternoon was spent and delicious refreshments served by the hostess. There were fourteen ladies present.

Mrs. Wm. Ferguson and Mrs. J. L. Burger spent Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Bates at Talent.

Mrs. L. L. Damon and son Ed Brown are enjoying a new car they purchased last week.

Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Johnson and Mrs. J. E. Hamrick have been visiting in California the past week. They attended a meeting at the Faith Home in Corvallis, Calif., and Mrs. Hamrick visited her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Richards.

The freshmen class had a picnic at Jackson Hot Springs Tuesday evening. After eating lunch at a cozy spot on Bear creek they enjoyed swimming in the tank.

A group of young people met Monday evening and went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Amick who returned from a wedding trip a few days before and took them for a ride to show them Medford and some of our beautiful valley. It was a jolly party.

Mrs. Leonard Freeman spent Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Wm. Ferguson.

Mrs. McKinnis and son Paul were visiting Mrs. Baker Thursday. Novel Wiley of Lake Creek spent Wednesday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wiley.

Mrs. R. S. Bernhardt and daughter, Miss Wilma entertained the Bereau Bible class of the Federated church, of Central Point, Wednesday. The president, Mrs. W. Nichols, presided. The meeting opened with a song and prayer by Mrs. E. C. Richmond. Mrs. Wyatt had charge of the devotionals. The subject, "Is the Jehovah of the Old Testament, the Jesus of the New?" After the business meeting, the entertainment committee, Miss Wilma Bernhardt, Miss Lucille Hall, and Mrs. R. M. Wyatt, took charge. There also were guessing contests.

The refreshment committee, Mrs. E. C. Richmond, Mrs. George Davis and Mrs. Bernhardt, served delicious refreshments. Those present were: Mesdames R. W. Nichols, W. H. Ferguson, O. W. Clark, J. L. Burger, R. W. Lampert, E. C. Faber, E. L. Merritt, Viola Lampert, W. P. Grimes, D. M. Graham, P. L. Johnson, Paul Martin, C. L. Wilson, Alvin Williams, Arlie Thompson, C. E. Richmond, M. W. Johnson, Geo. Davis, J. E. Williams, R. M. Wyatt, Clifford Smith, C. L. Duncan and A. H. Webster.

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