

GOLD BULLETS

by Charles G. Booth

Synopsis: Marked cards in a gamble for a human life. Alex Peterson learns from Ferie that Joe Landy had used marked cards in the poker game which held the life of Peterson's brother as its stake. He returns to Landy's office and accuses him. Landy's bullet misses, but Peterson shoots Landy in the head. In the operation of the saloon, the shots are not heard and Peterson escapes unseen. He rushes to his mine intending to file with Jerry, his brother. Jerry does not answer his calls and in the tunnel Peterson stumbles over his brother's body.

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The Final Gesture

I had expected some such climax as this, and as Jerry's voice faded out again we found ourselves looking at one another with melancholy eyes. He began again.

"Dad found a bit of candle in one of his pockets. He struck another match and lit the candle. As the match touched the ground fire sprouted up and sizzled for a moment. Dad said he supposed a little of the powder had been spilled by one of the mine hands.

"Holding the candle, dad knelt by the body. Uncle Jerry's face had a fierce, intent look on it. The wound was around the heart. Dad's other gold-mounted pistol lay beside the body. Near it was a copy of the Territorial newspaper.

"Dad turned the cylinder of the revolver. One cartridge had been discharged. He went to the door with the light. The key he had pushed under the door was where he had left it. He was quite sure



A terrific explosion—tons of slat rock had sealed the tomb. Uncle Jerry had concluded that wouldn't be able to do anything for him and killed himself. His dependency had been natural, but it hadn't occurred to dad that he'd take his own life.

Uncle Jerry was nearer to him than any one else—he hadn't any one else, then. Those few minutes by Uncle Jerry in that tunnel became the keystone of the life he'd yet to live. He talked to the body as if Uncle Jerry were listening.

"Why did you do it, son? . . . Didn't I tell you I'd get you out? Dad blamed himself for taking Uncle Jerry to Terridity. It wasn't any place for a kid like you. I failed you all along. . . I'm through, son. I'm putting out tonight. Maybe some day I'll feel you've forgiven me."

He began to think about giving Uncle Jerry decent burial. But where should he put him? He could never bring himself to work the mine again and as Uncle Jerry had chosen to die in it why not make it his tomb? If Landy's heirs found the transfer, he'd negotiate for the property.

Dad had started to get up when the light flashed on the small blade of Uncle Jerry's knife. There was a stub of indelible pencil beside it. The pencil suggested a note and he picked up the newspaper. There wasn't any writing on it, but he noticed that part of the top of the back sheet had been torn off. Dad went through Uncle Jerry's pockets, fully expecting to find the missing scrap of paper with some word for him on it.

There was no scrap of writing either on the body or near it. Bitterly disappointed, he placed the knife, the pencil and the other trifles on the newspaper.

Dad sat up, thinking of Billon, Queen, his going off live that, he reflected. There was another queer thing, too, that would in Jerry's chest. Subdues usually fired at their heads.

Dismissing these thoughts, dad hurried outside. To do what he had in mind would take some little time and he hadn't a moment to spare. The town was still quiet. Dad looked up at the overhang. It was some 200 feet high, dad said, 100 feet wide, and 30 feet thick at the bottom. The bottom of the fissure was 20 feet above the top of the mine door and it was fairly accessible by a rough trail.

Dad went into the powder house and lighted a candle lamp. There was plenty of dynamite. He began to trundle the stuff to the face of the fissure trail, and then carried it into the fissure, a case at a time.

The last case, carried into the fissure, dad rushed back to the powder house and gathered electric fuses, copper wire, a battery box, a screw-driver, a hammer and a pair of wire cutters and returned to the fissure. He forced the cases open, stuck fuses into two cartridges in each case, and attached copper wire to each fuse. He then shoved the dynamite into the old drillings and crevices at strategic points and packed it down with earth and rubble. The lengths of copper wire which stuck out of each pocket of dynamite he connected to his main line.

He hurried down the trail, joy-

looked down over the skull he felt as if he were tearing its fingers from his throat. He swung the gray around and faced the west. It was there that the same he had been looking for came to him. Andrew Ogden! It was a good name.

"That's the Terridity story, Uncle John."

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Andrew Ogden's murder is still unsolved. The story of "Gold Bullets" continues with tomorrow's chapter.

"Unloaded" Gun Is Used to Explain Suicide Method

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(By Mrs. Marion Trayer)

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BANQUET TONIGHT OF FISK DEALERS

The Fisk Tire company will hold a banquet and get-together meeting at the Hotel Medford at 6:30 this evening. F. H. Manning, northwest district manager will have as his guests at this dinner the Fisk dealers from Jackson, Josephine and Klamath counties, together with the automobile dealers from these same counties who handle Fisk equipped cars.

After the banquet the guests will be shown moving pictures of the process now employed in the Fisk factory in the manufacture of all cord tires.

Sam Jennings, local Fisk dealer, says:

"The building of all cord tires means just what the name implies—a tire built without any fabric and cross threads or warp or pick in its entire carcass. This process was developed by Fisk and is possibly the most important improvement in the industry since the introduction of the balloon tire. This method produces a finished tire of greater flexibility and carcass strength than was formerly possible due to the evenness of tension on the individual cords and plies making up the tire carcass.

Yale university laboratories recently showed the importance of this greater flexibility when they proved that tires built by the all cord process have 20% less rolling

resistance than tires of the same type built by the common method from woven cord. This saving in rolling resistance means a saving in power, a saving in gas and a saving in tire mileage, which results in greater tire mileage.

"Automobile manufacturers have been the first to appreciate the full value of the all cord process of building tires and such companies as Chrysler, Dodge Brothers, Willis Knight, DeSoto, Durant, Locomobile have adopted Fisk all cord tires as standard equipment on all their cars and trucks.

"Henry Ford is using Fisk all cord tires on approximately 25% of his entire output and other manufacturers are studying the Fisk process with the thought of adopting this type of tire."

Remodeled and redecorated Pile Tree theater of Klamath Falls opened with Vitaphone equipment.

AGNESS RESIDENT SEES FIRST FILM ON CAPITAL VISIT

SALEM, Ore., June 11.—(Special)—W. Riley, who has been postmaster at Agness in the wilds of Curry county for 22 years, was a guest of the Capital theatre last night at the first motion picture show Mr. Riley had ever seen.

A slide was flashed on the screen informing the audience that Mr. Riley was present to see his first

movie and he was given a good hand.

A year ago Mr. Riley had his first automobile ride. This was when the Portland house of a well-known automobile company took a car to Agness expressly to give the postmaster his first motor vehicle trip, and because of the nature of the country the ride was limited to only about a mile.

The present trip to Salem is his first trip out of the Curry county wilds in 27 years.

Transportation in and out of Agness is by boat. Three times a week a mail boat piles the 30 miles between Gold Beach and Agness, and by boat people make their way to and from the frontier settlement.

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