

GOLD BULLETS

by Charles G. Booth

SYNOPSIS: Lucy bravely married to Jerry with a murder conviction hanging over him? Deacon drops the charge, convinced that Dillon is the murderer. A mysterious telephone call—Dillon—who is he?—flashes a challenge to Peebles over the wire. Peebles speeds back to Torridity to meet Oaten's slayer. As he steps from his car, a bullet whistles over his head. He goes to the deserted Lundy saloon, finds a light in the "secret room" on the second floor. Entering the room, he starts to inspect his pistols when a terrifying command booms out: "Drop your gun and read!"

CHAPTER 48: The Last Illusion.

The shrill command smote me like the blow of a fist. I did not move. The automatic hung steadily from my hand and I knew better than to raise it.

"Drop it, ye two-legged varmint!" the voice screamed passionately. I dropped the pistol. "Face round where I can see ye!"

I swung slowly on my heel. Before me was the saloon, which I, like a fool, had forgotten. As I tried to do not see Dillon, for he stood within the shadows of the room, but the barrel of a Colt, then



Peebles' pistol roared first—Dillon fell—it was Luther MacNair.

the ancient hand that held it, and finally, he himself, the old desert-rat himself.

His appearance at that moment was the picture I was to retain of him until the end of my days. The wild, raze of his face transfixed me. His lips were froth-flecked and it came upon me overwhelmingly that the man was monstrously insane and that I was no longer death than I had ever been.

"Well, I reached ye!" he shrieked. "Was it you who fired on me?" I inquired. He seemed to have accustomed himself to the loss of his right-sided lens.

"Twas!" he shouted. "Pity I didn't plug ye! I'd o' been say'd the trouble o' 'doin' it now. Whur'd ye have it—in the belly or the head?"

"But what have I done to you?" I demanded casually.

"What have ye do to me?" he repeated. "Whur's what?"

Speech left him. He shook his fist at me, waved the pistol in my face. His rage, indeed, finally pitched him over the summit of his emotions and for perhaps three seconds, his strength spent, he stood and simply quivered and flared at me.

In that moment of silence I heard the creak of a board. Someone was coming up the stairs. I had been groping about in my mind for the explanation of Furlie's insane rage and suddenly I found it; and I also saw as clearly as if a ray of light had pierced my brain

VALLEY ELKS TO STATE SESSIONS KLAMATH FALLS

The Elks of Medford, Ashland, Grants Pass and other parts of the Rogue River valley will be conspicuous by their absence from the home communities July 17th to 20th, as they will be in attendance, during that period at the State Elks Association convention which this year is being held at Klamath Falls.

Many of the married Elks will be accompanied by their wives, as there are many events on the program for the Elks ladies.

For hotel reservations write to Housing Committee, Elks Temple, Klamath Falls, Oregon.

The tentative program for the convention as issued by the Klamath Falls lodge of Elks is as follows:

- Wednesday, July 17
 - Register at the Elks Temple
 - Sight-seeing cars will be available throughout the day. Inquire at headquarters at the Elks temple or Ladies headquarters at the Willard hotel.
 - 8:20 to 8 P. M.—Bands and drum corps, parade.
 - 8 P. M.—Ritualistic contest at Elks temple, Third and Main streets.
 - Ritualistic contest will be put on for the State championship.
 - For the Ladies:
 - 8 P. M.—Theatre party at the Pelican theatre, Eighth and Klamath.
 - Rides for children at Seventh and Pine streets.
- Thursday, July 18
 - 2:00 A. M. to 5 A. M.—Absolute quiet, beauty sleep, (if necessary).
 - 8 A. M.—Awake with a grand and glorious feeling, ready for the first big day.
 - 8 A. M.—Bands and drum corps on the streets.
 - 9 A. M.—Ladies' golf tournament, Reams Golf and Country club, Ten miles south of Medford.
 - 9:30 A. M.—At Elks temple. Opening ceremonies of the twenty-first annual convention of the Oregon State Elks Association, called to order by J. C. Boyle, Exalted Ruler, Klamath Falls No. 1247. Special musical numbers. Welcome address by Mayor T. B. Watters. Address: Brother Wilson S. Wiley, Past Exalted Ruler, Klamath Falls Lodge No. 1247. Response by H. B. Cusick, President, Reams Golf and Country club, Oregon State Elks Association. Opening of convention for regular business.
 - Reading of the minutes; appointment of committees; report of credential committee and reading of resolutions.
 - 2:00 P. M.—Registered trap shoot at the Gun club, three miles north on the Dalles-California highway. Cars will be provided at the Elks temple.
 - 2:00 P. M.—Men's golf tournament at Reams Golf and Country club, (two miles south on the Ashland highway.) Cars will be provided at the Elks temple.
 - 2:30 P. M.—Water sports, Upper Klamath Lake, near Fremont Boat race, swimming matches.
 - 2:30 P. M.—See Miss Lee Fourrier, who expects to break the world's endurance swimming record. Prizes offered for those who can stay in the water with her the longest. Wednesday she challenges all comers. She has a record of 57 hours of swimming.
 - 6:30 P. M.—Bands and drum corps at hotels and on streets.
 - 8:00 P. M.—Prize fights—30 rounds of fast action at the Pelican theatre.
 - 8:00 P. M.—Ladies Hi-Jinks at banquet room, Willard Hotel.
 - 12:00, Midnight—Whoopie show, Elks only, Pelican theatre.
 - 9:30 P. M.—Public dance, official dance hall, Altamont, two miles east on Sixth Street.
 - Friday, July 19
 - 3 A. M. to 8:00 A. M.—Rest, (for those who need it.)
 - 8:00 A. M.—Bands and drum corps.
 - 9:30 A. M.—Convention business at the Elks temple.
 - Final report of committees, and addresses.
 - 12:30—Grand barbecue of Elk meat at the Klamath County fair grounds, (two miles east on Sixth Street). Cars will leave from the Elks temple after 12 noon.
 - Athletic events; horse racing; ball game; dancing at Altamont hall.
 - 6:30 P. M. to 8:30 P. M.—Bands and drum corps on the streets.
 - 9:00 P. M.—Grand Elks ball at the auditorium on the fair grounds. Elks and their ladies only.
 - 9:30 P. M.—Public dance, official dance hall, Altamont, two miles east on Sixth Street.
 - Rides for children at Seventh and Pine Streets.
 - Saturday, July 20
 - 6:30 to 8:00—Rest and quiet (you may need some by this time.)
 - 8:00 A. M.—Band and drum corps at hotels.
 - 9:00 A. M.—Ladies' final golf tournament.
 - 9:30 A. M.—Business session at the Elks Temple.
 - Reports of committees; election of officers; installation of officers; selection of meeting place for 1930.
 - 1:20 P. M.—Gigantic fun parade.
 - 2:00 P. M.—Judging of parade floats.
 - 2:00 P. M.—Judging of musical organizations, awarding of \$300 cash prize for the best band. Other cash prizes.
 - 2:30 P. M.—Tray shoot.
 - 2:30 P. M.—Golfing.
 - 9:00 P. M.—Fireworks on Lake Klamath (best view can be obtained from the highway half a mile south of city).
 - 9:30 P. M.—Public dance, official dance hall, Altamont.
 - Rides for children at Seventh and Pine Streets.

EAGLE POINT HAS RICH PROMISE IN CATTLE INDUSTRY

EAGLE POINT, Ore., June 17.—(Special.)—The Eagle Point irrigation project seems destined to become one of the leading beef cattle and dairy producing areas of the country. If the farmers will take advantage of the great natural resources in the management of their herds, cheap lands, low taxes, long growing seasons, short and mild winters, they can eliminate the cost of expensive farms and equipment.

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Today this firm will commence haying with four mowers. There are 230 acres in clover and 65 of these acres will yield three tons of the acre, watered from the Eagle Point ditch.

Miss Roberta Pearce of San Francisco, Calif., arrived Sunday, June 9, and will spend her two weeks' vacation at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Pearce, and family.

Lucy Smith, who has been dangerously ill the last two weeks, is somewhat better and is now able to be around.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Ragsdale of the Center Lake highway have installed a refrigerator and will have cold soft drinks and ice cream on hand all summer.

Todd Whaley, who has been in the Sacred Heart hospital at Medford, returned to his home in Eagle Point Friday. It was not necessary to have an operation, as was first thought.

Charley Sherman, who for some time has held the position as janitor at the Lake Kincaid hall, has gone to California.

STRAWBERRY SEASON PRESENTS PROBLEM

PORTLAND, Ore., June 17.—(Special.)—The strawberry season, just now should be at its peak, with consequent low prices, has resulted in a problem which defies the most expert opinion. Selected berries that is, the best on the market, were higher Monday than they were Saturday, although normally growers should have accumulated enough late Saturday and Sunday to swamp Monday's market. Apparently this wash's the case. The best berries early Monday were quoted at \$1.25 and a variety was reported at that figure. A variety of inferior quality could be purchased as low as \$1. Unless someone deluges the fields Monday and Tuesday, berry dealers will be ready to throw up their hands and bid the season good-bye.

Baker—Six Baker county mines nestled under name of Consolidated Oregon Gold Mines, Ltd. Large mill will be erected in near future.

THROCKMORTONS HAVE ONE OF BEST GARDENS IN EAGLE POINT AREA

EAGLE POINT, Ore., June 17.—(Special.)—One of the earliest gardens in the valley is found at Mr. and Mrs. Lester Throckmorton's, where they have an abundance of water and soil that is especially adapted for vegetables. They have already put on the market the finest of cabbage and sweet Spanish onions. Over 200 young turkeys and a large number of young chickens are also a sale line.

Frank Lissneretti was in town Wednesday, in a truck delivering strawberries at the Sunnyside, and was en route to Medford with a load. Mr. Dittsworth, who owns one of the best strawberry farms in the Trail district, said the rains had spoiled between 200 and 300 crates of berries.

Mrs. Eleanor A. Bailey, mother of Mrs. O. T. Morgan, celebrated her 97th birthday Monday, June 10. Miss Hattie Howell took pictures of Mrs. Bailey in honor of the occasion.

Roy Anspole and son, Donald, Lyle Van Sess and Earl Stoner have enjoyed a five days' vacation at Diamond Lake. The party had a successful and thoroughly enjoyed the sport of fishing. Donald Anspole was the cook.

Mr. and Mrs. Henshaw left Friday morning for the forest service, where they will take care of the camp and cook for the men.

Mrs. Lottie Van Sess left Friday morning with the mail carrier, Dwight Brown, and will visit with Mrs. Williams at Peoria.

Mr. and Mrs. William Perry went to Medford Wednesday evening and visited Mr. Geppert and Mrs. Frank Strahan. They were both at the Sacred Heart hospital at Medford.

Tom Farlow was in town Friday morning leading at the Eagle Point hardware store.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Henry of Troutman were in Eagle Point Friday morning and were en route to Grants Pass on a business trip.

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SENTIMENT, HUMOR IN COPCO RADIO PLAY

A measure of sentiment and a dash of humor is included in the play that goes to make up "Daddy's Gift," a two-act radio playlet to be presented by the Copco Players over KMEM, the Great Tri-States station, tonight from 9 to 10 o'clock. The little play, which is in keeping with Father's day, observed nationally yesterday, and to be repeated in its program throughout this week, will find a popular appeal with young and old alike—especially young and old dads.

The regular Tuesday night hour has been set up as a home to convenience some of the actors who could not appear then. Those to be heard in the little play tonight are Jo Murray Kestel, Earle Davis, Harry Gould and Mary Greiner.

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