

FLAME TRAIL

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SYNOPSIS: Josh Hastings, owner of the Flying Six, tries to buy Kay Crandon's Lazy Nine after her ranch house and barn burn. He also tries to court Kay, but she distrusts him and is determined to keep her ranch. Ted Gaynor, a puncher she impulsively hired, stirs the outfit to cut its own timber and rebuild without pay. Hastings' cousin, Scrap Johnson, molests Kay, but Ted rescues her and whips Scrap. Later they have a gun duel at the divide, wounding each other. Hastings, who hates both men, finds them and murders Scrap, using Ted's gun from him. Ted crawls to a shack where a girl takes him in.

Chapter 22

Anxious Waiting

KAY woke up with a start, as a ray of the early morning sun slanted through her cabin window and shone insistently in her eyes. "Thank goodness the sun's out at last!" She glanced out the window, then snuggled down in bed again to indulge in a few moments of tempting day-dreams.

It was the third day since Ted had left, and Kay planned with happy excitement the way she would greet him, when he arrived with his mother and sister. She had recovered from her hurt feeling at the news Tom Runyon

nurriedly dressed and ran up to the mess shack for breakfast. Ted and his family probably wouldn't arrive before noon, anyway, but there were still a number of finishing touches that she wanted to put on the cabin.

Giving an involuntary skip of sheer joy of living at the beauty of the morning, Kay drew in a long breath of the invigorating air. After the two-day downpour, everything was so fresh and glistening, that it must be a good omen.

The morning flew past, and by noon Kay had the cabin completely finished, and bright and shining for its new occupants.

She had a guilty feeling that she should have ridden over to see Aunt Kate instead of devoting her whole morning to the pleasant excitement of getting ready for Ted. But she eased her conscience by the thought that she would go over after the arrival of the newcomers, so that she could tell Aunt Kate all about them.

All during lunch, Kay had an ear out for the pounding of hoofs, and rattle of the livery backboard from Red River, but the quiet of the mesa was undisturbed.

The afternoon wore on, and by four o'clock Kay found herself nervous and irritable with disappointment. If it were too late to ride over to see Aunt Kate, she'd never hear the end of it if she let all today go past without seeing her.

On the other hand, she'd be sure

STRANGE AS IT SEEMS—By JOHN HIX

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THE QUINTUPLET EGG!
A TOULOUSE GOOSE, OWNED BY F. J. NEWPORT, Clermont Harbor, Miss., LAID AN EGG OVER 4 1/2 INCHES LONG, WEIGHING 1/2 LB. AND CONTAINING 5 YOLKS...

The founding of Georgia can be directly attributed to a prison visit, made by James Edward Oglethorpe about 1730. It was around this year that the young member of Parliament called to see a friend who was dying in debtor's prison. Overwhelmed by the misery he viewed there, he conceived the plan of establishing a colony in the New World for the unfortunate who rotted in prison for want of money to settle up their debts.

King George II approved the idea, granted a charter for the colony of Georgia, and Oglethorpe followed out his plan. In 1732 the first boatload of debtors and their families sailed to America accompanied by Oglethorpe who paid their passage out of his own pocket.

Prohibition of slavery was one of the first laws laid down by Oglethorpe in his colony, an unusually humane decree for that day and age. Yet, strange as it seems, Oglethorpe had previously been one of the most important figures in the slave trade as head of the Royal African Company, greatest slave-trading corporation of the time! At the height of the slave traffic, 10,000 negroes were exported annually.

Oglethorpe also forbade his settlers to engage in the rum trade. This edict was widely violated almost immediately. Later the prohibition against slavery broke down when the

settlers got around the law by "hiring" slaves for life, getting them South Carolina.

Georgia became one of the leading slave states in the Union after the Revolutionary war and seceded to join the Southern fight for slavery in the Civil war.

Locomotive Church Bell

In need of a bell for St. Simon's church, but without the necessary funds for buying one, the Brooklyn church's executive committee appealed to the Long Island Railroad company for a locomotive bell. Their request was fulfilled. Today members of the parish are called to worship by a bell that once changed the way clear for a puffing railroad engine.

AIRDRIE, Alta. (UP)—Nathan Sanovaky, a storekeeper, has lost the evidence he used to prove that he was Canada's champion match stacker. Sanovaky worked for several weeks building a pyramid of over 9,000 matches on a bottle. Then a customer came in, plucked one of the matches to light a cigarette, and the pyramid collapsed.

blooded stock. The building, 185 by 240 feet, is so planned that additions in units of 35 feet can be constructed as needed. Fresh cream-colored paint being applied to other exhibit buildings will further enhance the clean, attractive appearance of the grounds where many thousands will see "Oregon on Parade" September 6 to 12.

In keeping with the progressive spirit of the state fair board toward a consistent year-to-year improvement in Oregon's state fair grounds, already known as the most attractive in the west, construction is being rushed on a mammoth new cattle barn which will house 600 head of

grounds and have cleared the decks for action.

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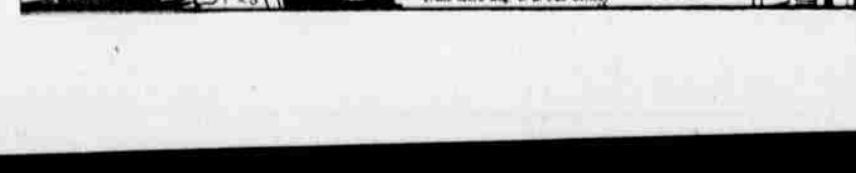
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Somehow Kay knew he was coming back to her.

had brought of Ted's first fight with Scrap Johnson. Whatever reasons he had had for not telling her, she was going to give him the benefit of the doubt, and wait until he was ready to tell her.

Kay smiled down to herself. One thing she was sure of—He hadn't been thinking of any dark haired girl when he had said good-bye to her! And somehow, she knew that he wasn't going to waste any time getting back to her.

During the storm that had raged for the last two days, Kay had busied herself getting the extra cabin ready for Ted's mother and sister. It had been furnished in a rough sort of way. By picking out odds and ends from the bunk house, and using some of the few things that had been saved from the fire, Kay had contrived to make it quite homelike.

Babs had ridden over once in the downpour to report that all was well at the Flying Six, and that Aunt Kate and she were in no hurry to leave their present quarters.

A frown puckered Kay's forehead as her thoughts shifted from Ted to the situation at the Flying Six. It was galling to be accepting Josh Hastings' hospitality for members of her family, even if she wasn't accepting it for herself.

She hadn't seen him alone since that visit when she had told him of her plans, with such disastrous consequences. One good thing, at least, had come out of it. She had positive proof now that Josh Hastings was working against her. The doubtful point was whether he knew that she was aware of his efforts to get the timberland away from her.

Unless Scrap Johnson had gone back and reported what had happened, Josh Hastings would have no way of knowing whether Kay had known of his plot. And Kay had a hunch Scrap wouldn't be too eager to describe that afternoon's events to his boss. He'd be much more likely to realize his usefulness on this range was over, and to clear out.

At least while Aunt Kate and Babs were under his roof, it would be best to pretend ignorance of Josh Hastings' real attitude toward her. Also, it would be easier to keep her eye on him, if she didn't let matters come to an open break.

Finishing Up The Cabin

JUMPING UP OF bed with a sudden desire to express her excited anticipation by action, Kay

to miss Ted if she started off now. Artlessly persuading herself that it would be very rude not to be there to greet Ted's mother and sister, and that seeing Ted himself had nothing to do with it, Kay hung around.

When, finally, at six o'clock the mess bell clanged, Kay reluctantly admitted that they weren't going to arrive today.

'He'll Be Here'

AT SUPPER, she was silent and abstracted, dwelling in her thoughts rather than in the conversation going on about her. Suddenly she was aware that Seth was speaking to her.

"What did you say, Seth?" She came to with a start.

"Gosh, you must be getting deaf!" Seth grumbled. "I've been asking you about six times when you expected Gaynor back. I thought it was today."

"It was, but something must have happened to delay him. I'm sure he'll be here tomorrow."

"Here's hoping," Seth growled. "We can't let any grass grow under our feet getting that barn started tomorrow, whether he's back or not."

"He'll be here," Kay predicted confidently. She paused a moment at the door of the shack and looked out. "Isn't it great after the rain?"

"Till say it is," Seth agreed. "The equinox must have got kind of mixed up this year to give us that storm so early. But I ain't kicking none. Makes the danger of fire that much less."

Kay nodded absent-mindedly to this remark, then sauntered down to the corral and whistled Flicker to her.

Obedient to a sudden impulse, she had him out and saddled him. She rode up to her cabin for her sweater, and handed out onto the mesa. She had decided to kill two birds with one stone, and ride the restlessness out of her system by going over to see Aunt Kate. Kay started off for the Flying Six at a brisk can trot.

It would be moonlight by 9 o'clock, she reflected, and she could easily be back by 11. If she didn't go now, she'd simply have to go tomorrow, and then she'd miss being there when Ted arrived.

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Josh Hastings tells Kay "an ugly story" about Ted, Monday.

PAMPHLETS GIVE O.S.C. ENTRY DATA

SEPTEMBER 20 to 25. Before that, however, a four weeks' post-summer session is scheduled to begin August 22 following the close of the regular six weeks' summer session July 30. Courses in the post session are limited to education and science.

PREPARATIONS RUSHED FOR 76TH STATE FAIR

With state fair dates definitely set as September 6 to 12 inclusive and the premium book mailed to exhibitors throughout Oregon and the northwest, those responsible for working out details of the many educational, entertainment and thrill features of Oregon's 76th state fair have taken up headquarters at the fair

CORVALLIS. —(Sp.)— Pamphlets containing entrance information for students planning to attend Oregon State college, as well as other units of the system, have been published by the state board of higher education.

The pamphlet contains the revised schedule of fees, which shows minor changes from those of a year ago, and explains briefly many other items in connection with entering college.

Dates of freshman week at the state college and university will be