



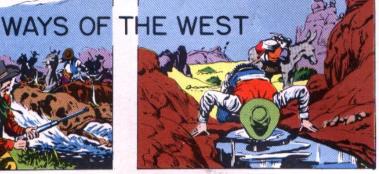
WATER WAS A PRECIOUS COMMODITY IN THE WEST. THE OWNERS OF A CHOICE SPRING CONTROLLED THE RANGE FOR MILES AROUND BUT IT WAS OFTEN "JUDGE COLT" WHO DECIDED OWNERSHIP.



PIONEERS WHO LIVED NEAR MUDDY STREAMS
WOULD SINK A BARREL INTO THE EARTH, BELOW
WATER LEVEL. THE MOISTURE SEEPED IN AND
PROVIDED A REASON ABLY CLEAN WATER SUPPLY.



SOMETIMES WATER LAY FAR BELOW THE SURFACE, BUT DIGGERS WOULD RISK THEIR LIVES TO DIG WELLS HUNDREDS OF FEET BELOW THE GROUND USING NOTHING BUT PICK AND SHOVEL.



IN THE ARID BADLANDS A THIRSTY WANDERER WOULD COUNT HIMSELF LUCKY TO STUMBLE UPON A POTHOLE, A NATURAL BOWL WORN INTO THE TOP OF A LEDGE OR BOULDER FILLED WITH RAINWATER.



ON THE PRAIRIE A THIRSTY COWPOKE WHO FOUND A MUDDY WATERHOLE WOULD LAY HIS BANDANNA ON THE SURFACE AND SIP THE WATER THAT FILTERED THROUGH...



TODAY, THE WATER PROBLEM IS SOLVED FOR HUGE AREAS OF THE ONCE WATER STARVED WEST GIANT DAMS STORE THE WATER AND DISTRIBUTE IT OVER VAST AREAS...

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WE'LL GET AN EARLY START TOMORROW.
SHOULD REACH THE STATE LINE
BEFORE NOON!





UNSEEN BY THE CAMPERS, A STEALTHY FIGURE CREEPS FROM THE SHADOWS TOWARD THEIR WAGON.





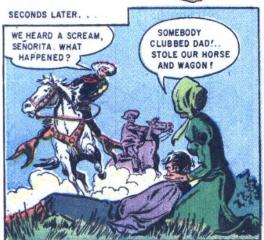
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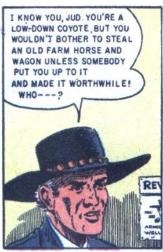




























OF COURSE, WE'LL CATCH UP WITH HIS KILLER IT HAS TO BE THE MAN WHO'S PLOTTING TO GRAB THE BEST OF THE NEW LAND --- WITHOUT LETTING MURDER STAND IN HIS WAY!









































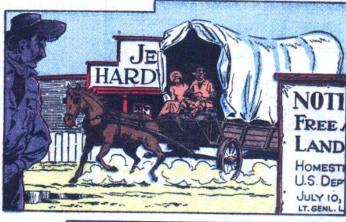






MOST OF THE RACERS WILL BE HONEST FOLK TRYING FOR A NEW START IN LIFE LIKE DAD SIMMONS AND HIS CHILDREN.

DAWN BREAKS - AND THE LITTLE STATE-LINE TOWN SPRINGS TO LIFE WITH A BUSTLE OF EXCITEMENT AT HIGH NOON THE NEW TERRITORY WILL BE THROWN-OPEN FOR SETTLERS WHIPS WILL CRACK WHEELS WILL ROLL - - THE GREAT LAND RACE-FOR FORTUNE OR FAILURE - WILL BE UNDER WAY!



A FEW ARE CHEATS WHO AIM TO GET THE BEST ACREAGE BY CRAFT OR VIOLENCE — — — SUCH AS MR B. J GRABBIT,















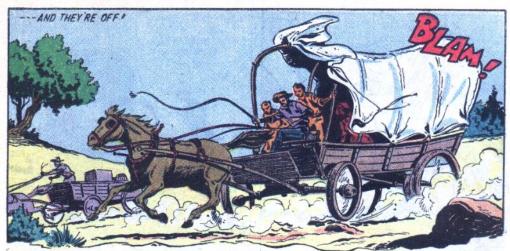


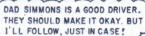
AS NOON APPROACHES, THE WAGONS LINE UP - - - AND TENSION MOUNTS!



FOLKS, YOU KNOW THE RULES. ANYBODY THAT
STAKES A CLAIM HAS TO HAVE A WAGON AND
ENOUGH STUFF TO SET UP HOUSEKEEPING.
———— NO "SOONER" WITH A HORSE AND
A TOOTHBRUSH CAN RACE OUT AHEAD OF YOU!















































The Haunted Fort



"It's true," insisted Tim Blake, the most shiftless man in town, rubbing his unshaven chin. He spoke solemnly to the kids at the street corner. "In the moonlight last night, I plainly saw Don Parros in his shin-

ing armor."

"Aw, who believes in ghosts?" scoffed Bobby Shaw. Being the sheriff's son, he felt it his duty to keep the other kids from believing in superstitious tales. "The Spanish Conquistadors were here in the Southwest long ago, in the 16th century. It's only a silly legend that the Don's spirit still haunts the ruins of the old fort."

"Then go see for yourself tonight," challenged Blake, adding slyly, "if you

dare.

"Why should I waste my time?"

shrugged Bobby.

"Scared?" sneered Blake. "Like your father? The sheriff usually ambushes and captures outlaws, instead of facing 'em in a draw, like a man. Folks say he's a cow—"

"It's a lie!" burst in Bobby angrily.
"Dad says only story-book heroes foolishly risk their lives, gunning down badmen. Dad's job is to enforce the law, using common sense, without looking for cheap glory."

"Or to save his own neck?" leered Blake. "Like father like son, they say. You're full of the same excuses. You haven't got the nerve to spend the night

at the haunted fort, that's what."

Bobby squared his shoulders. He couldn't back down before the other kids. "All right. I'll show you. Tonight I'll stay at the fort, till dawn."

At supper, when Bobby told his father, the sheriff's jaw tightened. "You have to

to do it, son, to prove you're not yellow. But the ruins are treacherous. Walls crumble unexpectedly. I'll go with you."

As the sun sank, father and son tied their horses and strode into the ruins, spreading weirdly under the rising moon. "It'll be a dull night, son, without any ghosts entertaining us. But we have to stick it out till dawn to prove we're not . . . er . . . cowards."

Hours passed slowly. An eerie howl suddenly froze their blood.

"Only a coyote, Dad," breathed

Bobby, settling back.

But was his father's face pale . . . in fear? Or was it just the wan moonlight on his skin?

Later, Bobby dozed. He awoke with a start, at the sound of hoofbeats leaving. "Dad!" yelled Bobby. "Why are you leaving?"

But the sheriff kept galloping, vanishing in the dark. Bobby groaned. His father had been scared away, riding home in panic, leaving his son alone! The stories about his father . . . all true!

Sobbing in shame, Bobby himself stuck it out till dawn. At home, he faced his father. "Oh Dad, why did you run off like a...a..."

"Coward?" finished the sheriff for him. "Reckon I should turn in my badge, eh? Well, let's go."

Shaw led the way to the jail. There was a prisoner behind bars. "Tim Blake!" gasped Bobby. "But—but why is he in iail?"

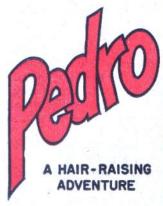
"For pulling a slick scheme, son. He told you that ghost story . . . and the rumors about me . . . for a secret reason. I didn't have time to wake you in the ruins, when I remembered about the mine payroll coming in last night. I was so furious at Blake's accusations I plumb forgot about meeting the rider at the fork."

"Gosh, I see," said Bobby. "Blake wanted no interference while he robbed the payroll. But he sure proved one 'leg-

end' entirely false."

Bobby grinned at the man in the cell.
"Why were you so anxious to get my
father out of the way . . . if he's a
coward?"

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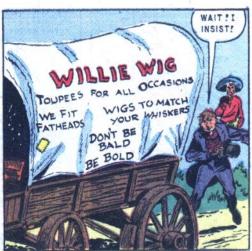


















PEDRO SLEEPS PEACEFULLY, BUT HE'S ON DANGEROUS GROUND THE FEROCIOUS SCALPANOGGIN INDIANS ARE WAR-DANCING NEARBY !









WITH WILD SAVAGE HOWLS, THE BRAVES RACE AWAY TO SEEK THEIR PREY.



WHILE OTHER BRAVES ARE CHASING DODGERS, YOUNG YELLOW BIRD HAS A STROKE OF LUCK:

























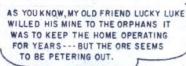






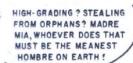




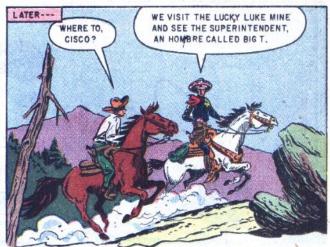
































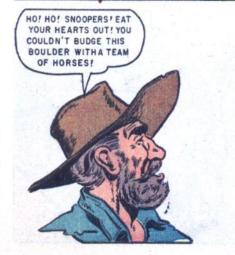




















































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