



Synopsis: Slim Loyale is paroled from prison after serving 18 months for a crime he did not commit. He returns to his Circle L ranch to find his father dead and sinister forces at work, trying to make him violate his parole so that he can again be railroaded to prison.

The Brockwells and their gang are plotting to gain possession of Circle L ranch and the property of Mona Hall, a neighbor and life-long friend of Slim Loyale.

Slim discovers that Sheriff Starbuck has joined the plot against him. With the help of Dakota Blue and his cowboys, Slim Loyale defies the land-grabbers to do their worst.

FIFTH INSTALLMENT

He only knew that he had this hated fellow where he wanted him, and that a keen, savage joy flooded him every time his flailing fists found their mark.

He was insensible to the fact that Mona was tugging and crying at him. And even when Abe Fornachon, at the frantic behest of Mona, grabbed Slim by the shoulders and dragged him from his prey, Slim still fought.

But the foreman was powerful. Between him and Mona, they finally got Slim into a chair, where Mona retained him by the simple method of sitting on his lap and wrapping both arms about his neck, at the same time pleading with tearful words.

"Slim!" she cried. "Slim, you don't know what you are doing. They'll take you back—back to Jarillo."

Abe Fornachon, who had been leaning over Leo Brockwell, securing his guns, now looked up. There was a queer pain in Abe's eyes as he watched Mona.

"Not this time they won't, Miss Mona," he said quietly. "Remember, if anybody goes to askin' questions, it was me who hit Brockwell—not Slim."

These words, more than anything else, served to quiet Slim. Suddenly the hard-strung tautness went out of him and he sagged wearily. "I—I'm sorry, Mona," he panted. "I reckon I shouldn't have paid no attention to him. But I'm all raw inside, an' that dawg drives me loco! Abe, I'm shore findin' out who my friends are. However, I can't let yuh take the blame on yore shoulders."

"Yuh shut up an' be good," growled Abe gruffly. "Brockwell had it comin' to him. Was I in yore place, I'd a been just as red-eyed."

With none too gentle power, Abe dragged Leo Brockwell erect and slammed him into a chair. Leo's eyes were glassy and his head rolling, but consciousness was returning. Slowly the light of complete comprehension showed in his eyes, and his bruised, swollen face twisted into a mask of hate and rage.

"When Starbuck hears of this—of this," he gasped, "yo're all through, Loyale, yuh damned ex—"

Abe Fornachon shook him roughly. "Best thing yuh can do is close yore mouth an' keep it so, Brockwell. If Starbuck comes snoopin' around here I'll tell him it was me who whaled yuh, not Slim. Now yuh take yore rotten poison off this ranch an' stay off. I told yuh somethin'; get goin'."

Leo Brockwell went, with Abe Fornachon in close attendance. As the door closed behind them, Mona awoke

suddenly to the somewhat embarrassing position she had taken, and slipped away from Slim, faint color whipping through her cheeks.

Slim did not appear to notice her confusion. His head was bent and his eyes staring at the floor. "Mebbe it'd be best if he had plugged me," he said heavily. "Seems like all I'm good for now is to be a liability to my friends. Shore, they can't pack my load forever. Better I reckon that Starbuck should take me back to Jarillo."

Mona stamped her foot. "Stop that kind of talk, Slim Loyale. You're no quitter. You've got a hard fight ahead, but it's worth while, isn't it? You see how your real friends feel about it. They are willing to back you to the limit, believing in you utterly. And if you don't do your part you are throwing them down, rendering their faith in you a worthless, empty thing."

Slim's head came up slowly. "Yo're right, Mona," he agreed grimly. "I never guessed what real friendship meant until now. Shore, I'll play the game. Dakota Blue tells me that Leo Brockwell has been hangin' around yuh a lot. That don't mean yuh care in particular about him, does it?"

"Does it appear like it?" she retorted. "No, I don't care for him; I should say not. He gives me the shivers, always did. But I've got to get money from somewhere, things have been going so bad for me. And I've been tolerating him merely to put over this sale of stock that Abe was talking with him about. I—I guess it's all off now."

Mona's shoulders sagged a little wearily. Slim stood up and went over to her. "My friends ain't haltin' at nothin' to help me," he stated quietly. "An' I ain't gonna halt at nothin' to help them. How much money do yuh need? Yuh can have all I've got."

Mona's eyes grew a little misty. "I could use five thousand dollars very nicely, Slim," she acknowledged. "But I won't take a cent from you. You may need it yourself, later. Courtney and his gang may start in rustling you to paupership any time, the same as he has me."

"Courtney!" exclaimed Slim. "Yuh mean Flash Courtney from over past Battle Mountain?"

Mona nodded. Slim was silent, thinking. "Yeah," he muttered finally, "it could be done. Flash Courtney, eh?" He looked at Mona. "How come yuh ain't been able to fight him off? Have yuh taken it up with Jigger Starbuck?"

Mona shrugged. "I've seen Starbuck about it, but so far he hasn't done a great deal. And because of lack of funds, I haven't been able to keep anything like a full crew for the past year."

"You know how Dad got roped in on that mining deal. When he died he left a lot of debts. Those whom he owed money to weren't very patient about it. It got to where I couldn't stand being haggled at any longer. So I borrowed five thousand dollars and paid off all of those old debts."

"I thought that owing the money in one lump sum to the right sort of a person would enable me to get more time and pull through. But I find it was merely robbing Peter to pay Paul. This sale I was dickering with the Brockwells for, would have helped

some, but I imagine it was just a matter of stalling off the inevitable a little longer. I'm afraid I'm going to lose my ranch, Slim." Mona's voice was choked and teary as she finished.

"Who'd yuh borrow that money from?" asked Slim.

"From—from the lawyer, George Arthur."

"George Arthur!" exploded Slim. "Why he was the lyn' polecat who sold out on me at my trial an' let 'em railroad me for somethin' I never did. I didn't think yuh'd have anythin' to do with him after that, Mona." Slim's words were bitter.

"I don't think you understand, Slim," she said wearily. "I was desperate. I had to get the money somewhere. Mr. Arthur was the only one who would loan me that much on a straight mortgage. Remember, Slim, it was a case of fight to live. I had no other recourse. Dad's creditors gave me sixty days to produce the money before they called a sheriff's sale. In my place you'd have done the same."

"But Arthur—ain't givin' yuh a whole of time," argued Slim roughly. "If yuh've got to sell off yore stock to keep up with his demands, he must be houndin' yuh."

Mona lifted her hands protestingly. "Please, Slim," she begged. "Please don't use that tone to me. I've been so gorgeously happy since I've known you were coming back. I felt at last I had a shoulder to lean on that was trustworthy."

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NOTICE OF CONDEMNATION

State of South Carolina, County of Laurens.

Board of Condemnation Laurens County, Petitioner, vs Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, and M. A. Wilson, Respondents.

To the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company and M. A. Wilson:

Please take notice that a hearing will be had at the office of the County Supervisor, at Laurens Court House, S. C., at ten o'clock in the forenoon, on the 15th day of May, 1937, and on such other days as said meeting may be adjourned to, for the purpose of assessing the amount of damages, if any, to you, by the taking of top-soil and materials for highway construction from certain lands herein-after described for the use of Laurens County, in the construction of a section of the public highways known as the Eden highway, between the Anderson Highway, and Beulah Church, and a temporary right-of-way where necessary for the transportation of men, machinery, materials and animals, between the highway work and the place from which top-soil and materials are to be taken. The lands from which said top-soil and materials are to be taken is located and described as follows:

On the lands lying along the said Eden road, in Dials Township, Laurens County, S. C., bounded by the lands of W. L. Chestain, W. A. Henderson, J. L. McDowell, Dunk Knight, M. A. Wilson, C. W. and B. H. Gray and others, in three parcels, as surveyed by the highway engineer, parcel No. 1, containing 4.15 acres, more or less, parcel No. 2 containing 3.38 acres, more or less, parcel No. 3 containing 2.30 acres, more or less, the same now being staked out on the lands.

It is the intention of this condemnation proceeding to establish a valuation either in gross or per acre of the damages sustained by you, which damage is to be paid when the material has been removed at the valuation established in these proceedings.

These proceedings are taken pursuant to a resolution of the County Board of Commissioners, of Laurens County, duly adopted at a regular meeting, held on the 20th day of April, 1937.

A. RHETT MARTIN, County Supervisor.
J. H. WHARTON,
L. B. STODDARD,
County Commissioners.

Attest:
B. Y. CULBERTSON,
Clerk County Board of Commissioners.
Dated April 28th, 1937.—5-6-2t.

NOTICE OF CONDEMNATION

State of South Carolina, County of Laurens.

Board of Condemnation Laurens County, Petitioner, vs J. H. Medlock, J. M. Medlock, Anna Hendrix, N. J. Medlock, T. J. Medlock, Leola Poole and Federal Land Bank of Columbia, Respondents.

To, J. H. Medlock, J. M. Medlock, Anna Hendrix, N. J. Medlock, T. J. Medlock, Leola Poole and Federal Land Bank of Columbia:

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Pinckney Gives W. P. A. Projects

Three Have Been Completed and Thirteen Either Underway or Approved, He States.

To date a total of three projects have been completed in Laurens county by the Works Progress Administration, in cooperation with the sponsors, while at the present thirteen additional projects are under way or have been approved, according to information released by State Administrator Lawrence M. Pinckney.

Those projects completed are: Making of rug looms and frames; improvements to the grounds at the State Training school at Clinton; and the construction of a frame school building at Goldville.

Works Progress Administration projects now under way or which have been authorized follow:

Countywide programs of community sanitation, rural road improvements, hot lunches served to the school children, recreational supervision. Also included in this list are the construction of an airport at Laurens; the construction of a brick armory at Laurens and a brick armory at Clinton; erection of an 8-room Negro school at Laurens; a countywide program of sewing rooms, a thrift shop, and countywide library extension work; the landscaping and beautifying of public parks and playgrounds in Laurens; and impound reservoir for water supply at Laurens.

Lutheran Women Hold Meet Here

Woman's Missionary Society Convened For One-Day Session At St. John's Church On Tuesday.

The Piedmont conference of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of South Carolina, met at St. John's Lutheran church of this city on Tuesday.

The pastor, Rev. M. R. Wingard, lead the opening Holy Communion service. The sermon was preached by the Rev. J. Edgar Stockman of Trinity Lutheran church, Greenville. Brief talks were heard from the synodical representatives. Dr. Chas. J. Sheeley of Newberry, spoke in behalf of Newberry college and Lutheran seminary. Dr. Graves, president of the Lutheran orphanage at Salem, Va., gave an interesting account of the work of the home. Mrs. Jackson, superintendent of the Lowman Home at White Rock, told of the work of this home for the aged and blind. Rev. Brand represented the South Carolina Lutheran paper. The cause of the Lutheran League was presented by Miss Counts of Newberry.

Following lunch at the tea room, separate sessions were held, the women gathering at the Lutheran church and the men at the A. R. P. church. Mrs. Tom Sease of the host church welcomed the visitors, with delegates from Walhalla making the response. Reports were heard at this time from all synodical officers and the president of the organization. Officers were named for the new year, after which the day's sessions concluded.

On the lands lying along the said Eden road, in Dials Township, Laurens County, S. C., bounded by the lands of Mrs. Annie L. Hellams, W. M. Armstrong, J. F. Gray estate, F. F. Hellams, W. L. Chestain, and others, lying along the Northeast side of said Eden road, and opposite the residence of W. M. Armstrong, beginning on stake A; thence N 6-15 W, 75 ft. to stake 13; thence N 61-20 E to stake C; thence S 75-30 E 224 to stake D; thence S, 2-15 E 184 ft. to stake E; thence S 71-10 W 189 ft to stake F; thence N 77-15 W 325 ft to the beginning and containing 2.48 acres, more or less.

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MODERN WOMEN

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Mme. Laura Dreyfus - Barney, French feminist, who has returned

home after spending some time in the United States, is a leader of the Peace and Arbitration Committee of the International Council of Women. She is the only woman to have sat at the League of Nations subcommittee of experts in education and she is an officer of the Legion of Honor.

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