

## H. P. WOMAN RECALLS ANCIENT PACK BURRO

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ing the Dolly Varden, Mosquita, Home Sweet Home, Buckskin, and many other mines of Park county."

The grave will be dug midway between Alma and Fairplay. There is a mountain legend that burros never die. Sixty-two years Prunes has struggled to keep alive this tradition, but fact will prevail rather than fiction, and the end is near for the most ancient of the Park county burros.

### Miss O'Brien's Letter

"I have an amusing memory of 'Prunes' the 62-year-old burro mentioned in the above article.

Years ago when 'Prunes' was in his prime I spent the greater part of four years in Park county, Colorado on my brother's ranch, at the mouth of the "Eleven Mile Canyon."

As the school board in that vicinity could find no teacher for their little district school, I volunteered to teach their school. As I had had no training for the work I may quote a political speaker here in Highland Park who said, "I taught school, it was tough on the school, but I had to get a living."!! So I had to earn in order to be self-supporting, having taken up government land.

"After making the 40 mile trip to "Fairplay" the county seat of Park county, a placer-mining town, twice for the teachers' examination for a yearly certificate, I went a third time to pass the examination for the state certificate.

Fairplay's only hotel was a large two-story log building with a porch extending along the front of the building. The porch consisted of a roof and upright posts, the floor of the porch forming the sidewalk on the street.

"My room was on the first floor, adjoining the parlor. I was awakened several times during the night by a noise that I supposed was the stage coach arriving and a horn being blown to announce its arrival. This was a natural supposition as Fairplay had, at that time, no railroad connections. Everything had to be transported either by wagon or on horse back.

"In the morning following, the county superintendent — (a perfect wag), called at the hotel to walk over to the school with brother and myself. On the way over I told of my experience of the previous night, being awakened by the stage coach's arrival and horn blowing! The superintendent drew me out and then how those two men did laugh at me! Oh what a "tenderfoot" I must have been!

"My 'stage coach' was this burro 'Prunes', a perfect pet in the town, who travelled across that sidewalk and sang his 'Rocky Canary' song at the farther end of the walk. Later in the day the superintendent pointed out to me 'My Stage Coach'—'Prunes' I never heard the word 'burro' without recalling the following story:— which appeared during my stay in Colorado in the "Fairplay Flume"—the Park County weekly paper.

"A St. Louis man on a business trip to Leadville purchased a burro for his little son and expressed it to St. Louis.

The express agent at St. Louis looking over his bill of lading was puzzled so wired the Leadville express agent as follows:

"One 'Bureau' missing, one Jack ahead. What shall I do?"

"The Leadville agent replied:

"'Change places with the Jack.'

Isabel M. O'Brien."

### Evidence of Piano Fight

The piano is said to be fighting for its life; the one next door is certainly taking some heavy blows. — Cincinnati Times-Star.

—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

In Berlin, N. H., last July Fourth we saw a log-rolling contest between the champions of the Connecticut and Androscoggin Valleys respectively, neither of whom had ever been in Congress.—Detroit News.

### Who Can Say?

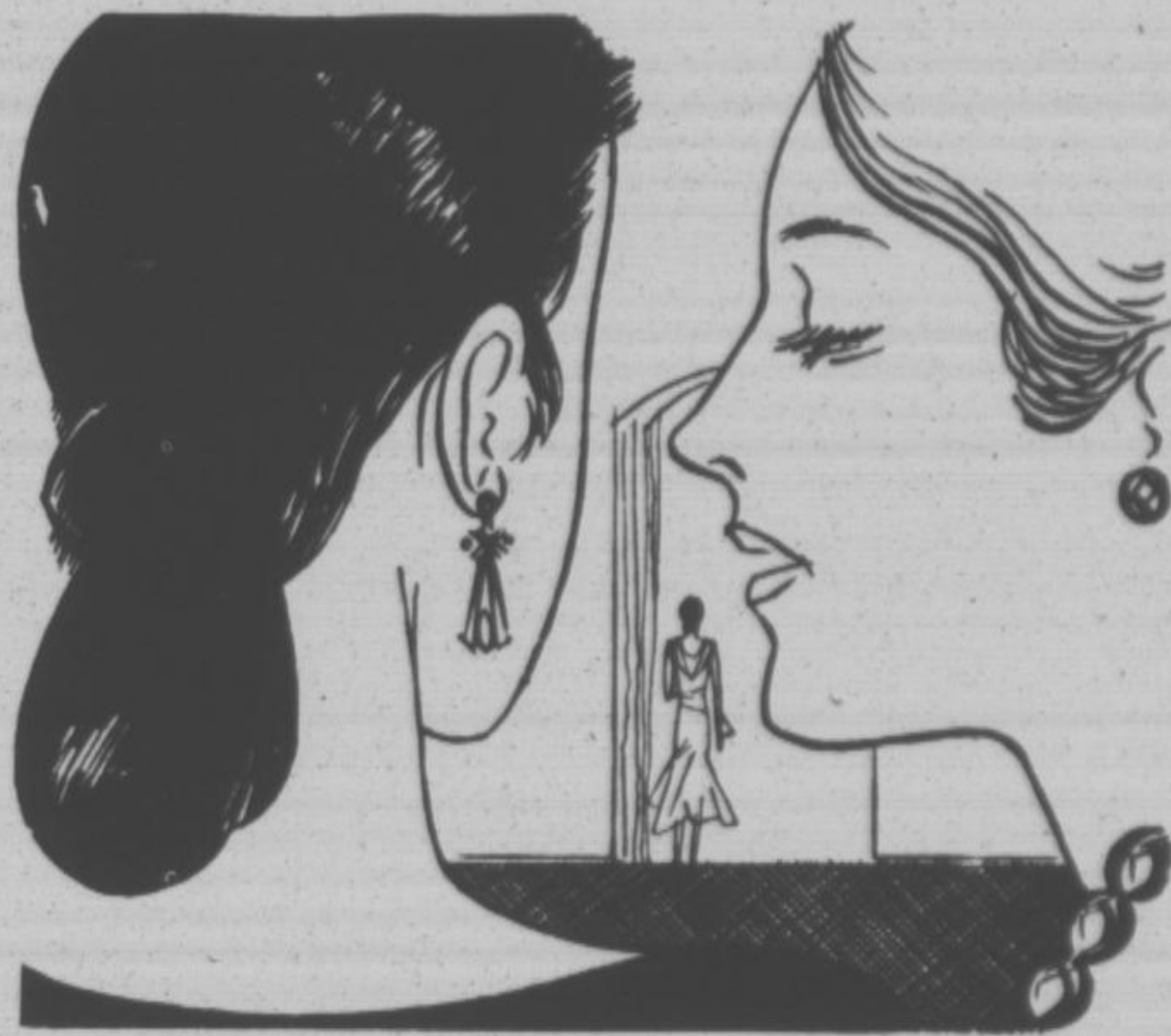
A child who had seen a drove of cattle being "dipped" was taken the next day to an open air religious revival. "Auntie," whispered the child when the immersion started, "have they all got ticks?"

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