

The Lookout Grade Business

THE SUSPECTS



Otilie Bracken
LEFT-HANDED

Keeps the hotel open on four guests a week and will not say for how long.



Merritt Kyne
RIGHT-HANDED

Keeps a station for a line that has cut its schedule three times over.



Faro Alice Dunning
RIGHT-HANDED

Deals the last game in town and no longer pretends that it is honest.



Piers Ottway
RIGHT-HANDED

Buys at a price he names himself and has never once been made to move.

WHY ANYONE BOTHERED



Road Feud
PRIDE

Two outfits, one road, and a list on both sides that neither will settle.



Stubborn Holdout
PRIDE

Every other owner took the offer. One would not, and says why to anybody.



Water Hole Claim
LAND

A filing went in on ground the road has watered at for thirty years.



Emptied Strongbox
MONEY

What was in the box when it left was not in it when it arrived.

WHERE IT HAPPENED



Broken Wheel Trail **OPEN COUNTRY**

Twenty years of wheels cut this road, and the last of them went through.



Old Corral Bottom **LOW GROUND**

Fifty head were held here once. The rails are down on three sides now.



Lookout Grade **HIGH GROUND**

The long climb where teams rest, whether the driver wants them to or not.



Relay Hollow **LOW GROUND**

Where the horses were changed, back when there were horses to change.

WHAT WAS LEFT BEHIND



Broken Strongbox Hasp **METAL**

Struck off rather than forced, and it took more than one blow to do it.



Bloodstained Duster **PAPER AND CLOTH**

A linen road coat. The stain is under the arm rather than on the front.



Tin of Hearth Ash **WAX AND ASH**

Swept up and kept, which is a strange thing to do with ashes.



Torn Waybill **PAPER AND CLOTH**

The list of what the coach carried, with one line inked out heavily.

THE REPORT

Word came into the sheriff's office a little after noon: trouble out by Lookout Grade, and four riders who'd all been somewhere else, to hear them tell it. Sort out who was where before the trail goes cold.

CLUES & EVIDENCE

- It wasn't Piers Ottway who was in it for money.
- Without exception, a rider who was carrying something metal was right-handed.
- Every rider who was out in open country was in it out of pride.
- No rider who was in it for money was carrying paper or cloth.
- Whoever was in it out of pride, it wasn't Otilie Bracken.
- Merritt Kyne was not a rider who was out in open country.
- Old Corral Bottom had no part in the road feud.
- Not one rider who was right-handed was up on high ground.
- It wasn't Merritt Kyne who was carrying something metal.
- The emptied strongbox never led anyone to Old Corral Bottom.
- Any rider who was in it over land was carrying wax or ash.
- The torn waybill had no bearing on the stubborn holdout.

THE GRID

		LOCATIONS				EVIDENCE				MOTIVES			
		BROKEN	CORRAL	GRADE	RELAY	HASP	DUSTER	ASHTIN	WAYBILL	ROADFEUD	HOLDOUT	WATERHOLE	STRONGBOX
SUSPECTS	BRACKEN												
	KYNE												
	DUNNING												
	OTTWAY												
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	HOLDOUT												
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	DUSTER												
	ASHTIN												
	WAYBILL												

CASE 061 · THE LOOKOUT GRADE BUSINESS

SUSPECT	LOCATION	EVIDENCE	MOTIVE
Otilie Bracken	Lookout Grade	Tin of Hearth Ash	Water Hole Claim
Merritt Kyne	Old Corral Bottom	Bloodstained Duster	Stubborn Holdout
Faro Alice Dunning	Relay Hollow	Broken Strongbox Hasp	Emptied Strongbox
Piers Ottway	Broken Wheel Trail	Torn Waybill	Road Feud

CASE 062 · THE RELAY HOLLOW MATTER

SUSPECT	LOCATION	EVIDENCE	MOTIVE
Sheriff Delaney Hoke	Cañada Seca	Sheared Kingbolt	Old Warrant
Faro Alice Dunning	Old Corral Bottom	Hard-Twist Tie Rope	Broken Freight Deal
Amos Pike	Relay Hollow	Folded Timetable	Fenced Allowance
Lau Hing	Broken Wheel Trail	Worn Mail Pouch	Assumed Name

CASE 063 · THE TOLL GATE PASS JOB

SUSPECT	LOCATION	EVIDENCE	MOTIVE
Widow Salome Dace	Cañada Seca	Cut Rein	Town Lot Title
Lau Hing	Toll Gate Pass	Worn Mail Pouch	Old Warrant
Cassius Mowbray	Cuesta Alta	Sheared Kingbolt	Lost Passage
Peter Lidgate	Willow Tank	Nicked Cold Chisel	Sold-Out Station

CASE 064 · THE LOOKOUT GRADE JOB

SUSPECT	LOCATION	EVIDENCE	MOTIVE
Lau Hing	Relay Hollow	Hemp Stake Rope	Sold-Out Station
Silas Wren	Chalk Flat	Cut Rein	Assumed Name
Isham Cobb	Willow Tank	Broken Hub Band	Called-In Note
Widow Salome Dace	Lookout Grade	Nicked Cold Chisel	Depot Secret