



South Tyrol – Land of Myths and Legends

Boymont Castle in Flames

Boymont Castle, which was situated up high on a panoramic hill overlooking Missian, was once one of the largest and most beautiful castles in the whole Überetsch area. It belonged to the lords of Boymont and then, after they died, to their heirs, the noble lord of Kaßler Boymont. One time during the Feast of Corpus Christ, Lord Kaßler and his servants went down to church in St. Pauls; he was even participating in the solemn Corpus Christi procession through the blessed estates of St. Paul, together with the many faithful. Suddenly, a cry rang out: “Boymont Castle is on fire! Boymont Castle is on fire!” After much deliberation, the men rushed to Boymont Castle in order to extinguish the fire. But it was too late: Boymont was engulfed in flames and was quickly reduced to ashes. It was never rebuilt.

The cause of the fire was never known. Some suspected that the fire was caused by an excessive amount of lard boiled by the cook – the only person who stayed behind in the castle. There were other rumours that Kaßler’s enemies, of which the rich man had plenty, must have bribed the cook to allow them to enter the castle and started the fire. However, since the cook died in the flames, proof of arson was never found.