

Copyright, 1914, by the Wheeler Syndicate." down he had stepped always in his

midst of soft snow and veiled under

Shorty's unqualified approvat.

They slipped down the bank to the

These springs, common to most Klon-

center stake of the last claim located.

way to solid footing. Smoke did not

wait, but sprang to the bank, where

dry and seasoned twigs and sticks.

lodged among the brush by spring

freshets, waited the match. By the

time she reached his side the first

flames and flickers of an assured fire

She obediently sat down in the snow.

He slipped his pack from his back and

From above came the voices of the

"Go on, Shorty," Smoke said as be

attacked her moccasins, already stiff

can fix the corner stakes afterward."

were incased in corrugated iron.

He slipped his mittens on and for

sawed and backed at the frozen gar-

exposed to the bite of 70 below zero.

sugar. When it came to eating she

and Smoke shared one set between

them. They ate out of the same plate

It was nearly 2 in the afternoon

when they cleared the crest of the

feeder of Squaw creek. Harlier in the

and drank from the same cup.

Then came the rubbing with snow,

to the fire. He placed her feet on the nodded.

"Sit down!" he commanded.

spread a blanket for her feet

stampeders who followed them.

"Let Shorty stake!" she urged.

were rising.

worked.

you're fumbling."

awbile," he said.

creek bed. No recent feet had disturb-

any bear hunter."

CHAPTER VI. A Horseshoe For Luck.

MOKE was for the moment speechless. "You did it a-purpose?" Shorty demanded. "I did it to give the old timers

a chance." She laughed mockingly. The men grinned at each other and finally joined her. "I'd lay you across exceptionally long legged individual. women folk wasn't so scarce in this country," Shorty assured her.

"Your father didn't sprain a tendon, but waited till we were out of sight and then went on?" Smoke asked. She nodded.

"And you were the decoy?"

Again she nodded, and this time Smoke's laughter rang out clear and true. It was the spontaneous laughter of a frankly beaten man. "Why don't you get angry with me,"

she queried ruefully, "or-or wallop

"Well, we might as well be startin back," Shorty urged. "My feet's gettin' cold standin' here."

Smoke shook his head. "That would mean four hours lost. We must be eight miles up this creek now, and a long swing south. We'l follow it. then cross over the divide somehow and tap Squaw creek somewhere Sea Lion stampeders. above Discovery." He looked at Joy. "Won't you come along with us? I told your father we'd look after you.'

"I"- She hesitated. "I think I shall you break through." if you don't mind." She was looking straight at him, and her face was no longer defiant and mocking. "Really, Mr. Smoke, you make me almost sorry for what I have done. But some body had to save the old timers."

For two hours more they kept to the frozen creek bed of Norway, then turn ed into a parrow and rugged tributary that flowed from the south. At midday they began the ascent of the diand back, they could see the long line find it. She darted ahead of Smoke, of stampeders breaking up.

As for themselves, the going was their waists and were compelled to is! See that spruce!" She sank sudstop every few yards to breathe. Shorty was the first to call a halt.

"We been hittin' the trall for over twelve hours," he said. "Smoke, I'm wade out." plumb willin' to say I'm good an' tired. An' so are you. An' I'm free to shout that I can sure hang on to this here pasear like a starvin' Indian to a bunk of bear meat. But this poor girl here can't keep her legs no time if she don't get somethin' in her stomach Here's where we build a fire. What d'ye say?"

So quickly, so deftly and methodically did they go about making a temporary camp that Joy admitted to herself that old timers could not do it better. Spruce boughs, with a spread blanket on top, gave a foundation for rest and cooking operations. But they



"Why don't you get angry with me," she queried ruefully, "or-or wallop

kept away from the heat of the fire until noses and cheeks had been rub-

On the steep slope of the divide there was no ice, so snow as fine and hard and crystalline as granulated sugar was poured into the gold pan by the bushel until enough had been melted for the coffee. Smoke fried bacon and divide and began dropping down a thawed biscults. Shorty kept the fuel supplied and rended the fire, and Joy set the simple table composed of two plates, two cups, two spoons, a tin of

Shorty returned along the creek bed and climbed the bank to them. "I sure staked a full thousan' feet," he proclaimed, "No. 27 an' No. 28, though I'd only got the upper stake of 27 Phone 36. when I met the first geezer of the bunch behind. He just straight declared I wasn't goin' to stake 28. An' I told him"-

out a complete change of footgear.

"Yes, yes." Joy cried. "What did you

tell him?" "Well, I told him straight that if he didn't back up plumb 500 feet I'd sure He staked next, an' I guess by now later snowfalls was a line of irregular the bunch has Squaw creek located to hummocks. If one's foot missed a headwaters an' down the other side hummock he plunged down through Ourn is safe. It's too dark to see now, unpacked snow and usually to a fall but we can put out the corner stakes Also, the moose bunter had been an in the mornin'."

my knee an' give you a wallopin' if Joy, who was eager now that the two change had taken place during the men should stake and fearing that they night. So warm was it that Shorty were slackening their pace on account and Smoke estimated the temperature of her evident weariness, insisted on at no more than 20 below. On top of taking her turn in the lead. The speed their blankets lay six inches of frost and manner in which she negotiated crystals.

"Good morning. How are your the precarious footing called out feet?" was Smoke's greeting across the | 36. ashes of the fire to where Joy Gastell "Look at her!" he cried. "She's the real goods an' the red meat. Look at was sitting up in her sleeping furs.

Shorty built the fire and quarried ice them moccasins swing along! No high beels there! She uses the legs God from the creek while Smoke cooked gave her. She's the right squaw for breakfast. Daylight came on as they finished the meal. Looking back as they came to the

"You go an' fix them corner stakes, bank of Squaw creek they could see Smoke," Shorty said. "There's gravel the stampede, strung out irregularly, under where I chopped ice for the cofstruggling along the descent of the di fee, an' I'm goin' to melt snow an' wash a pan of that same gravel for Inck."

they knew they were above the Dis. stream center stake of No. 27, ne covery claim and the last stakes of the beaded at right angles across the narrow valley toward its rim. He pro-"Look out for springs." Joy warned ceeded methodically, almost automatas Smoke led the way down the creek | feally, for his mind was alive with rec-"At 70 below you'll lose your feet it ollections of the night before. He felt somehow that he had won to empery over the delicate line and firm muscles dike streams, never cease at the lowest of those feet and angles he had rubsnow might break through half an inch | ed to extend to the rest and all of this of ice skin and find himself up to the woman of his kind. In dim and fiery knees in water. In five minutes, un ways a feeling of possession mastered less able to remove the wet gear, the him. It seemed that all that was necloss of one's feet was the penalty. essary was for him to walk up to this They watched for a blazed tree on Joy Gastell, take her hand in his and

either bank, which would show the say "Come." It was in this mood that he discovvide itself. Behind them, looking down Joy, impulsively eager, was the first to ered something that made him forget empery over the white feet of woman At the valley rim he blazed no corner "Somebody's been there! See the stake. He did not reach the valley hard. They wallowed through snow to snow! Look for the blaze! There it rim, but instead he found himself confronted by another stream. He fined denly to her waist in the snow. "Now up with his eye a blasted willow tree I've done it," she said woefully. Then and a big and recognizable spruce. He Oreapolis; good improvements, 258 thorough understanding of them than away from the people. It would all she cried: "Don't come near me! I'll Step by step, each time breaking bed of the creek around a wide horsethrough the thin skin of ice concealed shoe bend through the flat and found under the dry snow, she forced her that the two creeks were the same creek. Next he floundered twice through the snow from valley rim to valley rim, running the first line from Price cheap. the lower stake of No. 27, the second from the upper stake of No. 28, and he found that the upper stake of the latter was lower than the lower stake of the former. In the gray twilight delays. and half darkness Shorty had located their two claims on the horse

> Smoke plodded back to the little camp. Shorty, at the end of washing Tel. No. 1 a pan of gravel, exploded at sight of

"We got it?" Shorty cried, holding out the pan, "Look at it! A nasty with ice. "Pace off a thousand feet mess of gold. Two nundred right and place the two center stakes. We there if it's a cent. She runs rich from the top of the wash gravel." With his knife Smoke cut away the Smoke cast an incurious glance at

incings and leather of the moccasins So stiff were they with ice that they the coarse gold, poured himself a cup snapped and crackled under the back of coffee at the fire and sat down Shorty was disgruntled by his parting and sawing. The siwash socks and heavy woolen stockings were sheaths ner's lack of delight in the discovof ice. It was as if her feet and calves ery.

"Why don't you kick in an' get ex-"How are your feet?" he asked as be cited?" he demanded. "We got our pile right here."

"Pretty numb. I can't move or feel Smoke took a swallow of coffee he my toes. But it will be all right. The fore replying. "Shorty, why are our fire is burning beautifully. Watch out two claims here like the Panama cayou don't freeze your hands. They nal?" must be numb now from the way

"What's the answer?" "Well, the eastern entrance of the Panama canal is west of the western

nearly a minute smashed the open entrance, that's all." hands savagely against his sides. When "Go on." Shorty said. "I ain't seen he felt the blood prickle he pulled off the joke yet." the mittens and ripped and tore and

"In short, Shorty, you staked our two claims on a big horseshoe bend. The Union Auctioneer ments. The white skin of one foot ap- The upper stake of 28 is ten feet bepeared, then that of the other, to be low the lower stake of 27." "You mean we ain't got nothin'.

Smoke?" carried on with an intensity of cruel "Worse than that; we've got ten feet flerceness, till she squirmed and shrank less than nothing." and moved her toes and joyously com-Shorty departed down the bank on plained of the hurt. He half dragged the run. Five minutes later he returnher and she half lifted herself nearer ed. In response to Joy's look he

blanket close to the flesh saving flames. "We might as well break camp and "You'll have to take care of them for start back for Dawson," Smoke said, beginning to fold the blankets. She could now safely remove her "I am sorry, Smoke," Joy said. "It's mittens and work and manipulate ber all my fault. Dad's staked for me mixed salt and pepper and a tin of down near Discovery, I know. I'll

give you my claim." He shook his head. "Shorty!" she plended,

Shorty shook his head and began to laugh. It was a colossal laugh Chuckles and muffled explosions yield ed to hearty roars.

"It ain't hysterics," he explained. " winter some moose hunter made a trail sure get powerful amused at times, an up the canyon-that is, in going up and this is one of them."

own feet, with the wisdom of the initiated being watchful that the heat of pan. He walked over and gravely the fire was absorbed slowly. While kicked it, scattering the gold over the she did this he attacked his hands. The landscape. "It ain't ourn." be said. snow did not melt or moisten. Its "It belongs to the geezer I backed up light crystals were like so much sand. 500 feet last night. An' what gets me Slowly the stings and pangs of circu- is 490 of them feet was to the goodlation came back into the chilled flesh his good. Come on Smoke Let's Then he tended the fire, unstrapped start the bike to Dawson, though if the light pack from her back and got you're hankerin' to kill me I won't lift a finger to prevent"

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PROGRESSIVES ASK NEW LAWS

Bill For Constitutional Convention First on List.

PLAN EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN.

Senator Quinby Has Bill to Abolish Capital Punishment—Proposed Stock Grain Charges Alleged Excessive.

up in many forms at the present ses- value front the value of the outstand-When they awoke they found a among horses, that will be sold on a late date, think the leaders, the people chise grants and says that this will expenses.

> act calling for a constitutional con- some of them-long ago usurped, vention. The measure is an old visitor in legislative halls. It has appeared Wall Paper. Gering & Co. Phone at the last three sessions and is already on the rolls of the present sessicn. Its fate is unknown, of course, at this early date, but there are many Any skin itching is a temper tester. of the solons who are freely predicting

itches. Doan's Cintment is for piles, The friends of the measure say that eczema-any skin itching. 50c at all the convention is sorely needed, that the present constitution is antiquated and broken down and should be shelved. They do not stop to figure, the enemies of the bill say, that the state has prespered quite nicely in the past forty years under this same constitution and that many, many men Smoke departed, ax in hand, to blaze cars overhauled, while I have men have been made well-to-do and even from the look ahead Norway is making ed the snow that lay upon its ice. and the stakes. Starting from the down hired for the busy season, and wish to rich while tilling the soil and follow

> months. Your cars will be overhaul- The present constitution is a staid division of the state university—are Frement: first vice president, J. A. ed now at about one-half the price for old document, somewhat unfitted to fast rounding into shape. The bill Ollis of Ord; second vice president the needs of the hour, they say, but providing for the appropriation is al- R. M. Wolcott of Central City: treasthe present method of amendment is ready on its way through the hopper. urer, George F. Dickman of Seward; rather easy. In fact 35 per cent of the Dr. Hoffmeister of Chase county is the secretary, W. R. Mellor of Lincoln. For dyspepsia, our national ailment, majority are for the question, can strong point in connection with the use Burdock Blood Bitters. Recom- amend the document as they see fit. establishment of this proposed adjunct | being held at the state farm, several temperatures. A man stepping on dry bed with snow, and this empery seem mended for strengthening digestion, The majority of the school is the attempt to pro thousand farmers being in Lincoln. purifying the blood. At all drug that this is sufficient for the time and vide a moderate priced hospital for Sessions today were devoted to cattle make the pace that the people have the high priced institutions and those inning tomorrow.

right to make. blooded short-horn bull. Perfectly The fact that the convention might pay its own running expenses almost gentle. Inquire of G. H. Tams at evolve from thirty to a hundred prop- and in the helief of many people of the The Horn Farm, one mile west of at each biennial election and to get a ing these charges would never get siderable number of them.

Investigation of the affairs of the stock yards at South Omaha and of the live stock exchange of the same city will undoubtedly cause a flutter when the time comes for the matter And many others on our list for to be acted upon. It is raising a fight that was started in the late campaign and before it has engulfed both houses will likely cause much bitterness.

The first plan of making an out and out investigation was given up because the members did not want to incur the expense and then have to mould legislation afterwards to fit their findings. Under the plan now pursued, they can shape their legislation to meet the apparent require-

prices for selling are fixed there and temperance organizations are back of those who do not conform thereto are it. He simply wants to see what

is made that the yardage and grain who are there will do with it when concern is making a greater return upon its investment than it should be allowed to under present regulation of public utilities. The latter charge the railway commission recently had ture meets and what should be the before it in argument. It is awaiting attitude of the members with regard the time, in fact, when it can settle to the introduction of legislation. that important matter and when it will hand down its ruling on the case.

The present law gives the railway ommission the right to regulate the service and prices of the stock yards, and while there have been only one are determined in the same proportion of two minor complaints in the matter there has never been until the late amount. Which means that there will All sale matters entrusted to my care case a chance for the officials to make likely be a nice little difference of a ruling in the matter.

The recommendation of the gov-

ernor that all public utility corpora tions, including the municipal plants that they want to get along without announced included the names of of all kinds over the state, be placed any friction, but that it will take more eighty-nine. under the state railway commission's jurisdiction, is not meeting approval the house members first figured. at the hands of the legislators. The step would be entirely out of sympathy with the fundamentals of the Demoeratic party, and would hardly fit in with the ideas of any particular division of that party. For instance, it is a step which the World-Herald has been fighting against for several years past and which C. W. Bryan, as a member of the Lincoln Municipal Ownernship league, has said would be more than unfair to the people of the capital city, to Omaha and to people

or all towns where there are varion kinds of public utilities. With these two leaders of the two lines of thought in the Democratic party opposing the move, it is believe that it would have little chance to weather the session. Several Democratic leaders of the house stated that they did not believe a bill covering such changes would be introduced at the resent session. Neither the World-.erald nor the leaders of the other division of the Democratic party has taken occasion to rap the governor severely on his recommendation, but they have denoted in an inoffensive way that the governor was not thinking of all the principles concerned when he made the suggestion.

Quinby of Deuglas has started a ball rolling that will undoubtedly gather Yards Regulation Bills-Yardage and much moss before it has reached the foot of the legislative hill. He proposes to see that a new method is Lincoln-Advance legislation-the evolved for taxing the franchise value kind that men termed "progressives" of corporations. He proposes the are wont to law stress on-is coming subtraction of the tangible property sion of the legislature. There is lit- ing stock and says that the difference tle hope of the backers that it will get shall be denominated the franchise through. Their only concern is that it value for taxation purposes. He asks shall come before the people in an in the collection of data on the subject educational campaign. Then if the de that all companies make known the mand shall appear urgent at some number and extent of the various franpositive guarantee. If the same will see that the legislation is passed, enable the people to get control of The first bill of this nature is the affairs, which the corporations-or

The same Douglas county senator has a bill proposing to do away with capital punishment. He does not be lieve that this form of penalty should be visited upon any criminal, no matter how great his crime. He thinks that life imprisonment is sufficient. The last legislative session cut out the hanging method of doing away with convicts and supplanted this with electrocution. Senator Quinby proposes to go all the way. His interest in humanity, he says, would be shriveled up and puny indeed, if he were to make no effort to remove the means. whereby killing of one's fellow beings is legalized. Plans for building a hospital at the

voters of any election, providing a member who fathered the bill. One they are loathe to let a convention people of the state-one just between FOR SALE—Fine 3-year-old full-Such an institution could be made to ositions upon which the people of the state is sadly needed. Charges could state would later be called to act is be regulated by the board of regents the one phase of the affair that does of the state university. These officials not appeal to the greater share of the have complete control of the medical lawmakers. They argue that it is bet- school and, of course, would be in a ter from the standpoint of the people position to dictate the details of its to act upon three or four amendments | management. Thus the power of levycials named by the people themselves The hospital will likely be a hone of contention between the governor and the legislature, as the former has told Dr. Hoffmeister that he would veto the bill when it came to him. The legiseffort to get enough votes to show that the people really wanted the new adjunct to the medical school. In that event it might be possible that the governor would relent and would be found working for the institution. He believes in infrequent use of the veto

> bill brought to him for signature. The bill by Anderson of Phelps cut ting down the daily time for operation ments of the hour and then can make of thirst emporiums will likely give such amendments as they think, after the legislator something to fight over regular committee investigation, ap- in lively shape. The measure provides pear to be unfair to the interests con- that all saloons in the state shall close their doors at 6 o'clock, instead The charge is made that the live of 8 o'clock, in the evening. The stock exchange is operating a combi- measure is the product of Anderson's nation in unlawful restraint of the own efforts, he says, and no members commission business and that the of the anti-saloon league or any other

> ousted from privileges of the market. Democratic legislature will do with the Against the stock yards the charge measure and what the Republican Other than that, the author thinks the bill will not be worth much.

All of which should make the aver age taxpayer wonder why the legisla-

The house is determined that the senate shall not spend more than \$10. 000 for the salaries of its employees and the members of the upper house that they cannot get along on that constitute efficiency within the mean ing of that word. The senators say men and women to do the work than

Three newspaper publishers in the legislature propose to see to it that all legal notices shall be paid for prompt ly instead of the publisher being compelled to wait several months for his money. When a legal publication has been made the owner of the newspaper must swear to an affidavit contain ing this clause:

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STATE FAIR DOARD **CUTS SALARIES**

Slashes In Pay of Members Result of Annual Meeting.

ROBERTS HEADS THE BODY

Fremont Man Elected President and W. R. Mellor Re-elected Scaretary. Many Meetings of Organized Agriculture Are Held at Lincoln.

Lincoln, Jan. 21.-Economy ruled at a meeting of the state board of agriculture when the salary of the board secretary was cut from \$3,000 to \$2,500 and the stipends of members of the executive board governing the state fair and all superintendents of departments of the fair were placed on a basis of \$4 per day of actual service. together with hotel bills and traveling

The change was effected on a report of the special committee to re vise the rules governing the board, the recommendation being that the secretary's salary be cut \$500 a year and that of each member of the board of managers from \$200 to \$250 and the treasurer from \$350 to \$300.

Action as finally taken was on a motion by Secretary Meller that the per diem scale be fixed.

The change applies to all connected with the board of agriculture drawing over \$3 a day, except the secretary, whose salary will be at the reduced figure of \$2,500.

In view of the small balance of \$2, 600 in the treasury, because of unfavorable years for the fair, it was decided to discontinue the publicity bureau as now conducted.

Officers elected for the ensuing year Omaha medical school-the medical are: President, Joseph Roberts of

The meetings of organized agricult ture are well under way, with sessions breeders. Rural schools will have an

House Proceedings.

Needless expense in printing bills in the house which are duplicates of hose in the senate was a which Representative Richmond of Douglas fought against and which he finally got through.

Public warehouse resolutions started a debate which for a time kept things interesting. Tibbets of Adams sent up a resolution asking for the appoint ment of a committee of three, which should be composed of one lawyer, one farmer and another, who should draft a bill along lines suggested by the

Farmers' union. Mr. Osterman declared that other organizations of farmers had declared against such a bill and Mr. Dau joined with Osterman in declaring that a

warehouse bill was not needed. Tibbets then withdrew his resolution. The house listened to an address by

Congressman Reavis of Falls City and then adjourned until morning. Beal Has Bill to Pension Mothers.

A mothers' pension bill, intended to power, particularly where the wish of take the place of bills already introthe people is obviously contained in a duced, so it is said, was introduced by Beal of Custer in the senate. The bill affects the old law in that it makes it easier for the pension to be secured. under the old law the child practically being placed under the custody of the court. The Beal bill provides that a mother or guardian may make application to the county judge, who may issue an order that the mother shall be paid not more than \$10 per month for each child. A special levy is provided.

Sterilization Bill Is Lost.

Reisner's sterilization bill met de feat in the house medical committee-The judiciary committee reported out two bills, one increasing the penalty for aiding the escape of a prisoner and the other requiring that a county atterney should be at least twenty-five years of age, live in the county two years and have practiced law at least

one year. The judiciary committee of the senate divided, 4 to 4, on the Gates bill known as S. F. 13.

NAMES MORE COLONELS

Governor Morehead Now Has Staff That Numbers Ninety-two Men.

Lincoln, Jan. 21.-The announce ment of three additional colonels as opinion manifested from time to time members of the governor's staff were during the session as to what shall given out. They are Hal Christy of Scribner, H. F. Bohl of Scribner and Paul Wupper of Beemer. The first list

The State Association of County Superintendents of Education, meetingin Superintendent Thomas' office at the state house, went on record as favoring a change in the date of the annual district school meetings from June to some time in March.

Greenwood Has Oldest Odd Fellow. Greenwood, Neb., Jan. 21.-14 W Swanback of Greenwood will be 196 years old March 9. He was born in Germany and claims to be the oldest Odd Fellow in the world. He served against the Danes in the war of 1848