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CHAPTER XXIII. "I shall help you to run away." ISTEN to me." said McCan. "The spring thaw is here, an' the crust is comin' on the snow.

It's the time to travel. 1 would run with no less a man than you.'

"But you can't run." Smoke contradicted. "Your backbone is as limber as thawed marrow. If I run, I run alone. The world fades, and perhaps 1 shall never run."

My hunters did not kill him They more afraid for you. You see, it is as found the body, frozen in the first of you told me. I love you more than the spring-storms in the mountains. anybody else in the world. I love you No man can escape. When shall we celebrate your marriage?"

is trouble in your eyes, in your face. guage. The thoughts in my heart for On, I do know all your face. When you, as bright and as many as the you are happy the corners of your stars-there is no language for them. mouth turn up. When you think sad How can I tell you them? They are thoughts they turn down. When you | there-see!" smile there are three and four wrinkies at the corners of your eyes. When | from his hand and thrust the hand inyou laugh there are six. But I can side the warmth of her parka until it travel." not count them now.

taught me much. And in his own eyes felt the beat, beat of her heart and for the world. Is the world so good that you, too, are hungry for it? Four Eyes had nothing. But you have me." She sighed and shook her head. "Four Eyes died still hungry for the world. And if you lived here always would you, too, die hungry for the world? I am afraid I do not know the world. Do you want to run away to the world?"

Smoke could not speak, but by his mouth corner lines was she convinced. Minutes of silence passed in which

ful husbanding and appetites that nevon the south traverse." er blunted their edge, was Smoke's "Dear, listen," he urged. "We must and Labiskwee's judgment. Smoke apportioned the weight and bulk of the go back."

She pressed her mitten against his lips to prevent further speech. "You love me. Say that you love me." carry a pack. Next day the stream similewed out in

"I do love you, Labiskwee. You are my wonderful sweetheart." Again the mitten was a caressing ob

already breaking through the crust on stacle to utterance. "We shall go on the flats when they gained the harder to the cache." she said with decision. surface of the slope of the divide. "It would be a great wrong to you to "Ten minutes later, and we wouldn't

have got across the flats," Smoke said go back. I-I am only a wild girl, and Said Snass: "Your partner is dead I am afraid of the world, but I am when they paused for breath on the bald crest of the summit. "We must be a thousand feet higher here."

But Labiskwee, without speaking, more than myself. The Indian lanpointed down to an open flat among the trees. In the midst of it, scattered guage is not a good language. The And Labiskwee: "I watch you. There | English language is not a good lan- abreast, were five dark specks that scarcely moved.

longer way around.

pocketful he carried.

is not good."

Labiskwee spoke in an undertone to

Smoke. "He is eating," she said. "It

Smoke looked. The man was secret-

"No enting between meals." he com-

manded. "There's no game in the

country ahead, and the grub will have

to be whacked in equal rations from

the start. The only way you can travel

By 1 o'clock the crust had thawed

so that the skis broke through, and

before 2 o'clock the web shoes were

breaking through. Camp was made

and the first meal eaten. Smoke took

stock of the food. McCan's supply

was a disappointment. So many silver

for skins had he stuffed into the bot-

tom of the ment bag that there was lif-

Enough food for a month, with care-

wide mountain valley, and they were

with us is by playing fair."

tle space left for meat.

ly munching caribou suet from the

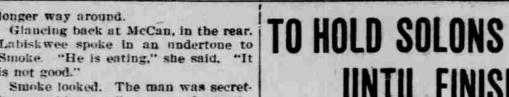
"The young men." said Labiskwee. "They are wallowing to their hips," Smoke said. "They will never gain the hard footing this day. We have hours the start of them. Come on, McCan. As she spoke she slipped the mitten

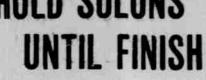
Buck up. We don't eat till we can't rested against her breast. Tightly and In the higher valley in which they "I have never read books. I do not steadily she pressed his hand in its now found themselves the crust did

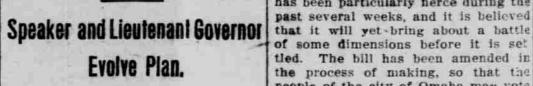
know how to read. But Four Eyes position. And in the long silence he not break till 3 in the afternoon, at which time they managed to gain the I have seen the trouble of the hunger knew that every beat of it was love shadow of a mountain where the crust for the world. He was often hungry And then slowly, almost imperceptibly, was already freezing again.

Black darkness came on, after a long twilight, at 9 o'clock, when they made camp in a clump of dwarf spruce. Mc-Can was helpless. The day's march bad been exhausting, but in addition. despite his nine years' experience in the arctic, he had been eating snow and was in agony with his parched and burning mouth. He crouched by the fire and groaned while they made the camp.

In the night came wind and snow, and through the day of blizzard they joke. Numerous members of the house rate would be no higher than the aver-









Decide to Refuse Their Signatures on There is no disposition on the part All Vouchers Until Session Is Ended. of the present session of the legisla-Appropriation Bills Up in Senate ture to pass any kind of liquor or temperance legislation. By quiet consent This Week.

of the members of both houses all poisoned by some one, came into the week. Lincoln-Members of the present such bills are being sidetracked. Not house, and while in a spasm, got unlegislative session will not have an a one has any change of getting der the stove and tipped it over. Rush opportunty to skip away before the through. The wet bills are being sub Fellows and several others reached end of the game. Speaker Jackson jected to the same treatment at the there just in time to quench the fire wee's insistence that she, too, should have agreed that they will not sign agreement—as the dry bills are at the and prevent more serious results. The wallest \$200 woucher of the last \$200 woucher of the the last \$200 voucher of the members hands of the dry members. This ac dog died.

just been acted upon and the commit-

tee of the whole is still to hear the

lighting bill. The latter measure is

one of those in which R. B. Howell

was interested. The fight on this bil

has been particularly fierce during the

past several weeks, and it is believed

of some dimensions before it is set

tled. The bill has been amended in

the process of making, so that the

people of the city of Omaha may vote

for the embarkation of the water dis-

trict into the lighting business. It is

merits and demerits of the Omaka * IN PLATTSMOUTH

on the question of issuance of bonds he makes of it, too.

day.

missioner lately.

until the last day of the session. That tion is taken in the hope that there means that in order for the members will nothing result from this session to obtain that priceless little piece of which will impair the free settlement quested to examine and report the depaper called a warrant they must be of the liquor question two years hence fective flues on Main street. Half

on hand when the last stroke is heard under the provisions of the initiative. through the chamber.

trouble. Member after member would day it has sometimes appeared that people of the state began to understand its provisions. The house leadthere were no more than a handful of ers who are interested in the passage the members here. It is a dangerous thing to experiment with, according of the measure say that it will stand to Speaker Jackson, and if it so hap a good show of getting through. The bill erases the discrimination that has pened that a designing few laid over existed for years in this state and until the last they could do enough compels the citizens of the various mischief in the dying moments of the towns to pay upon the same basis session to make a deal of trouble during the two years following. Thus far there have been heard no rebellious utterances over the matter. The members quite agree with the

still high.

has become more or less a legislative ered where necessary, but the state

presiding officers of the two houses property and that there is no more and they are ready to acquiesce in the reason for a lack of uniformity than there is in tax affairs. Omaha people he is.

The big appropriation bills which are now paying two to three times as

Under the proposal, the rates would mouth now stands. That band is to

be raised where necessary and low be reorganized for the 16th.

impediment to its progress, the wagon The Pioneer association met last passed the house last week are before much for the same kind of insurance was raised, the tongue broken, and the senate this week and it appears that Lincoln business men and dwell Saturday with a largely increased at- the horses relieving themselves of all that there will be some raising there. ing house owners are purchasing tendance. Further steps were taken incumbrances, passed on at a lively This, however, is in line with the sug- Lincoln has no right to this discrimi for the success of the picnic of the pace to the brick stable without any nation, say the Omaha senators and 16th inst. By the way, everybody further damage. members, so that the latter body will representatives. Neither has any othnot take any credit to itself for keep- er of half a dozen towns where the wants to keep the entertainment in

ing the totals at a point below those rates are exceedingly low. The towns mind and be on hand, as it will prove District court is in full blast, with finally approved by the senate. The entitled to the rates are those several one of the best, as well as the last of common cry has been in the house, hundred localities where the rates are the season. In 1855 a brass band dis-

Cholera is again destroying a large number of chickens in this vicinity.

We omitted last week to speak of Master George Donovan is now

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"Lon" Cunningham coasted "himself" into the creek, costing him a * split cheek severe enough to have the FORTY YEARS AGO. & doctor sew it up. At last accounts he was so so.

Uncle Stephen Hobson came in to Phil Harrison was married yestersee us Friday and left the madame

nett's absence, and a very good fist part of the country.

the handsomest apple-a great big Daniel Wheeler, jr., has been acting Bellflower. Uncle Stephen is the only express agent during Captain Ben- man that can raise Bellflowers in this

The work of refitting the Methodist Both avenues, Second street and church is going on favorably. It was

believed that this amply safeguards it Vine street, are or have been receiv- intended to have it opened for service ing the attention of the street com- on next Sabbath, but delays will 1 revent. It is intended to have it ready

for occupancy on Sunday after next, Mr. Wells' hunting dog, having been of which notice will be given next

> We dropped into Hatt's butcher shop the other day and saw a fine ared beef, in luscious steaks of red and white that would make an anchorite's mouth water. Att halso 'ad some

rear of the bank, at which Judge Gass,

bank and Stadelmann's offering an

Our fire marshal is respectfully re-'eavy 'ogs for sale.

those shanties there have chimneys

Interest in the anti-discrimination only a foot high, and others run the As Thomas Ellington was engaged In years agone this has been a bau fire insurance bill, now pending in pipe through the roof. Below there in moving the goods of Alonzo Cundesert the ranks, until upon the last the house, is at a fever heat since are little sheet-iron stoves with no ningham, the horses started to run as dampers and always in a blaze this they were crossing Vine on Sixth, towards Main street, Ellington threw cold weather. the lines and jumped from the load;

Gen. Cunningham returned home team crossed the bridge and collided from Washington on Saturday last with the telegraph pole just in the after a nearly all winter's stay. The general reports the Nebraska cnaps forgetful of his dignified title, conin Washington as all O. K., fat and descended to allow himself to be and the citizens of the same town to flourishing, ready for investigation, thrown across the sidewalk and down pay the same rates on the same kind or any other music. He himself looks among the boxes and barrels in the of risks. Members who are advocat- well and shows his feed while down rear of the brick block (we are glad ing the passage of the bill say that among the big guns. Think's Blaine to learn he escaped without serious infire insurance is virtually a tax upon is the man who will be next president jury); the shock threw the tong se -time will tell how good a guesser down, and the crosswalk between the

she visibly struggled, while Smoke cursed himself for the unguessed weakness that enabled him to speak the truth about his hunger for the world while it kept his lips tight on the truth of the existence of the other woman. Again Labiskwee sighed.

"Very well. I love you more than I fear my father's anger, and he is more terrible in anger than a mountain storm. You told me what love is. This is the test of love. I shall help you to run away back to the world."

Smoke awakened softly and without movement. Warm, small fingers touched his cheek and slid gently to a pressure on his lips. The one word "Come" was breathed in his ear. He sat up carefully and listened. Close at hand he could distinguish the light regular breathing of Snass.

Labiskwee tugged gently at Smoke's sleeve and he knew she wished him to follow. He took his moccasins and German socks in his hand and crept out into the snow in his sleeping moccasins. Beyond the glow from the dying embers of the fire she indicated to him to put on his outer footgear. and while he obeyed she went back under the fly where Snass slept.

Feeling the hands of his watch. Smoke found it was 1 in the morning. Labiskwee rejoined him and led him on through the sleeping camp.

"Now we can talk," she said when the last fire had been left half a mile behind.

In the starlight, facing him, Smoke noted for the first time that her arms were burdened, and, on feeling, discovered she carried his snowshoes, a rifle, two belts of ammunition and his sleeping robes.

"I have everything fixed," she said, with a happy little laugh. "I have been two days making the cache. There is meat, even flour, matches and skis, which go best on the hard crust, and, when they break through, the webs will hold up longer. Ob. I do judgment on the matter and spoke. know snow travel, and we shall go fast, my lover."

Smoke checked his speech. That she had been arranging his escape was surprise enough, but that she had planned to go with him was more than he father. I am like my father. You will was prepared for. Unable to plan immediate action, he gently, one by one, took her burdens from her. He put his arms around her and pressed her close, and still he could not think what to do.

"God is good." she whispered. "He sent me a lover."

Yet Smoke was brave enough not to suggest his going alone. And ere he spoke he saw all his memory of the bright world reel and fade.

"We will go back, Labiskwee," he said. "You will be my wife, and we shall live always with the Caribou people."

"No, no!" And her body, in the circle of his arm, resented his proposal. "I know. I have thought much. The hunger for the world would come upon you, and in the long nights it would devour your heart. Four Eyes died of hunger for the world; so would you die. And I will not have you die. We will go on across the snow mountains



back, Labiskwee. You will "We will a be my wife."

still holding his hand, her body began to incline away from his and toward the direction of the cache. Nor would he resist. It was as if he were drawn by her heart itself that so nearly lay in the hollow of his hand.

So firm was the crust that they slid along rapidly on their skis.

"Just here, in the trees, is the cache," Labiskwee told Smoke.

The next moment she caught his arm with a startle of surprise. The flames of a small fire were dancing merrily, and crouched by the fire was McCan. "I was minded you'd run without ing. me," McCan explained when they came "Where did you get it?" Smoke deup, his small peering eyes glimmering manded. with cunning. "So I kept an eye on

the girl, an' when I seen her cachin' skis an' grub 1 was on. I've brought my own skis an' webs an' grub. Will we be startin' now?"

Labiskwee looked swift consternation at Smoke, as swiftly achieved a "McCan, you are a dog!" she hissed.

and her eyes were savage with anger. "I know it is in your heart to raise the

camp if we don't take you. Very well, friends. We must take you. But you know my do your share of the work. You will obey. And if you play one dirty trick it would be better for you if you had

never run." Daylight found them in the belt of foothills that lay between the rolling country and the mountains. McCan suggested breakfast, but they held on. Labiskwee explained to Smoke her knowledge of the country and the way she planned to baffle pursuit. There were but two ways out, one west, the other south. Snass would immediately dispatch parties of young men to guard T. M. Patterson, Secretary. the two trails. But there was another way south. True, it did no more than penetrate halfway into the high mountains; then, twisting to the west and crossing three divides, it joined the regular trail. When the young men found no traces on the regular trail they would turn back in the belief that

the escape and been made by the west

traverse, never dreaming that the run

aways had ventured the harder and

vides, and in those two days they dropped spring behind and climbed up into the abode of winter. "The young men have lost our trail. an' what's to stop us restin' a day?" McCan begged. But no rest was accorded. Smoke and Labiskwee knew their dauger. They were lost in the high mountains. and they had seen no game nor signs of game. Day after day they strug-

gled on through an iron configuration labyrinthine canyons and valleys that led rarely to the west. The terrible toil and the cold ate up energy, yet they cut down the size of the ration they permitted themselves. One night Smoke was awakened by a

sound of struggling. Distinctly be heard a gasping and strangling from where McCan slept. Kicking the fire

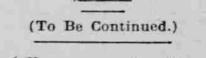
into flame, by its light he saw Labiskwee, her hands at the man's throat and forcing from his mouth a chunk of partiy chewed meat. Even as Smoke saw this her hand went to her hip and

flashed with the sheath knife in it. "Labiskwee!" Smoke cried, and his voice was peremptory.

The hand besitated. "Don't!" he said, coming to her side. She was shaking with anger, but the hand, after hesitating a moment longer.

descended reluctantly to the sheath. McCan sat up, whimpering and snarl-

"Feel around his body," Labiskwee said.



among the passengers this morning for Omaha and Council Bluffs, where they will visit for a few hours with

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fought their way blindly, missing the have insisted that the body as a whole are we sent here for?" they ask.

new orders.

roll call vote on a measure which they were interested in and which they desired to see killed. This was the Os. The most insistent enemies of the

gestions of a number of the house

"Oh, well, let the senate raise it."

That attitude has been taken very

frequently-so often in fact that it

terman uniform right-of-way bill. This bill have been those who have quesmeasure provided that right-of-way of the roads of the state had to be Howell so much power. uniform through a county. Penalty

for non-observance under its provisions was to be followed by forof landscape that compelled them to feiture of its right of eminent domain, That would have meant an impossible barrier against the construction of further lines in the state, in the opinion of a number of attorneys and outside business men, who came here

o help in the fight against it. relative to the railroad situation in his state were read to the assembled members in the debate on the matter. In both of these there was reflected the belief that railroads should

be undisturbed and that their securities should be allowed to become as stable as government bonds. Those lawmakers who presented the railroads' side of the case then insisted

that this would never be if such legislation as this were aimed at them.

The question of the ability of the legislature to keep the appropriations

pelow those of the 1913 session ap-

'hat the sum total will be in excess of \$7.500,000, or only half a million dol- their loss. nrs below the session of 1913.

If that is done, however, the memfers generally say they will be well

pleased. They believe that that will he doing fairly well in view of the Omaha city commissioners and former manly salesman to handle a Ward's fact that the population of the various Lieutenant Governor McKelvie. institutions has increased considerably during the two years and that much money will be put into permanent investments, in the shape of lands.

A half million dollar saving would ower the taxes on \$5,000 worth of

property about \$1 a year. This apparently inconsequential sum illusrates the midgetry of the state levies and in the opinion of a number of the souse leaders shows that state taxes

after all are the least of any property owners have to pay. The state levy has never been over

31.5 mills-or about one-fourth the Best Garage site in Plattsmouth; school levy in any number of districts

rear 1914 was 71-5 mills, or about me-seventh of the total average levy n all the counties of the state.

Omaha affairs are to the fore during Letter files at the Journal office, he week. The annexation bill has tract.

age state rate at present. The entire Judge Sprague's removal to Ashland. playing the "devil" for the Herald. turn of the way that led up a small should not be afraid to do something matter would be under the charge of Mr. Sprague has been the law partner

stream and crossed a divide to the of a startling nature on its own hook. west. For two more days they wan-dered, crossing other and wrong di-are we sent here for?" they ask. the state insurance commission, com-dered, crossing other and wrong dibelieved that that body would pre land on account of owning property himself, was buried last Thursday. Railroads of the state asked Tues- serve an equality between the rates there and other business relations.

coursed sweet music where Platts-

"Dick" O'Neil, F. Carruth's mag, day for what will probably be the only and that utter fairness would be re We are sorry to lose the judge. He is corded in rate making hereafter in a good citizen and lawyer, and Platts- Friday, saved a little boy from being this state under the terms of the bill mouth can ill afford to lose such, but run over by a car last week. we suppose he must look after his

tioned the advisability of giving Mr. own interests, just as the Herald or Mr. and Mrs. Jas. N. Shera, Rock anyone else does. Success to him, Bluffs, had a son born to them on the 13th inst. Mr. Shera is a brother to anyway, wherever he goes. Jos. Shera, the well known merchant Messages sent from Governor More-

Christmas was a gala day at Glen- and miller there. head to the legislature show the intense interest which the executive has dale-all day the school house pre-

in road making over the state. The sented a busy appearance, as a beauti-Judge Haines has been sick. They governor wants something done in the ful Christmas tree was being fitted say a trough had something to do with way of providing for the establish ment of road paving districts in the order and the crowd began to as rural sections of the state. He be- order and the crowd began to as- dog sick." Eh, how is this? lieves that only through such a plan semble. Ere an hour had elapsed the

The statements of both President can there ultimately come a time house was filled to its utmost, and Wilson and Secretary of State Bryan when farmers of the state can get to the tree gave unmistakeable evidence lected on the pavement in front of town in all kinds of weather. He that Glendale could do the handsome Ben Hemple's the sther day. Morgan, wants the present legislature to aral thing when she felt so disposed. Hagood, Mickelwaite, Capt. Paine, the farmers with some kind of a Elegant and costly presents, as well the Herald, Hemple, and- well, we weapon like this, and he believes they will then work out their own salva-tion. The experiment, he says, would be an expensive one when regarded The exercises of the evening were crowd.

from the angle of first cost. But in formally opened by a song from the the end, he believes that it would pay choir, entitled "Christmas Eve." It and pay well, and he thinks that no may not be out of place to mention town is forbid. Charley Holmes, D.farmers of the state, once they have that the music was very fine. The Jones and a host of fellows want to given it a trial would be willing to choir was composed of Messrs. Ward, "look a leddle oud." Horses free from Another message sent to the law. Sayles, Cooley, Livingston and others. any livery in town to see the fight.

makers by the chief executive asks Miss Mamie Cooley and Miss Hase- Cutler has his own team. of the sesssion, including all the spe- that something be set aside for the meire in turn presided at the organ; cial and regular bills, down to a point payment of indemnities to the owners after other music, prayer was offered of animals which have to be slaugh by our worthy superintendent, Ben- less true is the fact that on the wagon

time. It is an acute question, accord- the foot and mouth disease. That Polls, in his usual style, delivered the bottom, within the distance of less ing to some of the members, and while t is impossible to tell anything defi-tite so far in advance, some of the board feels that it would be well to members freely predict that a good have the money available and then in merriment began. We learn that more less shattered by lighting; 12 in a Carl Kunsmann and wife were record will be made. Others think the event that it is needed have it on than 250 presents of real worth were row, then missing one, two more are hand to recompense the owners for distributed, and everybody went home telling that it was good to have been

> Dodge of Douglas went on the war path in the senate, making charges against the Omaha Gas company, the

Dodge said that McKelvie in 1913 had fixed the conference committee so

that all amendments hostile to the gas company were stricken out. Concerning the gas company and

said that the former was attempting to put something over in the shape of pany's franchise, which expires in land route. Says the town is growing county. The soad to Weeping Water 1917. If they couldn't do it with the and everybody happy.

would with commissioners which they were now fighting to elect this spring

ator Howell's standing committee, recommending it for indefinite postponement. The bill repeals certain powers given the city council in connection with the gas franchise, including A sweet collection of personals, col-

Fighting inside the limits of the

Something strange, but neverthepears to be uppermost at the present tered by reason of their affliction with jamin Ward, esq., after which J. H. road between Heisel's mill and Platte stripped from top to bottom. All of which seems to have been done during C. S. our last storms.

> It almost astonishes us to see wint nice improvements Mr. King, proprietor of the Nebraska House at Eight Mile Grove, has made within a year past. Mr. K. has put up a comus, and Henry Bons has bought aim fortable building, wherein he has a cut. He and Lenhoff will run the ma- store, tends postoffice and receives and entertains travelers, and all that comes and goes. In short, making a small village himself. This supplies a want long felt and needed in this is a long one on a hot day, and travelers will gladly welcome Brother John Heffner's horse committed King's Nebraska resting place.

> > CASTORIA For Infants and Children. The Kind You Have Always Bough Bears the A. H

there. Dr. John Black has been quite sick again with his old complaint. It has been very serious this time. John Englehart has gone and left

the city commissioners of Omaha, he chine for the future.

Vivian has been down to Syracuse. a ten-year contract extending the com- Did it all alone with the mules, over-

of Quinby's successful fight to save to do it. John says there ought to senate file 251 from the report of Sen- be a law against horseaciding.

Mr. Byers, U. S. counsul to Switzerland, in company with W. Gilmore. called on the Herald last week. He is the power to enter into a ten-year con a very pleasant and intelligent gentle-

present commissioners, he said, they

The remarks were made in support suicide last week, and broke his nack

