

THE CITY LIGHTS

Bright and clear in sable darkness. Or in silent moonlit nights. Dances on the water's stargaze. Gleaming of the city lights.

His Six Months in Lumber Camp

A few stormy days ago a tall, shrewy, fine looking man of 35 or so stepped with his wife a singularly handsome woman, into a blue and red automobile in front of a great city hotel.

"Nifty looking boy to've been a cook in a lumber camp, eh?" said the lumberman.

"Which, of course, he never was," said the Michigan's companion. "Don't you believe that he wasn't," said the lumberman. "I come pretty near knowing, for I was the foreman of his outfit, and we had a great talk and laugh over the whole business at dinner in this hotel yesterday. I'm rather proud of the boy, and I feel as sort of proprietary interest in him."

"But I didn't know anything about him, much less who he was, when he braced me for a cook's job in Alpena, Mich., twelve years ago. Last fall, I was a foreman then, and engaged in hiring a gang to take into the Michigan woods for the winter's work. I'd pretty well filled the crew up, but was still shy a cook for the outfit—lumber camp cooks are hard to get. It was pretty near time to take the gang into the camp, and I was becoming worried about my inability to snag a cook, when one day a young fellow with a dissipated look about him steered in my direction and tackled me for the cook's billet."

"He was somewhat roughly dressed, but for all that he didn't strike me as being anything like a lumber camp cook. He had a pretty good edge on when he applied for the job, but that didn't bother me any—lumbermen generally keep their jags a-going pretty comfortably until they make camp for the season's work, and once in camp there is, of course, no liquor for any of them. I asked this young fellow if he had ever cooked in a lumber camp before, and he said no. Then I inquired what made him think he could dish up the grub for a wood gathering outfit, and he told me that he had picked up the knack of cooking in the course of a number of his name-hunting trips in the far West. I wasn't, however, taking his plain word for it that he'd suit as a cook, and so I led him to the boarding house where I had my gang sheltered and put him in the kitchen to try him out. Despite the palpable bulge that he had on which he kept puffed up by means of frequent draughts from a big flask that he had along with him, he made good. I could see at once from the way he rashed the pots and skillets and tackled the job of getting that boarding house dinner that he was onto the curves of the cook's billet, so I took him on at \$55 a month."

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"He turned out to be the best all-around cook that I ever saw in a lumber camp, and I had been going into the woods then for a dozen years. After about a month or so he began to mingle up with the indoor sports of the men after supper, and he won the lunch completely by the fine ability he displayed as a boxer and wrestler—and when I got him he looked so run down that I doubted if he could stand the gaff. There was a fiddle in the camp that had been left there from the previous winter, and the things that cook could do to the instrument were sure a heap. The cook nursed the victims of the inevitable accidents of lumber camps, and he showed a surprising amount of surgical and medical skill. I had my eye on that young fellow, and I didn't want him to get away from me. So, when April came around and the drive was over, and we broke camp, I herded him up in a corner all by himself and says I to him:

"Jack, you're in too fine trim right now, after the long let-up from the red eye, to take and stuff your hide with it again, now that you're looser. All of the boys'll get b'iling, of course, as soon as we hit the first rum shack, and I may go up against a few balls myself, but we're all tough birds, and we know how to handle it and get away with it. You'd better pass it up yourself or it'll land you. Take your dough and go on home to your people and have a decent, civilized visit with 'em. And I want you to turn up in Alpena again next fall and I'll take you into camp at \$70 a month. How about it?"

"The cook smiled and said he'd see about it. As the trip to the boat that was to carry us down to Detroit progressed I was glad to see that my words of advice had apparently stuck with the cook. He didn't take a drink, although all the rest of the boys were, of course, explicated and rioting during the whole trip."

"I was puzzled, as the vessel drew nigh to Detroit, to see the captain of the boat hand my cook a fine-looking and bulky grip. But I was not asking any questions. Half an hour after getting the grip the cook emerged from the captain's room wearing about as swaggy an outfit of fags as ever you'll see off of a fashion plate. He looked like the real merchandise, but the thing was still a plenty mysterious to me."

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"By the Lord, son, how you look like the man you ought to be! The old man was saying to my cook, 'and then the cat was out of the bag. My cook was my employer's scapegrace son of whom I had often heard. The boy had been in hot water, owing to his addiction to the old stuff, ever since his early youth. He had been banished from Heidelberg, where he was getting his education, for alcoholic pranks; and upon his return to Michigan he had embarked on a series of colossal toots that had almost driven his family to distraction. He had been offered the alternative of going into the woods for a winter's sojourn up and hard work or of being cast off altogether by his dad, and he had the good sense of taking the sobering up end of it. The camp was just the thing he needed to thoroughly work the humor out of his system and build him up, and he has never taken a drink from the time I saw him go through his fight with that after feeling on our way to the camp. His dad was so grateful for what he foolishly imagined I had done for the boy that he made me general superintendent of all his lumber interests. The young man you saw entering the automobile a few moments ago with as pretty a wife as Michigan has produced took charge of the great business when his father died a few years ago. All of which is why I am of the opinion that six months in a northern lumber camp is better for inebriates than all of the 'jas cures' that were ever invented."

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Recorder Goff of New York occasionally says humorous things with a dry air.

Recently before him a lawyer cross-examined a witness so exhaustively that the poor man, beginning to lose his voice, had to pause to ask for a glass of water.

The Recorder, a faint smile playing about his lips, said to the active lawyer as the witness drank:

"I thought you'd pump him dry."

County News Notes

A ranch, have moved into the G. A. R. hall for the time being, there being no other vacant building in town. From The Stuart Ledger

The citizens of Stuart held a caucus at the town hall last evening and nominated the following men on the village board: Ben Forner, Jacob Kraft, John Burger.

John Robertson went to Omaha this week, having been called there by the release of Mrs. Robertson, who has again undergone another surgical operation.

Before leaving for Iowa Will Galleher, renewed his subscription to the Ledger. It is with regret that the Ledger chronicles the departure of Mr. and Mrs. Galleher, which removes from Stuart, a family that was a credit in every way to the social and moral life of our town.

Messrs. Mills and Palmer of O'Neill have been at work this week putting in a test well preparatory to the fire protection. They are putting in a 6 inch casing and a cook strainer and if it is found that one well is insufficient, they will put down additional wells until the water supply is assured.

Last Saturday night the hardware store of Taft & Thomas was broken into and a revolver and holder stolen. The window on the north next to the Allman building was smashed in, and the night robbers entered, opened the door, and fled.

They had better take warning, for future offenders may not find it so easy to escape a trial, and a few months' languishment in "durance vile."

A Counting Contest. The Lincoln Daily Star, Nebraska's brightest and best daily newspaper, is conducting a counting contest among its subscribers in which they are offering \$150 in gold prizes.

The contest is proving a very popular one on account of its simplicity, and the large prizes awarded. The conditions governing the contest are few and easy to be complied with. If you will send a postal card to the publishers asking for a sample copy containing the particulars they will send you one, and you can take part in the contest and perhaps win one of the prizes.

The Lincoln Daily Star contains all the news, all the time. Four editions are published daily. Full Associated Press service over leased wire. Latest markets. Detailed legislative proceedings.

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The Market

(Special market letter from Nye & Buchanan Co. Live Stock Commission Merchants South Omaha, Nebraska.)

South Omaha, Mar. 19, 1903. This week opened slow account heavy receipts in Chicago, but has kept fully steady and active. Heavy steers are still selling cheaper proportionately than any other class.

We quote best beef steers \$4.60 to \$4.80, good \$4.10 to \$4.50, warmed-up \$3.80 to \$4.05; choice cows and heifers \$3.60 to \$4.00, fair to good \$2.90 to \$3.50, canners and cutters \$1.75 to \$2.50. Choice light stockers and feeders \$4.20 to \$4.40, good \$3.75 to \$4.20. Bulls slow at \$2.60 to \$3.80; veal \$4.00 to \$6.20.

Hog receipts light. Market lower. Range \$6.85 to \$7.20. Sheep receipts moderate. Market lower.

Killers \$6.25-\$6.75 Yearlings 5.50-6.00 Wethers 5.40-5.80 Ewes 4.50-5.25

Nye & Buchanan Co.

RUTS

The walking sick, what a crowd of them there are: Persons who are thin and weak but not sick enough to go to bed.

"Chronic cases," that's what the doctors call them, which in common English means—long sickness.

To stop the continued loss of flesh they need Scott's Emulsion. For the feeling of weakness they need Scott's Emulsion.

It makes new flesh and gives new life to the weak system.

Scott's Emulsion gets thin and weak persons out of the rut. It makes new, rich blood, strengthens the nerves and gives appetite for ordinary food.

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There's new strength and flesh in every dose.

We will be glad to send you a few doses free. Be sure that this picture in the wrapper of every bottle of Emulsion you buy. SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, 400 Pearl St., N. Y. 50c. and \$1. all druggists.

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NORTH WESTERN RAILROAD WEST EAST

F. E. & M. V. Railroad TRAINS DEPART: Passenger east, No. 24, 9:57 A. M. Freight east, No. 4, 12:01 P. M. Freight east, No. 28, 4:00 P. M.

TIME CARD GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY WILMAR & SIOUX FALLS RAILWAY.

Passenger, Daily Except Sunday. 9:50 P. M. Ar., Central Time, Lv. 10:10 A. M. Mixed Train, Daily, Except Sunday. 4:30 P. M. Ar., Central Time, Lv. 5:30 P. M.

SALE OF PUBLIC LAND. Department of the Interior, United States Land Office. O'Neill, Nebraska, Feb. 25, 1903. Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of instructions from the Commissioner of the General Land Office, under authority vested in him by Sec. 2462, R. S., as amended by the act of February 26, 1895, we will proceed to offer at public sale on the 32nd day of April, 1903, at 10 o'clock a. m., the following real estate situated in said county and township:

The south half of the southeast quarter of section 14 of the north half of the southeast quarter of section 23, township 25 north of range 19 west of the 10th P. M., except 1/2 acre out of the northeast corner of said north half of the southeast quarter of said section 23 to satisfy a decree entered in said cause Dec. 18, 1897, for the plaintiff for \$100 and costs and cross-petition on day of sale otherwise their rights will be forfeited. S. J. WELLES, Register.

SHERIFF'S SALE. Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a writ of sale issued to me by the clerk of the district court of Holt county, Nebraska, in the case of County of Holt vs. John G. Galt et al., Elizabeth McCarthy, and Cornelia Galt, co-defendants, that I will on the 30th day of April, 1903, at 10 o'clock a. m., sell at the highest bid for cash in front of the court-house in O'Neill, Holt county, Nebraska, the following real estate situated in said county and township:

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Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the county clerk, O'Neill, Nebraska, until 10 o'clock April 20, 1903, for the building of a bridge across the Elkhorn river in E. W. precinct about the center of the bridge 7-9. Said bridge to be a steel and steel girder bridge. Contractor to furnish plan and specifications. The contract is to be delivered at the site of said bridge.

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the county clerk, O'Neill, Nebraska, until 10 o'clock April 20, 1903, for the building of a bridge across the South Fork creek on section and range line between section 28 and section 32, T. 25 N., R. 19 W., in Holt county, Nebraska. Said bridge to be a steel and steel girder bridge. Contractor to furnish plan and specifications. The contract is to be delivered at the site of said bridge.

LEGAL NOTICE. William T. Wilder and Linda W. Wilder, his wife, non-residents of Holt county, Nebraska, do hereby give notice that on the 9th day of March, 1903, Charles E. Gibson, plaintiff, filed his petition in the district court of Holt county, Nebraska, in and to the said county, against the said William T. Wilder and Linda W. Wilder, defendants, for the purpose of foreclosing a certain mortgage on the northeast quarter of section 14, township 25 north of range 19 west of the 10th P. M., in Holt county, Nebraska, which said mortgage was executed by the said William T. Wilder and Linda W. Wilder on the 10th day of March, 1903, and the said Charles E. Gibson, plaintiff, prays for a decree in the sum of \$100 and costs and cross-petition on day of sale otherwise their rights will be forfeited. S. J. WELLES, Register.

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