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CHAPTER VI. In a Wild Country.

M ATE on the following morning O'Neil's expedition was landed at the deserted fishing station of Omar, thirty miles down the sound from Cortez. From this point its route lay down the bay to open water and thence eastward along the coast in front of the Salmon river delta some forty miles to Kyak. This latter stretch would have been well nigh impossible for open boats but for the fact that the numerous mud bars and islands thrown out by the river afforded a sheltered course. These inside channels, though shallow, were of sufficient depth to allow small craft to eyes was the same abstraction which navigate and had long been used as a route to the coal fields.

Appleton, smiling and cheerful, was the first member of the party to appear at the dock that morning, and when the landing had been effected at Omar he showed his knowledge of the country by suggesting a short cut which would save the long row down to the month of the sound and around into the delta. Immediately back of the old cannery, which occupied a gap in the mountain rim, lay a narrow lake, and this, he declared, held an outlet which led into the Salmon river flats. By hauling the boats over into this body of water-a task made easy by the presence of a tiny tramway with one dilapidated push car which had been a part of the cannery equipment-it would be possible to save much time and labor.

"I've heard there was a way through." O'Nell confessed, "but nobody seemed to know just where it

"I know," the young man assured him. "We can gain a day at least. and I judge every day is valuable." "So valuable that we can't afford to

lose one by making a mistake," said his employer meaningly.

"Leave it to ne. I never forget a country once I've been through it."

But Dan Appleton was not mistaken. A two hours' row across the mirror-like surface of Omar lake brought the party out through a hidden gap in the mountains and afforded them a view across the level delta. To their left the range they had just penetrated retreated toward the canyon where the Salmon river burst its way out from the interior, and beyond that point it continued in a coastward swing to Kyak, their destination. Between lay a flat, trackless tundra, cut by sloughs and glacial streams, with here and there long tongues of thinber reaching down from the high ground and dwindling away toward the seaward marshes. It was a desolate region, the breeding place of sea fowl, the hunting ground for the great brown bear,

O'Neil had never before been so near the canyon as this, and the wild stories he had heard of it recurred to him with interest. He surveyed the place curiously as the boats glided along, but could see nothing more than a jumble of small hills and buttes and beyond them the dead gray backs of the twin glaciers coming down from the slopes to east and west. Beyond the foothills and the glaciers themselves the main range was gashed by a deep valley through which he judged the river must come, and beyond that he knew was a country of agricultural promise, extending clear to the fabulous copper belt, whither the railroads from Cortez were headed. Still farther inland lay the Tanana, and then the Yukon, with their riches untouched.

What a pity, what a mockery, it was that this obvious entrance to the country had been blocked by nature! Just at his back was Omar, with its deep and sheltered barbor; the lake he had crossed gave a passage through the guardian range, and this tundra-O'Neil estimated that he could lay a mile of track a day over it-led right up to the glaciers. Once through the const range building would be easy, for the upper Salmon was navigable, and its banks presented no difficulties to track laying.

He turned abruptly to Appleton, who

was pulling an oar. "What do you know about that can-

yon?" he asked. "Not much. Nobody knows much, for those fellows who went through in the gold rush have all left the country. Gordon's right of way comes in above. and so does the trust's. From there on I know every foot of the ground."

out on the flats. During the prepara. | against the current until the ropes bit | tion of supper Murray sat staring fix | into their aching fiesh, bringing raw edly before him, deaf to all sounds and places out on neck and paim. Hour insensible to the activities of his com. after hour the ice went churning past. breeziness and his good nature. He tent echo of the caving glaciers ahead was curt, saturnine, unsmiling. Appleton undertook to arouse han from this abstraction, but Slater drew the

"Don't do that, son, or you'll wear

splints for the rest of the trip." "What's the matter with him, any how?" Dan inquired. "He was boil ing over with enthusiasm all day, but now-why, he's asleep sitting up! He hasn't moved for twenty minutes."

Tom shook his head, dislodging a swarm of mosquitoes. "Walk on your toes, my boy. Walk

on your toes. I smell something cooking, and it ain't supper."

When food was served O'Neil made a pretense of eating, but rose suddenly in the midst of it with the words:

"I'll stretch my legs a bit." His voice was strangely listless. In his had troubled Appleton during the afternoon. He left the camp and disappeared up the bank of the stream.

"Nice place to take a walk!" the engineer observed. "He'll bog down in half a mile or get lost among the

Darkness had settled when O'Neil reappeared. He came plunging out of the brush, drenched, muddy, stained by contact with the thickets, but his former mood had disappeared, and in its place was a harsh, explosive en-

"Tom," he cried, "you and Appleton and I will leave at daylight. The men will wait here until we get back." His voice was incisive. Its tone forbade ning"question.

The youthful engineer stared at him in dismay, for only his anxiety had triumphed over his fatigue, and daylight was but four hours away. O'Neil noted the expression and said more

"You're tired, Appleton, I know, but in working for me you'll be called upon for extraordinary effort now and then. I may not demand more than an extra hour from you; then again I may demand a week straight without sleep. I'll never ask it unless it's necessary and unless I'm ready to do my share."

"The sacrifice is big, but the pay is bigger. Loyalty is all I require."

"I'm ready now, sir." "We can't see to travel before dawn Help Tom load the lightest boat with rations for five days. If we run short we'll 'siwash' it." He kicked off his rubber boots, upended them to drain the water out, then flung himself upon his bed of boughs and was asleep almost before the two had recovered from their surprise.

"Five days or longer!" Slater said gloomily as he and Dan began their preparations. "And me with indiges-

"What does it mean?" queried Ap-

"It means I'll probably succumb." "No, no! What's the meaning of this change of plan? I can't understand

"You don't need to." Happy Tom informed him curtly. There was a look of solicitude in his face as he added, "I wish I'd made him take off his wet clothes before he went to sleep."

"Let's wake him up." But Slater shook his head. "I'd soon-

er wake a rattlesnake," said he. O'Neil roused the members of his expedition while the sky was reddening faintly, for he had a mind which worked like an alarm clock. All except Appleton had worked for him before, and the men accepted his orders to await his return with no appearance of

With the first clear light he and his two companions set out, rowing up the estuary of the Salmon until the current became too swift to stem in that manner. Then landing, they rigged a "bridle" for " skiff, fitted their shoulders to loops in a ninety foot tow rope and began to "track" their craft up against the stream. It was beartbreaking work. Frequently they were waist deep in the cold water. Long "sweepers" with tips awash in the flood interfered with their efforts. The many branches of the stream forced them to make repeated crossings, for the delta was no more than an endless series of islands through which the current swirled. When dusk overtook them they were wet, weary and weak from hunger. With the dawn they were up and at it again, but their task became constantly more difficult be-

cause of the floating glacier ice, which increased with every mile. They were obliged to exercise the extremest cau-Camp was pitched late that night far tion. Hour after hour they strained

Dan Appleton realized very soon ray's whereabouts. Thought he was in thither the journey was leading, and | Kyak until he sounded the tocsin from young man aside hurriedly with a at thought of actually facing those ter- New York. The other boys have quit rors which loomed so large in conject their jobs, and I've sold my practice." for only 10 cents a week.

ture his pulses began to leap. He had a suspicion of O'Neil's intent, but dazed not voice it. Though the scheme seemed mad enough, its very audacity fascinated him. It would be worth while to take part in such an undertaking, even if it ended in failure. And somehow, against his judgment. he felt that his leader would find a

For the most part O'Neil was as silent as a man of stone, and only on those rare occasions when he craved relief from his thoughts did he encourage Dan to talk. Then he sometimes listened, but more frequently he did not. Slater had long since become a dumb draft animal, senseless to discomfort except in the hour of relaxation, when he monotonously catalogued his ills.

"Are you a married man?" O'Neil inquired once of Dan.

"Not yet, sir." "Family?"

"Sure! A great big, fine one, consisting of a sister. But she's more than a family-she's a religion." Receiving encouragement from his employer's look of interest, he continued: "We completed. were wiped out by the San Francisco | The new furniture for the Elmwood from the wreck, which we divided equally. Then we started out to make our fortunes. It was her idea."

"You came to Cortez?"

an awful fool." "Education!"

"Now, it's my ambition to get settled and have her with me. I haven't had a good laugh, a hearty meal or a Christian impulse since I left her."

the fortune?"

with mine; she bought land of some Peck back. sort with hers. She's a newspaper wolease the best in Seattle. She wrote that big snowslide story for the Review last fall. She tells 'em how to raise of three beer kegs, a packing case and at this place. an epileptic icebox. She runs the 'Do-

Appleton's enthusiastic tribute ceaswas once more deaf and that his eyes

On the evening of the sixth day a its seams open swung in to the bank where O'Neil's men were encamped. and its three occupants staggered out. They were gaunt and stiff and heavy very severe as the little one is only a hung loose and flabby. But the leader arm and the little one is getting along calm, his eyes were smiling.

"You'll take the men on to the coal fields and finish the work," he told his boss packer later that night. "Appleton and I will start back to Cortez in the morning. When you have finished

ain't a store, and my gum all wet." "Chew it, paper and all," advised Appleton cheerfully.

"Oh, the good has all gone out of it now," Slater explained. "Meet me in Seattle on the 15th of next month," his employer directed.

. The clerk of the leading hotel in Seattle whirled his register about as a man deposited a weather beaten war .bag on the marble floor and leaned ... over the counter to inquire:

"Is Murray O'Neil here?" This question had been asked reeatedly within the last two hours, but heretofore by people totally different in appearance from the one who spoke now. The man behind the desk measured the stranger with a suspicious eye before answering. He saw a ragged, loose hung, fat person of melancholy countenance, who was booted to

the knee and chewing gum. "Mr. O'Neil is not here." The fat man stared at his informant accusingly. "Ain't this the 15th?" he

"Then he's here, all right!"

"Mr. O'Neil is not in," the clerk re-

"Well, I guess his room will do for me. I ain't particular." "His room is occupied at present. If you care to wait you will find"-

Precisely what it was that he was to find Tom never learned, for at that towering over him, an expansive smile and upward to shock wheat. upon his face.

"He's around somewhere."

barely seen him."

gaze upon the hotel clerk and looked disappeared abruptly behind the key treatment did him much good.

hadn't come."

"I left Appleton in Juneau. He'll be down on the next boat." "Appleton? Who's he?" Dr. Gray in-

"Oh, he's a new member of the order-initiated last month. He's learn-

knows. We didn't even know Mur-

"It's a railroad!" Dr. Gray grinned. "Well, that's the tene I use when I break the news that it's a girl instead of a boy." "It's a railroad." Slater repeated, "up the Salmon river!"

ELMWOOD Leader-Echo

sick at the home of her daughter, tives and friends. Mrs. J. P. Cobb.

Mr. and Mrs. Al. Weichel went to for a ten day visit at North Platte Alvo Tuesday to visit Grandma Kitzel and Scottsbluff. Ben Olive is carryand take in the Fourth of July cele- ing the mail for Mr. Andrus.

Tuesday evening for a vacation visit. Charles Bornermeir has his fine large basement barn well under way. He will have one of the finest and best osteopathy at Los Angeles, Cal. barns in this part of the state when

earthquake and stood in the bread line State Bank has been received and is for awhile. We managed to save \$4,000 now stored at the Gash-Norman garage and will be installed in a few mission style.

"Yes. Money was so easy for me Chas. Clapp went to Omaha Monthat I lost all respect for it. The town day and visited at the home of Silas rang with my mirth for awhile. I was Greenslate until Wednesday. Mr. Greenslate has been quite sick for some time but Mr. Clapp says that he moving his family here this week. is somewhat better .

Rexton, Texas, where she will spend the farm near Palmyra Sunday and helping erect the new lumber sheds in "What did she do with her half of a month visiting friends and relatives spent the afternoon with friends. Te- Brandon lumber yard. at her old home. Chas, is now batchthe fortune?"

at her old home. Chas, is now batching but says that he will go down and
benefit little round collulated disks. It is the country and being Mrs.

The fortune?"

Frank Brandon, of Sidney, Iowe, the Brandon, of Sidney, Iowe, the men folks while her mother is was in town Monday looking after his sonal representatives and all other per-I bought little round celluloid disks look the country over and bring Mrs. at the hospital at Lincoln. Mrs.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Hardy arrived they expect her home next week. on Wednesday to spend several weeks visiting at the home of the former's of Weeping Water, was renewing acmother, Mrs. Lona Willcockson. Mr. eight babies on \$7 a week or how to Hardy is well known here and it has make a full set of library furniture out been some time since he has visited for a short visit with his daughter,

mestic Economy' column, and she's the Thursday evening from New Bremen, was making a short visit here before making good money and getting along known the unknown heirs, devised making a short visit here before sweetest, the cleverest, the most stun- Ohio, where he spent several weeks returning to his home at Morrill, nicely. visiting the scenes of his childhood Neb., where he is employed as book- Clyde Lynde and mother motored J. P. Worley, deceased; the unknowns ed suddenly, for he saw that O'Neil control of the saw that O'Neil St. Louis, Mo., where he had been atwere fixed dreamily upon the canyon tending the Democratic National Con-

Last Thursday the little baby of Mr. splintered, battered poling boat with and Mrs. Wm. Schick fell down the stairs at their home and broke an arm. This is rather unfortunate and seems ... eyed. Even Tom Slater's full cheeks few months old. A physician set the was alert and buoyant; his face was as well as could be expected under the circumstances.

accidentally injured, having his right relatives. arm badly skinned and bruised. It was at the Foreman place and he was Wednesday into the Charles Vanscoygo to Juneau and see to the recording." standing in the stable door when one oc residence on south Main street. "Ain't that my luck?" murmured the of the horses broke loose and rushed dyspeptic. "Me for Kyak, where there out of the door knocking him down happy parents of a fine baby bey stepping on his arm. It was at first that arrived on Monday, July 3, 1916. thought that it was broken. He is Delbert Valentine of Pocatello, the James car came down the hill and or claiming any right, title, estate, at present carrying the arm in a sling Idaho, visited here over the Fourth was unheard by the Young boy as he lien or interest therein adverse to was unheard by the Young boy as he plaintiff, by reason of plaintiff's and it will be several days before he with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. was traveling in low gear The James adverse will be able to use it much.

EAGLE Beacon

I. M. Mielenz, of Omaha, was in

Work on George Trunkenholz's cot- Louis Eddy. tage is progressing nicely and nearing

Mrs. Wm. Blomenkamp and danghter. Freada, returned to their home family. in Hastings Wednesday.

The Farmers' Elevator Co. are put- mouth to spend Sunday with his faming in new drive ways and making ily. Mrs. Seivers and little son accomother needed repairs to their elevator. panied him to Plattsmouth to spend

Union Sunday morning and spent the peated, gazing fixedly over Mr. Slater's day visiting at the H. L. Swanson dred Fitzgerald, of Plattsmouth, who

rived here Monday from Nebraska iam Ossenkop, returned home Wednes-City for a few days visit at the An- day morning. son Burdick home and other relatives. Amos Keiser went to Lincoln Sun-

moment the breath was driven out of die Burns is cutting his wheat just has not fully recovered from an illhis lungs by a tremendous whack, and east of town. Good labor is scarce ness several months ago, which left he turned to behold Dr. Stanley Gray and help is receiving \$3.00 per day his throat in a weakened condition.

Adolph Schroeder returned home proving satisfactorily. Tuesday morning from Waconda, George Dolin received a severe cut Slater turned a resentful, smoldering Kansas, where he spent two weeks at on his left arm at the elbow joint the springs receiving treatment for Tuesday. He and Charles Drake were able leg, but the object of his regard his rheumatism. He reports that the wrestling when he fell on a piece of

"This rat brained party said he Commissioner, came down from Lin- injury was obliged to put the arm in coln Saturday afternoon and visited splints. "He arrived this morning, but we've over Sunday at the Adam Winklepleck home. Mrs. Eastham, who has been visiting her niece, Mrs. Winklepleck, pation is to take regularly a mild laxfor the past week, accompanied him ative. Doan's Regulets are recomme Sunday evening.

Most disfiguring skin eruptions ing to be a sleep hater, like the rest of scrofula, pimples, rashes, etc., are panions. He had lost his customary and through it all came the intermit. us. He's recording the right of way." due to impure blood. Burdock Blood "What's in the air? None of us Bitters as a cleasing blood tonic, is a visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. well recommended. \$1.00 at all stores. E. C. Hill. Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Park-

The Journal delivered at your door

WEEPING WATER Republican

C. A. Baldwin spent a few days in town including the 4th. He has not been home for about seven months.

Miss Jessie Robertson and Miss Lieven Hunter, of Plattsmouth came in Friday evening for a visit at the Will Peters home. Grandma Colbert went to Wabash

Friday morning to take an auto ride Grandma Streeter is reported very from there to Palmyra to visit rela-C. B. Andrus and wife left Monday

Miss Katherine Gibson arrived home

She is taking a course in a school of Charles Hitchman and wife left Wednesday for Omaha after several weeks visit here with relatives. They expect to sail the 14th for Santo Do-

mingo, where Charles will have a position in a bank. C. E. Arthur has purchased of D. days. The furniture is finished in M. Johnson the house just west of Mrs. Zink's place. As Mr. Archer is going to the Dakota wheat fields for the surmer, he has rented the place to Joe Bunger, Auburn, who is one of the

Harley and Fritz Kleitsch and their Mrs. Chas. Peck left Wednesday for sister Miss Tressa autoed up from ressa is keeping house on the farm Kleitsch is getting along nicely and

J. D. Williams, a former resident quaintances here between trains Friday. He was on his way to Avoca Mrs. Lester Hoback. Mrs. Williams' L. F. /Langhorst returned last mother was sick at Elmwood and he umbus, Saturday, and reports the show Jesse P. Worley, first real name uniams informs us that his son Ed is Mrs. Lynde's sister, who was coming terested in the estate of Mrs. postmaster and proprietor of a store here for a visit. at Anoka, Nebraska.

> LOUISVILLE Courier

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Johnson are the

G. W. Mayfield. Miss Myrtle Clifford same home folding from Lincoln, where she is attending summer school, and spent the Fourth with her parents.

Judge and Mrs. A. J. Cornish entertained a party of friends from In County Court. State of Nebraska, Lincoln at their bungalow across the river over the Fourth.

Mrs. J. P. Wood was called to Unitown Monday shaking hands with old versity Place Thursday, on account of the illness of her daughter, Mrs.

> Schlater, of Plattsmouth, have been of Cass county, Nebraska, at the here the past ten days visiting their aunt, Mrs. William Ossenkop and

Claude Seivers came up from Platts-

C. C. Renner and family autoed to the Fourth and visit for a few days. The little Misses Margaret and Milhave been here for the past week visit-Mrs. Rex Burdick and children ar- ing at the home of their uncle, Will-

The golden harvest has begun. Ed- day to have his throat treated, as he He returned home Tuesday and is im-

glass. Dr. Morrow dressed the wound W. B. Eastham, State Insurance and on account of the location of the

> One way to relieve habitual constimended for this purpose. 25c a box at all drug stores.

Mrs. William Parkenson of University Place, is in the city enjoying enson being old school friends.

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workemen on the school house and is

Mr. Swicher, of Sidney, Iowa,

lumber interests here.

gate, our National Guard boys were home on pass over Sunday. Eva and George Town arrived here Tuesday from Lincoln county for a

visit with their father, U S. Town. Joy Applegate came in from Col-

the northern part of the state on a estate of John W. Haines, deceased - in in it is in it is in it is in it is i his old faithful machine along and ex- G. Weckbach, Grace Weckbach, Joseph V. Weckbach, Frances Weckbach pects to demonstrate some fancy driv- Mathilda L. Costelloe, Martin F. P. Cosing to his friends while there.

week and taken to a doctor to have one Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Mayfield and son of his finger's sewed back on his hand, day Warren Bailey, while at Alvo was Raymond spent the 4th in Omaha with that had been caught in a lawn mower and nearly severed. Saturday night Fred Young and Bob tain

car lost a fender while the Young car ises by himself and his grantors for showed a couple of ugly scars. No mencen one was injured.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Cass County, ss. In the matter of the estate of Charles R. Craig, de- JOHN M. LEYDA, Attorney.

Notice is hereby given to the creditors of said deceased that hearings Notice to Non-Resident Defendants, will be had upon claims filed against Misses Mildred and Margaret said estate, before me, county judge county court room in Plattsmouth, in said county, on the 20th day of July, 1916, and on the 21st day of January, 1917, at 10 o'clock a. m., each day, for examination, adjustment and al-

All claims must be filed in said court on or before said last hour of hearing. Witness my hand and seal of said county court, at Plattsmouth, Nebraska, this 20th day of June, 1916. ALLEN J. BEESON, (Seal) County Judge. 6-22-4wks

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COUNTY, NEBRASKA.

Frank W. Sivey, Plaintiff,

The Plattsmouth Ferry Company, a Cor-

To the Defendants: The Plattsmouth Nerwood Lynde and Palmer Apple- devisees, legatees, personal representaonal representatives and all other eceased; the unknown helrs, devisee Wm. Craig and family departed for legatees, personal representatives and telloe, Katie F. Weckbach, and the un-

A little son of Mr True's was of that part of lots 7, 8, 9 and 16, in block 169, Plattsmouth, Nebraska, lying brought to town the latter part of last north of Lincoln avenue, in Cass county Nebraska. against you and each of you, the object decree from said court, removing liens and clouds from and quieting James had a small smash-up with their the record title to all that part of lots cars. Fred says that his boy was seven (7), eight (8), nine (9) and ten driving the car and had the remainder nine (169), in the city of Platismouth, of the Young family in the car and lying north of Lincoln avenue in Cass county. Nebraska, in plaintiff, as was coming out of their yard when against you and to exclude and enjoin

> other and further relief as equity may This notice is given pursuant to the You are required to answer said petition on or before Monday, August 7th, 1916, or default will be taken

FRANK W. SIVEY,

LEGAL NOTICE. Their Heirs, Devisees, Legatees, Personal Representatives and all Per-

sons Interested in Their Estate. V. Hinchman, If living, If deceased, unknown helrs, devisees, legatees personal representatives and all pe ons interested in the estate of J. linchman: P. T. Moss, if living, the unknown visees, legatees, personal representatives and all persons interested in the estate of P. T. Moss: Alfred D. Jones, of living, if deceased, the unknown beirs, devisees, legatees, personal presentatives, and all persons erested in the estate of Alfred D Jones: Clifford, first real name unknown, husband of Josephine Clifford, the unknown heirs and devisees, legatees, personal representa-tives and all persons interested in

estate of Ella V. Davis, deceased: Von and each of you are hereby no lied that F. G. Fricke, as plaintiff, on he 28th day of June, 1916, filed his peon in the District Court of Case ounty, Nebraska, wherein you and all and prayer of which petition is that the claim, interest, right, title and interest of each and every one of you

in block eight (8), in White's Addition to the City of Plattsmouth, and lots four (4) five (5) and six (6), in block eighty-nine (89) in the of Plattsmouth Cass County.

be declared invalid and of no force and effect; that the title of said plainting in and to said real estate and every part thereof be quieted as against you and each and every one of you, and agains any and all claims of each and all o you, and against the claim of each and all of any person claiming under, through or by you, and that it be ad-judged and decreed that each and all f you whose names are above set orth, if living, and if dead, the heirs evisces, legatees, and personal repre-entatives and other persons interested the estate of each and every one of you, have no right, title, claim or in-terest in or to said real estate, or any part thereof, and that each and all of said defendants, those named and those ose names are unknown, and lated, be forever barred from claiming or asserting any right, title, in-terest or estate in and to said real er-tate or any part thereof, and for such other and further relief as to the court may seem just tod equitable.

You and tach of you are further not lied that you are required to answer said petition on or before Monday, the 28th day of August, 1916.

F. G. FRICKE,

C. A. RAWLE, Attorney.

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