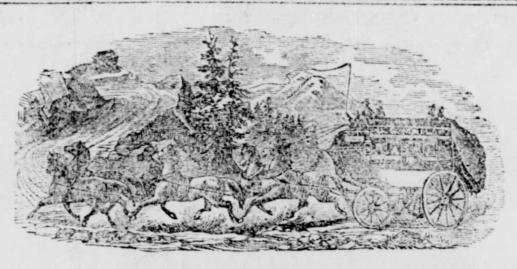


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The Whistle. BY ROBERT STORY.

"You have heard," sail a youth to his sweetheart who stoo?

"You have heard of the D.nish boy's whistle of wood? I wish that the Darish boy's whistle was mice. '

"And what would you do with it? Tell me" she "I would blow it," he answered; and then my fair

Would fly to my side, and would here take her "Is that all you wish it for? That may be yours Without any magic," the f ir maiden cried. "A favor so slight one's good nature secures,"

And she playful y seated herself by his side. "I would blow it again," said the youth; "and the Would work so that not even mo lesty's cheek.

"Would be able to keep from my neck your fair She smiled and she laid her fair arm around his neck.

"Yet once more would I blow, and the music divine Would bring me the third time an exquisite bliss,

And your lips sterling past it would give me a kiss,' The maiden laughed out in her innocent glee-" What a fool of yourself with your whistle you'd

For only consider how silly 'twould be. To sit there and whistle for what you might take."

SCRAPS OF SOUTHERN OREGON

GUSTAL CHETISATION TO THE PROPERTY.

DISCOVERY OF GOLD AT SCOTT'S BAR AND YREKA-MURDER ON INDIAN CREEK-STEEL'S EXPEDITION IN PURSUIT OF MURDERS-FIGHT AT BIG BAR, ETC.

NO. IV.

Lane, assisted by Elijah Steele Esq., them, their strife ceased, each assumboth of whom are still living and well ing supreme control over his own known throughout this coast, raised a people. At this time, the Indians had company of prospecters to go to the no stock, and knew no use for horses new diggings on Scott's river, at or mules, accept for food, only as they which place they arrived about the had seen them used by the whites, as last of February, of that year. Upon they passed through their country, or their arrival on the upper waters of when war parties of "Strange people" Scott's river, the Indians, who had (Modocs) came among them. These heard of Gen. Lane through the Rogne Indians (the Shastas) were naked dur-Rivers, learning that he was the ing the warm season, and lived an inleader of the company, came into dolent life, living on roots and fish, camp and expressed a desire that all which were abundant, and easily obhostilities between them and the tained. whites, should close, and that Gen. As a consequence of the inattention Lane should be ti-ee (chief) over both of the miners to their animals, they parties. This proposition was a great frequently strayed off a long distance, relief to the miners, for up to this and when wanted, could not be found time, they had to keep a strict guard by their owners; and had it not been over their horses and camp, day and for the good offices of Gen. Lane, night. It was therefore agreed that much trouble might have resulted. their head men should come in While the General commanded the and have a talk. Among the Indians highest respect from his fellow miners, that came in according to the agree. he had won the most implicit confiment, was the chief of the Scott Rivers, dence of the Indians, and at a word or Ot-ti-tie-was, as they called them- from him, old "Tolo" would send his selves, whom they christened John, and young men to "look up" any lost anihis three brothers, Tolo, afterwards mals desired. Upon bringing them in, known as "Charley," and has, at no time | means, but he performed it with of treaty stipulations, though previous of Gen. Joe Lane to all the miners. to that time, he was the most formida highly gratified with the result.

partment to that point. The great | country.

from other sections, in consequence of Woodman was killed by Indians, on the exceedingly rich discoveries here, what is now known as Indian creek. caused a city of some thousands of in- a small stream flowing into Scott's rivhabitants, to spring up as if by magic. er. This raised a general alarm among While he sat on a corn-sheaf at daylight's decline; Many of the miners, on their arrival, the whites, and a company of volunbeing so excited by the prospect of teers was immediately raised at Johnsudden wealth, so lavishly spread out son's ranch, at the lower part of Scott's before them, would turn out their an- valley. Three days after the murder, imals on the Shasta plains, bordering a collision occurred between the vol-While an arch smile played on her beautiful fice- on the diggings, and pay no more unteers and the Indians, which result. heed to them, until, with their pockets ed in killing several horses, and filled with the precious metal, they severely wounding Mr. S. G. Whipple. were ready to start home, or disgusted | then acting sheriff of Siskiyou county.

once circulated the report of their rich father of "John," of Scotts valley, had canyon on Shasta river. discovery, to induce an influx of min- accidentally been killed some years ers into that locality, as a precaution- previous, and John being young, a ary measure against the depredations | strife for the supremacy, had been carof the Indians, whom they found to be ried on for some time, between him very troublesome; stealing stock in and "Old Joe," and "Sam," of Rogue the daytime, and attacking their camps | river, and "Scarface," of Shasta, "Old Polo" remaining neutral in this con-Early in February, 1851, Gen. Jos. test. When the whites came among

"Old Man," chief of the band that oc- he would award to the Indians a shirt, cupied the country where Yreka is a pair of pants, or drawers, or some now located, and the chief of the Can- trinket according to the value of the yon Indians, inhabiting the canyon animal, or the trouble of bringing and mountains on the lower part of them in. This duty, which by common Scott's river, including the Bar. The consent, was awarded to him, was a last mentioned chief, was afterwards | heavy draw, both upon his time, and since been implicated in any violation | cheerfulness which endeared the name After General Lane left his home in

ble enemy the whites had to encounter. Oregon, the Indians, having so fre-A general treaty of amity was agreed to, quently seen Mr. E. Steele in the Genand both parties expressed themselves | eral's company, named him "Ti-ee Joe Lane's codawa," meaning chief Joe On the discovery of gold in the Yre- Lane's brother, and would go to him ka flats, in March of that year, Gen. for advice, and to relate their troubles. Lane and Mr. Steele left Scott river Since then, to the present time, Mr. and located at the new diggings; this Steele has been an important actor in transferred the impromptu Indian de- the Indian affairs in this part of the to important developments, which I

number of people who were attracted On the 21 day of June, 1852, Calvin

with ill luck, determined to seek other On the next day after the fight, Mr. diggings. The hills and flats and the Steele, who was just returning from a town were filled with men in a perfect | business trip to Sacramento City, hearwhirl of excitement. Each man seem- ing of the trouble through some Indied to be perfectly independent of all ans he met moving their squaws and others. Few knew or cared to know children into the mountains for safety. any man's business but his own. Gam- hurried forward to Johnson's ranch. bling seemed to be thought by many, That night, June 7th, a large party of as the high road to fortune, and thou- citizens from Scott's Bar, having heard sands of dollars, passed each day, into of the trouble at Johnson's ranch came "You would lay your fair cheek to this browned | the hands of the wily "sharps," who over under command of Maj. Rowe as made it their business. Everything Captain, and proceeded to Yreks. On sold at fabulous prices, and men never | the next day after their arrival there, found time to higgle over a few dollars | however, most of them returned to in the price of the most trivial article. Scott's Bar. On Monday, the 10th, Notwithstanding all this great rush for Mr. Steele had a talk with the Indians. wealth, this seething sea of excite- He induced old "Tolo," who was over ment, this conglomerate mass of hu- in Scott's valley on a gambling visit, manity, coming from every quarter of and his son, chief "John" and the the globe, high crime was comparative- three brothers, to come into the stockly unknown, especially that of robbery ade, which had been erected around and theft. This can be accounted for Johnson's house. They informed Mr. in the fact that the mines offered a sur- Steele that the murder had been comer channel to wealth than any dishonest | mitted by an Indian from Rogue river, and one from Shasta valley; that they The Indians of whom a small rem. had no desire for war. They proposed nant known as the Shastas, yet remain, to go with him, and deliver up the In the Spring of 1850, prospecting par- were then very numerous, including guilty parties, if found in the camp of ties set out in search of gold, on the Polo's band, and those inhabiting Shas- the Shastas, and if not, to follow them upper Klamath river, and its tributa- ta valley, and the contiguous moun- as long as he would go with them. ries. In the month of June in that tains, under chief "But" and another Whereupon, Mr. Steele obtained the year, diggings were discovered by a called "Scarface." When Gen. services of a small company, consisting Mr. Dollarhide and his party, on Beav. Lane arrived in Yreka, the Indians of John McNeal, James Bruce, (afterer creek, now known as Scott's Bir, on | who were congregated on the flats, re- | ward Maj. Bruce, during the Rogue Scott's river; but they found these dig- ceived them in the most friendly man- River war of '55 and '56), James White, gings very deep, and difficult to work, | ner. These Indians spoke a language | Peter Snellback, John Galvin and a and the Indians so troublesome, that in common with the Rogue River and young man whose name is only rememthey were compelled to abandon them. Scott's River tribes, and were formerly bered as "Harry." These men took Soon after, another party under the under the control of one thief, but with them, old "Tolo" and his son, leadership of one Scott, hearing of the each had their subordinate chief, who whom they christened "Phillip," and discovery, visited the place and dis- controlled them in their domestic rela- one of old "John's" brothers, whom covered extensive placers. They at tions. This head chief, who was the they called "Jim," and started for the

SUMMER SAUNTERINGS Or, Annals of the Cave Hunters.

LETTER NO III.

"There is an end to everything," it is said, and I suppose the remark applies to the cave I have so frequently referred to, without describing, as to other things of a mundane character, but the discovery of such a termination is indefinitely delegated to the future. There came an end, however, to our investigation, and ought, in the nature of things, to be an end to these sketches. From present appearances without the expenditure of considerable work in the way of removing obstructions, and perhaps 20 or 50 years from now, it may be the province of sight-seers and wonder admirers to behold new chambers in all the beauty of their virgin splendor. Otherwise, I am afraid the glory of Elijah's cave would be short lived and almost ephemeral; because visitors cannot resist the temptation to strike for specimens, and the fairest specimens are always the ones that appeal most strongly to the feeling of coverousness. Many of the specimens get spoiled in the act of breaking them off, and are thus shorn of their attraction, while the damage of the cave is

irreparable. After the enthusiasm of the new discovery had somewhat subsided, we started to examine into its connection with the lower cave. We had hardly started, however, ere we came to the string I had fastened to the rocks the day before, at the upper edge of the big opening called Semm's hole. Had I not been fatigued and surfeited with explorations on that day-besides a little "skeery" at the prospect of several tons of loosened limestone descending upon a poorly protected head-I might have reaped the honor of the new discovery single handed. I was up in the passage way leading to the beautiful subterranean city, and encountered the current of air coming in at the entrance; but there were other side openings, seemingly just as favorable

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