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CHAPTER L "Halt!" It is ten o'clock in the forenoon of a June day. Ten white topped wagons, drawn by as many spans of heavy horses enic, de, such as loss of Bra'n Power, Wakeful-ness, Bearing down Pains in the Back, Seminal Northern Dakota, while fifteen horsemen are distributed its length to act as guards. There is a driver to each wagon, and you can thus count twenty-five souls. Twenty-five? Ant but sharp eyes detect the fluttering of a woman's dress on the seat of one of the wagons. Twenty-six, then, with their faces storely set to the west, each man heavily armed and every eye scauning the

country ahead and about for signs of

Who are they? The gallant Custer has made his report of gold in the Black Hills, and port of gold in the Black Hills, and fifty thousand seekers after wealth are moving to the west. The country is still in the hands of the savages, and infuriated at the thought of being overrun the said it was in lumps and bars, as if it has been registed we moving a span of and pushed to the wall, as has been the case over and over again, every man who can bear arms is on the warpath to drive health he level on the warpath to

drive back the invaders.

'This party has come out from Brule City Dakota. It followed the White river for more than two bundred miles, and left it to strike northwest for the forks of the Big Cheyen se two days before we found them. I've the last three days indian signs have been plenty. They have entered upon the territory of the hostiles, and every mile of their progress will now be watched by keen eyes.

"It was the red man's treasure house!" exclaimed Taylor.

"Waal, no. Bridger didn't reckon the injuns had ever diskivered the place. He allowed that the gold had bin than a gold many years—way back to the time when the Mexicans kivered this country. I've heard tell thar was a white race all over the west."

"Yes, the Aztecs," replied one of the men. drive back the invaders.

the party at the last moment, coming from no one cared where. He was an old nunter and trapper, and had osen in me an hour, while you will risk your the Black Hills country. He could guide the party by the best and most direct route, and he had the money to outfit the party by the best and most direct route, and he had the money to outfit the party by the best and most direct route, and he had the money to outfit the party by the best and most direct route, and he had the money to outfit the party by nuself He gave his name as Saunders. and its queer speech and actions made the crowd look upon him as weak in the nead. He had been taken very ill the day before, and both Harkins and Tayfor had shown him many acts of kind-ness. No one expected his death, and the announcement that his hour had come created much surprise. However, after each had spoken his mind about it, the majority of the men threw themselves down on the grass to smoke or chat, and more than one impatiently

estimated the distance lost by this delay. Harkins and Taylor dismounted and climbed into the wagon where the old man lay. A few hours had wrought a great change in him, and it was plain enough that his time had come.

"Look a-here, men," began the old man as the pair expressed their sorrow for him, "this has come a leetle sooner than I looked fur, but I'm not goin to complain. Fur forty years the Lord has let me live to roun these yere plains and dwell in the mountains, and my race is run. I hain't got no word of complaint,"



'Do you wish us to hunt up your

con died?" asked Harkins. 'Friends!" laughed the old man. wer had one. I hain't got any."
"But can we do anything?" asked

Fustly, prop me up a leetle higher and then give me a drink of whisky. never sot as much by the stuff as some, but mebbe it will keep life in me till I can spin my yarn. Now, then, did ye ever hear tell of old Bridger?"

"I have," replied Taylor, "He was an old hunter and Lapper, who was wiped out at the Fort Kearney massacre." Correct: and they've got a fort named and me was pards for many years. We was in this Black Hills country together and cried out:

upward of twenty years ago. I've been anting to get back thar fur these last five years.

"That's what I'm comin to. I didn't, out he did. We went that to hunt, bein satisfied if we got enough skins and pelts to keep us in powder and ball. One day when a war party made a dash at us we got separated. I took to the timber and Bridger hid in a cave in a canyon. It was three days before we cum together agin, and then we had to dust out to save our scalps. It was on the way home that Bridger told me what he found in

the cave. The men almost held their breaths, vhile the old man waited a minute be-

fore resuming.
"Bridger never told a lie in his life.

sartin.

"Thom's it. It was them instead of

The wagons close up rapidly, as the drivers have been drilled to do, and in the injuns who stored up the gold. ten minutes everything is prepared for but the years went on Bridger got

Who was the old man? He had joined blin in his anxiety to git hold of wealth

Harkins and Taylor glared at each

their ears. "If you strike the big Cheyenne at the forks," said the bunter, "the mountains will be due north of you. The big peak in front of ye has been named after Cus ter. About five miles to the right of that peak is a canyon-the one up which Bridger fied. He said he went about a mile and then took into a smaller one leadin to the left. He hadn't gone fur before he grabbed a bush to pull himself upon a ledge out of the bottom, and as he reached the ledge he was at the month of the cave. He reckoued it was eight or ten foct up, and he thought a path led from it up into the mountain. It ar' always dusky in those rifts, and

reward. Each man had caught his every word and sought to impress it on his memory and each secretly hoped that the other would forget. This eagerness resulted in a curious error. Harkins understood the hunter aright when he said to the right of Coster's peak. Taylor under-

stood him to the left. 'Ye'll hev to be on the watch for redskins." said the old man after a long muse. "They're out and in arms and they'll show ye no mercy. This rush of white men will drive 'em back after a time, and I counsel ye to let the cave alone till it's safe to go thar. Then ye kin make up a small party, bring it off and divide it up as is fair."

"Never!" whispered Taylor as he clenched his hands. all!" demanded Harkins of bunself.

would have periled their lives for each The possession of gold may bring hap-The thirst for it may lead to 'Ye hev been good to me and I wish

ye Inch." said the old man in a whisper, but neither of the men heard him. They were thinking and plauning.

"About five miles to the right of Custer's peak," Harkins kept repeating to himself.

"About five miles to the left of Custer's peak." Taylor repeated over and

'Why, the old man is dead!" THE RACE TRACK So be was. He had mad- no struggle

even no sign. Well, that was white it him not to delay us," laughed the leader of the caravan when informed of the event.
"Some men might have kent us here all day and then concluded not to die after all. Now the only thing is to plant him."

A couple of men were soon scooping out a shallow grave with their spades, and within half an hour after the flame of life had flickered out the body was covered and the wagen train moving on.

Then a couple of great vultures dropped from the sky to earth to wait. Three or four gaunt wolves, their long hair dirty and ragged, came skulking over the broken ground.

Five painted and feathered Indians

crept out of a dry ravine scarcely forty rods away, and with the vengence of devils set to work with hands and sticks to uncover the body. There was a sup-pressed shout as it was rolled out and another as the scalp was held aloof.

Five minutes later the welves and vultures had the body to themselves.

CHAPTER IL. And now, as the wagon train makes its slow way over the broken country,

let us see with whom we have to do. [CONTINUED.]

THE WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS. something about the objects and purposes was leading and in this position they of the organization known as the Wom- came down the stretch, though at the an's Reliet Corps, we publish herewith outcome Champagne was closing up rap-

mintions." PREAMBLE. "We, the matters, wives, daughters and sisters of Union soldiers, sailors and marines who aided in putting down the distance was short should find the distance was short should be distance was short should be distanced in the control of the contr rebellion, do with other loyal women. unite to establish a permanent associa-tion for the objects herein set forth, and through a national convention do ordate and enact the following rules and regula-tions for its government.

CHAPTER L. ABTICLE L-NAME.

ARTICLE B .- OBJECTS. SEC. 2 To assist such union veterans SEC 2 To assist such distribution, and to extend needful aid to their widows and orphass. To find them homes and employment, and assure them of sympathy distributions, and assure them of sympathy of the third heat and won it. Time, 0.51, ployment, and assure them of sympathy of the third heat and won it. Time, 0.51, ployment, and assure them of sympathy of the third heat and won it. and friends To cherish and emulate one-fourth of a mile.

obur county in her hour of peril. Sec. 3. To maintain true allegiance

ARTICLE IV .- MLIGIBLITY TO MEMBERSHIP Prince of riders, 'Mere, Harkins—here, Taylor!" calls the leader to two of the mounted men, and as they ride forward he continues:

'The old man is going to turn up his toes, and I've called a halt to let him die in peace. He's been asking for both of you."

way only to feed the wolves "And—and you will tell us where this cave is?" auxiously inquired Taylor.

"I will," replied the dying man, as a smile flitted across his face. "Hain't it ourse? One lays a-dyin, thinkin of the hereafter, and the other is just attention.

"Women of good moral character and correct deportment, who have not gives day and and comfort to the enemies of the clusters of the distribution of first. Fortune the dependent of the correct deportment, who have not gives with little cermony, Champagne I adding all the way. The second and third heats to which this association stands were but a repitition of first. Fortune the deportment, who have not gives to the correct deportment, who have not gives to the correct deportment, who have not gives to the correct deportment, who have not give with little cermony, Champagne I adding all the way. The second and third heats to the cave is?" auxiously inquired Taylor.

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From the Long Creek Paper.

The fall races at Heppner commenced Wednesday. Billy Robbins is out at Heppner this veek attending the races. Heppner this week.

est Tuesday for Heppner after treight, Ed. C. Allen and family and Walter by their farmers and prompt payment of Brown and family are in attendance at be Heppner races. Tom Scroggin and wife, Alf Conger

Walter Keeney and Anderson Wilson

and Wm. Crowley and Misses Emma Reberts and Grace Hardisty left Sunday for Heppner to attend the races. Lee Miller, the John Day liveryman,

ture home. Chris. Reininger, who has for the past ummer been looking after the wants of track can ever be successful, from a finan a band of sheep for D. O. Justice of cial standpoint. Heppner, came down from the mountains By sending It ar' always dusky in those rifts, and ye might pass up and down a lifetime and see nothing. It may take ye a month of sarchin, but ye'll find a big herding was driven to the buncugrass spring. This is necessary. hills in Morrow county last week.

NOTICE TO G. A. R.

particularly those who are soldiers but not members of any post. By order of GEO. W. SMITH, C. C. Boon, Commander.

Adjutant. G. A. R. NOTICE.

prospect of wealth had turned their your arrangements to be with na. was also declared guilty of ans friendship to hate. An hour ago they 36 tf G. W. Sairn. Com. falsely to a call for Jockey Tobm.

Columbus Day Properly Celebrated at The Association Park.

LAST SATURDAY CLOSED THE MEETING-

The "Special" Won by Com Dog And The Five-Eighths by Rockland, Friday - Cham-pague Winner of Saturday's Contosts.

The three-eighths race, purse \$100. failed to fill, and instead a "special" was gotten up, one-fourth mile dash, 845 purse, sweepstakes, 85 entrance fee. Four horses entered, Dusty Dan, Parker up, Coon Dog, Harrington up, Babe, J. Keeney up and Sprague, Burns up. Gion Dog "cooped the works" in 0:24%. Dusty Dan sold favorite in the pool boxes and Coon Dog's backers were well

paid for their nerve. In the five-eighth dash, the entries were: Rockland Boy, Burns up, Hastings, Allen, Sr., up and Champagne, Cannon up. They got off with Champagne a That our readers may understand length behind. At the turn Rockland the following from their "Roles and Reg- idly on his adversary. Time, 1:01, which for five furlongs is exceedingly fast, and we believe, has not been equaled on the

distance was short about 100 feet.) The day's sport closed with a bicy ele contest, heats, best two in three, in which there were entered, Harry Warren, Lee Matlock Wm. Potter, S. 1. Stratton and Vawter Crawford. Warren won the first heat, Potter second. The next was a dead best between Port-This association shall be known as the Woman's Relief Corps, auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic. across the track, upsetting the safety SEC. 1. To specially aid and assist the throwing the rider heavily to the ground. Grand Army of the Republic and to perpetuate the memory of the heroic dead. juries to mention, though the wheel was

The races Saturday were opened up by the half mile heats, best tores in five, to the United States of America; to in-culcate lessons of patriotism and love of country among our children and in the communities in which we live; and en courage the spread of universal liberty and equal rights to all.

Rockland Boy and Hastings entered in that race. In the place of Cannon, as in the Friday's race, Champagne's reins were handled by Ed. Fortune, a

Champagne sold favorite in the pool boxes, Reckland second and Hastings

A race was gotten up for Sunday's Billy Robbins is out at Heppner this entertainment, Newington, Salvadore and Chief being entered. Chief came out Tommie Henderson made a trip to shead, but the race was declared off on a claim of foul

NOTES.

The pool sellers, Mesers. A. Byrd and F J. Hillock, gave excellent agusfaction The races were successful from every point of view except a financial one However, the society will meet every ob-ligation; but it has been a hard scratch to make both ends meet. The races are a great benefit to the business men of our town, but they are slow to patronize the association, hence the financial em-barrassment. The G-zette would sugwas in Long Creek Monday night, being the association, hence the financial encounte to Heppner with Mrs. Nelson and family. Mrs. Nelson is the mother of partassment. The Gazette would suggest that in the future these receiving Gazette, and will make Heppner her fu-called upon to assist in making up to called upon to assist in making up the purses. Other towns follow this plan, and it is the only way that the Heppner

PROM SPOKANE FALLS. The attendance at the races on the Notice is hereby given to all members of Rawlins Post No. 31, G. A. R., and those intending to become members, that there will be a meeting of this Post at Heppner on Nov 26, 1892. All levited mora third; time, 2:29%. The summaries of the other races were:

2:35 trot-Oro Fino won in three

straight heats, Aint second, Cantion third; best time, 2:22. Special trot, unfinished-Harry M. took two heats, Vanquish one, and Hap-

py Jack one; best time, 2:27% The members of Rawlins Post No. 31, G. A. R. are requested to be in attendance at the meeting of the Post on the last Saturday in December, December 1:17. The judges declared it no race, as 31, at Lexington, at which time the elec-Divide with him when I can get it 31, at L-xington, at which time the election of officers for the ensuing year octon, who was culled by Jockey Boynton respect of wealth had turned their your arrangements to be with no



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