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STRATEGY AND SPIRITS

How an American Skipper Outwitted Six Spanish Pirates.

NEW YORK, August 30.—Captain Thompson, of the schooner Transit, which was recently captured off the Mexican coast by Spanish pirates, who in turn were made prisoners by the crew, gives the following details of his experience: The Transit reached the harbor of Cape Gracias-a-Dios, and dropped anchor about three miles from the town. The work of calking the schooner had to be done by canoes, owing to the shallowness of the harbor. On the morning of the 28th a canoe was seen approaching the Transit. This was supposed to be one of the small cargo-boats, and it was allowed to come alongside. Suddenly six villainous-looking Spaniards, with guns, sprang upon the deck. Captain Thompson and his three men were immediately overpowered and bound by the attacking party. The town was too far off for the inhabitants to have observed the signal of distress had the crew been in a condition to make them. The pirates entered the cabin, and proceeded to sample the stores of the schooner. The liquor received their special attention. They were soon in good humor, and Captain Thompson thought of a stratagem by which he might regain his vessel. He told the pirates that he resigned cheerfully; that he and his men knew how to manage the vessel, while the Spaniards could not even take her over the bar. He and crew were willing to join the party and become freebooters; they would do the work, while their captors enjoyed themselves. This plan suited the pirates, and the crew were unbound and were soon at work.

The schooner's anchor was heaved up and sail was set. Captain Thompson headed her toward the bar and the pirates resumed their attack upon the spirits. Having laid aside their guns, they were beginning to enjoy what they considered a splendid cruise, when the captain gave the signal to his men, who sprang upon the Spaniards, and after a struggle succeeded in overpowering them. The Spaniards were bound and thrown down into the hold among the cargo. Captain Thompson was unwilling to trust his prisoners with the authorities at Cape Gracias-a-Dios, as the chances were they would be set at liberty. The nearest American consul was at Blewfield, 280 miles down the Mosquito coast. The captain at once set sail for this port, which he reached safely a few days afterwards and handed over the pirates to the American consul there.

The Great Wild Fire.

It will be impossible to give anything like a correct estimate of the damage being done by the wild fire in the timber side of the mountains. Farmers are obliged to stay close by to watch their homes and be ready to save what they can if necessity presents itself. There is no doubt but that the reports are in many instances, greatly exaggerated, yet the loss will be immense. In Clackamas county, E. C. Hackett's house, granary, with all his crops, all his furniture, and every building except the barn, were consumed. Fire had been set to burn a stump, and it got away. A threshing crew at Deputy Sheriff Frank Capp's place on Clackamas river, managed to whip out the fire six feet from his granary which contained 1,200 bushels of grain. Had they failed here he would have lost all his buildings. Barnes'

stables, on the Barnes' road, were burned with 20 tons of hay, buggies and wagons. Fire at Scappoose is raging violently. Parties on the O'Shea's place on the Barnes' ferry road, fought fire for two days and saved the house. Two families on the Taylor ferry road were burned out of a new house, and women with children are sitting by the roadside. In Vancouver barracks the fire destroyed a part of the target range, and the soldiers had hard work to save the building.—Standard, 1st.

Logging in Michigan

The following is an account of what is done on Byersens, Hills & Co.'s road in Michigan, as told by the Newaway Tribune:

"On arriving at the lake we found a second train of 10 flat cars, loaded with logs, and ready for the engine, which was at once attached, and leaving its empty train to be loaded, steamed off to the river, making the round trip in 30 minutes, on an average. As soon as the track was clear the empty cars were pushed alongside the skidway upon which the logs are placed, consisting of a platform of the requisite height, from one end of which extends an approach, up which the logs are hauled from the lake by means of an endless chain propelled by a stationary engine at the opposite end of the logway. Two men are stationed at the foot of the slide, who push the logs into the proper position to be seized by the chain, and thus a continuous supply is kept moving. As the logs reach the platform on top of the slide they are rolled on to the logway, and at once loaded on the waiting car by six loaders, three on a side, who handle their cant hooks with a skill and certainty wonderful to behold. As the logs reach the car the "catcher" places them in position, and as soon as the requisite number is loaded the car moves down the track and the binder dexterously encircles the load with his chain, and fastens it securely, while an empty car takes the place of the one just loaded, and thus the process is repeated until the train of ten cars is freighted with logs and ready for the returning engine, which is to haul it to the railway on the river. The average time used in loading a car is one and one-half minutes. An average of 270,000 feet a day is put in over this road, and 15,000,000 feet has been taken from the lake and put into the Muskegon this season in less than 60 days. The firm has 200,000,000 feet of pine tributary to Pickering lake."

Trousers a Nuisance.

Trousers are not economical, inasmuch as they get laggy at the knees long before they are worn out. They are always getting dirty at the ankles. They are not specially adapted either for cold or for wet. On a wet day it is the part from the knee downward that catches the rain and necessitates changing the whole garment. Indeed it is the way in which they ignore the knee joints which renders the trousers so objectionable. It is at this joint that they drag, and not only spoil their own shape, but inflict a sense of tightness over the whole body by means of braces. The mere discarding of trousers and substituting knickerbockers and stockings would effect a great reform in male costumes, a more striking and salutary change than any other detail, except, perhaps, the abolition of the hat-top.—Clothes and Finisher.

—Do you suffer from biliousness and liver complaint? Nothing equals Pfunder's Oregon Blood Purifier in relieving these diseases.

An Eventful Life.

Victoria, Sept. 1.—Yesterday Hon. John Tod, one of the most remarkable of the hardy pioneers of the great northwest, expired in his 91st year. Before the century was twenty years of age he had traversed the vast territory from Hudson bay to the Columbia river. He remembered every incident of the trouble between the Northwest Fur Co. and the Hudson Bay Co., which culminated in open hostilities on the ground on which the city of Winnipeg is now built, just outside of old Fort Garry. He found his way to Montreal by the great lakes about the time of the war of 1812. He was a man who never knew what fear was. On one occasion Nicola and a large band of Indians managed to get in the fort enclosure for the purpose of killing the master and plundering the premises. Mr. Tod being almost alone and unaided, ordered several kegs of powder to be brought to him, and knocking out the head of one, he coolly lighted a match and threatened to blow up the fort, himself and all the Indians by whom he was surrounded, unless they at once left the place and neighborhood. It is needless to say that he was soon master of the situation, and from that time all insubordination among the Indians was at an end. On another occasion while east of the Rockies, the smallpox broke out among the natives, and they imagined that Mr. Tod, the only white man amongst them, spread the fearful disease intentionally. A large deputation waited upon him to talk the matter over and during the conference he was openly accused of wanting to kill all the Indians.

"If," said Mr. Tod, "I wanted to kill you all, I have only to take the cork out of this bottle," pulling it out of his pocket as he spoke, "and every Indian in the room would be a dead man." This remarkable instance of tact and presence of mind, settled that difficulty and his influence from that time was supreme.

He was first at Astoria in 1811, having crossed the mountains and reached the Columbia river from the east very shortly after the late John Jacob Astor founded that trading post, afterwards immortalized by Washington Irving.

He was a contemporary of the celebrated Dr. McLaughlin, and was early connected with Fort Vancouver. He retired from the service of the H. B. Co. after leaving Kamloops, about 1847 or 1848, and settled at his late residence on Cadboro bay. In 1856 he was appointed a member of the first executive council of Vancouver Island by the late Sir James Douglas, and held that position for several years.

Moving City.

Near the end of the Northern Pacific railway track, says the W. W. Events, may be seen the largest moving city in the world. Never during the present area of railroad building has there been witnessed such a scene as this which now presents itself at the ends of the track. There at least 5,000 persons, all men, except perhaps 25, and all bent on making money. There are tents, shanties, caves and "wicketups" of all shapes and sizes. Order of regulation, so far as streets are concerned, there is none. The valley in which Rock Island is situated is too narrow for a compact town site for five thousand inhabitants, hence the tents and shanties are scattered. There can be counted fifty gin mills or saloons, a dozen general merchandise tents and shanties, and the same number of boarding tents.

SYMPTOMS OF A DISEASED LIVER.

Pain in the right side, under edge of ribs, increasing on pressure; sometimes the pain is on the left side; sometimes the pain is felt under the shoulder; and is sometimes taken for Rheumatism in the arm. The stomach is affected with loss of appetite and sickness; the bowels in general are constive, sometimes alternating with laxity; the head is troubled with pain, accompanied with dull, heavy sensation in the back part. There is generally a considerable loss of memory, accompanied with a painful sensation of having left undone something which ought to have been done. A slight dry cough is sometimes attendant. The patient complains of weakness and debility; he is easily started; his feet are red or burning, and he complains of a prickly sensation of the skin; his spirits are low, and although he is not tired, he would be benefited to him, yet he can scarcely summon up fortitude enough to try it.

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