Hill.

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CHAPTER VII. (CONCLUDED.)

reason why this man and this wo of the assembled men. man should not be joined together in holy matrimony"-the minister a speech," cried several. was drawling in perfunctory sing song tones as Thral! entered the parlor where Lawrence and Vina embarrassed as the reader or writ were standing with clasped hands er would have been in his place. before the elergyman.

"I regret to interrupt this interesting ceremony," said Thrall, rais small stones at him and then some ing his hat to the minister's wife one crying "Time's up!" they all and daughter who stood by as wit took up the cry and insisted on his nesses, and stepping forward with a "jumpin" "at once. yellow · nyelope in his hand, "but I hold here telegraphic orders to ar rest Mr Lawrence at the request of one of his wives in-"

With an eath and a bound Lawrence cleared the door and went flying through the town.

"Let me see your telegram, said the minister when his wife had led Parson Rakestraw. "It's the one the soboting Vina into another room and all had grown calmer.

"I have none," replied Thrale smiling, "but that young man evidently has a bad conscience. Let him go. I only desired to save the young lady '

Lawrence fled to the mountain, where he became lost and perished A few months later in a narrow gorge a skeleton was found and among the lones were a watch, revslver and other articles cearing his name and which Thrall recog-Lized as having telonging to him

Vina returned home to her fath er. Foth were grievously disappointed in young Lowrence, 11! were filled with gratitude to Thrall.

Jack took a balf a day off to himself and put in the entire time laugh deep mexpressule delight at the leaderless, in alject helpless terror. likeli bood of a strike?" matter in Parson Rakestraw's long drawn plans f r revenge had do," said Parson Rakestraw, and at whatlwas yet to come

"The old rascal ought to hang, I had intended all along to hang him itt..... Yes! if he will talk right 'fair and square' to me. and tell all he knows a out Gray's disappearance I'll pull the old vil. work. lian through."

Rakestraw after a little talk with Hill district, where Jack Thrall re-Thra I - whose "little talks" were in ans yet as United States Comalways very convincing it seemed missioner with very little work to -was as 'pettery in the claymak do. Henry Crow spends the sumers hards," to quite his own Serips mer months with him every year, tural words, and readily agreed to Vina married an honest farmer go forward with the proposed exc. and she and Mamie are now true ention of Henry Crow.

eatch 'em." said the old traitor, educated at Henry Crow's expense "You'll get 'em all there, Mr Thrall and is now a sweet intelligent girl and know that it injures them as indeed you will. The boys'll all with many friends and is dearly come from far and near; any of loved by all who know her 'em will ride two days and nights any time to see a spy hung."

It was true.

At least fifty regged hairy uncould du couth monshiners were assentled about the "Bog Rock" on Lost Creek ear on directly after runtise. The marshals who had been led to the spot by Thrall, secreted behind stones and shrubbery some distance away, were pleased to see that each mountaineer, at Parson Rakestraw's suggest o . left his gun back on the hillside that he might not be hampered perha is in obtaining a clear view of Crow's leap. Many of the mountain men

The PostmaSter at Bible appeared sleepy and heavy eved as if they had traveled all night.

Parson Rakestraw and Mr. Crow were late and the moonshine men were becoming hungry for t eir prey when the old parson was seen coming slowly alone the valley with the spy. The latter seemed anx-"If any one present knows any jous but came forward at the cries

"Git up on the rock and make us

Crow's speech was a failure. He was terribly nervous and naturally and his audience soon wearied.

They hissed him fiercely, threw

"Take a gun, parson, and make the rascal jump." .. "No, take mine ". 'Mine ". . "Take mine

. Every moonshiner was anxious that his gun should become famous by being used on this occa-

"I will use my own gun," said as I've been telling you about that witch a-putting the spell on." And a moment later covering Crow's exposed white shirt front and stand ing himself recklessly near the dew wet edge of the narrow towering rock he cried in a loud voice:

"Henry Crow, you me n sneaking spy, you; your time have come -jump!"

can call up spirits as well as put them down, men," said Crow, a great light breaking over his face. "Look about you!"

in the hands of the enemy and Yet I do not see how it is to be from a dozen different points lev- avoided. There will be cove today elled repeating rifles in the hands or tomorrow, but I deem it inevitaof determined marshals cover d ble " ing and bugging himself in wild them. The remained motionless,

Surrender, men! it's all you can receited upon his own head-and these were his last words. He lost his footing on the smooth dew-wet stone and slipped over the trink was lost far in the jagged depths below to be recovered hours later torn, crushed and lifeless.

It was an excellent morning's

The illicit whiskey business was Realizing his danger Parson completely broken up in the Bible

friends. Mamte is now Mrs. Thrall. "It's the best bait you can use to Little Caddie was brought up and

THE END

The Situation Becoming Serious.

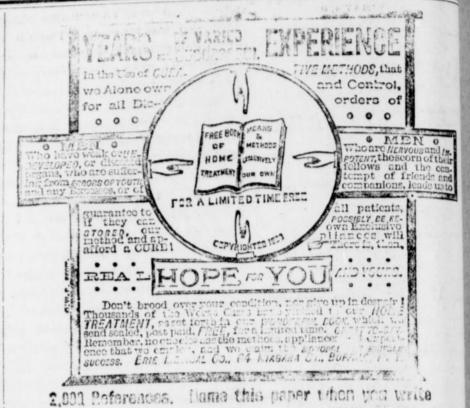
New York, April 22.-The labor situation on the four great railroads allied under the Reading deal last night resembled a smouldering vol cano, and it may break forth at any time. The gravity of the situation is likely to become apparent very soon. The greivances of the men have, up to this time, been confined to the meeting rooms of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and to the organizations of fireman and brakemen. It is charged that steps are already under way to "weed out" the labor organizations. When this is generally attempted it will bring about a struggle. Since the famous Reading strike in Pennsylvania, which resulted in President Corbin and Vice President McLeod utterly uprooting the labor organizations, there has been little organized lator on the Reading road. It is reported that Mr Mc Lead, who is president of the Reading said, since the deal, that he would ge rid of all labor organiza tions on the combined roads at any cost. That the Reading's presi dent made use of such a remark is not probable, but his position is so well known that there is no doubt that if there is to be a struggle be would welcome it now. The Jer sev Central, Lehigh Valley and Delaware, Lackwanna & Weetern are all thoroughly organized.

It would be almost impossible to fird a locomotive not run by a "It seems that your parson's gun brotherhood engineer. One of the oldest members of the brother) and of engeneers talked freely last night. "I extremely desire," said the man, ' and saido all 'he mem They looked. Their arms were ters of our order, to ave d trouble.

"Then con really think there is

"I think it is more than likely The men are dissatisfied; erew aft. erow has been laid off hero a massenger ever and there a freight crew, and all because of a combination to cheapen coal. The men do not know what to expect vextand. while they will act with care, they will get f arlessly when they think it necessary "

The republican organ says that "no woolgrower has yet been found who boli v a that free trade in wool benefits him " We will guarantee to find 100 just such mex-men who a few years ago imagined that a tariff on wool benefitted, them because they were wool grovers, but who have not found out differently. well as everybody else. Mr. Slater, will get the votes this year of the Eastern Oregon wool-growers .-Evening Telegram.



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