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(Continued from last week) "We'll call his bluff!" cried Bentick, "Well, men, what do you want?" he and the men gave a faint cheer. They asked briskly. were not so sure it was a bluff after "We represent every department in all. It looked real enough.

the shops, sir," said Bentick civiliy, "and we consider Branyon's discharge a guilty pang of wives and children at as unjust. We want him taken back." "And suppose I won't take him back haven of rest toward which they lived. what are you going to do about it, ch?" asked Dan good naturedly, and, no waiting for a reply, with old time deft at any price and who were willing to

There were those who thought with home and no pay day, the fortnightly And there were the customarily reckless souls, who thirsted for excitement

see the trouble to a finish. These ruled, as they usually do. Not a mar returned to work. Instead they hung about the yards and canvassed the sit uation. Finally the theory was ad vanced that if the shops were closed It would serve to bring down Cornish'. wrath on Oakley and probably resul in his immediate dismissal. This the ory found instant favor and straight way became a conviction with the ma-Jority.

At length all agreed to strike, and the whistle in the shops was set shricking its dismal protest. The men swarmes into the building, where each got to gether his kit of tools. They were quite now and laughed and jested a coul deal. Presently they were stream ing off uptown, with their coats over their arms, and the strike was on.

An unusual stillness fell on the yards and in the shops. The belts as they swept ou and on in endless revolutions cut this stillness with a sharp, incisive hiss. The nuclinery seemed to ham mer at it, as if to beat out some last ing echo. Then gradually the volume of sound lessened. It mumbled to a dotage of decreasing force, and ther everything stopped with a sudden jar The shops had shut down.

McClintock came from the office and entered the works, pulling the big doors to after him. He wanted to see that al was made snug. He cursed loudly as he strode through the deserted build ing. It was the first time since he had been with the road that the shops had been closed, and it affected him strangely.

The place held a dreadful, ghostly in ertness. The belts and shafting, with its innumerable cogs and connections reached out like the heavy knuckled tentacles of some great lifeless monster. The sunlight stole through the broken, cobwebbed windows to fail on heaps of rusty iron and heaps of dirty shavings.

In the engine room he discovered Smith Roberts and his assistant, Joe Webber, banking the fires, preparatory to leaving. They were the only mer about the place. Roberts closed a fur nace door with a bang, threw down his shovel and drew a grinty arm across his forehead.

"When do you suppose I'll get a chance to build steam again, Mitt?" "Ontdey suys we won't start up be The committee and the men exchanged had scored twice-first against Roger fore the first of September."

CHAPTER XV.

" III has any of the strike all and its without excitement Harven, time come gud, wega A transfers Analysis Involution In-

The crowd on the platform gave : faint, unenthusiastic cheer as It cauch sight of him. It had been more interested in staring at Bentlek and Stokes They looked so excessively ancom fortable

Mr. Kenyon climbed down the steps and shook hands with Mr. Ryder. Then, bowing and smilling to the right and left, he crossed the platform, leaning on the editor's arm. At the carriages there were more greetings. Stokes and Bentick were formally presented, and the congressman mounted to a place beside them, whereat the crowd cheered again, and Stokes and Bentick looked, if possible, more miserable than before. They had a sneak ing idea that a show was being made of them. Ryder took his place in the second carriage, with Cap Roberts and the Hon. Jeb Barrows, and the procest sion moved off uptown to the hotel, preceded by the band playing a lively twostep out of tune and followed by a troop of bare legged urchins.

After supper the statesman was ser enaded by the band, and a little later the members of the Young Men's Kenyon club, attired in cotton flannel uniforms, marched across from the Herald office to escort him to the rink.

where he was to speak. He appeared radiant in a Prince Albert and a shiny tile and a boutonniere, this time leaning on the arm of Mr. Stokes, to the huge disgust of that worthy mechanic. who did not know that a statesman had to lean on somebody's arm. It is hoary tradition, and yet it had a cer-tain significance, too, if it were meant to indicate that Kenyon couldn't keep straight unless he was propped.

A wave of fitful enthusiasm swept the assembled crowd, and Mr. Stokes' youngest son, Samuel, aged six, burst into tears, no one knew why, and was led out of the press by an elder brother, who alternately slapped him and

wiped his nose on his cap. Mr. Kenyon, smiling his unwearied, mirthless smile, seated himself in his carriage. Mr. Ryder, slightly bored and wholly cynical, followed ample. Mr. Stokes and Mr. Bentick, perspiring and abject and looking for all the world like two criminals, dropped dejectedly into the places assigned them. Only Cap Roberts and the Hon, Jeb Barrows seemed entirely at ease. They were campaign fixtures. The hand emitted a harmony destroying crash, while Mr. Jimmy Smith, the drum major, performed sundry bewildering passes with his glit staff. The Young Men's Kenyon club fell over its own feet into line, and the processlon started for the rink. It was a truly inspiring moment.

Since an early hour of the evening the people had been gathering at the It was also the opera house, rink. where during the winter months an occasional repertory company appeared in "East Lynne," "The New Magdalen" or Tom Robertson's "Caste."

The place was two-thirds full at a quarter to 8, when a fleet courier ar rived with the gratifying news that the procession was just leaving the square and that Kenyon was riding with his hat off and in familiar discourse with Stokes and Bentick.

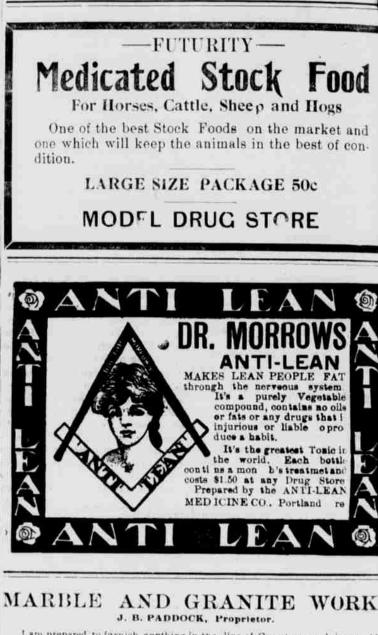
Presently out of the distance drifted the first strains of the band. A little later Cap Roberts and the Hon. Jel Barrows appeared on the makeshift stage from the wings. There was an applausive murmur, for the Hon Jeb was a popular character. It was said of him that he always carried a map of the United States in tobacco julce on his shirt front. He was bottle nosed and red faced. No man could truthfully say he had ever seen him drunk, nor had any one ever seen him He shunned extremes. the band filed into the balcony and was laboriously sweating its way through the national authem when Kenyon and Ryder appeared, followed by the wretched Stokes and Bentlick. A burst of applause shook the house. When it subsidied the editor stepped to the front of the stage. With words that halfed for the experience was a new one, he introduced the guest of the evening. It was generally agreed afterward that it had been a great privilege to hear kenyon. No one knew exactly what it was all about, but that was a initior consideration. The congress main was well on toward the end of his speech and had reached the local situa tion, which he was handling in what the Recald subsequently described a is musterly fashion, cool, logical and convincing," when Cakley condered in d. undworsed took a west metr the the cherrored about him clumby Cliary had been a time when these per phylical of been, in their way, this retends Now those neurost him even avoided (-1) = (0) life derivation  $-X_{1}$  limit here is " nonselense that some cose the down near the state and at the other sule of the building was usedding our strating at him. It was, for Emory Mrs. Enous und Constance were with him. Dan churcht the fine outline o the latter's profile. She was smilling a amound smile. It was her first po litical meeting, and she was finding quite as funny as Kyder had said to would be.

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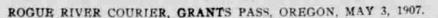
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Dan set his lips and said sternly, but quietly, "That's for him to decide." "Well, we'll tell him what you say,

"I don't wish to make him a scapegoa

for the rest of you."

ness he swung himself up into an emp

ty flat car which stood close at hand

"You know why Branyon was dis

missed. It was a business none of

you have much reason to be proud of,

but I am willing to let him come back

on condition he first offers an apology

to McClintock and to me. Unless he

does he can never set his foot inside

these doors again while I remain here.

I agree to this because I don't wish to

make him a scapegoat for the rest of

you, and I don't wish those dependent

He avoided looking in McClintock's

direction. He felt rather than saw

that the latter was shaking his head

in strong disapproval of his course.

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"I guess Branyon would as lief be

excused from making an apology if it's all the same to Milt," said Bentick

less civilly than before, and there was

a ripple of smothered laughter from the

Oakley and now for Branyon.

on him to suffer."

crowd.

and faced his assembled workmen.

and if he's ready to est humble ple there won't be no kick coming from us," remarked Boutick impartially. "Is this all?" asked Oakley.

"No; we can't see the cut," And a murmur of approval came from the III (III)

Dan looked out over the crowd. Why couldn't they see that the final victory was in his hands? "Be guided by me," he said curnestly, "and take my word for it, the cut is necessary. 1'll meet you halrway in the Branyon matter.

"We want our old wages," insisted Bentick doggedly.

"It is out of the question. The shares are transformed to believed They are earsting may money, they mave have and it's as much to your interests is inthe or General Cardish's to do your full part in traising them profit

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