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stunned and wounded about the shoulders. They helped him to his feet and led him away. He was trembling with fear. Solomen found a pine torch, still burning, near where the fire had been. By its light they dressed his wounds-the old scout having with him always a small surgeon's outfit.

"Whar is t' other captive?" he asked in the Indian tongue.

"About a mile down the trail. It's a woman and a boy," said the warrior. "Take us whar they be," Solemon commanded.

The three started slowly down the trail, the warrior leading them.

CHAPTER XVIII

The Voice of a Woman Sobbing. Over the ridge and more than a mile away was a wet, wild meadow. They found the cow and horses feeding on its edge near the trail. The moon, clouded since dark, had come out in the clear mid-heavens and thrown its light into the high windows of the forest above the ancient thoroughfare of the Indian. The red guide of the two scouts gave a call which was quickly answered. A few rods before daylight they arose and began farther on, they saw a pair of old to stir about. Indians sitting in blankets near a thicket of black timber. They could Jack whispered.

hear the voice of a woman sobbing "Inside!" Solomon answered. "So near where they stood.

"Womern, don't be skeered o' uswe're friends-we're goin' to take ye hum," said Solomon.

The woman came out of the thicket with a little lad of four asleep in her to the thicket where the woman and

"Where do ye live?" Solomon asked. | ment, "Far south on the shore o' the Mohawk," she answered in a voice trembling with emotion.

"What's yer name?" "I'm Bill Scott's wife," she answered.

"Cat's blood and gunpowder!" Solomon exclaimed. "I'm Sol Binkus." She knelt before the old scout and kissed his knees and could not speak for the fulness of her heart. Solomon bent over and took the sleeping lad from her arms and held him against his breast.

"Don't feel bad. We're a-goin' to take keer o' you," said Solomon. "Ayes, air, we be! They ain't nobody goin' to harm ye-nobody at all." There was a note of tenderness in

the voice of the man as he felt the chin of the little lad with his big thumb and finger. "Do ye know what they done with Bill?" the woman asked soon in a

pleading voice. The scout swallowed as his brain began to work on the problem in hand. "Bill broke loose an' got erway. He's gone," Solomon answered in a sad

voice. "Did they torture him?" "What they done I couldn't jes' tell

ye. But they kin't do no more to him. He's gone." She seemed to sense his meaning and lay crouched upon the ground with her sorrow until Solomon lifted

her to her feet and said: "Look here, little womern, this don't do no good. I'm goin' to spread my blanket under the pines an' I want ye to lay down with yer boy an' git some sleep. We got a long trip tomorrer.

"Tain't so bad as it might be-ye're kind o' lucky a'ter all is said an' done," he remarked as he covered the woman and the child. The wounded warrior and the old

men were not to be found. They had sneaked away into the bush. Jack and Solomon looked about and the latter called but got no answer.

"They're skeered cl'ar down to the "They swales here and there so that we were toe nails," said Solomon. couldn't stan' it here. A lightnin'

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thrower is a few too many. They'd

wiber be nigh a rattlesnake." The scouts had no sleep that night. They sat down by the trail side leaning against a log and lighted their pipes.

"You 'member Bill Scott?" Solemon whispered.

"Yes. We spent a night house.'

"He were a mean cuss. Sold rum to the Injuns. I allus tol' him it were wrong but-my God A'mighty !- I never 'spected that the fire in the water were a goin' to burn him up sometime. No, sir-I never creamed he were agoin' to be punished so-never."

They lay back against the log with their one blanket spread and spent the night in a kind of half sleep.

Every little sound was "like a kick in the ribs," as Solomon put it, and drove them "into the look and listen business." The woman was often crying out or the cow and horses getting up to feed.

"My son, go to sleep," said Solomon. "I tell ye there ain't no danger now-

not a bit. I don't know much but I know Injuns-plenty." In spite of his knowledge even Solomon himself could not sleep. A little

"I was badly burnt by that fire,"

was I. My soul were a-sweatin' all

night." The morning was chilly. They gathered birch bark and dry pine and soon had a fire going. Solomon stole over

child were lying and returned in a mo-"They're sound asleep," he said in a low tone. "We'll let 'em alone." He began to make tea and got out the last of their bread and dried meat and bacon. He was frying the latter when he said:

"That 'ere is a mighty likely wom-

He turned the bacon with his fork and added: "Turrible purty when she were

young. Allus hated the rum business." Jack went out on the wild meadow and brought in the cow and milked her, filling a basin and a quart bottle. Solomon went to the thicket and called:

"Mis' Scott !"

The woman answered. "Here's a tow'l an' a lettle jug o soap, Mis' Scott. Ye kin take the boy to the crick an' git washed an' then come to the fire an' eat yer breakfust."

The boy was a handsome, blond lad with blue eyes and a serious manner. His confidence in the protection of his mother was sublime.

"What's yer name?" Solomon asked. looking up at the lad whom he had lifted high in the air. "Whig Scott," the boy answered timidly with tears in his eyes.

"What! Be ye skeered o' me?" These words came from the little lad as he began to cry: "No, sir, I ain't skeered. I'm a brave man." "Courage is the first virtue in which the young are schooled on the frontler," Jack wrote in a letter to his

the history of that day. "The words and manner of the boy reminded me of my own childhood. "Solomon held Whig in his lap and fed him and soon won his confidence. The backs of the horses and the cow were so badly galled they could not be ridden, but we were able to lash the packs over a blanket on one of the horses. We drove the beasts shead of us. The Indians had timbered the

able to pass them with little trouble.

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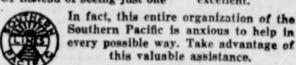
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Over the worst places I had the boy on my back while Solomon carried 'Mis' Scott' in his arms as if she were a baby. He was very gentle with her. To him, as you know, a woman has been a sacred creature since his wife died. He seemed to regard the boy as a wonderful kind of plaything. At the camping places he spent every mement of his leisure tossing him in the

air or rolling on the ground with him. "One day when the woman sat by the fire crying, the little lad touched her brow with his hand and said: "'Don't be skeered, mother, I'm

brave. I'll take care o' you.' "Solomon came to where I was breaking some dry sticks for the fire and said laughingly, as he wiped s tear from his cheek with the back of his great right hand: "'Did ye ever see sech a gol' durn

cunnin' leetle cricket in yer born days ever? "Always thereafter he referred to

the boy as the Little Cricket. Jack wrote in another of his letters that as they fared along, down to ward the sown lands of the upper Mohawk, Solomon began to develop tal- and Charles Hamer were Albany ents of which none of his friends had visitors Thursday, entertained the least suspicion.

"He has had a hard life full of fight and peril like most of us who were born in this New World," the young man wrote. "He reminds me of some of the Old Testament beroes, and is not this land we have traversed like the plains of Mamre? What a gentle creature he might have been if he had had a chance! How long, I wonder, must we be slayers of men? As long, I take it, as there are savages against whom we must defend

The next morning they met a company of one of the regiments of General Herkimer who had gone in pursuit of Red Snout and his followers. Learning what had happend to that evil band and its leader the soldiers faced about and escorted Solomon and DEALER IN HAY, GRAIN AND FEED his party to Oriskany.

(To be continued)

Halsey Happenings etc.

(Continued from page 1) Mrs. S. P. Brock has been serious

Lida E. Gum is sueing Charles I. Gum for divorce at Albany, by gum!

All the children of the W. C. T. U. farm home were admitted, free, to the Globe theater, Albany, Friday. The play was "Boy of Mine."

At a meeting Friday evening the Pine Grove cemetery association voted an assessment of \$1 a share for cleanup and maintenance purposes.

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Piper were arrested, but Ward, who him.

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has been in the limelight before, skipped out.

Arthur Hamer was a north-bound passenger Friday. Mrs. L. E. Walton spent Saturday

afternoon in Eugene. The bonds have been voted and now we'll have the bridges.

Mrs. J.T. Wooddy of Brownsville was an Albany shopper Saturday. Earle Stanard and wife of Browns-

ville spent Friday in Albany. Curtis Veatch spent last week working on his ranch near Cottage Grove.

Ted Mitzner filled in as minister

at the M. E. church at Shedd Sunday morning. H. W. Stanard, Brownsville merchant, took the train here for Port-

land, Saturday. Mrs. Curtis Veatch and son Wayne

Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Tinik from Clifton spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs, J. C. Bramwell.

Mrs. H. F. English went to Eu-

gene Thursday, the guest of Mr. English's mother and sister. Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Boner of Eugene came down to visit Mrs. S. C. Bass Thursday, Mrs. Boner was

formerly Miss Frost Bass.

Mrs. J. F. Wells of Brownsville and her daughter, Mrs. Loomis, and granddaughter Barbara, were all passengers to Salem Saturday.

Miss Wanda Veatch went to Eugene Thursday to spend a few days with her sister, Miss Enid Veatch, who is a student at the U. of O. Guy Bramwell and family from Brownsville and Mr. and Mrs. Ed

Hover of Harrisburg were visitors at the J. C. Bramwell home Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Campbell and wo sons, who went to Eugene last week to reside, did not find work as expected, so returned to Halsey and

left for Kelso, Wash., Friday. Albany will change its three-quarter -inch service water pipe into Bryant park to one of an inch and a quarter, it being conceded that sufficient water ought to be supplied, now that 50c a night is charged campers.

On the Henry Zimmerman place be at McConnel's Midway Jersey Sunday afternoon Milford Muller saw farm, a mile west of Shedd, next a good-sized porcupine. Porcy is no Saturday. Chester Mulkey, presi- racer. Milford turned a box on its dent of the state Jersey club, is ex- side and with a stick prodded the pected to be the principle speaker. animal until it entered. Then he Russell Loomis, Myrtle Piper and fastened it in. Monday morning he Bob Ward, Sodaville on their way to had his capture on exhibition in front Lebanon by auto, stole several hun- of Clark's confectionery and had dred dollars worth of articles from quite an attendance. The porcupine a stalled car that had been temporarily deserted beside the road. The his quills, but the fellow who kicks girl has confessed. Loomis and him is likely to take some away with

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