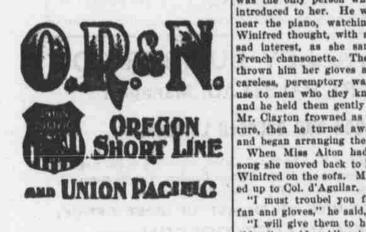


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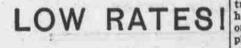
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felt no longer shy; she was thoroughly for talking like this, when one has a sort enjoying her first glimpse of the world. of a guilty feeling that one ought to be Mr. Clayton came up and carried Miss in bed."

Alton away to the plano, and Lord Har-"Well, then," exclaimed Fee, laughing, old went over to Miss Champion. Wini-fred took the opportunity of looking ty sleep for once and begin. I am going to call you Winifred, and you must call There was a handsome, melancholy me Fee-no one ever thinks of saying ooking man, who attracted her attention Marion. Not that I approve of people in particular. He had come in late, and calling each other by their Christian was the only person who had not been names as a rule," rattled on the little

introduced to her. He was sitting alone fairy, "because it leads to familiarity, and near the plano, watching Miss Alton, familiarity, we are wisely told, breeds Winifred thought, with a tender, almost contempt. It's the greatest mistake to and interest, as she sang her brilliant be too intimate-people are sure to quar-French chansonette. The little fairy had rel; but I don't think we shall; so, if you thrown him her gloves and fan, in that do not mind, let it be Winifred and Fee." careless, peremptory way women often In which arrangement Miss Eyre concurred heartily. use to men who they know love them-

around at the different faces.

plete mystery to every one."

and he held them gently and reverently. "And now I want to confide in you," Mr. Clayton frowned as he saw the ges- continued Fee, "because 1 am the most ture, then he turned away to the plano miserable creature in the world, and I and began arranging the music. want advice, and I know you are good When Miss Alton had finished her and sensible. Don't be offended," she ong she moved back to her place beside went on in her quick, droll way; "I don't Winifred on the sofa. Mr. Clayton walk- mean anything disparaging by saying you are sensible. I know it's generally con-"I must troubel you for Miss Alton's fan and gloves," he said, nonchalantly. sidered an odious trait in young people to

that wasn't nice, because you are so pret- | scription of them: "I will give them to her myself," Col. ty and clever. I want to talk to you about d'Aguilar said, coldly, rising. Mr. Clayton turned away with a scowl, that reminded Winifred painfully of Mr. do you like the most?" "You cannot ask me such a question

"Miss Alton," said Col. d'Aguilar, seriously!" exclaimed Winifred. "At all "have you forgotten that you intrusted events, you cannot have any doubt as to my answer."

"Oh! my fan and gloves," she exclaim-"Then you don't like Mr. Clayton?" ed. "thank you, I did not remember them; "Indeed I do not," replied Winifred, the fact is, I was so anxious to return earnestly. "He seems to have a cynical to my new acquaintance that I forgot disbelief in good, a sneering mistrust of Through Pullman standard and tour- you. But I will make amends for my kind actions, that never goes with a good neglect by sharing my pleasure with you. or benevolent nature. I would rather Miss Eyre-Col. d'Aguilar." And she die ten thousand times over than come to made room for him on the sofa beside her, suspect every thought and action of the

greatly to Mr. Clayton's annoyance, who began to talk to Miss Eyre assiduously. Winifred did not dislike him so much Clayton to be true; I despise him in my when he was talking; his conversation heart. I have not a shadow of hope that was certainly amusing, and he told her I shall ever approach to a feeling of love a great deal about Parisian society that for him. He is malicious-he is cruelhe found extremely entertaining. It was he is revengeful. And yet, knowing all only now and then, when she remarked this, it will not hinder me from selling the malicious, ugly scowl that crossed myself to him if he cares to buy me; I his face when he glanced toward Miss think he will. I think if it were only to, Alton and Col. d'Aguilar, that she remem- triumph over Col. d'Aguilar he would bered her instinctive repulsion for him. marry me. Winifred, do you know I love As the days passed Flora Champion that man with all my heart-with all the became very uneasy, and not.without rea- love of which a poor, vain, frivolous na-son. She had feared it from the first, ture like mine is capable? and yet I canand now there was no possibility of not sacrifice society and fashion for, his

doubting that Lord Harold Erskine was sake. I wonder why all the men who transferring his allegiance from her to her cousin. She deteated Winifred, as only a woman can hate a rival who sup-plants her. A stinging innuendo, a point-tor the sake of his money?"

ed sarcasm, at times betrayed her feel-Fee nodded her head. ings, but as a rule she had too much tact to indulge her angry malice. Now and life, and been brought up as I have been. then came an opportunity she could not What can I do?" and she stamped her resist. One day at lunch, Lady Grace foot impatiently; "I have no money; my aunt has none to give me. Col. d'Aguilar was speaking of Mr. Hastings, has only a pittance barely sufficient for "I regret so much," she said to Miss Vance, "that we have lost such a charmhimself. Riches, they say, cannot give love or happiness; but poverty can take ing neighbor as Mr. Hastings promised to be. His sudden departure is a comaway one and destroy the other. I have no other alternative."

"Dear Miss Alton," said Winifred, "I "We quite thought he intended to live beg of you with all my heart to think well permanently at the Court," answered Miss Vance. "It appears he made the before you make up your mind to marry most complete arrangements for doing so. a man like this Mr. Clayton. Think what Miss Vance. "It appears he made-the All his horses are still there, and I have it must be to spend the best part of your not heard of the servants being dismiss- life with a man you cannot love-a man you might perhaps get to hate!" ed. A friend of his is staying there now, playing host to a party of gentlemen. Fee laughed a little unnatura What reason did he assign for his sud-and put her fingers to her ears. Fee laughed 'a little unnatural laugh,

"Hush!" she said; "do not talk in that den departure?" "In a note I received from him a few way. I know all you can say. After all, days before he left he said he could not a gulet coun- who knows? Mr. Clayton may never de had left Jonah on the beach, "but those store and several other structures are two powers concerned. The Japanese me the honor to propose to me, and then smart young whales in our set will be in the middle of the same street. Resi- negotiations have been suspended and days before he left he said he could not who knows? Mr. Olayton may never de try life, and felt a longing for the excite-ment of foreign travel. But I cannot bring myself to think that was anything And the little fairy tripped off to her own more than an excuse, which he thought simple enough to repel further question-ing. I wish," Lady Grace continued, turn-

CHAPTER IX.

ing to Winifred, "that you could have met And yet the very next night Fee tapthe gentleman we are speaking of, you ped at Winifred's door, and when it was would have liked him so much. He is opened she went quickly in, and, throw-not only singularly handsome, but has a ing herself in a chair, burst into tears. you? Hen Peck-No. She won't,

have been in the park this afternoon "Ah!" said Francis Clayton, quietly, but with his most disagreeable smile, maxim. But you've not congratulated me yet, any of you."

Col d'Aguilar grew very pale; the hand that was on the back of his chair trembled.

"I am no hypocrite," he said, quietly, but with a curious ring in his voice. "1 cannot wish you happiness when I know it entails her misery." And amidst a dead silence he left the room.

Before the party assembled at breakfast the following morning he had left Endon Vale.

(To be continued.) INSECT VANDALS.

Tropical Ants that Ravage the Country Like a Fire.

The Huns and Vandals of the insect world are undoubtediy the marching army ants. In tropical countries everything falls before these invaders; they leave nothing but ruin behind them. The be sensible; but you couldn't be anything | author of "Tangweera" gives this de-

I have never found where these ants Col. d'Aguilar and Mr. Clayton. Which lie concealed when not engaged in for- but two churches, the Methodist and aging; but two or three times in the Presbyterian, were completely wreckyear, just before or after heavy rain, they come out of the forest in millions, piled as high and higher than the roof advancing in a solid column, which and the rescuing parties were forced may cover an acre of ground. Sometimes the column may separate in divis. in order to extricate the corpset lons, one going in one direction, one in which were tangled in the brush. another. Each travels in a fixed direction, in which it is guided by the guards, distinguished by enormous heads and three bodies were found near Lexingthreatening mandibles, who march ahead of the main body, as if to reconnoiter the ground.

The army follows after its officers, and rummages everything as it advances. Some swarm up the trees to has been pressed into service at Hepconsiderable heights, searching in all the cracks of the bark, or among parasitical plants. Every fallen or hollow log and every stone is carefully inspected.

They destroy as if a fire had passed over the ground. Snails, beetles, butter-to the entire absence of proper facili-miles, slugs, spiders, caterpillars, scor-ties for caring for the dead, the vic-the Bogota government a reasonable pions, centipedes everything is de tims of the flood were, for the most voured. Wasps' nests are rifled of the part, interred in common crates. grubs; birds are driven from their nests and the young ones eaten up. Fortunately, few birds lay in the riany sea- one which has stricken Heppner, are son, but occasionally incursions of the inthis case, fortunately absent, and army take place before the rains, when the vigilance committees and patrols Fee nodded her head. "Yes, so would you if you had led my the birds are rearing their young. I which were so necessary at Johnstown and Galveston floods, seem to be unhave seen lizards eight inches long necessary in Oregon. writhing, lashing the tail, rolling over and over, covered with ants which soon reached Ione last night and will promastered and devoured them.

"Dwice in the middle of the night we A wrecking train, with gangs of men have been roused by such invasions of to repair both the tracks and telegraph the marching army ants, and had to wires left last night. It is expected that communication with Lexington, rush out of the house and wait till the 17 miles from Heppner, will be restorforay was over. But we were consoled ed early this morning. by their leaving us a clean house, for Court street, at Heppner, on the the ants search the thatch through and bank of the stream, is swept clean as through, plunder the wasps' nests which a gravel bar from end to end. Not line our eaves, and drag from hiding every lizard, cockroach and spider beautiful residences are left. every lizard, cockroach and spider.

The Embacrassed Whale,

"I do not mind the notoriety so much," soliloquized the whale, after it large building is jammed into the drug sure to always be asking me to take dences are turned over or torn to piec- are at a deadlock. something for the inner man, or to go es. Mud, slime and misery are every spouting around about how hard it is where. spouting around about how hard it is to keep a good man down."-Baltimore American.

Hen Peck-I want to sue for a di-

ahead of the raging waters. His horse from one-half mile to a mile and is dropped dead, but he secured another, bounded on either side by precipitious "Let those laugh who win," is a capital and again another, covering the 65 mountains which render sudden freshets not uncommon, although at ordin miles to Arlington in seven hours. To ary seasons the stream is easily fordthis Paul Revers of Oregon is undoubt-edly due the fact that the ranchers of Willow Creek is joined by Hinton's the Willow Creek country below Hep-pner lost so little stock and property. Fork, which enters at the north end of the town. Some 20 years ago a cloudbarst occurred on Hinton's Fork pner lost so little stock and property.

The Palace Hotel was the first build and a wall of water 30 feet in height to junk. The engineers and firemen ng to stem the tide and all the guests rolled down the mountain sides into of each crew are dead. ing to stem the tide, and all the guests rolled down the mountain sides into Willow Creek At that time the town were saved; but houses below the Pawere saved; but houses below the Pa-lace Hotel were thrown out into the side of a high backbone extending street, overturned and wrecked. from near the mouth of the Fork back

Perhaps the greatest loss occurred to the mountains. There was little at the Heppner Hotel. This house, damage to the town and no lives were which was run under the management lost. Of recent years, however, the of Jones & Asbaugh, was carried town has grown considerably and a were not aware of the approach of op away. It is supposed that there were large portion of it is on the north side posing trains until within a few feet about 50 guests in this hotel, all of of this natural dyke and along the of each other. whom are reported to be lost. The banks of the two streams, directly in Had it not

proprietors themselves were saved, the path of the flood. but their families are among the dead. The entire residence portion of Heppner was destroyed, but the business lation of three or four hundred, and houses, being on higher ground, and being generally built of brick and stone, were not so badly damaged. The schoolhouse and courthouse, these places were destroyed.

which stand on a sidehill, were saved A branch of the O. R. & N. follows Willow Creek south from the main line ed. Around the depot the receding to demolish these pyramids of timber Un doubtedly many of the drowned bod-ies were carried by the rushing waters down the valley. It is reported' that ton, nine miles below Heppner, bu there were no fatalities in Lexington No systematic effort has been made to find the dead, who are undoubtedly strewn along the canyon. Every available man from a radius of 65 miles

pner itself. Gangs of men are at work clearing away the piles of debris. rocks and timber, which lie piled in P. M. Heppner's streets, and taking out the

About 100 persons have been burled The ghouls who are usually found, like hu-

ceed to Heppner as soon as possible

Every business house, except the ho tel, Fair store and Odd Fellow's building, along the side of the street on which the bank stands are wrecks. A

The water was 15 feet high in Heppner's streets and rose over the new courthouse wall. It came down Palm Nine People are Dead as Result of Mil understanding of Order.

> Waterloo, Ia., June 22 .- While going at a terrific rate and turning on a curve unaware of the approach of a freight train, passenger No. 2, east bound, of the Illinois Central, crashed head-on into the freight. Nine person were killed and both engines reduced

The passenger train had orders for the right of way, the freight crew having misunderstood the wording of its orders. The passenger was going at the rate of 50 miles an hour. The collision took place upon a sharp curve and it is stated that the engineers

Had it not been for the make-up of the train, the Pullmans being placed North of Heppner nine miles is the in the center, with the pass town of Lexington, containing a popucoaches on the rear, the death list would have been appalling.

FEAR OF FLOOD CONSTANT.

Albuquerque is Likely to Be Overwhelmed by the Rio Grande.

Albuquerque, N. M., June 22 .- The people of this city are living in constant fear of being overwhelmed by flood from the Rio Grande River, which is reported rising rapidly as a result of heavy rains north of here. For miles up the valley the country is inundated and a large number of families have been driven from their homes. Great destruction to proper ty has been done. The breaks in the dike and the Alameda Acquia, ten miles above this city, sent down a tre-

eight-foot acquia embankment 'a mile The water rising at the rate of a foot an hour was creeping toward the top of the embankment when the alarm was given and several hundred citizens rushed to the acquia and be gan the work of strengthening It. They worked throughout the night. . 2.2.5

Brighter for the Canal.

New York, June 22 .- Advices from Barranguilla and Cartagena show a decidedly favorable turn in the controversy over the question of ratifying the Panama Canal treaty. obligations as more binding than says a Herald dispatch from Panama This change is due, primarily, to the Isthmian public spirit and to the continued publications here, by prominent men of both the Conservative and Liberal parties elucidating the important points in the controversy. The restoration of public order throughout the Republic is also contributing to dispose opinions more favorably toward the canal treaty.

his conference with the President.

United States May Object.

Pekin, June 17 .- It is expected that the United States will object to the transfer of the negotiations for the American and, Japanese commercial treaties from Shanghai to this city, as Baker & Co. (Limited), is Gross' ac-It is impossible for the American Commission to come to Pekin. An edict ordering the transfer has now been issued without consulting either the United States or Japan, which omission is considered discourteous to the

Bandits Raid Cavite Towns.

Manila, June 17 .- Disorder continues in the province of Cavite. Two ban- mal status. The latest estimates now dits named Felizardo and Montalon, show that the flood, directly or indi-Fork, chiefly, but was a torrent on all with some followers recently raided a rectly, caused the death of 17 persons hillsides. Enormous piles of rock and number of towns. The government is in East St. Louis and vicinity. Fourwith some followers recently raided a rectly, caused the death of 17 persons vorce. Lawyer-Has your wife left you? Hen Peck-No. She won't. Intrindes. Enormous plies of rock and humber of towns. The government is a suppress the teen were drowned and three were shot for river thievery.

Charged With Fraud In Mining Deal. Chicago, June 22 .- Charged with fraud in a \$3,000,000 mining deal in which his commissions are declared to have been \$200,000, Theodore Gross, a mine promoter, spent last night in the county jail. Richmond Polson, Chicago manager of Walter cuser. He declares that Gross fraudulently withheld \$125,000 due him as commission in the sale of Camp Bird. Mining Company stocks from Thomas F. Walsh, the Colorado millionaire,

now of Washington, D. C.

St. Louis Sees Last of Flood. St. Louis, June 22 .- The water is eceding rapidly from the flooded districts in East St. Louis and vicinity, and business is approaching its nor-

at Heppner Junction to its terminus at Heppner. Officials of the company have received advices that their track is washed away between Douglas and Heppner, a distance of 30 miles.

ACTION ON CANAL TREATY URGED.

President Gives Colombia to Understand That Dallying Must Cease.

Washington, June 16 .- The President today sent for William Nelson Cromwell, attorney for the Panama mendous volume of water against the Canal Company, to confer with him on the canal situation. Mr. Cromwell above the city.

spent half an hour with the President in the forenoon, and the conference was resumed by appointment at 3

It is understood that the President is much concerned over the canal out-look. The Administration is not in in Heppner's graveyard today. Owing the least disposed to be impatient time to execute its obligations to the United States. At the same time, the Washington authorities regard these those of an ordinary treaty, and cannot admit the right of the Colombian gov-ernment to recede from them. If not carried out by ratification of the canal treaty, which comes before the Colombian Congress at its meeting this month, the United States hopes Colombia will find some other means of executing its obligations to this coun try as regards the Panama Canal. Mr. Cromwell declined to see callers after

corpses which are thus concealed.