



# The Riverman

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## Chapter 5

CHARLIE'S wanigan, in case you do not happen to know what such a thing may be, was a scow about twenty feet long by ten wide. It was very solidly constructed of hewn timbers, square at both ends, was inconceivably clumsy and weighed an unbelievable number of pounds. When loaded, it carried all the bed rolls, tents, provisions, cooking utensils, tools and a chest of tobacco, clothes and other minor supplies. It was managed by Charlie and his two cookees by means of pike poles and a long sweep at either end.

The packing began before the men had finished breakfast. Shortly after daylight the wanigan, pushed strongly from shore by the pike poles, was drifting toward the chute. The heavy scow threatened to turn side on, and the sweeps at either end churned the water frantically in an endeavor to straighten her out.

As Newmark looked at the smooth rim of the water sucking into the chute he began to wonder why he had come. The noble ship was pointed right at last and caught the faster water head on.

"All right!" Charlie shouted. Zeke and his mate took in the oars. The wanigan shot forward below the gate.

Whack, bump, bang, and the scow stopped so suddenly that its four men plunged forward in a miscellaneous heap. The water, backed up behind the stern, began to overflow into the boat. Newmark saw that the scow had run her bow on an obstruction and had been brought to a standstill square beneath the sluice gate. The water was beginning to fow the entire length of the boat. Various lighter articles shot past him and disappeared over the side.

Newmark had an inspiration. The more important matters, such as the men's clothes bags, the rolls of bedding and the heavier supplies of provisions, had not yet cut loose from their moorings. He seized one of the long oars, thrust the blade under the edge of a thwart stern, laid the shaft of the oar across the cargo and by resting his weight on the handle attempted to bring it down to bind the contents of the wanigan to their places. The cookees came to his assistance. Together they succeeded in bending the long hickory sweep far enough to catch its handle end under another thwart. The second sweep was quickly locked alongside the first, and not a moment too soon. A rush of water forced them all to cling to their lives.

Two or three rivermen appeared at the edge of the chute. A moment later old man Reed ran up, carrying a rope. This, after some difficulty, was made fast to the bow of the wanigan. A short rope from the top of the dam allowed the boat to be lifted free of the obstruction; a cable astern prevented the current from throwing her broadside to the rush of waters; another cable from the bow led her in the way she should go. Ten minutes later she was pulled ashore out of the eddy below, very much waterlogged and manned by a drenched and disgruntled crew.

"Bout two ton of water in them bed rolls and turkeys," grumbled Charlie.

In a couple of hours' run the wanigan had overtaken and left far behind the rear of the drive.

"Well," said Charlie at last, "we better make camp. We'll be down in the jam pretty soon."

"Well," said Orde to Newmark later, around the campfire, "how does river driving strike you?"

"It is extremely interesting," replied Newmark.

"Like to join the wanigan crew permanently?"

"No, thanks," returned Newmark dryly.

## Chapter 6

NEWMARK followed the thirty-three days' work of the log drive with great interest. Gradually the men got used to him and ceased to treat him as an outsider. The drive went down as far as Redding in thirty-three days. The men worked fourteen and sixteen hours at times. Several bad jams relieved the monotony. Problems of mechanics arose to be solved on the spot. Orde solved them by a rough and ready rule of thumb. He built structures which would have furnished a winter's discussion to some committees, just as the loggers had built through a rough country hundreds of miles of road better than railroad grade and smooth as a turnpike, the quarter of which would have occupied the average country board of supervisors for five years.

The drive was to be delivered at the booms of Morrison and Daly above the city of Redding, a thriving place of about 30,000 inhabitants situated on a long rapids forty miles from Lake Michigan.

The last camp was made six or eight miles above the mill. A good proportion of the rivermen, eager for the town, tramped down the road, to return early in the morning more or less drunk. One or two did not return.

Among the revelers was the cook, Charlie, commonly called "the doctor," and he moped about disconsolately. In the evening he looked so much like a chicken with the pip that Orde's attention was attracted.

"Got that dark brown taste, Charlie?" he inquired, with mock solicitude. "I tell you I only had two glasses of beer!" cried Charlie, goaded.

"Then why this joyless demeanor?" begged Orde.

Charlie grumbled fiercely inarticulate, but Johnny Challan interposed with a chuckle of enjoyment.

"He got 'bunked.'"

"Tell us!" cried Orde delightedly.

"It was down at McNeill's place," explained Johnny Challan. "They was a couple of sports there who throwed out three cards back up on the table and bet you couldn't pick the jack."

Hold up the Jack of hearts. They showed you where the jack was before they throwed, and it surely looked like a picnic, but it wasn't."

"Three card monte," said Newmark.

"How much?" asked Simms.

"About \$50," replied the boy.

Orde turned on the disgruntled cook. "And you had fifty in your turkey camping with this outfit of hard citizens?" he cried. "You ought to lose it."

Johnny Challan was explaining to his companions exactly how the game was played.

At this point Newmark broke into the discussion.

"Have you a pack of cards?" he asked in his dry, incisive manner. An old deck was produced. Newmark cleared a cracker box of drying socks and drew it to him.

# PASS GETS TASTE HIGH FINANCE

Trouble Starts in Connection With New Irrigation Plant Established Near Grants Pass Last Summer.

(Special Correspondence.) GRANTS PASS, Or., Nov. 26.—A complaint has been filed with the county clerk that promises to be an eye-opener in regard to high finance in mining deals. The plaintiffs are William Zimmerman et al. of Chicago and the defendants are the Golden Drift Mining company and C. W. Ament. The Golden Drift people are the ones who have entered into contracts with the Josephine County Irrigation company to supply this district with water, and it is their dam which has suffered from the effects of the recent high water. The complaints asks for a receiver and an accounting and George Sanders has been appointed receiver. The Grants Pass Banking & Trust company will probably be drawn into it, as they are holding through Claus Schmidt as trustee a large quantity of land that was put up as security by Ament to secure money borrowed in the name of the company.

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### GIVING OUT.

The Struggle Discourages Many a Citizen of Medford

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For sale by all dealers. Price 40 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., New York, sole agents for the United States. Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

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group. Nolan leaned forward and turned over the three on the board. They were the eight of diamonds and two tens of spades.

"That's how the thing is worked," announced Newmark. "Once in a while you'll run against a straight game, but not often."

"But you showed us the jack every time before you throwed them?" puzzled Johnny Simms.

"Sleight of hand," explained Newmark. "the simplest kind of palming."

"Where'd you get on to doing all that, Newmark?" inquired North. "You ain't a tin horn yourself?"

Newmark laughed briefly. "Not I," said he. "I learned a lot of those tricks from a traveling magician in college."

Orde had sat well in the background, watching intently all that was going on. After the exclamations following the exposure had subsided, he spoke.

"Boys," said he, "how game are you to get Charlie's money back—and then some?"

"Try us," returned big Tim. "This game's at McNeill's, and McNeill's is a tough hole," warned Orde. "Maybe everything will go peaceful, and maybe not. And you boys that go with me have got to keep sober. There isn't going to be any row unless I say so, and I'm not taking any contract to handle a lot of drunken river hogs as well as go against a game."

The thirty men of the rear crew signified their intention to stay by the procession.

"You can't make those sharps disgorge," counseled Newmark. "At the first look of trouble they will light out. They have it all fixed. Force won't do you much good and may get some of you shot."

# SHORT COURSES ARE OFFERED

Oregon Agricultural College Plans Practical Work for Farmers at the First of the Year.

(Mail Tribune Special Service.) PORTLAND, Or., Nov. 26.—Special short courses that are bound to be of great interest to many throughout the state are offered during the winter by the Oregon Agricultural college. These courses will commence January 4 and continue for a period of six weeks. There will also be a special short course covering a period of five days, commencing Monday, February 11, offered particularly for those who are unable to take the longer course. These short courses are of especial value to practical farmers, horticulturists and stockmen throughout the state.

Every department of the agricultural college will take part in these courses. Lectures and demonstrations will be given in the subjects of general agriculture, dairying, horticulture, mechanical arts, domestic science, forestry and commerce. Taught as these subjects will be by experts, with many object lessons of what is accomplished on the college farm, those who take the courses cannot fail to receive great benefit. Valuable co-operation will be lent the college staff by practical men largely responsible for the success of large farms, orchards, dairies and stock ranches of the state. Exhibits in all these lines will be made and the railroads have agreed to carry the exhibits without charge. There are no entrance examinations required for these short courses. The only expense will be for board and room, which will cost from \$3.50 to \$4.50 per week, and laboratory and registration fees that will amount to not more than \$3 in any one course. There will be no fees connected with the five rays' course.

Oregon's chief city is going ahead as never before in its history. Portland is growing because the state at large is prosperous and is constantly increasing its wealth. Plans to beautify the city by following a comprehensive scheme of city building are now receiving a great deal of attention. Mayor Simon announces that during the coming year 90 miles of hard-surface pavement will be put down, making the streets of the metropolis equal, if not superior, to any other city in the west. At present Portland has a total of 60 miles of hard-surface pavements.

Apples grown in Oregon and Washington will grace the tables of European royalty this winter, through the plan of James J. Hill, the Great Northern magnate, who has ordered 100 boxes of the best apples displayed at the Spokane apple show. He has wired his Spokane agent to pay \$10 a box if necessary. He says he wants the apples for Christmas presents to the following: "Royal and titled heads of Europe holding stock in the Hill roads, the queen of Denmark, the king of England, the emperor of Germany, titled members of the British parliament and German and Swedish personages of royal blood." Apples will be selected from fruit grown along the Hill lines and from the Deschutes valley.

A distinguished pioneer of the state was laid to rest during the past week. Joseph H. Lambert was widely known as the originator of the famous Lambert cherry, and his services to advance the horticultural interests of the state were very valuable. He died at the advanced age of 83 years.

Christian Science. Christian Science services are held every Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Subject of lesson-sermon for November 27, "Ancient and Modern Neuro-mancy; or, Mesmerism and Hypnotism." All are welcome. Sunday school at 10 o'clock, 128 North \*rape street, one and one-half blocks north Sherman-Clay music house.

Thanksgiving and Xmas Will Soon Be Here. The family will all be at home. Those dinners will be happy events. More happy and just right if cooked on a South Bend Malleable Range, the range which ranks first in the heart of the home. The expert South Bend malleable demonstrator is here this week. You come in and hear some inside range information and have hot biscuits and delicious coffee, also get a beautiful cook book and useful souvenir.

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All regular courses begin January 4 and end February 11. Farmers' week, February 14 to 18.

A cordial invitation is extended to all interested.

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For further information address Registrar, Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Or.

### NOTICE

On account of the increased cost of feed, we, the undersigned dairymen of Medford, find it necessary to raise the price of milk to ten cents a quart, retail, and 25 cents a gallon, wholesale, on and after December 1, 1909.

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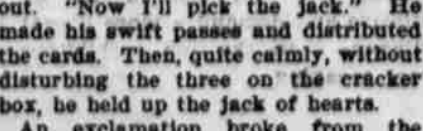
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