THE VALLEY of the GIANTS

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CHAPTER XI.

When Bryce Cardigan walked down the gangplank at the steamship dock in San Francisco, the first face he saw among the waiting crowd was Buck Ogilivy's, Ogilvy thrust forth a great speckled paw for Bryce to shake. Bryce ignored it, "Why, don't you remember me?"

Ogilivy demanded. "I'm Buck Ogilivy."
Bryce looked him fairly in the eye and favored him with a lightning wink "I have never heard of you, Mr. Ogilvy, You are mistaking me for some one

"Sorry," Ogilvy murmured. "My mistake. Thought you were Bill Kerrick, who used to be a partner of

Bryce nodded and passed on, hailed a taxicab, and was driven to the San Francisco office of his company. Five minutes later the door opened and Buck Ogilvy entered.

"I was a bit puzzled at the dock he explained as they shoo hands, "but decided to play safe and then follow you to your office. What's Have you killed somebody, and the detectives on your trail? If 'fess up and I'll assume the re-nsibility for your crime, just to show you how grateful I am for that

"No I wasn't being shadowed, Buck, but my principal enemy was coming down the gangplank right be-hind me, and—"

"So was my principal enemy," Ogilvy interrupted. "What does our enemy

"Like ready money. And if he had seen me shaking hands with you, he'd have suspected a connection between us later on. Buck, you have a good

job—about five hundred a month."
"Thanks, old man. Pd work for you for nothing. What are we going to "Build twelve miles of logging rail-

road and parallel the line of the old wolf I spoke of a moment ago." "Good news! We'll do it. How soon

do you want it done?"

"As soon as possible. You're the vice president and general manager." accept the nomination. What do

"Listen carefully to my story, analyze my plan for possible weak spots, and then get busy, because after I have provided the funds and given the word 'Gol' the rest is up to you. I must not be known in the transaction at all, because that would be fatal."

Three hours later Ogilvy was in pos-

the situation in Sequoia, had tabu-lated, indexed and cross-indexed them in his ingenious brain and was ready for business—and so announced him-self. Always an enthusiast in all things, in his mind's eye Mr. Ogilvy could already see a long trainload of could already see a long trainlo logs coming down the Northern California & Oregon railroad, as he and Bryce had decided to christen the ven-

When Bryce Cardigan returned to Sequoia, his labors, in so far as the building of the road were concerned, en completed. His with Gregory of the Trinidad Redwood Timber company had been signed, sealed and delivered; the money



"I Have Never Heard of Oglivy."

hulld the road had been deposited in bank; and Buck Ogilvy was already spending it like a drunken sallor. From now on, Bryce could only watch wait and pray.
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On the next steamer a surveying party with complete camping equipment arrived in Sequoia, purchased a wagon and two horses, piled their dunnage into the wagon, and disappeared up-country. Hard on their heels came Mr. Buck Ogilvy, and occupied the bridal suite in the Hotel Sequoia, arrangements for which had previously seen made by wire. In the sitting room of the suite Mr. Ogilvy installed a new

oung male secretary.

He had been in town less than an

Sentinel sent up his card. The announcement of the incorporation of the California Outrage (for so had Mr. Ogilvy, in huge enjoyment of the misery he was about to create, dubbed the road) had previously been flashed to the Sentine) by the United Press association, as a local feature story, and already speculation was rife in Sequola as to the identity of the hare-Sequole as to the identity of the hare-brained individuals who dared to back an enterprise as nebulous as the mil-lenium. Mr. Ogilvy was expecting the visit—in fact, impatiently awaiting it; and since the easiest thing he did was to speak for publication, natural-ly the editor of the Sentinel got a story which, to that individual's sim-ple soul, seemed to warrant a seven-column head—which it received. In glowing terms he spoke of the billions of tons of timber-products to be haul-ed out of this wonderfully fertile and little-known country, and confidently predicted for the county a future com-mercial supremacy that would be sim-ply staggering to contemplate.

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When Colonel Seth Pennington read this outburst he smiled. "That's a bright scheme on the part of that Trinidad Redwood Timber company gang to start a railroad excitement and unload their white elephant," he de

When Bryce Cardigan read it, he laughed. The interview was so like Buck Ogilvy! In the morning the latter's automobile was brought up from the steamship dock, and accompanied by his secretary, Mr. Ogilvy disappeared into the north following the bright new stakes of his surveying gang, and for three weeks was seen no more.

On a day when Bryce's mind hap pened to be occupied with thoughts of Shirley Sumner, he bumped into he on the main street of Sequola, and to her great relief but profound surprise, he paused in his tracks, lifted his hat, smiled, and opened his mouth to say something—thought better of it. changed his mind, and continued on about his business. As Shirley passed him, she looked him squarely in the face, and in her glance there was nelther coldness nor malice.

Bryce felt himself afire from heels to hair one instant, and cold and clammy the next, for Shirley spoke to him. "Good morning, Mr. Cardigan,"

He paused, turned, and approached her. "Good morning, Shirley," he re plied. "How have you been?"

"I might have seen dead, for al the interest you took in me," she re-plied sharply. "As matters stand, I'm exceedingly well—thank you. By the way, are you still belligerent?" nodded. "I have to be."

"I think you're a great big grouch Bryce Cardigan," she flared at him You make me unutterably weary." "I'm sorry," he answered, "but just

at present I am forced to subject you to the strain. Say a year from now when things are different with me I'll strive not to offend."

"I'll not be here a year from now," she warned him.

He bowed. "Then I'll go whereve

you are—and bring you back." And with a mocking little grin, he lifted his hat and passed on.

Col. Seth Pennington was amor those who, skeptical at first and in-clined to ridicule the project into an early grave, eventually found himself swayed by the publicity and gradually the results attendant upon the build ing of the road. The Colonel was naturally as suspicious as a rattlesnake in August; hence he had no sooner emerged from the ranks of the

framed the question: "How ig this new road—improbable as I know it to be—going to affect the interests of the Laguna Grande Lumber company, if the unexpected should happen and those bunco-steerers should actually build a road from Sequola to Grant's Pass, Ore., an thus construct a feeder to a trans continental line?"

Five minutes of serious reflection sufficed to bring the Colonel to the verge of panic, notwithstanding the fact that he was ashamed of himself for yielding to fright despite his fire belief that there was no reason why he should be frightened. Similar considerations occur to a small boy who is walking home in the dark past a

The vital aspects of his predict ent dawned on the Colonel one night at dinner, midway between the sour and the fish. So forcibly did they oc cur to him, in fact, that for the nonce he forgot that his niece was seate opposite him.

"Confound them," the Colonel mu ured distinctly, "I must look into

this immediately." "Look into what, uncle dear?" Shir

ley asked innocently.
"This new railroad that man Ogily; talks of building—which means, Shir-ley, that with Sequola as his starting point, he is going to build a hundred and fifty relies north to connect with

desk, a filing cabinet, and a brisk | the main line of the Southern Pacific

"But wouldn't that be the fine thing that could possibly happen to Humboldt county?" she demanded of

Undoubtedly it wend—to Hum-boldt county; but to the Laguna Grande Lumber company, in which you have something more than a ser tal interest, my dear, it would be a blow. A large part of the estate left by your father is invested in Laguna



"I'll Not Be Here a Year From Now,"

Grande stock, and as you know, all of my efforts are devoted to appreciating that stock and to fighting against any-thing that has a tendency to depreciate

Carefully he dissected a sand-dall and removed the backbone. "I'd give a ripe peach to learn the identity of the scheming buttinsky who bought old Cardigan's Valley of the Giants," he said presently. "I'll be hanged if that doesn't complicate matters s little."

"You should have bought it whe the opportunity offered," she reminded him.

"I dare say," he admitted lightly. "However, I didn't and now I'm going to be punished for it, my dear; so don't roast me any more. By the way, that speckled hot-air fellow Ogilvy, who is promoting the Northern Callfornia & Oregon railroad, is back in town again. I think I'll wire the San Francisco office to look him up in Dun's and Bradstrest's. I'd sleep a whole lot more soundly to-night if I knew the answer to two very importan questions."

"What are they, Uncle Seth?"

"Well, I'd like to know whether the N. C. O is genuine or a screen to hide the operations of the Trinidad Redwood Timber company.

"It might," said Shirley, with one of those sudden flashes of intuition pe-culiar to women, "be a screen to hide the operations of Bryce Cardigan. Now that he knows you aren't going to renew his hauling contract, he may have decided to build his own logging

After a pause the Colonel made answer: "No, I have no fear of that. It would cost five hundred thousand and bridge Mad river, and the Cardimoney. What's more, they can't get gans haven't got that amount of

"But suppose," she persisted, "that the real builder of the road should prove to be Bryce Cardigan, after all What would you do?"

Colonel Pennington's eyes twinkled "I greatly fear, my dear, I should make a noise like something doing And as for Bryce Cardgan—well, that young man would certainly know he'd een through a fight."

"I wonder if he'll fight to the last, Uncle Seth." "Why, I believe he will," Pennington

eplied soberly. "I'd love to see you beat him." "Shirley! Why my dear, you're growing feroclous." Her uncle's tone were laden with banter, but his counte rance could not conceal the pleasur

her last remark had given him. Shirley thrust out her adorable chin aggressively. "Sick em, Tige!" she answered. "Shake 'em up, boy!" "You bet I'll shake 'em up," the

Colonel declared joyously. He paused with a morsel of food on his fork and waved the fork at her aggressively You stimulate me into activity. Shir ley. My mind has been singularly dull of late; I have worried unnecessarily but now that I know that you are with me, I am inspired. Pil tell you how we'll fix this new railroad, if it exhibits signs of being dangerous." Again he smote the table. "We'll sew 'en up tighter than a new buttonhole."

"Do tell me how," she pleaded

"Til block them on their franchise to in over the city streets of Sequoia. "How?"

"By making the mayor and the city council see things my way," he answered dryly. "Furthermore, in order to ed dryly. "Furthermore, in order to enter Sequoia, the N. C. O. will have Grande Lumber company's line on Water street—make a jump-crossing— and I'll enjoin them and hold them up

"Uncle Seth, you're a wizard."
"Well, at least I'm no slouch at look ing after my own interests—and yours. Shirley. In the midst of peace we should be prepared for war. You've met Mayor Poundstone and his lady,

"I had ten at her house last week." "Good news, Suppose you invite her and Poundstone here for dinner some night this week. Just a quiet little family dinner, Shirley, and after dinner you can take Mrs. Poundstone upstairs, on some pretext or other while I sound Poundstone out on his attitude toward the N. C. O."

She nodded. "I shall attend to the matter, Uncle Seth." Five minutes after dinner was over, Shirley joined her uncle in the library and announced that His Honor the Mayor, and Mrs. Poundstone, would be delighted to dine with them on the following Thursday night.

CHAPTER XII

To return to Bryce Cardigan: Having completed his preliminary plans to build the N. C. O., Bryce had returned to Sequola, prepared to sit quietly on the side lines and watch nis peppery henchman Ogilvy go into

Ogilvy's return to Sequola following his three-weeks tour in search of rights of way for the N. C. O. was heralded by a visit from him to Bryce Cardigar at the latter's office. As he breaste the counter in the general office, Moire McTavish left her desk and came over o see what the visitor desired.

"I should like to see Mr. Bryc Cardigan," Buck began in crisp bus esslike accents. He was fumbling in his card-case and did not look up until about to hand his card to Moira when his mouth flew half open, the while he stared at her with consum nate frankness. The girl's glance me his momentarily, then was lowered modestly; she took the card and careled it to Bryce.

"Hum-m-m!" Bryce grunted. "That noisy fellow Ogilvy, eh? "His clothes are simply wonderful-

nd so is his voice. He's very refined But he's carroty red and has freckled Bryce rose and sauntered into the

eral office. "Mr. Bryce Cardigan?" Buck queried. "At your service, Mr. Ogilvy. Please

"Thank you so much, sir." He fol lowed Bryce to the latter's private office, closed the door carefully behind him, and stood with his broad back

against it. "Buck, are you losing your mind?" Bryce demanded.

"Losing it? I should say not. I've fust lost it.'

"I believe you. If you were quite sane, you wouldn't run the risk of be ing seen entering my office," "Tut-tut, old dear! None of that!

Am I not the mainspring of the Northern California Oregon railroad privileged to run the destinies of that soulless corporation as I see fit?" He sat down, crossed his long legs, and erked a sp ckled thumb toward th outer office. "I was sane when I came in here, but the eyes of the girl outoh, yow, them eyes! I must be introduced to her

"Love at first sight, eh, Buck?" "I don't know what it is, but it's ice. Who is she?"

"She's Moira McTavish, and you're not to make love to her. Understand? I can't have you snooping around this office after to-day."

Mr. Ogilvy's eyes popped with interest, "Oh," he breathed. "You have an eye to the main chance youself, have you? Have you proposed to the lady as

"No, you idiot." "Then I'll match you for her rather for the chance to propose first.' "Nothing doing, Buck. Spare your self these agonizing suspicions. The fact of the matter is that you give me a wonderful inspiration. I've always been afraid Moira would fall in love with some ordinary fellow around Sequoia—propinquity, you know——"
"You bet. Propinquity's the stuff.

I'll stick around." "-and I'vo been on the lookout fo a fine man to marry her off to. She's too wonderful for you, Buck, but in time you might learn to live up to "Duck! I'm liable to kiss you."

"Don't be too precipitate. Her father him for boozing." "I wouldn't care two hoots if her dad was old Nick himself. I'm going to marry her—if she'll have me. Ah,

a cure for freckles, Bryce, you'll peak a kind word for me, won't you-ort of boom my stock, eh? Be a

"Certainly. Now come down to earth render a report on your steward-

ship."
"I'll try. To begin, I've secure rights of way, at a total cost of twelve thousand, one hundred and three dol-lars and nine cents, from the city limits of Sequola to the southern boundary of your timber in Township nine I've got my line surveyed, and so far as the building of the road is concern ed, I know exactly what I'm going to do, and how and when I'm going to do it, once I get my material on the

"I have an option of a rattling good second-hand locomotive down at the Santa Fe shops, and the Hawkins & Barnes Construction company has offered me a steam shovel, half a dozen flat-cars, and a lot of fresnos and scrapers at ruinous prices. We can buy or rent teams from local citizens and get half of our labor locally. And as soon as you tell me how I'm to get my material ashore and out on the jeb, I'll order it and get busy.'

"That's exactly where the shoe begins to pinch. Pennington's main-line tracks enter the city along Water street, with one spur into his log-dump and another out on his mill-dock From the main-line tracks we also have built a spur through our dryingyard out to our log-dump and a switch-line out to our mill-dock. We can unload our locomotive, steam shovel, and flat-cars on our own wharf, but unless Pennington gives tracks out to a point beyond the city limits—where a Y will letd off to where the point of construction be gins-we're up a stump."

"Suppose he refuses, Bryce. What

"Why, we'll simply have to enter the city down Front street, paralleling Pennington's tracks on Water street, turning down B street, make a jump crossing of Pennington's line on Water street, and connecting with the spur into our yard."

"See here, my son," Buck said solemnly, "is this your first adventure in railroad building?"

Bryce nodded.
"I thought so; otherwise you wouldn't talk so confidently of run-ning your line over city streets and making jump-crossings on your competitor's road. If your competitor re gards you as a menace to his pocketbook, he can give you a nice little run for your money and delay you indefi-

"I realize that, Buck, That's why I'm not appearing in this railroad deal at all. If Pennington suspected I was back of it, he'd fight me before the city council and move heaven and earth to keep me out of a franchise to use the city streets and cross his line. Of course, since his main line runs on city property, under a fran-chise granted by the city, the city has perfect right to grant me the priviege of making a jump-crossing of his

"Will they do it? That's the prob lem. If they will not, you're licked, ny son, and I'm out of a toh."

Bryce hung his head thoughtfully "I've been too cocksure," he muttere resently. "I shouldn't have spent that twelve thousand for rights of way until I had settled the matter of the franchise."

"Oh, I didn't buy any rights of way -yet;" Ogilvy hastened to assure him. T've only signed the land-owners on an agreement to give or sell me a right of way at the stipulated figures apy time within one year from date. Will the city council grant you a franchise to enter the city and jump Pennington's tracks?"

"I'm sure I don't know, Buck, You'll have to ask them—sound them out. The council meets Saturday morning.

"They'll meet this evening-in the private dining room of the Hotel Sequoia, if I can arrange it," Buck Ogilvy declared emphatically, "I'm going to have them all up for dinner talk the matter over. I know the breed from cover to cover. Following a preliminary conference, I'll let you know whether you're going to get that franchise without difficulty on whether somebody's itchy palm will have to be crossed with silver first. By the way, what do you know about your blighted old city council, anyway?

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Arbor day was originated by J. Ster-ling Morton in Nebraska, January 4, 1872. The day was first observed in Missouri in 1889 when the legislature passed a law fixing the first Friday after the first Tuesday in April as day when trees should be planted. It many of the schools in the country the day is observed.

In Case of Fainting. One day in school the teacher asked us what we would do in case ne giorious creature!" He waved his of fainting. A pupil quickly ans ng arms despairingly. "O Lord, send "Throw water on yourself?"

Some may live their fair dreams, cost-

ly, jeweled, rare dreams; costly, jeweled, rare dreams;
Some may rove the luring world as free as homing birds;
dut still, ['ll find my all for me, close waiting at my call for me, in my printed palues, bright tapestried with words!

—Martha Haskell Clark,

A SYMPOSIUM OF SOUFFLES.

If you have been forehanded and were not chear



price, you will be able to induige in a few egg dishe which are espe cially fine. Thos who are fond o cheese will like

Salmon Souffle,-Take one small car of salmon, two tablespoonfuls of corn starch, one tablespoonful of butter, one-quarter of a cupful of milk, three eggs, one teaspoonful of onion juice, one teaspoonful of chopped parsley, one-half cupful of bread crombs, salt and pepper to taste and one teaspoonful of lenion juice. Drain the salmou and remove the bones and skin. Blead ally add the milk until smooth. remove from the fire, add egg yolks, femon fuice, onion fuice, pars ley and bread crumbs. Fold in the whites of the eggs. Set the baking half an hour. All souffles should b oaked in hot water to avoid or

and whites beaten separately, add one cupful of sugar to the beaten yolks, then the juice and grated rind of a lemon, fold in the stiffly beaten whites and place in a buttered dish, set in a pan of hot water and bake 40 min ites. Serve with a lemon sauce as

Veal Souffie.—Take two cupfuls of chopped veal, two tablespoonfuls of butter, one cupful of sweet milk, one cupful of cream, one tablespoonful of inced parsley, three eggs, two tablespoonfuls of flour, one can of button mushrooms and seasonings to taste. Melt the butter without browning, add the flour. When smooth add the cream and milk, cook until it thickens, add the veal, then the yolks of the eggs, nushrooms and parsley. Take from the heat and cool. When ready to use, fold in the stiffly beaten whites of the eggs, turn into a buttered baking dish and bake 20 minutes.

It is easy in the world to five after the world's opinion; it is easy in soli-tude to live after our own: but the great man is he who in the midst of the crowd keeps with perfect awest-ness the independence of solitude.

SEASONABLE GOOD THINGS.

A most delicious cheese combinatio serve with crackers and coffee is



the following: Take one cake of any cream chec one cupful of cheese, a dash of red pepper, or half cupful

chopped, stuffed olives and enough thick sweet cream to mold into a roll. Decorate the roll with thinly sliced stuffed olives, and serve on a dolley overed plate.

Pepper Hash.—Wash and dry five

large green peppers and one red one Cut them open and remove the seeds and white membrane. Chop the pep ers fine, add the white heart of a cabbage, also chopped fine, add two table spoonfuls of brown mustard seed, three tablespoonfuls of salt, one of sugar, and cover with good cider gar. Stir up thoroughly, then bottle

Ginger Pur of a pound of Canton ginger, add one quart of water, one cupful of sugar add three tablespoonfuls of the ginger syrup, three-fourths of a cupful of orange juice, one-half cupful of lemon juice and large pieces of cracked ice. Stir until well chilled and add one quart of apollinaris water.

Chestnut Cup.-Prepare chestnuts ooked until tender in a rich lemor sirup, adding some of the rind for further flavor. Dispose a few of these chestnuts cut in slices in the bottom of a sherbet cup, add a spoonful of vanilla ice cream and garnish the top with whipped cream, sweetened and flavored. Cheese Souffle .- Prepare a thin sauce

using one cupful of milk and two tadespoonfuls each of butter and nour Melt the butter and add the flour, mix well, then add one cupful of milk, coo antil smooth season well, and add three-quarters or a cupful of grated e, the yolks of three eggs and lastly fold in the stiffly beaten whites. Bake slowly about 45 minutes. Macaroni and Salmon,-Cook the

macaroni until tender, then arrange it in layers with shredded salmon, penper, sait, bits of butter and a few drops mon juice. When the casserole is filled pour over a cupful of milk; cover with buttered crumbs and bake. Apple Snow.-Grate two large apples, cover with one cupful of sugar break the whites of four eggs over the apples and sugar and beat hard one-half hour. The mixture will be stiff

and stand alone. Serve cold with Necie Maxwell



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