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CHAPTER VII.

for the reception of logs.

beams for a V plow.

The carpenter had also built two im-

mense tanks on runners, holding each

some seventy barrels of water and with

holes so arranged that on the with-

drawal of plugs the water-would flood

track from a water hole to an opening

in the sprinkler. When in action this

formidable machine weighed nearly

two tons and resembled a moving

couse. Other men had felled two big

The V plow was now put in action.

Bix horses drew it down the road, each

miocks, from which they had bewed

are sucepuy the food that a sleepy cookee set out for them. By morning the mere surface of the sprinkled water had frozen. Radway looked in despair at the sky. Dimly through the gray he caught the tint of

The sun came out. Nuthatches and woodpeckers ran gayly up the warming trunks of the trees; blue jays fuffed and perked and screamed in the hardwood tops; a covey of grouse ventured from the swamp and strutted vainly, a pause of contemplation between each step. Radway, walking out on the tramped road of the marsh, cracked the artificial skin and thrust

his foot through into icy water. That ADWAY returned to camp by the night the sprinklers stayed in. 6th of January. He went on The devil seemed in it. Men were snowshees over the entire job and then sat silently in the oflying idle; teams were doing the same. Nothing went on but the days of the Gell. ice smoking. The jobber looked older. year, and four of them had already The lines of dry good humor about his ticked off the calendar. The deep snow eyes had subtly changed to an expresof the unusually cold autumn had now lion of pathetic anxiety. He attached disappeared from the tops of the no blame to anybody, but rose the next stumps. It even stopped freezing durmorning at horn blow, and the men ing the night. At times Dyer's little found that they had a new master over thermometer marked as high as 40 de-Now it became necessary to put the grees.

"I often heard this was a sort 'v roads in shape for hauling. All winter summer resort," observed Tom Broadthe blacksmith had occupied his time in head, "but hanged if I knew it was a fitting the iron work on eight log summer resort all the year round!" sleighs which the carpenter had hewed By and by it got to be a case of lookfrom solid sticks of timber. They were ing on the bright side of the affair remendous affairs, with runners six from pure reaction. feet apart and bunks nine feet in width.

"I don't know," said Radway; "It won't be so bad, after all. A couple of days of zero weather, with all this water lying around, would fix things up in pretty good shape. If she only freezes tight we'll have a good solid bottom to build on."

the entire width of the road. The The inscrutable goddess of the wilprinklers were filled by borse power. derness smiled and calmly, relentlessly, A chain running through blocks atmoved her next pawn.

tached to a solid upper framework, It was all so unutterably simple and like the open beifry of an Italian monyet so effective. It snowed. astery, dragged a barrel up a wooden

All night and all day the great flakes sigzagged softly down through the air. Radway plowed away two feet of it. The surface was promptly covered by a second storm. Radway doggedly plowed it out again.

This time the goddess seemed to relent. The ground froze solid. The sprinklers became assiduous in their pair superintended by a driver. The labor. Two days later the road was machine was weighted down by a numlabor. Two days later the road was Yang. ber of logs laid across the arms. Men of thick, glassy ice beautiful to behold, the ruts cut deep and true, the

and the cant nous, says and the for a moment to the rough bark, snapped down and hit him a crushing blow on the top of the head.

They took Thorpe up and carried him in, just as they had carried Hank Paul before. Men who had not spoken a dozen words to him in as many days gathered his few belongings and stuffed them awkwardly into his satchel. Jackson Hines prepared the bed of straw and warm blankets in the bottom of the sleigh that was to take him

"He would have made a good boss," said the old fellow. "He's a hard man to nick."

TO BE CONTINUED.

Kuropatkin Tells of the Cong Ju Battle.

Continued from page 1.

"Russian troops have been coming south for a long time, and it is evident that a omflict must result. As matters have turned out, it would have been better if the war had occurred when the Russians first oscupied Malchuria, because ever since they have been strengthening their position in toat province. Our statesmen, however wished to preserve peace as long as possible. It is difficult to say where the first big land battle will take place. . The Russians seem to be in force between Dian Yang and Kaiping, on the Manchuria railroad. They may cross the mountains and possibly meet us at the Yalu.

Seneral Kurepatkin Tells of the Battle General Kuropatkin's report is as follows: 'I have the honor to respectfully communicate to your majesty the report of General Mishtchenko, dated March 28, at 1 p. m. which says:

"'For three consecutive days small outposts attempted to draw the Japanese cayalry into action, but their patrol, after con tact was es.a.li.hed, retired behind Cong

Ju, about fifty niles northwest of Ping "Having learned that four squadrons

of the enemy posted five ve.sts beyond

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Bill Against Finch and McBee.

Raleigh, March 30. The grand jury here this afternoon returned a true bill against K. S. Finch and V. E. McBee for conspiracy against the State in the appointment of a receiver for the Atlantic & North Carolina Railway. the bill as returned has four counts, the first, [charging tiem with conspiracy to injure the property of the railway and obstruct its officers; second, to deprive its officers of possession of the road; third, in having a receiver appointed: fourth, in atung to force a lease of the road.

It by levers and by throwing their weight against the fans of the plow. It was a gay, animated scene, this, full of the spirit of winter-the lodding, straining borses, the brilliantly dressed, struggling men, the sullen yielding snow thrown to either side, the shouts, warnings and commands. To right and left grew white banks of snow. Behind stretched a broad white path in which a scant inch hid the bare earth.

For some distance the way led along comparatively high ground. Then, skirting the edge of a lake, it plunged into a deep creek bottom between bills. Here earlier in the year eleven bridges had been constructed, and perhaps as many swampy places had been "corduroyed" by carpeting them with long parallel poles. Now the first difficulty

Some of the bridges had sunk below the level, and the approaches had to "corduroyed" to a practicable grade. Others again were humped up like tomcats and had to be pulled apart entirely.

Still that sort of thing was to be exected. A gang of men who followed plow carried axes and cant hooks for the purpose of repairing extemporaneously just such defects which never would have been discovered otherwise than by the practical experience. Radway himself accompanied the plow. Thorpe, who went along as one of the "road monkeys," saw now why such care had been required of him in smoothing the way of stubs, knots and hummocks.

when the road had been partly cleaned Radway started one of his prinklers. Water holes of suitable ine had been blown in the creek bank by dynamite. There the machines were filled. Stratton attached his horse to the chain and drove him back and forth, hauling the barrel up and down the slide way. At the bottom it was sed and filled by means of a long ole shackled to its bottom and maniplated by old man Heath. At the top it turned over by its own weight. Thus seventy odd times.

Then Fred Green hitched his team on and the four horses drew the creake, cumbrous vehicle spouting down be road. Water gushed in fans from mings on either side and beneath. and in streams from two holes behind. Not for an instant as long as the flow d dared the teamsters breathe their horses, for a pause would freeze the suppers tight to the ground. A ague at either end obviated the nesity of turning around. That night it turned warmer. The hange was heralded by a shift of

37,708.93. 139,367.29 m. "The sir is kind o' holler." each of the twenty-four, took a pride 1904, the State convention of the Reput DEC. 15, 1895, 1.0.0000 Thorpe, laughing 320,184 73. lican party was called to meet at Greensin repulsing assaults of the great en-369,026,17 Low is that?" DEC. 15, 1897. HARROWS. I don' know," confessed Hines, "but boro, N. C., on May 18th, 1904' at noon, emy whom they personified under the 327,859.44. 469, 751.16 to nominate candidates for governor generic "She." in. She just feels that way." DEC. 15, 1899, 781,018.11. One morning in February Thorpe and other state officers, two associate In the morning the icicles dripped 937,156.48 Morgan Spading Harrows, was helping load a big butt log. He justices of the supreme court and two DEC. 15, 1901, rom the roof, and the snow becam was one of the two men who stand at presidential electors at large, and to 1,043,282.04. 1,180,265.70 marked on the surface. Solid Disc, Steel Frame, either end of the skids to help the as-Endway was down looking at the elect four delegates and four alternates ,237,075.14. Cut Out Disc Steel Frames. cending log keep straight and true to at large to the national republican con-Jan. 22, 1904, its hed on the pile. His assistant's She's holdin', her own," said he, 2,657,110.66. vention, to be held in Chicago June 3,373,873,01 Clark's Cutateray Harrotes, t there ain's any use putting more ter on her. She must freezing a end caught on a sliver, ground for a 21st, 1904, and to transact such other Asheville Blanch - 34 Pat. Ave second and slipped back. Then the We'll plow her out." business as may properly come before log ran slanting across the skids in-Asheville, N. C. All Sizes. they finished the job and plowed stead of perpendicular to them. To said convetion. YOUR BUSINESS SOLICITED. out, leaving expected the wet, rectify the fault Thorpe dug his cant All Steel Lever Spike Tooth Harrows. The Republican exganizations of the y surface of the creek bottom, on hook into the timber and threw his various counties are requested to call a All sizes, the best makes we can purchase. at night a thin crust formed. weight on the stock. He hoped in this convention of the Republicans of their e'll freese a little tonight," said nanner to check correspondingly the 1115 respective counties (if they have not CHARLES SAVE VILLE ay hopefully. "You sprinkler Single and Two Row Corn Planters. ascent of his end. In other words, he already done so,) and elect delegates and get at her and wet her down." took the place on his side of the pre-DURABLE venting sliver, so equalizing the pres Il 2 o'clock in the morning the Write for Circulars and Prices. alternates to the said said state convencams and the six men creaked and forth spilling hardly gathsure and forcing the timber to its, prop. tion, in accordance with the plan of orer position. Instead of rolling the los nanization adopted by the last state S. MORRISON, slid. The stock of the cant hook was convention. Each county is entitled to ater. Then they crent in and tonked from his hands. He dell back, SALLEN PROF RORE

glades sanded or sprinkled with retarding hay on the descents. At the river the banking ground proved solid. Radway breathed again, then sighed. Spring was eight days nearer. He was eight days more behind.

As soon as loading began the cook served breakfast at 3 o'clock. The men worked by the light of torches, which were often merely catchup jugs with wicking in the necks. Nothing could be more picturesque than a teamster conducting one of his great pyramidical loads over the little inequalities of the road, in the ticklish places standing atop with the bent knee of the Roman charioteer, spying and forestalling the chances of the way with a fixed eye and an intense concentration that

relaxed not one inch in the miles of the haul. Thorpe had become a fuil fiedged cant hook man. He liked the work. There is about it a skill that fascinates. A man grips suddenly with the hook of his strong instrument, stopping one end that the

other may slide. He thrusts the short, strong stock between the log and the skid, allowing it to be overrun. He stops the roll with a sudden sure grasp applied at just the right moment to be effective. Sometimes he allows himself to be carried up bodily, clinging to the cant book like an acrobat to a bar, until the log has rolled once, when, his weapon loosened, he drops lightly, eas-

ily to the ground. And it is exciting to pile the logs on the sleigh, first a layer of five, say; then one of four smaller, of but three, of two, until at the very apex the last is dragged slowly up the skids, poised and just as it is about to

plunge down the other side is gripped and held-inexorably by the little men in blue flannel shirts.

Chains bind the loads. And if ever during the loading or afterward when the sleigh is in motion the weight of the logs causes the pyramid to break driver or whoever happens to be near. For this reason the loaders are picked and careful men.

At the banking grounds, which lie in and about the bed of the river, the logs are piled into a gigantic skidway to await the spring freshets, which will Chairman Rollins' Call for the State carry them down stream to the "boom." In that inclosure they remain until sawed in the mill.

Thorpe, in common with the other Republican State Committee, sends men, had thought Radway's vacation us, with the request for publication, at Christmas time a mistake. He could the following call for the State convennot but admire the feverish animation tion, which will be held in Greensboro that now characterized the jobber. Every mischance was as quickly repaired May 18th: as aroused expedient could do the

DEC. 15, 1893, "libe's goin' to rain," said old Jacksprang to their tasks with alacrity. of Greensboro, N. C., on February 5th,

Chong Ju on March 27, six companies Each count recites that they "did" unlawmarched toward Kasan and on March 28 reached Chong Ju at 10:80 a. m. As soon as our scouts approached the town the ene my opened fire from behind the wall. Two squadrons promptly dismounted and occu-

pied the heights six hunared yards distant. An engagement ensued.

"In me town a company of infantry and a squadron of cavalry were lying in ambush. Our men were re-inforced by three companies and attacked the Japanese with a cross fire. Notwithstanding this. and our commanding position, the Japanese gallantly held their ground, and it was only after a fierce fight of a half hour's duration that the Japanese ceased firing and sought reluge in the house. The Japanese hoisted the Red Cross flag at two points.

Friday at a Glance.

Russian troops in northern Korea are reported to be fleeing before the advance of the Japanese army.

Another bombarbment of Port Arthur by the Japanese is reported, but no details is received.

The Cossacks, who are retreating in northern Korea, are reported in great dis tress. Their horses are dying for lack of food, and they are using telegraph poles for fuel.

Brigadier General Allen, United States army, who is with the Japanese army in Korea, reports that the Japanese have shown more military foresight than the Russians,

#### Tuesday at a Glance.

The Japanese have defeated the Russians in a bloody engagement at Chong Ju, in norther Korea. The Russians admit being defeated and forced to retreat, but do not state their losses.

The action of Russia in declaring Ninchwang, a Chinese treaty port, under martial down and squash out, then woe to the law is causing much comment at the various capitals of Europe. It is not expected that the neutral powers will protest.

REPUBLICANS TO MEET.

Convention.

Mr. T. S. Rollins, chairman of the

fully, fraudulently, maliciously and feloniously conspire, combine, unite, confederate and agree among themeselves by unlawful and indirect means and divers acts, devices and practices" do the various things charged. Argo & Shaffer and F. H. Busbee have been employed to aid the defense.

### Can Act Without Bias.

The Democratic party is in position to act independently of any one individual and to nominate a candidate and formulate a platform as the work of its chosen representative from all sections. If the St. Louis convention acts sanely and conservatively and independently of any one man power it ought to be able to nominate the next president of the United States .- Ex.

**Cleveland Says His No Is Final** 

Richard Watson Gider, editor of The Century, is in receipt of a letter from Grover Cleveland which, after showing much interest in Mr. Gilder's convalescence, mentions the talk of nominating him for presigent.

Mr. Gilder is confined to his cottage at West Palm Beach, and Mrs. Gilder declined to quote directly from text of the letter. She made no depial that Cleveland made plain his positive desire not to be the nominee of the democrats forla third time. and that he reiterates unequivocally that no combination of circumstances could bring him before the voters of the country again.

"The letter closes," said Mrs. Gilder with a number of humerous remarks, and, considering that it is confidential, ] can't see that his allusions to his political opinions on national affairs should be given to the newspapers."-Palm Beach, Fla.

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