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CHAPTER XI. THE GAME.

F Evan Blount had been anticipat ing an unfriendly reception at the great mining camp in the Carna-dine hills he was agreeably dis-appointed. A committee of prominent citizens, headed by Jasper Steuchfield,

the reform chairman for Carnadin county, met him at the train, escorted him to the hotel and during the after noon, which was at his disposal, gave him joyously and hilariously the free-dom of the camp.

The political meeting, which was

held in the Carnadine Mining com-pany's electric lighted ore shed, was packed with an enthusiastic audience, and there were prolonged cheers and handclappings when the railroad rep-resentative took his seat on the im-provised platform as the guest of the

Later, when Judge Crowley, the re-form candidate for the state senate, had opened the joint debate with a

sharp arraignment of the railroad's methods, not only in its dealings with its patrons as a common carrier, but also in the pertinacity with which it invaded the political field, there was tumultuous applause. But it was no heartler than that which greeted Blount when he rose to present the railroad's side of the argument, Enring the journey from the capital, which had consumed the night and the

greater portion of the forencon, he had prepared his speech. His argument—the one unanswerable argument, as it seemed to him—was the existence of a law which presumed to limit the carnings of a private or at most a quasi public corporation, without making a corresponding regulation limiting the cost of such a corporation's service. Upon this foundation he was of a law which presumed to limit the

The judge, his opponent, was a rather turgid man, whose speech abounded in flights of spread eagle eloquence and whose appeal was to the emotions and the impulses of his audience.

Blount, on the other hand, made a

he was greeted with generous applause, and at the close of the meeting he had what the editor of the local paper called in his issue of the fellowing day "an ovation" ng day "an ovation."

Steuchfield and his fellow commit-teemen escorted him to the midnight train, and no one in the crowd of con-

"That was a great speech, Mr. Blount," he said at parting. "If you savant, he said at parting. "If you can go all over the state making as good talks as you have made here to-night you'll tie us all up in a hard knot. But McVickar won't let you do it, not by a long shot."

Blount laughed. "There are no strings tied to me, Mr. Steuchfield," he leclared. "This is a new deal, and I am the dealer. Come down to the capital and let me convince you that we are out for open publicity and a square deal for every man, including

"All right," was the cordial reply,
"Pil be down along some of these
days, and if you can show me that
McVickar isn't going into politics any
further than you have gone here tonight I'll promise you to come back here and tell the boys that the jig is

up." Five minutes later the branch train fellow committeemen gave the depart-ing joint debater three cheers and an-other. When the red tail lights of the

"Well, boys," he said, with a grin

conspirators.

"Well, boys," he said, with a grin that went from ear to ear, "I guess we did it up all right and according to orders. I don't know what sort of game the Hon. Dave Sagehrush is playing this time, but whatever he says goes, and I reckon we gave the young man a right pleasant time. Anyway, he seemed to think so."

Blount did not reach his office in the capital until the afternoon of the see ond day. His first care was to call up the Inter-Mountain, and when the clerk disappointed him by telling him that his father, Mrs. Blount and their guest had gone out to Wartrace Hall he counted it as one more apportunity missed and settled down to business. First in the memoranda on his desk was a stenographer's note asking him to make an appointment with one S. P. Hathaway, whose address was the Inter-Mountain hotel. Since the note was marked "important" he told the clerk to call up the hotel at once, and in due time the gentleman, who, the stenographer said, had called several times during the day, made his appearance at the door of the private of its.

The Honorable Senator Sagebrush

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gnized instantly his companion or the Omaha-Aretas Pullman smoking com-partment and the man who had doubt-less sent the three highbinders after him on the night of mysteries and who had been the prime mover in the se-ries of singular incidents ending in the midnight homecoming to Wartrace

On the other hand, the president say efore him the supposed agent of the

forestry service.
"Well, I'll be hanged!" he ejaculat "Weil, I'll be hanged!" he ejaculated, dropping into the nearest chair.
"You needn't be," laughed Blount easily. "I'll admit that it was partly my fault, Mr. Hathaway. What can I do for you today?"

By this time the lumber king had re overed his breath and son

covered his breath and some measure of his composure.

"Great Scott!" he said. "If you had given me baif a hint that you were Dave Blount's son, but you didn't, you know, and now I am handicapped just at the time when I oughtn't to be. I have come to talk business with you today. Mr. Blount and yours got you today, Mr. Blount, and you've got m going when I ought to be coming. I've been given to understand that you are handling the political end for the

nanding the political end for the railroad company in this campaign, Mr. Blount. Is that right?"

"It is and it isn't," was the quick reply. "The railroad company is not in politics in this campaign—as a political factor, I mean, What we are trying to do-what we mean to doto lay the entire matter plainly and fairly before the people with a plea for a square deal."

"H'm, yes," said the trust president, who was evidently suffering from a fresh attack of embarrassment. "But there are certain little business matters which have to enter into every campaign, and your company, like my own, is obliged to take cognizance of them. Two years ago the railroad people found it advisable and profit-

able to-er-make a little arrangemen with us which was to our mutual advantage, and I called to see if it could not be made again.'

Blount sat back in his chair, and the conciliatory smile disappeared. "State the facts, if you please, Mr. Hatha-way," he said curtly.

"Well, it was like this. As you know we have a great many sawmills scat-tered around in different places in the state, and we employ a good many men. While our employees are resi-dents of the state, they are not citiand whose appeal was to the emotions and the impulses of his audience.

Blount, on the other hand, made a typical lawyer's speech, calmly delivered, logical in every syllogism and appealing frankly to the intelligence of his hearers. In every period of it he was greeted with generous applause, and at the close of the meeting he held what the office of the meeting he held what the office of the heat.

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"Go on," said Bid "Well, as I say, such being the case we are able to control at least fou and probably fire of the legislative districts in this state. The control is worth something to your people, and in the last election that fact was recber company is practically the only heavy lumber shipper in this region, it was given a preferential rate on its products, not at all as a quid pro-quo, you understand, but merely in friendy recognition of our help in the las

"Really, it was not such a great thing that was done for us, Mr. Blount. If you are familiar with lum-ler rates in this territory you will de of a year."

Inside of a year."

Blount had opened his penknife and was absently sharpening a pencil. "This special rate you speak of, Mr. Hathaway," he said, speaking slowly—"I imagine it is not confined to this state."

"Well-er-no," was the hesitating reply, "To meet competition it has been made to apply also on through "And it is covered by rebates, I sup

"N-not exactly," was the reluctant mission. "The Transc mpany is a heavy purchas ber, and the greater part of the diffe bills for stock sold to the railroad." "Let me be quite clear upon that point, Mr. Hathaway. You mean that you are allowed to charge the retired company more than the market price on the lumber it buys?"

The president of the lumber trust nodded. "Yes; that's practically the way of it," he admitted. Then he mee more pressed the time worn as gument: "It's the only way we can ive and do business nowadays, Mr Blount. Like every other large cor ion, we have a small army of shareholders—widows, orphans table institutions and trustees ints. I have brought a list of tockholders, and I'd like to have

our stockholders, and I'd like to have you look it over."

Blount took the paper mechanically and quite as mechanically ran his eys down the list of names. At the bot-tom of it, written in with a pen, was the name of Patricia's father, with his

quentry emphasizing the disastrous re-sults that would fall upon the people for whom he was in the largest sense the trustee, the disaster hanging upon the withdrawal of the preferential

nt broke him in the midst of the special pleadings. "I see you have recently added one new name to this list, that of Professor Anners." "Yes," intefrupted the Twin Buttes president, "and he is a good example of our stockholders. Those like Au-

ners—college professors, preachers and the like—buy stocks when they buy 'em at all for an investment and pay for 'em out of their hard earned sav-ings."

"I know," said Blount, frowning "I know," said Blount, frowning. The fact that Patricia's father was involved added a fresh and exasperating compileation, but he must come to some decision. "Let us get down to the present fact," he went on brusquely. "What is it that you want me to do, Mr. Hathaway?"

"I want you to set the machinery in motion so that we can have our rate."

motion so that we can have our rate continued for another two years on the same terms as before. You are going to need every vote you can get this year, Mr. Blount, and you can't afford to turn us down."

Blount returned the printed list of stockholders and fell back upon the pencil sharpening. "Is it possible that you don't recognize the bald criminal-ity of such a transaction, Mr. Hathaway?" he asked quietly.

"Of course I don't," was the ready eply. "It is the universal rule of the business world everywhere. You do comething for me and I do something for you. You make it possible for us to live and do business in lumber, and we will do what we can to make it possible for you to get your square deal from the people of this state. That's the whole thing in a nutshell

"One question." snapped Blount, trying to fix the roving gaze of the hawklike eyes. "With whom did you make this arrangement two years ago?"

"With Mr. McVickar himself."
"And you think you can do it again?"
"I know I can, but I don't want to

go over your head. They all tell me that you are handling this end of it for the railroad company, and I'm not going around hunting a chance to

make enemies. There's no hurry.
Take your own time to think it over
and to communicate with Mr. Mc-Vickar if you want to. When you get things fixed you can wire me just one word to Aretas. Just say 'Yes' and sign your name to it, and that will be

For a full half hour after the president of the lumber trust had closed the door of the private office in the Temple court building behind him Blount sat rocking gently in his pivot chair, fighting once more with the soul nausea which was threatening to

So Vice President McVickar had deceived him after all, and he was mere-ly a fence put up to screen the chican-ery and trickery which were going on just the same as before. More, the vice president had let him stuitify dust throwing to conceal the workings

of a corrupt and criminal machine, grinding away in the background. And his father—how did he figure in this despicable business? Had he plotted with McVickar to bring his own son to shame merely because that son had refused to be a tool in the hands of the great machine? It was grossly incredible, and yet— Evan Blount remembered that thus far his father had said no word opposing the course he had taken. Could it be pos-sible that a father could become so nuch the boss as to forget the com-

mon ties of kindred? Blount's mind—but more than his mind, his heart—went groping out in vain reachings for a confident and an adviser. There was no one to whom he could turn, no one whose conscience was not seared and distorted in the fires of political partisanship. No one, did he say? Yes; there was one. Patricia would know and understand

He got up and shut his desk with slam. The stenographer heard and came to the door of the antercom, notebook and pencil in hand. "Any-

thing to give me before you go away. Mr. Blount?" be asked. "No!" said Blount almost savage.
Then he reconsidered. "Yes, there.
You may take a message to Mr.

McVickar. Are you ready?"

"Pending another interview with you, I hall close my offices in Temple court and onfine mysels strictly to the routine legal usinges of the company. In the meanmer my resignation is in your hands if ou wish to appoint a new division counsil.

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Died From Terror. Died From Terrer.

Perhaps the most remarkable death from fear was that of the Dutch painter Pentman, who lived in the seventeenth century. One day he went into a room full of anatomical subjects to sketch some death's heads and skeletons for a picture he intended to paint. The weather was very sulfry, and while sketching he fell asleep. He was aroused by bones dancing aroundhim and the skeletons suspended from the ceiling clashing together. In a fit the ceiling clashing together. In a fit of terror he threw himself from a winmotion among his ghostly surround-ings, he died in a few days in a

He Wanted the Dog. "My neighbor has a dog for which I am willing to pay \$1,000," said the householder, "but the owner won't sell. He stands out for \$2,000. I may possibly be able to get the dog for \$1,500, but I doubt it." And he shook

Why do you want the dog so badly?" inquired somebody.
"To break his neck. He barks all night."—New York Times. By The Early Candlelight

Still, it must be remembered that the ladies of the D. A. R. come from fighting stock .- Washington Post.

So far Lorimer hasn't been heard boasting of having had a run for his money.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Reciprocity should remember that there is many a slip 'twixt the house and senate.—Columbus (Ga.) Enquirer-Sun.

When bad luck begins to pour lown on a man he seldon has enough ambition left to raise an ambrella.—Chicago News. One of the disturbing things

prospect of a new crop of Rough Rilers.-New Bedford Standard. The present congress is transacting business so fast that the Congressional Record won't be able to keep up with it.—Atltanta

about this Mexican fuss is the

Journal. Charleston, S. C., has a poet whose daily avocation is waiting on a table in a restaurant. Poets are always waiting!-Baltimore

In Minnesota the other day the nercury took a drop of 70 degrees in five hours, which was obviously drop too much.-Albany Journal. Now that Harmon and Bryan are agreed that Bryan and Har-

mon are impossible, the situation clears up considerably.—Detroit When Carrie Nation reads the French (champagne riot) dispatches she must feel that, after all, her fame is local.—Boston

Transcript. The move to put ginger-snaps ist on the free looks suspiciousy like an effort to influence the summer excursion vote.-New Orleans Item.

There is still a good deal of reuctance in the two wings of the Republicon party in the United States senate to flop together .-Philadeldhia Record.

More savings banks are to be opened, thus putting more stockngs and mattresses and unused stoves out of the banking busiess.—Birmingham Age-Herald. Boxes at the grand opera ,in

sell for \$525 and upward. But John Hays Hammond can afford it .- Cleveland Plain Dealer. The socialist member of congress may be more or less interested in Lord Dundreary's question

London in coronation week will

of whether it is possible for a fellow to flock all by himself .-Washington Star. Prof. Sargent, of Harvard, claims that flowers reform bad boys. This accounts for the practic of laying big bouquets on the

desks of congressmen.—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph. The egg, says a university exfor eternity among the Druids: Modern cold storage enterprise is doing its best to approximate that deal .- Pittsoorg Gazette-Times.

Wisconsin has passed resoluions condemning one of its senators for voting for Lorimer and condemning the other for voting against him. Massachusetts wouldn't do such a thing as that! -Boston Herald.

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of little Waldo Rogers, at Las egas, N. M., recently, for whose return \$12,000 was paid, was cheme of the uncles' of the child, Will and John Rogers. They are under arrest.

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proaches. Many fowls will be swept away and also very contagious. The shall be plainly written: great difficulty in handling and doctoring the fowls makes it expensive, for each fowl has to have individual care. There is a substance that has been found to destroy the germs of roup, and that easily prepared article. To prepare it, let the stone lime slake in the air, and when it is in fine concareful to mix the substances very be hanged. thoroughly.

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deigh Dispatch The present five-year contract of the State for public school text books expires July 1, and the State text book commission will take steps very soon now to begin the examination of books tendered for adoption, this work to be done by the sub-commission of practical teachers that will be appointed by the State Board of Education. When this sub-commission completes its work there will be report and reccommendations to the State text book commission, which, under the amended law by the recent Legislature, is to consist of the Governor and council of State and the members of the sub-commission, the latter having equal vote with the members of the council of State in the adoption of the books. Representatives of the book concerns are alr, ady beginning to arrive and copies of text books that are to be tendered to the commission for adoption have been coming in for some time.

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