

THE WAR-TRAIL!

CHAPTER XXV.

A QUEER CONVERSATION.

The surprise, with the exertion I had made in raising myself, overcame me, and I fell back in a swoon.

"Durn the weemen!" (I recognized Rube's voice); "thar allers a gittin a fellur into some scrape."

"We-ell," drawlingly responded Gary "pre-haps he loves the gal. They sez she's mighty haunsom. Love's a stroug feelin, Rube."

"Although I had my eyes partially open, I could not see Rube, as he was standing behind the suspended robe; but a gurgling, clucking sound—some what like that made in pouring water—from a bottle—reached my ears, and told me what effect Gary's remark had produced upon his companion."

"Cuss me, Bill!" the latter at length rejoined—"cuss me! ef yur ain't as durned a fool as the young fellur hisself! Love's a strong feelin! He, he, he—ho, ho, hoo! Wal, I guess it must a be to make such dodrotted fools of razeonable men. As yit, it ain't fooled this child, I reck'n."

"You never knew'd what love wur, old hoss?"

"Thur yur off the trail, Billee. I did onces—yis; onces I wur in love, plum to the toe-nails. But thet wur a gurl to git sweet on. Ye-es, that she wur, an no mistake!"

This speech ended in a sigh that sound ed like the blowing of a buffalo.

"Who was the gal?" inquired Gary, after a pause. "White or Injun?"

"Injun!" exclaimed Rube, in a contemptuous tone: "no: I reck'n not boyee. I don't say thet, for a wife, an Injun jest as good as a white, and more convyanient she are to git shet off when yur tired o' her. I've hed a good grist of squaws in my time—hed-a-dozen maybe and maybe more. This I kin say, and no boasting neyther, that I never sold a squaw yet for a plug o' bacca less than I gin for her; an on most o' em I made a clur profit. Thurfur, Billee, I don't object to an Injun for a wife: but wices is one thing, and sweethearts is diffrent when it comes to thet. Now, the gurl I'm talkin' bout wur my sweetheart."

"She wur a white gal, then?"

"Are allyblaster white? She wur white as the bleached skull of a buffler; an sech har! Twur as red as the brush of a kitfox. Eyes too! Ah, Billee, boy, them wur eyes to squint out o'! They wur as big as a buck's, an as soft as smoked fawn skin. I never seed a pair o' eyes like heru!"

"What wur her name?"

"Her name wur Char'y, an as near as I kin remember twur Holmes—Char'y Holmes. Ye es, that wur the name. Twur upon Big-duck crick in the Tennessee bottom, the place whur this child chawed his first hoe-ecake. Let me see—it or now more'n thirty year ago. I fust met the gurl at a candy-pullin'; an I recollect we wur put to eat taffy agin one another. We ate till our lips met; an then the kissin—that wur kissin, boyee. Char'y's lips wur sweeter than the candy! We met onces agin at a corn-shuckin an arterwards at a blanket-trampin, an thur's whur the thet bisness wur done. I seed Char'y's ankles as she wur a-trampin out the blankets, as white an smooth as peeled poplar. Arter thet turn, all up w' Reuben Rawlings. I approached the gurl 'thout more ado; an sez I: 'Char'y,' sez I, 'I freeze to you; an sez she: 'Reuben, I cottons to you.' So I immediately made up to the old gurl—that ur Squire Holmes—an axed him for his darter. Durn ole skunk! he refused to gin her to me!"

"Jest then, thur cum a pedler from Kinneticut, all kivered w' fine broad-cloth. He made love to Char'y; an wud yur believe it, Bill? the gurl married him! Cuss the weemen! thur all alike."

"I met the pedlar shortly arter, an gin him seech a larrupin as laid him up for a month; but I had to clur out for it, and I then tuk to the plains. I never seed Char'y arterward, but I heard o' her onces from a fellur I kim across on the Massoury. She wur a sp'endid critter; and if she ur still livin, she must hev a good grist o' young uns by this, for the fellur said she hed twis shortly arter she wur married, with har an eyes jest like herself. Wal, thur's no kalkalatin on weemen, anyhow. Jest see what this young fellur's got by tryin to sarve 'em. Wag!"

Up to this moment I took no part in the conversation, nor had I indicated to either of the trappers that I was aware of their presence. Everything was enveloped in mystery. The presence of the white steed had sufficiently astonished me, and not less that of my old acquaintances, Rube and Gary. The whole scene was a puzzle; I was now equally at a loss to account for their being acquainted with the cause that had brought me there. That they were so, was evident from their conversation. Where could they have procured their information on this head? Neither of them had been at the rancheria, nor in the army anywhere; certainly not, else I should have heard of them. Indeed, either of them would have made himself

known to me, as a strong friendship had formerly existed between us. But they alone could give me an explanation, and, without further conjecture, I turned to them.

"Rube! Gary!" I said, holding out my hands.

"Hilloo! yur a-comin too, young fellur. Thet's right; but thur now—lay still a bit—don't worrit yurself; yu'll be stronger by 'm by."

"Take a sup o' this," said the other, with an air of rude kindness, at the same time holding out a small gourd, which I applied to my lips. It was aguardiente of El Paso, better known among the mountain-men as "Pass-whisky."

The immediate effect of this strong, but not bad spirit, was to strengthen my nerves, and render me abler to converse.

"I see you recollects us, cap'n," said Gary, apparently pleased at the recognition.

"Well, old comrades—well do I remember you."

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CIVIC ELECTION BY THE MAYOR.

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I do hereby give Public Notice that an Election of a Mayor and One Person to Serve as a Common Councilman in the City Council for each Ward of said City,

Being in all a MAYOR and FIVE COMMON COUNCILMEN, will be held on WEDNESDAY,

the 25th Day of January, A. D. 1882.

At the several places, that is to say:

In Ward No. 1, at or near the Store of Messrs. J. & T. Morris, corner of Queen and Water Streets.

In Ward No. 2, at or near the house of Mr. Thomas Connolly, opposite Mr. R. Hearty's Warehouse, Sydney Street, between Great George and Prince Streets.

In Ward No. 3, at or near the Market House.

In Ward No. 4, at or near the Fire Engine House, fronting on Kent Street, east, between Weymouth and Cumberland Streets.

In Ward No. 5, at or near the House of Widow Tierney, corner of Easton and Great George Streets.

And at the said Election the Poll will be opened at nine o'clock in the forenoon, and continue open until five o'clock in the afternoon of the same day.

DESCRIPTION OF WARDS. Number One shall comprise all that part of Charlottetown which lies south of Dorchester Street, and the parcel of land formerly known as the Military Barrack Ground.

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Number Three shall comprise all that part of Charlottetown which lies south of Grafton Street and north of Richmond Street.

Number Four shall comprise all that part of Charlottetown which lies south of Fitzroy and north of Grafton Street.

Number Five shall comprise all that part of Charlottetown which lies North of Fitzroy Street, including the Common of the said Town.

NOMINATION DAY. Act 43 Victoria Cap. 15. "Seven days before the time of any and every Election for Mayor or Councilors, the persons or candidates for the office of Mayor or Councilor shall give their names in as such candidates to the City Clerk, and the City Clerk shall duly enter the names, residences, and additions of such persons together with the office and Wards for which they are candidates, and such entry, when made, shall be deemed nomination for such candidates."

"There shall be paid by each person so nominated for Mayor, at the same time, a fee of ten dollars, and by each person so nominated as Councilor, a fee of five dollars, which sums shall go towards paying the cost of the election."

"No person shall be qualified either for the office of Mayor or Councilor unless such nomination be made in manner and at the time aforesaid."

The time appointed for the nomination of candidates shall be from the time of Twelve at noon, until the hour of four o'clock in the afternoon of the day fixed for that purpose.

Qualification of Electors. See Act 43 Victoria, cap. 15, sec. 28 and 64.

(L. S.) W. E. DAWSON, Mayor of the City of Charlottetown.

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