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CHAPTER I.

The American Czar. Governor's private office, off from the At the close of the Civil War it had executive chamber. It was mainly not been proved to the world that this noted for a large demijohn which government was more than an exper- stood on a shelf. The old man took A great rebellion had been a certain number of drinks a day. but victory lay red upon a What that number was no one ever devastated land. Throughout the discovered; but no one could say that theme for speculation and she fell to de a'r, you and de Gub'nor would South force was law. It seemed that he was ever under the influence of the very principle of democracy had whisky. He smacked his mouth over been shrouded in a tent-cloth. Society his liquor, and that sort of drinker is sighed out its breath in despair. For not often found among the drunkthe aged there was no hope and youth ards.

Lummers came into the room. The had been taught iconoclasm. Then was begun the slow work of recon-Governor had given him the post of struction. Each day was a whimsical private secretary, not because he was joke. Politics was a comic opera and bright, but because he was not. He statesmanship a farce. From the was faithful enough to be useful, dull enough not to investigate motive, and North there came a horde of political that was a virtue under the adminisgamblers whom the Southerners contration of Melville Crance. temptuously called "Carpetbaggers." Many of them were men of marked "Lummers, do you remember a

"Well, that's exactly what I don't

"But I don't want you to think. You

"A committee from the house may

"And I think that we can prove, if

necessary, that it was stolen by a man

named Simpson. He's the chairman

of an investigating committee."

"If necessary. It may not be."

serve the purpose of the gambler.

CHAPTER II.

The Girl From the North.

"We can prove it, sir."

"That's all. Go on."

want. I want it to disappear. Under-

"I think I do, sir."

was stolen, Lummers."

understand?"

"Yes, sir."

"Yes, sir."

ability; nearly all were "characters;" piece of paper with 48 and a star but few indeed had held positions of marked on it?" trust at home. They enacted the "Yes. sir." mockery of re-establishing civil law. "Do you know where it is?" "Yes, sir, I can bring it to you."

While some scrambled for places on the bench, the boldest managed to install themselves in the chairs once held by sedate old governors. These stand ?" offices were not meted out by fitness. It is not known that they were not won with dice.

Prominent among these adventurers was Melville Crance, Governor of call for that paper. The rascals are getting a trifle too independent. It Mississippi. He was a tall, rather gaunt man of fifty, with a serious

face and the Yankee light of humor in his eye. In Chicago he had been an auctioneer and at the beginning of the war had joined a cavalry regiment. It was said that he served with distinction. No one could doubt his nerve. No one had cause to suspect that he ever entertained an honest thought. He was not well educated but was far from ignorant. On one occasion he was heard to remark: "Oh, whenever I find that a man has more education than I have, I skip his learning and hit his commonsense." As the allen governor of a proud, old state, humbled into the dust, he was, of course, most enthusiastically hated. Socially he was ostracized. Women turned up their noses at him in the street. His daily mail consisted largely of threatening

Within an hour after her arrival at letters. One morning while going to the gubernatorial mansion, Nellie his office he overheard a man say: Crance was completely mistress of the place. She romped along the wide - that follow won't 'Bet you ten do

"Where did you get that big black "I'se talkin' 'bout dis yere 'minisman?" she asked, confidentially point- tration job, sah. I yere 'em say dat-' "You hear them say what?" Luming to Jim. "Aren't you afraid of mers broke in irritably. him?"

Jim pondered and then replied: "Afraid? Nonsense!" he said. "Jim "W'y, I yere 'em say dat dis whut is my friend. The best one I have," he added, with a serious note in his dey calls de kyarpetbag guberment "I'm not afraid of any man kain't last much longer."

voice. whose blackness is only skin deep. It's "Well, you don't want to hear any the white man who is black inside thing like that," said Lummers, shuf fling the letters, "and you don't want that makes me lie awake nights." Standing at the garden gate she to be talking it, either. Do you hear?" waved farewell with a dainty hand- he added looking straight at the nekerchief until the governor and his gro.

companion disappeared down the Jim ducked his head. "Yas, sah street and then returned to the house. O' cose I likes dis place all right For an hour or two she was kept busy 'nough-you knows dat-but you also

investigating new mysteries about the knows dat a sensible man mus' keep big mansion; but at last she grew tir- h s eyes open in de lookout fur anuded of exploration and settled down for der place in case one slips from under rest upon the veranda. The great him." He paused, scratching his head. stone house on the other side of the "Yas, suh. An' ef de arthquake should garden wall furnished an abundant come an' fling dis yere guberment in wondering what its owner looked like. light on yo' feet all right like a cat Was she old? Did she dress in black? but whar'd I be?" He grunted and Was she cross and crabbed or proud shifted his weight from one leg to the and haughty? Curiosity rising dom- other. "Huh! I'd hit de groun' an' inant she asked herself if it might be flatten out like I had been flung off'n

possible to catch a glimpse of the un- a house." known neighbor. At any rate there Lummers handed him a number o could be no harm in seeing the house letters and with an air of assumed at closer quarters, so she strolled carelessness said: "Stop your cackling. down through the garden in that di- Drop these in the box."

rection until she found further pro- Jim took the letters and slowing gress stopped by a high stone wall walked out, moodily shaking his head which completely shut out all view of Lummers lighted a cigar. "It's in the the adjoining grounds. Walking along air," he mused. "Even that negro see this barrier and seeking in vain for a it. Well, we'll have to hurry things gate or a rift in the masonry she sud- and when it comes we'll try to land of denly was startled by a slight commo- our feet. I've been here going on two tion among the branches of a cherry years now, and I'm getting enough e tree which grew close to the wall, it." He got up and walked about the upon the other side, and, glancing up, room. "If Willetts and I can pull this saw a boy in the tree top. And cher- thing through, the North will be good enough for me. I don't like these ries-red cherries-among the green Southerners anyway-always poking leaves! 'round, looking for somebody to insul "Hello!" she cried excitedly. "Are

they ripe?" The commotion among 'em. . And if the Governor lets them have too much swing they'll carry an the branches ceased and a boyish face election against him and-well, relooked down at her in surprise. construction's all right enough, but "Some of 'em are," he said. "I wa we don't want to reconstruct too fast, trying to pick a few." "Why, up in Chicago the cherry Ah! Come in."

rees are in blossom yet." room, and was standing at the doo "There'll be plenty of 'em next week," said the youngster, clamberwith a grin on his face. "Good morning," said Willetts. "Ha

ing down and swinging easily to the top of the wall. "They're pretty green the old man got down yet?" now. Do you live in Chicago?" "No, but I think he'll be here pre

sently. It's time for him now," he ad "Ah, ha," replied Nellie, nodding her head affirmatively. "When I'm at ded, glancing at the clock.

Lummers went back to his desk in home. I'm down here now visiting "Send the coon away," said Willetts the executive chamber. Yes, he was Pa. You live over there, I s'pose,' speaking in a low tone. dull; but under the tutelage of Mr. Lummers motioned toward the re she added, indicating the big stone Willetts he was beginning to brighten house whose roof was discernible ception room and Jim disappeared -not sufficiently to betray himself among the trees. "Is your mother the "How is it going?" with shining, but enough, perhaps, to

"Oh, fairly," Willetts answered high-headed woman?" "Have you sounded the old man?" "She's high-headed with some folks," said the boy with significant Lummers shook his head. "I've bee thinking it over since I saw you," h emphasis. "You are the governor's said, "and I've come to the conclusion daughter, are you?" that you'd better open this deal your "Ah, ha. Come on down."

"Mother wouldn't like it." self."

"What's the matter? Knees weak? "She doesn't let me go over there." said Lummers, "but the fact

me too well. You set the ball rolling

"Um," Willetts grunted. "You are

dead sure about this, are you? I've

worked with him a good deal, you

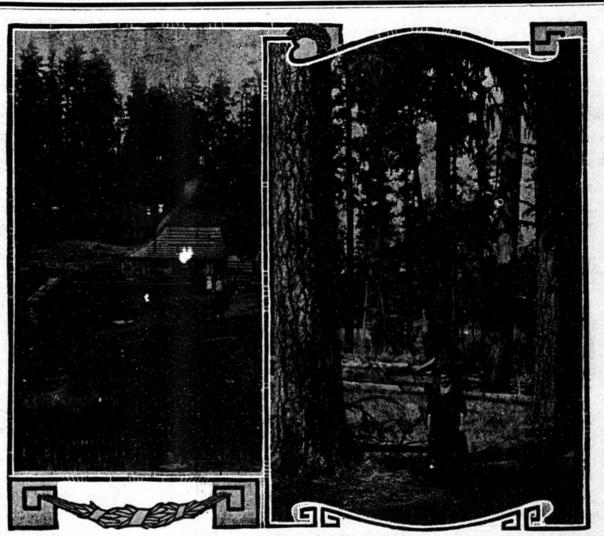
I've never known a case where he did-

He know

lovernor.

is. I'm too close to him.

and I'll try to keep it going."



## SCENES IN COEUR D'ALENE INDIAN RESERVATION, SOON TO BE OPENED FOR SETTLEMENT.

Judge James W. Witten, who has been appointed by President Taft as superintendent of the opening and sale of Indian lands in the Flathead, Coeur d'Alene and Spokane reservations on July 15, is making careful and elaborate plans for the handling of what he believes will be the greatest land lottery the country has ever seen. The fact that Uncle Sam is going to hold another old fashfoned "fish pond" party, where everybody who wants to can draw and where the prizes are 160 acres of land, worth thousands of dollars, has aroused a country wide interest. From Chicago alone 5,000 people are expected to go west to participate in the drawings, and this number may be even greater. Never before has the government thrown open to settlement more desirable lands. There are about 750,-000 acres in the three reservations, located in Montana, Idaho and Washington, of virgin soil. These lands lie close to big and prosperous cities and adjoin districts where farmers and fruit growers are already making remarkable suc-Jim had shown Willetts into the cesses. They are in the most picturesque portions of the northwest, where climatic conditions are unexcelled.

TOO				disease producing parasites are trais-
	kle. "You alarm me," he said. "It is	"Mostly swamp?" the Governor in- terrupted, looking up, with droll hu-	state regard thirty thousand dollars as sufficient benefit?" he asked. The Governor turned to Lummers.	mitted through the eggs of the tick that draws the blood, and not directly by the old tick, as an engorged tick af-
re-	sad to chop off a pleasant accuain- tance so abruptly. But your busi	The lobbyist wavered. He felt the	"Issue an order for the arrest of James	ter dropping from the host (cow) dies without ever attaching itself to an-
1	"Yes, sir. In my nature there is an	cold gray eyes of the Governor boring	him brought to this city. Froceeu-	other animal. But its offspring, pro- duced by the eggs laid after it drops
re-	"You surprise me," said the Gov- ernor. "How did that happen?" "Born that way. I have called to	"Well was" he said "on the left is	the state is very busy it can scarcely	off and before it dies, carry the in- fection and inoculate the first cow they get on.
	"Against what?"	pretty much swamp. But over here," he added with a motion of his hand,	channels for so small a sum. To give	The length of time elensing between
ed.	"An assassin, who would take your	"you see, it cuts off two hundred miles of unnecessary river transportation-	must be better paid."	infection by ticks and the appearance of Texas fever among them is depend-
he	"Did you bring him with you?" "I am serious, sir. I heard this man	and, well-"	Willetts leaned towards him. "Say fifty thousand."	ent upon the climate and the develop- ment of the ticks. Thus, if northern
ion ur-	swear that he was going to have your blood."	"In fact," continued Willetts, with	states car is a nette narmer tonare	cattle are placed on pastures, high- ways, or in pens, cars, etc., in summer
?"	"Not all of it, I hope."	forced impressiveness, "it will be a mighty good thing—for all of us."	bill is signed. What's been done? Any	immediately after the premises have been infested with ticks from south-
ant	The is Bound to suppor Jon on sugar	The Governor glanced at him.	connection ?"	

mediately after the premises have bill is signed. What's been done? Any been infested with ticks from southfrom thirty to-sixty days, as the fe male ticks which drop from southern cattle must lay eggs and these must hatch before the northern animal becomes infested with ticks and thereby inoculated with the disease. After the seed ticks become attached to the animal the disease will appear in about ten days in summer or a somewhat longer period in winter. In fact, the disease may occur before the ticks are large enough to be seen without a very areful search. "I understand." the old man replied One objection that has been advanced against the fact that the cattle tick "Let's see, wasn't his election contested? I sided in his favor-before all is a carrier of Texas fever is that catfacts were known, you undertle are sometimes found to be sufferstand," he said with a wink. "Addiing with the disease without showing evidence might render it ne the presence of ticks on their bodies cessary to reopen Mr. Jones' case This condition in the case of southern You go to him-yourself-and tell cattle may be explained by the fact him. I want to see him here right that the animal already had its blood infected with the parasites and under normal conditions was resistant to To be Continued. Texas fever; however, as a result of lowered vitality caused by some other DENATURED ALCOHOL. lisease, or by exposure, privation, injury, rough handling, etc., this resist-Dream That Won't Come True F ance has been reduced and finally the Farmer For a While Yet. overcome, and the parasites at last Omaha, Neb., June 26 .- The plan o succeed in producing the disease. On using denatured alcohol from waste the other hand, when this disease is products as a cheap fuel to furnish observed in porthern animals, the power on the farm-one of the objects young seed ticks may be so small and of the law permitting its manufacture so few in number as to be unobserved. -is pronounced a failure by the chem-Under certain conditions, as when ists of the department of agriculture living on horses, mules, etc., the ticks after experiments covering almost a lose their infectiousness, and when recollection, "Mr. Rutherford wuz de year. Prof. Harris L. Sawyer, chief southern cattle not previously infested with any but these noninfectious ticks impossible because of the fuel cost to come in contact with infectious ticks operate the still, to say nothing about they are just as susceptible as cattle the original cost of the plant. raised on tick-free pastures. moonshine

Many cattle appear perfectly healthy

and yet are infested with ticks and

Sometimes the owners can not under-

stand why such animals should be re-

garded as dangerous to others, and

consider it unjust that they should be

subjected to quarantine restrictions.

ally contracted the disease in a very

mild form at an early age and have

become immune to further attacks, al-

though still carrying the parasites in

cause the fever parasites in their blood

While the disease may be produced

artifically by inoculating a susceptible

animal with the blood of an infected

one, it is spread naturally only by the

ticks. By exterminating the ticks,

therefore, the disease can be stamped

out, and the guarantine can then be

The discovery of the part played by

the tick in the spread of Texas fever

was made by the bureau of animal in-

dustry of the United States department

of agriculture in 1891, and the same

principle has since been found to apply

to the transmission of malaria and

yellow fever from man to man by

mosquitoes, and to the spread of cer

Publications containing full infor-

mation about the ticks and giving di-

rections for getting rid of them may

be obtained free, on application to the

bureau of animal industry, department

Heard Something.-One summe

evening a miller was leaning over his

garden gate, facing the road, enjoy-

ing his pipe, when a conceited young

farmer happened to be passing. The

"I didn't speak." said George, gruffly

"Oh." said the miller, "I thought you

miller, in a friendly tone, said:

"Good evening, George."

of agriculture, Washington, D. C.

susceptible cattle by ticks.

profit until they get caught," have the fever parasite in their blood.

having a small still and making a fuel may be transmitted at any time to

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consumers of the alcohol the amount tain other diseases.

removed.

horse-power than a gallon of gasolene. It was when the National Corn exposition took up the question of having the still placed on exhibition at Omaha next December, when the third corn show will be held, that Dr. Sawyer of the bureau of chemistry said kindly but firmly: "We do not believe it is a good thing to exhibit again. Our experiments now convince us that

the hope of farmers making the alcohol economically to be used for fuel is useless. Glad to let you have the still if you pay the expense of installing and operating it. Our appropriations are exhausted." Accordingly the department of agriculture is planning a new and entirely different display for the 1909 corn show.

The traveling still is now in Washington. A still similar to it is attempting to make alcohol from cactus at El Paso. Tex., while another is working near Hattlesburg, Miss., where it is making alcohol from sawdust.

The approximate cost of a still to do good work is \$10,000. If farmers ever get the benefit of denatured alcohol it will be by organizing a co-operative company in regions where coal can be secured with small cost.

While these conditions exist regarding the use of alcohol for power the use of alcohol for commercial purposes is increasing, and the law permitting the "poisoning" of pure grain alcohol is making a big saving in cost to manufacturers using it.

CATTLE TICKS AND TEXAS FEVER

#### How the Disease Can be Stamped Out and the Quarantine Removed.

The microscopic parasite which auses the disease known as Texas fever or tick fever of cattle is found in the blood of affected animals and is transferred from one to another by means of the fever tick. A remarkable feature of this transaction is that the isease producing parasites are transnitted through the eggs of the tick hat draws the blood, and not directly

ran up and live a month." And then came the halls, three steps at a time, burst unanreply: "You want a sure thing when you bet." Such was the atmosphere nounced into the library and put to within flight a legislative committee in conin which he lived; and yet, his jurisdiction, he was supreme, an ference with the governor. She waited for no introduction. Why should monarch in a republic, an absolute American czar. The president of the she? Was she not the daughter of ly was debating some weighty questhe greatest man in Mississippi, and, nation never would have dared to in her estimation, the greatest in the ly usurp such authority. His word was arrest, fine, imprisonment. He and world?

For the first time Jim, the governhis friends owned the legislature. A or's body servant, found his exclusive rebellious member who ventured to oppose a bill was promptly brought prerogatives questioned. "She's a tulip," he soliloquized, as he watched before a committee, "investigated" her flitting about the house. "Ef she and expelled from the House on the pretext of ballot-box trickery at the aint I don' know er flower w'en I sees time of his election. It was a huge it."

joke but the recalcitrant had to go. "Who lives over there?" she in A ring of lobbyists was the nearest quired, pointing toward a big stone approach to a gubernatorial board of house half hidden among the trees be

The Governor, with his vond the garden. advisers. shrewdness, could not shut his eyes "Mis' Fairburn," replied the negro leaning against one of the tall Corinto the greed and lawlessness of those thian pillars of the broad veranda. fellows; but why shoud they care? He was there not to detect thievery "Miss Fairburn." echoed Nellie, rebut to make it profitable to himself. garding the neighboring residence His sense of humor was his conwith evident curiosity. science; and humor, which is always "Yassum." continued Jim, "de Wid

half a rascal, ever stands ready to der Fairburn.' "Oh! And so she's a widow. pardon a frailty. Chief among these lobbyists was a ice?"

man named Willetts. Before the war "Oh, yassum, she's powerful nice he had been a gambler on the Mis-"Goody! I'm going to run over and sissippi river. It was said that he see her. bet two negro boys a The old negro shook his head. once had "four flush." An opponent "raised" wouldn't. Miss," he said, "ef I wuz in him with two men and he "lay down." vo' fix.'

This was a river lie of course, but it "Why, what's the matter with me" she cried, glancing at her pretty illustrated his character. When the war "broke out," he broke out, too-"Don't I look all right?" frock. "Oh, vassum: but dat aint it. Yo went to Canada, remained till peace was nominally established and then know dar aint much visitin' gwine on hurried South with the Carpetbagtwixt de Gub an' dese yere folks. His sole recommendation was Dey's monstrous high-headed. Dat gers. his coolness, and it was a good one. lady ober dar wouldn't walk on de for at that time Mississippi was not groun, at all if dar wuz anywhar else an appropriate place for a hot-headt' walk. She wouldn't foh a fac. Sometimes she jest don' tech de ed man.

"Yes, I'm cool enough," he remarkgroun' 'cept in de high places." ed one day to the Governor, "but I'm "The stuck-up thing!" not as cool as you are. I understand "Vassum." that you've sent for your daughter.' "Well, she needn't put on any airs,

"Yes, she's tired of school-thought guess. Pa is the biggest man in this I'd give her a vacation." state and he used to be the best auc-"Vacation? In such a place as this! tioneer in Chicago, too."

"Is dat so? I nebber heered him Willetts exclaimed. The Governor looked at him with say: but he's no man to boast and "Why not? I live in the brag 'bout hisself, anyway.' a dry smile.

finest mansion in the city of Jackson. As they re-entered the house it was And it's a most exclusive place. The clear that she had given her father a neighbors never bother me; no backnew claim to greatness in the eyes of door callers. No one ever borrows a the negro.

tea-cup of vinegar from me. I'm left "Well, how do you like it?" asked alone to the repose of my library, the Governor, with a comprehensive where I can muse over the bills insweep of the arm. troduced into the legislature. She'll "It's just perfectly elegant," wa

like it and why shouldn't I have at Nellie's ecstatic reply, an expression which among boarding-school girls least one congenial visitor?" "But some one shot at you on the world over is accepted as the highest possible form of praise. night, not long ago."

"A bullet did come through the "Make yourself at home." he adwindow and bore into 'The Life and ded. "Jim and I've got to go down to Character of S. S. Prentiss,' but that's the state house now for a while. If was of sufficient importance to attract swered. you get lonesome you'll find plenty of the friendly consideration of Mr. Wil-The window was up at the time all. and the glass wasn't broken. Yes, books in the library."

wanted to come down here "But I don't care for books," she Nellie exclaimed, petulantly. "I had enough his desk examining letters, Jim enterand I told her to come on. Things are gradually getting better. Some of of that at school. I'm going with you." preachers have advocated for-"No; not to-day," said the Governand the lawyers are hamor, laying his hand upon her bronze mering away in the courts. Oh, it head. "I've got some very important will all come around in time." business to attend to and must be said Willetts, "and I think alone.'

"Yes." we ought to make the most of it-in "It can't be so very important," she rotested, "if you can do it alone. I've time. As soon as they hear the facts at Washington-why, we'll be bunheard so much about state houses all my life and I've never seen one. Are dled out of here, that's all. For a they bigger than boarding-schools? year or more they may believe that it's simply the usual howl of the spite-Why not let me go?"

ful, but sooner or later the truth-" "Not to-day," he repeated, kindly. "What's that?" The 'You shall go down with me in a day Governo or two, when I get my affairs in a lit- gro's heavy way and then turned looked up with a twinkle. "The again to Lummers. "Mr. Lummers truth? I'm a plain-spoken man, and the better shape, and then I'll show I don't believe in the introduction of you everything and you may take pos-'bout how long you reckon dis yere job gwine t' last?' such strange figures of speech. I'm session."

She followed him down the hall, busy. As you go out tell Lummers to clinging to his arm.

"What are you 'fraid of? I won hurt you." "We don't know your folks. "Well, you'd better." There was a minute of silence dur ing which the cherry-picker evident

once."

stand?"

"What are you talking about?"

"Why not?"

know, but on nothing very heavy. If tion with himself. "Say," he sudden-I could get him into a poker game I'd remarked. "Can your father ge know his character better. He doesn't ne a commission in the army?" always seem to be the same. Are you "You bet he can," was the ready sure he won't shy at the cars?" answer. "My father can get anything. "Not if there's anything in the cars

The boy dropped lightly upon e wants," Lummers replied. flower bed in the governor's yard. "How much do you think it will won't go into the house, he said. take to fix this end of it?"

CHAPTER III. A Railroad Mostly Swamp.

't want all he thought he could get.' This threw Willetts into a state of The Carpetbag government had be reflection. "That's just the trouble," gun to totter-there could be no doubt

he said. "And if the old man gets a of that fact. The corruptionists who glimpse of our hands he'll blow us out had long overridden law and order of the pot. And, say, not a word about were fast overreaching themselve the ore deposits. Let him believe, with and a keen nostril already could scent the coming of danger. The old party, the rest, that it's nearly all swamp." "Yes," said Lummers, "it's all right crushed to the ground, was beginning to lift its head. It had begun to pa to let him believe anything he-

rade the streets, beneath the folds of There's the Governor," he broke off, the conqueror's flag. It had begun to as a door in the private office slamhout for equal rights and to call on med. "You'd better not be found the Constitution. In this there surely here," he added, "come in after a

It will look less suspicious. was no treason, but it was dangerous while. for the dominant power. The writing And remember when you do get at on the wall was growing plainer every him, no sparring-straight from the day. Willetts saw it and was at no shoulder."

loss to interpret the unwelcome warn-Willetts vanished and Lummers re turned to his desk and was busy with ng. "One of these days the streets out papers when the Governor entered. "Good morning, good morning." there will be so hot I can't walk on was the old man's brisk greeting, as them," he said, as he calmly surveyed the situation, "but it's always cool he took his accustomed seat at a flat enough in Canada and I know the top desk almost in the center of the convicted for stealing cotton."

room way here." With the connivance of a few cro "Good morning, Governor," re sponded Lummers, striving to give an nies in the legislature he had planned innocent inflection to his voice. He a last desperate assault upon the treasury of the plundered state. A placed a number of letters and docubill had been drawn up providing for ments upon the Governor's desk and a grant of 200,000 acres of state lands returned to the place where he was to a fictitious railway corporation, ex- won't to sit in dull obscurity, ignored

isting only on paper. Included in this by politicians and overlooked by the grant were some of the most valuable average lobbyist.

mineral deposits of the state. It was The Governor sat for a time, musa gigantic steal and Willetts hoped to ing. From the walls there looked and down upon him the portraits of Anmake its consummation the signal for his second flight from the South.

Calhoun and the old Missourian who Only one point gave him serious un easiness-the bill must be signed by wrote "Thirty years in the American Delicious perfumes floated Governor Crance, While he had no Senate." doubt that the Governor's signature in from the neighboring gardens.

could easily be obtained, his knowl-He took up a letter. "Ah-um," he said, "was old man Francis here to edge of that official caused him to fear that the cost would be prohibitive. He see about that pardon for his son?"

"Yes, sir," Lummers replied, "he felt the need of a friend at court, not for influence, but for information, and called yesterday after you left." turned to Lummers. "He's a two-"Well," added the Governor, readspot," said the gambler, "but he may ing a letter, "how much did he say save the trick for us." As for Lum- they'd scraped together?"

"He thought he could raise about mers he was greatly elated by the new relation and deeply gratified that he twenty-two hundred," Lummers an-

"Twenty-two, eh?" echoed the Carpetbagger, shaking his head. "Well, letts.

One morning as he was sitting at I don't see how that boy can be innocent for less than five thousand." ed. Lummers looked up at him At that moment a card was brought glanced about the room and said: "If It bore the name of James Hill, Mr. Willetts calls, show him in at and in pencil were written the words: 'Don't know you, but must see you

"Yas, sah," Jim replied, howing, for your own good." The man was "Wait a moment," Lummers added, admitted. He was dressed in a long as Jim turned to go. "If Mr. Willetts black coat, shining with wear.

doesn't come till after the Governor "Sit down." said the Governor 'Now," he added, "come to the point gets here, leave him in the reception room and bring in his card. Under- as soon as you can."

"Yes, sir. I am of a type of men-"Yas, sah." Jim replied, turning "I know your type all right. Go ahead."

away. But before reaching the door he halted, studied a moment in a ne "I beg your pardon "Granted, go on."

"But I must get at it in my own way, sir. I am of a type which bobs

up on certain occasions and then bobs he proceeded, "will build up towns and Lummers looked up in surprise. out of sight forever. You may never serve as a commercial highway for a ed? In that light-how much?" see me again."

Pull down your cur pose yourself at night. That's all." Well, all of us, you know." "Much obliged to you," said the "Yes, I know," the Governor admit-"but what part of the 'us' am I?" "Not at all. And now, I have a fa This staggered the lobbyist for a

vor to ask." The Governor's eyes began to twin-"Financially, Governor," he said, kle again. confidentially, "that word shall be "Go ahead." pelled with a capital YOU."

"I understand that a member has been expelled from the house. I want his place." What qualifications do y "Hm!

oossess? "Intelligence and devotion to duty would serve you well. I am an hon-"Well," said Lummers, "the Govorable man.' him ?" ernor isn't down here for his health.

"So I see. You want me to put you n the house-to order a special election from an out-of-the-way county and declare you elected. Is that it?

"Well, yes, sir; that is about it." "My friend," said the Governor, am about as well acquainted with rascality as the majority of men. I like the average rascal. But I am afraid

you are a little over-drawn. Get out of here—just as quick as you can." "If I go out, sir, I shall leave you to

your fate." "Well, do it. Who is it, Jim?" "Mr. Willetts, sah." As Mr. Hill passed out Willetts star

ed at him. "Governor." began the lobbyist "here are times-'

"Since the war?"

"Yes."

"Yes, I know that; but what is it" "Naw, sah," said ."in, hr'ghtening "There are times when a man ought o be particular. This is one of them How did that fellow manage to get in He's the worst man in the nere? both sides during the war and was de house."

ng him back to his post.

"What a thief! Of course it's nother matter if he stole it during the war. "What's up?" "Go ahead with your land grant," "Governor," said Willetts, "I am in

other day. It provides-" "Ah, ha!" the Governor exclaimed reading from a letter he had just open-

ed. "'Unless you abdicate that office and after the first reading has been leave the state within a week I referred to a committee. I think it shoot the top of your head off. will drew Jackson, Henry Clay, the flery The top of my head. Not the side or require a little-attention-on our part." the bottom-just the top. That's gen-

erous." He crumpled the letter, threw t into a waste-paper basket and nod ding at his visitor said: "Go ahead."

Willetts sighed. "I could wish," Cummers and continued: "The bill aid he, "that you seemed a little provides for a right of way and land grant of about two-hundred thousand more interested."

acres—um, mostly swamp—to the d. "Why, I am tickled to death with land railway company?" it. Go ahead."

'What's that?" he said. "What rail olding out a telegram toward Lumroad ?" "Well, the corporation, Governor, a

ed.' "Um-that's mostly swamp, too, i

Willetts hesitated. The Governor continued to read his letters. "Well. to ahead." he commanded, and ther

addressed himself to a letter: 'Wil shoot you on sight.' Signed 'John Pardue.'" He turned to Lummers 'Who's John Pardue? Didn't we get a letter from him some time ago?"

"I think we did, sir." Lummers an wered. "Well, if John can't shoot any betstate." ter than he writes he couldn't hit

prairie set up on edge." Then, turning to Willetts, he added: "Go on, sir; go on." Willetts again essayed to explain the

scope of the bill, though now in rath- actly in that light, but, perhaps-" er a disappointed way "This road."

very rich section of country-"

Representative Felton says-" "Felton, eh? He has been trying to get an appointment for his son-in

law. Leave Felton to me." noment but he rallied his faculties. "The only real element of strength brought against us," added Willetts, "is Wiley Jones-yes, of Spence

"Mountaineers make

with which he can secure power to

thresh, shell corn, grind feed, churn or

light his farm, the day is not in sight

Yet this was the dream of congress

men and some enthusiasts in the agri-

cultural schools when the bill was be-

fore congress permitting the manu

facture of the great "civilizing drug

greatest potato market in the country

great irrigated potato region. Greeley

proposes to put in an alcohol still and

make the denatured product from cull-

partment of agriculture are hopeful

for this enterprise. It may save the

situated as it is in the centre of

Greeley, Col., is thought to

denatured alcohol."

county.' "Spread your scheme," said the "Well," said Willetts, "he live Governor, turning again to his letters. down the river a short distance from 'Has left this county for the capihere, but he represents Spencer coun al."" he proceeded, reading aloud,

'and I have cause to believe that he means bodily harm to you.' Lummers, who is Nat Robey? Ever hear of the

"I've heard that he is a desperate character, sir." said Lummers, turntional ing his chair. "Hm!" remarked the Governor

"The Sheriff of Dixon county says that Mr. Robey is on his way down hers. away.' By the way, isn't he the fellow that

Jim disarmed out there the other day Jim!" he called.

"Yas, sah." Jim answered, stepping into the room.

"You took a gun from a man out there the other day. Wasn't his name Robev?"

"Who, dat generman wid de yaller ha'r? Naw, sah, his name was Mr.

Crane." "I thought the yellow-haired felow was Rutherford."

with the self compliment of his own generman whut come wid a thing wid of the bureau of chemistry, says it is community. He was a deserter from a fuse in it an' tried ter set it afire in

"All right," said the Governor, wav-

whisky in small stills and realize a "Governor," cautioned Lummer hoos 'you ought to be more careful." says the chief of the bureau; "but "You ought not to take such while moonshine whisky, which costs chances, Governor," Willetts spoke up. 50 cents a gallon to manufacture, is

cheap for whisky, alcohol at 50 cents erested in a house bill introduced the said the Governor, taking up another gallon would never compete with letter. gasolene. So far in a good sized still The fact is that such cattle have usu-Willetts again proceeded: "The

it has been impossible to produce albill, as I said, has been introduced. cohol at as low a price as gasolene is produced." As a commercial product denature will be reported favorably, but it may alcohol may some day compete with their blood. They are dangerous begasolene; but as for each farmer's

"Um-yes," said the Governor. "Asonishing, isn't it, how much hard work is sometimes required to accom-

plish a-praiseworthy-object?" "Willetts sighed, glanced over a

"Interested!" the Governor exclaim

"The old man glanced up quickly Jim stepped into the room and

mers said: "Annudder one deze valyet has not been completely organiz-ler letters, sah." Lummers handed the telegram to the Governor, who

tore it open and read aloud: "Jasper, ed potatoes. The chemists of the de Hilliard County, April sixth:

appointed sheriff assassinated last ight by Ku Klux." "Lummers," he said, "order two of the freight rate on gasolene, but if

ompanies of militia quartered in the it saves anything now the margin will own." Then he addressed Willetts: be small. "If I understand you this land is for In good faith the department of a railroad—a road, in fact much

agriculture secured an appropriation needed by our people.' of \$10,000 to demonstrate the process "Yes, sir," said Willetts brighten for making denatured alcohol.

ing, "one that will greatly benefit the first-class still of small capacity was secured and placed in the governmen "Um," the chief executive grunted. exhibit at the national corn exposition yes. Has it occurred to you that on held in Omaha last December. ceasions of this sort I sometimes am Uncle Sam's traveling alcohol plan

Newly

the state?" proved a good attraction and some "Well," Willetts drawled, "not ex-100,000 farmers saw it in operation but with material from which to make The Governor broke in upon him: alcohol almost free and little or no fuel "How much will the state be benefitcost the alcohol cost almost as much

as it costs to make moonshine whisky, did; but it must have been your ears "Willetts reflected. "Would the The lowest cost at which it has been flapping."-Chattanooga Times.

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