

SAILORE KEPT HIS PROMISE

And Presented the Boys With a Pet Bear

Story by Joaquin Miller of Pioneer Life in Oregon Where Wild Cattle Are Numerous and Dangerous.

When my father settled down at the foot of the Oregon sierras with his little family long, long years ago, it was 40 miles from our place to the nearest civilized settlement.

People were very scarce in those days and bears were plentiful. We also had wolves, wildcats, wild cattle, wild hogs and a good many long tailed and big headed yellow California Hons.

The wild cattle, brought there from Spanish Mexico, next to the bear were most to be feared. They had long, sharp horns and keen, sharp hoofs.

When fat and saucy, in warm summer weather, these cattle would hover along the foothills in bands, hiding in the hollows, and would begin to bellow whenever they saw a bear or wolf or even a man of boy, if on foot, crossing the wide valley of grass and blue camas blossoms.

Then up on the brown hills of the Oregon sierras above us came the wild answer of the wild black cattle of the hills, and a moment later right and left, the long black lines began to widen out; then down they came, like a whirlwind, toward the black and surging line in the grass below.

They all making good time, anywhere, any way to escape the frantic cattle. Father used to say afterward that "it was nip and tuck" between the four and hard to say which was ahead.

They all four straggled in at the narrow little gate at about the same time, the great big, lazy sailor in a hurry for the first time in his life. But think of the coolness of the man as he turned to see children with his first gasp of breath and said: "Bo-bo-boys, I've bro-bro-brought you a little bear!"

The cattle stopped a few rods from the stockade. We let the coyotes go, but we kept the little bear and named him Bill Cross. Yet he was never a bit cross, despite his name.

Bill Cross was a tenderfoot at the time of which I write, and a sailor at that. Now, the old pilgrims who had dared the plains in those days of '49, when cowards did not venture and the weak died on the way, had not the greatest respect for the courage or endurance of those who had reached Oregon by ship.

Bill, said my father one day, "those black Spanish cattle will get after that red sash and sailor jacket of your some day when you go down in the valley to your claim, and they won't leave a grease spot. Better get horseback or at least take a gun when you go down next time."

"Pshaw! Squire, I wish I had as many dollars as I ain't afraid of all the black Spanish cattle in Oregon. Why, if they're so blasted dangerous how did your missionaries ever manage to drive them up here from Mexico, anyhow?"

HABITS OF RICH MAN

J. Pierpont Morgan Believes in Keeping Busy.

Curiosity continues to crane at J. Pierpont Morgan. Yesterday it was of interest to many to know that Mr. Morgan went to the morning services at Trinity Church and heard the sermon of the Rt. Rev. Edgar Jacob, Lord Bishop of Newcastle.

After the services Mr. Morgan made a few calls and then entertained at dinner a dozen guests, most of whom were convention delegates.

Mr. Morgan believes in a good dinner. His morning meal is frugal. His luncheons are meager. Frequent-ly a bowl of milk into which a few crackers are broken suffices for his morning or noonday meal.

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FOOTBALL AT NANAIMO

Organization Effected for Series of Games.

Nanaimo, B. C., Oct. 16.—The Nanaimo District Rugby Football League met on Saturday evening and completed the work of organization.

So far three clubs have entered, but Lady Smith, South Wellington, Extension and other places are yet to be heard from.

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Janet Hurston looked as quaint and simple and charming as her name. She was a little body, with the stately carriage of a six-footer.

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MINING, 39 BELOW HUNKER.

Just Received Special Centrifugal Pumps

Made by Byron Jackson for direct connection to motors, thereby doing away with all belts and pulleys; also large stock of BLACKSMITH SUPPLIES, including horse shoes, nails, iron and genuine Pennsylvania blacksmith coal; also large stock of pipe and pipe fittings.

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ADAM PATERSON

One of Jefferson's Stories.

"One of the many laughable incidents of a more or less recent tour to the West," said dear old Joe Jefferson.

"I wish you a right joyous birthday, Sir Knight of the Liberty Bells," said, courtesying at his feet, Harry Hilton, who had "crossed" with her, understood.

"You look pretty, in spite of those faded reds," he said, as they promenaded in a flood of violet.

"Your frankness in engaging," she said, loftily. "I'm sorry I can't say as much of you. You look perfectly ridiculous in that rig."

He wore her scorn meekly, as they trod a measure in rose-colored light. As they emerged into a ghastly green and pirouetted in gingerly fashion to avoid danger to life and limb on the shining floor, he dared to offer another compliment.

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