

Guelph Evening Mercury

SATURDAY EVENING, MAY 8, 1869.

Napoleon at the Grave of Sir John Moore, Corunna.

BY W. T. BOYD, TORONTO.

Evening had fallen o'er Corunna Bay,
The weary, war-torn soldier found repose
Within the ramparts of the "wooden walls"
That kept the ocean free from Britain's foes.

With shallow grave, and meagre covering clay
His faithful soldiers left their noble chief;
No sentry paced the ground, no warning voice
Challenged the advancing step of the relief.

The fire within the camp of France's host
Burned dimly through the long impatient night,
All eager, officer and soldier waited
The coming of Napoleon, and the light.

Morn and Napoleon came—the foe was gone,
Silence was on the shore and on the bay;
The daybreak glittered on the snowy walls
Of distant sails now sailing far away.

Napoleon rode across the blood-stained ground,
While Victor told him of the hard-fought fight;
And reined his steed beside a fresh-made mound,
Whose strangeness there had struck upon his sight.

A wounded British soldier, left behind,
His pale face turned to the eastern sky;
He feebly moved his plaid with nerveless hand;
The gleaming Tartan caught Napoleon's eye.

"Whom have they buried here?" Napoleon asked;
Backward again the question did allure
The dying soldier's sons, and never again
Murmured and closed—the grave of General Moore."

Napoleon bowed his head. A noble thought
Burst on him from the spirit of the just;
Backward he reared his horse, and sadly gazed
Upon the spot where lay the heroic dust.

"Build here," he cried, "a pillar that shall mark
The place where the ashes do repose
Of one who proved himself, on many a field,
The best and bravest of our British foes."

The column rose. And after ages tell
A story that forbids our grateful smile;
How the poor clay of him who did so well
Was honored on St. Helena's lone isle.

Jeannie Sinclair,

OR,
THE LILY OF THE STRATH.

CHAPTER XXVI.

THE GOLD DIGGINGS—FORTUNE BEGINS TO SMILE
ON ROBERT DOUGLAS—A CRUEL ROBERT.

Let us now change the scene and the country, and on the wings of thought, take a far flight from our Scottish Strath to the banks of the Mokelumne river, in one of the auriferous valleys of California. The two places by a stretch of sea and land extending to six thousand miles, and not less are they separated by the difference of scenes they present. In the one there is calmness and rest; in the other there is going forward a feverish struggle, most terrible in its intensity. A few months ago and this same Californian valley was lying amid the stillness and silence of its pristine solitude; now it is swarmed over by thousands of men of all nations, smitten with the one consuming desire of rifling the land of its buried gold, and laboring there with pick and shovel in the hope of becoming rich in a day. Such a sudden influx of human beings under the full sway of the strongest passion which man cherishes could not but produce scenes altogether extraordinary and unparalleled. The circumstances of the case were calculated to bring out the worst rather than the best features of human nature, while the elements collected for their manifestation tended still further to bring them out in roughest and unloveliest form. The thousands who flocked into those regions at the news of the discovery of gold were, for the most part, the wilder and more restless spirits of different nations, and, as was to be expected, a large proportion consisted of the very scum and refuse of the large American cities—of men barbarous and wicked, lawless by nature, and ready to take full advantage of that absence of regular authority which was at the time a necessity of the case. Thus evil practices of all kinds and crimes of the most serious character abounded.

On these accounts life at the gold diggings was most exciting and dangerous. The ordinary arrangements of society were violently disturbed, and those who wished to stick to honest industry, and pursue with steady application the object for which they had come, had to maintain a constant habit of watchfulness and self-defence, and often found themselves involved in adventures of a stirring and critical kind.

A spectator perched on one of the hill tops which commanded a wide view of the valley of the Mokelumne and the adjacent region would have looked upon a strange and wondrous sight. Groups were scattered in all directions over the surface of the ground, on hill sides and in dry watercourses, in ravines and "gulches," digging with pick and shovel, and with frenzied eagerness turning up the soil glittering with gold grains, hoping that every tumb of the pickaxe would make them the happy possessors of a fortune.

Interspersed in this busy scene were the tents of the miners, pitched here and there with little regard to order, or even to companionship. Large clusters of them did exist in certain spots, but many stood isolated and apart, wherever the fancy or convenience of their owners prompted them to raise them.

Many of the diggers were lucky, but more were unfortunate. A few had in one minute of time turned up a lump of gold worth thousands, while others had wrought weeks and weeks to very little purpose. Those who had sense enough to be either unreasonable nor discontented, but who kept steadily and earnestly at work, almost invariably accumulated a pretty fair share of the yellow dust, and in time obtained a substantial reward for the toil and danger they underwent.

In the midst of this busy and romantic scene on the banks of the Mokelumne wrought, with an earnestness not surpassed by any there, our three friends from Strathme—William Denman, Robert Douglas and Watty. Their location was in the dry bed of a watercourse, down which in the rainy season a torrent roared and dashed impetuously. They had been in many weeks at work now, with a result far from equal to the ardent longings of Robert, though in reality their labor had neither been barren nor fruitless. No prizes had come their way. Nothing like a nugget had turned up in their hole, but the soil they gleaned was fairly rich in grains, and their diligent washing and sifting had yielded a quantity of dust equal to good remuneration for their time and toil, though far from the redemption-price of Cloverlea—the one and the sole object of their gold-seeking.

With the turn of the afternoon, the sun—fiercer far than he shows himself even in his greatest strength in Scotland—had come round the shoulder of the high bank which had hitherto sheltered them, and bent in burning effluence right upon their heads. Watty was down in the hole using his pickaxe with might and main, and William and Robert were squatted on the side of it, earnestly engaged in manipulating the soil that was turned up, to separate it from any of the coveted gold which it might contain. In silent earnestness they wrought at their toil-some work, a peculiarly eager light shining out from Robert's eyes as he operated on handful after handful of the soil, hoping that in each a prize would turn up. William pursued the same work not less industriously, but without the same keenly eager expression of feature. A rough change had come over the whole three of them. That labour and exposure had made them excessively brown and weather-beaten, while their faces were almost hid by rough and shaggy beards, which had known no razor-edge during all the time they had been at the diggings.

TO BE CONTINUED.

REVENUE.—The statement of revenue arising from the following articles in the Inland Revenue Department was circulated on Thursday amongst the members of the Commons, for the year ending 30th June, 1868, and gives the following amounts: From spirits, \$2,435,690; tobacco and cigars, \$433,393; malt, \$162,991; bill stamps, \$88,468; bonded manufactures, \$20,123; petroleum \$10,032; total, \$3,140,697. The foregoing is exclusive of Licenses on distilleries and breweries.

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On Tuesday Evening, 18th of May,

and resume its sitting at the same hour on each succeeding evening until the Court shall be closed.

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