

Sized Up As a Rustler

He had on a cowboy's hat—he had long hair and wore black eyes—there was a class from the foot of a grizzly bear hanging from his satchel chain. You could size him up only in one way—he had killed his man, or perhaps half a dozen of them. If he hadn't fought Indians and stood up to the bad, bad men of the far West, then his looks belied him. He was reading a dime novel, as all game men do when they travel. Now as then he felt down the back of his neck to see if his bowie knife was cutting up his spine in a proper manner and then he reached down to his boot-strap to see that his cargo of revolver hadn't shifted.

Three or four of us, after taking plenty of time to size him up, decided to ask him where and how he got the wound which had left the scar clear across his left cheek. It looked like the work of a grizzly bear's tooth, but he wanted the particulars. So it was agreed that I should work him up to tell his story, and after a quarter of an hour of diplomacy, I had shaped matters so I dared observe: "That is a bad scar you have on your cheek, and there is no doubt a story connected with it."

"Yes, sir, there is," he replied. "You should like to hear the particulars, if you have no objection."

"Oh, the story don't amount to much," he modestly remarked. "But you certainly had a close call. How many Indians were around you?"

"Oh! Perhaps you were in a Western stage when it was held up, and you got the scar in fighting of the road agents?"

"Never saw a road agent in my life," he answered. "Tackled by a bad man, perhaps?"

"Never saw a bad man."

"But you had a fight," I persisted. "No, I didn't."

"Well, perhaps you'd be kind enough to explain how you got that scar?"

Commerce on the Great Lakes.

A few months ago a collision in the Sault Ste. Marie Canal, that connects Lake Superior and the lower lakes, temporarily blocked that important waterway. Alarming reports were at once telegraphed to this end of the country concerning the probable disastrous effect on Eastern trade. An enormous grain tonnage was represented as delayed at the Superior inlet, and European shippers were seriously admonished to arrange shipment of their cargoes. The obstruction was fortunately removed in time to prevent serious detriment to any large body of traders. But the incident strikingly illustrated the intimate relation between this narrow Western channel and the fulfillment of commercial obligations on the Atlantic Coast.

This condition is emphasized by the official report, lately issued, of the year's traffic through the St. Mary Falls Canal. The valuable "transportation" bulletins of the Census Bureau was shown an amazing increase in the yearly volume of all lake business. Not every body realizes that the freight carried annually through the Detroit River has for some time exceeded the total exports and imports of the whole country. This, of course, embraces a vast quantity of merchandise transported from Chicago, Milwaukee and other Lake Michigan ports around the "southern peninsula"; but the fact that in 1890 the net capacity of the vessels employed on all the Great Lakes was 820,300 tons, against 641,672 in 1888, and their value, \$38,250,000, against \$30,749,450, constitutes a startling exhibit of the growing popularity of this water route. From Lake Superior, according to the official figures, 10,191 vessels, steam and sail, were loaded during the season of 1891 from April 27 to December 7. This number is slightly smaller than the number for 1890. Less iron ore and less grain, other than wheat, passed through the canal in 1891 than in 1890. Of what, however, there was an excess of 22,500,000 bushels. In other words about 7 per cent of the entire estimated wheat crop of the whole country found an outlet by means of this narrow strait to the Michigan shore. In ten years, since the Government assumed control, the yearly volume of traffic has increased nearly seven-fold. Nor is the movement altogether toward the East. Nearly 300,000 tons of merchandise were returned to Western consumers by Eastern shippers during 1891, and the ratio of increase closely corresponds.

With these facts in mind, it becomes clear, not only that the present canal must be reckoned a highly important factor in the study of Eastern commercial problems, but that "deep-water" agitation possesses a vital interest for the entire population of the Atlantic seaboard. The restoration of the American merchant marine must necessarily proceed slowly, even in view of the vigorous policy administered by the present Republican Administration. On the Great Lakes, however, the Western spirit of enterprise has not contented itself with the mere multiplication of old-fashioned schooners, tugs and barges. Shipbuilding there is prosecuted on an original scale, and from the Cleveland and other shipyards have already sprung as distinct varieties of naval architecture as the old New York packet or the flying prow of the Malays.

When Doctors All Agree. It is a fact well established, that February and March are the most trying months to aged and enfeebled persons. Pneumonia, influenza and kindred chest ailments, are most liable to get in their deadly work. There is but one thing to do, and that is to fortify the system with a pure stimulant. Merck's Tonic is all over this country, and Klein's "Silver Age" at \$1.50 per quart, and "Dupesne" at \$1.25 per quart, stand without a peer. If you want fine six year old Guckenheimer, Finch, Gibson, Overholt, or Bear Creek, you can have them at \$1.00 per quart or six quarts for \$5.00. We are recognized headquarters for the choicest brands of Wine, Liquor, Cordials, and Goods expressed anywhere. Send for complete price list; mention this paper too.

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If the bees become frozen by careful how you feed them (if at all) or you may very likely find that for the experience in the loss of milk if not of a cow or two. Beware!

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The Physical Training of Boys.

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