

## The Blazed Trail

By STEWART EDWARD WHITE

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Toward the end of the week he received his first visit. Evening was drawing on. Thorpe was busily engaged in cooking a panful of trout. Suddenly he became aware of a presence at his side.

"How do?" greeted the newcomer gravely. The man was an Indian, silent, solemn, with the straight, unwinning gaze of his race.

"How do?" replied Thorpe. The Indian without further ceremony threw his pack to the ground, and, squatting on his heels, watched the white man's preparations. When the meal was cooked he coolly produced a knife, selected a clean bit of hemlock bark and helped himself. Then he lit a pipe and gazed keenly about him.

"What you do?" he inquired after a long silence, punctuated by the puff of tobacco.

"Hunt, trap, fish," replied Thorpe, with equal sententiousness.

"Good," concluded the Indian after a ruminative pause.

"That night he slept on the ground. Next day he made a better shelter than

Charley, the men up the river must not know what I'm after."

"They get 'um pine," interjected the Indian like a flash.

"Exactly," replied Thorpe, surprised at the other's perspicacity.

"Good!" exclaimed Injun Charley and fell silent.

With this, the longest conversation the two had attempted in their peculiar acquaintance, Thorpe was forced to be content.

Three days later he was intensely thankful the conversation had taken place.

After the noon meal he lay on his blanket under the hemlock shelter, smoking and lazily watching Injun Charley busy over the making of a birch bark canoe.

So idly intent was Thorpe on this piece of construction that he did not notice the approach of two men from the down stream side. They were short, alert men, plodding along with the knee-bent persistence of the wood walker, dressed in broad-hats, flannel shirts, coarse trousers tucked in high laced "cruisers" and carrying each a bulging meal sack looped by a cord across the shoulders and chest. Both were armed with long slender scalers' rules. The first intimation Thorpe received of the presence of these two men was the sound of their voices.

"Hello, Charley," said one of them. "What you doing here? Ain't seen you since the Sturgeon district."

"Mak' 'um canoe," replied Charley rather obviously.

"So I see. But what do you expect to get in this God forsaken country?"

"Beaver, muskrat, mink, otter."

"Trapping, eh?" the man gazed keenly at Thorpe's recumbent figure. "Who's the other fellow?"

Thorpe held his breath, then exhaled it in a long sigh of relief.

"Him white man," Injun Charley was replying. "Him hunt too. He mak' 'um buckskin."

The land looker arose lazily and sauntered toward the group.

"Howdy?" he drawled. "Got any smokin'?"

"How are you?" replied one of the scalers, eyeing him sharply and tendering his pouch. Thorpe filled his pipe deliberately and returned it with a heavy-lidded glance of thanks. To all appearances he was one of the lazy, shiftless hunters of the backwoods.

Seized with an inspiration, he said: "What sort of chances is they at your camp for a little flour? Me and Charley's about out. I'll bring you meat, or I'll make you boys moccasins. I got some good buckskin."

It was the usual proposition.

"Pretty good, I guess. Come up and see," advised the scaler. "The crew's right behind us."

"I'll send Charley," drawled Thorpe. "I'm busy now makin' traps." He waved his pipe, calling attention to the pine and rawhide deadfalls.

They chatted a few moments. Then two wagons creaked lurching by, followed by fifteen or twenty men. The last of these, evidently the foreman, was joined by the two scalers.

Injun Charley was setting about the splitting of a cedar log.

"You see," he remarked. "I big frien'."

In the days that followed Thorpe cruised about the great woods. It was slow business, but fascinating. He knew that when he should embark on his attempt to enlist considerable capital in an "unsight, unseen" investment he would have to be well supplied with statistics.

First of all he walked over the country at large to find where the best timber lay. This was a matter of tramping, though often on an elevation he succeeded in climbing a tall tree whence he caught birdseye views of the country at large. He always carried his gun with him and was prepared at a moment's notice to seem engaged in hunting.

Next he ascertained the geographical location of the different clumps and forests, entering the sections, the quarter sections, even the separate forties. In his notebook, taking in only the "descriptions" containing the best pine.

Finally he wrote accurate notes concerning the topography of each and every pine district—the lay of the land, the hills, ravines, swamps and valleys, the distance from the river, the character of the soil. In short, he accumulated all the information he could by which the cost of logging might be estimated.

For this he had really too little experience. He knew it, but determined to do his best. The weak point of his whole scheme lay in that it was going to be impossible for him to allow the

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Dress Gingham worth 10¢ at 7½¢	Men's Norwood Shoe worth \$1.50 at 1 10
Kensington Percale, 36-in., worth 15¢ at 10½¢	Men's Heavy Shoes worth \$1.50 at 1 10
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Cotton Checks worth 6½¢ at 5¢	Men's King Boots worth \$3.75 at 3 00
Good Outing worth 10¢ at 8½¢	Men's Alamo Tan Boots worth \$8.00 at \$4 20
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Flannellettes worth 12½¢ at 8½¢	Ladies' Dress Shoe worth \$2.25 at 1 65
Black and Blue Mercerized Satteen worth 35¢ at 22¢	Ladies' Dress Shoe worth \$1.50 at 1 10
Fancy Mercerized Satteen worth 16½¢ at 11½¢	Ladies' Heavy weight Shoe worth \$1.75 at 1 35
Damask.	
White Linen Damask 64-in., worth 50¢ at 37½¢	Ladies' Heavy weight Shoe worth \$1.50 at 1 10
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	Boy's Knee Suits worth \$1.50 at 1 10
	" " " " \$2.50 at 2 00
	" " " " \$3.50 at 2 75
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	Cotton Blankets worth \$1.75 at 1 45
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"How do?" greeted the newcomer.

Thorpe's less than half the time and was off hunting before the sun was an hour high. He was armed with an old fashioned smooth bore muzzle loader, and Thorpe was astonished after he had become better acquainted with his new companion's method to find that he hunted deer with fine bird shot. The Indian never expected to kill or even mortally wound his game, but he would follow for miles the blood drops caused by his little wounds until the animals in sheer exhaustion allowed him to approach close enough for a dispatching blow. At 2 o'clock he returned with a small buck, tied scientifically together for toting, with the waste parts cut away, but every ounce of utility retained.

"I show," said the Indian, and he did. Thorpe learned the Indian tan.

The India appeared to intend making the birch knoll his permanent headquarters. Thorpe was at first a little suspicious of his new companion, but the man appeared scrupulously honest, was never intrusive and even seemed genuinely desirous of teaching the white little tricks of the woods brought to their perfection by the Indian alone.

He ended by liking him. The two rarely spoke. They merely sat near each other and smoked. One evening the Indian suddenly remarked:

"You look 'um tree?"

"What's that?" cried Thorpe, startled.

"You no hunter, no trapper. You look 'um tree for make 'um lumber."

"What makes you think that, Charley?" he asked.

"You good man in woods," replied Injun Charley sentimentally. "I tell by way you look at him pine."

Thorpe ruminated.

"Charley," said he, "why are you staying here with me?"

"Big frien'," replied the Indian promptly.

"Why are you my friend? What have I ever done for you?"

"You got 'um chief's eye," replied his companion, with simplicity.

Thorpe looked at the Indian again. There seemed to be only one course.

"Yes, I'm a lumberman," he confessed, "and I'm looking for pine. But

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prospective purchaser a chance to examine the pine. That difficulty Thorpe hoped to overcome by inspiring personal confidence in himself. If he failed to do so he might return with a land looker whom the investor trusted, and the two could recast the comedy of this summer. Thorpe hoped, however, to avoid the necessity. He set about a rough estimate of the timber.

One evening just at sunset Thorpe was helping the Indian shape his craft. The two were bent there at their task, the dull glow of evening falling upon them. Behind them the knoll stood out in picturesque relief against the darker pines. The river rushed by with a never ending roar and turmoil. Through its shouting one perceived, as through a mist, the still lofty peace of evening.

A young fellow, hardly more than a boy, exclaimed with keen delight of the picturesque as his canoe shot around the bend into sight of it.

The canoe was large and powerful, but well filled. An Indian knelt in the stern. Amidships was well laden with duff of all descriptions. The young fellow sat in the bow. He was a bright faced, eager eyed, curly haired young fellow, all enthusiasm and fire. His figure was trim and clean, but rather slender, and his movements were quick, but nervous. When he stepped carefully out on the flat rock to which his guide brought the canoe with a swirl of the paddle one initiated would have seen that his clothes, while strong and serviceable, had been bought from a sporting catalogue.

"This is a good place," he said to the guide. "We'll camp here." Then he tucked up the steep bank without looking back.

"Hello!" he called in a cheerful, unembarrassed fashion to Thorpe and Charley. "How are you? Care if I camp here? What you making? By Jove! I never saw a canoe made before. I'm going to watch you. Keep right at it."

He sat on one of the outcropping bowlders and took off his hat.

"Say, you've got a great place here! You here all summer? Hello! You've got a deer hanging up. Are there many of 'em around here? I'd like to kill a deer first rate. I never have. It's sort of out of season now, isn't it?"

"We only kill the bucks," replied Thorpe.

"I like fishing too," went on the boy. "Are there any here? In the pool? John," he called to his guide, "bring me my fishing tackle."

In a few moments he was whipping the pool with long, graceful drops of the fly. He proved to be adept. At first the Indian's stolid countenance seemed a trifle doubtful. After a time it cleared.

"Good!" he grunted.

The other Indian had now finished the erection of a tent and had begun to cook supper over a little sheet iron camp stove. Thorpe and Charley could smell ham.

"You've got quite a pantry," remarked Thorpe.

"Won't you eat with me?" proffered the boy hospitably.

But Thorpe declined.

In the course of the evening the boy approached the older men's camp and, with charming diffidence, asked permission to sit awhile at their fire.

"It must be good to live in the woods," he said with a sigh, "to do all things for yourself. It's so free."

"I just do love this," he cried again and again. "Oh, it's great, after all that fuss down there!" And he cried it so fervently that the other men present smiled, but so genuinely that the smile had in it nothing but kindness.

"I came out for a month," said he suddenly, "and I guess I'll stay the rest of it right here. You'll let me go with you sometimes hunting, won't you? I'd like first rate to kill a deer."

"Sure," said Thorpe. "Glad to have you."

"My name is Wallace Carpenter," said the boy, with a sudden unmistakable air of good breeding.

"Well," laughed Thorpe, "two old woods loafers like us haven't got much use for names. Charley here is called Geezigt, and mine's nearly as bad, but I guess plain Charley and Harry will do."

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Cotton is still coming in.

More snow on Tuesday.

### NEW RAILROAD NEWS.

Rumor has it that thirteen cars of material for construction of the South Plains Railroad have been side tracked at Amarillo.

The Fort Worth papers declare that the Central is now ready to push forward to Canyon City from Stamford.

Ballingier, on the G. C. & Santa Fe says that the railroad is coming from some point on the Pecos Valley to that town.

Coleman City papers assert that beyond a doubt a new railroad will build from Canyon City "straight through to Coleman."

The Lockney Beacon has the following:

"Mr. Key was in Lockney last Friday and said that he thought work on the railroad would begin at Canyon City before Christmas and that the road

would run through Tulia, Lockney and Floydada."

Colorado City is bound to get it and tells the tale this way:

"Messrs. J. V. Key and F. H. Mudge of Chicago, arrived in the city Sunday, started out north of town Monday morning, mapping out a route to be followed by surveyors who were expected to reach here this week. These gentlemen stated that the line would be run to Lubbock, thence on to Canyon City. There are 15 men in the surveying party. Messrs. Key and Mudge were not all communicative, but in answer to a direct question, they stated positively that they were with the Tallmadge people, and not with the Santa Fe road. If this is the case Colorado has two chances of getting a road running north and south. It will be remembered that Messrs. Dunn and Felt, civil engineers for the Santa Fe were here a short time since, and went through the country to Ballinger. They stated that the Santa Fe was compelled to build a road from some point on the San Angelo branch to connect with the Pecos Valley road.

The surveyors coming so soon after these gentlemen were here leads a great many people to believe that the survey is to be made for the Santa Fe road. However, it makes no difference to the people of Colorado who is behind the excitement, just so as they get the road."

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### OUR LAND PRICES.

Sometime ago the senior editor of The News, as president of the Board of Trade, wrote an article for publication in "The Earth," a railway Journal of extensive circulation published at Chicago. The article in question dealt with Canyon City and Randall county and was published in connection with cuts of our new public school building, stock and field scenes—all taken from real life in this county. Since then a number of letters have reached the President of the Board of Trade requesting further information.

These inquiries come from as far north as Minnesota and all along down this way and also include the country between here and California. They are from all sorts of folks, speculators, business men, artisans and farmers, and the questions propounded are in most instances in keeping with the particular line in life followed by the writer. Many have received answers by letter and to others copies of The News have been sent. Several of them will receive copies of this issue and to them more than than any one else this article is addressed. Its purpose is to answer pertinent questions touching land prices and what this country needs and desires most of all.

We want stockfarmers and farmers in the strict sense of the term—people who want to make prosperous and happy homes by tilling the soil. To such the lands of this county, as rich as the fertile prairies of Illinois or Iowa, are offered at a price so low that it staggers the

credulity of our northern brethren to believe what we say of it. Yet, within the memory of men now living the rich soils of Illinois and Indiana once sold as ours are doing now, and if all signs don't fail there are people now among us who will see the day when history repeats itself—when land on the great Plains of Texas, brings Illinois prices.

This land today can be purchased within 8 miles of town unimproved at \$4 per acre; by taking a section it can be had fenced at that price. Choice subirrigated alfalfa land can now be had at \$30 per acre. These prices will usually include fence on two sides at least. Lumber for building purposes costs all through on an average about \$25 per thousand feet.

Now, a word about the man who wants to purchase land for "the rise"—we don't need him and had rather he came not. He will come of course, some of him is here now but to say the least of it the country is better off without any more such. As previously stated, the great need of this county is farmers—men who know how to farm and are able and willing to do it. Such men as these will find in Randall county such an opening as the children of Jacob found in the land of Goshen—a land exceedingly fruitful and "flowing with milk and honey."

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Roosevelt	7,640,560
Parker	5,094,391
Debs (Soc.)	392,857
Watson (Pop.)	124,381
Covington (Labor)	33,519

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Under this heading will be found the amounts received on subscription to the News during the past week, and names of the parties paying. This will serve as a receipt to those of our subscribers forwarding money by mail.

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Dave Auld and family will move into their new home, the H. James house, this week.

Dalhart and some other points north of us had 5 inches of snow on the 4th of this month.

J. B. Thomas and Rich Redfean left Thursday of last week with a car of horses for Fort Worth.

Read over carefully the price Ads in this paper. No town in the Panhandle is selling goods so low.

Mrs. Jno. A. Wallace's mother died at her home near Stephenville, Wednesday of last week.

Dr. M. W. Cunningham of Amarillo, was here the first of the week getting data from the deed records for abstract work.

W. E. Laughery, of Callao, Mo., is here on a visit and for his health, the guest of his nephew, John Dean.

Careful attention to your wants and no misrepresentation is what we promise our patrons. Thomas Bros., Furniture men.

An emigrant car containing the household goods of a Mr. Rentfro from Mineral Wells, arrived Wednesday. He purchased land in Briscoe county last fall and is moving there.

The price lists of some of our leading merchants take up most of our space this week, but to buyers, and all of us are buyers to some extent, the prices quoted ought to prove of greater interest than any other reading matter we could put in.

You can't please your friends back East this Christmas better than by sending them a good Photo of yourself. You know Lusby guarantees satisfaction.

I bought all my crystals and will be ready and willing to fit them in for 5cts each, but will not resort to the methods that goes with giving something for nothing just to get my hooks in.

D. N. Redburn.

Rev. J. M. Sherman will preach at the Methodist church Saturday and Sunday, mornings and evenings, and will also hold the first quarterly conference Saturday, 2:30 p. m.

Rev. Haston will preach at the Christian church Sunday morning, Dec. 18th. A cordial invitation is extended to all, and a full attendance of the membership is specially desired.

According to the Fort Worth Record, our College friend, Rev. Skinner of Clarendon, has put in his resignation as pastor of the Baptist church at that place to take effect Jan. 1st.

**Burton-Lingo Co-Lumber**  
 John Orr sold his home with the intention of leaving us but after taking the matter really to heart he has about come to the wise conclusion to remain in Canyon City.

**Married—By Justice Parks** in Canyon City Wednesday evening, A. T. Zion and Miss Estella Francis. The contracting parties came from Amarillo on the morning train and left the same evening for Forestburg, east Texas.

Oscar Smith recently returned from a prospecting trip East. He visited McGregor and other points in that direction, but failed to find anything sufficiently attractive in the way of business to cause him to pull up stakes and leave us. He, no doubt, like John Orr, is now sorry that he sold his home.

The controlling passion of buyers is to get the best, that's the only kind we carry.  
 Thomas Bros. Furniture.

## Commissioners' Court.

At a special session held Saturday, the final account of E. A. Uptold as Sheriff and Collector was examined and approved.

The contract with J. T. Service for care of public well and windmill was ordered closed by Dec. 31, and the care of the same after that date was put on the present sheriff as a part of his ex-officio service.

H. C. Crie, of the Floydado Hesperian, was in town Tuesday on his way to visit relatives in Johnson county. He states that the yield of cotton for Floyd county this year will not average over 1/2 bale per acre, owing to the late planting. His opinion is that a large acreage of cotton will be planted in Floyd next year. He also said that the trade of his section once going to Quanah and Estelline is now nearly all coming to Canyon City.

A petition to the Railway Commission of Texas, asking that Amarillo be given common point rates was circulated among our people Wednesday and met with general approval. At present our nearest common point is Quanah, and with Amarillo in the same class it means a material reduction in freight rates to Canyon City and vicinity—what our nabor gains in this matter is also profit to us.

## Our Neighbor Prospers.

The writer spent Monday night in Canyon City with his friend, Geo. A. Brandon, of The News. That little city seems to be enjoying a season of prosperity, judging from the volume of business that is being done. We were reliably informed that there has already been about 1000 bales of cotton shipped from that point this year. Of course this was grown and ginned on the South Plains, but the fact that it was taken to Canyon City for shipment indicates that that town has the greater portion of the trade of that section secured.

Among the improvements recently made there, special mention should be made of their \$10,000 brick, public school building which would be a credit to a town of twice the size of Canyon. In fact it is not saying too much to state that it is the best building of its kind in the Panhandle. As another indication of the town's prosperity, we noticed new residences building.

The interests of Hereford and Canyon are mutual and we are always glad to witness the progress that is made by our neighbor.—Hereford Brand.

## For Cheap Holiday Excursion Rates

To points in Texas and Louisiana, Missouri, Arkansas, Illinois, Kentucky, Indiana and Oklahoma Territories, and the Southeast; see any Texas and Pacific Ticket Agent, or write E. P. Turner, General Passenger Ag't, Dallas, Texas.

Oh yes, quite busy, but have time to make baby's picture yet before winter storms set in.  
 M. S. L.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Christian church will have a Bazaar on the 20th of this month, at J. M. Vansant's residence.

## CITY MEAT MARKET.

Beef by hind quarter, 6 cents  
 " " fore " 4 cents  
 Beef, yearling or calf hind quarter 7 cents  
 fore quarter 5 cents  
 Pork, half or whole hog 7 cts.  
 Delivered at your house.

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## Notice to the Public.

I will not crush any grain between Dec. 22 and Jan. 2. Please bring grain in before Dec. 22.  
 W. E. Bates.

E. P. Murray has rented and moved out on the John Rowan farm near Ceta.

From now till Jan. 1, I will fit Watch crystals of any kind for 5cts.  
 D. N. Redburn.

Slover & May have employed J. S. Harrison as their blacksmith. George Chesser, formerly engaged with the business is talking of going to Silvertown.

Willie, the little son of J. W. Cummings, is sick this week.

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The Canyon Mercantile Co. comes out this week with a large display Ad announcing a big cut in prices in all dry goods. Now is a mighty good time for our people to make purchases for winter supplies as the prices on such necessities have been put down in reach of all. The firm of Wright, Gamble & Co. also makes a change in their Ad giving a more complete price list than they had in last week's paper.

The News force has been very much rushed this week on account of printing the C. P. Workers cook book and finishing them in time to allow the ladies to place them on sale before Christmas. We hope to have the book ready for all who may want them, by the middle of next week.

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### "The Blazed Trail"

(Continued from 1st page)

of the situation. He learned of the timber thieves up the river, of their present operations and their probable plans of the valuable pine lying still unclaimed, of Thorpe's stealthy raid into the enemy's country.

"Why, it's great! It's better than any book I ever read!"

He wanted to know what he could do to help.

"Nothing except keep quiet," replied Thorpe. "You mustn't try to act any different. If the men from up river come by, be just as cordial to them as you can and don't act mysterious and important."

"All right," agreed Wallace, bubbling with excitement. "And then what do you do—after you get the timber estimated?"

"I'll go south and try, quietly, to raise some money. That will be difficult because, you see, people don't know me, and I am not in a position to let them look over the timber. Of course it will be merely a question of my judgment. They can go themselves to the land office and pay their money. There won't be any chance of my making way with that. The investors will become possessed of certain 'descriptions' lying in this country, all right enough. The rub is, will they have enough confidence in me and my judgment to believe the timber to be what I represent it?"

"I see," commented Wallace, suddenly grave.

"Harry," said he that evening, with a crisp decision new to his voice, "will you take a little walk with me down by the dam? I want to talk with you."

They strolled to the edge of the bank and stood for a moment looking at the swirling waters.

"I want you to tell me all about logging," began Wallace. "Start from the beginning. Suppose, for instance—what would be your first move?"

They sat side by side on a log, and Thorpe explained. The excitement of war was in it. When he had finished, Wallace drew a deep breath.

"When I am home," said he simply. "I live in a big house on the Lake Shore drive. It is heated by steam and lighted by electricity. I touch a button or turn a screw and at once I am lighted and warmed. At certain hours



"Oh, please!" cried the boy, means are served me. I don't know how they are cooked or where the materials come from. Since leaving college I have spent a little time downtown every day, and then I've played golf or tennis or ridden a horse in the park. We do little imitations of the real thing with blue ribbons tied to them and think we are camping or roughing it. This life of yours is glorious, is vital; it means something in the march of the world."

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Leave	Hereford	7:30 PM	Monday — Saturday
Arrive	Canyon City	9:00	" " " "
Leave	Amarillo	9:50	" " " "
Arrive	Amarillo	10:20	" " " "
Leave	Washburn	11:15	" " " "
Arrive	Panhandle	12:05 AM	Tuesday — Sunday
Leave	Pampa	1:30	" " " "
Arrive	Miami	2:25	" " " "
Leave	Canadian	3:25	" " " "
Arrive	Higgins	5:15	" " " "
Leave	Gage	6:25	" " " "
Arrive	Woodward	7:25	" " " "

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Shippers should file orders for cars at least three days before date on which they intend to load, and longer notice should be given when ever possible.

A. L. CONRAD,  
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