

## THE GAMBLERS LAST BLUFF.

"In days gone by," said the man with the horseshoe pin. "I never traveled by boat or rail without hunting for a fellow passenger to play poker with me. I was gone on the game. I'd go without food and sleep for it. I'd play for pennies, dollars, or brick houses. One night, as I left Chicago for St. Louis, I fell in with a chap who thought well of himself, and we had a stiff game. I had bad luck for an hour and lost \$100, but then the cards began to come my way I'd got back half of my losses, when a hand was delt in which we both held four cards, and I opened the pot on two pairs. The other man might have had the same or be drawing for a flush or straight. I drew my one card and didn't help my hand, but by the grin on his face as he drew his, I judged he had something good.

"Well we began seeing and raising and; in ten minutes there was \$100 in the pot. I had just opened my mouth to raise him \$20 when the train struck a curve and our car lurched over and went rolling down an embankment fifteen feet high. It was four days later when I came to my senses and discovered that I was in a hospital. On the next cot to my right was my opponent at poker. We had both been badly smashed up. We lay looking at each other for a while, and then he feebly said.

'I'll see your \$20 and raise you \$10.'

'And I raise you \$10 more I said'

'And \$10 more.'

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"He closed his eyes and appeared to think for a while, and as he opened them again I knew he was game.

'I'll see your \$10 and raise you \$40.'

"He was either a bluffer or he had a good hand, but I was bound to see it through, and again raised him \$10. After two or three minutes the nurse came over and asked what was the matter.

'I raised him \$10 and haven't heard from him,' I explained,

'And you won't, either,' she replied.

'You have raised him out of the game.'

"The poor chap had gone dead," said the man of the horseshoe, and the pot, wherever it was, was mine. As to whether he was bluffing or had a good hand I can only guess, but as they carried him out I turned over to the wall and made up my mind to return to checkers and stick there. You don't have to bluff a dead man to win that game, you know."

## THE LEARNED HORSE.

Is some humorist trifling with the cable or are we to believe the legend or true history of Herr von Osten's accomplished "Orloff stallion"? In presence of scientists and sages this equine paradox adds, subtracts, multiplies, divides, does "sums" picks out twelve colors, "forms sentences and remembers them next day"—break not into horse-laughter, O infidel!—distinguishes musical tones, picks out discords, in fact, might be a musical critic. These and other prodigies of intelligence he registers by means of his hoofs, the beats whereof are his alphabet and signal-code. Herr von Osten avers that his pupil has as good an education as a boy who has been at school for the same number of years. Collusion between teacher and horse is suspected by the unregenerate. But it is admitted by the wise that Herr von Osten would have been burned at the stake as a sorcerer in more credulous ages. Credulous? Well, we can believe in witchcraft almost as easily as in this wonderful steed, Herr von Osten "of the East"? Is some Down-East Yankee playing tricks in Havre?



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## NOTICE OF ELECTION, CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

Substitute for House Bill 1, 4 & 6.

"An Act Entitled, "An Act Providing for the submitting to the qualified electors of the State of Montana, for their approval or rejection, Amendments to Article 18 of the Constitution of the State of Montana, by adding thereto three new Sections as follows:

Section 3. Prohibiting the employment of Children under sixteen years of age in underground mines.

Section 4. Making a period of eight hours a day's labor on public works, and in mills, smelters and under-ground mines.

Section 5. Providing for legislation to enforce the provisions of this Article.

Be it Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Montana:

Section 1. There shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the State of Montana, at the next general election to be held within this State, the following amendments to Article XVIII of the Constitution of the State of Montana, relating to Labor:

Section 3. It shall be unlawful to employ children under the age of sixteen (16) years of age in under-ground mines.

Section 4. A period of Eight Hours shall constitute a day's work on all works or undertakings carried on or aided by any Municipal, County or State Government, and on all contracts let by them, and in Mills and Smelters for the treatment of ores, and in under-ground mines.

Section 5. The Legislature by appropriate legislation shall provide for the enforcement of the provisions of this Article.

Section 2. The vote upon this Amendment shall be counted and canvassed by such persons, and in such manner as provided by law for the counting and canvassing of the vote for Member of Congress, and if a majority of all the votes cast at said election, for and against said amendment shall be in favor of the amendment, the Governor of the State shall immediately so declare by public proclamation, and said amendment shall be in full force and effect as part of the Constitution from and after the date of said proclamation.

Section 3. The official ballots to be used at the general election to be held in November, 1904, shall have printed thereon the following words: "For the Amendment to the Constitution Relating to the Rights of Labor," and the words: "Against the Amendment to the Constitution, Relating to the Rights of Labor."

Section 4. All Acts and parts of Acts in conflict with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed.

Section 5. This Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

Approved December 10, 1903.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

State of Montana, ss.:

I, Geo. M. Hays, Secretary of State of the State of Montana, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of "An Act Entitled, "An Act Providing for the submitting to the qualified electors of the State of Montana, for their approval or rejection, Amendments to Article 18 of the Constitution of the State of Montana, by adding thereto three new Sections as follows:

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Enacted by the Second Extraordinary Session of the Eighth Legislative Assembly of the State of Montana and approved on the tenth day of December, A. D. 1903.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my Hand and affix the Great Seal of said State.

(Seal.) Done at the City of Helena, the Capital of said State, this twenty-fifth day of July, A. D. 1904.

Geo. M. HAYS,  
Secretary of State.

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