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"IF YOU STICK YOU'LL WIN."

As one rebound the pendulum marking the swing of time in the history of Goldfield came back to the other extreme. The change was of a spectacular character in happy consonance with the sensational experiences of that camp which had more than its share of the ups and downs of fortune. In the bright days of prosperity the people of Goldfield gave of their funds freely. The soldiers of fortune who were drawn to that center made money freely and spent it with a liberality which won world wide recognition. They were obsessed by the greatness of their camp and lived as though they were to enjoy forever the adventurous fruits of the earth's treasure trove. They built homes, brought their families from luxurious environment in the east, north, south and west, and tried to establish a replica of their former surroundings on the dusty face of the grey desert. They transplanted their families to brighten the dingy life of a new mining camp. They came to stay and were actuated by the loftiest and most noble ambitions. They cast their lots with Goldfield. They built schools, churches and hospitals. They went in for public buildings with the intention of building a metropolis in the desert where a few years before the coyote and lizard were the only living beings on the landscape. They succeeded.

Their startling success attracted others and the fame of Goldfield as a center of culture, refinement, energy and progress encircled the globe. Thousands came from the far north, others came from distant Africa, Australia contributed its quota of earnest pioneers and every land and clime under the sun gave of its best men and women to build up a cosmopolitan center where the glistening gold of the earth rivaled the intensity of the blessed sunlight. In 1906, when Goldfield reached the climax of the first epoch of its history, it was estimated that 20,000 people claimed that town for their home. Then the upas blight of L. W. Wism came, the mines closed, capital took alarm and fled, industry was stifled and slowly the town fell away in prestige and population. A decline set in. The humble homes which clung to the steep activity of the malpais began to disappear. The shrinkage started when the occupied residential and business area extended from Rabbit Springs to the slopes of Myers mountain, a distance of two miles, teeming with life and throbbing with industry. Last year the census showed the population had diminished until scarcely more than 2500 persons were left in the camp. This is as sad a picture as could be drawn. The camp seemed doomed to desolation.

Nothing could be more discouraging than the fact that the camp was on the ebb for which there appeared no end except in oblivion. But the Goldfield people never lost heart. They stood up for their town motto: "If you stick you'll win—in Goldfield." This became the trademark of the town when depression first began to make inroads. Those who remained fought against annihilation with as fine a courage as the Belgians fought against surrendering their beautiful Liege. Goldfield was disheartened, but the people never showed it. They kept up a brave front and fought strenuously against an apparently inevitable. If they were doomed to obliteration they were going down with the ship. They would never strike their colors. Adversity knitted social and commercial ties closer and every man and woman boosted for Goldfield. In their heart of hearts, away down in their inner consciousness they knew they did not have the ghost of a chance to regenerate their fortunes. They took that shadow of a hazard and they won. The brave boosters are now rewarded in royal measure for their optimism. The camp has come back and come back with an exulting roar that is echoing around the industrial universe.

Goldfield is in the money again and every western man with a drop of real red blood in his veins will shout with joy for the rejuvenation of a camp that rivaled Tonopah in advertising the wealth and allurements of Nevada to outside capital. Here's to Goldfield and the Goldfield boosters.

ABOLISH THE COURTS.

GOV. BLEASE is emptying the prisons of North Carolina before retiring from office which he has debased by his general unfitness and a fondness for the criminals of his state is finding a close competitor in Nevada. The State Board of Pardons seems to think the courts are maintained with the object of furnishing that body with food for thought and material for action. Murderers, thieves and sandbaggers find among some members of the board of pardons their very best friends, but up to date there has been a certain delicacy about exercising the pardoning powers, although most of the cases where clemency has been granted have been in cases where the applicants were notoriously unsafe to trust again among honest people. However that may be, it is evident that the criminal classes have an idea engendered by the past records of the board that the pardoning power is for the exclusive benefit of those found guilty of infractions of law without any regard to the fitness of the candidate for mercy. As a short cut to the goal of criminal ambition it might be well to close the courts and save the cost of trials.

An apt illustration of the manner in which the law is abused is found in the columns of the Reno papers, which inform the world that a special session of the board of pardons is to be convened for the sole purpose of setting aside the verdict of the district court in the case of a young hold-up under a very mild sentence of not less than one year and a day and not more than three years. The presence of a sobbing sister in the courtroom induced the court to be lenient, but his leniency was not appreciated by the friends of the prisoner, who wanted him turned loose on probation. So far as the report of the proceedings goes there does not appear a single extenuating circumstance and Judge Moran, in imposing sentence, commented on the gravity of the crime, which consisted of presenting a revolver at the head of a man and demanding money. The citizen, instead of complying with the order, disarmed the bandit and took him to jail.

It is a mandarin act to entertain the thought of clemency, but the attorney of the culprit felt so sure that he could influence the board of pardons

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that at last accounts he was appealing to Governor Odell to call a special session of the board to pass upon the case. The governor is a minority member of the board and it is fervently hoped that his good judgment will save the people of Nevada from the disgrace of apologizing again for the conduct of the pardons board.

The Jason went to Europe not to seek the golden fleece, but to carry it to the children of Europe in the shape of Christmas gifts.

General Winter has come to the assistance of the god of war in Europe to make the blood run cold.

The Germans have renamed a number of towns in Belgium and France. What's in a name?

About the only thing that abates the smoke nuisance is a good stiff wind.

The Sick Man of the East still lives though turkey be dead today.

General von Hindenberg to the Russians: "I go, but I return."

General Carranza doesn't know it, but he is a "has been."

Bunch your charities and make a hit.

INTERESTING SIDELIGHTS

Night riders are not the men to encourage horse racing in Kentucky—Birmingham Ledger.

How lucky the Russians occupied those towns with tangle-foot names before anybody else got tripped up by them.—Omaha Bee.

Despite the shortage of men in the navy, the battleship Pittle continues to have a full complement on board.—Philadelphia Ledger.

What Europe will need when the war closes is some popular elections, with a free ballot and a fair count.—Birmingham Ledger.

A national bank in Aurora, Ill., advertises "money to loan to feed cattle." It looks like an extravagant use of greenbacks.—Cincinnati Tribune.

New York judges resent being called "hand-picked," but the status of hand-picked fruit is better than that of windfalls.—Rochester Democrat.

Americans have been called "a nation of shopkeepers." Income tax investigation may cause us to be considered a nation of bookkeepers.—Washington Star.

ARCHDEACON HAZLETT

AT ST. MARK'S CHURCH

Archdeacon Hazlett will conduct services at the Episcopal church tomorrow at 7:20 p. m. As this will be Advent, he will preach on that subject. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

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