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## WAY OF THE TRANSGRESSOR

THESE are no avoidance of the penalty, for, as the scriptures tell us, the wages of sin is death. Death, the end of all. It must come sooner or later. Some of us are destined for graves decked with flowers and fertilized by the tears of loved ones, while others will find their last repose in some lonely, neglected spot where the hand of man never comes or the softening touch of fair woman never abates the sorrow suggested by the little green mound or the ashen grey excrecence on the landscape that marks the sepulchral home of the desert dweller. When sickness blots out life the end has come. There cannot be any repining, but the penalty for sinning is not always the actual separation of body and soul, for that implies a surcease of all sorrow. The penalty referred to, and the penalty that carries its own atonement, is the penance of living and trying to live down scandal, the blighting touch of calumny and the reproaching glances of former friends. The ranged tongue of gossip is busy today with the names of two women whose misdeeds were reported in the telegraph columns of the Bonanza yesterday. Two lives blighted. One is dead. The other still lives. One a lady of the highest family connections in the British empire, the other a Circe drawn from unknown ancestry whose giddy steps coquetted with the primroses and lured men from their domestic allegiance. The courtly dame is one who was honored in an environment which shielded her from temptation and gave her all that lovely woman could dream of as the consummation of her most devout wish. She still lives. Condemned by official circular and branded as a pariah and social outcast, it were better that she were dead. Then all would be forgotten and time healing would soften the asperities of an erotic nature. Which do you think is better off? The young and beautiful creature whose whims caused men to forget themselves and their families and sink their personality to the basest ends, or milady who lives to bear the obloquy of shame and disgrace? Which would you rather be? The grave is more welcome than the pillory of public opinion, where the nettled whip of public contumely winds itself around your shoulders day after day and fills your dreams with spectral forms that cause you to awaken from slumber with an anguished cry for mercy—the mercy that only comes with eternal rest. The Onyx girl, in her palatial apartments, paid for by some lover whose affections were stolen from a lawful wife, met her Nemesis in Cupid's court, while her aristocratic contemporary coveted the love of a man who spurned her affections. The unrequited offering was repulsed and the devil in the woman was aroused to the pitch of humbling the man who taunted her with rejection, for there is no fury in hell like the woman scorned. She had her revenge, but the day of reckoning came at last, came when she thought she had the world at her command, came when the bravest and brightest military minds of the British nation were on their knees in adulation of her charms, praying for one admiring glance from those eyes that sighed for the welcome of an errant lover or one condescending smile from the lips that hungered to sip the nectar from the breath of a man whose station was so far below the dignity of the grand dames that his name could not be mentioned in her social employe.

The day and hour came when she met her judgment in the severest tribunal in which woman can be arraigned, the court circle of Great Britain from which she will ever be ostracised. The fate of the Onyx girl was infinitely preferable to the slow torture of living death and dying in disgrace a thousand times a day, meeting seathing glances and shunning sympathy. Yes, the wages of sin is death.

## CHARMS OF THE DESERT

LOOKING over a government map, one is forcibly struck with the fact that Nevada is without a single park or recreation spot dedicated to the people. The state teems with thermal springs, delightful mountain canyons, roaring trout streams and lofty peaks whose crests are tipped with snow throughout the year. These things are Nature's endowment to the land, but man has not stirred or moved a finger to utilize them or take advantage of their existence that he and his friends may enjoy a short respite from business cares. When a Nevada man seeks rest and ease he rushes off to some well advertised resort where he finds the living of the opulent order, rarely compatible with real comfort and only too brief, for the indulgence soon finds the depth of the most capacious wallet and the man, after rest and vacation relaxation, finds he has nothing more to show for his summer's experience than a jaded appetite and depleted pocketbook. For fifty years the citizens of Nevada have been pouring their savings into the pockets of California, Utah and Colorado pleasure makers who cater to the man with the bankroll, whereas if the Nevada would only cast a glance around his home surroundings he would soon be convinced that his state has more attractions and more healthful ways of contributing to an outing than most of the far famed hostilities. All that is required is the master mind to come along and commercialize these resorts by bringing them to the notice of the man with the money who is anxious to spend it in quest of some new excitement or place where he can go and find restful ease from business cares.

The people of Nevada have voted for a large expenditure of state funds on road betterments and boulevard building. This places the nature lovers in a position where they are at liberty to direct attention to the beauty spots of the state. Among these none is more attractive than the magnificent stretch of water known as Walker Lake. Seen from the dusty railroad threading its banks the waters of Walker Lake impel one to wish he could forever stop in view of the laughing waters and drink in the divine composite picture embracing rippling waves, rugged granite hills towering to the skies from the depths of the lake surmounted by the turquoise firmament such as can be found only in such framing as Nature has moulded for this masterpiece of the Maker. The panorama has been enjoyed by a few who have been in a position to spend some time on the shores of the lake, but every person who has given a thought to the scenery hedging in Walker Lake will back the efforts of a few men who are now engaged in trying to enlist interest in the proposed plan to build a road around the lake. The main object of the road would be to shorten the route to the north

and west, but the artistic mind is wrapped up in the vision of a day when an open highway will girdle this beautiful body of water and bring thousands to Nevada to sound praise of the grandeur rarely assembled in the groupings that exist in this diadem of the desert. A visit to Walker Lake will repay any one for the trouble and is worth more than the cost of making a detour, but when the advantages are brought to the perspective of every traveler by combining the commercial side with the artistic, thousands of tourists will be drawn hither to drink in the new delights.

Mineral county is engaged in making a preliminary survey of a proposed road, the cost of which would be assumed by the counties of Nye, Esmeralda and Mineral, since each of these counties would share in the travel drawn by the construction. No time should be lost in expediting the work and it is fervently hoped that the governor will find some means of extending aid, either in the form of an appropriation or the labor of convict road builders, that the work may be accomplished before another new year dawns on the desert.

# PRODUCTION OF GOLD SHOWS A FALLING OFF

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Gold and silver production in the United States in 1916 fell below that of the year before by \$8,719,300 of gold and 2,077,275 ounces of silver. The director of the mint announces that the total gold production for the past year was \$92,316,400 and the silver production 72,883,800 ounces.

California led the Union in the production of gold, with 1,069,586 ounces, valued at \$22,110,300; Colorado was second with 919,565 ounces worth \$19,009,100, and Alaska third with 785,721 ounces worth \$16,242,300. The other chief gold producers are given as Nevada, with an output valued at \$8,428,200; South Dakota, \$7,512,200; Montana, \$4,575,400, and Utah, \$3,593,400.

Montana led in silver production, with 14,751,000 ounces. Other leading states were Utah with 12,965,700 ounces; Nevada, 12,784,600 ounces; Idaho, 10,504,100 ounces; Colorado, 7,771,500 ounces; Arizona, 6,711,800 ounces; New Mexico, 2,000,000 ounces, and California, 1,937,300 ounces.

Twenty-six states yielded no silver.

# 15 PUPILS KILLED OR INJURED WHEN SCHOOLHOUSE IS WRECKED

(By Associated Press.)

MUSKOGEE, Okla., Jan. 5.—A one-room frame school house, in which were fifty children, was shattered by a tornado late yesterday.

Runners dispatched from the scene of the disaster in southeastern Oklahoma to Blocker, seven miles away, reported that at least eight children were dead. This estimate was based on meager information, other reports indicating that perhaps 15 children, most of them girls, had been killed in the storm.

One father is said to have lost his

three children. Two girls by the name of Warren, two other of the Davis family, and a fifth, daughter of B. Warren, a farmer, are known to be dead.

Miss Vera Carter, the teacher, was blown away by the storm, but was found alive and was taken to a hospital.

In future years men will wait until they are 100 years old to wed, says an evangelist. And then girls of about 20 will be their choice, we presume.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

# KNIGHTS TO TAKE COMSTOCK-PHOENIX

BIG DEAL IN FAMOUS NEVADA MINING PROPERTY IS ANNOUNCED

The Comstock-Phoenix Mining company, with properties located in Six-Mile canyon, about a mile below Virginia City, is to be reorganized this month, with the Knight interests of Provo and Salt Lake in control. Official statement to this effect was made yesterday in a letter sent out by the firm of Dorn & Thomas, brokers, who are handling a portion of the stock, according to the Salt Lake Tribune.

The Knight interests have been for many years actively identified with or in control of many of the paying mines of Utah and the west, among them the Hamburg of Nevada, the Beck Tunnel, Colorado and Iron Blossom of Tintic.

It is stated that the company will be incorporated for 1,000,000 shares of the par value of \$1 each. Jesse Knight is to be president, George H. Drysdale, vice president and general manager; Lester Mangum, secretary and treasurer; the other directors to be Louis Parkhurst and F. M. Manson of Reno, general manager of the Western Ore Purchasing company of Nevada and the Utah Ore Sampling company of Salt Lake. Mr. Drysdale, who has for some time had the management of the property, is especially fitted for the position that he will retain, as in the early days of the development he worked there as a miner for the first owners, later secured a lease and bond and succeeded in bringing the mine to a showing that the big men who are now to take over the control became interested.

The character of the ore in the Comstock-Phoenix is free gold, with black sulphides. It is stated that there is a vast amount of low grade ore, with some high grade running as high as \$2000 per ton, while the shipping grade of the ore averages better than \$100 per ton. Sixteen tons of ore are ready at the mine for shipment that will average \$300 per ton, according to information received here. The property is practically equipped, has power drills, an incline tram and a compressor on the

500 foot level. The main shaft is down 650 feet and the property is further developed by a 500 foot tunnel and winze. The company is now mining on an east-west fissure which is striking directly toward the heart of the Consolidated California-Virginia stopes.

## JERRY WANTS A LUNG.

Purchase of Red Cross Seals Will Help to Supply Need.

Wanted: A good lung. This was the theme of a letter in rhyme received the other day by the St. Louis Society for the Relief and Prevention of Tuberculosis from ten-year-old Jerry O'Connor, a pupil at the open air school formerly conducted by that society. His poem, inspired by the Red Cross Christmas Seal Sale, follows:

"Now, if there's a present you'll send, There's just one thing for me, Ask Santa for one new lung, A right one—mine's T. B."

"T. B. is what skinny folks has, It kills us poor, weak boys, So, in your prayers remember me, I wish you a thousand joys."

"A Merry Christmas to you all, A song I've often sung— But don't forget the skinny kid, And pay for his new lung."

There are thousands of Jerry's all over the United States who want "new lungs" and a chance to save their old ones. The sale of Red Cross Seals helps to provide open air school, sanatorium and home care for such boys as Jerry.

## SECRETARY BAKER LIKES RED CROSS SEAL IDEA

Wants His Children to Become Partners in Anti-Tuberculosis Fight.

Newton D. Baker, Secretary of War, is an enthusiast in the use of Red Cross Christmas Seals. A year ago, when he was still Mayor of Cleveland, he wrote to the Anti-Tuberculosis League of that city as follows:

"I enclose my check for \$1.75 for this year's Seals and also my order for Seals for 1916. No other one thing means so much to life, health and happiness of the people of Cleveland as the fight against tuberculosis. The League is offering a great privilege to the people of Cleveland in giving them this opportunity to join their forces in a great cause."

"Please send twenty-five Seals to each of my children. Address them Betty, Jack and Peggy Baker, respectively, at my home, 1851 Crawford Road. I want them each to put seals on each of their Christmas presents so that they will learn that they, too, are partners in the community burden and share the community opportunity."

Have you bought your Red Cross Seal and shouldered thereby your share of the community burden and opportunity?

## MONITOR CHAPTER AT ELY INCREASES ITS MEMBERSHIP

Monitor chapter, No. 13, Royal Arch Masons, of Ely, which was chartered by the grand lodge of Nevada June 12, with a membership of nine, and which has since been making rapid strides, recently elected the following officers:

E. W. Millard, high priest; C. H. Needham, king; O. M. Wallace, scribe; Dr. L. T. Brock, secretary and treasurer; C. W. Dickinson, captain of host; D. P. Bartley, royal arch captain; C. E. McGinnis, principal

sojourner; C. G. Barron, master of third veil; E. G. Carr, master of second veil; L. C. Morgensen, master of first veil; and August McDonald, sentinel.

The chapter now has 27 members, and within the next few months fully 20 more will be given the necessary degree work to add them to the rapidly growing roll.

Government experts are investigating the recently discovered bone deposits of the Prillif islands, believed to be the world's greatest supply of fertilizer of that kind.

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