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THE BRIGHT ANGEL

John Hance Tells Winfield Hogaboom How That Place in the Grand Canyon Got Its Name.

Many another visitor to that tremendous hole in the ground, the Grand Canyon of the Colorado, has wondered, as I did, how the Bright Angel trail ever got such a name. There is a sort of poetical, romantic tinge to it, but when you come to think it over, there isn't any sense to it. That's what lead me at first to think there was a story behind it, and set me to nosing around for the story.

About all the headway I made was to learn that Buckey O'Neil gave it that name, until I found Capt. Hance. Then I got the story.

"Yaas, Buckey O'Neil give it that name," he said, reflectively, spitting at the stove door.

It was doubtful if the captain would proceed. Conditions had to be favorable for him to tell a story. He liked large audiences, a dozen listeners at least, and I was the only one upon this occasion. But finally he spat at the stove door again and said: "I'll tell ye how 't was." Then I knew it was a go.

"We never did know where she come from, ner how she got here, but all to once she was here, and 'peared like she'd come to stay. She was sickly; you could see that, but she never complained none; she was allers jest as doggone cheerful as a sunshiny mornin'."

"Gad! but she was beautiful. She had fluffly hair that was like a streak o' sunlight streamin' through a winder and her skin was soft as velvet, and jest white and pink, and she didn't look like a person that was intended to live on earth; leastwise in no such outlandish place as this.

"An' the girl was jest as good as she looked, I want t' tell ye. The boys all fell in love with her; Pete Berry, over at Grand View, an' Bass, down at the ferry, an' I guess I had a sort o' tender regard like fer her myself.

"She ust t' go down th' trail nigh on every day, walkin' slow and lookin' at th' wonderful sights in th' canyon with them big blue eyes o' hers, that was like little patches of th' sky. The boys ust t' watch her, standin' on the rim, till she'd get t' be nuthin' but a tiny spec o' bright color, movin' along th' trail. Sometimes there'd be moisture in Buckey's eyes, an' I dunno but mine, too, when we was lookin' at her, and feelin' mabbe she wasn't goin' t' last long.

"Buckey ust t' say she was an angel; he knowd she was, an' he turned out t' be right, fer one day she went down th' trail an' never came back. There was a sort o' haze like hangin' in the canyon that afternoon, an' long about sundown th' light struck it alantwise and colored it up like gold. You couldn't see fer into th' canyon, but Buckey claimed he seen somethin' floatin' up through th' mist, white an' sort o' transparent like, but he know'd it was her.

"There wasn't no doubt about her bein' an angel after that, an' so he named th' trail 'Bright Angel trail,' an' that's how it come.

"Ye see, Buckey was a sentimental feller, anhow, natcherly, an' we'd bin

a-callin' her th' 'Bright Girl,' after we found out 'twas Bright's disease that ailed her, so Buckey says: 'We'll make it Bright Angel.'"

That was the way I got the story from Captain Hance, but later, when I found that he claimed to be the man who made the Grand Canyon, I didn't know whether to believe him or not.—W. C. Hogaboom, in Los Angeles Herald.

BLACK WARRIOR COPPER

Claimed to Be the Purest and Highest Priced in the World.

Mr. James A. Fleming, president of the Black Warrior Copper Amalgamated, Arizona, writes in a letter recently printed in the Philadelphia News Bureau, that the copper produced by his company is now the purest in the world, and commands a price above that of any other company. He says that owing to its brilliant copper color, it permits the manufacturers of high class lamp and gas fixtures to use 25 per cent. more spelter (a cheap metal) with their copper in their mixture than any other copper, and yet retain the brilliant color of the fixtures. He further writes:

"Owing to our copper's purity, preventing what are called pin-holes in bronze castings, it was selected to make the bronze work for the statue of General Reynold, now being erected upon the Smith memorial, Fairmont Park, Philadelphia.

Two Views of the Matter.

The Cochise county grand jury, in session last week at Tombstone, thought it proper to call attention to the necessity for a territorial poor farm, unanimously adopted the following resolution: "We would recommend and strongly urge to the three elected assemblymen and councilman to do all in their power to operate with the other counties in Arizona for the passage of a bill to provide means of support of a territorial poor farm, to be used by county poor and those able to do some measure of work, who are now inmates of the various county hospitals. An institution of this kind would be the means of saving Cochise and other counties of this territory many thousands of dollars every year."

Mining Activity at Williams.

The Azurite Copper company has acres and acres of copper ore at Williams station, about thirty miles north of Williams, all of which will be treated by the George process in a plant of their own, in the near future. When this is done there will be a grand rush for copper property in that camp, for it only takes about \$5,000 or \$6,000 to put in 25-ton plant of this new process. Their properties do not have to be mined—they are simply quarried—the ore is practically on the surface. This will allow in a very short time, great profits from the products of the mines.—Williams News.

Tom Schultz recently had his printing office taken away from him by an insistent creditor. But the Prospect still continues to make its weekly appearance, being temporarily issued from the Journal-Miner office. Mr. Schultz evidently cannot be crowded out of the newspaper business.

KNOCKING STATEHOOD

No Break in the Republican Rank Pledged to Statehood—Effort to Get Democrat Senators to Vote Against the Bill.

A Washington press report says: As far as can be learned, there has been no important break in the ranks of the sixteen republicans pledged to the Omnibus Statehood Bill, but enough democrats have been won over to successfully carry on the campaign of opposition to the end. Senator Quay, who has been threatening to blockade all other legislation when it comes to direct issue on the statehood bill, has been "called" by his opponents, who now say that they are perfectly willing that he should adopt this method. Such procedure, it has been found, would alienate more democrats than those who have already deserted, and his plan has been practically abandoned.

The question is yet to be decided whether the bill reported by the Committee on Territories, providing for admission of Oklahoma and Indian Territory as one State, shall be passed. If Senator Quay shows a disposition to fight this measure to the bitter end, finding that he cannot pass his own bill, the single state measure will be abandoned.

Pressure has been brought to bear on many of the older members of the minority to eliminate the question of politics, and one democratic senator said today: "It makes no difference to me what the politics of the new senators may be. This Omnibus Bill means six senators whose constituents do not amount in number to one-half the people of my state. That is enough for me. I shall oppose the measure."

All efforts made by the friends of the Omnibus Bill to enlist the sympathies of the President in their behalf have been unavailing.

Was Raymond Crazy?

John H. Smith, who shot and killed August Raymond recently at Coldwater, had his preliminary examination at Camp Verde and has been held without bonds to appear before the grand jury. Smith claims self-defense and there is no doubt he will appear in order to have the charge cleared up.—Journal-Miner.

August Raymond was several weeks ago before the probate court of this county and examined as to his sanity, but the physicians decided that he was not insane. While here Raymond worked in one of the logging camps, and one night as the men were gathered around the stove some one mentioned the subject of goat raising. This enraged Raymond and he drove the man from camp at the point of a gun; and the cause that brought him before the probate court, was his frequent use of a gun, and about every man who worked with him in the camps, believed Raymond to be crazy.

Mineral Claims Decision.

In the United States district court, held in Helena, Montana, December 17th, Judge Knowles decided that the locators of mineral claims in the forest reserves had a right to cut the timber from off locations. This is the first decision of the sort. It will have a far-reaching effect.

Charged With Murder.

Wm. Kingwalt is now in jail in Solomonville, charged with the murder of Paddy Lynch, of which mention was recently made in the SUN. Ringwalt was given a preliminary hearing before Justice Wood of Bonita, and was bound over to await the action of the grand jury. Ringwalt is about 60 years of age, and is quite well known throughout southern Arizona, where he has been peddling for some time past. He has always borne a good reputation, and although some of the circumstances connected with the murder of Lynch seems to point to him, the officers do not think he is guilty of the crime charged. Ringwalt camped near the Lynch ranch the night of the murder, and tried to buy some hay from Lynch, but was refused. It is the general supposition that the crime was committed by a Mexican formerly in the employ of Lynch, either out of revenge for a grievance or for the purpose of robbery.

Lumber Mills for McKinley County.

George W. Davis, general superintendent, and Ira B. Bennett, general manager, of the American Lumber company, were in Albuquerque, Monday, and intended to make a trip to their timber lands in the Zuni mountains to select a location for their mills as it has been decided by the directors of the company to put the mills on the ground near the timber. The location selected will probably be at the Triangle Bar ranch, in McKinley county, four miles south of Chaves, as there is plenty of water there and an easy grade to get into the timber. They intend to manufacture 40,000,000 feet of lumber per annum. There is but one lumber company in the United States which has more capital back of them than this company. McKinley county will derive great benefit from this enterprise.—Gallup Republican.

Railroad Hospital Burns.

The Santa Fe Pacific hospital in Albuquerque, N. M., was destroyed by fire on Tuesday night. Twenty-five patients, some of them very ill, were in the hospital. All were saved from the burning building, one patient dying from the shock of removal. The firemen took great risks in a hopeless effort to save the handsome new addition, and there were several hair-breadth escapes. The effect of the alarm on the patients who were carried through a line of fire, it is thought, will be bad.

The fire caught on the roof, which was all in flames before it was discovered. The loss is covered by insurance, held by the Santa Fe company.

Will Vote For Bill.

The friends of the omnibus bill are jubilant over the announcement that Senator Fairbanks of Indiana and Foraker of Ohio, will vote for that measure. The opposition has been all along claiming that Fairbanks would be against the admission of the territories to statehood, but his announcement that he would stand by the republican platform which endorsed the admission of the territories as states is quite a blow to the opponents of the bill. Senator Fairbanks says he believes that the territories should be admitted to statehood and that the bill will pass this session.