

the moment he was elected. At all events, enthusiasm for Dud ran high. The count showed that Dud had been elected by a majority that lacked little of unanimity. Still no Dud was in evidence.

The committee on celebration made a search for Dud in order that the ratification might be a success. They could not find him and the celebration was postponed. Some anxiety began to be felt. Rumors of foul play arose. Several suspicious looking characters were impounded and questioned. Messengers were sent to all places where Dud was reported to have been, but no information concerning him was obtained. The mystery deepened and deepened until Bud Leeds, holding his hat in one hand and a letter in the other, rushed into Mike Doran's saloon and read to the gaping crowd:

"Mr. Bud Leeds, Plocne Nevada.

Dear Sir: When this thing is explained you will hold no grudge against me. I just heard from some bullwhackers just back from Ploche that you were after me because I nominated another man for sheriff. To tell the honest truth, Bud, I thought I was nominating you. I did not know the difference until the bullwhackers told me about it. It was just a slip of the tongue, honest it was. I got to thinking of your name as a manufacturing city in England, so as not to forget it. I never was any good on remembering names—and I got it mixed up with Manchester. My grandfather came from Manchester. That is how the mistake happened. If you let me come back I will make good all damage by turning over to you half of my interest in the Roman Soldier claim down there. I own a sixth of it and some good ore has been found on the claim about a mile west of it. Let me know what I can do for you. Write me at Sunset Saloon, Austin.

Your True Friend,

Edward A. Broomfield.

P. S. The boys used to call me Daniel Webster, but my name is the above."

"Now boys, what dye think o' that," continued Bud, "Ain't one fool friend with a lot to a man in politics? Take a drink on me boys." And a few scratches of the pen gave the office to Bud.

THE SONG OF THE SUM OF ALL.

By Grace Fallow Norton.

I have loved many, the more and the few,
I have loved many, that I might love you.

All of my life was but loving and proving
The near and the far, the constant, the roving.

The sad and the joyous, the shadow, the part,
With signs of their lacking marked down in my heart.

For never the goal and the whole were for me:
They were handle and hint, they were crutch,
they were key.

They were bramble and bud, but never the flower;
They were dawn, they were dusk, nor even noon
hour;

They were soil-of-life, spoil-of-life, symbol and
clue,
But the soul-of-life, whole-of-life, waited for you;

They were wave, they were tide, they were shade
on the lea,

But you are the earth, and the sun and the sea!
—Mirror.

ROSEMARY.

By Agnes Blundell.

Bitter as tears and sweet as love thou art,
Thou silver herb, embalming all the space
Around thee like sweet memories in the heart.
As the dear thought of one beloved face
Breathes through my life, so thy most fragrant
breath
Spreads perfume all about my garden waste.
O sweet as love, O bitter-sweet as death,
How dagger-sharp thy soft leaf is to taste!

Dear memory of a face I shall not see,
Dear voice that I shall never hear again;
O bitter parting, O beloved pain!
O rosemary, O gray green rosemary!
—Westminster Gazette.

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