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OU'D a thought the Low Growl boys was our worst enemies, the way they kept on doing things. They ordered a read built through the third ward — fif-teen miles — and made us work out our poll taxes on it. Took us a month, and every time we objected to working a month on a poll tax, they'd start their blamed old petition to move the court house back to Thunder Creek. We was that discouraged and oppressed we didn't know which way to turn, and we began to lose citizens like a lenky sieve. Sam lose citizens like a leaky sieve. Sam Linthicus licked the foreman of the Low Growl and four of the cowboys, and then left. Pete Johnson left. So did Lish Legg. Even poor old Ying Lee quit us, the Low Growl boys having passed a law that no resident of the third ward had to pay for chop sucy. And then when we was reduced to ben mis-erable and downtrodden inhabitants. erable and downtrodden inhabitants, they done us the meanest trick of all, They took the court house away from us, and located it in the third ward, where it would be in the center of the population of Jupiter City, the real reason being because they needed it for a dance hall. And when they did that, Jupiter City got up and went away— all but me and Ike.

It was tragic. Such is life - up in the roof garden one day, and in the ash barrel the next. There we was, jest where we'd been the year before—same old farm, no money, and one less of us. somebody having stole the cow during the year's excitement. I was too dis-couraged to think, but Ike was defiant. Jupiter City, he said, was suffering from a temporary depression, jest as Chicago and Kansas City and Sioux City, Iowa, had done; but by crimmuny, she had the resources and the market, and she was resources and the market, and she was a going to grow yet. In the meantime, we could take a short hunting trip, get some meat for winter, and talk things over, it being more pleasant sleeping out on the prairies than listening to the yawping of the Thunder Creekers, who amused themselves by coming over and visiting us in our misery. visiting us in our misery.

Ike and I hunted for a week, and started back quiet, but firm, and full of resolves. We were a going to stick to Jupiter City till she revived, if it took seventeen years. We would write to the old home and get some real, sure-enough settlers. We would start our campaign of education. We would advertise and whoop her up until Jupiter City spread out like a rish over the landscape, and out like a rush over the landscape, and swallowed Thunder Creek entire, with

one gulp of her fifth ward.

It was hard traveling, with all the meat we had, but on the third day in, we got within reach of Jupiter City, and jest at sundown we climbed the little swell to the east. Then we sat down and looked at each other, like men who have jest seen something that aint there.

But what we hadn't seen was something that should have been there. There was n't any Jupiter City. We rubbed our eyes and examined the landscape with care. It wasn't any use. Jupiter City was gone—swallowed—vanished from the face of the earth—clean, everlastingly skedaddled to oblivion, as Ike put it.

We got up, sick as if we'd seen a nurder, and toddled down to the spot where our little town had been. There were the street signs — mackeries. There was the curb like and me had built on Broadway, real city fashion, out of empty beer bottles. But there was n't a house in sight. There was heaps of trash and a young monthly of the cans. trash, and a young mountain of tin cans, and nothing more. Only deep wagon tracks, and they all led toward Thunder Creek. There wa'nt any need to ask questions. Those danged Thunder Creekers had sneaked over and stole Jupiter City.

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That's all, Jim. Aint no more to tell, Ike and I looked at each other, and them street signs, and then we jest lit out for the thinnest place in the horizon, and bored a hole through it till we struck the Niobrara and worked on down to civilization. And we never went back. Can you blame me for not getting enthusiastic over any city, when the pettown I nussed from infancy, and raised with all the loving care of a father, was tore from me this way? Can you blame

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