

THE TOWN "WAS DIFFERENT"

Characteristics Which Made San Francisco Unique Among Cities. LOCAL PRIDE A CONSPICUOUS FEATURE "Glorious Climate" Enlarged Capacity for Drink—Cosmopolitan Crowds—Conditions Not Likely to Be Restored.

The easterner returning from his first visit to San Francisco that was always had a certain difficulty in picturing the place to his eastern friends who hadn't been there. It generally began and ended by saying:

"Well, San Francisco is just a town like any other, that's all—it's different. If he stays in San Francisco of short duration he would probably continue to refer to the town upon his return as 'Frisko,' but easterners who remained in San Francisco for any length of time soon got out of the way of calling it 'Frisko.' They found themselves nudged or sharply corrected every time they spoke of San Francisco as 'Frisko.' The San Franciscans were always great sticklers for the full name of their town. It was probably a pure hobby, for they must have known that nobody could ever have confused the 'Frisko' that the easterner used for San Francisco with the unimportant little town really named 'Frisko.'"

The easterner making his first visit would say to his hospitable San Francisco neighbor, after a glance around the town: "It's a great place sure, sure enough, this 'Frisko.'"

His San Francisco companion would instantly freeze. "Frisko?" he would say. "What do you mean by 'Frisko'? What do you mean?" "We're in San Francisco, my snow-shedding friend," the San Franciscan would say. "You get a map or a postal guide and you'll find out where 'Frisko' is. This is San Francisco."

Flattery for San Francisco could not be laid on too thickly by the visitor; and this, while it may have seemed curious to outsiders, was really a great thing for San Francisco, and it largely accounted for the making of the splendid city. Every San Franciscan was always, at home and abroad and above everything else, a booster and plunger for his city.

Jolly Easterners. The San Franciscans have always referred to everybody living on this side of the Sierras as snow shovelers and ice diggers, and they have great fun out of these phrases. They mean by these terms that the folk living on this side of the coast range of mountains have to contend with hard, bitter and wholly impossible winters, while they, the San Franciscans, get about the same quality of climate the year around, except for the rains.

The "glorious climate of California" never really meant San Francisco at all. It is a very rare day, summer or winter, in San Francisco that does not seem chilly and penetrating to the easterner established there.

It was only about two years ago that cents became a part of the fractional currency in use in San Francisco, and even when they were introduced they did not catch on very well, in spite of the fact that, taking everything into consideration, San Francisco was perhaps the cheapest city in the United States in the matter of living expenses. There was a great general objection in San Francisco to the introduction of cents on this side of the Sierras rather enjoying the distinction of being the one great city of the country that scorned the use of cents.

"Bits," as a phrase, originated in San Francisco. They never call a quarter a quarter out there. A quarter is two bits, a half four bits and anything costing 75 cents is said to be worth six bits.

Some San Franciscans even go the length of refusing to employ the word dollar, and call the dollar eight bits. There is a fine old practical origin to the bits business. Eight bits is a literal descendant of the pirate's piece of eight.

Capacity for Drink. Easterners visiting San Francisco generally found that they could stand far more strong drink in that climate than they could in their own. The theory as to this phenomenon formed by some of those who experienced it is that drinking in San Francisco is a good deal like drinking on board a ship at sea and most men can stand a great deal more liquor on a sea voyage than on shore.

Moderate drinkers back this way rarely begin their drinking until after luncheon anyhow, but first drink time in San Francisco was rarely more than an hour after breakfast if indeed it did not precede the maternal meal by the length of time elapsing between the getting out of bed and the appearance at the breakfast table. Naval officers, who have always loved San Francisco, found out many years ago that the old scheme of getting engaging civilians at the ward room table and moistening them up to the point of making them incapable, rarely or never worked when more or less seasoned San Franciscans were the guests.

Globe trotting Englishmen of immense capacity in wassail have confessed themselves clearly outclassed when they've gone up against the big drinking dons in San Francisco. Before the Bohemian club assumed a certain modern sedateness they used to keep a record there of famous folks who had been put under the table at the club and the names of some of the most accomplished English toppers that ever visited the slope appeared on that old list.

Much drunkenness was to be seen in the San Francisco saloons of all grades. The wine makers of California were never able to get the San Franciscans to use as a steady tipple the fine, sound, fruity and wholesome wines that they produced. The hard stuff or beer remained the beverages of the drinking San Franciscans through all of the educational campaign of the virtuosists who tried to show how and why the habit of drinking sound, still wines would be the greatest thing in the world for drinkers.

The Sporty Crowd. San Francisco has been prize fighting mad for a great many years, and a great many of the back rooms of the saloons punching bags were to be found. When the slambang punching bag and the piano and the vocal efforts of the piano surroundings were all going at once in the back room of the saloon the combination of sounds was something to be remembered as wholly characteristic of San Francisco.

Women, many of them strangely pretty and young and fresh looking, were to be found in the back rooms of a great many of these San Francisco saloons. The prettiest among them swore like the army in Flanders. For utter abandonment and an unbecomingly as distinguished from an immorality—as completely frank as that of a naked baby, there never was anywhere in the world anything to equal the bad girl of San Francisco.

The extreme prettiness, not to say the beauty of some of the girls lounging around the back rooms of these San Francisco saloons would excite first the amazement and then the pity of visiting eastern men, but the San Francisco girl of this type had a way of laughing and sniggering her

THRILLING BORDER EPISODE

Rival Editors of Rival Mining Camps Start an Awful Row. FULMINATIONS PRECEDE THE COMBAT

Johnny Duff Straps on His Gun and Hikes for J. Matthews, Editor and Mask-Itter—What Happened.

That summer afternoon the Eye Wink saloon contained only two citizens of Gold Plume, greatest carbonate camp on earth—the bartender and Old Hoss Durand. The bartender was looting back with his elbows against the bar, and his eyes were looking interested, while Old Hoss unwrapped curious little gray rocks from tissue paper coverings and thumped them down on the bar. These, Old Hoss explained, were specimens from the greatest silver claim in the universe.

Outside the snow peaks glittered in the brief summer sunshine of the Divide. The bartender's eye swept the lazy street outside, but found nothing to charm away his wandering attention from the tale of Old Hoss, who rambled on, telling of horn silver and silver ore, and of the vein with a knife and leads that assayed a hundred to the ton.

It was a relief, then, when a stranger pushed through the swinging doors. The bartender, accustomed to estimate his patrons at the outset with a view to possible future trouble, said to himself: "A mining man in active service because he wears a white collar, and that he wasn't a tenderfoot because he did not look like one. He was passing young and seemed to be struggling to be calm."

When the stranger came in range of vision, Old Hoss greeted him with a whoop and a burst of awful words: "Gloriana Peacock!" said Old Hoss, dropping his language about thirty degrees. "Gloriana Peacock, if it ain't Johnnie Duff! Has Ore busted or has that last editorial full-min-a-ton of yours blown you out of town? An' what's you drinkin'?"

"Rye and a cider chaser," said the stranger. Then he leaned on the bar and fixed Old Hoss with a gray-blue eye. "Business," said he, "important and pressing business. About the most important business that ever engaged the attention of man."

Sobering for Blood. He unbuttoned his coat. Swinging in front of his left hip, just within easy reaching distance, was the holster and the wicked grip of a Colt's .45. "See?" said Johnnie Duff, as he toyed with his glass. Old Hoss whistled. "Just goin' to waste in gore, ain't you?" said he. "Goin' to leave bloody tracks all over the face of our fair little city? Goin' to mark your trail down our greatest business street by widows and orphans? I hope and trust that I ain't included in the grand municipal funeral!"

"In an advisory capacity," said Johnnie Duff. "In an advisory capacity, I'm here to wipe out the Gold Plume Times-Dispatch. Wipe it out and to hell with the consequences. And I want out of you the plans and specifications of the new grammar butcher that's editing it—that J. Matthews."

"Down you drink man, down you drink," said Old Hoss in a voice that was choked with some strong emotion. Johnny Duff drank. As he drank he raised his eyes to the ceiling and so he did not see a quick signal which passed between Old Hoss and the bartender. When he set the glass down they were both at his elbow. Old Hoss spoke. "That's right, Johnnie. Tell your troubles. I'll do you good to get it off your mind before you go up against J. Matthews. Make a nice obituary item for your old sheet down at Oro; for, just as a friend, I'm warning you that you ain't the first man who got his medicine from J. Matthews in a short time in the vicinity of the Gold Plume Times-Dispatch."

"For the matter of that," responded Johnny Duff. "I ain't betting whether the funeral will be in Gold Plume or Oro. Goin' to be a funeral, though. Matter of honor, Old Hoss, honor! What's an editor got but his honor?" There was a tear in his eye, and the bartender, out of the fullness of experience, made a note that this wasn't his first rye and cider chaser of the day, nor yet the second. Therefore the bartender shifted his gun to a place under the beer cooler so as to be on the safe side.

The Fool Accusation. Johnny Duff shared a newspaper clipping from his waistcoat pocket and shoved it along the bar. "Ain't there shooting in that?" he asked. "I want to know, ain't there shooting in that? I slam Gold Plume regular in the editorial columns, as is proper and a part of the game. Old Charlie Hart, when he's here, running the Times-Dispatch, does the same to Oro, and it's all right. Then Old Hart goes down to the democratic convention in Denver and says on the front page that he leaves the business in the hands of J. Matthews. I print my regular weekly roast on Gold Plume, as is right, ain't it? And here's what J. Matthews does! Read it! Get it into your head and ask yourself if they ain't shooting in it!"

Johnnie Duff leaned moodily on the bar, and Old Hoss read the clipping thus: "The youth and inexperience of the person who attempts to edit the Weekly Mercury of Oro should be the only excuse for the ridiculous misrepresentation of plain facts which appeared in last week's issue of his semi-official sheet. An excerpt of the article appears below, more for the amusement of our readers than for the advertisement of a newspaper so plainly lacking in the first qualifications of journalistic integrity. How can Oro expect to attain that place beside Gold Plume which its citizens fondly dream of in their most optimistic moments while it is handicapped by a person so plainly amateurish in his methods as the callow editor of the Mercury?"

"Well," said Old Hoss, looking over the clipping into Johnnie's face, "you are middling young, Johnnie Duff." "Young!" exploded Johnnie Duff. "Young! Is it any business of that tenderfoot who broke into a business last week? Is it his funeral if I get out the Oro Mercury when, where and how I please? Or is it occasional? You can't talk to me, Old Hoss. Feelings hurt. Editorial honor touched. Gone beyond all fair and appointed limits. Blood's got to wipe it out."

Redeye and Tears. The maudlin streak surged uppermost in the mind of Johnnie Duff, and the tear glistened again. "If you are desirous of perishing in your ignorance," said Old Hoss, "I'm sure you a few rock ribbed facts. This J. Matthews is a man killer."

"Makes no difference! His blood or mine!" "This same J. Matthews is the offspring of old Hart's sister," went on Old Hoss. "A tenderfoot and a college graduate." "A tenderfoot!" roared Johnnie. "A tenderfoot and a college graduate—and a man killer. Shame to puncture him, a blowed shame! Got to be done, though. Editorial honor."

"It surely don't look reasonable, but those are facts. Since infestisn this here camp this J. Matthews has laid 'em out by dozens," said Old Hoss, impressively. "I've seen 'em up against J. Matthews by full squads and columns, and come back corporal's guards. This here J. Matthews don't have to shoot. 'Tain't necessary. It's just his habit just the look in the eye of this here J. Matthews. Which I warn you will be found when you shoot up the office of the Times-Dispatch."

"Durn kind of you," said Johnnie. "Act of an old friend. Fair warning. But it's his funeral or mine." The bartender looked at Old Hoss, and Old Hoss looked at the bartender, Johnnie, still leaning on the bar, didn't see that the former raised his eyebrows in a swift question and the latter nodded. Old Hoss spoke. "You talk like a man, Johnnie Duff. I kind of like it in you. Tell you what I'll do. See'n you've come over here all alone, and orphaned and unprotected, to shoot the innards out of Gold Plume, I'm goin' along, and to bias with ever' thing! I'm feelin' kind of reckless myself since that last drink. Only shoot him fair! Face him down kind of calm like, and then draw, deliberate. It'll sound better in the funeral notice. Make your memory a durn sight more popular."

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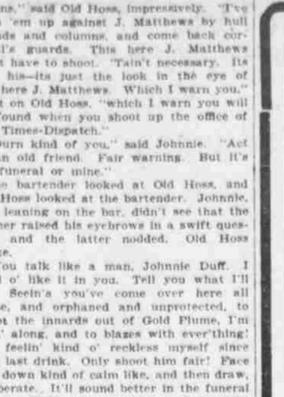
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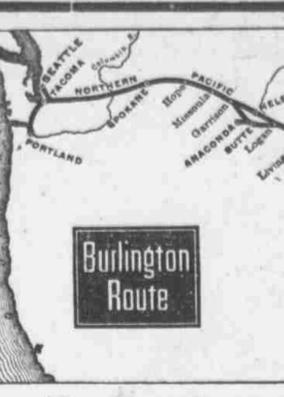
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