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THE LAST LAUGH.

Old man Stubbles has a face That seems always out o' place. When he hears a merry quip, Never winks nor moves a lip Toward a smile. He'll sit an' stare With a stern, forbidding air Till he's all alone, an' then Laugh again an' yet again.

When a hard-luck tale drew nigh He was never known to sigh Sympathetic-like an' nice, With a chunk of good advice. But when he's alone he'll take Pen in hand fur old time's sake An' write out a check or two, Helpin' some poor feller through.

Those who meet him stand aside Talkin' 'bout his sordid pride An' his domineerin' way. "Cold an' cranky," they all say, An' his good deeds rest unknown, An' that's why, when he's alone, He is laughin' at the jokes That he plays on all us folks.

Admiral Evans.

The winter night hung over Arlington.

The breeze stealing up the river was noiseless as were the moonbeams that shimmered on the white monuments of the cemetery and in the shadow revealed the outlines of the distant capital.

Still through the silence there seemed to be a stirring in the air and upon the strained ear low murmurings. We suspect the murmurings were real; that had the ears been sublimated they would have heard that the news had "pierced the dark cold ears of death," and the sleepers in that hallowed ground were stirring and saying:

"Fighting Bob," overwheeled, has folded his arms and is coming to make his last encampment with us, overborn by toil and battle and disease.

"Porter is here to welcome him, so is many another sailor, so are Sheridan and Crook and a mighty array of glorified soldiers, and his welcome must be royal. He was wearied at last of both sea and shore; he is coming to make his home with us. How much he will honor us! He has earned his rest. For forty years he fought the storms and the angry seas, and every enemy of his country that his guns could reach. He gave his country's flag new glory each year. Life on earth is but a little ting, but the pillow on which honestly-earned fame sleeps is soft as down. Hail we our great admiral and welcome to his sleep."—Goodwin's Weekly.

Idaho's Production of Gold and Silver in 1911.

A general increase was shown in the production from Idaho mines in 1911, according to C. N. Gerry, of the United States Geological Survey. This was attributable to all ores except those of copper, the output of which decreased in Shoshone county, and siliceous ore, which diminished particularly in Owyhee county. The most noteworthy increases were in zinc ore, silver and lead from lead ore, and gold from placers. A gain of nearly 13 per cent in the gold output brings the production back to a normal figure for 1911, after the strikingly low output of 1910. Gold and silver output have been gradually decreasing in Owyhee county, which for many years was the premier gold producer of the state. In 1911 Boise county produced the largest amount of gold, derived in great part from dredge operations. Elmore county also had a gold production greater than that of 1910 and will doubtless take third place. Seven dredges were active, and good results obtained in Boise, Clearwater and Lemhi counties. Gold output from copper ore decreased in Shoshone county, owing to the small production from the Snow Storm mine, but this was more than offset by gold output from copper ore in Custer county. Gold production from lead ore which was only 5.5 per cent of the total gold in 1910, increased considerably in 1911, owing to the greatly in-

creased output of lead ore, not only in Shoshone county but also at Gilmore in Lemhi county. Owing to steady production at an increased rate from the lead-silver mines of the Coeur d'Alene region and at Gilmore, the silver output, of which 88 per cent came from lead ore in 1910, was considerably increased. Silver production from siliceous ore and copper ore decreased, but that from placers, lead ore, and zinc ore increased. The increased silver production was due in part to improvement in the ore of the Hunter district and the development of new producers at Wardner and near Murray.

Four new counties were established in Idaho in 1911: Adams county includes the northern part of what was Washington county; Bonneville county the eastern portion of former Bingham county; and Clearwater and Lewis counties the eastern and central portions of Nez Perce county.

Adams county includes the Seven Devils district, from which copper ore was marketed in greater quantity. In Blaine county the output of lead ore decreased, but bullion was marketed from both the El Oro mine, on Skeleton creek, and the Bear Creek property near Soldier. In Boise county the Whitman, Golden Age and Gold Hill & Iowa deep mines were producing and the Moline, Boston & Idaho, and White Quartz properties were the largest producers of placer gold. Two dredges were run the full season, and the new dredge, whose capacity is 300,000 cubic yards a month, was in operation the later part of the year. In the Pierce district, Clearwater county, the old dredge was operated most of the year, but the newer one for two months only. Custer county gold and silver production came mainly from Lost Packer and Empire copper ore, with a little from gold and silver mines. Gold and silver output from Elmore county greatly increased. The Minerva mine, at Atlanta, and the Homestake mine, with a new mill, near Mayfield, were active. A custom mill was erected at Elk City, in Idaho county, and bullion was produced from the South Fork, Idaho Champion, Moscow and Eagle mines. Two dredges at Elk City were idle. Lemhi county mining was unusually active and nearly tripled the output of lead ore, which contains gold and silver in notable quantity. The Kittie Burton was the largest gold producer, and preparation to use 30 stamps was made at the Italian mine, near Leesburg. The old Mullan dredge was productive, and a new dredge, designed to treat 150,000 cubic yards a month, was constructed on Kirtley creek. Tungsten ores were treated on Patterson creek. The De Lamar was the only large producer in Owyhee county. At the Banner mine some short mill runs were made, and the Rich Gulch Co. purchased a milling plant. The Coeur d'Alene region, Shoshone county was unusually free from interruption to production. The old producers increased their shipments and several new producers were added. These lead mines produce nearly 90 per cent of the state's output of silver, the concentrate and ore assaying between 25 and 50 ounces to the ton. Gold production in this county was small, from placers, lead ore, and copper ore.

According to preliminary figures furnished by the director of the mint, Idaho produced in 1911 gold valued at \$1,169,261 and 7,507,802 fine ounces of silver, valued at \$4,129,291, against \$1,035,900 in gold and 7,027,000 ounces of silver, valued at \$3,794,600, in 1910.

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FORFEITURE NOTICE.

To John Condon, your heirs, executors, administrators and assigns: You are hereby notified that I have expended during the years 1908, 1909 and 1910, the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100) in labor and improvements upon each of the following named lode claims, situate in Robbins Mining District, Idaho county, State of Idaho; the Union Jack, recorded in Vol. 1, page 16, records of Robbins Mining District; the Roxbury, recorded in Vol. 3, page 341, records of Robbins Mining District, Idaho county, State of Idaho, in order to hold said claims under the provisions of section 2324 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, and the amendment thereto approved January 22, 1880, concerning annual labor upon mining claims, being the amount required to hold said lode claims for the period ending on the 31st day of December, A. D. 1910. And if, within ninety days from the personal service of this notice or within ninety days after the publication thereof, you fail or refuse to contribute your proportion of such expenditure as a co-owner, your interest in the claims will become the property of the subscriber, your co-owner who has made the required expenditure by the terms of said section.

CHRIS P. SMITH.
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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, United States Land Office at Lewiston, Idaho December 27, 1911.

Notice is hereby given that Hiram D. Brundige, of Elk City, Idaho, who, on July 11, 1908, made Homestead Entry No. 0111, for a tract of 159 acres probably within T. 28 N., R. 9 E., B. M., described as follows: Beginning at the southwest corner of William Cole's claim, or at post No. 1; thence S. 83° 30' E., 40 chains; thence S. 12° W., 40 chains; thence N. 83° 30' W., 40 chains; thence N. 12° E., 40 chains, to the place of beginning. Has filed notice of intention to make final five year proof to establish claim to the land above described, before C. M. Butler, U. S. Commissioner, at Stites, Idaho, on the 9th day of February, 1912.

Claimant names as witnesses: John W. Wood, Fred Duhrkop, Hiram Cartwright all of Elk City, Idaho; Henry C. Oliver, of Stites, Idaho.

T. H. BARTLETT,
 Register.

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Department of the Interior, United States Land Office at Lewiston, Idaho December 27, 1911.

Notice is hereby given that Hiram Cartwright, of Elk City, Idaho, who, on August 15, 1908, made Homestead Entry No. 0422, for a tract of 93 acres, probably within T. 28 N., R. 9 E., B. M., described as follows: Beginning at a point S. 83° 30' E., 11 chains and 50 links east of the northwest corner of Lew Brundige's claim, or at post No. 1; thence S. 83° 30' E. 33 chains and 50 links; thence S. 11° E., 34 chains; thence S. 79° W., 18 chains and 50 links; thence N. 11° W. 25 chains; thence S. 79° W., 14 chains and 25 links; thence N. 9° W., 19 chains to the place of beginning; has filed notice of intention to make final five year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before C. M. Butler, U. S. Commissioner, at Stites, Idaho, on the 9th day of February, 1912.

Claimant names as witnesses: John W. Woods, Fred Duhrkop, Hiram D. Brundige all of Elk City, Idaho, Henry Brundige of Stites, Idaho.

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GEO. BROWN.

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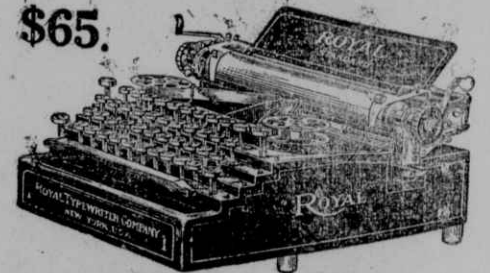
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