### THE RED MOUNTAIN BAR

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An Unappreciated Paradise-A Settle ment in Numbers Small, in Individuality Large-Some Queer Characters and Events-"Old Mae" and Bloody Bill. [Copyrighted by the Author.]



Spiny HE California mining camp was ephemeral Often it was founded, built up, flourished, decayed and had weeds and herbage growing over its site and hiding all of man's work inside of ten

Yet to one witnessing these yours. changes it seemed the life of a whole generation. Of such settlements Red Mountain Bar was one. Red Mountain lay three miles above Swett's Bar, "up I lived "off and on" at the "Bar in its dying days. I saw it decay gently and peacefully. 1 saw the grass, trees and herbage gradually creep in and resume their sway all over its site as they had done ere man's interruption.

I lived there when the few "boys" left used daily, after the close of an unsuccessful river season, to sit in a row on a log by the river's edge, and there, surveying their broken dam, would chant curses on their luck, The Bar store was then still in existence. Thompson was its proprietor. The stock on hand had dwindled down to whisky. The bar and one filled bottle alone survived. On rainy nights, when the few minars left would gather about the stove, Thompson would take down his fiddle and fiddle and sing 'What can't be cured must be endured," or "The king into his garden came: the spices smelt about the same"a quotation of unknown authorship. Of neighbors, living in their cabins strung along the banks for half a mile above the store, there was Keen Fann, an aged mercantile and mining Chinaman, with a colony about him of lesser and facially indistinguishable countrymen varying numbers. Second, "Old Harry," an aged negro, a skilled performer on the bugle and a singer offered at times to favor us with what he termed a "little ditto." He was the Ethiopic king of a knot of Kanakaa gathered about him, Third, "Bloody Bill," so called from his frequent use of the sanguinary adjective, and, as may be guessed, an Englishman. Fourth, old Scotchman, one of the Bar's oldest inhabitants, who would come to the store with the little bit of gold dust, gathered after a hard day's erevieing," complaining that gold was getting as scarce as "the grace of God in the Heelands of Scotland." Fifth, Mc-Farlane, a white bearded old fellow, another pioneer, who after a yearly venture lity t ually to drift back again to the Bar, myself a good river boatman, and had which he regarded as home. Down the river, nestled high up in a steep and picturesque guich, stood the buckeye native juice of the grape, which was embowered cabin of old Jonathan then grown, pressed and sold at Red Brown, the ditch tender, a great reader of weekly "story papers," who lived like a boy in the literature of the Western Frontier Penny Awful, and who, comthe counter, would sometimes break out in remarks about how "Them thar Indians got the better of 'em at last," to the astonishment of the "boys," who innagined at first that he referred to Indians in the locality, suggesting possibilities of a repetition of the great Oak site direction, within ten feet of Flat uprising of 1850. At the "top of the hill," a mile and a half away, stood the "Yankee ranch," the trouble of drawing one's sled up kept by a bustling, uneasy and rather again. So I went up and down the uncomfortable man from Massachusetts, stream. The Red mountain wine meanaided by his good natured, easy going son-in-law. One rainy winter's day the "boys" congregated about Thompson's store became seized with a whim for the manufacture of little pasteboard men turning grindstones, which, fastened to the stove, were impelled to action by the ascending current of hot air. So they smoked their pipes and wrought all day until the area of stovepipe became thickly covered with little pasteboard men busily turning pasteboard grindstones. Then George M. G., the sonin-law of the Yankee ranch, came down the hill to borrow an ax. George was of that temperament and instination to be of all things charmed with a warm stove on a cold, rainy day, a lanot of good fellows about it, a fre quent pipe of tobacco, maybe an occa- the top than on the river bed, and sional punch and the pleasing manufact- through which the waters swept in a use of hot air driven little pasteboard men turning pasteboard grindstones. He forgot his ax-sat down and began with the rest the manufacture of pasteboard staid there that night. Red Mountain men and grindstones. And he kept on Bar, on seeing the mishap, gave me up till a late hour of the night, and staid for lost-all but one man, who was negaat the Bar all night and all the next day tive on that point, for the reason, as he and that next night, until the stovepipe alleged, that I was not destined to make was covered to its very top with little the final exit by water. I reappeared men, all working away for dear life the next morning at the Bar. When 1 turning grindstones; and on the second told the boys that I had been swept day of his stay the exasperated father-in- | through the Willow Bar they instituted law suddenly appeared and delivered comparisons of similarity in the matter himself in impatient invective with re- of veracity betwixt myself and Ananias gard to such conduct on the part of a of old. It was the current impression sonda-law sent forty-eight hours pre- that no man could pass through the Wilviolasly to borrow an ax. Such was the low Bar alive. circle oft gathered on the long, rainy Chinese Camp, five miles distant, stood winter's eve about the Thompson store as the metropolis for Red Mountain Bar, stove. All smoked. Keen Fann fre- It contained but a few hundred people. quently dropped in. He stood respect- Yet in our estimation at that time it

or humbly appropriated some unoccupied keg, and for the rest-grinned. From his little piggy eyes to his double chin Keen's face was a permanently settled grin.

Keen Fann had learned about twenty words of English and would learn no more. In his estimation these twenty words, variously used, after a sort of grammatical kaleidoscopic fashion, seemed adequate to convey everything required. One of his presumed English expressions long puzzled the boys. Asking the price of articles at the store he would say, "Too muchee pollyfoot." At last the riddle was correctly guessed. He meant, "Too much profit."

For protection Keen Fann built his house opposite the store. The Mexicans were then attacking and robbing isolated bands of Chinamen. At one Bar a few miles below, then deserted by the whites, the Chinese had inclosed their camp with a high stockade of logs. Yet one night they were attacked. The Mexicans besieged their fortress for hours, popporing them from the hill-side with revolvers, and at last they broke through the Mongolian works and bore off all their dust and a domen or more revolvers. Keen Fann's castle was in dimensions not more than 12 by 15 feet, and in height two stories. Within it was partitioned off into rooms not much larger than dry goods boxes. The hallways were just wide enough to squeeze through, and very dark. It was intensely labyrinthian, and Keen was always making it more so by devising new additions. No white man ever did know exactly where the structure began or ended. Keen was a merchant, dealing principally in gin, fish and opium. His store was involved in this curious dwelling, all of his own construction. In the store there was a counter.

hind it there was just room for Keen to sit down, and in front there was just room enough for the customer to turn around. When Keen was the merchant he looked imposing in an immense pair of Chinese spectacles. When he shook his rocker in the bank he took of these spectacles. He was a large consumer of his own gin. I once asked him for the amount of his weekly allowance. "Me tink," said he, "one gallun hap" (half). terms From the upper story of the castle pro truded a huge spear head. It was made by the local blacksmith, and intended as a menace to the Mexican bandits. As they grew bolder and more threatening. Keen sent down to San Francisco and purchased a lot of old pawnshop revolv-

ers. These being received, military preparation and drill went on for several weeks by Keen and his forces. He practiced at target shooting, aimed at the mark with both eyes shut, and for those in its immediate vicinity with a most ominous and threatening waver of the arm holding the weapon. It was prophesied that Keen would kill somebody with that pistol. None over expected that he would kill the proper person. Yet he did.

One night an alarm was given. Keen's castle was attacked. The "boys," hearing the disturbance, grabbed their rifles and pistols and sallied from the store. The robbers, finding themselves in a hornets' nest, ran. By the uncertain light of a waning moon the Bar was seen covered with Chinamen gabbling and wildly gesticulating. Over the river two as Red Mountain Bar, and as were thoumen were swimming. Keen, from the bank, pointed his revolver at one, shut his eves and fired. One of the men crawled out of the water and tumbled in a heap among the bowlders. The "boys" crossed, and found there a strange white man, with Keen's bullet through his backbone.

I experienced about the narrowest esmy life in a "change his luck," was certain event- on the Tuolumne crossing. I counted just ferried over a Swett's Bar miner. He had come to purchase a gallon of the Mountain Bar. When he crossed with me he was loaded with it. Some of it was outside of him in a demijohn and some of it was inside. Indeed, it was ining to the store and perching himself on side of us both. I set him across all right. On returning, by taking advantage of a certain eddy one could be rushed up stream counter to the current. coming down for a quarter of a mile, and at a very rapid rate. It was very exciting thus to be carried in an oppogreat billowy swell coming down. It was a sort of sliding down hill without time was working. Night came on, a glorious moon arose over the mountain tons, and I kept sliding up and down the Tuolumne. I became more daring and careless, so that suddenly in the very fury of the mid-stream billows I slipped off the stern sheets at a sudden dip of the hoat and fell into the river. I was heavily clad in flannels and mining boots. Of my stay under water I recollect only the thought, "You're in for it this time. This is no common baptism." The next I knew I was clinging to a rock half a mile below the scene of the sub-mergence. I had been swept under water through the Willow Bar, the walls of whose rocky channel, chiseled by the current of centuries, were narrower at succession of boils and whirlpools. Wet and dripping, I tramped to the nearest cabin, a mile and a half distant, and Bar, on seeing the mishap, gave me up fully, as a heathen should in such a bors the same relative importance that Christian assemblage, on its outer edge. New York does to some agricultural vil-



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> Chinese fiuta clustered near the Keen Fann castle.

lage a hundred miles away. Uniness Camp meant restaurants, where we could "Old Grizzly" McFarlane went away. revel in the luxury of eating a meal we So did Bloody Bill. So the Bar's populawere not obliged to prepare ourselves, a tion dwindled. Fewer travelers, dotlike, luxury none can fully appreciate save those who have served for years as their were seen climbing the steep trail o'er Red mountain. Miller, the Chinese Camp own cooks. Chinese Camp meant sanews agent, who, with mail bags well loons, palatial as compared with the Bar filled with the New York papers, had groggery; it meant a daily mail and for years cantered from Red mountain to Morgan's Bar, emptying his sack as he went at the rate of fifty and twentycommunication with the great world without; it meant hotels, where strange faces might be seen daily; it meant, perfive cents per sheet, paid the Bar his last visit and closed out the newspaper haps, above all, the nightly fandango. has visit and coosed out the newspaper business there forever. Then the county supervisors abolished it as an election precinct, and its name no longer figured in the returns. No more after the vois was polled and the result known did the active and ambitious partisan mount his When living for months and years in such out-of-the-way nooks and corners sands of now forgotten and nameless main relations partian mount his active and ambitions partian mount his horse and gallop over the mountain to see and solve an flats, gulches and bars in California, cut off from all regular communication with the world, where the occasional passage of some stranger is an event, the limited stir and bustle of such a place as Chinese Camp assumed an increased importance Chinese Camp justice presided at our

the Bar dwindled to Thompson, Keen his Mongolian b Thompson left. Keen Fann grieved at Thompson left. Keen Fann grieved at losing his friend and protector. He came on the eve of departure to the dis-manifed store. Tears were in his eyens manifed store. Tears were in his eyens the presented Thompson with a basket of tea and a silver half dollar, and bade him farewell in incoherent and intrans-latable words of lamenting polygiot English. PERNTICE MULFORD. A Big Task. The fish commission's exhibit of aqua-ria at the Chicago fair is to be immense-

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Dated May 11, 1801. 5-10:6-26

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City, Oregon, on July 14, 1981, via: Margaret J Wall. Homestead Entry No. 3600, for the wij of sata nebs of awa, and see, of towig, see 20, 17 a, p8 a, She names the following withesses to prove her continuous residence upon and cultivation, of said land, viz: Henry Stone, Schals Brone, Stephen Mitchell and John McInivre, all of Cherryville P. O. Charkanasa county, Oregon, 3-39:N3 J. T. Arrazanson, Register

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much at the Bar to make pleasant man's stay on earth, save a great deal of cash. We enjoyed a mild climate-no long, hard winters to provide against; a soil that would raise almost any vegetable, a necessity or luxory, with very little labor; grapes or figs, apples or potatoes; land to be had for the asking; water for irrigation accessible on every hand; plenty of pasture room; no crowding. A quarter of a section of such soil and climate within forty miles of New York city would be worth millions. Contrast such a land with the bleak hills about Boston, where half the year is spent in a struggle to provide for the other half. Yet we were all anxious to get away. Our heaven was not at Red Mountain. Fortunes could not be digged there. We spent time and strength in a scramble for a few ounces of yellow metal, while in the spring time the vales and hillsides covered with flowers argued in vain that they had the greatest rewards for our picks and shovels. But none listened. We groveled in the mud and stones of the oft worked bank. Yearly it responded less and less to our labors. One by one the "old timers" left.

The boarding house of Dutch Bill at the farther end of the Bar long stood empty, and the meek eved and subtle Chinaman stole from its sides board after board; the sides skinned off, they took joist after joist from the framework. None ever saw them so doing. Thus silently and snysteriously, like a melting snowbank, the great ramshackle boarding house disappeared, until naught was left mave the chimney. And that also vanished brick by brick. All of which material entered into the composition and construction of that irregularly Belgium only one to about forty-six. built, smoke tanned conglomerate of

A big rate. The fish commission's exhibit of aqua-Oregon. 5215.25. ria at the Chicago fair is to be immense ly attractive. As thus far conceived, though details have not been perfected. the annex for the purpose will be 150 feet square and entirely of glass. There will be 1,000 feet in length of glass tanks filled with all sorts of water creatures, one half being devoted to marine life and the other half to the display of fresh water specimens. The visitor will walk between two lines of aquaria the length of the building .- Washington Star.

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Governor Hoard says that during a recent trip through the oldest dairy section of New York state he saw on a day with the mercury down to zero hundreds of herds of cows patroling the fields up to their ankles in snow. In many instances the owners were fodder-ing the cows, either with hay or corning the cows, sither with hay or corn-stalks, on the snow, rods away from the stable. He wonders if these owners kept cows for profit or for fun.

The average salary paid to men cierss in Washington is \$1,321 a year, while that paid to women in the same departments is only \$569.

According to a German statistician there are 3,985 paper mills in the world, and of the 1,904,000,000 pounds of paper turned out annually half is used for printing, 660,000,000 pounds being required for newspapers alone.

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The celebrated diamond necklace which the worthy Ismail Pasha presented to the Empress Eugenie on the opening of the Suez canal, and which was sold, together with the rest of the French crown jewels, a few years ago, is again for sale for \$75,000.

In Belgium the voting is restricted to those who pay a certain amount of direct taxes, and the whole electoral power of the country is vested in less than 139,000 persons. In Great Britain there is one elector to about six of the population; in

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