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We do not know which we would sooner do, remarks an exchange, trust the development of our mines to a rogue with some mining experience, or to an honest but ignorant manager. The rogue will at least show some kind of prudence and will take care not to ruin his own credit without an adequate compensation; this is peculiarly reserved to the fool.

"J. PIERPONT MORGAN has met his second defeat in this country within the month," says the London Star. "The first was the subsidy, the second was the smashup of his great London 'tube' scheme." Just the same, it was an American, C. T. Yerkes, late of Chicago, who smashed that tube scheme. No one regrets to hear of Morgan making a failure, but national pride would prefer that he should meet defeat at the hands of an American, rather than an Englishman.

AND now Jim Younger has died as he lived, violently game. He was not all bad, he was the creature of his environments—as all of us are; he had his apologists while he lived, both before and after his imprisonment, and will have his admirers, now that he is dead. And yet, with all his blood stained career of outlawry, he was in one respect very like any other old fool in love, only a whole lot more so. Perhaps the intensity of his case can be accounted for on the ground that he spent the prime of his life in the penitentiary and had no opportunity to cultivate the divine passion, and when the chance came, comparatively late in life, it went unusually hard with him. Anyway, after being paroled, he fell in love with a dame whom he could not marry, on account of a legal impediment, and at the age of fifty-four blew out his own brains—a wasted, ruined life, differing from thousands of others only in that his furnished a few spectacular effects not found in the career of the ordinary human derelict.

CHANGES that will cost the United States government between \$80,000 and \$90,000 are now being made in the mint at San Francisco. For the past five months Master Mechanic George McLaughlin, who has been in the employ of the treasury department for many years and who has superintended the installation of the machinery in all the mints in this country, has been at work removing the old machinery, which has been in use since the opening of the mint in San Francisco in 1874, and replacing it with more modern machinery and appliances. The changes will tend toward the making of coin at a more economical cost to the government and will also materially lessen the uncleanliness and dirt which has heretofore been caused by the old and antiquated machinery. All bullion will hereafter be melted by the use of gas instead of coal and coke. This method is much cheaper and will lessen the liability of waste. It will not do away with the employment of any of the mint employees.

### School Election Today.

A school election is being held this afternoon to vote \$4500 in bonds, to raise money with which to pay for the improvements on the school building. This is the indebtedness that Cato

Johns, usurping the authority of the entire school board, contracted illegally. At the previous election, the taxpayers of this district voted overwhelmingly in favor of erecting a brick building, only six ballots having been cast in favor of repairing the old school house. Johns, having ascertained the wishes of the taxpayers, proceeded to do exactly what a large majority expressly stated should not be done. At that same election bonds were voted for erecting a new building. Johns tried to sell them for the purpose of using the funds for repairing the old one, and failed. The American, in its great specialty act of squaring crooked deals—of its own and others—while apologizing for this characteristic Johns break, stated that the bonds had been sold at a premium. No Sumpter paper has made any mention of this election and, the voters being kept in ignorance of the whole business, the bonds will probably carry. THE MINER learned of the job yesterday, merely by chance.

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