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### "And the next Day it Snowed."

The following from the Mining Review, of Salt Lake, makes a point that has rather a close application to Jacksonville and to some other Southern Oregon towns that profit by mining, but could profit more were proper encouragement given to the industry. And this same point applies to the indifference that is shown to other enterprises that would be helpful to the town. The spirit of pessimism is as a blight upon a town and when it is in the ascendant the town is certain to be on the down grade. Pessimism and optimism are two human traits that are contagious and quickly gain the ascendant in a community if a few prominent persons display cowardice or courage, despair or hope. Let the spirit of pessimism gain control of a town and the wreckage in its wake of unoccupied buildings, unkept streets is all too plain, while if optimism is in control everything is bright and cheerful and the spirit of enterprise and prosperity everywhere apparent.

In a prosperous little town in this intermountain region not long ago, a banker met the district judge on the street. The two were soon joined by one of the leading merchants of the place. The banker was doing a good business, the judge had made some good money of late in deals in real estate, and the merchant had enjoyed a brisk business during the fall and had a nice account to his credit at the bank. The three, after a few minutes' conversation, were joined by a mining man—a man of excellent standing in the community—a man who could be relied upon, although he was in rather straitened circumstances, financially.

The mining man was just in from the hills, where he had made a discovery of more than usual importance—a large vein of free-milling gold ore that cropped boldly to the surface, and which could be traced through the length of three claims. After the driving of tunnels, the sinking of shafts, the making of upraises, the striking of winzes, all in one, and after the ledge had been cross-cut in many places, blocking out a large tonnage of ore of even and paying grade, the mining man decided that the condition of the mine would fully warrant the erection of reduction work, and, for the purpose of securing the necessary means for the furtherances of this project he proposed to the banker, the judge and the merchant to give them a controlling interest in his mine if they would furnish the money for the building of the mill, being satisfied in his mind that they would be glad to do so, and that in so doing they would realize thousands where they had invested hundreds.

And yet notwithstanding the fact that the town depended almost entirely upon the mines of that section for support and growth, these three men, who, doubtless, would be willing suckers should any fake scheme come their way, began to offer excuses and to discourage the mining man in his undertaking.

Said the banker: "Things look squally to me in the east and I look for a panic within the next six months. Why, look at the high rate for call loans on Wall street; and then, too, we are to have a presidential election next year, and that always unsettles the money market. In my opinion, if anyone has any coin, he had better hang on to it."

The judge said: "I have a few thousand in the bank, but, if you feel that way I think I will pass up any mining proposition, even if I was assured that my investment would make me twenty to one inside of a year. I had been thinking of buying that corner lot opposite your bank and putting up an office building on it, but now I will put my money out at interest, even if I get but a low rate. The times look to risky for me to take any chances."

The merchant said: "I have been doing a good business, true enough, and I have been looking forward for a big trade for the holidays. But, as you both say, one cannot tell when finances in the east will all go to smash, then where would I be? I have just made out an order for a big bill of goods, but I will not send it in, and will try to get along with what I have in stock until these troublesome times pass over. I guess I will let out my head bookkeeper and dispense with the services of a clerk or two."

And thus was the mining man turned down on a legitimate proposition.

"And the next day it snowed." For, within less than six hours the expressions and opinions of the banker, the judge and the merchant had gained currency in every nook and corner of the town. Within three weeks three mercantile firms failed because of the rumors of hard times coming. Two manufacturing concerns closed their doors because merchants and dealers, becoming timid, curtailed their orders. Deposits at the bank

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became less and less because people whispered about that, owing to the hard times coming, it might become insolvent. Many families left the town in search of a more prosperous locality, and the rent sign was hung up in many vacant houses; and, where once all had been the scene of enterprise and prosperity, the solitude of the graveyard now prevails, the only increase recorded being in the number of creakers who are still burdened with the topic of hard times.

Still, the mines are there. Hard times have not robbed them of their great deposits of ore, of their almost incalculable wealth; and yet, for fear that something of a calamitous nature may happen in the east, their treasures remain untouched, and men with the millions of a Rothschild at their door, with an opportunity to make a fortune with the expenditure of a little money, and who have the money in their pockets, refuse to take advantage of this chance to amass wealth because the banker was timid, because the judge was influenced by the banker, and because the merchant was a fool because he had been to prosperous—because three creakers were allowed to roam around at large and poison an atmosphere which, until then, had been buoyant and charged with the electrical energy of prosperity and progression.

It snowed the next day in this town and is still snowing.

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Prof. and Mrs. E. E. Washburn went to Ashland last Saturday where they have spent the week with Prof. Washburn's parents. They will return this Friday evening.

Prof. and Mrs. S. P. Robbins will return home Sunday evening from Chico, California, where they have been with Mrs. Robbins parents during the Christmas holidays.

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Misses Jennie and Mildred Kitto accompanied by their brother Joseph came in from Forest creek, where their father W. B. Kitto is superintendent of the Oregon Bell mine and spent Christmas with Jacksonville friends.

Miss Helen Holton of Long Branch, commenced a three months term of school last Monday in the Black district on Rogue river. Miss Holton is a teacher of considerable experience and her work in the school room has been uniformly successful.

Home-cooked meals, 25 cents at Mrs. Flory's in the brick boarding house second block north of the Court House.

L. J. Jones was in Jacksonville over Christmas from Forest creek, where he is mine carpenter at the Oregon Bell mine. When not timbering in the mine Mr. Jones is putting the buildings in good repair and he states that Supr. Kitto is getting things in shape for the working of the mine which the Company are likely to begin early this spring when it is probable that a large stamp mill will be put in.

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