

Literature and History

Legends of the Gold Country By Martin 'Red' Johnson



Henry Plumer's First Love

Chapter 14

Last Month: The city fathers gave Henry town ordinances and responsibilities for him to carry out during his tenure.

2. Prescribe rules for the protection of the town, especially from fire, and he was also responsible for the collecting of property taxes, issuing business and public performance licenses, and receiving payment of fines levied for violation of city ordinance. After recording accounts of monies collected in books that were at all times open to the treasurer, he was to present to the board a monthly statement of city's finances.

3. Enforce the following town ordinances:

a. Fast riding in town is not lawful; a horse, mule or any other animal must be held to a pace of a slow gallop or trot and to walk over bridges. Furious riding will draw a fine of \$50.00.

b. It shall not be lawful for any person to discharge in town any firearms or fireworks between the hours of 3 to 5pm.

c. It is unlawful to throw into streets any rubbish, such as "old boots, shoes, shavings, clothes, vegetables, meats, etc."

d. It is unlawful for hogs to run at large within the city limits.

e. "Any male or female who shall indecently expose himself or herself in the streets or in the doorways or windows of any house so as to be visible from the street or any female who



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shall dress and appear in the streets in men's clothing or any male who shall dress in female clothing and appear in the street shall be fined."

f. Every store and house must have a stovepipe that extends at least twenty-four inches above the roof and must keep handy a ladder, barrel of water, and two buckets to extinguish sparks that might ignite the roof.

"Henry, the people have given us a mandate in this electin. They want a change of how things were being run if we want to keep our jobs", Henry Tallman declared.

"What do you understand as that which needs to be different in the city Marshall's position, or how I should execute my duties?" Henry Plumer asked frankly and to the point. "Stop the rowdy men from making this town a place someone can't feel comfortable walking down the street any time of the day or night without fear for their lives. Collect taxes from everyone, without leaving out your friends. That was blatant in the last City administration. I think it is about that simple. Oh, yes, when fines

are levied on someone, actually collect the same." Mr. Tallman answered in specific detail. "Yes sir, I will do all that is required of me", Henry Plumer responded.

"As I'm sure you know, Thomas Hodges, now going by the name of Tom Bell, broke out of prison with Bill Gristy, Monte Jack, and English Bob", Mr. Tallman informed his new City Marshall.

"Yes, I have heard that, and I heard that he has recruited James Webster, the "Terror of Timbuctoo", Henry replied. "The same Timbuctoo that was named for that run-away slave of Colonel English, didn't you mine up in that county?" Tallman asked.

"Yes, on both accounts. Jim Webster killed his neighbors in a dispute of claim jumping. I think the three Bostonians, James Bufford, Billy Nolan, and Freeman Larch were harassing Webster, and he decided to shoot all three in the head. They probably were asleep at the time. He claimed they tried to kill him, jump his claim, and he was better with a gun. Of course, he was not going to stick around and let the miners court decide his fate as everyone knew the parties. They would have strung him up, and he knew it."

"I actually didn't mine in Timbuctoo, but I prospected down there, and got to know a lot of miners in the area, including him. He is a hard case. Spent most his time getting drunk and raising hell, rather than mining. He also envisions himself the best with a gun in the country", Henry replied. "Is he? Mr. Tallman asked.

"No, I am", Henry replied without hesitation, or expression. Mr. Tallman grinned in the affirmative. He knew just how good Henry was, as he was in the Empire Saloon the night of his demonstration. Mr. Tallman had thought at that time, should Henry be of good character, what a good law officer he would make.

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Passport Wine Weekend

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...Winery, Frog's Tooth Vineyards, Hatcher Winery, Ironstone Vineyards, Laraine Winery, Lavender Ridge Vineyards, Solomon Wine Company, Tanner Vineyards, Twisted Oak Winery and Val du Vino Winery. (Dates for specific winery participation are subject to change. Please check website for updates) Watch for details on individual winery offerings at calaveraswines.org!

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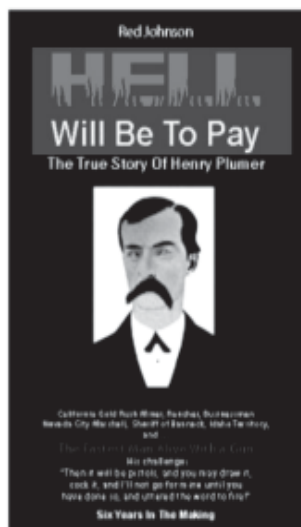
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