

You Won't Strike It Rich, But—

—you will be reading what I consider THE BEST TREASURE PUBLICATION WE EVER PUT OUT! If you buy a copy of GOLD! (which should be out around the first of November or shortly thereafter) and do not agree with me, send me that copy and I will—appreciate it greatly! Now you weren't thinking I was going to finish that sentence with the old advertising adage of "...refund your money..." were you? Old Hosstail ain't that rich and I hope he ain't that dumb! Remember, I said that I thought it was the best treasure publication of any magazine we have ever published—and we have been in the business over thirty-four years. I didn't say *you* would—but I sure hope so.

This is the second edition of GOLD! I am talking about and we did our dad-blamedest to put out the best lost mines, ghost towns, buried treasure, gold-finding, relic-dealing, found mines and lost miners, diamond hoaxers, rock-hounding, let'er-ripping "turrible rag" that has ever been published on the face of this earth! Dadburn, where did I get hold of that loco weed!

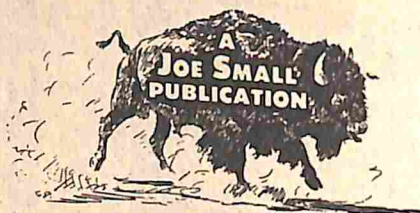
On the other hand, when have you read a story like "I Found A Lost Mine"? Every rag that comes out, including ours, is telling all about mines that some goof-up lost and spent his life trying to find but you don't read an "actually found" one in a coon's age. This is a long story. If it doesn't make your toes curl right back in your boots, I'll buy you a sarsaparilla at the nearest ghost town bar. Whatever you add to it is your own doggone business!

Then there is "The Man Who Found \$85,000,000!" That is one of the best cotton-pickin' discoveries I ever read and, just incidentally, this man not only found a heck of a fortune but founded Tombstone at the same time!

Then there are three stories by J. Frank Dobie—and you don't find that often. Nell Murbarger's "Seven Cities of Sin and Silver" has been called her best—and gentlemen, that is good! You can just feel the rowdy bustle, hear the sounds, sense the excitement. Then there is "The Incredible Mystery of the Golden Lake"—the best "lost gold" lake story I ever read.

Fact is, there are 100 pages (including cover) of what we think you will like very much and I don't believe you will find 100 pages for fifty cents in the western or treasure field outside of our OLD WEST magazine which, by the way, has come up second in sales in the entire field—behind TRUE WEST (first) and slightly in front of FRONTIER TIMES (third). Wouldn't that just pluck your rooster! It might be a sign that people are looking for more than 64 pages (by making what we call page 1 read page 3

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