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acceptable, he pays 50 guineas, equivalent to about \$175 (where do you suppose he musters such a sum in this period?). After practicing five years, he is then allowed to become a barrister. One can also become a barrister by procuring a LL.B., which entitles him to automatic admission with no bar exams. In fact our friends were quite astonished to learn of the ordeal of bar exams that we go through, but said that our legal education was unsurpassed and that they were amazed at the amount of legal knowledge our attorneys possess when they've talked with them.

The federal courts are quite similar to our circuit courts—traveling courts convening where cases merit attention. Appeals from those courts go to the Privy Council in England.

The matter of fees is quite interesting. No barrister can refuse any case brought to him—he sets the fee, but if the client feels it unjust, takes the question to a tax adjuster, who calls upon the barrister for an itemized statement. Then, in a huddle with client and barrister, he sets a fair fee. Costs of the court and of both parties' counsel are assessed against the losing party; and the tax adjuster procures payment, if necessary, by levying taxes upon the property of the loser. So law can be an expensive game, though fees here are not on the same high level as at home. For example imagine preparing the will and associated papers for an estate of \$150,000 for a fee of \$75!

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OFFERED BY IVOR O. WINGREN*

To the Colorado lawyers who are having a difficult time in getting enough money to meet the installments on their income taxes, the following money making propositions are offered for quick returns. Address all inquiries to Thomas J. Morrissey, United States Attorney, Denver, Colorado.

OPPORTUNITY No. 1

THE LOST BONANZA

(As told by an Old Prospector)

I spent some years prospecting with old prospectors in the Silverton district, covering the Continental Divide east of the Rio Grande River, and some ninety miles west of a railroad town called Espanola. I had heard many rumors of a lost mine from Mexican shepherders.

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This mine was supposed to be in the east range, or east of the Rio Grande River, some miles east of Truchas, New Mexico. I moved headquarters to the little town and railroad station of Espanola, New Mexico, and there became acquainted with a man who ran a sawmill and tie camp above Truchas. He also had heard the story of this lost mine, which he related as follows:

There were three French prospectors, who had outfitted in the year 1875 at Mora, New Mexico, then a little Mexican plaza in the mountains, some forty to sixty miles east of the Sangre de Cristo Range. These men packed out of Mora and struck the range about fifty to sixty miles north of Santa Fe, New Mexico. They finally came to a stream which forked, and they trailed up the right-hand fork. There is evidence of their prospecting along this stream and of some placering along its banks. This portion of the country is very wild, and even up to the present time very few persons have been over this territory. Even the forest rangers know little of this portion of the country, it being so rough and heavily timbered.

These Frenchmen located a mine on the right-hand fork of the stream. It is said they made a number of trips in and out, working the prospect for some six years, and that a woman had been on one or more trips into the property, and had ridden an English side-saddle, which would be hanging on the corner of the old cabin. In the sixth summer one of the men contracted what was known by the Mexicans as "Mountain Fever," and had to be taken out of the mountains. They took the train at Las Vegas for Kansas City; the sick man died en route; the other two returned to the mine the next spring. They had all agreed that in case of the death of one of them, the share of the one dying should be split equally between the remaining two. On their arrival at Mora, New Mexico, they became drunk in a saloon and got into an argument about the woman. The argument ended in a shooting, one man was killed instantly, and the other was wounded. The wounded man was taken to an old priest's home, where he died some ten days later. Before he died he tried to tell the old priest the location of the property, in order to give the mine to the church.

The old priest was too frail to make a trip into the mountains, so he sent others to look for the mine, but they never found it. At the death of the old priest a few years later, a young priest came to take charge, and the data concerning the lost mine was handed down to him. He, likewise, tried to find the property and failed.

The sawmill operator and I agreed to go out together and make a systematic search for the lost mine. We made several trips looking for the mine. On a trip in the summer of 1913 we dropped into a deep canyon back of the Holy Cross Mountain. After going about a mile through dense timber, we came to a blazed trail, the trees being

blazed on both sides of the trail, and following it some distance it led us to some old workings.

The roof of the old cabin had rotted and fallen in, but we found the old tools, also several cooking utensils were on the hearth of a large fireplace, some bed clothes remained, and these, together with an English side-saddle hanging on the corner of the cabin, caused us to feel certain that we had at last found the lost mine.

There were two small tunnels in the shaft. Near the shaft, which was close to the stream, an old arrastra had been built to crush the ore taken from the vein, which measured thirty-five feet in width, and close by was an old wooden rocker that had been used to recover the gold from the ore after it had been ground in the arrastra. The story goes that this old shaft was sunk one hundred feet or more deep, and from the bottom of the shaft was a tunnel into the vein on a streak of very rich gold ore. We made a number of trips by burro train into the property, took in tools and cleaned out the old shaft down to fifty-five feet, where we found the cribbing had rotted and squeezed in, making it necessary to retimber the shaft before we could go deeper. Not being financially able to continue development work, we got in touch through friends with a metallurgist of Detroit, who made a trip to the property with us, in 1913, and took samples which ran as high as \$900 per ton. The assayer was very much enthused with the showing, and agreed to finance the development, but the sawmill operator and I could not agree on how much of an interest we would give the assayer for his financial support. Consequently, the mine lay dormant for several years, then the sawmill operator went to California, where he died a short time later.

I have kept this property for myself, and have waited from year to year, hoping that I would be financially able to open up this mine, but thus far I have not been in a position to do it. Realizing that I am getting along in years, and that an idle mine is a liability instead of an asset, I have concluded that a portion is enough for me, and have decided to let the public have a chance to get in on something that I believe to be exceedingly rich.

OPPORTUNITY NO. 2

If you do not care to buy into a lost gold mine, here is a sure-fire proposition that will bring you a large sum of money in a hurry.

"Mr. Ralph L. Carr,

"Antonito, Colorado.

"Dear Sir:

"Through a confidence of a person that knows you, and that has praised your personality very highly, I have consented

"Mexico, 25 de Oct. de 1943

to confide a very delicate subject to you and on which depends the future of my dear daughter, as well as the tranquillity of my life.

"I am in jail sentenced for fraudulent bankruptcy, and I beg you to inform me, if you are willing to help me save the amount of \$185,000.00 dls. in bank notes that I possess within a trunk in a customhouse in the United States.

"After I send you an undeniable evidence, it is necessary that you come to cancel the embargo that the Court decreted in my case, and thus be able to recover a velice that contains a secret hiding, where the check that was given to me after checking the trunk, that was sent to the United States, is kept, check that is indispensable to remove the trunk from where it is now.

"As a compensation I would gladly give you one third of the said amount. Fearing that my letter may not reach you, I will not sign my own name. I prefer to wait for your answer, which I beg you to oblige me sending it by air-mail, as soon as you can, so that I may be able to confide to you my whole secret and send you all the evidence necessary.

"Please do not forget to send your answer by air-mail, as the matter in question is very urgent. I recommend an absolute reserve and discretion.

"As I am the teacher of English within the prison, I can have some privileges, and that is why I am able to write to you *freely*.

"I will just sign with an initial for the present.

"I cannot receive your answer in the prison due to the way my things are at present, but in case you accept my proposition, be kind enough to send your letter *air mail*, to the following address, where a friend of my *entire confidence* resides and who will be very glad to deliver it to me immediately.

"Hoping eagerly to hear from you soon, I remain

"Yours faithfully,

J.

"This is the address:

Sr. Carlos Martinez,
Meave No. 19,
Mexico, D. F."

On account of the press of new law business, Mr. Carr advises that he does not have the time to undertake the journey to Mexico City, and desires to pass this opportunity on to his many friends of the Colorado bar.

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