

THAT NIGHT HE DIED.

That day he passed
A little child
And, as he passed it,
Stopped and smiled,
He bought his paper
At the square.

AT THE SIGN OF THE LAST CHANGE

More familiar faces than I had
Hoped to see were there when I
Came in after leaving my horse at
The stable. Would I eat anything?

other. And here in this place, at the
poker table, the ghost still clung to
the world of the sage-brush, where it
had lived headlong joys.
I watched the graybeards going on
with this game that had outlived
many a player, had often paused during
bloodshed, and resumed as often,
no matter who had been carried out.

"Last Chance." More of the frontier
life could hardly be told in four
words. They were quite as revealing
of the spirit of an age and people as
Goat and Compasses.
That is what I thought as I sat
there looking on at my old acquaintances
over their listless game. It was
still too early to go to bed, and
what else was there to do? What a
lot of old tunes Jed Goodland remem-
bered!

Work. "Have a chair. Have a
chair."
"Sure," said Stirling. "I'll think it over."
He shut the door, and the steps went
shambaling away.
"His voice sounds awful old," said
Marshal. "Does he know the way
his hair and beard look?"
"Buck Seabrook," mused Stirling.
I haven't seen him for quite a while.
Is he in the country now?"
Henry shook his head. "Buck is
in no country any more."

in the corner, "I'll get ye some fresh
meat tomorrow."
"Thank you, Uncle Jerry," said
Henry, heartily. "You get us a nice
elk, or a blacktail, and I'll grub-
stake you for the winter."
"Sure you can Uncle Jerry," said
Old Man Clarke. "I'll shoot
any of ye a match with my new
45-90 at a hundred yards. Hit me
the ace of spades five out of five."

of the way till Duke's brother got
sober, so Doc kept out of his way.
No use having trouble with a drunken
man. Doc would have had to shoot
Duke's brother or take the conse-
quences. Well, next day the brother
sobered up, and the boys persuaded
him that Doc saved Duke's life and
he was satisfied and changed his
mind and there was no further hard
feelings. And he got interested in
the traveling dentist who had come
into town to pick up business from
the boys. He did good work. The
brother got a couple of teeth plugged.
They kept the dentist quite busy."