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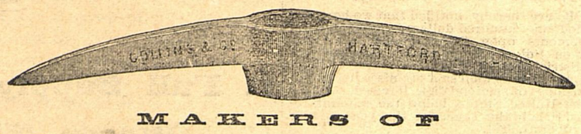

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The Blockade over Westward.

Said the Montrose *Messenger:* A tremendous storm broke loose on the mountains last Sunday night, the snow falling so deep as to block the trains on Marshall Pass. Here in the Uncompahgre valley we have been having rains and spring like weather. From what we can learn, the storm in the mountains is very bad. The snow fell to the depth of five feet on a level and the delay to trains will be of indefinite length. A long snow shed was broken down by the weight of snow and the road is very badly blocked for several miles. Trains from the west only run to Sargents, and from the east to Poncha.

The *Muldoon* ascribes the blockade to "a rock slide in the Royal Gorge of Black Cañon, a smash up near Poncha and two engines off the track on the east side of Marshall Pass."

The Gunnison *Review-Press* says:

"The snow blockade on Marshall Pass continues. It is now four days since the last train came across the range but there is no telling when there will be another. There is snow in every direction and it is still sifting down on us with no immediate prospect of letting up. At Crested Butte it is probably five feet deep, from eight to ten feet at Irwin and fully as deep at Gothic. At Cochetopa it was reported two feet deep yesterday, and it was also two feet deep at Sargents, at the foot of the west slope of Marshall Pass. At the summit and on either side of the range the fierce wind has drifted the snow so badly that it lies from ten to fifteen feet deep. Across the Pass the road is blocked for at least 25 miles, and since a fierce storm is raging to-day, no one can imagine what additional difficulties will have to be encountered before the opening of the road. While many of the snow sheds were reported to be drifted full yesterday, it is said to-day that some of them have fallen in, which will make the task of removing the debris one necessarily slow and annoying.

Nearly all the east-bound passengers who have been lying at Sargents have been brought here, and will remain until the snow embargo on Marshall Pass is removed. Some are going back to Salt Lake and will go east over the Union Pacific."

Rico has not been alone in the delay of mails, etc., the past week. All San Juan towns have suffered more or less.

In a Hopeless Minority.

From the Atlanta Cracker.

A few years ago Mike McGloin found himself delayed one Sunday in a country town in Middle Georgia, where a big revival meeting was in progress. Mike had a supply of fluid rations in his satchel, and by nightfall was quite liberal in his state of feelings. Hearing the shouting and singing in the church, Mike went down there to observe the proceedings. He was forced to find a seat near the front row of benches usually reserved for "the mourners." The meeting was growing interesting and the preacher grew fervent. Soon he called out:

"All of you who want to go to Heaven, please stand up!"

Every one in the church stood up except Mike, who didn't comprehend that he was a part of the "everybody" addressed.

The preacher and the congregation stared at Mike very hard, and the former saw a chance to administer a rebuke, and when the people were again seated he called:

"Now all of you who want to go to hell stand up!"

He stared hard at Mike, and Mike dimly catching on to the formalities of the affair, stood up in full view of the whole crowd. Seeing nobody standing but himself and the preacher, Mike solemnly waved his hand and said.

"Well, (hic) parson, it 'pears that you'n me is (hic) in er hopeless minority, don't it?"

The meeting was adjourned by the horrified preacher, amid the suppressed laughter of the crowd, and Mike was helped to lodgings by the Town Marshal.

A Curious and Unexplained Fact.

Persons who have watched much with sick people at night, or who have been often awake at midnight from any cause, have noticed an unusual number of noises at that time. Those who are not cowardly often ascribe these to the blinds, the cat, or a starting nail. But just now, in Nevada, an old Ruby Hill miner, who has had fifteen years' experience underground, says that he has observed one peculiar fact, that between twelve and two o'clock in the night, if there is a loose stone or bit of earth in the mine, it is sure to fall. Says he, "About this time it seems that everything begins to stir; and immediately after twelve, although the mine has been still as a tomb before, you will hear particles of rock and earth come tumbling down, and if there is a caving piece of ground in the mine it is sure to give way."

Disgusted Diner: Look here, waiter, look at the hair I found in the turtle soup!

Waiter: I see, sir. You have heard of that famous race between the turtle and the hare?

Disgusted Diner: Well?

Waiter: Why in this case the hair and the turtle came in even.

Leasing or Watering the Domain.

Exchange.

Instead of the present agitation of the subject of renting the arid lands along the eastern base of the Rocky Mountains, now used as pastoral lands to the few hundred owners that now occupy them, in order to gather a few dollars into the Public Treasury, would it not be better for the National Treasury, and for the people at large, to now take steps towards the watering of these lands? The region, from 200 to 300 miles in width, laying along the eastern slope of the mountains, from Mexico to the Dominion, if properly irrigated, would be the finest and most desirable portion of the American continent. It is a continuous succession of valleys and table lands, very beautiful to behold, surprisingly rich, and though the crop of bunch grass growing upon is very vaulable, it is not to be compared with the growth of tame grass, such as timothy, clover and alfalfa, that it may be made to produce when once it is made seasonable. It could be made to support ten animals to every one that can subsist upon it now, and would consequently support a much larger population. This being the case it certainly seems more practical for the Government at Washington to take steps to bring about such a result than to abandon this magnificent domain to a few herd and flock owners for the mere pittance for which it would rent.

Only Sleeping.

Exchange.

A woman in a certain town in Vermont buried five husbands, and their tombstones formed a neat little semi-circle in the village cemetery.

After number five had departed, the widow, thinking she had enough of matrimony, concluded it would be well to have a monument sacred to her own memory erected in the midst of the group of defunct consorts. She chose for inscription thereon the following words: "She is not dead but sleepeth."

Soon after this last piece of marble had been duly engraved, the fair and fickle female received and accepted another offer of marriage and took unto herself a sixth spouse where upon a wag added another line to the scripture text.

One day, by way of entertainment the bride took her newly wedded husband to visit the graves of his predecessors; calling his attention to her own monument, she was not only horrified but indignant to read thereon:

"She is not dead, but sleepeth—with another man."

The last three words were immediately erased, but the shock was too great for the feeble mine of No. 6, who soon after departed this life, leaving behind him a much widowed female, who is now looking about for a possible No. 7.

THREE commercial travelers, meeting at a Virginia hotel one winter evening, had a hearty supper together. Supper over, the three found some difficulty in allotting their respective shares of the bill. One of them at length cut short the discussion by proposing that whichever had the name dating furthest back should go free, the expenses being halved by the other two. This amendment promptly being accepted, one produced a card inscribed "Richard Eve," which a second trumped with "Adam Brown." Number 3, a portly veteran, with a humorous gray eye, laid down his card with the quiet confidence of a great general making a decisive movement, and remarked with a chuckle: "I don't much think you'll beat this 'un, gents." And he was right, for the name was: "Mr. B. Ginning."

THE shipment of buffalo bones from plains to the Eastern phosphate factories has largely increased lately, because of the reduction in freight rates. Thousands of buffalo skeletons are gathered from the valley of the Arkansas. A single Philadelphia manufacturer has received during the summer more than 200 car loads, paying $25 a ton delivered. The horns are used for umbrella tips, or to decorate fans. A portion of the head is in demand by chemists for glue, and the shoulder blades and neck bones are fashioned into handsome and artistic buttons.

J. H. RHODES, secretary of the Garfield National Monument Association, has issued a circular giving the amount which each state has contributed to the fund to build the monument. The total collections amount to $132,399.64, which is drawing interest at 4 per cent. Cleveland, Ohio, contributed $75,394.82. Every state and territory in the Union is represented in the contributions and so are some foreign countries, including Canada $3.00, England $5.00, Australia, $12.00, Belgium $40.00, and France with a liberal donation of $1,149.16.

LIEUTENANT Abercrombie, of General Miles's staff, has just returned from Alaska, where he has been engaged in government explorations. He explored the Yukon river for 2,700 miles and reports rich placers for 1,000 miles up, paying $50 per day to the man. The season is short and mining difficult. He says the fisheries are the finest known.

A LAWYER recently went into the surf to bathe and encountered a huge shark. Their eyes met for an instant, when the shark blushed and swam out.

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Not a Rico Girl.

The following scene did not take place in the Rico postoffice, for she made no inquiry as to whether the mail was in or not, or when it would be in. She is reported as saying:

"Anything for the Murphys?"
"No, there is not."
"Anything for Jane Murphy?"
"Nothing."
"Anything for Ann Murphy?"
"No."
"Anything for Tom Murphy?"
"No."
"Anything for Bob Murphy?"
"No; not a bit."
"Anything for Terry Murphy?"
"No; nor for Pat Murphy, nor Dennis Murphy, nor Pete Murphy, nor for Paul Murphy, nor for any Murphy—dead, living, unborn, native or foreign, civilized or uncivilized, savage or barbarous, male or female, black or white, franchised or disenfranchised, naturalized or otherwise. No; there is positively nothing for any of the Murphys, either individually, jointly, severally, now and forever, one and inseparable."

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that the Mono... we don't wish to chronicle any more such events, we caution all those who have no urgent business to attend, to keep out of the various basins for the present.—*Telluride News.*

MR. HARRY ADSIT came in from his cattle ranch to spend Christmas and make the acquaintance of Mrs. A. Mr. Adsit has been very busy since he purchased the Sears heard of cattle and ranch, in building cabins, corrals and making other improvements at the ranch, which is about 100 miles west of Telluride, on the Dolores River.—*Telluride Journal.*

OLD Jim Baker, up on Snake River, gives notice to hunters thus: "If anyone should kill an elk this winter with a circle B on it, this is to notify them that the critter is mine, and is only half elk anyway, as the other half is cow, being the calf of my old milker Cherokee, and got by a wild bull."

AN investigation by the County Commissioners of Lake county, Colo., has disclosed a fraudulent county indebtedness amounting to $208,000 $108,000 of which has been paid. The County Treasurer has been instructed to with-hold payment of the outstanding debt.

BOSTON postoffice authorities have in operation, experimentally, a machine for cancelling and postmarking letters. In a recent trial letters were put through the machine at the rate of 450 per minute.

THE new town on Green River, seventy miles from Grand Junction is now having a moderate boom and a great many San Juaners are going there to winter.

A PUBLISHER'S announcement reads "Sir John Lubbock on Ants, Bees, and Wasps." A rather painful position, we should say.

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The Leila Davis is shipping continually and teams are hauling ore on smooth roads. Several tons are daily transferred from the mine to the smelter.

THE GARFIELD.

When Jimmie Gibson first located the Garfield we heard more of it then than latterly, but Jack Lyon is just now busy at work on that ground. The claim is owned by C. F. Eagle, proprietor of the Atlantic Flouring Mills at Denver, having continued the business under change of name when his celebrated "Eagle Mills" were destroyed by fire.

WILL BLOW IN MONDAY.

The Pasadena smelter will blow in again on Monday night, for a run of long duration. The smelter has been delayed by the recent bad weather, but charcoal has been lately arriving at the rate of 300 bushels a day, and the amount on hand is now sufficient to justify the starting up of the smelter, and forestalls the probability of an early shut-down.

SILVER GLANCE.

George O. Gilbert, the jeweler, was this week making some silver buttons and other jewelry from a piece of solid silver glance ore which was taken from one of the mines of the Newman group. The piece of ore was large as a man's fist and contained no foreign substances. It was assayed, and the value per ton was found to be over $2800, being almost pure silver.

THE PALMETTO.

The Palmetto, up the middle fork of Horse Gulch, is being worked by the owners, Frank Collier and Pete Crawford, who are running a cross cut tunnel, which will cut the vein about 80 feet deep, in a distance of 100 feet from its mouth. It is a new discovery, near the Richmond, and shows 14 feet of solid quartz on the surface, carrying some gold. Work will be continued all winter.

A NEW LEASE.

Messrs. Medley and Klingender, who started for Durango this morning, go there to conclude arrangements for a new lease of the Newman group for themselves and Louis Ralli, and they have no doubt but that the lease will be in effect in a few days and continue for the next year. Terms have been made and accepted and all that remains is the signing of papers. The boys made a good thing last year and will work extensively hereafter.

with bird shot before you reach home.

"How?"

Goodness only knows how, my son, I don't. I have often wondered how it did happen, but I never could ascertain. I am not here to advance ingenious theories, but merely to state cold facts, and I know it to be a solemn truth that a boy with a single-barrel gun twice as long as himself can manage to shoot himself in more places at once than a man can do with a seven shooter revolver. "And am I going to buy you a gun?" Yes, I am; some time in the long vacation when time hangs heavily on my hands, and I think I would enjoy entertaining you by picking shot out of your legs with a nut pick.

"But you will be very careful with it?"

So is a woman very careful with an umbrella, my son, and yet science is unable to account for the startling

LOST BY THE BLOCKADE.

The blockade of our mail for a few days has been the cause of the loss of the Swansea Extension, one of the rich mines of the Newman group. Although considerable work has been done during the year on the group, this particular member was neglected until the last part of the year, when Charlie Newman wrote to two different parties to have the assessment worked, but his letters were caught in the blockade and arrived in Rico January 2d. The first few moments of the year, the claim had been relocated, and is now the property of Messrs. Medley, Klingender and Ralli. The postponement of work until the last limit allowed by law is hazardous. No telling what may happen in this country, where it has been asserted that "nothing is sure in San Juan but death and taxation."

ASSESSMENT WORK.

At this particular time, the subject of assessment work always has particular interest, and it is a matter concerning which there is more or less doubt in the minds of many well informed mining men, as to whether the work must be *completed* by midnight of December 31st of each year, or *begun* by that time. Also, as to forfeiture. A mining exchange says:

Miners pretty generally understand that to hold title to unpatented ground at least $100 worth of labor or improvements must be placed upon or applied to each claim thus held. They regard the last day of each calendar year as the expiration of the legal time for assessment work for that year, and all claims upon which this required labor or improvement has not been done are open to relocation. The proof of annual labor performed is an essential act to keep the chain of title intact, and should not be neglected. This is done by affidavit and should be recorded. The neglect to file proof of labor, where the same has been faithfully performed, would not render the claim legally open to relocation, but the record can easily be made immediately after the working of the assessment, and might be difficult to establish months afterward if a dispute should arise in reference thereto. We have recently noticed the rights of co-owners of a property, and how each owner's right can be protected where a single owner alone has borne the expense of the annual labor.

We wish to call attention to another point which frequently arises and is puzzling to the parties in interest. Suppose there are three equal owners of a claim, and one of them performs all the labor himself or has it done at his individual expense, and notified his partners to this effect. Now, if one of the remaining partners pays his full proportion of the assessment and the other refuses so to do, his interest would be forfeited to the person doing the work, and would not be joint property, even if the partner who had paid his proportion, but had not done any work, should tender to his remaining partner the one-half price of the labor on the one third interest that had been forfeited. On this point Morrison's "Mining Rights" says: "The presumption in law is always against forfeiture, and the party who claims it must be prepared to make his proof in such case; therefore, besides recording the notice, with affidavit of publication, the party should make declaration of the facts in the case under which he claims forfeit, verify and record the same, not that such of itself would be evidence, but as furnishing notice to purchasers and also a record which the Land Office would doubtless receive in applications for patents or upon adverse claims."

THE RICO TUNNEL CO.

Those interested in the scheme to drive the proposed tunnel into Expectation held another meeting last Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock and appointed a committee to draw up articles of agreement and by-laws. This committee consisted of W. Geo. Waring, F. C. Loring, W. B. Sheivley, T. H. Wagensler and S. H. Burghardt. This committee is to make its final report at a meeting called for to morrow morning at 10 o'clock at the Armory and will submit the following articles of agreement, which will doubtless be accepted. While little effort has been made to secure subscribers to these articles, the idea being to wait until they are accepted, numerous shares have been taken, to be paid for, some in money and others in labor. They are published in order to give time for consideration before attending the meeting:

"We, the undersigned, citizens of Dolores county, State of Colorado, do hereby associate ourselves together for the following objects and purposes, viz: To acquire a tunnel site on the southerly side of Horse creek in said county of Dolores and to excavate a tunnel thereon for the purpose of discovering, exploring and developing veins or deposits of silver bearing minerals in Expectation mountain in said county of Dolores, upon the following conditions:

1st. That before any payment of money or of labor shall be made for such purposes by us or any one or more of us, an organization shall be effected by us and directors elected who shall execute and record Articles of Incorporation, which shall authorize us to issue stock to the amount of two hundred thousand dollars ($200,000) in two thousand (2,000) shares of one hundred dollars ($100) each.

2d. That said stock may be made payable in either stock or labor under such prudential regulations as we may adopt in our By-Laws or byresolution.

3d. That as much of said stock as is subscribed to by the undersigned shall be paid for at ten (10) per cent. of its full or par value.

4th. That a majority of the directing officers to be chosen to manage the affairs of said company shall be practical mining men who have had experience in mining operations in Colorado.

5th. That of the said capital stock, one thousand (1,000) shares shall be made payable exclusively in money.

6th. That not more than one hundred (100) shares of said stock shall be sold by said company to any one person.

7th. That no stock of said company shall be transferable on the books of the company within one year from the First day of May, A. D. 1885.

For which purposes we do agree to subscribe and pay for as above set forth the number of shares set opposite our respective names."

Articles of incorporation have also been drawn and will be submitted tomorrow, giving the corporate name of the company as "The Rico Tunnel Company," to exist 20 years, and its object as the acquirement and operation of mines in Dolores county.

SPEAKING of a former Rico resident, the Montrose *Enquirer* says: "Mr. W. T. Ryman who has become one of Montrose's citizens, is one of the large cattle owners of the county, having between 1,200 and 1,300 head of cattle on the lower San Miguel. His cattle are all first class grade, the Devon and short horn predominating. Mr. Ryman has made his money in the cattle business, and all in the past seven years." Seven years ago Mr. Ryman had a few cows and peddled milk to the miners of Ophir, delivering the fluid himself. Now he ranks among the cattle men of this section.

THE taxes of the people of Lake county foot up 77 mills on the dollar. Might as well confiscate the property and be done with it. Dolores county people pay less than half that amount.

THE silver brick sent from Mexico to the New Orleans Exposition is six feet long, three and one-half feet wide, six inches thick, and is valued at $200,000.

A Land of Fruits and Flowers.

The following letter, describing that beautiful country—Southern California, was lately received by D. R. Clay from his father:

SANTA ANNA, Calfornia,
December 21, 1884.

When I left off we were at Los Angeles and had described our trip out and safe arrival, had a nicely furnished room at $7 a week, had been to the beach at Santa Monaca and made myself comfortable by sitting in the warm sun, watching the boys swimming and diving in the big waves, which were rolling and breaking as high as one's head and the boys were rolling, scuffling and playing on the warm sandy beach. Before we left home we decided to visit this Santa Anna country and so after spending ten days around Los Angeles, (and, by the way, the prettiest surroundings we ever imagined a city could have) and left the city a week ago last Friday and came here, 33 miles southeast, and yet a 100 miles from Lower California and Old Mexico. We would like to go by team down through San Diego county to San Diego City, which is close to the south line of California and a very nice climate and newer than this to American or Yankee visitors. There are a great many Mexicans, or "greasers" down that way.

We are well satisfied with this country and climate and have probably come to stay. It is winter here now (so they say) and if this is winter we can stand it; it is about like our September in Wyoming. For about three weeks we hardly saw a cloud, but last Sunday it clouded up a little and sprinkled here and snowed on the Sierra Nevadas, a hundred miles to the northeast. There is not much land that one can depend upon for a crop except such as can be watered from ditches.

Wood and coal is high and poor, but we don't have much use for heat. Willow cut in stove-wood lengths is $9 per cord: oak is $12. Best flour, $2.50 a hundred and vegetables cheap. Chinamen do the gardening here and bring vegetables to the houses. Oranges and lemons are one cent each, but we go just across the street and pick all we want free. They are the second growth and were green when the main crop was gathered.

Squashes grow larger than any man man can lift. About here and Los Angeles land is too high to buy and work to any profit. Nicely improved places are held at $500 to $1000 an acre. All such places have nice buildings and richly adorned with ornamental trees, shrubbery and fruit trees and vines, yielding per acre from two to five hundred dollars in fruit. Two or three miles out of town uncultivated land is one to three hundred dollars. We may go 20 or 25 miles out of town and keep bees in some nice little valley. Some years cattle and sheep suffer in the cañons and foot-hills for want of water and fires burn the dry brush and timber. Small valleys and big side hills with good springs and wood, and ranches with bees are cheap. We have one offer of a claim of 160 acres, with 80 swarms of bees and 80 more empty hives for $350.

At Los Angeles there is much wealth and they fix up their places elegantly, but here the people are more common and social and equal. There are vineyards in abundance and new wine is sold at 25 to 35 cents a gallon; old Port and Angelica 75 cents to one dollar: brandy, $2.50.

Very truly,
REV. DANIEL CLAY.

DAVE WOOD, who is known by reputation to all, and personally to most of the people of San Juan was married a few days ago in Topeka, Kansas. The *Daily News* of Emporia, the day before the event said: "Of very many friends, the few who happened to "hear something," dropped in this morning to congratulate Miss Mary Dill, wish her much joy and happiness and sorrowfully bid her good bye. The fortunate young man who is to lead Miss Dill to the altar is Mr. David Wood, son of Hon. S. N. Wood, editor of the State *Journal*. The wedding tour will embrace a trip to Kansas City and Denver, and thence to Montrose, Colorado, where Mr. Wood is engaged in a prosperous business and where the newly made couple will make their home."

IT is a well-known scientific fact that water boils on a mountain top at a much less temperature than at its base and in the higher regions of country the fact is daily illustrated in ordinary cookery. For instance, a Rico housekeeper finds that she must boil eggs twice as long to obtain the same result as her New York sister and the same is true of all articles of food which must be boiled. Roasting and baking is accomplished without any variation of time, as fire is as hot here as anywhere else in the world.

CON CADDIGAN, a Leadville gambler of poor reputation, with Billy Chambers and Harry Dorsey, worked the gold brick racket on a Mexican in Chihuahua, Mexeco, a short time ago and jumped the town. The Mexican, finding how he had been defrauded, jumped after them with a party of friends, and overtook them. During the argument that followed Caddigan died with his boots on and the others were taken back to prison.

GEO. R. BARSE & CO., the most popular and prosperous live stock commission merchants in the Stock Exchange building at Kansas City have just issued a beautiful and artistic calendar for the year upon which we have just entered. The NEWS acknowledges the receipt of one.

THE Veta pass across the Sangre de Christo range, was blocked last week and trains were cut off from Alamosa for some time. This pass is high, but is very rarely blocked by snow. The D. & R. G. climbs up over 9000 feet above the sea level in crossing the range there.

HISTORICAL POEM.

There seeming to be a doubt in the public mind as to the origin of Benevolent Bachelors, brother A. M. Rogers has written the following historical sketch, giving the ancient source from which the order sprung, that the curiosity and scepticism of the world at large might be satisfied.

Long years ago, the legend goes,
While man was brooding o'er the woes
Caused by a woman's frail mistake,
(When Eve was tempted by the snake),
The band of Narayana vowed
That such things could not be allowed.
Eve's great mistake had brought them grief,
And vain they sought to find relief.
They sought the gods with earnest prayer,
And offerings and incense rare
And tom-toms, gongs and many a thing
Which failed the needed relief to bring,
Till Vizhnu on a mission went
Through all the starry firmament.
(Vizhnu, God of mercy and of peace,
Oh, may thy blessings never cease!)
He came to the despairing world,
(A demon's wrath was at it hurled)
He felt compassion for mankind,
Who were so strangely, sadly blind.
The mighty follies that perplexed
The stronger and the sterner sex—
A blindness that is strictly human—
(WE thus explain man's love for woman).
The folly of giving up the heart,
A thing with which no man should part.
To these poor, unhappy men
Vizhnu brought words of comfort then.
He gave to them the needed advice;
Warned them to let no one entice
Them from the path of innocence,
By look or word or any pretense.
His words the people deeply felt,
And to him supplicating knelt,
And asked what course they should pursue,
That they might be happy and true.
He showed the way and told them how
To lead the life WE follow now.
And on the banks of the Ganges, he
Formed the first lodge of O. B. B.
The Ishwara Geeta tells us how
Happy were they who kept their vow.
How from the thorny path of sin
We should each erring brother win.
How to the path of rectitude
We can lead the miner or the dude.
How good it is for every man
To strictly follow Vizhnu's plan.
It tells how the Patriarchs incensed
Denounced them with the vain pretense,
"That if the thing was not abated
The world would be depopulated."
Then how they practiced bigamy
Which soon grew into polygamy.
How some men wed at least a score,
And some there were had many more.
Those men who had so many wives
Must have lived the most unhappy lives.
'Twas done to counteract the sway
The O. B. B. held in that day.
But in spite of all the opposition,
The Bachelors rose to high position.
Those two extremes exist this day,
And which is best is for you to say;
Whether so much married to be
Or to live single and be free.
If you're looking for a moral smirch
Just gaze upon the Mormon Church,
Then look upon the O. B. B.
And what a contrast you will see.
Beyond all comprehension reach
The wisdom that our guide books teach.
There's Yug Dwipari, Book of Law,
We read its words with love and awe,
And Krita Kalpa, Book of Love,
Brought by an angel from above.
The wisdom and love of Ali Brahm
To every wounded heart a balm;
Thy wisdom teaches us the way
To follow in our lives each day;
And round our altar when we meet,
As we our sacred vows repeat
Thy wisdom and thy words so kind,
Drives doubt from every sceptic mind;
When from our temple we go forth,
We realize, Oh Book, thy worth.
These words we in thy pages read:
(Who can against such wisdom plead?)
"A single life is a life of joy,
A life of bliss without alloy,
A life in which the chance is given
To find the surer road to heaven."
Can he so bountifully blest,
Say any other life is best?
Well, friends, I feel deeply perplexed
To read the words that follow next,
But if you wish to hear the rest,
'Tis, "He who is wed is doubly blest,
To whom a woman's love is given,
There is for him on earth a heaven."
He who is worthy of woman's love,
Is sure of happiness above.
Choose one wife and to her be true,
An even course of life pursue,
Thy children guard with tender care;
Of all bad company beware.
Thy stream of life shall then be calm,
And favor gain with Ali Brahm.

Bachelor's Epitaph on 1884.

The following wail of the Bachelors over the death of leap year was to have been given at the leap year party Wednesday evening, but owing to the disconsolate sadness of the orator of the evening, the wail was postponed until this issue of the NEWS:

The year of eighteen eighty-four
Has passed, and will return no more.
To some it has brought doubts and fears;
To some it has brought grief and tears;
To some it has been fraught with joy,
And happiness without alloy.
One year ago this very night
My star of hope was glowing bright.
It rose with Leap Year bright and fair:
'Tis now obscured by clouds of despair.
For now this long Leap Year is closed
And no one has to me proposed.
I'm drifting now o'er life's dark sea
Destined to live an O. B. B.

THE "BACHELOR'S ODE."

A song just composed, and which has been set to music, is as follows:

The last day of Leap Year
Has faded and gone,
And we still are Bachelors
Left sad and forlorn.
No ladies have asked us
Their joys to share,
And for us lone Bachelor's
There's none seems to care.

Through long years of waiting
For Leap Year to come,
We have built us air castles
Of bright happy homes.
But those bright dreams have vanished
Forever and fled,
And the hopes we had cherished
Are silent and dead.

THE United States Marshal arrested four persons at Wilmot, Dakota, who are charged with overhauling the mail, on the day when the Court House at Traverse was robbed. They have been taken to Fargo for trial.

SARAH ALTHEA HILL has been fighting for a long time to be recognized by the courts as the wife of Senator Sharon, of Nevada. She has just gained her point and thus is Sharon cinched.

GROVER CLEVELAND will resign the office of Governor of New York about the 6th of January. He will then prepare for the inauguration of March 4th next.

NOTICE OF FORFEITURE.

RICO, DOLORES COUNTY, COLORADO.
January 3d, 1885.

To Frederick W. Pitkin:

YOU are hereby notified that I have expended one hundred dollars in labor and improvements upon the BLUE lode mining claim, situated in Pioneer Mining District, County of Dolores, and State of Colorado, and duly recorded in the records of Ouray county, (location certificate being in Book A1 page 469) in order to hold said premises under the provisions of section 2324, Revised Statutes of the United States, being the amount required to hold the same for the year ending December 31st, 1884.

And if within ninety days from the service of this notice by publication, you fail or refuse to contribute your proportion of such expenditure as a co-owner, your interest in said claim will become the property of the subscribers under said section 2324.

JOSIAH SPURLOCK.

NOTICE OF FORFEITURE.

RICO, Dolores County, Colo.,
January 3d, 1885.

To The Rico Smelting Company:

YOU are hereby notified that we have expended one hundred dollars in labor and improvements upon the PAROLE lode, situated on Dolores Mountain in Pioneer mining district, county of Dolores, state of Colorado, in order to hold said premises under the provisions of section 2324, Revised statutes of the United States, being the amount required to hold the same for the year ending December 31, 1884.

And if within ninety days from service of this notice by publication you fail to contribute your proportion of such expenditure as a co-owner, your interest will become the property of the subscribers under said section 2324.

RICHARD JOHNSTONE,
JAMES ROBBINS.

NOTICE OF FORFEITURE.

RICO, DOLORES COUNTY, COLORADO,
January 3d, 1885.

To E. L. Dickerman and Calvin Wade:

YOU are hereby notified that I have expended one hundred dollars in labor and provements upon the EMILY lode situated on the southwestern slope of Calico mountain in Pioneer Mining District, Dolores county, Colorado, being the amount required to hold said premises under the provisions of Section 2324 Revised Statutes of the United States, for the year ending December 31st, 1884.

And if within 90 days from the service of this notice by publication, you fail or refuse to contribute your proportions of such expenditure as co-owners, your interest in said claim will become the property of the subscriber under the provisions of said section 2324.

JOHN COHNAN.

NOTICE OF FORFEITURE.

Rico, Dolores County, Colo.,
November 22d, 1884.

To P. K. Scott:

You are hereby notified that we have expended one hundred dollars in labor and improvements upon the SUN-UP lode, situated on the eastern slope of Expectation mountain, Pioneer mining district, county of Dolores and State of Colorado, in order to hold said premises under the provisions of section 2324, Revised Statutes of the United States, being the amount required to hold the same for the year ending December 31st, 1883.

And if within ninety days from the service of this notice by publication you fail or refuse to contribute your proportion of such expenditure as a co-owner, your interest in said claim will become the property of the subscribers under the provisions of said section.

GEORGE W. PORTER,
MARGARET RYAN.

NOTICE OF FORFEITURE.

RICO, DOLORES COUNTY, COLORADO,
September 20th, 1884.

To George Rooke, his heirs or assigns:

YOU are hereby notified that I have expended one hundred dollars [$100.00] in labor and improvements upon each the GENERAL LOGAN and the GENERAL SHERMAN lode mining claims, both situated on Telescope mountain, in Pioneer Mining District, County of Dolores and State of Colorado, in order to hold said property under the provisions of Section 2324, Revised Statutes of the United States, being the amount required to hold said premises for the year ending December 31st, A. D. 1883.

And if within ninety days from the service on you of this notice by publication, you fail or refuse to contribute your proportion of said expenditure as a co-owner, your interest in said claims will become the property of the subscriber under the provisions of said Section 2324.

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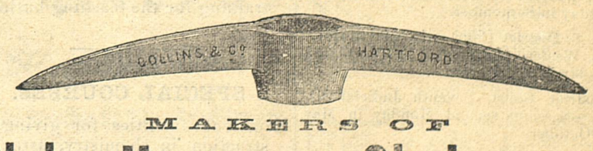

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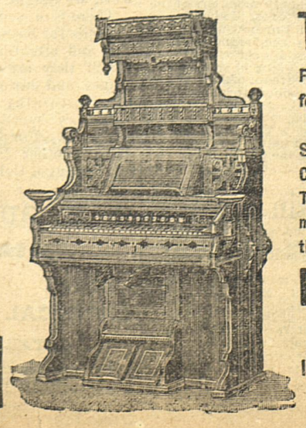

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LOCAL BREVITIES.

SCHOOL will be resumed next Monday morning.

THE snow-shovelers have had a picnic this week.

THE local train between Durango and Rockwood makes regular trips.

FRANK MEDLEY and Henry Klingender started for Durango this morning.

TELLURIDE has dispensed with the services of its town marshal for the winter.

TO ALL who desire information as to jumping patented claims, we refer them to Dan Taylor.

ANDY DEMASTERS is still absent, having gone to Trimble Springs to attend the Swickhimer wedding.

MESSRS. Clark and Wilkinson, the owners of the Skeptical at Rico, have discovered a bonanza in the Needles.

THE Leila Davis mine received its winter supply of provisions on Thursday last. The mine is now in shape to stand any sort of a siege.

ANOTHER shooting match for beef took place Thursday afternoon and resulted in the best score by Julius Thompson; second best, Ike Yoho.

THE school board has provided soap, towels, etc., for the use of such children as habitually come to school with dirty faces and unkempt hair.

DAME RUMOR has it that a newly married couple will invade Rico about February 1. We have not the slightest clue as to the identity of the guilty parties.

MISS NETTIE MOORE, sister of Mrs. F. C. Loring, is on the road between Lewiston, Idaho, and Rico. The young lady will remain in Rico during the winter.

THE road from Rico to Rockwood is an excellent shape and has a fine snow bottom which will last a while. There is more snow at Rockwood than in Rico.

RELIGIOUS services will be held to-morrow in the new church building, provided that Rev. Howard arrives. Up to the hour of going to press, he has not put in an appearance.

DELL RAPLEE and P. Hunter returned on Sunday from a trip through the land of the Montezumas. They failed to uncover a single skeleton, doubtless owing to depth of snow.

JOHN EDER came down from his San Bernardo bonanza at Trout Lake on Wednesday. He reports a fall of snow sufficient to make a good hay crop on the meadows next summer.

DAVE SWICKHIMER writes from Trimble Springs that he was married according to plans and specifications on Christmas night at 8 o'clock and would return to Rico with Mrs. Swickhimer the earliest opportunity.

THE old Cahn store building will make an excellent place for church purposes. It has been neatly fitted up this week with comfortable seats and other necessities and conveniencies. Religious services will hereafter be held there.

DAVE MUNN, well known all over this country, is wasting away with consumption at his ranch on Junction creek, a short distance from Durango, and writes to a friend in Rico that he has no expectation or hope of living until next summer.

W. GRIGSBY, of the stage line, tells us there is fully two feet more snow in Hermosa Park than there is in Rico and that he had to shovel a roadway through half a mile of drifted snow on the first long curve on the mountain after leaving the Park coming this way.

ED SUYDAM is in Kansas City, having gone from Durango to Ouray, thence to Montrose. Finding Marshall Pass blocked, next to Salt Lake and east via Cheyenne over the Union Pacific. Salt Lake and Ft. Wingate are becoming important points in the geography of San Juan.

A. P. ADAMS started out on foot last Saturday afternoon for Sargents, where he intended to take the stage for Montrose. He was in a hurry to get to Albany, N. Y., where his daughter lies sick with typhoid fever. He probably tried the Salt Lake-Cheyenne route, which just now carries the palm as the banner Magnolia line. Mr. Adams will be absent three weeks, probably.

THERE are thirty-two snow slides in the Animas cañon between Silverton and Rockwood, which have all more or less demoralized the D. & R. G. track and it will take some time to clear the track so as to permit the running of trains. Silverton is short of provisions and telegraphing for flour, etc., on first train. We hope our neighbors are more scared than hurt.

A FEW pistol shots at midnight Wednesday proclaimed the jumping of a few claims on the mountains about Rico. Generally, at that particular moment of the year, the hills have resounded with the rattle of small artillery. But, as stated last week, most owners of Rico properties have promptly worked their claims, and such as they considered ripe for abandonment, nobody cared to have.

ED. L. DAVIS will very soon leave New York for Manchester, England, where he is negotiating with bloated, blarsted, bleeding, British bondholders for the purchase of the rich Mayflower lode. It is hoped that the deal will be made. When English capital takes hold of mining enterprises it generally goes in to win and is not afraid to spend hundreds in hopes of realizing thousands. Some of the heaviest operators in San Juan have been English companies.

NUMEROUS callers greeted the ladies who received on Thursday. Among those who were making the rounds, singly and in groups, we noticed: Frank H. Bishop, A. H. Steele, Adin McGraw, F. C. Loring, L. O. Towne, Benj. F. Klee, A. V. Gorla, C. F. Laue, N. J. Bradley, C. J. Pence, J. D. Clarke and J. P. Norton.

THE Miners' Meat Market will make it an object to you to purchase meats from its block. We have a whole lot of fat cattle running loose over the country and we are going to feed it to the hungry of Rico. Down with high prices. We have taken a hand in the game and propose to stay by the pot. GEORGE WEST.

THE Durango *Herald* interviewed E. P. Suydam during his visit and publishes the result in an article of some length, closing with the words, "These figures make a splendid showing for Rico, for the Puzzle Extension Mine, the Santa Clara mill, and the skill and energy of Mr. Suydam as a mine and mill manager. Such results will surely give Rico a boom another season. The Puzzle Extension and the Santa Clara mill will be steadily operated all winter. The daily output at present is from 3 to 5 silver bricks." The last sentence was doubtless meant to read *weekly* output.

EXCELLENT wagon roads and trails have been broken to the various working mines of the neighborhood, and the hauling of ore, coke, coal., etc., is carried on with more ease than before the snow fall. The snow packed nicely and has made fine sleigh roads everywhere. The higher mountains are all checkered with trails to the mines and claims which are receiving development. More work is being done about Rico than most people imagine. Aside from the mines which are daily shipping ore, there are several cross-cuts and drifts on mines being run and shafts sunk. Many miners do their dead work during the winter months, so as to have their mines in better shape for summer production.

WHILE there is no reasonable probability of a repetition of the blockade experiences of last winter, it may be comfortable to know that there is a great quantity of flour and other staple articles of consumption in Rico, although there are fewer general merchandising establishments doing business than last winter. The large majority of families are supplied with a winter's stock of provisions. We thought last year that there was enough to last the town and vicinity until July, but the mistake was found out sometime about March. We can't afford a blockade this year. The almost total annihilation of the snowshoe rabbit tribe last winter would reduce the bill of fare to snow and scenery.

ONE week from to-night the citizens of Dolores county will have an opportunity to select delegates to represent them in the silver convention to be held in Denver Jan. 28th. An enthusiastic turnout should be had. The state convention will do its best to make a showing for the good of the great American silver dollar. Provided that the issuance of silver certificates is continued, representing silver in bulk in the U. S. Treasury or its branches, there can be little objection to discontinuing the coinage of the silver dollar and its fractional parts. It is the failure of the U. S. to buy silver as has been its custom that we buck against. Such a proceeding would practically bankrupt a great population, whose sole support is the mining of crude silver, and the various businesses depending upon the support of that class of people.

School Notice.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of School District No. 1, held on the 27th day of December, 1884, the following order was established:

1. Every pupil enrolled upon the teacher's register must in case of absence furnish to said teacher, in writing, a good and sufficient excuse from parent or guardian.

2. In case such excuse is insufficient, or pupil cannot furnish any excuse, then it shall be the duty of said teacher to send said pupil to the Board of Directors, with statement of facts, whereupon said Board shall, in their discretion, grant excuse, expel from school, or send said pupil to the State Reform School.

3. It shall be the duty of said teacher to also notify said Board of Directors of any case of insufficient excuse, as well as to send pupil to the Board.

4. It shall also be the duty of said teacher to keep and file all of said excuses and return them to the secretary of said Board at close of term.

(Signed) J. W. PARK, Pres't,
J. F. WANNEMAKER, Treas.,
LINWOOD O. TOWNE, Sec'y.
Board of Directors.

The Last and First.

The ladies last Wednesday evening availed themselves of the last opportunity of exercising the prerogatives accorded to them during Leap Year and escorted a large number of their O. B. B. friends to their hall and danced the old year out and the new year in. In the upper story tempting tables had been loaded with choice viands which were served shortly before midnight. The familiar faces at the tables were:

Misses Mary Ohlhausen, Ollie Ohlhausen, Nettie Gardner, Josie Clay, Ruby Rust, Gussie Bartlett, Grace Brewster, Jessie Rae, Lillie Clay, Maud McConnell, Emma McConnell and Jennie Brewster.

Mesdames Nettie Gardner, L. S. Dickinson, W. W. Parshall, M. B. Nixon and M. T. Wise.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Landon, J. W. Winkfield, C. F. Middaugh, Joseph Meredith, F. Roys, F. C. Loring, H. W. Carr, D. R. Clay, N. N. Wilson, Jno. F. Watkins, Wm. Davidson and Julius Thompson.

Messrs. J. D. Clarke, F. H. Bishop, C. J. Pence, Samuel James, Adin McGraw, N. J. Bradley, Wesley Baker, C. J. Bang, Harry Blackwell, A. H. Steele, Geo. O. Gilbert, C. H. Steele, Wm. Iler, Chas. F. Laue, F. Wakeman, A. V. Gorla, Artie Thompson, M. E. Field, James Osmer, Jas. O. Campbell, Chas. Kelley, L. O. Towne, Chas. A. Goble, Chas. Dewitt, D. M. Evans, A. M. Rogers, A. B. Brydon, Walter Watkins, B. F. Klee, B. F. Hale, Ed. F. Dawson, John McGeachy, J. P. Norton and Ed Brewster.

Music by Messrs. Bennetts, Middaugh, Enfield and McCormack.

After midnight the ladies gracefully gave way and "ladies choice," except as an occasional privilege, is relegated to oblivion until 1888.

The full programme as arranged by the ladies was not carried out, owing to circumstances over which they had no control. They desire to extend thanks to the Bachelors for the use of the hall, to Mrs. L. Brewster and to Capt. W. H. Bennetts, for kindly services rendered.

Shoeing Match.

Considerable interest has been taken in a horse-shoeing match between C. W. (Geo.) Taber and Tom Taney, under articles of agreement signed Dec. 15th last for $50. The first was:

"This agreement made and entered into between Thomas Taney and George Taber, witnesseth that said Thomas Taney agrees to drive the shoes on three horses in quicker time than the said George Taber, the driving of shoes to come off on the first day of January, 1885. There must be eight nails to each shoe and nails clinched. We agree to pick two judges (to pick one more), making three judges in all, to start said Taney and Taber to drive nails in shoes, the shoeing to come off at Broughton & Taber's blacksmith shop. [Signed] THOMAS TANEY,
[Signed] C. W. TABER."

The other wager was against time and the signed articles read:

"Article of agreement between C. W. Taber and T. Taney for the sum of ten dollars. Agreement that C. W. Taber is to drive and clinch four shoes in six minutes; no rasping. Taney agrees that the same cannot be done.

THOMAS TANEY,
C. W. TABER."

The judges selected were James Tilden and P. A. McKenna. The contestants repaired to the blacksmith shop Thursday afternoon and the horse to be shod in less than six minutes by Taber, was shod in five minutes and three seconds; he shod two other horses in six minutes and fifty-five seconds and four minutes and fifty-five seconds, respectively. Taney did not contest, and under the above articles, Taber claims the money, which has not been given up.

A CHALLENGE.

I hereby challenge Thomas Taney to drive and clinch the shoes (to be newly fitted or taken off and replaced) for from one to one hundred horses, to start from the word "go" and the man soonest done to take the money—$50 a side.

C. W. TABER.

King Carnival.

A large crowd of spectators assembled at the skating rink last Saturday evening to witness the merry maskers in paper in fancy designs and various colors. We think, however, that none were prepared for the elegant and beautiful costumes which were worn and they were numerous. Mrs. L. S. Dickinson was the originator of the scheme and deserves much of the credit for the success of the affair.

The costumes and the characters they represented were:

Mrs. Nettie Gardner, Setting Sun.
Miss Mattie Kauffmann, Folly.
Miss Ollie Ohlhausen, Snowflake.
Miss Gussie Bartltet, Bourbon Mine.
Mrs. L. S. Dickinson, Rico *Record*.
Miss Mary Ohlhausen, Pompadour.
Miss Josie Clay, *Puck*.
Miss Nettie Gardner, DOLORES NEWS.
Miss Lillie Clay, *Tribune Republican*.
Mrs. Joseph Meredith, Mountain Pink.
Mrs. M. B. Nixon, } Lone Stars.
Mrs. J. W. Winkfield, }
Miss Jessie Rae, Indian Summer.
Miss Emma McConnell, Pink Domino.
A. H. Steele, $20 Gold Piece.
Ed. F. Dawson, Chief Narraguinup.
Henry Heaton, Dolly Varden.
J. D. Clarke, Ace of Clubs.
L. S. Dickinson, Silver Cavalry.
Arthur Ptolemy, Black Mask.
Ed. Brewster, North American Ins. Co.
Walter Watkins, Black Mask.
John McGeachy, New York *Times*.
Chas. J. Pence, Blue Jay.
Chas. A. Goble, Black Mask.
Charlie Meredith, "Buckskin Joe."
Artie Thompson, Mother Hubbard.
F. Wakeman, Tramp from Trampville.
James Osmer, Yellow Mask.
Robert Rae, Georgetown *Courier*.
Byron Shell, Uncle Sam.

A prize having been offered for the prettiest costume for a lady, votes were sold at ten cents each. The contest was between the costume worn by A. H. Steele, "The $20 Gold Piece," and Miss Mattie Kauffman, as "Folly," and they received the highest number of votes, having 93 and 47, respectively. Other costumes received votes, but were much below the two mentioned. The cake won by Mr. Steele was sold at auction for the benefit of the cause, at his request.

A prize for the best lady skater was contested for by Misses Nettie Gardner, Ollie Ohlhausen, Gussie Bartlett, Jessie Rae, Mary Ohlhausen, Mattie Kauffmann and Lillie Clay. The prize was awarded to the first named on the points of grace, rapidity and freedom of motion.

The exchequer of the church fund was replenished by the amount of $47, which was the amount cleared.

A CALL,

Which Will and Should Meet With a Hearty Response.

To the people of Dolores County:

Several bills have been introduced in the Houses of Congress since its opening, acting upon the urgent recommendations of President Arthur to discontinue the coinage of silver dollars. Should any of these bills pass, the silver mining industey will virtually be dead. A convention of delegates from each county to protest against these injurious attacks upon eur silver interests will be held at Denver on the 28th of January, 1885. Dolores county at this convention is entitled to six delegates. We should be represented, and in order that a full expression may be had, we hereby call a mass meeting of the citizens of the county to select delegates to represent Dolores county at this most important meeting to be held on Saturday evening, January 10th, 1884, in the building on Glasgow avenue formerly occupied by Harry Cahn.

MANY CITIZENS.

The Reported Abandonment.

A very cheerful rumor was current on the streets last evening, namely that the officials of the D. & R. G. had declared that they would not throw a shovelful of snow to clear the snow blockade on the Conejos range and would abandon the line from Alamosa to Silverton until the sun thawed the snow. This report gained currency from the following letter:

ROCKWOOD, Colo., Dec. 29, 1884.

F. L. THOMPSON,
Rico, Colo.:—

The mail that goes out to-day is the last back mail and the Lord only knows when we will receive another. No effort is now being made to open the Conejos range, but if the storm ever stops they will try and open the same. There is now ten snow slides between Elk Park and Silverton from ten to twenty feet deep, and more to follow. Hoping to hear from you in the spring, I remain,

Truly yours,
MASON JACKSON. P. M.

This letter indicates in plain language that so soon as the storm then raging ceased that the range would be opened and the track cleared, but after passing through the mouths of several persons, the situation grew alarming. We hasten to correct any false impressions that may have gained ground. Mr. Grigsby, of the stage line, who left Rockwood after the above letter was written, states that immediately after the storm ceased, every available engine on the line from Alamosa to Durango was ordered to the range to assist in bucking snow and that large crews of men were at work. It was expected that a through train from Denver would reach Durango early in the week—Monday or Tuesday. The idea that the San Juan branch (several hundred miles long) would be abandoned because of a snow blockade on a small portion of the line, is absurd. The company could not afford to do it. They could have found a more convenient place to store railroad iron and cross-ties, if that had been the sole purpose of the road. They put the track down to operate over it, and will do so—not for any particular love for the people of San Juan, or from any motives of humanity, but simply because it is to their business interests.

THE Miners' Meat Market makes its own rates on meats, furnished from its own cattle ranges and will operate on the "cut and slash" system. The books of the market always carry finest beef and ow prices will cut a large chunk out of public patronage. I propose to get it.

GEORGE E. WEST.

Advertised Letters.

Advertised list of letters remaining uncalled for in the Post Office at Rico, Colo. December 27th, 1884.

Brown, Miss Anna	Lonsway, A T
Carter, Frank	Murphy, John
Embesson, W H	Endsley, H E or A
Gober, A T	Stickney, Milford S
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Persons calling for any of the above will please say "advertised."

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MONEY OR BLOOD.

John Gault, late proprietor of the Miners' Meat Market, has left all his accounts with me for collection, and those who are in his debt will please take note of the fact and bear it constantly in mind. Instructions are that these bills are not placed in my hands for keepsakes, but that I must realize on them.

A. H. MUNDEE.

SETTLE UP!

The accounts due to Harry Cahn and by him assigned to Ed. Schiffer & Co., have been placed in my hands for collection. All persons who are in debt to these parties are hereby notified that an immediate settlement is expected and must be made. There is neither "if nor and" in the matter; a satisfactory settlement is all that can, under the circumstances, be accepted. A. H. MUNDEE.

Frank C. Loring,
U. S. Deputy Mineral Surveyor.
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To New Orleans and Return.

DURANGO, COLO., Dec. 10, 1884.

To the Public:

I now have on sale a full line of New Orleans *Exposition* and New Orleans *Tourist* tickets.

The Exposition tickets are good for 50 days' time and cost $88.00 for the round trip.

The Tourist tickets are good from date of sale until June 1st, 1885, and cost $95.25 for the round trip.

Both styles of tickets are good for 15 days in going and in returning. That is, you can be 15 days en route after starting from either Durango or New Orleans. This gives for the Exposition tickets 30 days that you can use en route, and 20 days at New Orleans as the utmost limit—as much less than that as you desire; but no less time spent at New Orleans will give you any more time on the road.

The Tourist ticket is intended for such as desire to stay in New Orleans or any part of the South for several months or the whole winter. For instance, a party desiring to spend the winter in Florida can procure a Tourist ticket for $95.25 that will take him to New Orleans, and from thence he can go to Florida for the winter and return on his ticket in the spring any time before June 1st.

The distance from Durango to New Orleans is from 2,000 to 2,300 miles, according to what route is taken. This makes the rate an *average* of only 2 cents per mile.

The regular fare from Durango to Denver is $31.45, or $62.90 for a round trip. The rate from Denver to New Orleans being $52.75 for the Exposition and $60.00 for the Tourist, it is easily seen that the D. & R. G. are doing their part in this matter, their proportion of either of the rates being $35.25 for the round trip, or only a small per cent. over half fare.

I am also prepared to check baggage through to any point en route or to New Orleans.

For the information of those wishing sleeping car accommodations, will say that the rates are: Durango to Denver, $3.50; Denver to Kansas City, $4.00; Kansas City to St. Louis, $2.00; St. Louis to New Orleans, about $6.00, or about $16.00 from Durango to New Orleans.

The time from Durango to New Orleans is just 5 days.

Finally, in arranging for such a trip, don't forget that 25 cents per day, or $4.50 for 30 days, will insure you against all accidents, whether traveling on cars, steamboat, street cars or in carriages, in the sum of $3,000 in case of death or for $15.00 per week for the time you are laid up, not to exceed 26 weeks should you be injured. For further information, call on the undersigned any time during the day at the Freight office or at 5:30 to 6 p. m. each evening at the Passenger Depot.

As it takes time to look over routes and make out these tickets and issue special checks for baggage, &c., it should all be attended to the evening before and thus save the rush at train time in the morning. Train leaves at 6:30 a. m.

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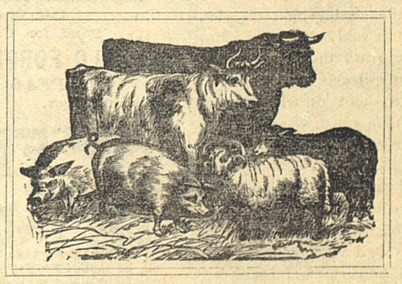
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Montana Correspondence New York Sun.

People living near Glendive, Montana, were surprised the other day by hearing a loud tramping, and through the clouds of dust kicked up they discovered a herd of buffalo making at a mad pace for the river. The animals appeared to be well-nigh run down, but many of them were furious. As they came to the bank of the Yellowstone they plunged in pell-mell one on top of the other, and for a time it looked as though many of them would be killed, but nearly all got out uninjured. They had hardly reached the other side, when a yelling, swearing crowd of white men and Indians came up on foam-covered horses. They paused here long enough to get refreshment, and then resumed the chase.

There were four or five hundred buffaloes in the herd, and they were making for British America as fast as their legs would carry them. From the hunters it was learned that the hunt began in Dakota, on the Cannon Ball River, where not less than 5,000 of the animals were found grazing. A few of the men had followed them the entire distance, but although the party that passed here numbered only thirty, its members estimated that first to last 300 or 400 men had taken part in the slaughter. Some of the men who started out with the original party had remained behind at various points to secure the hides, and others, who only joined in for the sport, had dropped out after satisfying themselves with the chase. The rapidity with which these magnificent animals are slaughtered is shown by the fact that the hunters passing through here said they would have the hides of the remnant of the herd before reaching the boundary line.

Probably this is one of the last big buffalo hunts that will ever occur in this country. The Indian, now that he is assured of enough to eat at the agencies, is as reckless in his slaughter of the bison as the white man. He seems to consider the game as nearly extinct, and he goes in recklessly with the idea of having all the sport he can before the end is reached. The wanton destruction of this herd has caused great indignation throughout the entire section traversed, but as it seems to be the policy to exterminate the bison nothing will be done about it.

How to Handle a Gun.

Hawkeye.

The first thing you do when you go out hunting with another boy, is to guard yourself against accident. The best way to do this is to shoot the other boy before he has time to load his gun. Then take both guns to the nearest creek and throw them in. Throw the powder and shot in after them. If you have any matches about your clothes throw them in also. Then start and go home as fast as ever you can. And if you are under 18 years the chances are, even with these precautions, that you will get your legs and a section of your back filled to the brim with bird shot before you reach home.

"How?"

Goodness only knows how, my son, I don't. I have often wondered how it did happen, but I never could ascertain. I am not here to advance ingenious theories, but merely to state cold facts, and I know it to be a solemn truth that a boy with a single-barrel gun twice as long as himself can manage to shoot himself in more places at once than a man can do with a seven shooter revolver. "And am I going to buy you a gun?" Yes, I am; some time in the long vacation when time hangs heavily on my hands, and I think I would enjoy entertaining you by picking shot out of your legs with a nut pick.

"But you will be very careful with it?"

So is a woman very careful with an umbrella, my son, and yet science is unable to account for the startling increase of one-eyed men every summer.

A PIOUS father on the west side entered a Clark street saloon last evening, and to his infinite surprise and unspeakable mortification, discovered his only son seated at a card table and indulging in the wicked game of euchre. He bounced the youth unceremoniously, then looking at the vacant chair at the table, he noted that his heir had left a very promising hand, and so he sat right down and finished it and raked in the pot. Thus is virtue rewarded.—*Chicago Telegram.*

Business For Ladies.

The opportunities for ladies to find employment that is both suitable and remunerative are limited; their pay is usually poor as compared with the salaries paid to men in same line of occupation. But there are some very noted exceptions; journalism, the drama, music and platform offer equal advantages to men and women, and one occupation in which women are sometimes more successful than men, and that is in the management of agencies. In this line The Queen City Suspender Company, of Cincinnati, O., are offering inducements to ladies that we think ought to attract attention. They are now manufacturing and introducing their new Stocking Supporters for Ladies and Children, and their unequalled Skirt Suspenders for Ladies. None should be without them, our leading physicians recommend them, and are loud in their praise. These goods are manufactured by ladies who have made the wants of ladies and children a study, and they ask us to refer them to some reliable and energetic lady to introduce them in this county, and we certainly think that an earnest solicitation in every household would meet with a ready response, and that a determined woman could make a handsome salary, and have an exclusive agency. We advise some lady who is in need of employment to send to the Company her name and address, and mention this paper. Address Queen City Suspender Company, Nos. 177 and 179 Main Street, Cincinnati, Ohio. 243-289.

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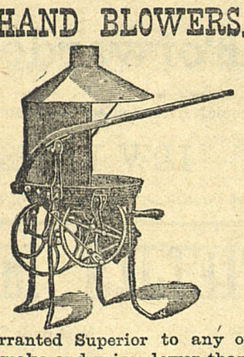

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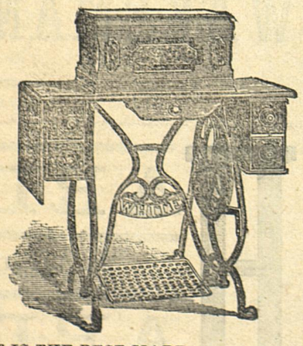

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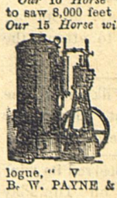

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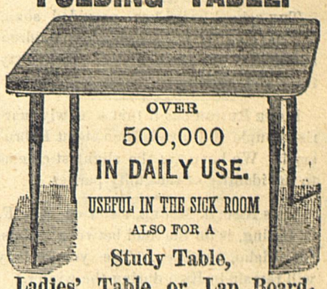

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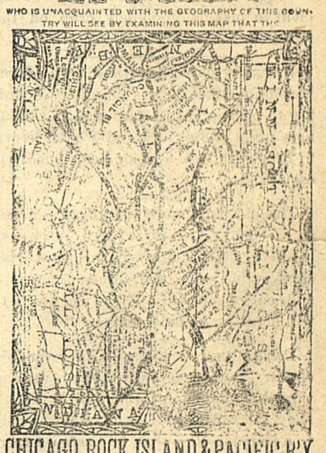

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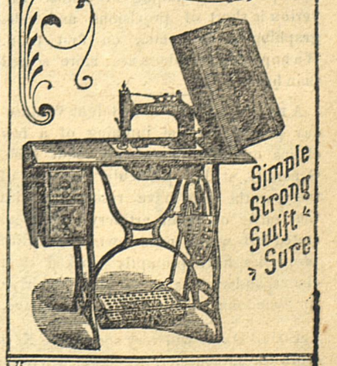

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