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### "ET TU GOUDY."

A political somnambulist called Goudy, hailing from the rural hamlet of Ouray, presents his compliments to the undersigned in the last issue of the Ouray Times. The writer wishes to state that he is highly complimented by Goudy's abuse, as it is an undeniable mark of some high characteristic to be lauded by a blackguard. Goudy's diatribe was caused by an article published in this journal a few weeks ago, which charged him with being the central figure of a conspiracy to induce the people of Ophir to object to having that locality annexed to the proposed new county. I believed then that Goudy was engaged in such a conspiracy, but will now admit that I was in error, being forced to accept his denial as truth in the absence of further testimony. I believe now, as I believed then, that Goudy is an unprincipled charlatan; that he will do anything for hire; that on the rostrum he is a coward and in the streets a bully; that where he is best known, he is least respected; that he has not brains enough to be severe without being unparliamentary, and that he is better calculated to be the demagogue of a mob than a caterer to the tastes of gentlemen.

Goudy was called a barrator in the News article. That I will not insist on calling him, not because I believe he is above being a barrator, but because I believe Mr. Rosser is above being associated with a barrator—consequently that term is recalled. With the firm of Goudy & Rosser I have nothing to do; I believe that all business offered to that firm will be properly and promptly transacted to the full satisfaction of clients, but that does not prove that F. C. Goudy is not a wart on the face of humanity. Goudy, as I expected, instead of standing up and taking his medicine like a man, puts his tail between his legs and sneaks off like a whipped cur, to whine to the bar of Ouray county and ask them to take up his private quarrel. This is characteristic of the man. There is no one who has more respect for the bar of Ouray county than the writer of this, and I may add that for Goudy's business partner, I entertain the highest admiration and would go a long distance out of my way to honor him. But Goudy is not Rosser, and the inherent instincts of a gentleman, that belong to one, can never be instilled into the other.

Though the code of honor never required a gentleman to seek the scum of society for an adversary, still I will waive that formality, and if Goudy has manhood enough to seek redress of his grievances after the fashion of gentlemen, I will meet him at any point between Rico and Ouray—and eat oysters with him, promising to furnish the oysters if he will furnish the spoons. O'BRIEN MOORE.

### The State Legislature.

The republican members of the state legislature held a caucus at the Windsor Hotel, Denver, on the evening of the 4th inst. for the purpose of selecting officers for that body during its session. As the Republicans have a majority of that body, it is but fair to presume that the nominees of the caucus will be elected. They are as follows:

Mr. J. W. Bowles, of Arapahoe county, was elected chairman of the caucus, and Mr. Charles C. Bryan, of Clear Creek, Secretary. There were thirty-five members present, and the proceedings throughout were marked by the utmost harmony and unanimity of sentiments.

The selection of a nominee for Speaker being the first business in order, Colonel Doe, of Clear Creek, Colonel M. B. Carpenter, of Arapahoe, and J. J. Rowan, of Custer, were placed in nomination, and Colonel Doe was elected upon the first ballot.

R. M. Stephenson, of Pueblo, was then nominated for Chief Clerk and M. R. Moore, of Chaffee, assistant. Both of these gentlemen were nominated without opposition.

For the position of Sergeant-at-Arms, there were three candidates, Messrs. Richard Hornbrook, of Grand; Mr. Tucker, of Saguache, and J. D. Wood, of Gilpin. Mr. Hornbrook was selected the nominee.

P. O. Gaynor, of Park, was nominated for Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms; G. W. Stoner, of San Juan, for Enrolling Clerk; Charles Glenn, Assistant Enrolling Clerk; E. Roodieker, of Larimer, Engraving Clerk; Miss Jennie Dresser, of Weld, Assistant Engraving Clerk; Rev. T. H. Uzzell, of Lake, Chaplain; and David Spielman and Mr. Sanchez, Doorkeepers.

Ballou & Cowen, of the Hotel Windsor, Durango, are the best men in the best place in the west. Their many guests appreciate this fact and never lose an opportunity to return to the old place for substantial board and good, warm beds. The Hotel Windsor is the best furnished hotel in the new town and as hot meals are always ready on the arrival of stages from either north or south and as a natural consequence it is headquarters for all travelers. When you have tried it once you cannot be induced to go elsewhere. "All the market affords" is a common expression, but it is realized to its full extent here, and what the market don't afford is kept down in the cellar.

Ladies scarlet and white vests and pants just received at T. A. & E. L. Davis'

### General Gush.

#### EPITOME OF GENERAL NEWS.

#### CLIPPINGS, SQUIBS, ETC., ETC.

#### Intelligence Gleaned From Numerous Exchanges.

#### A Few Sparks From Everywhere.

Boston is below zero.

A paper mill at Philadelphia was burned on the 1st. Loss, \$50,000.

The indicted Irish land leaguers will be permitted to attend parliament.

The Illinois judges, regardless of party, are giving it hot to Congressman Sparks.

The Old Colony railroad in Massachusetts had a smash up on New Year's day.

The senate has confirmed the president's nomination of Judge Woods for supreme judge.

The democrats have given up the idea of removing Senator Kellogg from the senate.

The democratic officers were elected at Covington, Kentucky, at the municipal election.

General John F. Miller, republican, has been chosen United States senator from California.

Robert Toombs, of Georgia, has given 1,000 acres of Texas land to aid in founding a university in that state.

Trains on the Potomac, Fredericksburg & Piedmont railroad in Virginia were snowed in for four days lately.

The house committee on Territories will consider the application of Dakota to become a state after the holidays.

There is a report that the government of Great Britain is about to discontinue the suits against the land leaguers.

The priests of Quebec have been convicted of bribing the people to vote for Robillard for member of parliament.

Six men were killed in a railroad accident on the Chicago, St. Paul & Omaha railroad on the 4th. Drunken engineer.

Charles Hamilton has been appointed general superintendent of the Cairo and St. Louis railroad, vice L. M. Johnson, resigned.

Nine lives were lost in a tenement-house fire in Madison street, New York, on the night of January 4. Several others were injured.

The next House of Representatives will consist of 148. Republicans, 136 regular Democrats, 2 re-adjusters, 8 Greenbackers. Total—292.

Thomas T. Crittenden, governor elect of Missouri, is looming up as a prominent candidate for the United States senate to succeed Senator Cockrell.

It is understood that Garfield will retain Andrew D. White as minister to Germany during his administration. White is president of Cornell university.

Mrs. Christianity's love-letters to Giro have been published and prove that the old man was not deceived or acting hasty when he sent her home to her ma.

B. B. McDonald, who ran the famous tunnel from Lily prison, through which over one hundred officers escaped during the war, died in Denver last week.

Ober & Brother's brewery, Allegheny City, burned on the 4th. It had a capacity of 12,000 barrels of beer annually. Loss, \$45,000; insurance, \$17,000.

The Sprague divorce suit is the principal topic of conversation in Washington. Sprague has been interviewed and charges the entire trouble to Senator Conkling.

E. B. Cox, a democratic senator-elect from Pennsylvania, declined to take the iron clad oath, saying he had used money to secure his election, and could not conscientiously do it.

The United States court refused to grant an injunction restraining the Baltimore & Ohio railroad from using sleeping cars because of alleged infringements on the Pullman Palace Car Co.'s patents.

Miss Ada Cavendish, half sister to the Marquis of Hartington, a prominent member of the British government, is lying dangerously ill at Nashville. Miss Cavendish is a beautiful and talented actress.

The United States circuit court has granted an injunction restraining the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. from interfering with the wires of the Western Union Telegraph Co., until a preceding suit is decided.

A broken rail on the Union Pacific near Alkali Station, Nebraska, threw a second-class coach, a first-class coach and a sleeper off the track on Jan. 2d, with but slight damage to the cars and no injury to the passengers.

A most atrocious murder was committed at a wood-choppers' camp four miles east of San Antonio, Texas, on the 4th. Juan Ray felling Bruno Hilago with an ax for refusing to loan his horses, and then chopping him to pieces. Ray was captured.

An Atlanta, Georgia, dispatch says that Amos T. Akerman died at his home at Cartersville last night, after a week's sickness of inflammatory rheumatism. He was Attorney General with Grant during the first term and was the leader of the republican party in Georgia.

The spread of the foot and mouth disease throughout England continues. An additional number of large farms have

been infected and the celebrated Hereford herd has been attacked by the disease. The farmers are unable to stay the distemper and are thoroughly alarmed.

The committee appointed to report on the general plan of the inaugural decorations have concluded the work and recommend a series of thirty-eight light arches of gas-pipe over Pennsylvania avenue, with appropriate decorations representing each state in the Union, and the decoration of all the statues in the city. The estimated cost of the decorations is \$150,000.

Charles Becker and George Eggleston, forgers of unusual notes were arrested and locked up in the tombs on New Year's day to await extradition to Italy, where they are charged with obtaining large sums of money on forged bills of exchange. This capture breaks up a band of the most noted forgers who have been the terror of two continents for years. Becker is well known to the police as the man who perpetrated the \$64,000 forgery on the Union Trust company in 1873. They were arrested on a dispatch from Consul Crosby at Florence, charged with forgeries there and they will be held for extradition papers which have been forwarded.

The London Times understands that the Ninety-seventh regiment, which was to have been brought to Ireland from Gibraltar, is now ordered to Natal and will leave on the 23d instant. Though Governor Sir George Colley did not ask for reinforcements, he intimated that he may want them, and it was thought better to dispatch a regiment to the Cape immediately, without running the risk of any grave emergency. The balance of the Bibles from Aldershot is ordered to Ireland instead. A dispatch from Durban reports that the Boers have stopped the mails at Heidelberg and opened official letters. The whole Boer army is near Heidelberg. An action is reported to have occurred at Palcheströ, but no particulars have been received. The British troops have arrived at Sanderton.

### STATE NEWS.

Ouray county has a population of 2,677.

Denver gamblers are migrating to Durango.

The Colorado State Grange met in Denver on the 11th.

The Rio Grande hopes to reach Silver Cliff in January.

Chinamen are flocking to Como coal mines in swarms.

The average daily output of coal at Como is two hundred tons.

The Catholics contemplate establishing a large school at Buena Vista.

The Denver News publishes its own ordinance about once a month.

J. W. Goebel, of Ophir, has been appointed a notary public by the Governor.

The ordinance concerning the sale of liquor to minors is being enforced in Denver.

\$10,000 damage was done the Colorado Central mine at Georgetown, by a fire last week.

Senator Dorsey will give a great deal of attention to Colorado railroad progress after this.

Lieutenant-Governor Tabor will hold on until the law courts decide who is to be his successor.

B. R. Cairns was shot and fatally wounded by Joe Hackett in Denver last Sunday evening.

Over \$7,000,000 have been subscribed in New York to Colorado railroad enterprises this month.

A railroad has been staked to cross the South Park road near Platte River station. It is the South Platte extension of the Rio Grande.

Superintendent Walker, of the census, gives Colorado a population of 194,649, with a total in the United States outside of Alaska, of 50,152,659 souls.

The track of the Denver & South Park railroad has been completed to Alpine and the station opened at that place for passenger and freight business.

George Ady, formerly of the South Park road, a gentleman who understands the passenger business to a T has been appointed General Passenger agent for the U. P. lines in this State.

There has been a decided brightening up of commercial and mining affairs in and adjacent to Fairplay within the past few months. Should the present good feeling continue 'til spring a regular boom, it is feared, may be the result.

Buena Vista is surrounded by a rich grain and vegetable producing country. The sales from one farm, that of Mr. A. Westfall, near the city, last season, amounted to between \$2,000 and \$6,000. Oats and potatoes are the principal crops.

The Utes have got their money, and now they don't propose to leave the Reservation. They say the white men can have the mountains, but they will never leave the valleys. Imbecility has marked the whole Ute question from the beginning. Commence over again by hanging the Meeker murderers—and then hang the rest of the tribe to insure their good behavior.

A correspondent of the Denver News reports the following conversation between an old timer and a tenderfoot. The old timer has the floor. "Powerful stuff is giant powder. Reminds me—twenty years ago I was in Fairplay working on a night shift in the Dick Turpin. Run out of grub. Cold? Well I should snicker! Snow twenty-six feet deep, dead level—some snow pards. Yer could fall off a steepie and wouldn't hurt yerself. That warn't a snow shoe in camp. The boys 'singed' me to an iron pot, put two pounds of reverend old giant under me, sighted me for Georgetown and teched me off. I got thar and stratified four whiskey sours before the report kem in. Sledded the boys some grub next day. A big thing is giant powder."

### THE OTHER SIDE.

DURANGO, Colo., Jan'y 6, 1881.

Editor Southwest:—It is a very unpleasant task to answer such false and malignant communications as appeared in the first issue of the Durango Record, and again in your paper of January 1st. The articles referred to are accounts of the tragedy enacted at the house of F. M. Hamblet, near Farmington last Christmas Eve, in which James Garrett, Oscar Puett and my brother, Dison Eskridge, were prominent actors. While I do not blame the newspapers for giving accounts of the affair, I deem it my duty to answer the persons giving such false, villainous, one-sided information. The statement you gave to the public you no doubt considered reliable; but, I am deeply interested in the matter, and hope you will give me space to relate the facts as I have them from responsible parties. I also wish to give a preface to the last act in the tragedy, which will alter the case in toto; and, finally, to those enemies who rush to the press to use that all-powerful medium for interesting public opinion in favor of their own cowardly wrath, who impose upon the credulity of law and orderly disposed editors, to aid them in their thirst for revenge. I propose this—this—their own method—to thus publicly denounce your informant or informants as unmitigated liars and unprincipled villains—and, right here, before I "bile" over, I will just add that my address is Durango, and I can be found at my place of business—the Eclipse Hall, on F street, day or night, awake or asleep.

The killing on Christmas Eve, was the termination of an old neighborhood feud, and I am ready to substantiate my version of it as follows:—Last spring a party of fifteen men, including George Brown, undertook to release some prisoners which my brother Dison and myself were holding as officers attending on court. They failed, and finally put up their guns, shook hands and made it up—all except George Brown and a man named Myers. This was the starter of the enmity, which grew with time and ended Christmas Eve. A short time prior to the killing Brown, with his gang, met Dison at a dance—alone; they set upon him with their shooters and run him off; not, however, until they had assured each other that when they met again it would be a fight to the death. The next time they met was at Hamblet's. I am not informed whether or not formal invitations were sent to Puett, Garrett and Eskridge or any one else. It matters not whether invites were sent on enameled cards, performed done up in posies and ribbons, or whether one told the other to come, or whether it was free for all the neighborhood, as is customary in that as well as many other rural districts. But certain it is that in that particular instance to neglect or reject their company was an insult; and, under the circumstances, could not be accepted by the boys in any other light than a direct challenge. The gambler being thrown down it is not necessary for me to say that the boys went. It is alleged they had been drinking whisky, it is also supposed that others "look upon the wine when it is red" about Christmas times. I do not know whether they carried a flag of truce in one hand and an olive branch in the other or not. But soon after their arrival one of the "gangs" issued a bill of excommunication to the three! Dison Eskridge assumed the defensive, and got there first—i. e. got his gun leveled against the "chief," when that gentleman's mind on the subject of practical catenation underwent an instantaneous change. Garrett says—"boys, if we can't stay here without a row, let's go home." They started and had got out when one of the "gangs" came around the corner of the house, George Brown in the lead, with his gun drawn, when Dison drew his and shot Brown. When the firing began Oscar Puett, an innocent boy who had the fear of a shot nor offered to do so, ran up to Lee Hamblet for protection. Placing his arms around Lee's neck he implored him not to let the "gang" kill him. Lee said: "Then G—d—n—y—run; that's the only way I can save you"; and, as he ran they shot him in the back. The poor boy had never injured, but always befriended Lee, and had every reason in the world to consider him his friend. If there ever was a murderer most cowardly it was when he killed Oscar Puett. The blood of that innocent boy should stain and torture their fiendish souls until hell claims its own. They perjure themselves and poison the very air they breathe every time they deny the killing of him and try to lay it on Garrett and Dison.

That gallant band which "marched up the hill and then marched down again," had some good intentioned and well-meaning, though misled men in it. I do not harbor any resentment against them, for I well know the pressure that was brought to bear upon them, but to the "brave leader," and all enemies, particularly those who manifested such godless sentiments toward the dead body of poor Puett, I say to those that they may take just as many exceptions to these sentences as they see fit.

The savage barbarity shown to the body of Puett in death could only be emulated by their superior neighbors—the Utes.

I will conclude by assuring you, Mr. Editor, that I lay claim to no literary attainments, but have studiously endeavored to get my story down in plain, unvarnished, hard-pan English, and the anonymous letter sent me, threatening me with a vigilance committee or mob of some kind, does not scare me. I am engaged in legitimate business, surrounded by a cosmopolitan population in a future great city, and they can perhaps use their "phantom dromedary" to rob, pillage and murder in the lower country, but don't ever indulge in the delusion that you can introduce that most dangerous enemy to law, life and property in Durango.

Yours very truly,  
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