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THE EARTH'S INTERIOR.

And the Curious People Who Inhabit It.

Cincinnati Enquirer. On the 31st day of March, 1880, appeared in the New York Herald the following advertisement:

"Wanted, three hundred laboring men, single, four assistant civil engineers and twenty skilled mechanics, for a four years' contract. Apply at 201 Broadway." On the first of May there sailed from New York harbor a stanch vessel, loaded with shovels, picks, machinery and a lot of laborers. Their destination was Rio Janero. What was the object of the expedition none on board could or would tell. It was whispered that they constituted a colony going to settle in some of the rich lands in South America, yet when inquiries were pressed closely the officials in charge declared that they were taking out an expedition to Patagonia to observe the transit of Venus, which occurred that year. The vessel sailed and was forgotten.

At a late hour last night a telephone message came from the Cincinnati Hospital that a man was dying and wished to make a statement to an Enquirer reporter of importance. There, in one of the wards, was found, bronzed by a tropical sun, the thin and emaciated form of Thomas Shelton, an intelligent English sailor, who made the following remarkable statement to the reporter. He was very faint, and at times gasped for breath, and was only kept alive long enough to relate his tale by numerous pony brandies and occasional subcutaneous injections of morphine to ease his rheumatic pains. The physicians declared that he would not live long enough to finish, but the brandy and the fact that he had a great secret to confide nerved him to the conclusion. He died at 3:30 this morning.

"In March, 1880, I shipped as a laborer in answer to the advertisement in the Herald, which is inserted above, being promised good wages, \$3 a day in gold, to go to South America upon some sort of a scientific expedition. With a number of others I went. After a voyage of five months in the sailing vessel Adelaide we landed at a port, Santo Luiz de Puera, on the coast of Patagonia. There our cargo, which consisted largely of supplies, tents, an immense amount of machinery, four huge portable engines, steam drills and all sorts of appliances for blasting were unloaded. We proceeded into the interior about twenty miles, when we came to what appeared to be a dried out lake. It was nearly a mile in diameter and about two miles in depth, covered with a soft, flaky soil of a brownish color and very light. There was no vegetation of any sort in this lake. We proceeded to the deepest point, and under direction of the engineers began to dig. The excavation was about thirty feet in diameter, and as fast as we reached any depth the sides were surrounded with half-inch sheet-iron plates, which were braced by cross-bars and beams to prevent the earth from caving in. As our work progressed, and we worked three gangs of men eight hours each, the engines were placed in position and the dirt was hauled up in large iron buckets. After digging at the excavation for upwards of a year and a half, we came to solid foundations, granite rocks, which necessitated blasting. Fulminate of mercury, dynamite and nitro glycerine were used, and by the aid of electrical batteries exploded when the men had been called from the work. Our wages were paid regularly each week, but they were of no use to us, as the country was unsettled and there were no towns or villages anywhere near. In the year of 1883, our work was completed more suddenly than we had expected. An immense charge of dynamite was inserted one night—upward of forty pounds—enough to tear up half a city a distance from the shaft of about four and a quarter miles. It was exploded by means of the electric batteries, and at once a peculiar foul vapor came forth, into which one of the engineers tossed a match. The entire cavity was at once in flames, which shot up a distance of several hundred feet. This did not last long, however, and arrangements were at once made for a descent. A large circular car, capable of holding ten persons, was let down by means of huge machinery. A mammoth balloon was carried along, but for what purpose I could not imagine. Down, down into darkness almost concrete, we descended, and at last, reaching the depth of four miles and a half, found ourselves suddenly in what appeared to be a vast cavern, the bottom of which we could not see. The balloon was here inflated, and in the car attached to this three of the scientific gentlemen and myself entered, for the purpose of exploration. The balloon sailed about gracefully though gradually striking down. How far we went I have no means of telling, but at last we reached what was solid ground. We landed in the suburbs of a city, though the houses were all of one story. People soon came to us, clad in odd-shaped garments, some of whom conversed in a language none of us could comprehend. Fastening our balloon, we entered the city, and strange were the sights we saw. The people had no flesh, nothing but

skeletons and stomachs. They all were muffled up, yet they walked along the streets and seemed engaged in business and pleasure. Being hungry, we entered a large building, over the front of which was a carving of various sorts of animals. A long counter was at one end of the room, and the smell of cooking savory viands greeted us. There were many in the room, and they walked to the counter, handed something like a bag, which they took from out of their coats, to those in charge, which was immediately filled and handed to them.

Some of our party went to the counter, and making a sign for something to eat, the party behind said: "Your stomach, sir," reaching his hand out as a no credit house, and money was wanted, slipped out a five dollar gold piece. The man behind the bar looked astonished, and said something to one of his assistants, and large plates of eatables were soon before us. We were too hungry to pay much attention to anything else until our appetites were satisfied, when, looking around, we saw that we were the center of observation. The people of the interior of the earth, it seems, do not eat as we do, but simply reach in, and taking out their stomachs, hand them to be filled.

Another singularity noticed was that only those faculties were developed which were used. While all seemed to possess the power of locomotion, yet it was bestowed in various degrees. Some of the skeletons moved about with great rapidity, and used their hands with great dexterity; and others appeared to be talkers and to have little or no use of their hands. Inquiring of one of these talking, gibbering skeletons, who these people were and what their habits and customs, he observed: "You are strangers. I should take pleasure in showing you our world." Availing ourselves of his kindness, he continued: "You see these people all spring from their parents' brain, and jump full formed skeletons into existence. They remain for twenty years, during which time they are at liberty to cultivate any faculty they choose. Some love study and become lawyers and preachers. Their voices become flexible and eloquent, their locomotion is neglected. Others learn a trade, and only the faculties needed for that trade are developed."

We went to watch makers, and there were a dozen or more of workmen seated on benches turning off with great rapidity the finest of workmanship. Their heads were tiny and delicate, their fingers as delicate as needles, and their eyes possessed of microscopic power equal to one-six-thousandth diameter. There were blacksmiths with huge, bony hands and arms like iron crowbars. Some of them, our friend assured us, could lift several tons with ease.

"Have you no books and papers?" we asked. We went to a printing office. There seated around were skeletons setting type with lightning rapidity; yet not a word was spoken. These men have almost lost the power of speech, as they have no occasion to talk, but so rapid are they that some can set 100,000 ems in an hour. A huge bell rang at this moment. There, that's the Court-house bell. We followed the crowd, and entered a large building. On an elevated bench was seated a skeleton with an immense head as big as a bushel basket. It was the judge. In a sing-song tone the clerk called the case. A short speech was made by a lawyer, a dagger was handed to the judge, a skeleton walked upon the witness stand, and pointed to the prisoner and the knife and nodded his head. It was a policeman giving in his testimony. He was all eyes, could see through everything, look through a brick wall, and he had seen the bruiser kill a fellow-man by ripping open his stomach. He seized him, and the knife, and the stomach. The case was complete. The Judge said, "Kill him," and the executioner coming in, plunged the dagger into his stomach, tore it open, and the skeleton of the murderer fell to the ground. Life is all in the stomach, and this killed or injured, death at once ensues. The stomach being destroyed, is thrown into an immense pit, which was near the Clerk's desk, while the skeleton was hauled off to a bone factory.

The Judge called, "Next case." Shocked at the rapidity with which justice was administered our surprise was great, but our informant declared that crime was not common so sure was the punishment. A theater was visited and the actors were proficient in only one quality, but in that one their excellence seemed superhuman. In the orchestra were fiddlers who pressed the divinest touch and brought forth music that would make angels weep and a Paganini grow green with envy. Funerals were conducted singularly. As only the stomach was immortal that alone was preserved in alcohol and sealed up in labeled jars. The graveyard was a vast underground stone house, and lined with shelves, on which were myriads of bottles with stomachs in pickle, while on the bottle were recorded the deeds of the owner. Thus history was early written, being nothing more than a compilation or judicious selection of the labels on the bottles.

The air in this world was intensely hot, so that our party were constantly perspiring. Not so the skeletons. They never minded it. We remained in the earth's interior seventy-four hours, when two of our party fell dead, leaving only an engineer and myself.

In fear we launched our balloon and soared aloft to our comrades. Once again on terra firma. I was seized with an undefinable illness, and was speedily sent home, leaving my companions to carry on the explorations. I learned that Jay Gould and others are interested in the enterprise, for when I was sent home on a passing vessel I was given dispatches for him, which, by orders, I left at Rio Janeiro, to be forwarded to him at New York.

Thus ended the queer tale of the dying man, who was unable to say more. Perhaps it is of some significance to state that Jay Gould left New York in his yacht, destination unknown, early last February. His movements, though unknown, are undoubtedly for Patagonia, as the yacht was passed off the Bermudas, going due south, April 1, 1884.

Big Strike on the Union Pacific.

A strike of the employees of the Union Pacific began May 1, and it is reported that it is becoming more general all along the line than was anticipated. At least seven hundred men have quit work in Denver and it is authoritatively reported that fifteen hundred have quit in Omaha. They claim they will not go to work again until the salaries recently reduced shall be restored in full. The strike promises to work great disadvantage to the road. Reports from New York City say that Union Pacific stock is going down in consequence of the reports of the big strike. A large number of men on the South Park division have quit work.

Mrs. Tabor's Diamonds.

An Oskosh dispatch of the 25th says: Mrs. Ex-Senator Tabor has replenished the diamonds and jewelry which were deposited in the vaults of the Notional Bank of Oskosh by James McCount in his own name, shortly previous to his death, and which were attached by McCount's creditors. It appears that Mrs. Tabor gave her diamonds to her brother to deposit in the bank for safe keeping, and he unaccountably deposited them in his own name, expecting, probably, to get them himself whenever Mrs. Tabor wanted them. The accident to him and his sudden death, left the valuables in the bank deposited in his name, and his creditors immediately seized upon them. The diamonds and jewels are valued at fifteen thousand dollars. Mrs. Tabor gave the necessary bonds, pending the suit, if it is ever prosecuted, to determine the ownership of the diamonds.

Kansas Desperadoes.

A courier last night brought news of a daring attempt to rob the Medicine Valley Bank, of Medicine Lodge, thirty-five miles west of here, in which the Cashier was killed and the President fatally wounded. At ten o'clock in the morning four men, armed with Winchester repeating rifles and revolvers, rode to the bank, two remaining with the horses, while the others entered the building and demanded the money. E. W. Payne, President, and George Geppert, cashier, were in the bank. They refused to comply with the demand, and were fired upon with the result above stated. The City Marshal just then appeared and opened fire on the men outside. The citizens gathered fast, and the robbers, seeing their game was up, quickly mounted and galloped away without having secured any booty. Within ten minutes thirty men were in hot pursuit, and the chances are that the robbers will be captured and summarily dealt with. There is no clue to their identity.

Scarcity of Gold Dollars.

Bangle mania, a craze with which most young ladies are at sometimes more or less affected, threatens to make away with the few thousands of gold dollars yet in circulation. To-day there are less than 4,000 gold dollar pieces in the vaults of the sub-treasury in Wall street, and they are reserved for the use of government paymasters at foreign stations. Within two months ten thousand were applied for by bangle fiends and others, but every applicant went away disappointed. Last month only 2,753 were struck off at the mint. A West India firm recently sent 5,000 to Cuba, and a few months ago one of the banks of the city succeeded after some difficulty, in obtaining 500 for export to France, where they will be made into bangles or worked into jewelry. Hundreds of thousands of them have been withdrawn from circulation through bangle mania, and if the craze does not die out, or the government fails to come to the rescue with a more liberal issue of the coin in question, it will not be a great while before virgin and unutilized specimens, will become valuable as curiosities. A coin of any description made into a bangle or other article of adornment loses its face value. While there is no law against defacing metal money attempts to utter it after such mutilation are subject to punishment in the shape of severe penalties.

The D. & R. G. railway is now running through cars again, the bridge in the Black Canon having been restored.

Fencing the Road.

Denver Journal of Commerce. The Union Pacific railroad company has commenced at North Platte to construct westward wire fences on both sides of the track, and it is intended to so fence all the way through to Ogden. It requires no extraordinary process of reasoning to demonstrate to the mind the important bearing this step will have upon the cattle interests of Wyoming. It has been the hope, wish and desire of many of our citizens for years that the company would fence the road, but now that we are met face to face with the fact of its so doing it looks a little different when we come to consider the matter. Ever since the Territory was organized, and before, as well, the cattle on these vast plains have been permitted practically to roam at will from the North Platte in this particular portion of the Territory to the South Platte, and even beyond in the neighboring State of Colorado.

The erection of this fence will practically place a barrier between the flocks and herds north of the railroad and those on the south. There may and probably will be openings or public driveways at stated intervals, through which cattle can roam or be driven, but after all, during the prevalence of severe storms in the winter, when the cattle, horses and sheep naturally drift with the storm, these openings that may be left will be of little account, and it will be found that practically a barrier has been interposed that will almost totally stop the drifting of cattle across the Union Pacific.

Colorado's Cattle Interests.

Denver Tribune. Colorado this year will lead all the States and Territories in the numbers of cattle it will purchase and drive up from the great feeding grounds of Texas. It is estimated by those competent to know that 200,000 head will be driven to Colorado from Texas, besides 50,000 more that will be shipped in from the West-Western States and from Tennessee and Arkansas. These numbers, added to the 250,000 calf crop, of the present spring, will swell our bovine family to 2,000,000. The largest purchase of cattle in the Lone Star State the present year will be the Messrs. Pryor Brothers, of Pueblo. They have already purchased and will drive into Colorado, 46,000 head. This immense band of cattle will come north of the Divide. To drive this immense herd of cattle the Pryor Brothers have purchased 405 head of saddle horses and will employ from 30 to 40 men. They will consume from 60 to 90 days in making the move. This tedious journey, were the Denver & New Orleans road completed, would be performed in sixty hours.

IMMENSE forest fires are raging in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Lives have been lost and much property destroyed. Whole villages are threatened with destruction. A New house is being built for Col. Robert Ingersol, in Colfax county, New Mexico, on the ranch of Ex-Senator Dorsey, which is of unique design. It is of logs, bark removed and oiled. The interior is finished in mountain mahogany oiled.

On May 2nd an order was issued from the general offices of the Union Pacific road at Omaha withdrawing the order for a reduction of salaries of all employees of the road, and restoring the old rates. This puts a sudden end to the strike which was fast spreading over the road, and is a victory for the employees.

At the end of the 26th day of the scandalous Sharon suit in San Francisco, Miss Sarah A. Hill was still Miss Sarah A. Hill. She summoned relatives, friends, dressmakers, seamstresses, coachmen, restaurant waiters, servants and clairvoyants, all of whom testified that Miss Hill had been seen a good deal with Mr. Sharon, but none of them adduced proof that she was or ever had been Mrs. Sharon.

An extensive conflagration is raging in the Blue Mountains, twenty-five miles from here. The wind carries the smoke in dense clouds over this part of Warren county. At 5 o'clock this afternoon it became completely dark and a smoky pall, almost suffocating, rests over Washington. The inhabitants are alarmed and the Mayor has requested the members of the fire company to remain on duty during the night.

ORANGE JUDD, editor of the American Agriculturist for some thirty years, but unconnected with its business management for a year or two past, has lately retired from its editorial department and located in the West. He desires to gather a complete "Postal-Card Album" of his old readers and friends, and requests them all to send him now a postal giving their present location and address, naming also, when convenient, the years in which they were his subscribers. Mr. Judd's address is Chicago, Illinois.

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MINING NEWS.

PATENT ON MELVINA.

Application for patent on the Melvina lode was made three years ago and the patent was issued a few days since, to the owners, Jas. C. Parrish, et als, of New York.

REED'S LEASE.

Fred Reed's lease on the Garibaldi lode commences to-day and continues over a period of one year.

GRAND DUKE MINING COMPANY.

The Grand Duke Mining Co. held their annual election on May 1st in St. Louis and the following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year:

President—L. J. Holthaus, Vice-President—H. L. Rozier, Secretary—Gustavus St. Gem, Treasurer—John C. H. D. Block, Superintendent—Joseph Meredith.

THE MAGPIE AND SUNLIGHT.

C. H. Byfield started on his return trip to the Magpie and Sunlight mines on Mount Wilson on Wednesday morning last, and will be joined at Ames by Jas. Sutherland.

THE PASADENA SMELTER.

All the machinery for the Pasadena smelter is now lying at Rockwood and is in charge of the patentee, Mr. John Neville, and two skilled assistants.

The Pasadena Reduction Company have secured the sole right to these furnaces for the State of Colorado and the Territory of New Mexico, and the machinery to erect the first one in the State of Colorado has been shipped.

Refining the base bullion and keeping the lead or litharge in the camp to use in smelting ores containing lead, will be a great advantage by insuring at all times plenty of lead for the dry ores.

Prof. Dixon will be in charge of the construction and general management, as superintendent and metallurgist.

LEWIS AND REILLY, the horse thieves who were captured near Black Lake in New Mexico, last fall by a party of cowboys, and who were lodged in the La Plata county jail, made their escape two weeks ago and have not been captured.

Suicide of Charlie Ford.

Charlie Ford, the slayer of Jesse James, committed suicide at Richmond, Mo., on last Monday morning, shooting himself through the heart and dying instantly.

The coroner's jury found that the deceased was a habitual morphine eater. He left no letter.

Republican State Convention.

The Republican State Convention was held as announced on May 1st in Denver. The committee on delegates was announced as follows:

J. L. Brush, of Weld. Irving Howbert, of El Paso. E. T. Alling, of Fremont. Ezra Fairchild, of Arapahoe. J. A. Smith, of Boulder. J. W. Stanton, of Pueblo.

O. M. Stevenson, of Gunnison. Otto Mears, of Ouray. J. A. Layton, of Mesa. S. J. Hanna, of Lake.

D. Fair, of Park. R. B. Weiser, of Clear Creek. G. J. Hanley, of Chaffee.

This committee reported that the delegates selected to the National Convention were:

William A. Hamill, of Clear Creek county. Samuel H. Elbert, of Arapahoe county.

Hon. C. C. Davis, of Lake county. Hon. Alex. Gullett, of Gunnison county.

Hon. Benjamin F. Crowell, of El Paso county. Hon. A. L. Emigh, of Larimer county.

And as alternates: Frank F. Osbiston, Clear Creek county, alternate for William A. Hamill.

Dr. J. W. Graham, of Arapahoe county, alternate for S. H. Elbert.

S. W. Jones, of Summit county, alternate for C. C. Jones.

D. P. Kingsley, of Mesa county, alternate for Alex. Gullett.

J. H. Stead, of Chaffee county, alternate for B. F. Crowell.

James A. Smith, of Boulder county, alternate for A. L. Emigh.

The committee further reported that each of the named gentlemen were unqualifiedly in favor of the nomination of James G. Blaine for President of the United States.

Dolores county was represented by D. R. Clay, W. H. Bean and E. J. Bonnell. The first named was represented by proxy.

Well, Hardly.

We understand that the article in last week's News under the head of "The Labor Question," has been severely condemned by some miners, who claim that it advocates lower wages.

It is neither fair nor proper for either miners or mine-owners to meet and arbitrarily fix a scale of wages. Such a course in either party has always caused more harm than good.

We want to see a more cordial feeling between the classes referred to—miners and those who employ them. There seems to be a few miners who look upon any man who employs them as a sworn enemy and, fostering this feeling, they are altogether too zealous in guarding their interests, and are very apt to defeat the ends they strive to achieve.

To any miner who has heard or imagines that the News advocates low wages, we take pleasure in referring them to the article itself. If, after reading it, they think we did, we have nothing more to say.

This is not a cheap John paper and we want to see fairness in all things. Wages, as matters now stand in Rico, are not a cent too high—work is too scarce and living expenses too great.

General Grant Fails in Business.

The old-established Marine Bank of New York City failed last Tuesday afternoon, with \$500,000 to pay at the clearing house. It was the designated depository of the city, which on Tuesday drew a draft for \$300,000, and hastened matters.

Mr. Hill, of Denver, who owns one-third of the stock in the new Colorado and Wyoming Stage, Mail & Express Co., says his company will put daily stages on the route between Rico and Montrose as soon as possible to run.

LA PLATA county has \$23,500 to be expended on her county roads. The Durango Herald says that sum in cash realized from the sale of the county road bonds, ought to give La Plata county an excellent system of wagon roads.

For several months past negotiations have been pending for the sale of Sanderson & Co's. stage line to the Colorado and Wyoming Stage, Mail and Express Company and during the past month the transfer was announced.

CHAS. T. PARSONS, traveling agent of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad, is the most energetic representative of the kind in the West.

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.

THE DENVER Mining Review of the 1st inst. contains a great deal of Rico news.

DENVER and Rio Grande stock is still declining. The latest quotation is 12 cents.

TWENTY six horses were burned to death in a fire at Sowsley's livery stable at Kansas City.

THE treasury purchases for the week were 300,000 ounces for delivery at the various mints.

SAN JUAN county parties offer \$500 to any persons who will shovel a trail from Ophir to the Burro Bridge—eight miles.

THE decrease in the public debt during the month of April, was \$5,232,075; decrease since June 30, 1883, is \$80,740,474.

THE Denver News startles us with the announcement that during the snow blockade at Rico, "four went up to \$20 a ton."

THE Republican National Convention meets at Chicago June 3d. The Democratic National Convention at same place on July 8th.

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NEAR Kittanning, Pennsylvania.

Saturday night, three officers attempted to arrest three Skelly brothers. A fight ensued, in which one of the officers was probably fatally shot. The Skellys were arrested and jailed.

For several months past negotiations have been pending for the sale of Sanderson & Co's. stage line to the Colorado and Wyoming Stage, Mail and Express Company and during the past month the transfer was announced.

CHAS. T. PARSONS, traveling agent of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad, is the most energetic representative of the kind in the West.

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.

THE DENVER Mining Review of the 1st inst. contains a great deal of Rico news.

DENVER and Rio Grande stock is still declining. The latest quotation is 12 cents.

TWENTY six horses were burned to death in a fire at Sowsley's livery stable at Kansas City.

THE treasury purchases for the week were 300,000 ounces for delivery at the various mints.

SAN JUAN county parties offer \$500 to any persons who will shovel a trail from Ophir to the Burro Bridge—eight miles.

THE decrease in the public debt during the month of April, was \$5,232,075; decrease since June 30, 1883, is \$80,740,474.

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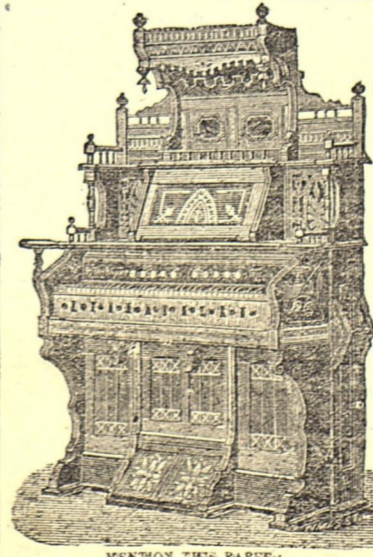
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LOCAL BREVITIES.

E. J. BONNALL will arrive in Rico, from Denver, next week.

JOHN BISSALL returned on last Tuesday evening. He only went to Ames.

FRANK JOHNSTON, one of the old Santa Clara engineers, is on his way into Rico.

"REN" BREWSTER visited his mother and sisters this week, but has returned to Silverton.

A LARGE portion of Jefferson, Texas, is under water. The river is higher than it has been for 18 years.

The train which brought H. L. Scott and Louis Schloss to Rockwood was delayed at Osier 52 hours.

The Arbutle coffee mills at Brooklyn burned Tuesday night. Loss, \$250,000. No more Arbutle coffee for a while.

EDDIE GLASGOW, a nephew of John, came in this week from Kirkwood, Mo., and will make Rico his future abiding place.

J. H. SEARS started out for Telluride yesterday with some horses which he intended to take through. Mrs. Sears has gone over with him.

LOUIS SCHLOSS returned from his business trip to Denver yesterday afternoon, having been absent two weeks. Fortunately, the crust held.

C. ENDERICH came in from Telluride yesterday afternoon and started out on the return trip this morning, taking with him Lillie, his little daughter.

WARNER E. PATRICK writes from Cleveland, Tennessee, that he will return to Rico about June 1st and will devote his time to his mining interests.

The Pioneer hotel has been feeding the volunteers on the road and the bills are footed by the toll-road people. John Dyson has charge of the cook room.

The Grand Junction banks sustained a heavy run last Monday, but all demands were met and checks promptly paid. The excitement was over in a few hours.

CARRIE FULLER escorted Jack Beale across the divide to Ames this week. Carrie was on her way to Ouray and traveled from Barlow's to Sargent's in one day.

FRANK BISHOP, of the firm of Cahn & Bishop, arrived in Rico this morning, coming in from Flag Station. During his absence of five months he has been in Connecticut.

W. G. BARNETT left Thursday for Pagosa Springs, where he intends to remain for the next few weeks, enjoying the health-giving baths of the largest hot spring in the state.

MINERS are entitled to and should promptly receive the wages due them for work. Their work is hard and hazardous and when the labor is completed their money should be ready.

A UTE Indian murdered his wife on Pine River last Wednesday evening, says the Durango Southwestern of the 3d. Cause, jealousy. He beat out her brains with rocks on the roadside.

J. N. BROUGHTON, of the Rico Carriage Works, left on Thursday morning for Durango, on business. He had intended going to Trinidad, but the timely arrival of a letter prevented the necessity of the trip.

C. J. BANG and "Henry," John Gault's broad shouldered butcher boy, left Rico for the cattle country below on Wednesday night for the purpose of bringing in beef up the river, for both the Gault and Bang markets. They will return with cattle before long.

L. S. DICKINSON is absent in Gunnison City, where he is the owner of some valuable city real estate, which he secured last fall in exchange for Lake City mining property. His absence will extend over a period of several weeks, during which time he will visit Querida.

J. C. THOMPSON, who was until last November a member of the drug firm of Thompson & Towne, returned to Rico, arriving this morning about 10 o'clock. Since leaving Rico Mr. T. has been to the Sandwich Islands and other far-off localities. He is not yet decided as to what his future business will be.

The first payment to H. E. Snyder on his contract with the county for building roads and bridges will be made to-day. The terms of payment are one fourth (\$500) twenty days after commencement of work; one-fourth twenty days later, and the balance on completion of the work.

PERLEY WASON'S splendid dog, "Shep," which has been admired and petted by every one who has had occasion to stop at Flag Station in Hermosa Park, is dead, having been accidentally poisoned. The demise of this magnificent animal will be regretted by the many with whom he was a favorite.

D. A. MCGRAW, postmaster, returned to Rico yesterday afternoon after an absence of many months, during which he has visited relatives in Delavan, Wisconsin, Hampton, Illinois, and Wyandotte, Kas. Mrs. McGraw is now in Wyandotte and will join her husband in Rico before long.

"STUB" PARKS (H. W.) returned yesterday morning from Montrose, with all his loose earthly possessions tied in a bundle on his back, which he describes as the accumulated property of 44 years untiring labor. Parks says he comes back to roam again nevermore; that Rico is good enough for winter or summer.

The Last of the Season.

On next Friday evening, the 16th inst. the Bachelors will welcome the public to the concluding hop of the series of pleasant ones which have been universally enjoyed this winter. An admission fee will be charged sufficient to cover the expenses of the entertainment, and it is unnecessary to say that the last ball of the season will be largely attended. On the following Sunday evening, the 18th, the Order of Benevolent Bachelors will be formally disbanded until the first Sunday of November next. The boys have contributed largely, in a variety of ways, to the amusement of the public this winter and at the same time have enjoyed themselves. A season of active work has begun and few of them could spare the time necessary to keep the organization up to its present standard. Hence the temporary disbandment.

Stricken by Fortune.

August Rische, who made his fortune in Leadville, is interested in Rico to some extent and has been here on several occasions. To his many personal acquaintances, the following article as to his behavior when he "struck it" will be readable: "One of Senator Tabors' partners when he struck his first bonanza, says the Kansas City Star, was a German named Rische, who was past the middle age, had been a cobbling shoemaker all his life, and a \$50 note was an engraving he had never inspected at nearer range than through the wicket of a bank counter. He got out \$1,000,000.

The first thing he did was to build a large brick house, red in color, and of square and hideous architectural design, about two miles distant from the camp or any other habitation. Then he got married and retired in this dwelling, as the knights and barons of medieval times retired into their castle keeps, and he only emerged at long intervals to lay in provisions and chewing tobacco. This was his conception of perfect rest, and consequently ecstatic happiness. He had a profound mistrust of banks and kept his cash by him, where thieves could not break in or moths corrupt. One would suppose that his scheme was open to objections on the ground of its lack of variety, but unkind rumor credited the capitalist's wife, who was a very valuable lady, with ability to keep him entertained and excited."

No Massacre at Mitchell's.

The startling news from the Mitchell ranch in southeastern Utah, which seemed to threaten the annihilation of the whole Mitchell family and the friends who had gone to their rescue, is succeeded by the statement that everything is quiet and that no further apprehension need be felt.

An additional force of men was sent from Fort Lewis on the double-quick to the scene of action where 11 men, belonging to the mounted infantry, were corralled, and relieved them from a serious predicament. The Indians have been returned to the reservation and will be kept there. The new agent is Jack Bowman, of Gunnison county, who was appointed last month. Bowman is a Western man, who knows Indian tactics and customs and will deal with them strictly as they deserve. It is stated that he has already given instructions to the Indians that they are to keep within the bounds of the reservation and has sent word to the white settlers in the surrounding country that they are privileged to shoot on sight any Navajo found off the reservation. This is a strict order, but the outrages recently committed make it thoroughly justifiable. The reservation is amply large, and as the redskins have abused every privilege, they should be compelled to keep on it. No whites were killed and the only blood spilled was in the killing of one Indian and the wounding of another in the first skirmish. It is a fortunate termination of the troubles.

The Keene Failure.

Jim Keene, the celebrated Wall Street speculator, has gone to the wall, after paying out several millions of dollars before quitting business. He was offered several hundred thousands for immediate use, but said he did not care to keep up his margins any longer. Some points of his early life are given by W. C. Budd, who is now the manager of Swartz & Dupee's stock department, and was associated with Mr. Keene on the San Francisco board. He describes him as a rather cold man, not given to much sociability, but one who is not inclined to forget a kindness. Budd gives some interesting points in Keene's California career: He was a printer's apprentice early in youth, and about the first money he earned for himself was as a school teacher in Shasta county, Cal., and as editor of the Shasta county Courier at a salary of \$15 a week. He went to San Francisco in 1855 and clerked a while, and also took a hand at speculation in a picnic way.

Fidally he came out as a carbuncle speculator, and about 1870, attracted by his sharp eye and snappy way of doing business, some of the regular brokers on the San Francisco Mining Exchange gave him occasional business in trading in fractional "feet," which was the first of mining speculation in those days. Later on he made a big hit in Crown Point. He had found a broker who got him a seat on the board, and he sent Seth Cook, a mining expert, to Virginia City to investigate the Crown Point mine. Cook reported favorably, and Keene began buying the stock at about \$2 a share. Cook received for his services \$100 and a half interest in 1,000 shares. The purchase was made at a happy moment, for Senator Jones, who was then the superintendent, had just struck the great Crown Point bonanza and in a few months Crown Point was selling at \$1,900 a share. On that deal alone he made over \$1,000,000.

From that time on he was a power in the financial world. The Big Bonanza excitement of 1875 added another \$2,000,000 to his pile, but no more. He is often credited with bringing \$7,000,000 to the street. That is a mistake. When he left California he had about \$5,000,000 in cash and some real estate, which he afterward sold at a big profit.

SHERMAN CULVER is at his father's place on the Dallas, and Al Steele is quartered on a cousin on Cow creek.

On hunting, finding and getting away with country provender.

JUDGE GERRY has sent an order to the clerk of the district court, instructing him to discharge the jurors and witnesses subpoenaed to serve at the regular term of court. In accordance with this order, A. H. Munde will dismiss court next Monday. If possible, Judge Gerry will give Dolores a special term in June or July.

FRANK W. RAYMOND returned yesterday afternoon after an absence of about four weeks, which time has been occupied in visiting several Dakota towns. He has not yet decided to remove from Rico, although he has a very tempting offer to locate in Dakota. In case he should decide to go there, Huron will likely be the town selected.

A PARTY of Rico people will probably arrive in Rico to-morrow. H. L. Scott arrived in Durango Wednesday and is waiting there to meet J. P. Landon and Professor Brandt W. B. Dixon, who left St. Louis for Rico on Saturday last. At Rockwood the party will probably be increased by John Neville and his assistants and all will come to Rico together.

JOHN EDER has gone up into the Trout Lake country to attend to various mining interests in that locality. Soon as possible, he informs us, work will be actively commenced on the properties of the Silverado Mining Co. on the West Dolores. These claims produced copper ore last season that created considerable excitement.

CAPT. WM. DAVIDSON, whose marriage with Mrs. Jane Armstrong in Cleator Moor, England, was noted at length last week, has arrived in New York on his way to Rico. At present Mrs. Davidson is still in England and whether or not she will come to America this summer is no known. She is a lady who has a large landed estate and has much business to attend to, which may delay her for some time.

If it's all the same to the Placerville postmaster, we would esteem it a great favor if he would discontinue his beastly practice of returning the outgoing Rico mail to Ames about as often as he sends it on to its destination. On several occasions lately the paper mail has been returned, causing long delays. Subscribers of Rico newspapers have been deprived of them long enough.

The old cabin belonging to the Grand View Co., which was on the road leading up the river, was burned down last Sunday night. No one was living in the cabin and the cause of the conflagration is unknown. Night watchman Dave Selby went up to the scene, but seeing that the flames were beyond control and that no other damage could result, he allowed Rico Fire Co. No. 1 to rest peacefully in their bunks. The loss is very slight.

All the water courses in this section are full to overflowing, and for the past several days the volume of water carried by the Dolores river has been very great and the smaller streams, such as Silver and Scotch creeks, have become rushing torrents. The roar of the river can be plainly heard in town, and as the snows in the mountains continue to melt, the stream will increase in size and will likely do considerable damage to the ranching country below Rico.

At the meeting of electors of this school district (No. 1) a special building fund tax of 1 1/2 mills was voted, subject to approval of County Commissioners. One tenth of a mill was voted as a library fund, and the question of building another school-house facing the present one, or of adding to the building, was postponed for future consideration. The present quarters are inadequate to accommodate the scholars. Several town lots belonging to the school district are to be disposed of, and the books of the school treasurer shows a neat balance on the correct side of the ledger.

A. M. ROGERS leaves Rico to-day for the western part of the county for the purpose of assessing the property in that portion of the county for 1884 and collecting the delinquent taxes for 1883. The Dunton has appointed him deputy assessor and A. H. Munde has added to it an appointment as deputy county treasurer. Rogers will list all the cattle in that section, and it is expected that the revenue to Dolores county from taxes on stock of various kinds will be far in excess of any previous year. There are several herds of cattle and horses of considerable extent in the western part of the county.

A CASE of total depravity is reported from the Chinese quarters. It seems that some artful thief, whose stomach craved relief from a steady diet of bacon straight, conceived the plan of approaching the Chinamen with an eulogy on public spirit and to convince them that it was the proper caper for them to shoulder a shovel and join the army of volunteer workers on the wagon road. The arguments were successful, and they went, leaving four fine, fat chickens in the coop. Returning at night full only three remained, and, with woe depicted on every feature, Woe Kee called in the neighbors and explained that in the morning there were one, two, three, four and that then there were only one, two, three, with the convincing explanation: "this one long tailed, this one long tailed, this one long tailed," and pointing to the vacancy said: "This one short tailed—him gone." The question which agitates the vicinity is who was the diplomatist who got the Chinaman's short-tailed chicken?

Durango and Wingate.

Senator Hill has written the following private letter relating to the proposed mail route between Durango and Wingate:

UNITED STATES SENATE, Washington, D. C.

J. L. PENNINGTON, Durango, Colorado:

DEAR SIR: I received your letter of 18th of March, with a very interesting petition for the establishment of postal service between Durango and Gallup. The Second Asst. P. M. General informs me he will have the route investigated by an Inspector. I am always in favor of securing mail service where it can be shown to be reasonably required; and it seems to me that it would be for the interest of your section of the state to have this service. It appears to the Department, as you have a railroad running into the town, that it is unnecessary to establish a route to reach another railroad; and as there seems to be one office to be served between Farmington and Gallup he doesn't look upon it favorably. I told him it was important as a winter route. He said, in that case, it would be much cheaper to put on temporary service during the winter. However, I will give this matter careful consideration and do what I can in your interest.

Yours Truly, N. P. HILL.

Good News for Settlers.

Government plat of the late surveys of township 47, north range 17 and 18 W. N. M. M., located in the Paradox, San Miguel and Dolores valleys, are now on file in the Gunnison United States Land Office. This will be good news to the settlers on these tracts of land. They can now prove up and get titles to their ranches.

The show-fall in Colorado during the past winter is said by some to have been the heaviest for ten years, while others claim that its equal has not been seen since 1872. Many hold that 1880 is the year to which we may safely refer as the latest precedent. Of this we can not speak from personal knowledge, as it was a little before our time, but preparations have been made in Summit county to work placer ground which has been idle since 1880 because of lack of water.

"There is no great loss, without some small gain," and the people propose to utilize in spring that which has been a curse in winter.

LAFE PENCE returned early this morning from Ouray. Rollins & Young, through some misunderstanding, failed to have their representative on hand and the payment of the debt of Dolores to Ouray county is not yet closed up, but will be in a few days. The Board of Commissioners of Ouray county agreed to accept the warrant of \$9,872.62 as a satisfaction of the judgment whenever R. & Y. make the exchange, which they have assured us they will do. With the assistance of J. R. Letcher, Ouray county's attorney, Mr. Pence drew up the stipulations and entries and the matter will be closed up at once.

APPARENTLY very little interest was taken in the school election held last Monday. Messrs. Towne, Wannemaker and Park, of the school board, were present, and after opening the polls for the election of a treasurer for the next three years, Messrs. Park and Towne cast their votes for J. F. Wannemaker for that position. Mr. W. complimented S. W. Bartlett with his vote, but his fellows of the board were too busy for him and he was elected by a vote of 2 to 1. Rico ladies cannot be very much in favor of female suffrage, as not one exercised the great American privilege of casting a ballot at the only election of the year when they have the right to do so.

Geo. S. BARLOW has returned from his trip to Disappointment, where he went to gather his work cattle. He says that he lost only one during the winter and that that one fell over a cliff and broke its neck. All reports of losses among stock wintering over there are false. At the Brewster camp there has not been an exceed four inches of snow at any one time and all stock came through all right and are looking well. Grass has a fine start and Sam Todd and other cow men are riding the range and branding calves. Geo. W. Spencer, W. H. Dawson and their families are over there and their stock is in good trim. The horses taken out in the Dawson winter herd are in splendid condition. The only one lost during the winter was one of his own which died last fall. It was reported here at one time that several animals had starved, and the facts are welcome to their owners.

The volunteer snow shovelers on last evening reached the foot of the range at the old toll gate, and at 5 o'clock this morning a number of men started out to reinforce those who camped on the road last night. All of them will stay in the road camp to night and buckle in to work again to-morrow morning. The work of to-morrow (the holy Sabbath in the states) it is expected will complete the work on the range, as three miles have already been shoveled by the toll road people over the summit. At the other end of the road, the force is coming up the divide beyond Hermosa Park. Several Rico people have worked continually from a variety of motives, most of them from impulse of public spirit; some on account of the grub furnished; still others to keep their blood from stagnating. Pasquale Finello, however, probably had the most laudable incentive, and he has worked with a will every day. Pasquale has made arrangements with a buxom Kansas girl that she shall come to Rico and that on her arrival she shall be "sealed unto him," in the words of Joaquin Miller's latest serial.

NOTICE OF FORFEITURE.

RICO, DOLORES COUNTY, COLORADO, April 19th, 1884. To Joseph Wilkinson and J. A. Adams: YOU are hereby notified that I have expended one hundred dollars in labor and improvements upon the section 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30,

Ill-Fated Finders.

Denver Mining Review.

The superstitious belief of an old one with the early inhabitants of Pacific coast mining towns, that unless the discoverer of a camp meets an untimely or bloody end, the place of his creation will not descend into the future as one of the "excitements." This idea seems to be not without foundation, wherever it originated. Of 38 "booming" towns in early days, the locators of 12 were killed by the bullet, one caved into a deep shaft, and the majority of the others drifted with the tide of emigration into oblivion, or died and were buried in pauper's graves. "Old Virginny," who donated an everlasting name to that queen of mining camps, Virginia City, came to his death by an "over" dose from a bucking mule, near Dayton, Nevada, and the no less noted Comstock died by a bullet self-administered, in Montana, and like his predecessor, he died financially broke. Col. Storey whose name that country adopted, was killed in battle by Pyramid Lake Indians. Billy Farrell, who struck Meadow Lake, died a victim of remorse in one of the leading San Francisco hospitals, haunted by the spirits of 1,000 deluded pioneers, passing at the foot of his bed. He made no confession. His name is a household word. His grave lies side by side with that of Doughnut Bill in the Lone Mountain cemetery, where he was planted in 1868.

The locator of the first find in Pioche is said to have stopped a stage load of shot gun messengers early in the Black Hills excitement, and rumor says he was buried along side a boulder not far from the line of the road. Kelse Austin, whose name is attached to one of Nevada's pioneer towns, is anchored in northeastern Elko county, and is probably no nearer the golden goal than the legion of early settlers who surround him. Of they who first "uncovered the lead in the White Pine mines," the world knows little. A lone grave under a white pine tree tells a chapter in the tale. Of Eureka's first inhabitant, nothing also is told us, but it is safe to surmise that few nuggets weighed down his blankets as he walked out over the grade. Tuscorora was the work of an insane emigrant from Massachusetts. Legend locates his tombstone near the adobe shacks of the old townsite, but those posted infer that he atoned for his misdeed by sinking himself to the bottom of the headwaters of the Owyhee, in which, he did not fall into the hands of a determined vigilance committee. Aurora started a goodly sized graveyard with her "oldest inhabitant." Bill Boyd slept himself "away" in a snowstorm a few miles from the present place of writing. When his memory had reached the age of twenty years, his bones were resurrected and after being paraded at the head of a procession of tenderfeet through the town after his own name they were identified by their comrades and buried with imposing ceremony among the "bad men from Bodie."

A monument was raised to his memory and it still stands unpaid for in the stone-cutter's yard. Homer, of Homer district, followed in the suicidal tracks of Comstock, and after squandering a small fortune shot his brains out in the streets of San Francisco. These are but few of many instances, but the fates which have befallen the many who have ventured in the discovery of new lodes, and succeeded, bear the old timers out in the belief that still has existence in not a few minds.

SPokane Falls, Washington Territory, May 2.—Last night at Thompson Falls, an Indian with some whites, was engaged at the gambling table. The Indian was charged with unfair dealing and a fight ensued. The Indian started to run, and was fatally shot in the back by one of the gamblers. As the news spread Indians began to collect and show signs of a general uprising. The roughest element in the country is now collected at Thompson Falls. It is unsafe for a man with money to go out unprotected at night. A number of persons have been robbed. The same state of affairs exists at Spokane Falls, where a number of gamblers from Thompson Falls have collected. An organized vigilance committee is talked of.

CANON CITY, Colorado, May 1.—The long bridge, No. 200, across Four Mile creek, east of here, on the Denver & Rio Grande railway, was burned last night between the hours of four and eleven o'clock. All passengers were transferred at the creek, involving a delay of about two hours. The bridge will be finished and the road open for travel this evening. It is thought the bridge was set afire by tramps. As an example of the immense freight business done by the road, there are now about 150 cars, over half of them loaded, in the freight yard here to-night, all eastern-bound, the result of this 24 hour's delay.

PROSPECTORS are from all grades of society. The original Jacobs of a prospector is generally an old California miner who has tramped with his burro and hammer and pickax up and down the Pacific coast for the past twenty years or more, always moving on. Others are those who have fled from home and friends through misfortune, and it is no uncommon thing to find highly educated gentlemen and men who had their millions and enjoyed all the luxuries of life living the life of outcasts.—Denver Mining Review.

Shortly before midnight, May 1st, a bomb with ignited fuse, containing six pounds of giant powder, was thrown upon the porch of the Crawford House, Colorado Springs, shattering the doors and windows of the hotel and neighboring houses. It is supposed that the act was directed by some saloonists against the proprietor of the house, who has been very active to suppress the liquor traffic in the town.

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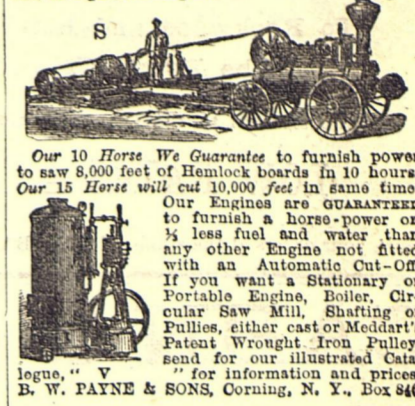
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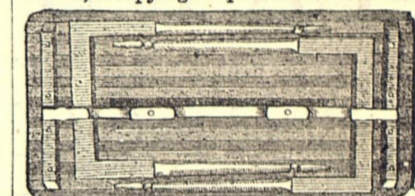


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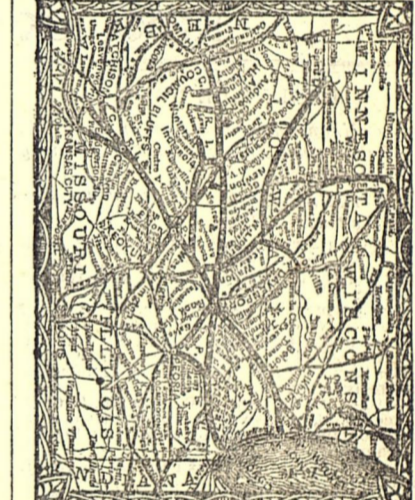
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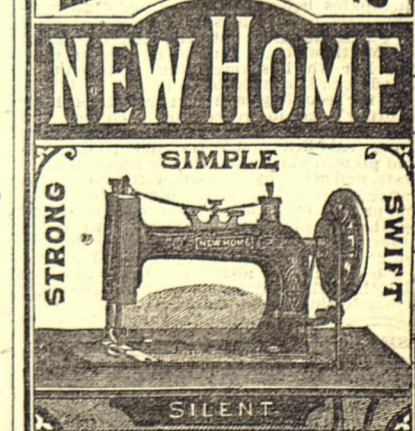
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