

DEADWOOD COACH.

Interesting Reminiscences of Early Travel in the Wild West.

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I had seen \$200,000 in gold bullion packed in that strap-box the previous afternoon, and had been invited to take the 5750 gold brick back to the mine. I didn't do it—I tried it though.

Every sort of a wagon that carries passengers or the mail is called a "stage" on the Plains and in the mountains of the West.

Uncomfortable traveling. The larger of these coaches have seats for 13 passengers, nine inside and four on the top.

On routes where the amount of business is not so great the mid-way pike place to the "jerk," which, in mode of construction and general appearance, resembles the former.

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Attack on the coach. We reached without going far for out of the road that our wheels did not strike.

Lower down the gulch, distinctive in its frail, primitive architecture. A dim light here and there streaming from a gambling-den or opium den.

How dark and black the mountain looked as we began its steep ascent!

Just the place for lurking road agents behind these trees," I remarked to Jake, the driver.

Jake gathered his reins in his left hand, placed his whip handle under his thumb with his point resting upon the ribbons, pushed his broad-brimmed Mexican sombrero back from his face, and said: "I reckon not."

For half an hour our company was as silent as a Quaker meeting, except when the driver spoke sharply to some horse of his team that was disposed to "soldier."

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It was customary, therefore, for the young men of Deadwood to hunt in the mountains about the town without fear of being molested by the Indians.

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By this time it was sunset, and discretion dictated a return to the town, whether the company wished it, was, sorrowful and crestfallen.

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SONS OF VETERANS.

News from the Various Divisions—Election of Officers, etc.

HEADQUARTERS BULLETIN.

CHICAGO, ILL., Nov. 26, 1888. Among other noteworthy things in this organization, the Sons of Veterans, are being raised throughout the various Camps to be forwarded to the Soldiers' Orphan's Homes in the various States.

Col. Wm. H. Hinkley, of the Illinois Division, is on an extended business trip through the State of Kansas, and will not be able to attend to the duties of his office until he returns to Chicago on Nov. 20.

Col. E. H. Hinkley, of the Illinois Division, is on a two weeks' trip, looking after the younger and weaker Camps in Illinois, and it is not probable that he will be able to attend to the duties of his office until he returns to Chicago on Nov. 20.

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