SUMMER STORIES.

The Experiment of Two Bears With a Can of Nitro-Glycerine and its Disastrous Results.

Sallie Hedden's Intimacy With a Rattler and How Her Father Saved Her Life.

John Cloyd's Intelligent Mastiff and How He Trained It--Petrified Woolen Mittens--A Hen's Trade.

"There was an explosion of nitro-glycerine in the oil regions once that has always been looked upon as one of the mysterious happenings of that country," said J. C. Henry, one of the early operators in Venango county, to the New York Sun correspondent, "because people would never believe what I told them about it and the way it came to occur. My explanation of it was the truth, though, and I am the only person who actually knows that the explosion was not of any mysterious origin. It was the result of one of the most curious incidents that ever came to pass in that curious country.

"I think it was in '64 that Roberts, the torpedo man, first demonstrated the utility of his nitro-glycerine torpedoes for shooting oil wells after they had been drilled. Soon after they had come into use I had put down a well in one of the wildest parts of the region, and any one who was ever in that section of the state at that time has some idea of what that means. Nitro-glycerine, being a new thing, people hadn't got used to handling it yet, and but few safeguards had been thrown around the carrying and handling of the deadly stuff. We all knew that it was apt to go off on very slight provocation sometimes, and it was going off every day here and there about the region, and wiping things off the face of the earth as completely as if they had never been on.

"We struck the sand in my well along toward the evening of July 3. There was a good showing for oil, and all it wanted was a good shot of nitro-glycerine. I had ordered a supply of the stuff, and it was to have been at the well that day, but hadn't come. The next day being the Fourth, and my men having made arrangements for celebrating somewhere along the creek, we concluded to suspend operations until the 5th. I had no idea the nitro-glycerine would be delivered on the Fourth. I remained at the well that day, and to my surprise the teamster came in with a big can of the explosive. I didn't care to have it around, and wanted him to take it back and come with it the next day, but he wouldn't do it, and placed it on the derrick floor.

"I made up my mind to get away from there as soon as I could. The woods were full of wild animals still, and scarcely a day passed that bear and wild cats were not seen prowling around. I stepped into the derrick to get my coat, and while I was there I heard a noise in the brush, and looking out saw two big bears slouching along right toward the derrick. I wasn't pleased on bear, and without waiting to think much about it, being pretty well frightened, I sprang for the ladder and climbed up into the derrick and got on a beam twenty feet or so above the floor to wait for the unwelcome visitors to go on about their business. It seemed, though, that they had made up their minds that their business required them to make an investigation of the premises, and they came right along and shambled in on the derrick floor. They nosed around among the machinery, dangled the ropes and clattered about generally. They didn't appear to be in any hurry at all, and I began to get uneasy.

"But if I was uneasy over their fooling around among the machinery, what do you suppose my feelings were when the bright tin can containing the nitro-glycerine caught the eyes of the bears and they began to push and roll it about on the floor? The perspiration rolled off me in great beads, and I actually believed that I could feel my hair turning white. I did not know what minute the bears would thump the can against something hard enough to explode it. What the result of such a catastrophe would have been it isn't necessary to hint at. But all the while the bears were having great fun with the can. By and by one of the bears lifted it in his paws and rose up on his hind feet, holding the can at arm's length, fully six feet from the floor. All he had to do was to drop it, and all my men would have found when they came back next day would have been a big hole in the ground. As the bear stood there holding that can of death, his companion rose up on his hind feet two or three yards away and gazed at him in an expectant sort of way. I had often heard that bears amused themselves in melon patches in playing catch with each other by chucking a melon to and fro between them. I made up my mind that these two bears were about to have a little diversion of that kind with that can of nitro-glycerine. I shut my eyes and waited for the climax that would surely follow. It didn't come and I looked down again and found that the bears had changed their minds about that game of catch and were rolling the can about the floor again.

"By and by a new idea seemed to st ike the jolly pair. A hundred yards or so from the derrick there was a rocky ravine. One of the bears rolled the can out of the derrick, and both of them began to scramble with it on the ground, competing with one another in giving it impetus over the rough surface in the direction of the ravine. At every shove the can was liable to be sent flying against some of the many big stones that lay thick on the ground, but by some good fortune it missed them every time, and at last the bears had jostled it along almost to the ravine. I was so weak and trembling from the fearful suspense I had been subjected to that I could hardly keep my hold on my perch. I regarded the danger as practically over now, and was putting myself together to get down from there and take to the woods, when I saw one of the bears rear up on his haunches with the nitro-glycerine can in his paws. He stood close to a big rock. He raised the can above his head, and I saw at once that he had made up his mind to find out what there was in that can, anyhow. I threw my arms and legs around the beam and hung on for dear life. The bear hurled the can against the rock. There was a sound as of twenty claps of thunder rolled into one. The earth shook and my derrick swayed and rattled. There was a shower of rock and trees and dirt for miles around. When that ceased everything was as still as the tomb. Where the bears stood there was a yawning gulf. I got down somehow from my perch on the derrick and made my way to the scene of the explosion. Among all the debris it had scattered about there wasn't any more trace of bear than if they had been soap bubbles that had burst. The explosion was heard for miles, but the people laughed when I attempted to explain it, and to this day they persist in calling it a profound mystery."

A Texas Snake Yarn.

H. P. Hedden, who resides southwest of Deanison, Tex., brought to that city a few days ago his little child Sallie to be treated for snake bite. About 6 o'clock in the morning the girl left the house with a pail to gather blackberries near Stone spring. She was absent for a long time, and when Mrs. Hedden went in search of her she found the child seated on a rock and in her lap was a large rattlesnake. The snake's head was slightly raised and moving to and fro. Sometimes it would almost touch the lips of the child, who pushed it away without appearing to anger the snake. The child was so completely under the spell of the serpent that it paid no attention to the mother, who screamed so loudly that her husband heard her a quarter of a mile distant and hurried to the scene. When Hedden appeared the snake placed itself in an attitude of battle and the air vibrated with the noise of the rattles. Hedden advanced upon the snake, the child fell back as if in a swoon, and the snake struck her on the thumb of the right hand and then sprang at Hedden, who killed it with a stone. Hedden sucked the wound, which he is confident saved the life of the little girl. Saleratus was also applied to the wound. The hand and arm of the little girl were only slightly swollen, when she was brought to the city for treatment. The child says she was sitting on the rock picking berries when the snake appeared, and that she was unable to move when she looked at it; that she was not afraid of it, and when it waved its head to and fro before her face she felt like going to sleep.

n the Dog Pound.

Victoria (B. C.) News-Advertiser: John Clough, the keeper of the dog pound, trains every valuable animal which comes within his jurisdiction, and he occasionally instills into them an intelligence which is almost if not entirely human. He has had in his charge for the last ten days a magnificent mastiff, for which he was offered $20, but refused, as he thought the rightful owner might come along and claim him. He held long conversations with the dog daily, and the seed of knowledge thus sown did not fall on barren soil. The animal liked his surroundings and was satisfied with his existence and the society of his instructor. On Saturday, however, he learned from some unguarded remarks let fall by the chief in conversation with the sergeant that John was going to put him up at auction. He waited his chance, and on Tuesday morning very early he slipped his collar, and bringing a ladder from the woodshed placed it against the high fence and jumped over into the little garden east of the hall. When here he found that he had another fence made of pickets to surmount, and being afraid that if he did not succeed in clearing it at a bound he might injur himself, he climbed up and broke two of the pickets off. He then got over quite easily and safely and fled. He has not been found yet. Any one doubting the facts herein set forth can have them verified by visiting the city hall.

Petrifications in a Cow's Stomach.

Drain (Or.) Echo: Two years ago last November a heifer belonging to James Brown, near Comstock, swallowed a pair of woolen mittens. The calf grew to be a milch cow, and was apparently doing well until a short time ago, when Mr. Brown noticed that she was not doing as well as usual. She seemed in some distress when she moved around, and had a great desire to lie down all the time. Finally she died, and Mr. Brown cut her open to see what was the matter with her. Upon examination one of the mittens and a part of the other were found in a petrified state. When knocked against each other they rattled like stones. They are really wonderful, and many came to see them. W. H. Wilson, of Drain, has them, and any one can see them by calling on him. Mr. Brown values them very highly.

A Maori Essay on the Ostrich.

Pittsburg Dispatch: The following copy of a composition of a New Zealand boy on the subject of "What Do You Know About an Ostrich?" was received by a lady in this city from a friend in England who takes an active part in missionary work:

"The ostrich is an African animal that lives on sand and generally hunts on horseback. The female makes a nest in the sand, which is simply a deep hole, and then the male lays in it ten or twelve eggs, and he hatches, for making ornaments and for food for his family. These eggs chase the parent all over the desert till he is quite tired, poor fellow!

"The three tail feathers of this ostrich form the motto, 'I serve,' and they belong to the Prince of Wales, who is also fond of these tail feathers. This ostrich is often used for drinking cups and other various amusements; but it is chiefly valued for its beautiful feathers, which are found on his legs—and those that grow on the eggshell."

A Hen Trades with a Partridge.

Merrill E. Shepard, of Haddan Neck, Conn., is the owner of a hen which made its nest in the woods hear his home and laid several eggs only to desert them finally. A partridge then appeared to usurp the claim, and, after laying a few eggs, settled down for the usual three weeks' stay. Five young chickens first appeared on the scene, but these were removed by Mr. Shepard in hopes the bird would stay and present him with some young partridges. He was disappointed, however, but on the principle that a fair exchange is no robbery, the partridge eggs were hatched by a hen.

Yellowstone National Park.

Commencing June 3 and continuing until Sept. 27, the Northern Pacific railroad will make a rate of one fare for the round trip from Helena to Livingston and return, on the following conditions: Passengers o purchase a round-trip ticket to Livingson and either a $30 or $40 book ticket through the park. These tickets include rail and stage transportation from Livingson and four and five days, respectively, board and lodging at the Park association's hotels. For further information call at the Northern Pacific ticket office.

A. D. EDGAR, General Agent.

Sunday Excursion Rates.

As Sunday is the only day which can be claimed as a holiday of the laborer, farmer and business man alike, the Montana Central Railway company will, until further notice, make a special rate of one fare for the round trip, good for that day only, between all stations on its line, thus affording the country people an excellent opportunity of spending the day in Helena or Butte, and at the same time affording the city people a chance of spending Sunday amid the magnificent scenery of the canons of the Missouri and Prickly Pear or Central park.

P. F. SULLIVAN,
General Manager

Teachers National Educational Association Meeting.

For the above the Montana Central will make a rate of $68.40 to Nashville, Tenn., and return tickets on sale June 30th to July 14, good to return until Sept. 12. Transit limit of ticket six days.

Summons.

Territory of Montana, County of Lewis and Clarke—ss.

In Justice's Court, Helena Township, before B. F. Woodman, Justice of the Peace.

Helena Produce and Commission Co., plaintiff, vs. Nat. Sifton and John Edwards, partners as Sifton & Edwards.

The people of the Territory of Montana, to the above named defendant, John Edwards, greeting,

You are hereby summoned to be and appear before me, B. F. Woodman, a justice of the peace in and for the county of Lewis and Clarke, at my office in the city of Helena, on Wednesday, the 7th day of August, A. D. 1889, at 10 o'clock a. m. of said day, then and there to make answer to the complaint of Helena Produce and Commission company, the above named plaintiff, in a civil action to recover Eighty-one Dollars and Fifty cents, for goods, wares and merchandise sold and delivered by plaintiff to defendant at defendants' special instance and request and upon an account for board furnished defendants by F. P. Mullen and by him assigned to plaintiff, and in default thereof judgment will be rendered against you, the above named defendants for the sum of Eighty-one Dollars and Fifty-five cents and costs of suit in their behalf expended.

Given under my hand this 20th day of June, A. D. 1889. B. F. WOODMAN,
Justice of the Peace of said township.

Proposals for Water Supply.

Notice is hereby given, That, pursuant to an order of the city council of the city of Helena, Montana, the undersigned committee on water, of the said city of Helena, will receive bids until 12 o'clock on the 1st day of August, 1889, for supplying said city of Helena with water for fire, sewerage and other purposes, and the contractor will be required to comply with the following specifications and conditions, to-wit:

1. A full, ample and sufficient supply of good, pure, wholesome and clear water shall be provided for the use and wants of the inhabitants of said city, and sufficient to provide said city for fire, sewerage maintenance and construction and other purposes: and such supply shall be full, ample and sufficient for the present population of said city, and for the future population of said city, as the same may be from time to time, during the full term of the proposed contract, and said water shall be pure and wholesome, and free from animal, vegetable or mineral substances, such as would render it unhealthful or unfit for domestic use.

2. The pressure in mains and pipes at the level of the first floor of the court house of Lewis and Clarke county, situate in said city, and at all other points of equal height, shall be maintained at not less than sixty pounds to the square inch, if reservoir works shall be used; and if the direct pressure system shall be used, sixty pounds to the square inch, fire pressure, and twenty-five to forty pounds to the square inch, ordinary pressure, shall be maintained at said point, and at all other points of equal height.

3. The contractor to whom the contract for furnishing said water may be awarded, shall lay or furnish twenty miles of mains within the limits of said city, exclusive of the amount of mains connecting the works of such contractor with the point or points of distribution, and such mains shall be of the following sizes and on the following streets in said city of Helena respectively: At least ten inches in inner diameter on Lawrence street from Benton avenue to Main street; on Rodney street from Broadway to Helena avenue; on Main street from Bridge street to Helena avenue; on Helena avenue from Main street to the right of way of the Northern Pacific Railway company, on Broadway from Main street to Rodney street. At least eight inches in inner diameter on Madison avenue from Lawrence street to Davis street, in the Hauser addition; on Lawrence street from Madison avenue to Benton avenue; on Rodney street from Bridge street to Broadway; on Fifth avenue from Warren street to Hoback street; on Ninth avenue from Rodney street to Idaho avenue. At least five inches in inner diameter on Benton avenue from Edwards street to Lyndas avenue; on Clore street from Bridge street to Benton avenue at Flowerree street; on Lawrence street from Madison avenue to the western boundary of the townsite; on Clark street from Strawberry street to Clore street; on Howey street from Adams street to Clark street; on Jefferson street from Adams street to Ming street; on Ming street from Jefferson street to Howey street; on Bridge street from Clore street to Chaucer street; on West Main street from Bridge street south 1,050 feet; on Rodney street from Bridge street south 1,250 feet; on Wood street from Main street to Ewing street; on Ewing street from Fifth avenue to Helena avenue; on Jackson street from Wood street to Sixth avenue; on Sixth avenue from Jackson street to Main street; on Broadway from Rodney street to Beattie street; on Fifth avenue from Hoback street to Tietjen street; on Gallatin street from Helena avenue to Fifth avenue; on Third street, Northern Pacific addition, from Helena avenue north 500 feet; on Grand street from Jackson street to Warren street; on Warren street from Broadway to Helena avenue; on Hemlock street from Madison avenue to Harrison avenue; on Chaucer street from Bridge street to Broadway. At least four inches in inner diameter on Dearborn street from Lawrence street to Davis street, in Hauser addition; on Cutler street from West Main street to Rodney street; on Pine street from Joliet street to Rodney street; on Silver street from Cutler street south 430 feet; on Breckenridge street from Rodney street to Beattie street; on Eighth avenue from Rodney street to Hoback street; on Eleventh avenue from Rodney street to Hoback street; on Hoback street from Eleventh avenue to Pilsume street. At least three inches in inner diameter on Davis street, in Hauser's addition, from Madison avenue to Benton avenue; on Strawberry street from Clarke street to Lawrence street; on Adams street from Howey street to Jefferson street; on Beattie street from Broadway to Fifth avenue; on Hoback street from Fifth avenue to Eleventh avenue.

4. The contractors shall place down and connect with the twenty miles of mains herein provided for, at points to be designated by the city council, or a committee thereof, two hundred hydrants, and shall maintain said hydrants during the continuance of the contract. Such hydrants shall have double nozzles, and shall be non-freezing, and of the latest and most approved pattern. Provided: that if the contractor use any system of pipes and hydrants in said city, said hydrants need not be changed or removed, and said council shall not relocate or change the same.

5. The contractor shall be required to lay and maintain, in addition to the twenty miles of mains hereinbefore specified, such main pipes of such sizes, at such times, and upon such streets, as the city council of said city shall from time to time direct; and shall place and maintain one hydrant for each one-tenth of a mile on such additional mains, if the same shall be of a diameter of six inches or more, or if the same shall be of a diameter of less than six inches, then one hydrant for each one-seventh of a mile, said hydrants to be of the pattern above specified, no hydrant to be placed on any pipe less than four inches inside diameter.

6. All mains and pipes shall be laid at the depth of five feet below the established grade of the respective streets, and all repairs and extensions of such mains and pipes shall be under the supervision of such street commissioner as to grades, locations and streets. Provided: that, if any system of pipes now in use in said city shall be occupied by the contractor, it shall not be necessary to take up or relay any pipes now in place.

7. In no case shall said mains or pipes in any manner interfere with any mains or pipes laid in said streets, so as to injure or obstruct the same; nor shall said mains or pipes interfere with or obstruct any sewer now existing in said streets; nor shall there be any interference with or obstruction of any mains or pipes which may hereafter be authorized, laid or constructed by or under the authority of said city by mains that may be hereafter laid by said contractor, and at all places and points in the said city where said water mains or pipes approach gas mains or pipes, there shall be at least six inches of earth between them.

8. The water which may be required by said city of Helena for the use of any and all buildings owned and occupied by said city for municipal purposes, shall be furnished by the contractor, without cost or charge to said city.

9. In case of unavoidable accident or breakage of machinery, due time shall be given to the contractor to repair the damages, but he shall receive no pay from any person or corporation for any time during which he fails to furnish water in the causes in this section stated.

10. The works herein provided for shall be so constructed and maintained as to interfere as little as possible with the rights of others, and any damage resulting from such works, or the erection, construction or operation thereof, shall be repaired and paid for by the contractor.

11. Said works, and the water system connected therewith, shall be completed and in readiness for the conveyance and distribution of water throughout the twenty miles of mains hereinbefore provided for, on or before the first day of July, A. D. 1890.

12. Proposals shall specify the maximum rates at which water shall be furnished said city and its inhabitants for the various purposes for which water may be used under the contract, if a contract shall be awarded.

13. The mayor and committee of the city council of said city, and any officer or other person authorized by said council, shall at all times have free access to the entire works and system herein contemplated for the purpose of inspecting, examining or testing the same, or any part or portion thereof.

14. In case a contract shall be awarded, the said council of said city, in the ordinance providing for said contract, may adopt such other and further and provisions for the protection of said city and the inhabitants, and for the care and preservation of the streets and alleys in said city, and for the regulation, conduct and management of said works, as to the said city council may seem for the best interest of said city and its inhabitants.

15. All terms, conditions and provisions of the contract, in case one shall be awarded, shall apply to and bind as well the original parties thereto as their respective successors and assigns.

16. Water herein provided for shall be furnished said city for a term of not less than one nor more than fifteen years from the first day of January, 1890.

Proposals shall be sealed, indorsed "Proposals for water supply," addressed to the chairman of the undersigned committee, and left with the city clerk of said city on or before the hour herein first above named.

Proposals must be accompanied by bonds in the sum of five thousand dollars to enter into contract if bid shall be accepted.

The right to reject any and all bids is expressly reserved.

Dated Helena, Montana, June 18, 1889.

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[No. 2286.]
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UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE, HELENA, MONTANA, May 11, 1889.

Notice is hereby given that Edmond R. Tandy John S. M. Neill, Charles B. Evans and Henry G. M. Kollock, whose postoffice address is Helena, Lewis and Clarke county, M. T. have this day filed their application for a patent for eighty 22-100 acres of the placer bearing gold, situated in unorganized mining district, county of Lewis and Clarke, and territory of Montana, and designated by legal subdivisions as follows, to-wit: Lots 3 and 4, sec. 2, in township 10, n. r. 4 w., containing 80 22-100 acres.

The location of this mine is recorded in the recorder's office of Lewis and Clarke county, at Helena, Montana, in book "F" of ranches and ditches, page 523. The adjoining claimants are: on the north, the placer claim of Edward R. Tandy et al.; the other adjoining claimants are unknown. Any and all persons claiming adversely any portion of said placer ground are required to file their adverse claims with the register of the United States land office at Helena, in the territory of Montana, during the sixty days' period of publication hereof, or they will be barred by virtue of the provisions of the statute.

S. W. LANGHORNE, Register.

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The location of this mine is recorded in the recorder's office of Lewis and Clarke county, M. T. in book "F" of ranches and ditches, pages 527 and 528. The adjoining claimants are unknown. Any and all persons claiming adversely any portion of said placer ground are required to file their adverse claims with the register of the United States land office at Helena, in the territory of Montana, during the sixty days' period of publication hereof, or they will be barred by virtue of the provisions of the statute.

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