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**Going to Kidnap the President.**

A dispatch dated the 25th inst., from Hailey, Idaho, contains the following story: Considerable excitement exists in this city over the report which appeared in last evening's Wood River Times that a party of cowboys had started for the Yellowstone Park to kidnap President Arthur, and Sheriff Furry has detailed two trustworthy deputies to look the matter up, with instructions to summon a strong posse and arrest the kidnapers if the figures are as stated. The Times says: "During the past two weeks a number of strangers, all well provided with good riding animals and firearms, and resembling a party of regulators or Texas cowboys have been camped on Willow Creek, and considerable curiosity has been expressed as to the intentions of the party. Some accounted for the outfit as a party organized to go up into the Indian country on a prospecting trip, while others believed them to be a band of Arizona rustlers. During several days past some of the party have ridden through town in a defiant manner and mysteriously disappeared. From a man who came in to-day it is learned that the party, who induced him to join them, and made him take a certain pledge of secrecy, were organized to proceed to the Yellowstone Park. They left last night, going on the stage road, and he escaped last night. The object of the expedition is to corral and capture President Arthur and party and spirit them away into the mountain fastnesses—to caves where they will be fed, but kept prisoners, while members of the party act as pickets to prevent being surprised and captured, and while negotiations for a ransom are being conducted. The captain or leader of the party has an idea that a heavy ransom will be offered by the United States and personal friends of the president after search for the presidential party shall have been given up, and that half a million dollars or more can thus be extorted from the secret service fund and divided among the party on the principle adopted by the Italian banditti.

Characteristics of Livingston, the Newest Frontier Town—The Route to the Park.

Under the above head Chas. E. Nixon who represented the Chicago Inter-Ocean on the recent associated Press excursion to the Yellowstone Park writes for his paper the following account of his visit to Livingston and the party's adventures and impressions along the route from here to the Park. —The associated Press party reached Livingston, M. T., 1030 miles west of Minneapolis, on Sunday, the railroad having been completed to this point in last December. Prior to that time the city did not exist save in site, which lay as a fertile plain at the foot of the Belt mountains, bordered upon the south by the restless rush of the Yellowstone. Rising as if by magic from the prairie is a town of 2,000 inhabitants, pulsating with all the vigor and virility of the west reaching along the railway running far back upon the prairie till its tough-town borders the banks of the Yellowstone river you may see scattered in seeming reckless profusion, a varied front and finish of architecture. Stone houses, brick houses, frame houses, log houses canvas houses and prairie schooners (movable at pleasure), vie with each other in occupancy of the extensive town site. A thriving daily newspaper finds plentiful food for gossip and comment. The town is of scant growth as to saloons as only thirty-nine are running at present. General stores, gun stores, harness shops and saloons seem to do a rushing business;

while a good jobbing business for fights and sensation animates the river front district. Notwithstanding all this rush and clamour that attends the town there is a steady undercurrent of action indicative of durability and growth.

From this thriving town leading due south the Northern Pacific Railroad is constructing a National Park branch, that has been completed forty-one miles, terminating at Cinnabar. Next season the road will run to Gardiner, the limit of the National Park, which is ten miles distance from the National Hotel. The road has a primary run of several miles over a boulder plain, prior to entering, and following the mountain pathway that has been cut by the Yellowstone river, that makes a right angle turn towards the south to Livingston. The entrance to the mountain is through the lower canyon where the line lies along riverside rocks that rise on either hand frowningly above the railway and the rushing stream, emerging from this rocky confine the train rushes away over a mountain-enclosed plateau that is twelve miles in breadth, and extends thirty miles along the river. This is Paradise Valley, and it seemed as though a veritable peri had sandered the Rocky Mountain fastness to give the traveler a glimpse of its glories.

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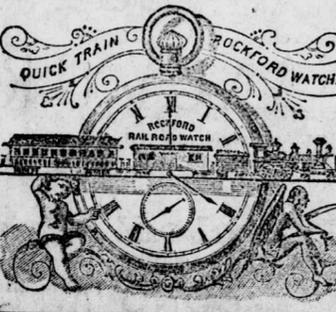
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