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TUNNEL WORKERS.

The Progress Made on the Big Tunnel—Formation of the Ground.

A Cow Boy Adventure as Told by an Outsider—Impoverished Settlers.

THE BIG TUNNEL.

News Relative to the Big Mountain Central Tunnel Near Wickes.

Mr. R. C. Ames, of the Utah and Montana Machinery company, returned Saturday evening from a trip to the big Montana Central tunnel near Wickes. His visit was for the purpose of starting the air compressors which have been set for some time. He started them and this morning received a letter from the tunnel saying that progress was very satisfactory and everything running smoothly. The labor troubles there have been somewhat exaggerated and there seems to be no dissatisfaction among the men. Since Mr. Ames left the tunnel it was reported that the men at work on the south side had struck, but they went back to work again this morning, having worked off their enthusiasm in celebrating the Fourth.

The present condition of affairs is thus described by Mr. P. Bishop, who is in the employ of the contractors, Larson & Keefe, and who is at present visiting Butte. On the north side the tunnel has been driven in to a depth of two hundred and eighty-five feet, and they are timbering up close. The formation is mostly soft, though there often occur streaks of hard matter, from two to twenty feet in width. The soft matter, however, is greatly in excess of the hard. There are about eighty-five men at work on the north end, and they will average about five feet progress daily.

There are about seventy-five workmen now engaged on the south side of the tunnel. A heading ten feet high and sixteen feet wide has been run in thirty-six feet, and the force is now engaged in taking up the bench. The approach on the south side has been very heavy, and the formation much harder than on the north end. When the bench on which work is progressing now on the south end has been taken up progress will be much faster and will probably average five feet a day also, making one whole move along at the rate of ten feet per day. The whole length of the tunnel is 6,150 feet.

"Who the Dickens Kissed Her?"

The San Francisco Examiner is responsible for the following yarn, which has enough of a local flavor to make it interesting here:

"I saw a strange thing happen up on the Northern Pacific the other day," said Ben Jordan, a commercial traveler, last night at the Occident. "I had just come out to St. Paul from New York.

"As the train left westbound over the Missouri river bridge at Bismarck, I noticed two cow boys aboard that I had seen around the Sherman house in Chicago when I had been delayed for an hour or two on my way out.

"The boys recognized me and I fell into a pleasant conversation with them. They were dressed in cow boy style, with wide leather leggings and broad sombreros, with thick straps around them for bands. They had been to Texas, they said, to look up some cattle matters, and were en route home to the range, where they were employed on the Rosebud. "They were nice fellows, and one evening after we were out a day or two one of them, who had a pack of cards, suggested I ask two young ladies who were with their mother just ahead of us, to join them in a game. The young cow boy said he'd do it, but he was afraid of a woman. He said he could stand up and be shot at, but he couldn't do this.

"Just to accommodate him, I asked one of them in my politest style, the young cow boy standing by at the time. The girl, who was evidently had been kept so close at home that she was afraid of everything and everybody, blurted out as she glanced at the vaquero, that she didn't know how to play cards and didn't want to learn.

"That settled it. I didn't care what the moral maiden said, but it made the cow boy mad.

"That night at midnight the boys were to get off at Miles City, while the girls went on to their destination at Spokane Falls. At 10 o'clock the girls, the old lady and the vaquero

boodle of them threw back their heads on their seats and went to sleep.

"The boys then began bantering each other to kiss the girls. And they agreed to do it. I was called to their assistance. It was arranged that when the train slowed up at Miles I was to carelessly walk forward and open the car door. Then the cattle men were to advance, each with his valise in his hand and swoop down and kiss each his girl.

"Well, sir, those daredevils actually did it, skipped off the car and escaped to the town. I lay back in the rear seat and nearly laughed by head off, while the elder girl, who, in her dreamy way, felt a mousetache on her lips, finally realized what had happened, and, with a loud scream, screamed, 'Who the Dickens was that man that kissed me?'

"Then the other girl awoke, and she too, realized what had occurred, but neither seemed to drop onto who did it.

"It was an odd thing to see, I tell you, there in the quiet moonlight of the mountains at midnight. But you ought to have heard the passengers roar when the pert girl shrieked out. It was uncivil perhaps, but their sympathies were with the cow boys.

THE PARK STAGE ROBBERY.

Additional Particulars of the Affair.

On the evening of July 4th, as the last coach of the Wakefield Transportation company was wending its way up the Gardener river to Mammoth Hot Springs, it was held up by two highwaymen at a point in the road known as Eagle's Nest. Here the coach was stopped and the passengers, two gentlemen and three lady tourists, made to get out and hold up their hands. They were searched by the highwaymen and relieved of a check for a considerable sum and about \$16 in money. A purse containing over \$600 in the inside pocket of one of the gentlemen was overlooked. After the search was concluded one of the desperadoes held his pistol between the heads of the two gentlemen passengers and fired it in the air. The powder burned their faces and the shot greatly frightened the ladies. All this occurred about 11 o'clock and should be a warning to the railroad company that it is extremely dangerous to run their trains so that tourists must travel this piece of mountain road in the night time by stage. The highwaymen effected their escape, and it is not known who they were.

Little booty was secured and no damage was done, excepting that they badly frightened the horses and caused them nearly to upset the coaches. The soldiers have gone in pursuit, but as yet the robbers have not been captured.

It did not pay the robbers as well as would have been expected, when it is taken into consideration that the stage was loaded with tourists. It is believed they only got \$25. All efforts thus far to capture the two men who made this bold move have proven fruitless. It is not known who they were or from what direction they came and went.

About the Flags.

"In these columns of yesterday we published some verses on the subject of returning the battle flags. The writer is a fellow townsman and well known as a brave soldier and who speaks knowingly, for he has been "thar." We of a younger generation are apt to wonder at the amount of discussion that this renowned order has created. Why a few old rusty shreds lying stored away in a damp cellar should arouse such interest all over the land. The solution is easy enough to one if he but sit with any kind of patriotic feeling in his heart, and listen to the arguments and histories of an old soldier who took his chances in the late great conflict. Knowing they were fighting for a just cause and feeling that death was there at any moment to be met with at every turn. Why should they not have the feeling of rightful ownership for that which they so earnestly worked for and secured. They represent to the G. A. R. boys more than words can adequately tell of. Days of sorrow and sickness, miles of dreadful marches and privations, with death staring them in the face. They worked long and well, cheered on by the memories of the dear faces left behind.

Broken down in health, crippled in body, they now lay at peace, but what have they to show for all this struggle, to be sure they can gaze upon a country free from serfdom, a union strong in unity. A country united in a sovereignty of free men and citizens, but these trophies represent a thousand times more to the common soldier. The smoke of battle, the clang of bayonets, the stinging of grape and canister still linger around them, and it is

up and say it shall not be. No matter what a man's politics, can he blame such a feeling coming from such sources? The feeling of enmity that did once prevail toward the south is in reality dead. There is no ill wishing for those who are brothers under one flag. The war is over and every thought of antagonism should be buried with the dead, but around those blood stained flags linger memories that are dear to the heart of every soldier, and as victors in battle they have the sovereign right to dispose of the spoils. They say that this talk is but a political capital scheme; to disabuse one's mind of this, he has but to listen to the opinions of the soldiers. There are friends of the present administration among their ranks, as well as those who believe in the Republican or war party. All alike will tell you that such an order if carried into effect would be a degradation to the cause they fought for and an insult to themselves.

Nickel Works in Sweden.

Clewa Nickelwerk in Suoland, with its nickel mines about half a Swedish mile away, is the only one in Sweden, that has been running, and malm or ore, has been taken out of it in great quantities for nearly 100 years. The mines employ about 150 men, night and day, and the smelting works about 300. After the nickel has gone through the smelter it is rolled out, boxed and shipped to Leipzig, Germany, where it is refined and prepared for the market of the world. The nickel, while in the raw state, that is after rolling, is very soft and can easily be made into rings, small articles and ornaments in general with a common knife. When polished on a stone it looks like bright steel. While articles like the above can be made, great care is taken that no pieces are taken away. Nothing in nickel is manufactured in Sweden from the raw material.

Sparks' Sympathies Appealed to.

Commissioner Sparks of the general land office has received a letter from a public land entryman in eastern Colorado, stating that the drought has already greatly damaged crops in that section, and that if it continues much longer crops will be a complete failure. That insects destroyed the growing vegetables, and that there is absolutely no feed for stock. The entryman states that his neighbors are forced to leave their holdings to obtain the necessities of life, and asks if his absence will operate to defeat their claims when final proof is offered. The commissioner's answer is important, as indicating the policy of the general land office with respect to these cases, of which it is stated there are a large number in different parts of the west. The commissioner says:

The distressing situation you have mentioned appeals to my strongest sympathies. Whatever relief may be possible within the discretion of this office will be extended to enable them to preserve their claims. Settlers who are obliged to leave their claims on account of drought should be prepared to account for their absence from this cause when they make final proof, but in such cases proof should not be offered until the laws have been fully complied with after their return to the lands. Enforced absence on account of climatic reasons will not imperil the claims if that is established when proof is made and if proof is not attempted to be made in advance of the time when the residence, improvements and cultivation required by law can be satisfactorily shown.

"Where's your flannel suit, Charley?" asked a Minneapolis man of a St. Paul friend at Lake Minnetonka.

"Got it on," replied Charley, rather shortly.

"Oh, no, I mean the white one."

"I got part of that on."

"Why, how can you?"

"Well, you see," replied Charley, "I was out yachting the other day when I fell overboard. The sun was hot and the suit dried on me before I reached home. That confounded suit shrank. It shrank so fast that it cut into my skin. Before I reached home the pressure caused me to faint. They had to cut that suit off of me, and part of it had sunk so deep into my skin that the surgeon had to take out a portion of it, and he hasn't been able to reach all the pieces yet."

Richard Croman, while attempting to swim across the Niagara river, starting from "Maid of the Mist" landing was caught in the current and carried down the whirlpool rapids. He came to the Falls from Boston about a week ago.

A second official report on the number of buildings destroyed in the fire at Miles City, Montana, is as follows: