

**The Life of Big Guns.**

The story prevails that the big guns on which our warships and fortifications depend can be fired but comparatively few times. The commonest figure given is seventy-nine times. When you allow for sighting and practice there is then little usefulness left, if the estimate is right. Fortunately the New York Sun has been looking into the subject, and it finds that these notions come from the tests of foreign guns. Our own American-made guns have yet to give out. There is one of 10-inch caliber on the Miantonomoh that has been fired more than 200 times, and still seems as good as new. We began the manufacture of such guns in this country about eleven years ago, and up to the present time not one of the home-made guns has given out. It is the opinion of the experts that every gun will stand at least 300 firings, and that all that we have mounted or afloat will serve through the war and be ready for business when it is over. This is very re-assuring, for the foreign estimate was that a sixty-seven-ton gun would do for 120 rounds, and one of the 110 tons for seventy-five rounds, and that after that they were not up to their work.—Harford Courant.

**RAILROAD VALUATIONS**

**Completed By The Board Of Equalization  
Saturday Last.**

The territorial board of equalization adjourned Saturday morning last after being in session for one week. As a result of its labors the board announced the following valuations:

Santa Fe Pacific, 386,978 miles, at \$5,000 per mile; total valuation, \$1,934,890.

Southern Pacific, 392.5 miles at \$6,091.38 per mile, total valuation, \$2,390,870.

Arizona & New Mexico narrow gauge, 41 miles at \$3,001.47 per mile, total valuation \$129,606.60.

New Mexico & Arizona, 87.8 miles at \$3,500 per mile, total valuation \$307,306.

Maricopa & Phoenix, 38.38 miles at \$5,000 per mile, total valuation \$171,900.25.

Arizona & Southeastern, 37.9 miles at \$5,025.33 per mile, total valuation \$190,499.

Pullman Palace Car company, total valuation of cars \$23,325.61, distributed pro rata among the counties in the territory through which the cars run.

In considering the above figures it is well to remember that the valuation per mile includes all improvements, such as stations, water tanks, etc., and all engines, cars and other rolling stock as well.

The valuation of the Maricopa & Phoenix was the only one raised and in that instance, it is said, only slightly.—Gazette.

**Gone to Cuba.**

Mrs. W. O. O'Neill has received a letter from her husband dated June 6, on board a transport at Tampa, in which he states that his company and companies K and L, all of Roosevelt's "rough riders" had been ordered to Cuba and were already aboard. Their horses as well as the balance of the regiment had been left behind. The regimental officers accompanying these troops were Colonel Wood, Lieut. Col. Roosevelt and Major Brodie. John Hanlon, brother-in-law of Major Brodie, yesterday received a telegram from the latter which had been censored and consequently somewhat unintelligible, but the conclusion arrived at was that it had been sent from Key West, which would indicate that the start had been made from Tampa.—Journal Miner.

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