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THE STORY TRUE!

The Passenger Train in the Emporia Wreck Arrives.

Hon. Wm. J. Bryan Not the Painted Hero.

A Letter to "The Citizen" Gives Some Unpublished Facts.

RESPONSIBLE SIGNERS

[illegible] Sept. [illegible]

Having read a Denver paper we [illegible] of the wreck of the [illegible] Emporia, Kan. We desire to [illegible] regard [illegible] the action of the Hon. William [illegible] not, however, to detract [illegible] from the human acts of the [illegible]

We are glad that Mr. Bryan did only [illegible] plain American citizens and [illegible] caring for the wounded and [illegible] did not pull them from the [illegible] wreck, as he left in a cab for [illegible] before the wreckage took fire.

[illegible] was not among those who went into the [illegible] of the debris and dug out the [illegible] but was on the outer edge [illegible] assisting to care for those [illegible] carried out of the wreckage by [illegible]

[illegible] attempt to ring in his political speech and the dying words of a poor [illegible] to him regarding same, is purely [illegible] an imaginative reporter, and [illegible] political notoriety gone to seed.

The undersigned, occupants of the [illegible] Atlende, were among the first of [illegible] to reach the dead and dying, [illegible] the flames till driven back by [illegible] while none claim special distinction for heroism, all know the statement made by Associated Press dispatches were largely overdrawn in the case of Mr. Bryan.

H. Smith, Pittsburg, Kas.
A. Robertson, Milwaukee, Wis.
[illegible] Adams,
1556 Fisher Building, Chicago.
McGinnis, Los Angeles, Cal.
[illegible] A. Watson, New York.
[illegible] Hoen, Globe, Ariz.
M. Mercado, Tlaxcalpec, Mex.

The ill-fated No. 1 passenger, west-bound, in the horrible wreck in Emporia, Kas., reached this city at [illegible] today, and the above article prepared and signed, was handed to THE CITIZEN representative, with the request that it be published. One of the signers stated that great credit is due E. C. Ritter for releasing [illegible] and thus enabling the cars to be moved, he having some knowledge of railroading. All agree that he worked like a demon. Alfredo B. Adams, general manager of the Consolidated Copal Mines Co., Copalquin, Durango, Mex., is credited to have been the hero of the hour, he having worked regardless of self, and has several bad cuts to show for his efforts. He is credited with saving four lives, and his mining engineer, Alfred G. Watson, of New York, is also given much credit. James B. Smith, a real estate agent, of Pittsburg, Kansas, en route to City of Mexico, is also one of those deserving a medal for bravery. Hons Laws, of Honolulu, Island, and G. W. Robertson, of Milwaukee, Wis., all worked like heroes at the wreck. These gentlemen were at the depot to-day when the train arrived.

LOST ONE OF HIS TEETH.

Result of Encounter Between a Spotter and an Albuquerquean.

H. W. Harbaugh, of Kansas City, who has been a guest at Sturges' European for a few days past, was taking a walk on Fifth street about 8:30 o'clock last night, accompanied by a friend, when he was accosted by a couple of local characters and questioned as to the nature of his business in this city.

The questioners suspected him of being a railroad "spotter," but he maintained that he was here in the interests of Dun's Mercantile Agency and offered to prove it by L. B. Putney. This proposition was satisfactory to his questioners but before they saw that gentleman, Harbaugh weakened and confessed that he was a "spotter."

The husktest of his accusers then changed the argument from words to fists and as a result Harbaugh is minus one of his pearly teeth, which the victor holds as a trophy of his victory.

The detective very soon realized that in the style of interviewing he was certain to come out second best, so to placate his opponent, he turned over a sealed and stamped report, which proved to be harmless and unobjectionable. He was then permitted to depart in peace.

Mr. Harbaugh was seen at his hotel later and asked for his account of the encounter. "It was only a little sport," he replied, "and not a highway robbery. You can say that I only lost one of my teeth and not two as reported."

When asked if he proposed to do anything further in the matter he was mum as to the information to give. In regard to the length of his stay in this city he was also mute. With the exception of a smile upon his lips there are no outward symbols of the struggle.

Las Vegas Schools.

The enrollment this year for the first [illegible] the east side schools was 187, as against 159 for last year. The upper grades have a better attendance than [illegible] The opening was the best ever [illegible] scholars arriving prepared and [illegible] being taken up in the rooms [illegible] In district No. 4, in west Las Vegas, the school has an attendance of [illegible] scholars, which will be increased to [illegible] as soon as the crops have been harvested.—Examiner.

Protest Against Canals.

The people of Alameda and Los Ranchos held an indignation meeting yesterday against the construction of canals within the limits of their lands.

The following resolution was adopted: "We, the people of Los Ranchos and Alameda, united in mass meeting, protest against any company or corporation which intends or wishes to construct canals within the limits of our lands.

Moreover, Be it resolved, That if any signatures are showing presented by any of these schemers, we consider them as false in order to help their cause.

H. O. A. Romero, Chairman.
Eugenio Romero, Secretary.
A. A. Sandoval,
Maximiliano Luna,
Melquiades Martin,
Committee on Resolutions.

DISTRICT COURT NEWS

Demurrer Judgments Against the Democrat and Grunsfeld Set Aside.

Attorneys A. H. Wycoff and E. W. Dobson today argued before Judge Collier on the defendants' judgments entered against the Democrat and Grunsfeld in the cases of H. A. Montfort vs. the Democrat Publishing Company and Ostrander vs. Grunsfeld, the judgments being in default of answers in time.

Mr. Dobson for the defendants argued that, as he had filed a motion for security of costs and it had not been acted upon, he was not obliged to put in his answers. Judge Collier decided in his favor, set aside the two default judgments and charged the costs up to the plaintiffs.

Attorney Dobson then brought up his motion for security of costs in the two cases. Attorney Wycoff stated that Mr. Montfort could furnish a bond at any time, but presented an affidavit from Mr. Ostrander saying that he could not pay the costs himself and could not get bondsmen, for the reason that he was unable to indemnify them and he therefore asked the court that he be not required to furnish bonds.

A legal controversy over this petition took place between Attorneys Dobson and Wycoff, the former not believing that a man could plead poverty in any but a criminal case. The statute, however, seemed very clear the other way and Judge Collier stated that he should be inclined to grant the petition if ostrander would make an affidavit to the effect that he had called upon people and they had refused to go on his bond. In the meantime he granted both motions for security for costs.

A motion for a change of venue from Valencia to this county in the case of Jesus H. Sanchez vs. Blas Lucero, was denied.

SPECIAL MEETING.

The Board of Education Held a Meeting Last Night.

The special meeting of the school board last night, was called to order with President Fulmer in the chair.

All members present with the exception of Trustee Chamberlin.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Trustee Strong stated that it was his understanding that the academy building was rented by the current year and no school year as stated in the minutes. Trustee Fox said that the proposition to rent the academy for nine school months at $25 per month was all the proposition the society had to offer.

President Fulmer ordered that if there was no objection that the building committee confer with the board of directors of the academy building, and fix up the lease.

The superintendent's report on the reconstruction of the high school was read as follows:

To the Board of Education—Gentlemen: In compliance with a resolution by the board at the last regular meeting, the superintendent begs leave to submit the following as to the reconstruction of the high school.

All the eighth grade pupils to be sent to the Third ward.

The sixth are to remain.

All the seventh in the Third ward to be sent to the Fourth, the seventh and sixth to remain.

All the ninth to be sent to the high school building, Miss Hegman to be made assistant teacher in the High school.

Mrs. Butts to be made principal of the First ward.

That the fourth year be provided for.

Other disposition of pupils to be made by the superintendent as necessity may require. Respectfully,

J. T. Fergus.

Trustee Rankin moved to adopt the superintendent's report, seconded by Trustee James. Carried.

The salary of Miss Nellie Booth was placed at $55 per month.

The superintendent submitted a report, per request of the board at the last meeting, regarding the adoption of Storm's history of New Mexico, wherein he recommended it as suitable for either supplementary reading in classes above the sixth year, or to be used as a substitute for classes in the eighth year, say once a week until completed.

His report was adopted.

There being no further business before the meeting, same adjourned.

CORBETT VS. FITZSIMMONS

The Jackson Club of New Orleans, Offers $10,000 for a Contest.

Wheeling, Sept. 10.—Ex Champion James J. Corbett, who is here to-day to play first base with the Wheeling base ball team, received a telegram from Chicago informing him that the Northern Jackson club, of New Orleans, offers $10,000 for a contest between Corbett and Fitzsimmons. Corbett accepts the offer and will wait for Fitzsimmons' decision.

EXCITEMENT IN SPAIN.

Three Insurgents Victors, Cabinet Ministers Meet This Evening.

Madrid, September 10.—News received here of the capture by the insurgents of the town Victoria Santiago de Cuba, has caused great excitement. The cabinet ministers have been summoned to meet this evening to consider the situation.

BOOTH TUCKER'S COLONY

Fund Will Be Planted in California $25,000.

New York, Sept. 10.—Commander Booth Tucker will start to-morrow for California to inaugurate the first colony under the auspices of the Salvation Army. He said several wealthy citizens of San Francisco raised $25,000 for the organization of a colony in that city on the lines proposed by him. It was stipulated that the colony should be planted in California, as it was not desirable to reduce the population of the golden state.

Silver and Lead.

New York, Sept. 10.—Silver, 54c. Lead, $3.00. Copper casting, 10¼c.

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AMONG THE MOQUIS.

Prof. Beer's Account of the Moqui Snake and Antelope Dances.

AN INTERESTING DESCRIPTION.

The librarian of the "Howard Memorial Library and the Kisk Free and Public Library of New Orleans, La., Prof. William W. Beer, who was here yesterday and left this morning on his return to New Orleans, attended the Moqui Indian snake and antelope dances a few days ago. He was met by a CITIZEN representative and, at our request, prepared the following account of the dances for publication:

HIS ACCOUNT.

"In company with Lorenzo Hubbell and family, I reached the mesa on which the Moqui villages are located on Wednesday, the 18th, and ascended by an easy trail to the gap immediately north of the village of Tewa. The three villages differ but little in architecture, Walpi being the largest, most ancient and best protected from attack, as it is located on the southern end of the rocky peninsular which at its broadest part is about 300 feet across. Walpi is approached over a narrow pathway little over ten feet in width, with a sheer fall on each side of several hundred feet.

"After noticing the preparations for the snake dance, I spent the day in seeking accommodations and visiting friends. On Thursday we drove to the second mesa, which also contains three villages, more picturesquely situated and more complete as specimens of pueblo architecture. That night little bands of Navajos were heard singing as they ascended the slope to the mesa to attend the dance. On Friday morning the proceedings began by a foot race by the members of the Antelope priesthood. At daylight, sixty eight of the younger of the Antelope came at full speed from a spring on the east of the mesa and ascended to their kiva on top of the hill. There had been no notice of this race given out, and the runners passed on and were soon lost to sight.

"Near sundown took place the Antelope dance, which in many features is repeated in the snake dance. A row of thirteen Antelope priests, ranging from Wiki, the high priest, almost tottering to the grave, to children about 8 years, are painted curiously and attired in shoulder and waist ornaments, decorated with feathers, leaving an impression of whiteness; the Snake priests, twenty nine in number, are also strikingly painted and dressed, but leaving an impression of brownness. During this dance the weird singing and the rattle of the corn stalk basins made a queer music, which one would expect sooner or later to be used as a basis of a truly American opera.

"At sunrise Saturday morning the foot race of the Snakes took place. At that time the Walpi maidens in bright costumes were seen descending the paths to await the coming of the racers, but it soon became evident that there was no certainty as to which trail would be used by the runners, for at last when the foot cry, 'They are coming,' was heard, and far away in the valley could be seen the minute, dusky forms of the men, these girls rushed to the south end of the mesa to receive the offerings of corn-talks with tassels, but without ears, which the runners had brought them from Weepo, the well of plenty. Six miles up the valley they had started at the moment the sun appeared in a notch in the mesa ten miles to the east. It became very exciting as all went to the point and wondered when the first breathless competitor would reach the platform, which would give him the right to attach his feathers to the sacred altar. The path was worn deep by the tread of countless feet, so that when he finally appeared his bronzed form, almost entirely nude, seemed to fill the narrow passageway. To the astonishment of all, beyond a little perspiration, this man who had raced at full speed for six miles and rushed at almost the same speed up 300 feet to the top of the mesa, showed no radical disturbance of breathing or trace of exhaustion. The other runners came in one by one, most of them very visibly fatigued. There were some scenes in this race which were almost pathetic. Little boys, who looked forward to the day when they might join in this great contest of speed, had gone to the foot of the mesa to race up the hill with the men. Poor little fellows! A dozen mothers watched for them at the top, and one, who saw her 5 year old boy toddling under the weight of two stripes of white paint, snatched him to her arms and would let him go no further, much to his disgust.

"About 1 o'clock in the afternoon we went to the plaza to take places for the great dance. The first thing done was to erect the kisky, or kiva, the sacred grove in which the snakes were to await the ceremonial. After the preliminary arrangements were completed a priest appeared bearing a large sack containing the snakes, which were plainly to be seen writhing in their confinement. This sack was deposited behind the veil of the kiva, and the official whose business it was to hand out the snakes entered, then came the women bearing bowls of sacred meal which is used to sprinkle the snakes and dancers. This procession was followed by Wiki, carrying a bowl and brush with which, from time to time, he sprinkled those around him. The dress worn was similar to that of the day before. The first of the dancers to arrive in the space left for them were the Antelopes, who, after taking their places, were followed by the Snakes. These took up their position facing the Antelopes, the two lines being just far enough apart to allow of the passage of Wiki, who plentifully sprinkled the dancers as he passed up and down three times.

"Then began the terrifying rite which compels the men to take from the bag a snake, which may mean death, at least that is the way it seemed to the onlooker who has not the profound belief in the antidote which is said to have been administered. One by one they approach the kisi. The order of the dance was then as follows:

"The single line breaks up. For a second confusion reigns until it is seen that a new order has been established. The snake priests are now in pairs. On the left is the man who will take the reptile in his mouth, on the right the attendant, who, with a wand terminating in two eagle feathers, will stroke it and divert the deadly fangs from its bearer. The first pair step to the kisi, the bag is opened and a huge head appears. It is only a bull snake, but four feet long and one and a half inches in diameter, grasping it firmly in the mouth the priest and his attendant pass on. The next one gets an unmistakable rattler, then in no order come out from the bag rattlesnakes, horned rattlers, bull and whip snakes. Some of the snakes were carried the whole way around, while others were dropped and became the object of terror to those who stood near, especially those who stood on the brink of the mesa, and to whom a step backward meant death. At last three and later six of the dancers were appointed to keep the snakes within due bounds. They did this with their feather tipped wands, and watching for a time when the reptiles were uncoiled, caught them up with apparent indifference, until each man held handful of darting, writhing snakes. The dancers circle on, taking a fresh snake each time they passed the kisi, until the bag was empty.

"The open space was filled with the weirdly painted priests, some exhausted with the physical and mental strain, others with hands full of snakes, waiting for the signal which they should throw the whole number at the foot of the crucified rock which stands at the south end of the plaza. The last snake has left from the mouth of the priest, but some caught up by the wary attendant and one of the priests gather in a tangled heap the snakes. An another sign, some of the strongest men, [illegible] the snakes, and one fourth start off to the north, south and west, to flop the snakes on the backs of the fleeing [illegible] other priests who [illegible] came frequently [illegible] to which [illegible] a large crowd. [illegible] remnants of snakes [illegible] which had been [illegible]

"It was late when [illegible] and we were [illegible] home to speak [illegible]

"Prof. Beer [illegible] the Snake dance [illegible] the Antelope dance [illegible] the Snake dance [illegible] Antelope [illegible] New Mexico.

"Near Sunset [illegible] the Snake dance [illegible] Antelope [illegible] Snake [illegible] Antelope [illegible] Snake [illegible] Antelope [illegible] Snake