#### ON A BOX-CAR.

A Wild Ride Through the Gorges of the Mexican Mountains.

Wonderful Jetties of the World,

BY FRANK G. CARPENTER. fooryments, 1801.)

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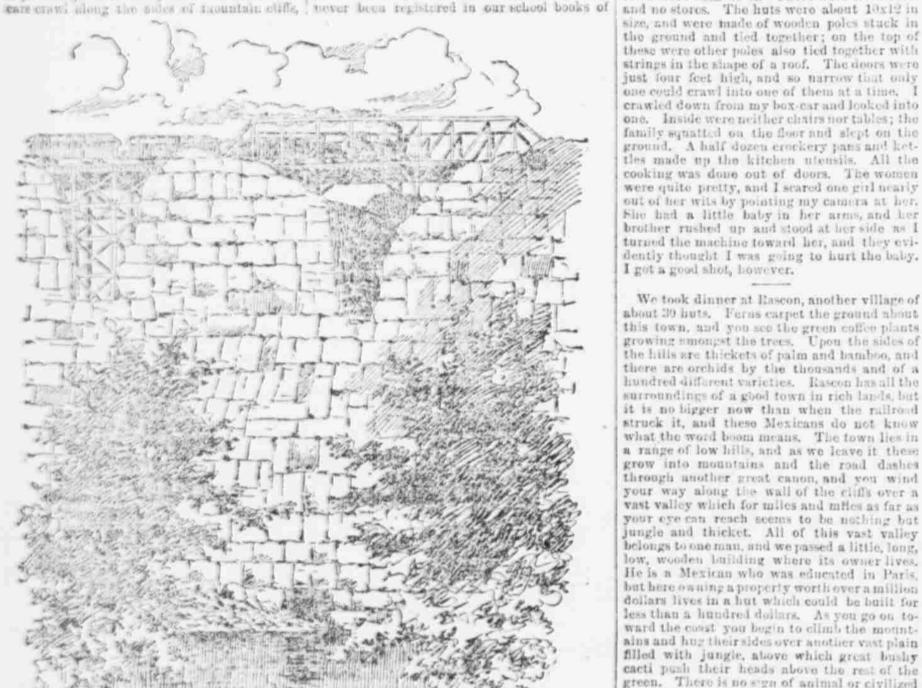


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our heavy hot biscuits and black coffee, which,

The Wonderful Tampico Bullway-Tamosopo and look at you in solemn grandeur. Now and Canon-The People of the Mountains-A | then you strike a fine farming country, and Millionaire Who Lives in a \$25 "Palace." | you see that some of Mexico is well fenced and The Choy Cave and its River-The Future | well tilled. I noticed American plows in the Scaport of Mexico, Tampico-The Most fields, and I am told that the Governor of this either in size or quality. State uses a great deal of American machinery OMN the mountains Alps. Soil is very rich, and the cattle on it are hamlets. It was apparently shot off from

miles an horr on the lit was at the beginning of the Tamosopo tono of a train through canon that I crawled with the trainmaster, the wildest gorges of Mr. George E. Wilcox, to the top of a box-car, the American conti- and began my wild ride down the mountain, next! Leaving from The road runs here about a great amphitheater, one zone to another! the walls of which are green hills, and the Shooting out of the center of which is a great green plain. It cold bacroness of the skirts this plain to an almost perfect circle, Mexican platean into making a curve more wenderful than that of the bet luxurlance of the famous Porse Shoe Bend on the Penusylthe Galf of Mexico! | vanis Ross, and at the end jumps out of the These are faint ex- amphitheater under a cascade of silver water pressions of some of into the great canon. Great mountains rise the features of the ride above you, and in some places the walls of these I took yesterday over | are precipitous, and cliffs overhang the train, the militard which has You can look down for thousands of feet, and just been finished from | in places the walls of rock on both sides of the Sau Luis Petesi to garges are so close together that you can see Tampieo. The Mexi- mothing but a strip of sky overhead. Now the can Control Radroad system is the biggest in gerge becomes more broken and you find peasthis country. It has bread page treeks, and not buts in ened to the aide of this wall, and it came from El Paso, in Texas, in Mexico City, | their fields of corn are so steep that it would a distance of 1.322 miles. About the conter of seem almost impossible to plant them with this line is the city of Aguas Callennies, and | anything cleetican arbotgum. As we go on we from here a line of road has been built across | pass through tunnel after tunnel, and we lean the cost control part to San Unic Potesi, and | down and put our beads on the top of the car from thence on to the Gulf of Mexico. It is as we go through. Now you can see a rushing 400 miles from the main line to the Culf, and | stream scalding its way over rocks 1,600 feet It is about 275 miles from East Late Poton to below you, and you look with wonder at the everywhere, and it gives some idea of one class Tampico. This last branch in beer open but | wegetation and the trees. Here are ferns as of towns in this rich wilderness of Mexico. a few months. I felt like an exporer blazing | big as these you see in the Himalayas. There | The telegraph station was in a car by the roadmy way through the wildows as I robe over | are treas of calla lilies and flowers you have | side, and the dozen buts which made up the



ABOVE THE CHOY ELVER.

plow their way through plaint of the richest | botany. A botanist discovered 43 new varie- ganize colonies of Americans to settle upon well and give panerance views of the most tree here since the rord was opened, and this is them. The chief objection I have heard to and feather President L. L. Polk, of the Namagneticant scenery of this land of the sector- a great field for the peologist and betanist. I the scheme lies in the charge that these law- tional Alliance, who has been making speeches seque. After you have descended the mount- found a young fellow with his pockets full of | lands are malarious and the air is full of fover | through Kansas, but were prevented by the mins, and in a few hours come more than a mile metals, the names of which be did not know, for strangers, straight down out of the six, you man through | during my trip, and I am told that there are 50 miles of jumple and land at the mostle of a | fine coal fields not far from the railroad. wast river in a little mid-heshioped Spanish town, which is distinct to become the foture

menport of Mexico. The road you have passed. can continent. It has cost \$10000.00 to build, and some parts of it are more approxive by the | 45 feet in a thousand, The road at places seems | position of the railroad over the Choy Cave. | called some of his old comrades together and Let me give you a picture of our ride. The first part of it was taken in the sleeper, and we traversed the plateau during the night I took an old cab at the butsl at Sen Luis Poter and made a barrain with the dark-freed, white-inited, red-blanketed condumn to drive me over the mile of rough coblessome to the depot. We reached there at half-past 8, and a boy entried my heavy bag to the trum. .



paid him three cents. He was as Lappy as a hing, and sat down on my burgage and waited until the cars were open, which was not notif

a half on hour later. It was successight, and the pure air, the bright sky, and the soft light

of the great yellow moon made the picture

The moon softened the lipes of the old Mearial

buildings. It turned the picturesque pussants

BROTHLE, SI-THE, AND BARY. moments later we were rading out through great fields of shelmes, through plantations of magney plants, and past ghostly little willages. which lay like white cities of the dead under the rays of the moon. It was among such

surroundings that I went to sleep,

I awake to find myself in a nest in the mountains, and on the edge of one of the most picturesque towns in Mexico. This was the little willage of Cardinas, whore we took breakfast. It is made up nime a cutirely of thatched roufed huts. And such huts and such thatch! The rough leaves of palm-trees are interwoven with grass and tied to point, making a sort of mat, which is placed over a square building of mat, which is placed over a square bribling of sun-dried brioks. These buts are of all sizes. Some are no bigger than dog-kennels, and others could be crowded into the half bee-room of a bome city house and not touch the wails. The doors look as though they were chopped out with a batchet. There were no windows and in front of the houses and looking out of the floor, were look as all looking out of the floor, were look as all looking out of the floor, were look as all looking out of the floor. Soid everywhere Price, Cericura, 50c.; Soap, the sun of the floor floors and solutions. doors were men, women, and children, any one of whom would have been a find for liarnum. There were Indians, Mestizes and Mex.

Send for "How to Care Skin and Blood Diseases."

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Send for "How to Care Skin and Blood Diseases." num. There were Indians, Mestiros, and Mexleans, the women half decreed and some of the babies not dressed at all; the men in their bounded by Currena Soar. blankets and buts and byen feet of Mexican peasant life; and all with great eyes devouring the as we sat in the little station and devoured to a carrier Anti-Tais Pagers. 250.

together with spring chicken, made up our Leaving Cardinas the railroad climbs on up into the mountains. You pass through rocky

plains with crops growing in the richest luxuriance amid the fields of stone by richest haciendas, about which thousands of cattle graze, and on into a great plain out of which sugarmountains. The hills are covered with blue coffee and sugar plantations, but I saw wide grass, and you see wide stretches of beautiful stretches of rich soil which were not under culroads. Your surroundings are those of the less than a dollar an acre. Just before leaving Alleghanies in the best parts of Penusylvania, the mountains we stopped at a little village, and you might be in the foot hills of the Swiss | which was a fair type of some of the mountain



it yesterday. Drawn by the from horse the pewer heard of, and some I am told which have town were back of it. There were no streets size, and were made of wooden poles stuck in the ground and tied together; on the top of these were other poles also tied together with strings in the shape of a roof. The doors were just four feet high, and so narrow that only one could crawl into one of them at a time. I crawled down from my box-car and looked into one. Inside were neither chairs nor tables; the family squatted on the floor and slept on the ground. A half dozen crockery pans and kettles made up the kitchen utensils. All the cooking was done out of doors. The women Tampico, and another road is already projected were quite pretty, and I scared one girl nearly which is to go from here to the City of Mexico. out of her wits by pointing my camera at her. She had a little baby in her arms, and her turned the machine toward her, and they evi-I got a good shot, however.

surroundings of a good town in rich lands, but and his nomination was made unanimous vast valley which for miles and miles as far as | Surveyor. neither towns nor houses. Here is a vast region of land said to be rich that is awaiting settlers, and I am told that the railway people are going to buy some millions of acres and or-

pieces of scenery along this Tampico railroad, | ing vengance against him. Among them was This Tamosopo canon winds about so that If you will imagine a wall of rock along the | L. A. McAllister, of Wichita, who, hearing Polk you travel 30 miles to cover a distance which sides of a great mountain, which extends for a say in his speech that he had never occupied is only 15 miles as the crows flies. Its graded thousand feet above you and several hundred any position of command, and had consequently places is four and a balf per cent., and you fall feet below you, you will get some idea of the never mistreated Union soldiers as reported, to be tacked to the cliffs, and some parts of it | The railroad here is fastened to the side of the | showed them a parole granted him when at



A MOUNTAIN VILLAGE.

As you near the end of the canon it widens | can look out of the car window and see quite As you near the end of the canon it winces out, and you can see the road climbing the hill a river of the greenest of green water rusbing have to be amputated, but it cured



EVERY HUNDE OF THE SEIN AND SCALE

you, and the Tamosopa River plowing its way | your feet. There is no sign of the river anyover wonderful waterfalls. In one place there | where else, and it seems to come directly from are 12 talls, and the river tumbles down in a | the mountain. The cave itself can be entered series of cascades 300 feet high. The sides of by the river. It has two vast chambers. It and no signs of it since. I thought the canon are here walled with green. This looks like a great cathedral. The rooms are makes the water look libe a mixture of emeration and high, and are connected by an almost you and the world ought to know it. whole surroundings look like a spectrenter level to another. The difference in the change within the cave measuring over 60 feet in extravaganca. The state secured closer to the of climate is apparent. An overcost was com- depth. The walls of the mountain about this earth. I full that I was in the land of the fortable when I climbed to the top of the box- portion of Mexico are dotted with cave holes, Orient, and was about to look for the Southern car, but I took off this and my coat and vest the most of which have never been explored. Cross when I was awakened by a jolly Ameri- before I get to the bottom of the canon, and Not far from the railroad a little back of the can porter as black as the ree of apades, whose | during the last part of my trip I should have | Choy Cave is a vast chamber, underground. It teeth were as white and as printing as those | been languer had I been able to take off my | has a domed ceiling which furnishes light of a hyona. He opened the ear, and a few skin and sit in my bones. The flowers changed | through a hole in the top, and ferns grow in it. The walls of the cavern are white, and the roof of the cave is 700 feet high. Many of these caves are filled with parrets, and some have a large number of chambers. One I saw had an entrance so low and small that I had to stoop to enter it, but the chamber within was perfectly dry, and it was so large that 1,000 men could stand in it.

> From the Choy Cave to the Gulf we passed through some of the fine timber of the Mexican forests. We saw ebony, resewood and mahogany trees. Our engine was being fed with mahogany as fuel, and that part of the tics over which it passed were of ebony. Piles of mahogany lay along the road chopped into firewood, and this had been bought for the railroad at prices ranging from \$3 to \$5 per cord. The wood used for the making of cigarboxes comes from this part of Mexico, and there are along this railroad valuable dye-woods, which are largely exported. Tampico will bebe a great city at this point.

There is at present no good harbor. The Vera Cruz Bay, where Cortez landed, which has been the chief scaport of Mexico up to this time is very unsafe. The city is unhealthy,

with the climate. As we got into the valley and it is out of the way for central Mexico, we saw coffee trees growing wild, and there | Here at Tampico two great rivers empty into were palms and banana plants. There were the sea. These rivers join just before they thousands of blue paroquets and parrots in the | reach Tampico, and their mouth is very deep. trees, and this region is full of game. I am One can sail for more than a hundred miles up told that there are plenty of monkeys, although the Panuco River into the interior, and it would I saw none, and Mr. Wilcox tells me there are | not cost much to improve the canal system of wild turkeys by the thousands. A royal pheas- | Mexico so as to give water communication beant abounds, and there is a bird known as the | tween this point and the Capital. The only Chacalacha, which looks like the American pheasant, and has a call sounding like its name. I great bar which lies between it and the sea. There are plenty of wild ducks, many white. The Mexican Government and the Central tailed deer and not a few tigers. The tiger is Railroad are spending millions of dollars to resmall, and such skins as I have seen will not | move this bar, and are constructing here the compare with those of India, China or Corea | most remarkable jetty system of the world. The jetties are on the same principle as those of the Mississippi River, but are much larger, on the boundeds of thousands of acres which belong to him. Now you begin to climb the surrounded by mountains. It is filled with engineers propose to build two great walls from the mouth of the river, nearly a mile and a half, right out into the sea. This will confine green patched with black fields and dark brown | tivation. I am told the land can be bought for | the river within these walls, and its current will be such that it will carry the sand of this bar out into the waters of the Gulf of Mexico.

> These walls are now nearly completed, and the engineers are working steadily upon them. They are made in a curious way, and are constructed of brush and stone. In the first place great piles are driven into the sea, and a railroad is run along the top of these. These piles are sunken at a distance of about 60 feet apart, and this is the width of the top of each of these jetty walls. Great bundles of brush are cut in the jungle along the Tampico Kailroad, and these bundles by the car loads are brought up to the jetty walls. They are laid erosiwise in a sort of a mat, and are sunk by machinery lown to the bottom of the ocean between these iles. As soon as a layer of brush has been thus woven together a layer of heavy rocks is placed upon them, and then another layer of brush is placed upon this, and then another layer of rocks, until there is a solid wall of brush and rocks from the bottom of the sea to some distance above its surface. Shortly after the wall is completed the saild drifts in and fills all the places in the brush and makes a solid wall of sand and rock with the brush. This wall is afterward comented outside and on the top, and there are now already two walls nearly a mile long of this kind. The work is going steadily on, and when it is completed it will give Tampico one of the finest harbors in the world. The railroad already runs out to the jettics, and the piles upon which the tracks are built are 10 feet above high tide. The mats, which are made of the brush before they are sunk, are from 50 to 75 feet wide and from three to five feat thick. They are fastened together with iron rods, and as soon as the mat is dropped upon the water carleads of stone are thrown upon it, and the work is a good deal stronger than we can imagine it. Between these two walls of jettles there will be a channel about 900 feet wide, and it is believed that the jettles will keep this always clear of gand; already the bar has receded to a considerable distance, and within a year or so the work will be completed. A town has been laid out by the railroad about six miles from the present city, and this will be the future Tampico. By the time this letter is published a new railroad will

dently thought I was going to hurt the baby. | How, Roswell P. Flower Nominated for Governor, The Democrafic Convention of the great State of New York met at Saratoga on Wednes-We took dinner at Rascon, another village of | day, Sept. 16, and the state made up by the Hill about 30 huts. Ferns carpet the ground about | managers went through without scratch or this town, and you see the green coffee plants | break. After routing business had been transgrowing amongst the trees. Upon the sides of acted Roswell P. Flower and Alfred C. Chapin the hills are thickets of palm and bamboo, and | were placed in nomination for Governor. It there are orchids by the thousands and of a | took but one vote to show that Flower was the hundred different varieties. Rascon has all the | choice of the Convention by a large majority, it is no bigger now than when the millroad struck it, and these Mexicans do not know Licutemant-Governor; Frank Rice, of Ontario, what the word been means. The town lies in | for Secretary of State; Frank Campbell, of a range of low hills, and as we leave it these Stenben, for Controller; Simon W. Rosendale, grow into mountains and the road dashes of Albany, for Attorney-General; Elliott Danthrough another great canon, and you wind forth, of Chenango, for Treasurer, and Martin your way along the wall of the cliffs over a Schenek, of Schenectady, for Engineer and

your eye can reach seems to be nothing but | The platform makes the usual arraignment jungle and thicket. All of this vast valley of the Republican party; declares against the belongs to one man, and we passed a little, long, | coinage of any dollar which is not of the inlow, wooden building where its owner lives, | trinsic value of any other dollar in the United He is a Mexican who was educated in Paris, States; denounces the Sherman silver law unbut here owning a property worth over a million | der which gold is imported and the market dollars lives in a but which could be built for less than a bundred dollars. As you go on to- "worse than war tariff" and "Blaine's reciward the coast you begin to climb the mount- procity measure worse than a humbug"; goes ains and hug their sides over another vast plain | for the "billion dollar Congress without gloves; filled with jungle, above which great bushy opposes sumptuary legislation; denounces the cacti push their heads above the rest of the Czar for his treatment of the Jews, and ingreen. There is no sign of animal or civilized | dorses the administration of Gov. David B. life. The land seems to be good, but there are | Hill. The subject of pensions is not mentioned.

veterans there made all arrangements to tar authorities. They are bitter against Polk for his treatment of Union prisoners during the The Choy Cave is one of the most remarkable | war, and many of them left the grounds vowsigned "L. L. Polk, Brigadier-General, commanding the post." McAllister detailed to his hearers some of the horrors he and his fellowprisoners had gone through in the prison of which Polk was Governor. Then it was that the plot on Polk, peace and comfort, took form, and had the orginal conspirators kept matters to themselves would, perhaps, have been carried out. The police, however, got wind of the affair, and nipped it in the bud.

> Francia Rendricks for Collector of the Port of New York.

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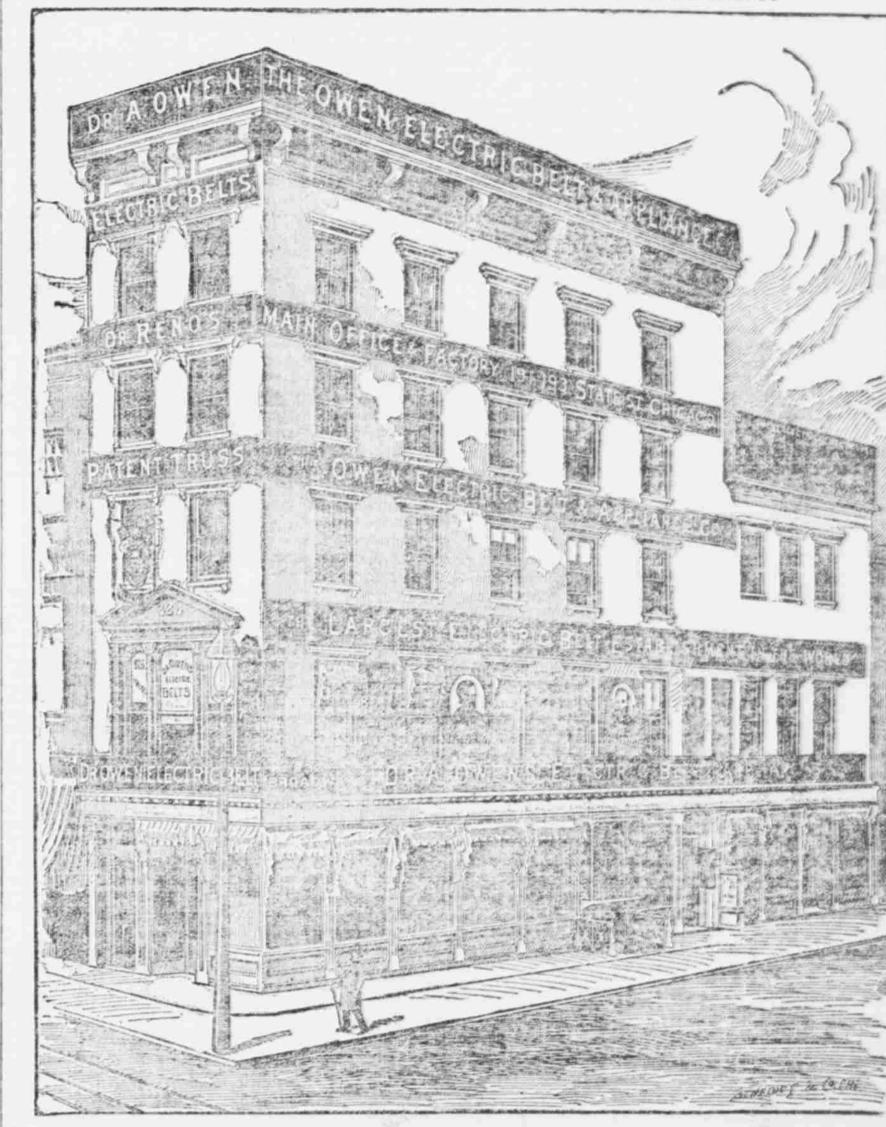
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been a member of the State Senate for a numcaus for the Governorship, to be Collector of ber of years, and is well known as an active political worker. He was vigorously backed by Senator Hiscock, ex-Senator Platt, Collector Fassett, and others. His appointment will Roxbury, Mass. | no doubt be satisfactory to a great majority of New York Republicans.

Ex-Cengressman Scott Dead. Wm. L. Scott, of Pennsylvania, and an ex-Member of Congress, died suddenly at Newbeen suffering for some time from acute gastrodespaired of. He rallied, however, and was carried from his home in Erie, Pa., to Newpo where, it was believed, the climate would be beneficial. This belief was realized and he began to gain at once, his improvement continuing natil Friday. On that afternoon be had an attack of heart failure and another on Saturday afternoon, rallying quite easily the first time, but with more difficulty the second time. Another attack occurred about 11 o'clock Saturday night, from which he could not rally, and death came soon. The remains were taken to his home for interment.

A Monument at Hemestead.

A handsome monument was unvailed at Homestead, Pa., on Sept. 17. The feature of the day was the parade, which was participated in by 12 Posts of the G.A.R., together with other organizations, school children and bands, fully 2,500 people being in line. The procession was led by Past Department Commander Joseph F. Denniston and Ass't Adj't-Gen, J. H. Williams, The orator of the day was Col. Wm. D. Moore, of Pittsburg, and it is estimated that 10,000 persons witnessed the unvailing. The monument is of granite, 23 feet high, and is capped by the figure of a soldier. It cost \$3,200, A Campfire was held in the evening, at which Col. Hazzard, of Monongahela City, presided A large number of veterans attended, and all enjoyed themselves immensely. It was a late hour before the last spark of the fire died out.

Col. F. A. Conkling Bead.

Col. Frederick Augustus Coukling, a brother of the late ex-Senator Roscoe Conkling, died of cancer of the stomach at his home in New York City on Friday, Sept. 18, aged 75 years. He organized the 84th N. Y. National Guard, and was made its Colonel. The command did duty for a month in 1863 in Baltimore, and again in 1864 did picket duty in Virginia and West Virginla. He was elected to the 37th Congress, and served two terms in the New York House of Representatives and one term as Senator.





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WANTED-By Edward Kelly 308 Foster Road, Mus-catine, lower-lay information of my brother, Patrick Kelly, of County Carlow, Ireland, late of istand 15th Iown, He left lower about 25 years ago; last heard from about 11 years ago at McDowell, Arts. 628-25 W ANTED-By George W. Sheblon, Berryton, Kan, The address of Saul Miller, of Co. P. 141d Pa.

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