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## MYSTERY UNSOLVED

### Cimarron Has Mystery Of Its Own--Conjectures Rife

Not to be outdone by our neighboring town of French, which has come into the limelight and got its name in the papers, because express robbers have been doing naughty things, Cimarron has worked up a little excitement all of its own, and if the Citizen has anything to do with it, Cimarron is also going to get its name in the papers and be talked about. Cimarron does not intend to take a back seat for anything, or any town. We grow every thing here except knockers, and do everything here except rob trains. Our latest production in the sensational, is a weird, bewildering mystery, and for a short time, inexplicable and mystifying light appeared on the side of the mesa to the west of town. It burned with a bright and steady light way up on the side of the mountain, where none but horse thieves or train robbers would be likely to camp. Thursday was the day of the big robbery at French, and some of the most imaginative thought that the light was either a camp of the bad men, or was some sort of a signal either to them, or a message sent by them to their friends. A few of the more enthusiastically inclined man hunters, wished to get up a posse and attack the light. But most of the man hunters in Cimarron had not lost any train robbers and bad men, and so the proposed attack fell through. However, the light was watched by many with a great deal of speculation and curiosity.

At last, two men more daring than the rest, set out on horse back, armed to the teeth, and investigated. They did some fine scouting work, and at last worked themselves up to the point from whence came the mysterious light. But nothing was visible except a lantern set on a stone. No sign of human visitation otherwise. Not a movement, nor a sound. In fact, nothing doing. After waiting for some little time to see what would happen if their presence was known, one of this daring pair, crept up and suddenly extinguished the lantern. Still no movement or sound from the person or persons who had put the lantern in place. Bringing the lantern with them, the two adventurers started back home again, but imagine their surprise to see the light suddenly appear at the same place again, before they had gone two miles. Utterly baffled by the meaning of this strange performance, which was now verging on the mystical, the two decided to wait until day before making more investigations.

But so far investigation has failed to explain who or what placed the light. It appears about ten o'clock and burns until long past midnight. As soon as it is taken away, and the intruder has departed, it again springs up with full force, brilliancy and steadiness, and always in the same place. Those who have visited the place state that the light could not be placed by human hands, without the watchers catching those who perform the deed, in the act. It is weird and uncanny, and most mystifying. Perhaps supernatural forces place the light on the heights, but ghosts do not generally buy lanterns made in Chicago. The Citizen would like to work up a good ghost story, but it will have to be satisfied with is nothing more or less than a good mystery, as will Cimarron also.

### MINER CRUSHED UNDER THREE TONS OF ROCK

Leadville, Colo., May 19.—Alexander Sutherland, aged 47 years, a miner at the La Plata mine in California gulch, was crushed to death yesterday afternoon by a rock weighing three tons which fell upon him. Sutherland is survived by a widow and three sons.

## CLEVELAND HAS NIGHT OF FURIOUS RIOTING

Cleveland, May 19.—Notwithstanding the widespread disorder which prevailed in various parts of the city, the Municipal Traction company claimed to have more cars in operation than at any time since the strike began.

With the approach of daylight the lawlessness which continued throughout the night had in a large measure ceased and cars were run on all lines without interference.

While a number of persons received injuries as a result of the assaults, no one was hurt seriously, so far as reported.

## SUSPECT CAUGHT IN MURDER CASE

Hotchkiss, Colo., May 19.—Frank Roberts, a ranchman living near Crawford, is under arrest, charged with killing James R. France, the mining operator and money lender, who was shot from ambush on his way to his homestead Saturday afternoon.

Sheriff Gibbs went after Roberts yesterday, but he had fled. Today Roberts surrendered himself to a man named Williams, who brought him to the sheriff at Crawford.

The coroner's jury which investigated the shooting of France returned a verdict that he had been murdered by a party or parties unknown.

## COLFAX POST OFFICE OPEN

### Postmaster E. A. Littrell Receives Mail--Supplies On Hand

The newly established post office at Colfax is now open for business, and hereafter mails will be received and delivered there regularly. Some few weeks ago, the department granted the petition for the establishment of a post office at Colfax, but not until late last week, was the office opened for delivery of mails. Mr. E. A. Littrell has been appointed postmaster, and only last Friday did he receive his orders, supplies, etc., with instructions to open the office for business.

The Rocky Mountain railroad has had the contract for the carrying of the mails for some time, and all their preparations were made, and everything was ready and waiting for orders from the Postal Department. As soon as these orders came, mails were at once delivered to Colfax, and the whole business is now running smoothly and freely. It has long been the desire of those living around Colfax to have daily mail service near at hand without being obliged to go to French, Dawson or Maxwell City, and their wish has at last come true. Speaking of the establishment of post offices, New Mexico has had more post offices established during the past year than any other state or territory in the United States. That speaks well for the rapid growth and development of New Mexico as a whole.

## COLORADO CASES FINALLY DECIDED

Washington, May 19.—The supreme court today handed down answers in the cases of James R. Wood and Jethro Henderson, petitioners on a certificate from the United States circuit court of appeals for the eighth district. This is a bankruptcy case from Colorado and three questions were submitted to the United States supreme court.

The first and second were decided in the affirmative and the third in the negative.

## CHARGED WITH ASSAULT

Facing a grave charge, Mike Aross, a Hungarian, was arrested here yesterday just as he was preparing to leave for Europe. He is charged with having committed a criminal assault Thursday at Primero, and Ella Phillips, a 15-year-old Hungarian girl, is alleged to have been his victim.

## BOLD ROBBERS GET BIG PLUNDER

### Three Masked Men Loot Strong Box of Wells-Fargo Express Company at French of \$38,500 and Escape--Three Suspects Arrested

Last Thursday afternoon at French occurred one of the boldest and most successful robberies that has taken place in the territory for years. The pay roll for the Dawson Fuel company at Dawson, consisting of \$38,500, was taken from those who guarded it, by three masked men, and the robbers rode away to apparent safety.

Secured in a strong box of the Wells-Fargo Express Co., this immense sum of money was being shipped from Albuquerque to Dawson, via the Santa Fe and the El Paso Southwestern. Coming north on No. 10 the money was taken off at French the junction of the two roads, to await the train north to Dawson. The story of the robbery, as told by two travelling men, eye witnesses of the affair, is something as follows:

"We were sitting around on the platform when suddenly three masked men appeared on the scene, and with guns pointed our way, we were commanded to hold up our hands and line up on the platform. As may be expected, we lost no time in doing this. Of course we were all excited and nervous, but I can remember very well one man who got tired of holding his hands so high. They began to settle down, and when he was cautioned to hold them up again, he complained that he had the rheumatism, and the bandit good naturedly allowed him to rest them on the top of his head. While we were kept in this position, by one man, the two others forced open the door, quickly blew open the box, took the cash out and then forced two of our number to help carry the money to their horses

which were tied close by. One of these two men explained to the robbers that he didn't want the money, and he was informed that he wasn't going to get any. While these proceedings were going on, a man came walking up the railroad track. He was waived off by one of the robbers, but he evidently thought the whole thing a joke, and kept on coming. The robber then took a shot at him, firing in the air with the evident intent to frighten him off. Still he came on, until the robber took a second shot at him, and this time so close that the whiz of the bullet let him know that the men were in earnest.

## ROAD TO THE EAST

"Quickly, but without undue haste, the three robbers mounted their horses and rode away to the east. They traveled in a leisurely manner and did not seem to be afraid of pursuit. I gathered up a piece of the broken strong box, and a lady that came to Cimarron with us picked up the drill that the robbers had used on the box in making ready for the charge of explosive that blew the safe open. That is what I saw, and I can tell you that while I am glad to have gone through one hold-up, I don't want another in nine. One is enough."

## POSSES SENT OUT

Immediately after the robbery, telegrams were sent out to all nearby points, and as soon as possible a posse was sent out from Dawson, Raton, Springer, and other near-by places to look for the robbers. Up to (Continued on Page 6, Column 2.)

## FRUIT NOT ALL GONE

### Good Crop Saved--Cimarron More Fortunate Than Others

With the heavy frosts and the extremely cold weather that has been experienced all over the country, the fear that the fruit crop would be as short this year as it was last, was felt throughout the middle west and the southwest. Many orchards last practically all their fruit this year, but the fruit growers of the Cimarron Valley near yall state that they have come out of the severe weather with more luck than is reported in most localities. While the crops have been damaged to a greater or less extent even here in the Cimarron Valley, still a large portion of the pomaceous fruit crop has been saved. Some growers state that they have saved only about a half of a big crop of apples, pears and peaches, while others state that their loss will not be greater than a quarter of a big crop. With the fruit crop in most localities around us almost a total loss, the Cimarron Valley comes to the front, as it generally does in most things, with half and three-quarters of a big crop saved. This is another indication that the Cimarron Valley has the possibility of being the garden spot of the southwest. It has the climate and the land, and plenty of rainfall and water to grow almost anything that can be grown.

## CHARIVORI DR. MASTEN

### Noisy Party Welcome Bride and Groom To Cimarron

Last Friday evening a noisy crowd armed with tin pans, stove pipes, wash boilers, horns and any other old thing that would make any noise, assembled before the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Livran and proceeded to charivori in most approved style. Dr. and Mrs. Masten, who have but just returned to Cimarron after a short honeymoon spent in a bridal trip to the Gulf coast.

As before stated in our columns, Dr. Masten and Miss Sarah Proctor were married at Fort Worth, Tex., on May sixth, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Daniels of the First Baptist church there.

After the ceremony, the happy couple took a short wedding trip to the Gulf coast and returned to Cimarron the latter part of last week, where they will make their future home. At the present time, Dr. and Mrs. Masten are making their home with Mr. and Mrs. Livran. Mrs. Masten is a most charming lady, and Cimarron society is most fortunate in having her as one of its members. Her welcome, while noisy in the extreme, was none the less sincere, and when the noise makers had been invited into the house and had made her acquaintance, they at once took her to their hearts without further delay. Light refreshments were served to the unasked visitors, and the merry evening was spent in a most delightful manner. The Citizen congratulates both Cimarron and Dr. Masten.

## GOVERNMENT WINS HOARY LAWSUIT

Washington, May 19.—The case of J. L. Sanderson versus the United States was decided by the supreme court of the United States today favorably to the government. Sanderson is the only surviving member of the firm of Barlow, Sanderson & Co., famous in the '60s as overland mail carriers. The suit decided today grew out of a claim for the loss of horses through the Cheyenne Indians in New Mexico in 1867. The court of claims held the claim invalid because the Indians were at war with the United States at the time the depredations were committed, and the supreme court affirmed that decision. The opinion was announced by Justice Peckham.

## TAMMANY COMES WITH 650 BRAVES

New York, May 19.—Tammany hall will be represented at the Democratic national convention at Denver by a delegation 650 strong. All arrangements for the journey have been completed, according to an announcement made at Tammany hall today.

Five special trains have been engaged and accommodations for the entire party have been secured in Denver hotels. The five trains will leave New York during the forenoon of July 4, and are due to arrive in Denver on the evening of the 6th, the day before the convention.

It is estimated that the cost of the trip to the Tammany delegation will be at least \$100,000. Each man will pay his own expenses.

## CLOSING EXERCISES

### Cimarron School Exercises Great Success --First Attempt

For the first time in the history of the Cimarron public schools, closing exercises were held, and with a great deal of success. The teachers have been working hard drilling the pupils for the event, and a great deal of credit is due to both the teachers and those who took part. The program of the evening was published in last week's Citizen, and one and all did so well that it would be folly to attempt to go into details. However, the duet of Maybelle Ogilvie and Bobby Cartwright was of such high merit that it can not be passed by without fulsome praise. The little people acquitted themselves with great credit and covered themselves with glory.

Miss Mae Livingston read a paper on the past history of Cimarron which was very instructive and interesting, and in fact, each carried through his or her part with great credit.

This is the first time in the history of the Cimarron schools that the closing of the year's work has been marked by appropriate exercises. So successful was the performance that it will probably become an institution. It is hoped that next year, the exercises may be held in the new school house. The Citizen wishes each of the six girls and the two boys in the graduating class every success in life. Those who will receive diplomas when they arrive are Eva Chandler, Mae Livingston, Edith Cartwright, Vera Chandler, Beulah Vance, Eva Crocker, Eugene Lambert and Stuart Coulter.

## ALABAMA RETURNS POINT TO BRYAN

Mobile, Ala., May 19.—The returns so far counted indicate that William J. Bryan is the choice of the state Democracy for the party nomination for president. The count probably will not be completed before tonight. Governor Johnson polled a large vote in Mobile, Birmingham and Montgomery, the three chief cities of the state.

## PLAN FOR MEETING

### B. R. T. to Hold Four State Annual Meet At Ute Park

About the middle of next month, Ute Park will be the scene of great doings, when hundreds of the members of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen will assemble there from all part of New Mexico, Colorado, Texas and Kansas in their Four State Annual Meet. The Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen is one of the strongest and biggest organizations of its kind in the world, and during its annual meets, thousands are in attendance. While the meet to be held at Ute Park next month is merely a Four State meet, those in charge are making preparations to accommodate between fifteen hundred and eighteen hundred.

The pavilion, which has been described in these columns heretofore, will be rushed through to completion, so as to be finished by the time the meet will be held. Work on the foundation was commenced last Monday, and everything will be done to rush the construction through.

Excursions will be run from all points in New Mexico, Colorado, Texas and Kansas to accommodate the visiting trainmen. The Rocky Mountain News Service, composed of J. R. Jeffries and I. B. Whitaker, have already received the concession from the Rocky Mountain Road which enables them to have complete and effective control of the pavilion at Ute Park. They will cater to the big crowd of trainmen, and are now busily engaged in making preparations for the feeding of the enormous crowd of visitors that are expected to attend the meet. The task of feeding fifteen or eighteen hundred hungry men is no small one, and is an undertaking that will be of great credit to the service of successfully carried through.

Later on in the season, it is the plan to hold a big Territorial meeting of the Elks at Ute Park. The plan is being advocated by a large number of lodges of the B. P. O. E. throughout the Territory and in Colorado. A few of the high officials of the order have visited the beautiful spot, and are pushing the proposed convention as hard as they can. A few lodges have already signified their willingness to hold the Convention at Ute Park, and there is but little doubt but that the plan will go through.

With these big meets to advertise the beauties of Ute Park, it will not be long before the world at large awakes to the fact that there is not a better beauty spot for a big summer resort in the whole southwest, or any other place. With the backing of the Rocky Mountain road, Ute Park is bound to come to the front, and it will not be long before tourists will be flocking in by the score.

## BELIEVE PRETTY GIRL MURDERED

Princeton, N. J., May 19.—That Bertha Vanderbilt, the pretty, young assistant librarian at Princeton university, was slain and her body thrown into the Raritan canal, is a belief which is gaining ground.

The finding of bruises upon the head of the dead girl, which the county physician declares must have been made before death, and a possible motive in jealousy, have led Chief of Police Kilfoyle and County Prosecutor Berdine to doubt the suicide theory.

## MAN FOUND DYING BY RESCUE PARTY

Lake City, Colo., May 19.—Roy L. Rigney, watchman at the Wyoming mine at Wyoming, was found in a paralyzed and dying condition by a rescue party sent out to look for him. Rigney, who is 27 years old, was stricken four days ago, during which time he was utterly helpless at his lonely cabin. He is being brought to Lake City for treatment. It is doubtful if he will recover.