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THE RAILROAD SURVEY.

The Route From the Grand Canyon to Flagstaff Surveyed.

It Will Not Be Very Expensive to Construct a Railroad Over The Route They Surveyed.

The party of surveyors consisting of thirteen men who have been surveying a railroad route from the Grand Canyon of the Colorado to this place, arrived here Tuesday afternoon. They made the survey in about sixteen days, the same being less time than a previous survey had been made by several days.

The route surveyed intersects the Santa Fe Pacific railroad about one half mile east of town. It is unofficially reported by those who are in position to know that it will be easy and not very costly to construct a railroad over the route surveyed, and that the route has the advantage of an abundance of fine timber.

If the above is correct the road will surely be built from Flagstaff, as it will be easier and cheaper to build, and the additional advantage of plenty of timber along the road will have considerable weight with the capitalists and mine owners behind this enterprise.

Another reason why Flagstaff should be the junction or the proper place for the Grand Canyon road to intersect the Santa Fe Pacific railroad, is because there is a good outlet south to extend the railroad through the great mineral belt of Arizona.

The survey has been made and the backers of the enterprise will be guided entirely by the maps, profiles and plats furnished them by the engineers, and anything we might say pro or con would not influence the builders of the road one jot nor tittle, but reason tells us that they will select the route that is the least expensive to build over, and that settles it in favor of Flagstaff according to the best information we can gather.

Gwynne Dennis, Wm. O'Neill and a number of railroad magnates, capitalists and mining kings are expected to arrive here Saturday from the east to consider railroad and mining matters, and as they are shrewd business men they will arrive at a conclusion and act accordingly.

There is one thing sure if they want the benefit of the exemption from taxation, they will have to make dirt fly soon as they will have to lay twenty-five miles of track between now and spring, but they don't have to be reminded of this for they are well posted in the premises.

The President's Mother.

[L. W. B. in Chicago Inter Ocean.] The report that President McKinley's mother has been stricken with paralysis touched Washington, as would the serious illness of a member of the family in the White House. "Mother" McKinley came to the capital with the Presidential party. She remained only a few days, but she was one of the most interesting personalities who attended the inauguration, not simply because she was the mother of the President, but also because of her youthful old age and her quaint and Puritanic good humor. She had all the simplicity and faith of a Puritan mother, and with it the sunny good nature of one who trusted a higher power in making plain the path her son should walk in his great and responsible position. She had hoped to see William some day become a bishop in the Methodist church, but she accepted the ways of Providence, which led him to the White House as only a change from her plan for the general good.

Thousands of people saw "Mother" McKinley at Canton during the Presidential campaign, because she watched the course of events with interest, and was often at her son's cottage, assisting his wife in receiving and entertaining guests. Her eighty-eight years had not made her an old and infirm woman. She was energetic and alert, keen-sighted and keen-

witted, and full of sweet good nature. She walked where others rode in carriages. She preferred a straight-backed wooden chair to one with cushions or rockers. The President inherited her good nature and patience as well as his strong constitution from his mother.

When "Mother" McKinley came to Washington on the inauguration train it was her first visit to the capital. She came to attend her son's inauguration, and also to see the capital. She was a good sightseer while here. She visited many of the points of interest, and was interested in them all. She could endure as much as the younger members of the party. Everybody wanted to see "Mother" McKinley, but she wanted to see Washington. When the President's party were ushered into the private gallery of the Senate to see the Vice-President inaugurated, half a dozen men wanted to help "Mother" McKinley down the steps of the gallery to her seat in the front row. But she had never before needed help in reaching her pew in the church, and this was like a section of a church. She walked alone to her seat, as did the others, and she at once became interested in the proceedings.

At the White House she charmed all who met her. She was the opposite of all that makes up the glitter of Washington society. There was in her manner that frank simplicity which pretended to nothing, the sense of humor which saw the ridiculous as well as the grand, and the wit to make her conversation as entertaining as that of the accomplished diplomat.

The President wanted his mother to remain in Washington for some weeks after the inauguration, but she remained only a few days. She must go home. The President and his brother Adam called her, mentioning her that it was not time to make garden at home, and she would have nothing to do. "But, boys, don't you know that I have two houses that will be vacant the first of April, and I can't afford to lose the rent? I must go home and find tenants for them," replied "Mother" McKinley, with a twinkle in her eyes. Her sense of business responsibility silenced her boys, though one of them was President of the United States, with the task of reviving the business of the whole country by a wise policy on his hands. "Mother" McKinley went home.

Sayings of Children.

When Harry was 2½ years old he opened the main entrance door to admit a caller who wished to see "grandma." Harry felt it incumbent upon him to entertain the caller, who was a crusty old lady, somewhat at odds with children in general. The youthful entertainer instinctively felt the slight antagonism, but bravely endeavored to perform his self-important task. The caller presently made use of the stock interrogation: "Well, Harry, will you go home with me?" "No, ma'am," said Harry, honestly and somewhat bluntly. Foolishly nettled, the caller said: "Well, I don't want you, anyway." Harry looked earnestly and searchingly at her, and then clinched the whole thing by saying, with religious sincerity and reflected thankfulness: "No, only dood folks wants me."

At the time of one of the late presidential campaigns, when even children caught the infection of politics, Hattie, between 3 and 4 years old, accompanied her mother upon a visit to some friends in Michigan. Upon the first evening in the strange house, when Hattie's hour for going to sleep came, she was so excited it was difficult for her to compose herself. At last her mother said: "Hattie, dear, I am anxious that you get quiet and go to sleep, because I want to go downstairs and join in the evening prayers." "Who's doin' to pray?" asked Hattie. "Why, uncle William, of course, dear." "Uncle William pray?" said the baby, with wide-eyed astonishment, and springing up in her bed in the vigor of her surprise: "W'y, I fawt he was a demokwat?"

THE CHURCH AGAINST US.

Arizona and New Mexico Must Not Be Admitted into the Union.

Below we give a paragraph taken from a pamphlet issued by the Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian church at New York for 1897. The comment on said paragraph by the Graham Guardian is reproduced. The paragraph reads as follows: "If Congress should yield to the clamor of New Mexico and Arizona for admission to the Union, there would be at once two great States controlled from the beginning socially, politically and religiously by the Romish hierarchy. No one can predict what influence, destructive of our cherished institutions, such States may not in time exert over our land."

The above is taken from a pamphlet issued by the Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian church at New York for 1897. Can it be that intelligent men will indulge in such narrow contracted nonsense, and especially in a matter of which the above shows they know nothing. It says: "There would be at once two great States controlled from the beginning socially, politically and religiously by the Romish hierarchy." Nothing can be further from the truth, of which the members of the board must certainly be aware if they know anything about the existing conditions here at all. But even if it were true, do these religious professors set themselves up to be the judges as to what class of people must inhabit a territory for it to become eligible to Statehood? Is not this the mixing of church and state, which is forbidden by the constitution? Do these men mean to tell us that...

A dispatch from Madison, Wis., says: The case of Lizzie Denomie, the young half-breed from Lac la Poudre, has been before the federal court. She was charged with assault with intent to kill two Indians and her case brought up an important oversight of federal laws. After she had spent 115 days in jail here, Judge Dunn dismissed her case for want of jurisdiction. Congress in 1885 passed a law to provide punishment for assault committed by Indians on the reservation, but left it to other statutes to settle in what courts and what manner the offence should be tried. Upon investigation it was found there is no other statute which contains these provisions and the court was without jurisdiction.

lit that he broke in two when he hit the ground. He said he had seen smoke freeze in a chimney till the fire wouldn't draw, and he knew of one case where the smoke froze after it got a hundred feet up and fell back on the house, knocking a hole in the roof big enough to drive a yoke of steers through. He said the reason that nights were so long in that country was that the dark got froze so hard the daylight couldn't thaw its way through in less than six months."

No Room For Him.

James G. Blaine is said to have related the following story to a coterie of friends while crossing from America to Europe: "A few years ago I attended a performance of 'Faust' at a Dublin theater. In the third act, Faust, the lost, is dragged down into the infernal regions in a blaze of fire. On this occasion the actor impersonating Faust was an abnormally large man, and the trap-door of the stage an unusually small one. At the proper time the door separated and a volume of blue and red flame burst forth. Faust was seen dragged by a hidden power struggling through the opening. His legs went first, and he proceeded as far as his waist. Here he stuck. Those underneath tried to pull him through, while he endeavored to get out. He could move neither way, his portly body completely filling the aperture. There was an embarrassing pause. The audience wore as silent as a tomb. Then an old Irishman back in the gallery arose and, with his eye fixed on the scene, raised his hand and fervently exclaimed: 'I thank God, hell's full.'"

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Tramp With Literary Genius.

A young man, fairly well dressed, called at the home of a well-known South Side woman this morning and asked for something to eat. She told him to go to the wood-house and saw some wood while she prepared a breakfast for him. Not coming back the woman went to the woodshed and found that the tramp had gone. No wood had been cut, but tacked on one of the sticks was a note reading: "Just tell them that you saw me, but you didn't see me saw."—(Indianapolis telegram to the Chicago Times-Herald.)

Arizona and New Mexico United.

Yesterday evening Mr. O. C. Watson of Phoenix, Arizona, and Miss Lillian Hughes of Albuquerque, New Mexico were united in marriage. The bride is the daughter of Mr. Thomas Hughes, editor of the Albuquerque Daily Citizen, one of the brightest dailies in the west. Judging from the bride's parents we feel assured that Mr. Watson has won a prize that any gentleman should be proud to win. These newly married people will reside at Phoenix. The SKYLIGHT KICKER wishes them many happy and prosperous years of wedded life.

Tallest Girl in the World.

Miss Minnie Powers of Lockport, N. Y., is eight feet in height, lacking one inch. She is the tallest woman in the United States. She is handsome in spite of her abnormal proportions. The average height of women in England is 5 feet 8 inches. The average height of American women, according to William Blake, the expert on physical culture, is 5 feet 6 inches. The two inches in favor of the English women are doubtless due to many generations of outdoor life and sports. The modern American woman, however, is following her English cousins in their passionate love of athletics, with the result that the younger American woman have shown a wonderful growth and a more pronounced tendency to ample physical proportions.

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Clever Mechanical Devices.

To automatically guide a bicycle a head block is attached to the under portion of the frame close to the head to support a pair of spring guides which press against the back sides of the forks and hold them straight. A St. Louis woman has designed a car strap which will not close up on the hand, a rod being used, with a small ring at one end, by which it is attached to the car, and a larger leather-covered ring at the other end for the hand.

Billiard cues are to be made with the butt hollowed out so a screw rod can be inserted on which to mount several circular weights, which are turned backward and forward on the rod to balance the cue to the players liking. An adjustable coiled spring is used in upholstering furniture to keep the surface of the seats from settling, a curved plate being attached at one side of the seat and pressed upward at the other end by the spring to keep it in place.

A Texan has invented a one-wheeled racing sulky which is prevented from tipping over by the manner of attaching the thills to the harness, the advantage being that the sulky does not take up so much room on the track and runs easier. In a new beer-delivery wagon a rotary rack is journaled on the front and rear axles and holds a number of half-round barrel cradles, which are pivoted so as to tip and roll the barrel out so the rack is turned to bring each cradle close to the ground.

Ordinary tables can be converted into billiard tables by means of a new device, which consists of a series of rubber-cushioned wood strips, which are clamped on to the edges of the table, the strips being made shorter than the table, when a pool table is wanted, so as to leave room for the pockets. To prevent the stealing of bicycles a new lock is formed of a single piece of tubing serving as a strengthening brace for the frame, with a sliding bolt in one end, which fits between two teeth on the sprocket-wheel and a key-hole in the opposite end, in which the keys is inserted to operate the bolt.

An Englishman has patented a canterizing apparatus which can be attached to the coat and used by one hand, the heat being obtained from benzine gas, which is forced against the iron to be heated by a collapsible bulb held in the hand and the heated iron being pushed out beyond the flame when wanted for use.

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