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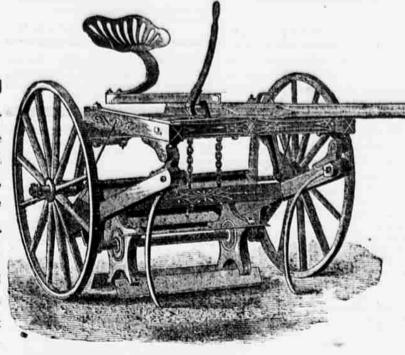
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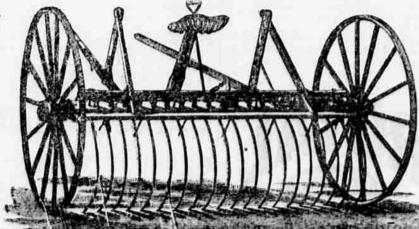
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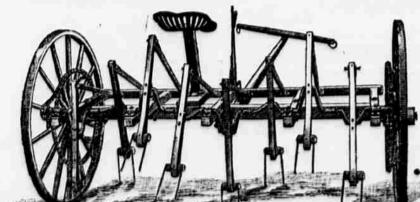
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ADDITIONAL LOCAL NEWS.

SOMETHING OF SHENANDOAH.

Indignation at Exorbitant Freight Charges on Cord Wood,

SHENANDOAH, December 6 .- The roll of the skating rink is as the roar of the

The farmers' alliance of this place has esolved to assist the company which is ghting Washburn, Moen & Co., on the

I is proposed to contest the collection of the bonus granted to the H. & S. railroad by Shenandoah, on the ground of non-compliance with the specifications test by experienced lapidaries, had been according to which the machine sheps

been signed by a large number of prominent citizens. J. Williams, prominent citizens. J. Williams, ject, people were driven almost frantic Geo. Cottrill, and C. Harrison have to find the location of this new Golbeen appointed to go in behalf of the conda. company, spy out and locate land. The plan is to secure for the colony a whole

The hardware firm of Norton & Cot-rell has dissolved partnership and Lem Norton now goes it alone. He is young, but if he is as cautious and foreseeing as the old man, his father, he will do. The Wabash railroad has added \$1 to

the freight on a cord of wood. This is a burden to the poor man. And yet the people wonder what can be done about t Can it be that we the people have forgotten that we are the king of this country, or have we abdicated in favor of great corporations? If the principle that the interests of the many are paramount to the interests of the few be a correct one, why should it not be applied to the napagement and administration of railroad companies? Who will answer this horter catechism?

We hear that we are to be favored by oncert from the Omaha Glee club, and are reliably informed it will be a treat. N. Wnitney, the railway man from Atlantic City, has been prowling around here, and some are anxious to know what it may mean.
Dr. J. G. Ross has returned from Da-

kota, and now is to devote hunself to his

Six per cent city and farm loans. S. W Fergusson & Co., 39 Pearl St. mw&

Gospel meeting at Y. M. C. A. rooms No 12 north Main street Sunday at p m. Regular monthly business meeting of the Y. M. C. A. a. their rooms Monday evening at 8 o'clock. A full attendance is

C. O. FITCH, secretary.

Diphtheria is prevalent. Use Dr. Jeffries' (Council Blaffs) preventive and cure, or buy a coffin. "You pay your money and take your choice."

Music, Heavenly Maid.

Never doubt a musician's word when

he says he can't play. Ten chances to one he can't.

Some people who play the piano can-not understand why others who don't play are so much more popular with their Always do your practicing in the early morning when the noise will be partially drowned by the yells of the milkmen,

Many pianes are sold on installments, and many more would be were it not for the difficulty of getting pianes war-ranted not to wear out until they are paid

Many promising musicians have been made permanently deaf by the noise of their practice. A light touch, with a lib-eral use of the soft pedal, is the only pre-

Everything depends upon practice, and not less than ten hours a day should be given to it. Do not go to a great city to learn music. Move out into the middle of

A piano that has been used seventeen years in an Insane Asylum in Philadel-phia was chopped up for firewood the other day, and since then so many of the inmates have got well that the managers will either have to buy another old piano or close the institution

AN EXTRAORDINARY CASE. AUSTIN, TEXAS, Feb. 20th, 1880

To Mr. J. V. Graham, Druggist:

Dear Sir—My case was an acute form of broughtis, and was of one and a half year's duration. I employed the best medical air possible, but faded rapidly, until the doctors said I would die—that my case was incurable. Thrown upon my own resources, I got a bottle Threwn upon my own resources, I got a bottle of Da Wh. Hall's Balsas for the Lungs and in six hours felt a decided relief. In three days the cough almost disappeared. Now that my chances of life are goest for many years, I exceedly recommend the above to every sufferer of lung or throat disease.

C. G. LATHROP.

BAKERS'S PAIN PANACEA cures pain in Man and Beast. For use externally and internally.

A Prosperous Newspaper. Kansas City Journal.

There are few papers in the west that show a greater degree of prosperity than THE OMAH BEE. On the 1st inst, it published a double sheet, containing a complete history of the Union Pacific railroad. It was the twentieth anniversary of the breaking ground for that mighty enterprise, which has done so much to develop the country west of the Missouri river. In addition THE BEE gave a six column interview with George Francis Train, m New York, who was the prime mover in building the Union Pacific THE BEE has been built up by the energy and ability of its proprietor and managing editor, Mr. E. Rosewater, who for several years did nearly all the editorial work in its columns. He now has the paper in thorough and complete running order, having recently reorgan-ized the editorial staff. Mr Affred Sorenson, who was for seven years on Fur Brg. and then left to serve three years on The Republican, now goes back to THE BEE as associate editor. He is an accomplished and hard-working journalist, and will be a decided addition to the aper We regard The BEE as one of the most enterprising papers in the Missouri aliey. It has struggled through and oversome many difficulties, and we are glad to learn it is now on a solid basis.

"My Mother

Has been using your Furded Flood Fitters as a liver remedy, and finds them very effications." Chas. L. Alusworth, 41 Vance Block, Indian-apelis, Ind

LOST IN THE MOUNTAINS.

Eleven years ago the Pacific coast, and the entire world for that matter, were electrified by astounding intelligence that diamond fields of inexhaustible quantity and perfect quality had been discovered in one of the territories. Vague rumors followed one another in regard to their location and purity of the stones. Some said that they were in Arizona, others in Colorado, while some maintained that they certainly were near the Burro mines in New Mexics; but wherever they were, the too credulous public was confident that they existed somewhere, and every one waited with feverish anxiety the solu tion of the much-vexed problem. At last the papers were informed that a lot of the diamonds had been received in San Fran cisco, and after undergoing a thorough pronounced "gems of purest water."
That was the torch that fired the public A Dakota colony of Shenandoahites has been organized. The papers have before. Thousands flocked to see them and as day after day the papers contained columns devoted to the sub-

About this time it was rumored that an expedition was going to be sent to the fields to work and hold them; and that they were to be incorporated, and the stock sold to the public, so that all could have an opportunity to become rich in a short time. A Harpending was the prime mover of the affair, and the Bank of Cal fornia, the treasurer of this new and wonderful company. But the story of the method of swindling pursued by the rogues is well-known to all Californians. It is only of the expedition that was led in search of the diamonds that this article shall treat.

THE DIAMOND HUNTERS.

One day, a short time after the exciteuent broke out, a crowd of perhaps twenty men-one of whom was the writer -were assembled in Harpending's office, at the corner of California and Sansome the Union, were of various professions, and social and physical differences were marked. There was the old 49er, ready to go to the end of the world, if necessary, in search of new discoveries. There were also young men full of adventure-the future bright and cheerful—ready for anything in the shape of excitement. Also a few professional men, several mechanics, and one or two broken-down 'sports," on whom Fortune had not smiled in so long a time that they were "willing to set their life on any chance, to mend it or be rid on't." What brought this strange, incongruous mass to-gether? What object could they possibly have in common? It was the secret expedition!

After awhile, Harpending joined the party, and read the contract. It was that he would furnish funds to pay all expen ses of the company; that they were to travel in any part of the United States or territories that he wished them to do; that they were to mine for gold, silver and precious stones, locate water rights, etc., for a period of four months; that all discoveries were to be divided between him and the company. Every man signed it, and all were told to be at the Oakland boat the next morning at eight o'clock. Mike Gray was appointed captain.

After all the preliminaries were arranged the men eagerly i discussed the prospects of the expedition. While no

wonderful discovery. In the crowd was a man by the name of Jones, who was to pilot us to this unknown land. He kept a mysterious silence, but occasionally deigned to answer one of the many questions propound ed, with some vague answer about untold wealth hidden away in one of the territories, where once before he had been with a crowd of a dozen men, and had found gold and precious stones in abundance; how the Indians, jealous of their treasures, had murdered all but him; and he would end by saying: "All that you men have to do is to fight Indians for awhile, and to the survivers of the expedition immense wealth will accrue," and was going on. "Where are you going? When do you start?" etc., were heard on all sides. In spite of our efforts, our meeting was known, and the air was filled with mysterious rumors of the object of our organization.

The next morning-it was in September, 1872—the company were promptly on hand, and bade adjeu to San Francisco with the exultant hope, that in a few months the survivors would return as Monte Cristos We boarded the overland rain at Oakland wharf, and were whirled through California, Nevada, on into Cheyonne, where we switched off and went to Denver. On our arrival at that city, we were cau ioned by Gray to keey quiet and have as little to say to the people as pos-sible. We created considerable excitement among the natives, who saw twenty strange looking men cluster together on the platform, looking after piles of lug gage, cases of saddles, harness, etc., and last and most ominous of all, boxes of Winchester rifles! "What does it mean?" Winchester rifles! "What does it mean?"
was asked on all sides, and the irrepressible reportorial fly buzzed unceasingly
with the vain hope that he could scent
the right trail. We all stopped at the
same hotel, and after supper, strolled
around in twos and threes to see the sights. Several inquisitive natives after vainly trying all kinds of ways to make us give an account of ourselves, undertook to see if Colorado whiskey would not cause us to unbosom; but alas! they reck-oned without their host. They made the attempt on several, who for years had tackled "Barbary Coast lightning," and in a short time the Denverites but the dust We were not annoyed further. The next morning we were off bright

and early on the narrow gauge road for Pu blo. We passed through the grand-est scenery in Colorado. On through wild canons, across pretty valleys, on past the Pyramid Recks, until Pike's Peak reared its snow capped summit in front of us. About 4 p. m. we reached Pueblo—our journey's end by rail.

We camped near the depot, and made preparations for securing horses and pack nules. The next day we went into town, picked out what sock we wished, and brought them to camp. We also engaged two Mexicans as packers.

The first night out from Pueblo, we were treated to a terrific thunder storm It rained in torrents on our unprotected heads, and gave the uninitiated an idea of what was in store for them.

be of service to us. Under these conditions, we permitted them to follow.

and Jones were studying the map very elosely. We had now been out from Pueoto over a w.ek. and Jones was asked "Pretty soon," he would say. "Just across the next range of mountains, I will show you where my party was massacred, while they were taking out a thousand dollars a day to the man." Then ate ravenously. he would say, "If I don't prove what I THE MOUNT say, you can do what you choose with me." That clinched it, and impatience for the time being was set aside. On we torled, day after day, and still no end We were now following the San Juan river, we would cross and recross it, and continue on our wearisome way. Our provisions began faining. We were put on half rations, and still no sign of Jones mountain, the Mecca of our journey. We fortunately came across a flock of wild turkeys, and our rifles were soon playing on them, and we secured seven

We continued on our way more disheartened at the close of every day's jour-We crossed and recrossed mountains and valleys. Our stock were wellingh exhausted, and low nuttering among the men could daily be heard. One night about this time, just after we had made camp, the men'scattered through the canon in search of game. We were almost famished for food. Soon a shot was streets. They represented all parts of heard. Then a shout, and in a body we rushed to the point, where we found one of our comrades standing over a bear that he had killed. A cry of delight went up from every one. We soon brought him to camp, and set about preparing him for supper.

Up to that time we had not seen any Indians, and in our anxiety about the success of our trip, and the short rations, had ceased to give a thought about them, but while we were all around the fire, cutting up the bear, the cry was raised "Indians! Indians!" In a moment every man grabbed his rifle, and prepared for what might follow; but we were soon assured of their peaceful intentions, by one of them coming up to the fire and stating in Spanish that he was a Navajo, and a friend to the whites. When he saw the bear we had killed, he became very angry, and demanded why we had killed an an-imal reverenced by the Navajos for generations back, as one of their gods. By this time the camp was full of them, and they were excitedly discussing the affair, examining the skin, and giving evidences of

their displeasure. Through the interpreter, we assured them that we meant no sacrilege, that we promising to go to the camp next day. up. They then left, and we ate our supper in against Gray. They sublime to the ridiculous. In music it is but a hair's breadth from delight to torture.

Some people who play the piano canSome people who play the piano cansublime to the ridiculous. In music it is lar location of precious stones, still all had an intutive knowledge that one point was the "Diamond Fields," and that secretived the Navajos believe in the transmigration of the souls, and in that bear was represented that the Navajos believe in the transmigration of the souls, and in that bear was represented to the tired, hungry, worm-out great extent. Some of the party were decived the Navajos believe in the transmigration of the souls, and in that bear was represented to the tired, hungry, worm-out great extent. Some of the party were colonel to the Navajos believe in the transmigration of the souls, and in that bear was represented to the tired, hungry, worm-out great extent. Some of the party were colonel to the tired, hungry, worm-out great extent. Some of the party were the party were the party were colonel to the prospectors, that bear was a delicious sent to Fort Wingate, where Colonel the Navajos believe in the transmigration of the souls, and in that bear was represented that the naverage of the party were the party were colonel to the tired, hungry, worm-out great extent. Some of the party were the prospectors, that bear was a delicious sent to Fort Wingate, where Colonel the Navajos believe in the transmigration of the souls, and in that bear was represented that the prospectors, that bear was a delicious sent to Fort Wingate, where Colonel the Navajos believe in the transmigration of the souls, and in that bear was represented that the prospectors, that bear was a delicious sent to Fort Wingate, where Colonel the Navajos believe in the transmigration of the souls, and in that bear was represented that the prospectors and the prospectors are the party were constant. out before the object was attained, thus depriving him of the full benefit of the think also that wild turkeys are possessed with souls of their deceased wo-

> The next day we went to their camp and procured some coin, and continued on our weary journey One night, after we had been out a month, we found that we were almost in the identical spot where we had been some fifteen days before. We had been traveling around in a circle without any definite objective point! Jones was called to

He admitted that he had been thrown off the trail, and had lost a great deal of then said that in fifteen days we would be time, but said that he now knew his road on the ground. That night every man of and after we crossed the desert just bethe party was button holed constantly by fore us, and the range of mountains, people who were anxious to know what whose blue line could just be discovered whose blue line could just be discovered above the horizon, we would then be, next morning at daybreak we were in the soddle, and started across the desert with several months, far away from civilization, so that we would have all inquisiwithout fail, at our journey's end. The toiled along, the hoofs sinking into the soft, loose sand to the fetlock at every step. All day long we traveled, and night found us still in the desert. Our canteens were dry, the stock had had no Our water since morning, and we had no idea how far we had to travel before water could be found. The command was scattered for ten miles-all following an old arrayo, with the hope of finding water. A number of the pack animals had given out, and as fast as they did so, their packs were removed and thrown down,

and the peor brutes would follow, an imal like, in our wake. We had ceased to think of diamends or gold. Water was what we cried for. On we toiledevery man for himself-some frightened at the terrible future; others trying to put on a bold front, but all disgusted. At last one-half of the crowd stopped about midnight, threw the packs off the poor animals. and waited to see what the morrow might bring forth; for several men on strong horses were ahead and might find water. That night of ter-rible anxiety passed, and at sunrise the next morning the cry was raised! "Here comes a man from the front!" So it proved. Water had been found in a hole ten miles beyond at 3 a. m., and they had sent a load of filled canteens back. We pulled the fellow off the saddle and drank the nectar that he had brought us. We pushed forward, and at noon reached the water-hole.

the next day, and reached the mountains. We entered a canon that Jones said he knew. We travelled slowly all day. The sides of the canon grew steeper and taller, until at night they were perpen dicular, and at least 2,000 feet high. There was grass and water though, and we hoped for the best. The next day was a repetition of the preceding one. We kept on, hoping to find an outlet, but none presented. We could not go back, for we had followed so many "arms" of the canon, that it was next to impossible to find the exact place of entrance. We now realized that we were lost in an unknown, wild canon. We would follow what seemed to be an outlet, when to our horror and disgust, it would abruptly end where perpendicular walls, thousands of feet high, at for Peerson's Hill atent inside Blind.

exci ement in camp. A party of men, stared us in the face. Then we would headed by Jonny, alias "Apache Moss," retrace our steps and try another with were following, and camped across the the same result, till despair setted upon ray ne from us "What is to be done?" all of us. We were over a week in this canon. One day we saw some queer to follow us, or shall we stampede their stock, or failing in that, shall we take presented horses, men and birds, and forcible possession of it, and send them men pushing horses up a meuntain. One back afoot? We cannot permit them to of the Mexicans said that he understood track us in that way." After consider- it to be an Indian sign that there was a able talk, we had an interview with them, in which they said that they would not attempt to interfere in any way with our expedition; that they would like to go along, and would not make any locations on lands that we might have claim other Indian sign, and it pointed to an to; besides that, as we were going arm of the canon on the left. We folto; besides that, as we were going through an Indian country, they might lowed it, and in an hour reached one of the walls that could be scaled. In a moment a lariat was passed around the About that time we noticed that Gray rump of an animal-four or five men caught hold of the two ends, while two pushed behind. In this way we released ourselves from the living tomb, where every day when our journey would end. | we had been for over a week. By night we were all on the top of the mesa, and breathed freely once more. We saw the remnant of a Navajo camp and went to it, where we found some corn, which we

THE MOUNTAIN IN THE DISTANCE,

Gray then called Jones before the men, and asked him where the mountain was he had been so long hunting. He pointed to a mountain in plain view of us, and said that was it. Gray determined to send all the broken down stock, the pack mules and baggage to Fort Defiance, and push on to the mountain with a few of the best horses, unencumbered by any baggage whatever. The company here divided, Gray going to the mountain with seven or eight men, while the rest started for Fort Defiance with a Navajo or eight. That night and the next day guide. Winter had set in, and snow covered the ground. The men were illy prepared for it, and suffered greatly. We found the Navajo guide a very shrewd one, like the balance of his race, and he always managed to have us camp every night near one of their villages, so that they could offer us a sheep for one of the broken down stock. Of course, we would at first refuse it, but, as they were fast giving out, he made it a point to take us out of our way, over mountainous roads, determining that we should not get into Fort Defiance with a single head, if he could prevent it; and he would have succeeded had we not discovered his little game and discharged him at once, and struck out on our own account, and, ten days after our separation from Gray, reached Fort Defiance in a fearful snow storm, broken down with fatigue and exposure and semistarvation. A rousing fire greeted us, and, after a hearty supper, Gray's party, that had reached there one day ahead of us, told us that they had discovered nothing—that the whole affair was a fraud and a swindle, and that we were the dupes of some gigantic swindling

JONES' PERIL.

Jones had kept up the ruse even to the last step. When his treachery was manifest, one of the party, a prominent physician of San Francisco, cocked his rifle, and turning to the crowd said; "Men we have been deceived. I will kill Jones if you say the word."

Jones was white with fear. He trembled for his life, but the majority favored more lenient measures; so he was dismounted and ordered to quit camp at once. He did not wait for the second were without faod, and it was not against bidding but left immediately, and arour creed to kill bears, and wound up by rived in civilization in advance of the giving them some trifling present, and party. At Fort Defiance the party broke promising to go to the camp next day up. The men were very much incensed Others went direct from Defiance through Arizona to California, two of the poor felmen, and nothing could make them harm lows dying from exposure. One became deranged but death kindly relieved him of his troubles. Several remained in the territories and it was a long time before the majority returned.

On our arrival in California, the whole truth was ascertained; and for a deep scheme of villainous swindling, this surpassed them all. The diamonds that Harpending pretended were discovered in his "diamonds fields" had been bought in London months before and planted in Wyoming. The instigators knew that they were watched, so conceived the idea of sending out a secret expedition in an opposite direction from their salted fields, so that all busy-bodies would follow it and leave them alone to "prospect" their "salted" fields safely, and float the stock on the public. Their inwild goose chase.

What became of Jones is unknown. Gray is now living in Tombstone, Ari-

SPECIFICS.

ENTOMBED FOR A WEEK IN A CANON. Here we rested that day—sent back for the broken down stock and moved on

IRON AND SLATE ROOFING.

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