

THRILLING HOLDUP IS STAGED

Omaha Business Men See Cold Springs Stage Robbery.

MESSSENGER TELLS HIS STORY

Graphic Account of One of the Most Daring Robberies in the Real Live Days of the Black Hills Country.

At the Wyoming State fair, held at Douglas in September, the main attraction was the reproduction of the Cold Springs robbery, an event that takes first rank in the annals of the Black Hills country.

The Cold Springs robbery was pulled off in September, 1877, by one of the most daring bands of highwaymen ever organized in the west.

Some Features Omitted. As a simple statement of facts it is worthy of preservation, although Mr. Davis has neglected to mention the names of any of the robbers, who were led by "Laughing Sam," whose real name was never known to anyone in the Black Hills country.

Other features that are omitted in the narrative are that Gale Hill was filled with holes by road agents' bullets that he looked like a skimmer, but lived and retired to a ranch near Buffalo Gap; that Boone May went to South America; and won distinction as a soldier of fortune; that Billy Sample continued in the service as a guard until the time when he was no longer of service, the railroad having reached Deadwood, and the road agent having been relegated to the limbo that has overtaken a good many things that made life in the west a matter of deep interest to all thirty-five years ago.

Scott Davis told his story as a preface to the reproduction of the holdup and fight, and it is here given in his own words, perhaps the first time he ever told it for publication.

Ladies and Gentlemen: If you will give me your attention for a few moments I will tell you what we are going to do. We are going to undertake to reproduce the robbery of the Cheyenne-Deadwood treasure coach.

This stage line from Cheyenne to Deadwood was 200 miles. It was handled and operated by Gilmore & Salisbury and Luke Voorhees. Mr. Luke Voorhees, who you see sitting in this buggy, was general manager of this stage line, making frequent trips across this rugged and rough country in his buggy, looking after the interests of the stage company and seeing that everything was carried out in proper shape.

Catch Had a Purpose. This treasure coach was put on this stage line in 1877 for the purpose of carrying gold and other treasures from Deadwood to Cheyenne. We frequently carried as much as \$300,000 at one time in this treasure coach across this rough and rugged mountainous country from Deadwood to Cheyenne.

Division of the Run. On the way into Deadwood, going after the treasure, Jesse Brown, Boone May and Billy Sample were left at Bear station to be in readiness to pick up the coach on its return and guard it on horse back from Jenny's Stockade to Hat Creek.

As we drove up to the Gold Springs stage station for the purpose of changing horses, everything about the place looked all right. There was nothing to indicate that there was any robbery there to make this hold-up. As we drove up in front of the barn, Gale Hill, who was riding on the outside of the coach got down and picked up a block of wood to block the hind wheels of the coach, it being done gradually. As Hill raised up, after blocking the wheels and started around

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