HANDS UP.

Stopped by Road-Agents--A good-Sized Haul.

Durango Record.

One of the boldest and most daring robberies ever perpetrated in this state took place a few miles this side of Pagosa Springs on Thursday night, the passengers on Sanderson & Co.'s stage being the victims. From an interview held with all the passengers who were on the stage at the time the road agents captured it, we learn the following facts.

Sanderson & Co.'s stage coach, Charley Gates, of this city, driver, left Amargo, New Mexico, the present terminus of the Denver & Rio Grande railroad, at the usual time on Thursday, with seven passengers aboard. At about 8 o'clock in the evening the coach had passed through the rough gulch, about three miles this side of Pagosa Springs, and was just entering the park when four horsemen came up the road and halted, two horsemen on each side. When the coach was nearly opposite them, the leader called out: "Hands up, there is a man inside we want." They then rode nearer to the stage and commanded the passengers to file out and stand in line, at the same time covering the passengers with eight Colt's No. 45 revolvers. When the occupants of the coach were in line, the robbers complimented them on their soldierlike appearance and proceeded to relieve them of their money, watches and chains, and jewelry. They managed to get about $1,000 in in cash, $2,300 in drafts, five watches and chains, four finger rings, and a diamond pin. After giving up their valuables the passengers were allowed to resume their seats in the coach, and when the coach was about to start, and the road agents were turning to leave the scene of operations, one of them suddenly made up his mind that there was a better horse attached to the stage than the one he possessed, so the party returned, and the fastidious highwayman unharnessed the horse that seemed to take his fancy and replaced him with a little broncho he was riding. When the passengers arrived at this place they were "flat broke," and some of the commercial men remarked that if their houses wanted to do any more business in this part of the state, they could do it through the mail.

Underground Telegraph Wires.

Washington has taken the lead in the matter of doing away with the unsightly telegraph poles within the city limits. The new Mutual Telegraph company, having been refused permission by the district authorities to erect any poles inside the city limits, have been driven per force to adopt the plan of running their wires through the city sewers. The sewers used are the larger ones, into which men can enter and stand upright, although at points where a break in the large sewer system occurs the wires are carried through small terra cotta pipes laid under ground. The manner of entering and carrying the wires through the sewers is quite interesting. Where the pole system ends and the underground one begins, a large, straight pole is planted very deep, and securely fixed with a wood foot and braces underground to prevent the strain of wires upon it from turning it over. This pole has a groove cut in it about two inches deep and about the same in width, from top to bottom. The wires, seven or eight in number, are all brought together in one cable and run down this pole to the ground where the cable enters a terra cotta pipe laid under ground across the street to the sewer, which is reached by way of a man-hole. The cable is then continued through the sewers, fastened to the crown of the arch with iron staples at convenient distances. The wires, being insulated, require no other fastening, and should any break occur, which is not likely to be the case, the sewer is accessible at every man-hole and easily traveled. Lieutenant Hoxie, who is in charge of the sewerage system in the district, states that he thinks there can be no objection to the use of sewers for this purpose, unless injury is done them in making the fastening for the wires, in which case the privilege would have to be denied the companies. He thinks it would not interfere with the flow of water, and that the wires would be secure from many of the damages incident to outside exposure. The company has laid its lines through the sewers without any difficulty, and tomorrow will use them for the first time.

"The "Farmer's Fish."

Cincinnati Commercial.

During the past few years there has been much interest taken in the cultivation of fish as an article of food. Through the labors of the national and state commissioners much light has been thrown on the subject of their cultivation. Among other things it has been demonstrated that at very slight expense the farmers may have at hand constantly a supply of fresh meat food that will in some degree take the place of animal food.

Prof. Baird, U. S. fish commissioner, declares the carp to be of all others best adapted to the wants of farmers, and calls it "the farmer's fish." While trout and bass require not only very pure but cool water, and abundance of it, and most of the inferior varieties of fish require water at least moderately cool, clear and abundant, the carp is in its element in water moderately warm, and requires but little of it. It prefers, the professor says, a pond whose bottom and banks are composed of mud, the mud affording it a shelter in cold weather, and producing plants which it relishes as food.

The carp is not a dainty feeder. It will eat anything that pigs and fowls relish, and will devour insects, small reptiles and meats of all kinds of green vegetables, fruits and garbage. It can be fattened on grain as easily as pigs and turkeys are and the young are especially fond of sweet curd and liver.

The carp possess a number of good qualities that render it a valuable fish. It is thoroughly domesticated. It can be transported easier and will live longer out of water than any other scale fish. It is exceedingly prolific, a large one often yielding as many as 400,000 eggs. No hatching house is needed. The eggs hatch in a few days and the young, when not disturbed, grow rapidly.

The flesh of the carp is not as delicate as that of some other varieties of fish, and in summer it is hardly fit to be eaten. But for the most of the year it is usable; and as edible food it may be ranked with the substantials of people of moderate means.

It is possible that the future farmers may raise carp as they now raise beef and pork for table use and for market.

A Frontier Funeral.

Brooklyn Eagle.

"It's all very well to talk about your Brooklyn funerals," said a Dakota man, as the mourners crowded up to the bar, "but you don't put the life and spirit into a plant that we do in our parts," and the western gentleman shook his head lugubriously. "I watched this yere racket to-day, but I wasn't satisfied. You throwd lots o' weeds and the pa'son cut it fat, but the whole thing was tame business compared with the time when we drove Peter Mullins into the turf."

"Did you have a superior article of funeral on that occasion?" asked one of the bereaved.

"You called the turn, pardner," replied the Dakota man. "Compared with that game your little play to day was a deuce box. I was living in Bismarck City then, and I'm languaging when I say that your style to-day wasn't a seven spot to that lay out."

"Would you object to giving us the particulars of that affair?" asked one of the lamenting.

The Bismarck man called for refreshment and braced himself for the relation.

"Pete had some trouble with seven or eight soldiers, and when they'd all played in their hands we laid out to lock shop and slide him under in shape. Pete wasn't no summer coon. He wore meat and hair all the year round, and as he was the first man that had turned down in the settlement, we agreed to start a bone-yard and plant him for a crop. Ther wasn't any pa'son ther in them days, but Lounsberry, the postmaster, knowd a hymn, and John McLean, the mayor, was a dog-fight on a speech. So we got out the engine for a hearse and built a box for the stiff and started in. We'd staked out a claim up on the Buford road for a grave, and Tom Fortune had drilled a hole to put Pete in. Everything was in gay shape for business and the boys was braced for a time that would be a credit to the lamented. You bet your life! Well, sir, we held the funeral in Keno hall. The corpse was stretched on the faro table, all fixed up with dandelions and cactus, and the boys sat around in rows. You can bet a blue stack it was stylish, stranger! The mills was all closed, and we had a nigger fiddler for the orchestra, and McLean had bought a white shirt to give tone to the racket.

"Lounsberry announced that the game was open and commenced with a hymn play about 'Dearest Pety, thou hast left us and thy loss is deeply feeled, but no bean-eater could bereaft us if thou hads't have just been heeled.' He said he made it all up himself, but I reckon he heard it somewhere in the states. Then John McLean started in on the declaration of Independence, and whenever he throwd up his hand the boys howled 'Amen!' You can smile stranger, but I'm remarking that you don't often lite into a high-toneder spread than the send-off we gave Pete. When Jack got through with the declaration we liquored up, and Jim Emmons took hold. He'd found an act of the Illinois legislature somewhere, and he read that so that you could hear the stove rattle. Then Lounsberry sang 'Marching Through Georgia,' and by that time we were all feeling pretty good. You never seen a better shake-up in all yoour life. Jack Richards was keeping cases, and he proposed three cheers for the stiff, and you double your gamble he got 'em. We was just warming up to the work when George Peoples shied his hat and made the dog-gondest best oration that was ever played in that kind of a game. George is a humorous cuss, and he got off the best conundrums you ever listened to. Fun! Well now, pardner, you may blush!

"Well, sir, after that part of the exercise was over we hammered the lid down over Pete and histed him up in the engine. Me and Richards steadied him and the gang laid hold on the rope. George Peoples was foreman, and the nigger fiddler stradled the coffin playin 'We won't go home till morning.' We stopped twice on the way to brace, and we made the last mile in something like five minutes. Talk about your steam machines! That was the best fire engine company in eight territories.

"When we got to the grave we found that Tom had built a hole seven feet deep and just the size of the box. Had to plant him standing up, but that didn't hurt him any. Lounsberry started up, 'Good-bye, sweetheart,' and McLean read a poem about a boy on a ship that wouldn't go home for fear his dad would warm him. Jim Emmons started on a prayer, and then things grew lively. We didn't want no airs over the funeral, and we told him he could lay no political pipe that way. But he allowed he'd cash that prayer in or there'd be a row. That settled it," and the Dakota man paused.

"How did you come out?" asked one of the listeners.

"I was dragged out," replied the Dakota man, simply. "Leastwise, I was found some distance off when they looked for me. I didn't see the turn called, and didn't know nothing about the next deal. I didn't get out for a month"

"Is that the kind of funerals you have in Bismarck?" asked a mourner.

"The same, stranger. Many a one since then; but I'll never forget Pete. The coyotes is singing above his grave now, and in the summer the little boys shoots jack rabbits near his plant. We put in a few asparagus to make a shade for him; but I'll tell you gentlemen, the blizzards never howled a squarer boy than Pete, and no man was ever put to root in better shape than we laid out for that lad. Let's beer, I'm hoarse."

And they liquidated, the mourners wondering perhaps at the "spirited" style of a frontier funeral, but recognizing at the same time that the Dakota man had spoken his last lines with an obvious humidity of utterance.

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