

HIGHWAYS OF BYGONE DAYS

Recollections of Life on Famous Trails Before the Railroads Came. WHEN BULLWHACKING WAS IN FLOWER

Dangers and Romances in the Careers of Bullwhackers Along the Utah and Santa Fe Trails. Freight-ing in the West.

The death of Mr. Henry Inman at Topeka, Kan., and of Captain John P. Ireland at San Bernardino, Cal., within the last month has started a reminiscence of the old-time plainmen throughout the west concerning the glorious days of bullwhacking, or freighting with ox teams along the Utah and Santa Fe trails, when railroads were unknown west of the Missouri river, and when the plains swarmed with buffaloes and Indians.

The Utah trail was some 2,100 miles long. It led up the level valley of the Platte river from the Missouri river. For 500 miles there was no obstruction, and the Cheyennes and Sioux in that region had had such severe losses in their campaigns against General Hurney that they were peaceable to whites after 1846.

The Santa Fe trail lay several hundred miles to the south and was much older than the Utah trail. A good part of it was followed by Coronado in 1542, when the southwest territories and Colorado and western Kansas were included in the quest of golden treasure among the aborigines.

Until the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad was built along the old trail in 1878 the bullwhacker was a picturesque institution in the southwest. Many a gray-haired man in the west, who has become a cattle king, a mining capitalist or the owner of square miles of grazing land dates the beginning of his prosperity to the hard training he got in bullwhacking on the Santa Fe trail.

Where Trouble Could Be Found. From the Big Bend to the crossing of the Arkansas was the most dangerous part of the road. This region was frequented by all the fierce plains tribes.

North of the Big Horn were the Pawnees and Sioux, both warlike tribes who frequented the Santa Fe trail. South of the Arkansas were the treacherous Kiowas. In the later days Santistas made the upper Arkansas valley the scene of his operations.

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ARE NOT MUCH INTERESTED

Insurance Agents Express Indifference at Supreme Court Decision. POINT OUT ITS DESIRABLE FEATURES

Local insurance men are not much inclined to grow enthusiastic, either in commendation or disapproval, of the recent decision of the supreme court whereby the Weaver insurance law, which created a new insurance bureau at the state house under the supervision of the auditor, was declared unconstitutional.

Each wagon required six yokes of oxen for motive power, and twenty or thirty head of extra oxen always accompanied the train to supply the place of those that were lost or crippled.

Major Wheeler Talks. "It really doesn't affect agents at all," said Major D. H. Wheeler. "I was satisfied all along that the law would not be sustained, as it is in violation of the state constitutional provision for the taxing of insurance companies."

MOVING FOR A BRANCH MINT. Omaha People Are Asking Congress to Locate a Money-Making Establishment Here.

TON OF BOOKS FOR CHILDREN. Discarded Volumes from Omaha Schools Will Be Used in North Carolina Mountains.

ACTS GENTLY ON THE KIDNEYS, LIVER AND BOWELS. CLEANS THE SYSTEM. DISPELS EFFECTUALLY COLDS, HEADACHES, OVERCOMES & FEVERS. HABITUAL CONSTIPATION. ITS BENEFICIAL EFFECTS.

CONFERENCE ON VOTING MACHINES. The committee appointed by the city council, the Board of Education and the county commissioners have held a meeting to confer on the purchase of voting machines for the spring elections.

YATES ON CURRENCY BILL. Omaha Banker Approves the Report of Comptroller Dawes, with Additional Suggestions.

LETTER CARRIERS WIN OUT

Pay for the Extra Time Put in Years Ago is Finally Allowed.

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OMAHA TO BE REPRESENTED. Freight Committee Will Send Delegation to Kansas City Jobbers' Meeting.

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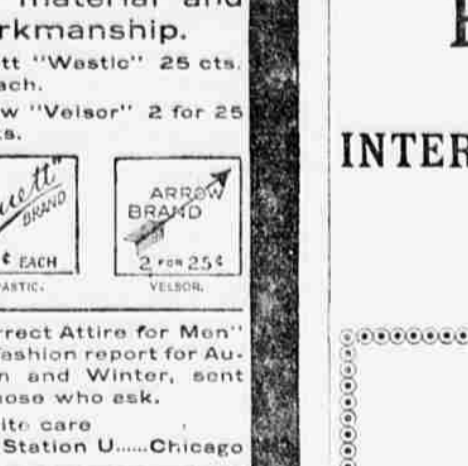
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