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MINOR MENTION.

The Boston store of Omaha purchased the remainder of the Kinnehan shoe stock for

Rev. George Muller delivered an address on "Independence Day Paliacies" before a arge and appreciative audience, which filled Liberty hall last evening. Although Mr. Muller at times deviated from his subject. to spoke with his usual eloquence and enthuslasm, and held the attention of his listeners for nearly an hour.

Fourteen members of the Ganymede Wheel club took a trip yesterday to Neola and return, a distance of fifty miles. While stopping at the hotel Ogden set his wheel the sun, and when he came out that the heat had caused the tire to ex-He got back home with a great plode. He got back home deal of trouble and a wagon.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Hannibalsen, who was thrown from a buggy the other night and thought to have escaped injury by lighting on his feet, turns out to have sustained a fracture of the collar bone. On account of his youth, however, the break will mend soon. Mrs. Hannibalsen is deing nicely, and her physician states that there no danger of serious results.

The running of trains on the Rock Island road has been resumed once more. The west bound mail, due here at 6:10 a. m., is expected to arrive this morning on having left the Chicago depot instead of Blue Island, as all trains have been com-pelled to do heretofore. The eastbound mail was made up here last evening at 6:50 o'clock and is expected to run clear through to Chicago, and the 10:50 mail train will also leave this morning.

For sale, cheap, two lots on Broadway near postoffice, 25 feet and 50 feet. Homes for men of moderate means at low prices easy payments. Fire insurance written in best companies. Lougee & Towle, 235

Grand Plaza telephone 45.

Grand Plaza bathing beach.

Grand Plaza picnic grounds. Grand Plaza's cornet band beats them all. Grand Plaza's fine row boats are all the

Grand Plaza excursion accommodations Afternoon and night concerts at Grand

Plaza, 2 to 6 and from 7 to 10. Manager of Grand Plaza can understand 22 languages. So all nations will feel at "He that does not visit Grand Plaza know-

est nothing, and will be for all time to come branded a traitor to enterprise."—Eugene. For cobs go to Cox, 10 Mag street. Tele-

Washerwomen use Domestic scap. PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Miss Ethel Witter is visiting in Ottumwa,

Frank Hough leaves today for a week's visit to Chicago. Miss Pearl Moorehouse of Loveland is vis-

Iting friends here. Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Bushnell will spend a week in Dickinson county.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Collins, on Fourth street, a daughter. Miss Maud Virgin of Burlington, who has been visiting friends here for several weeks,

expects to leave for home tomorow. Mrs. H. Luring and daughter, Miss Ella have returned from an extended visit in Richmond, Ind., Cincinnati and other east-

ern points. Frank Chambers, formerly deputy county clerk, now of Mason City, is in the city for a couple of weeks' visit with his brother H. J. Chambers.

Prof. F. A. Hyde, formerly principal of the Council Bluffs city schools, now con-nected with the Western Normal school at Shenandoah, will be a member of the faculty one of the colleges at Lincoln, Ncb., next

Grand Plaza, Lake Manawa Grand Plaza will be open to free admisadon every day up to noon. From noon until midnight an admission fee of 10 cents will be charged, which will admit to grounds and to concerts and all entertainments. No

return checks will be given.

No person of questionable character will be permitted to enter the grounds. No admittance to Grand Plaza will be charged to persons who desire to rent boats or bathing suits.

Ice cream and refreshments served in the pavilion of Grand Plaza.

Real estate is cheap in Council Bluffs. We can sell you a home, a vacant lot, a fruit or garden farm cheaper than ever. Now is the time to buy. Day & Hess, 39 Pearl street.

Have Added a Club. The Commercial Pilgrims, for the purpose of making their headquarters on the third floor of the Brown building still more attractive, have added social features that make it something of the nature of a club. ading rooms have been fixed up overlooking the beautiful Bayliss park, where all the leading daily papers and magazines are kept on file, and everything else necessary for club comfort provided. Yesterday twenty or more of the pilgrims enjoyed the nospitality and some cigars and other things. The rooms will hereafter be under the care of Henry Coffeen, and will be open during the day and evening to business men as well as commercial travelers. The local pilgrims desire to make their headquarters of commercial importance and expect it to be the meeting place of business men and citizens who desire to discuss plans and make arrangements for pushing all the city's

Lake Manawa Railway Time Card. Commencing Saturday, June 9, trains will leave Council Bluffs for Grand Plaza, Bathing Beach and Picnic Grounds at Lake Man awa as follows: No. 1, 9 a. m.; No. 3, 10 a. m.; No. 5, 11 a. m.; No. 7, 12 m.; No. 9, 1

Trains will run every twenty-two minutes thereafter until 10 p. m. Return trains will leave Manawa on the half hours up to 10:30, when they will re-

turn every twenty-two minutes. A nice, cool swim at Manhattan beach, Lake Manawa, is the proper thing to take these hot days.

Talking Up a Wheel Meet. At the regular monthly meeting of the Ganymede Wheel club this evening the question of having a wheel meet under the club's auspices is to come up for discussion. There has been talk of this for some time past and there is but little doubt that the scheme will be carried into execution some time be-tween now and the 1st of September. Wheelmen from Omaha have encouraged the Gany mede, and there will be a big crowd in at-tendance from that city, as well as from other towns all over this part of the coun-try. Prizes will be solicited from the merchants of this city and a program of races will be arranged that will occupy about a day, or possibly two. The wheelmen of this city and Omaha have shown the kind of riding they can do on a number of occasions and if a meet is held there are sure to be some good records made.

The Eagle laundry plant has been greatly splarged and improved, and we are now pre-pared to turn out a large amount of strictly first-class work. Neglige and colored shirts ladies' waists, etc., a specialty. We guarantee not to fade warranted colors. Tolephone, 157. 724 Broadway.

Best all wool ingrain carpets, 65c during July, to make room for new stock. COUNCIL BLUFFS CARPET CC.

J. R. Snyder, the commission man, has been made sole agent for "Quirye," the latest discovery of Dr. Koch of Berlin, It is a tasteless distillation of quinine, with pepsin and the best rye whisky, and is pro-nounced a royal remedy for dyspepsia. It cap be seld anywhere without federal li-

### THE DAILY BEE. NEWS FROM COUNCIL BLUFFS

Ex-Congressman Rosewell G. Horr Talks - - NO. 12 PEARL STREET About the Strike Situation.

REPRESSIVE LEGISLATION IMMINE NT

Result of the Present Disturbances Will Probably Take the Form of Laws to Restrict Organizations - Endorses Cleveland Once at Least.

Ex-Congressman R. G. Horr of Michigan is spending a few days with his Council Bluffs relatives, Dr. Pinney and family. He is making the rounds of the Chautauqua assemblies, his usual mode of taking a summer outing. He spoke at the Beatrice assembly on the Fourth. It is a sad commentary on the deserted Chautauqua grounds of Council Bluffs that this season Beatrice is more than paying out. On the Fourth there were over 5,000 to hear Mr. Horr.

Besides entertaining the Chautauqua Mr.

Hoor deems it a part of his social duty to give instruction to populists and to endeavor to lead them into what he deems the better way. One of his effective weapons is "the calfskin argument." Mr. Horr has a calf which travels with him, and he displays it with telling effect before all audiences where he thinks there is any populistic heresy. The illustration is drawn from the hardy scenes of farm life, with which Mr. Horr, in his boyhood, had a barefooted familiarity. His pet calf grew discontented with the usual and liberal allowance of four quarts of milk and wanted to have more in quantity, even if the quality was not so good. To appease the demand for flat milk the farmer added four quarts of water to the four quarts of milk. The eight quarts satisfied the yearning of the populistic calf for more, although it had to stretch its calf-skin a little more to get outside of the eight quarts, and got no more real milk than be The calf demanded still more flat milk and four quarts more of water were added but still the calf got no more food than be

"Now if this calf keeps on demanding more and more quantity without regard to quality, and this increasing of flat milk keeps up," asks Mr. Horr, "what will bekeeps up," asks Mr. Horr, "what will be-come of the calf, eh? There can't be but one result-that calf will bust. "What do you think of the strike, Mr. Horr?" was asked.

"I think the backbone is broken. You see, they started out wrong. They pro-posed to punish the public for what Mr. Pullman has done or not done. The public won't stand being pounded for what they

"What effect will it have on future legis-"I don't know. It may lead to the attempt to frame some laws to prevent all organiza-

ests."
"Do you mean against labor organiza-"I mean against all organizations, whether labor organizations or capitalistic organizations, which are against the best interests of the country.' "How about Governor Altgeld?"

"Why, he's acting in a nonsensical way. The idea that Uncle Sam can't send his troops anywhere and everywhere to protect national property or enforce national law We'd be in a pretty way if the government couldn't do that. We might as well have no government at all as a government which cannot execute its own laws or protect its own property.'

Horr sees no threatening revolution or gobs of blood on the moon, and his faith the strength of the government and the love of law and order among the prevents him from being a nervous alarmist. He will remain a day or two longer with his friends here and then visit Minnesota.

LIST TO GO BY.

And the Place to Go, Boston Store, Council Bluffs, Ia. Read the bargains. Everything to be had

just as advertised. Come and examine goods. You won't be disappointed. SHIRTS. Gents' \$1 laundered shirts, 39c (collars

and cuffs) Regular \$1.25 laundered shirts, 75c each. Big lot negligee shirts, worth \$1.50, for Madras, silk and French flannel shirts, old as high as \$2.50, in one lot for 95c each

Good 50c shirts, now three for \$1. HOSIERY. Lot of black, tan and red children's hose, all sizes, sold as high as 50c, choice for 15c Ladies' 45c and 50c hose, now 3 for \$1.

Big bargains ladies' hose at 17c, 25c, 33c EXTRA LIST.

Wool challies sold for 50c, now 31c. Umbrellas, see values at 75c, \$1.33, \$1.50, Best apron ginghams, 5c.
Best prints, 4c and 5c. Big inducements

in all kinds of wash goods. See values in laces, waists, corsets, mitts FOTHERINGHAM, WHITELAW & CO., Council Bluffs, Ia.

Boycotting Pants Buttons. One of the churches of the city has recently inaugurated a reform by substituting plates for the old contribution bags. The trouble with the bags was that the cheaper money seemed to be driving the dearer out of circulation and pennies took the place of quarters and half dollars. The treasurer of the church is authority for the statement that since the plates have come into use known, and men who have been making a record for regularity in contributing at little expense to themselves now have to dive down a little deeper and drop a little larger coin into the slot. This experiment is being watched by other churches who have

nice, cool swim at Manhattan beach ake Manawa, is the proper thing to take these hot days.

Evans Laundry Company. 520 Pearl street. Weighbone, 290. The laundries use Domestic soap. Domestic soap breaks hard water.

difficulty in making both ends meet.

Whist Club Outing. The Omaha Whist club visited Manawa Saturday afternoon and the members put in the time enjoying themselves to the limit, boating bathing, rowing and loafing. In the evening they had another turn at their favorite game with the Council Bluffs club and were vanquished by a total of eight

Meyers-Durfee Furniture company, 336-338 Broadway. Bargains in fine furniture, Domestic soap outlasts cheap soap. Fireworks. Davis, the druggist. Gas cooking stoves for rent and for sala Gas Co's office.

A PSYCHICAL PUZZLE

The Mystery of Mollie Fancher's Life Still

an Unsolved Problem. At a modest dwelling on the corner of Gates avenue and Downing street, Brooklyn, resides a much-written-about lady who is, indeed, fearfully and wonderfully made.

Museums and variety shows have not been able to sieze upon her for the drawing card which must be periodically renewed. Yet if it were possible to induce her to place herself upon exhibition, her fortune and that of her manager would be made without further effort.

This refusal on her part to become the "leading freak," and her reluctance to court in any way, is the strongest evionce that she is what she seems-an inex-

plicable psychical wonder.

So remarkable is her case, says a dispatch to the Globe-Democrat, that ex-Judge Abram H. Dailey of Brooklyn was invited by the president of the Psychical Science congress of the World's fair to prepare a paper in regard to it, which he did at considerable length, giving as authorities the names of

be questioned. Fancher, familiarly known as nearly thirty years. She is now about 46 years old, and has been suffering from a spinal trouble aver alone a fall of the spinal of th spinal trouble ever since a fall which she received while stepping off a horse car, at the age of 16. It was at the time when ladies were hoopskirts, and in getting off the car the hoopskirt caught and dragged her considerable distance before the conductor discovered her and stopped the car.

She was taken up unconscious and was found to be severely injured in her side, back and head, and two ribs were broken. After six weeks illness she apparently recovered for a time, and was able to go about the house, until spinal trouble began to manifest itself in the shape of convul sions, about nine months after the accident. These convulsions alternated with periods of rigidity, or apparent lifelessness, she calls trances, and which are to this day her substitutes for sleep. This was early in the year 1866, and at this time she lost her sense of sight, which she has never recovered. At this time she also lost, tempo-rarily, some of her other senses, and for years her throat was so contracted that it was impossible for her to swallow, food be ing injected artificially. Her right arm was distorted and bent up over her head, but her left hand being unaffected, she was able to work by bringing the left hand up over the head to meet the right. She remained in this condition for nine years. Of this period Judge Dailey says in his re-

"During those nine years, I am in unquestionable authority that she wrote upward of 6,500 letters, up 100,000 ounces of worsted, did a vast amount of fine embroidery and a great deal of very beautiful wax work."

At the end of these nine years, of which she has no recollection whatever now, nor at any time since, her muscles relaxed, and, pulling her right arm down, she seemed to wake from sleep, and turning to Dr. J. Fleet Spier, who was "Well, doctor, who was in the room, she remarked; did your brother get home s chicken pot-pie?" thus conin time for his chicken pot-pie? tinuing a conversation which had been begun nine years before with Dr. Robert Spier. most remarkable thing about Miss Fancher is the fact that she is blind and yet

bels and refuses to be convinced. With eyes sightless she does the most beautiful embroidery, paints flowers, writes letters and numerous other things which one hardly dares to mention for fear of being laughed at. When the dainty, prettily embroidered

sees. This is the point where credulity re

handkerchief cases, neatly crocheted iced wool fascinators and other fancy things were shown to me by her nurse my one thought was that either Miss Fancher could see, or else she had a skillful needle-woman in her employ. of doubt and curiosity, I repaired to the office of Dr. J. Fleet Spier of 162 Mon-tague street, Brooklyn, who was for years her attending physician, and he occasionally

sees her now.
"Doctor," I said, "can you tell me what it all means?" He smiled pityingly upon me, as though

he would say, "And is this another?" but shook his head and replied: "No I don't deal in these things. I don't believe in spiritualism nor clairvoyance, nor any of those supernatural phenomena. I confine myself to this mundane sphere. This is why, when I come to the facts in Mollie Fancher's case, I am stalled. They are things to be explained. I don't believe in living without sleeping, and I don't be lieve in seeing without eyes, but in some mysterious way, I don't intend to say how, Miss Fancher manages to do both. I have peen so prejudiced against clairvoyance and that sort of thing that I haven't given the poor girl the credit she deserves."
"But, doctor," I asked, "don't you think

there is great opportunity for deception?"
"Hardly," he replied. "The case has been under constant scrutiny for so long that there had been any humbuggery in it, it would have been found out long ago." "Besides," he continued, "I belive that he continued, "I belive that

she is perfectly honest. My prejudice induced me once to take my oculist, Dr. Wright, up to see her, to ascertain whether her blindness was or was not assumed. He tore off a slip of newspaper which he himself had not read, and, placing his hand over it, asked her to read it, which she did. When he removed his hand for the benefit of his own eyes, which could not see through such barriers, he found that she had read it correctly.
"Then he tried her with colored worsteds,

asking her to name the shades of each, which she did correctly in every case.
"He then examined her eyes and found it was impossible for her to see, for two rea was impossible for her to see, the optic nerve was practically dead, and in the second place, the condition of the eyes themselves was such that it would be impossible to see without glasses.

'At this result I felt ashamed of my dis-

trust of the poor girl, but it only made it

the harder to understand." "I have heard that she was somewhat changed in the past few years. Is that "Yes, she is much fleshier than she was. From a weight of, perhaps, 75 or 80, she has developed into a woman of 150 or 160 pounds. But that is the case with all bed-

ridden patients. They get fatter and fat-ter, until at last they burst. Some day she will die of apoplexy or somehing of that In talking with acquaintances of Miss Fancher I gathered a few curious facts, some of them rather amusing. For years she conducted a fancy store on

the floor below her, and it is said that when anything was lost she knew where it could found. She no longer keeps up so large establishment, but has her work displayed in three or four glass cases in a small room on the same floor with her own A friend brought her an original poem

one day, and she, holding it up before her sightless eyes, said: "That is very nice: you have signed your name to it, haven't you?"
The same lady, with whom I am person-

acquainted, was one day arranging pieces of embroidery in a box, when Miss Fancher remarked: is turned up; turn it down, please." A ludicrous incident occurred one day when Miss Fancher had hired a man hang some bictures for her. "You haven't hung that one straight," she said, pointing to one of them; and he, looking up and seeing that she was right, dropped his ham-mer and nails and fled, for he knew that

was blind. Such are the facts, which can be verified erning a remarkable case that has puzzled the wits of many a wise physician and psychologist for years.

Spiritualists have sought to reckon her

among themselves, but she shrinks from the idea. Newspapers have sought to give her notoriety, but she absolutely refuses to see re-

One thing is certain, that if she is a fraud she has not made nor sought to make any money by it. She refuses to gratify th riosity of those who regard her as a sort "elephant" which is to be seen along with the other sights, even though she might make money thereby, and lives a peaceful, but one can hardly think, a happy exist

Iron Rods in Concrete. Now that iron rods are coming into ex-

tensive use in concrete construction in order to strengthen the masonry and enable it to resist tensife strains, a number of conserva tive architects and engineers have objected to the practice on the ground that the iron will rust in the cement, or that the cement will not adhere to the iron. With regard to the first objection it is interesting to learn that at Amiens a pipe made of concrete, with iron rods to stiffen it, was taken up after thirteen years of use, and the rods were found to be as smooth as when first edded in the concrete. The same result was found to be true at Breslau, where iron rods, which had been imbedded for twelve years in concrete, were found to be unin-jured, although their projecting ends had rusted away to mere threads. With regard to the second objection, the late Prof. Baus-chinger of Munich made a number of experiments to determine the adhesion between cement and iron, which he found to average about 625 pounds per square inch. In an experiment made with the iron rods em-bedded in cement for twelve years at Bres-lau, it was found that the rods broke before they could be pulled from the cement. At some tests made in Berlin it was found that a quarter-inch rod embedded in a concrete plate 7½ inches thick could not be pulled out with a load of 2.650 pounds attached to although the concrete was raised to a

## AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

Gun Club Has a Spirited Contest with Live Game for Targets.

SCORES MADE BY THE PARTICIPANTS

Bigger Shoot Being Prepared for Next Sunday - Sentiment Among Packing House Employes Regarding the Strike-Magle City News.

The South Omaha Gun club held another contest yesterday, which was quite spirited. The first match was a club shoot at twentyfive blue rocks, which resulted as follows; Berlin, 12; Lewis, 22; Reed, 14; Hughes, 8; Smith, 18, and Sanford, 17,

The next contest was at fifteen blue rocks \$2 entrance fee and two moneys, 60 and 40 per cent. The score was: Lewis, 13; Berlin, 7: Smith, 12: Reed, 7: Sanford, 13. In shooting off the tie between Lewis and Sanford. miss and out, Mr. Sanford won and Mr. Smith took second money.

The third match was at fifteen rocks, \$3 entrance, and resulted as follows: Reed, 10; Lewis, 11; Sanford, 11; Berlin, 9. In shooting off the tie Lewis won.

number, \$2.50 entrance fee. The score was: Berlin, 5; Reed, 6; Lewis, 5; Sanford, 6. Reed won the tie. Here the boys began to get blooded and

Then came the double rise contest, five in

contested at ten single rises, \$5 entrance fee. The result was as follows: Berlin, 6: Reed. 6; Lewis, 8. In shooting off the tie for ond money Berlin won. The next was at ten single rises from un known traps and the entrance money was

raised to \$7.50. Lewis broke 8. Reed 7 and The club has ordered 100 live birds for the shoot next Sunday and some lively sport

Sentiment Respecting the Strike.

is anticipated.

day night besides.

Judging from the general expressions made by the hundreds of workingmen on the streets of South Omaha fully 90 per cent of them are heartily in sympathy with the Pullman strikers. There are many, how-ever, who are openly denouncing the de-struction of property. The laboring men in South Omaha number several thousand. They are not as thoroughly organized here as they are in most places. In fact, the workmen in the packing houses have but little to do with each other. The packing house employes have, perhaps, paid as little attention to the details of this strike as any gang of men in the west. They are not in terested, and the men who ought to know what they are talking about say that only a small per cent of them would quit work if ordered out by the Knights of Labor or any other order. If any of the packing house men quit work it will be because they are laid off on account of the inability of the management to secure trains to haul off the product. Several hundred of the men worked yesterday and got in extra hours on Satur-

Magic City Gossip. Patrick Rowley is confined to his home by sickness. The city council will hold an interesting session tonight.

The Home Circle club enjoyed Saturday evening at Courtland beach. Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Jaycox, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Watts, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Brink and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Moriarity made up a party for Courtland beach Saturday night. Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Brink are visiting friends in this city. Mr. Brink was at one time cashier of the Packers National bank here, but is now living in South Dakota. A great many citizens took advantage of Spring Lake park being open to the public and went there with their families, many taking their dinner baskets with them and

remaining all day Sunday. There is now some prospect for another hose cart contest among the Hammond, Cudahy and stock yards teams. If another race is run there will be considerable money change hands on the result.

The Fourth of July committee will close meeting to be held Puesday night at the city council chamber All persons who have any bills or other grievances had better submit them at that time as it will be the final meeting of the responsible committee.

Mrs. James Cahill called at the police station last evening to have her husband arrested for disorderly conduct. Mrs. Cabill claims that her husband not only assaulted her, but upset the table which with dishes and broke several of them. They ive on Twenty-fifth street between L and

#### SEVEN IN A BUNCH.

A Marvelous Bit of Railroad Engineering in California.

There has just been completed in California what is regarded as a marvel in railroad construction and engineering difficulties overcome. The line runs from Mar garita to San Louis Obispo, a distance of 16.7 miles. There are seven tunnels on it, bunched close together, with an aggregate length of one and a half miles, the longest bore through the solid rock being 3,600 and another 1,300 feet. There is a bridge 900 feet long and seventy-two feet above the top of the creek which it crosses, besides three bridges of eighty feet span and numerous smaller waterways over which the track runs on arches of stone. The grade, too, is considerable In the first three miles from Santa Margarita to the summit trains must climb a 2-per-cent incline, or 116 feet to the mile and then for eleven miles beyond toward San Louis Obispo is a descent of almost the

same degree. The actual work of boring the hills and of making the grades and fills was begun October 20, 1892. It was no small task to drive the seven tunnels through the moun-tains. The material to be excavated was nearly all the serpentine formation which constitutes the mass of the Coast Range, some of it flinty in hardness and some soft and crumbling. All the drilling was done by hand, and the amount of material excavated is estimated at something over 1,100, 000 cubic yards, necessitating the employ-ment of from 1,200 to 1,500 men and from 300 to 400 teams. The tunnels are of the standard size for broad-gauge roads, 16x22 feet, and are fully timbered throughout nearly 4,000,000 feet of lumber having beused for that purpose. The time in which the tunneling was done made a record equal to that of the fastest hand drilling done in the United States. Another interesting fact is the low percentage of fatalities during the work. Only two fatal accidents occurred during the building of the road, while the average mostality in such con-struction work in the United States is one

man to every 400 feet of tunnel. The steel bridge over Steiner creek, near Goldtree, is very much like the well known Pecos river structure. It is of the box girder pattern, the rails being laid on a hol low steel box, supported on steel treatles set in masonry piers. The creek is the merest thread of a brook in summer time, but when the rains come it sweeps down the canyon in a mighty torrent, so there is need of a bridge long, strong and high.

The cuts are deep and the fills of great height. In many places stone buttressed fills

have been made, when trestle work would have been much cheaper. As it is intended to make this line the main passenger route for the southern overland the more expensive work was decided upon because of its superior safety and durability. Every cul-vert is of stone, finished off in the best style

workmanship. Nowhere on the system within the same distance are there so many fine pieces of railway engineering or so many interesting bits of construction. Emerging from the tun the road winds through a region broken into precipitous hills and deep ra-vines and makes a descent of nearly 1,226 feet in ten miles. It follows the sinuous course of Steiner creek, which flows through San Luis, crossing it twice, each time in a manner that warms the hearts of engineers At the upper crossing the stream is given a channel under the roadway by a stone cuivert ninety feet in length, over which is a solid embankment flanked with stone rip which is rap. The culvert was made this great length in order to furnish a base for the enormous fill. A trestle would have been cheaper, but the embankment cannot fall or burn down have a language, and that she understands it and will not require periodical repairs. Further down is another original piece of work in the shape of a complete horseshoe embankment. This was constructed merely to gain grade. In coming down the ridge the engineers struck a ravine which they must cross. It is less than 200 yards straight across, but to go direct would make the fall in that distance about sixty feet. So an immense horseshoe embankment out into the valley on a ten-degree curve to make the grade, which is 116 feet to the mile. At the toe of this horseshee the fill is

about sixty feet in height.

The main tunnel, 3,600 feet long. the summit, some three and a half miles from Santa Margarita, with a station at the mouth called Cuesta. Here is a neat bit of engineering. When the route was surveyed and the spot was located where the hill should be pierced for the long drive through the rock, a creek was found to be in the way A dam was built and made unusually solid for the creek, insignificant enough at this time of year, carries a large volume of muddy water from the hills when the rains are upon the land. The dam diverts the stream the masonry runs the track to the mouth of the long tunnel.

seems a little odd at first to notice that the railroad, built with so much cut ting, tunneling, bridging and grading should be considerably longer than the wagon road. which has been until now the only avenu-for transportation between Santa Margarita and San Luis Obispo, but it is readily understood when the rugged character of the country traversed is taken into consideration. The stage road is only eleven miles long while the new railroad extension is close seventeen miles in length, but there is a ma terial difference in the elevation of the two to a height of 2,000 feet, the lowest practicable point for a road through the steep Santa Lucia mountains, while the highest point on the railroad extension-in the sum mit tunnel—is only 1,400 feet above sea level.

#### FLYING THROUGH FLAME.

Thrilling Dash Through a Burning Snow shed.

Forest fires had been raging in the mountains for more than a month, writes Cy Warman in the New York Sun. The passengers were peering from the car windows, watching the red lights leap from tree to tree, leaving the erstwhile green-garbed hills a bleak and blackened waste

traveling passenger agent had held the platform all the way up the mountain, soothing her fears and showing her the sights and scenes along the line. there," he said, "is the sumy San Luis valley, and those high hills-that snowy range, when seen in the golden glow of sun set—was called by the Spaniards, Sangre de Christo, the blood of Christ. Farther to the south and a little west is the great silver camp of Creede, where it is always after

"Looking far down the vale you can see the moon-kissed crest of the Spanish range, below whose lofty peaks the archaic cliffdwellers had their homes. Here to the north, where you see the fire flying from the throbbing throat of a locomotive, is the line that leads to Leadville, whose wondrous wealth is known to all the English-speaking people; yes, even as far south as Texas the come to talk of Leadville and the mines. "Now we have reached the crest of the

continent, where-"Oh, yes, I have seen it!" chimed in the "It's by Ernest Ingersoll, is it "No." he replied. "this one is by the

Builder of the Universe, and, as I was about to say, the water flows this way to the Atlantic and that way to the Pacific."
"Why, how very, very funny," said the "schoolmarm," but the railroad man has never been able to see where the laugh came in. He was making no attempt to be funny after assuring her for the 100th time that accidents were never heard of on Marshall Pass, he said good night. The conductor came out from the smoky

station, lifted his white light a time or two, the bell sounded and the long train began to find and wind its way over the smooth steel track that should lead from the hoary heights to the verdant vale. And the gentle curves made cradles of the cars and the happy maiden in high five dreamed she was at home in her hammock, while the man of the road went peacefully to sleep in upper six, feeling that he had shown all the wonders of the west to at least one passenger in that trainload of

The engineer reached for the rope, and the long, low "toooo toooo-too toot" went out upon the midnight air, and the women folks whispered a little prayer for watcher in the engine cab, placed their preciagain. The long train creaked and cracked on the sharp corners, and, as the last echo of the steam whistle died away in the distant hills, slid swiftly from the short tangent and was swallowed up by a snowshed.

At that moment the fire leaped from a

clump of pinions, and the sun-dried snow-shed flashed aflame like a bunch of grass in a prairie fire. It had required the united efforts of three ocomotives to haul the train up the hill, and the engineer knew that to stop was to

to back out of the burning building That is why it appeared to the passengers that all at once every tie that bound this human-burdened train to the track parted, and the mad train began to fall down the mountain. Away they went like the wind. On they went through the flery furnace like a frightened spirit flying from the hearth of hell. The engine men were almost suffocated in the cab, while the paint was peeled from the Pullman cars as a light snow is swal-lowed by the burning sun on a sandy desert. At last the light is gone, they dash our the night-out into the pure mountain air: the brakes are applied, the speed is slackened, the women are still frightened, but the conductor assures them that the

danger is past. Now they can look back and see the burn ing sheds falling. The "schoolmarm" shud-ders as she climbs back into her berth, and an hour later they are all asleep. At Gunnison they get another locomotive, a fresh crew, and the train winds on toward the

The engine is stabled in her stall at the round house. The driver walks about her pats her on the neck and talks to her as h would to a human being: "Well. old girl, we got through, didn't we? But it was a close call.'

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GATH'S GREATEST.

An Appreciative Notice of the Poetic Tribute to Mary Pall. I have kept silent, says the critic of Town Topics, while the detractors of Mr. George Alfred Townsend have been flinging jibes and jeers at him on account of the remarkable and interesting poem that he prepared for the dedication of the Mary Washington monument at Fredericksburg. I feel, however, that it is my duty to protest against such injustice to an industrious American producer. I flatter myself that I am familiar with most of the commemorative and memorial poetry that has been written in English in this century, and I am sure that any jury of literary experts would agree with me that Mr. Town-send's ballad on little Mary Ball has a quality that will be sought in vain in the litera-ture of elegy or dedication. Criticasters may chatter about Tennyson's Ode on the duke of Wellington and Emerson's Concord Hymn and Lowell's Commemoration Ode, and quote from "Adonais" and "Thyrsis." I them show me, if they can, any passage those poems or any other poem that can hold a taper to this noble stanza;

It was little Mary Ball, and she had no fame a sil.

But the world was all the some as if she had,
For she had the right to breathe and to tottle
and to teethe.
And to love some other cuming little had.
Though he proved a widower, it was all the same

For her,
For he gave her many a daughter and a son,
And the family was large, and the oldest, little
George,
Was the hope of little Widow Washington.

Is there not in this something of the large simplicity of early balladry? Is there not, too, something of the onomatopoetic stress of Sydney Lanier? You can almost hear the cradle rock and the bawling of the little Ball boy. You can smell the puregoric. I do not quite understand the meaning of "other" in the fourth line, but I know that Mr. Townsend would not have shaken it up and stirre it in without some wise, artistic purpose. Through the moss on the fifth line we can almost see to read the inscription on the headstone of Mary Ball's husband's first wife. And what a large, luxurious rhyme is that of "large" and "George"! On Mr. Town send's muse are neither fles nor fetters. de not envy the heart of the man that ca read without a sob Mr. Townsend's descrip tion of George settled at Mount Vernon and going into politics, and little Widow ington's remarks when she heard the drum

By Potomac's pleasant tide he was settled wit Overseeing horses, hounds and cocks and wards And it seemed but second nature to go to the

legislature,
And play his hand at politics and cards.
Three-score-and-ten had come when the widow heard the druin,
"My God!" she eried, "what demon is at large?
Tis the conflict with the king, 'tis two worlds n-mustering, And the call of duty comes to mother's George."

Where is Will Carleton new? The popu lar quality of Mr. Townsend's verses strike every reader. I know already of two families in East New York where the children use them as counting-in rhymes. malice of Mr. Townsend's detractors is inex-This Fredericksburg ballad is the best work he has ever done. He must be between 50 and 60 years old now, but he is not too old to flower. This ballad is, if I mistake not, his first original work. I half it as an omen that he will scrap-book no more. Good fortune to his new departure! Oonorate Paltissimo poeta! Give thistles

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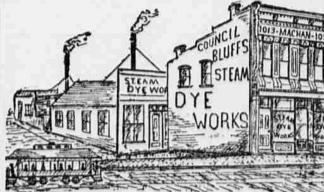
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