

but with a sharp application of the spur, till now unused, the faithful steed bounded forward with renewed vigor. This new force, however, was short lived, like the effect of champagne, and again the broncho showed unmistakable signs of fatigue. 6 the spurs failed to affect him, and the rider. weary enough himself, felt alarmed. Cruelly he applied the whip and spur, but it was of Of a sudden the horse went down, throwing the rider over his head. Stopping only long enough to assure himself that the horse was dead, Morley turned and ran on with all his might in the direction of the canyon. There were the adobe houses of Canon City. They seemed in the clear morning atmosphere within a stone's throw, Canon City. but they were three long miles away. Glanc ing over his shoulder now and then to look for the smoke of the iron horse. Morley ran on and on until he reached the town. In little while he had a force of 150 men armed with whatever they could get in gun stores and hardware stores, and away they went on a dead run for the mouth of the canyon. still two miles above the town. CAMPED AT THE GATE.

Even as they ran they could hear the sharp scream of the little locomotive, rounding the countless curves, turning in and out like a squealing pig following the worm of a rail fence. At last the lawless little army reached the mouth of the canyon, and when Palmer's men arrived they found that they were just twenty-three minutes late, for the others were already guarding the gateway

To be sure, neither General Palmer Mr. Strong belleved for a moment that this great controversy could ever be permanently settled by violent means, and after the first brush, in which the Rio Grande got the

worst of it, they turned to the courts. Although the arming and marching of a body of men across the country was in open violation of the laws of the state, no-body paid any attention to that matter. were simply playing for position. Nonof the men engaged in the warlike demon-strations were consured by the railway of fleers. On the contrary, they were ap-plauded and, in some cases, rewarded for their loyalty. Mr. Strong gave Morley a their loyalty. Mr. Strong gave Morley a splendid gold mounted Winchester rifle as a token of his appreciation of that gentleman's pluck and endurance in making his famous morning ride and foot race from Pueblo to the front.

The many legal battles fought out in the enemy, and would, unless the courts courts were as interesting, if not as excit-ing, as the unlawful contests that were goset aside the lease, remain there for thirty

ing on in the canyon. The millions of mone mey involved, the splen did array of legal talent and the fevered excitement of the people made it the great-est cause ever in the courts of Colorado. low a great misfortune overtook the Rio Grande; one that has caused the failure of a deserving enterprise and many a torney General Wright added to the

worthy man. They were without money fusion by entering suit to enjoin the Santa and were forced, through poverty, to com-In the last hour, if not the last minute, of the 13th day of December, 1878, General

Palmer, as the executive officer of the Dento the Santa Fe company the 300 or 400 miles of narrow gauge road then owned and operated by the Denver & Rio Grande.

STRUGGLE FOR LIFE.

The Santa Fe was regarded as a Kansas ine, while the Rio Grande was purely a Colorado road. The former, having Kansas City as its starting point, was interested in building up the wholesale and jobbing rejoinder to the attorney's attack. trade, and in making Kansas City the base of supplies and general distributing point for the growing west. The owners of the Denver & Rio Grande.

as well as the people of northern Colorado. were not long in discovering the plans of Colorado. the Santa Fe and at once set about to find over to the owners.

an excuse for breaking the lease. What is now the main line of the Rio Grande was then completed to Canon City. and, as the Santa Fe people had a line of their own to the coal fields a few miles below the canyon, they renewed the fight their own to the coal fields a few miles below the canyon, they renewed the fight for a sure and permanent outlet through this valuable and only passable pass to Leadville and the Pacific. Being in pos-session of the constructed line they began the work of paralleling the Rio Grande by grading a way on the opposite side of the river, and this old grade can still be seen from the car windows all the way from the mouth of the canyon to the Royal gorge. . In March. 1939, the Senta Fe rennened

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the fight by demanding that they be al-lowed to examine the books kept in Palmiles of Denver, this enterprising conductor est confusion. By it he directed the sheriffs gave additional evidence of his loyalty to of the several counties to take possession of ner's office, which the latter refused. With the coming of spring the rival companies resumed their arms, and after the fashion of hostile Indians went on the warpath again. Armed forces occupied the canyon as they are now), and threw it into the lake. He must have done more, for that, unless he had "seen" the engineer, would and built forts, like cliff dwellers, at the top of the walls. The Rio Grande people not prevent the engine, still having one side connected, from taking the train in. were exasperated-almost desperate. The fact that Rio Grande bonds had gone up After crippling the engine, the conductor boarded a push car (handcar without handles), stood since the lease from 45 to 90 cents and stock that was worthless was now selling for 16 cents did not appease the Palmerites. up, spread out his rain coat to make a sail, and the west wind pushed him down the long slope into Denver, while Attorney The Santa Fe had shut them out at the Teller in the delayed train sat at the sumsouth, crossed Raton pass and gone on to mit and swore. the Pacific. They were preparing system-atically to run the Rio Grande by building It would seem that with all the advantage atically to run the Rio Grande by building into all her territory, even to Colorado Springs, Leadville and Denver. General Manager Dodge declared that the terms of

And guaranteed to heat 4 rooms

winter on 2 tons of coal.

A PARTIAL VICTORY.

determined upon this occasion that no com

maimer corporate rights in the state

it held in the courts, the Rio Grande was not content, but was still increasing its armed force in the Grande canyon, where J. R. Remer, one of the engineers, with a force of fifty men, blocked the trail. the lease had been broken by the Santa Fe before the ink was dry upon the paper. Gen-"By what authority," demanded the Santa e men, looking into the fifty rifles, "do eral Palmer openly asserted that the Santa Fe Fe had mismanaged the road, diverted traf-

Fe men, looking int you hold this pass?" fic and was endeavoring to wreck the prop-"By the authority of the supreme court and the fifty men behind me," was Remer's erty. On the other hand, Mr. Strong claimed that the books of the Rio Grande reply. The action of the regular officers and en had been spirited away by the treasurer and that he had a right to see them. ployes of the two roads was prompted by a sense of loyalty to their respective em-ployers, but the common herd which took On the 21st of April the supreme court rendered a decision, giving the Rio Grande service did so simply for the pay of \$5 a the prior right of way through the canyon, but not the exclusive right. It was finally day and had no higher interest in the con-

ies! Sometimes the camps of the opposing armies were close together. Sometimes the officers and men met, mingled and mixed toddy under the same cedler. pany of railway builders could pre-empt, occupy and hold against all comers the narow passes or gorges in the mountains. The Rio Grande was at last victorious. If President Strong of the Santa Fe had realized the seriousness of the situation, or, if he had been less considerate and humane but the road was still in the hands of the bluov -it were better to say-he might, by weeding out the old Rio Grando agents and em-ployes, and replacing them with men in

Before the courts now came the matter of cancelling the lease. This was urged by the Rio Grande, backed by the best legal sympathy with his company, have put him-self in a stronger position for what was to follow; but, to his credit, he allowed talent that money could secure. Meanwhile the two armies in the mountains were being increased and the forts enlarged. the old men, whose only offense to the new regimo was their loyalty to the old, to re-In the midst of all this excitement At

LOYALTY OF EMPLOYES. Although the Santa Fe people appear to have paid no heed to the attitude of the employes along the leased line, the Denver

Fe company from operating railroads in Colorado. The hearing was had before & Rio Grande people did, and upon the loy-alty of their old men they risked everything. Judge Bowen, afterward senator from Colorado, over behind the Sangre de Christo in the little town of Alamosa. Willard Teller The Santa Fe managers, however, were not idle. They had, located upon their main for the Santa Fe promptly applied for a change of venue, alleging in language that line, a camp called Dodge City, as tough a community as ever flourished under any could not be misunderstood that Judge Bowen was prejudiced against his clients flag. From these rich recruiting grounda and that he could not hope to get justice in such a court. It was not to be supposed that a man who played poker, as Judge Bower did, would isy down at Mr. Teller s first fire. The judge led off with a spirited they imported into Colorado a string of slaughterers headed by "Bat" Masterson, whose hands were red with the blood of no less than a score of his fellow men. In jus tice to Masterson the explanation should be made here that he did most of this work in and ended by issuing a writ enfoining the Santa Fe and all its officers, agents and employes daylight, with the badge of "City Marshal" upon his unprotected breast; that a good from operating the Rio Grande road or any part thereof and from exercising in any majority of these men deserved killing, but bad been neglected by more timid officers of the law, wholly on account of their ex-treme toughness, their familiarity with fire In short, he turned the reads arms and an overweaning fondness for the taking off of city marshals. Furthen this we may not excuse him; the rest re-

over to the owners. Mr. Teller commanded the conductor of one of the trains then fying at the terminus of the track to "hitch up" and take him to Denver with all possible speed. The em-ployes had, of course, watched all the law-ted and unlawful concerts as check as the mains with him and his God. There was not a man on either side who would not argue that his company was wholly in the right, "and," he would add, "I'm a law-abidin' man, an heard to say: I believe in lettin' th' law have its course

Judge Bowen's decision caused the great-

Dodge & Palmer by slipping out and dis-abling the locomotive. He removed one of the main rods (they were not so heavy then at the area and these it into the serve writs upon the officers and agents along the line.

TRAINS RUN UNDER DIFFICULTIES. On the night of June 10, 1879, President Palmer tapped the wires on either side o the station at Colorado Springs, made a loop through his residence and sat all night lis-

the Santa Fe. Colonel Dodge, Palmer's general manager, had established a line o mounted couriers, with stations every twenty miles, over the entire road, for they must not attempt to use the telegraph. By these couriers they hoped to be able to run trains until such time as they could get posses sion of the telegraph offices.

They were reasonably sure that Judge Hallett would reverse Judge Bowen on the 11th and so the order went forth to Palmer's people and to the sheriffs along the line to swoop down upon the enemy at 6 a. m and capture the road. Accordingly, on the morning of the 11th a posse under a sheriff, sarmed with a Bowen injunction, marches upon the station at East Denver and captured it. At West Denver the station was forced and an operator installed at the key To and from along the line the mounted couriers were galloping with messages from General Palmer or Colonel Dodge. Up from the south came ex-Governor A. C. Hunt, another Rio Grande general, with a formidable army that swept everything be-

fore it as effectually as did the army of Sherman in its march to the sea. The Santa Fe people, as soon as they learned what was going on, concentrated their forces at Pueblo. That important point they had de reaction of the space away. The Santa Fe people had for forty-eight hours been urg-people had for forty-eight hours been urg-ing Governor Flikin to call out the state ing Governor Pickin to call out the state troops, but the governor said he could not until there was some demonstration of un-lawful force, and even then the sheriffs

must first exhaust all means in their power to preserve the pense before he could act. When the fight was once on it was found that the Rio Grands men were in need of restraint instead of encouragement. Santa Fe employes were pulled from their engines

and thumped into a state of obedience to the commands of the Rio Grande officers. Santa Fe sympathizers fought as fiercely, only they appeared at all points to be in the minority. Under the direction of Genthe minority. Under the direction of Gen-eral Manager Desige; a train was made up at Denver to starl mouth. Manager Kramer of the Adams' Express company hung his messenger about with six shooters and locked him up in the car. Colonei Dodge said the Rio Grande company would run the express business from now on, but, to avoid delay, allowing the Adams' car to remain in the train. President Strong, with a team at a dead run, drove from team at a doubt run, drove from his hotel to the station, where Colonel Dodge was making up the train, and all the people of the town who were awake ran after him, expecting that upon his arrival at the sta-tion the shooting would surely begin. Probably at no time in their lives, before nor since, have these two officers known such a trying moment, but they were too wise to a trying moment, but they were to while to begin themselves a battle which they knew they could not stop. Finding Dodge in pos-sension of everything in sight. Mr. Strong made a rush for the court.

APPROACH OF THE CRISIS.

The greatest excitement prevailed among I believe in lettin' th' law have its course at all times-only in this case-I know the Rio Graude's right, an,' begorry. I'll fight of the stations the agents were with the Santa Fe, and these made it impossible for

the Rio Grande to use the wire for handling their trains. We have seen by the character and voting place of the men employed by the Sania Fe that Mr. Strong was desperately in ear-

nest. To show that General Palmer was making a great effort to avoid mistakes, will quote from a letter lately received from prominent railway officer, who was in the figh

'With the exception of about half a dozer the santa Fe. Colonel Dodge, Palmer's with General Palmer and desired that he be successful in his efforts to regain posses sion of the road, and as each train passed through Colorado Springs up to midnight June 10, as the trainmen applied at the Ric Grande headquarters, which were then located at Colorado Springs, they were sup plied with whatever they thought would be necessary to be used in defending their trains the next day, it having been previ ously arranged that possession would be taken at 6 o'clock on the following morning." It is safe to assume that they asked for all they wanted and got all they asked for. By the time the first train pulled out of Denver the whole state was swarming with armed men. But from a single county Pueblo, came the cry of a sheriff who had been unable to serve the Bowen writ and dislodge the Santa Fe. There Masterson heid, not only the roundhouse, but the sta-tion and the offices. The Rio Grande forces at Pueblo were under Chief Engineer Mc-Murtrie and R. F. Weitbree, treasurer of

the company, Some of the Rio Grande men conceived had captured all the small stations along the line, bringing the agents away the idea of stealing a cannon from the mil-itia, with which they might batter down them on a captured train. It was stated that two of the Santa Fe men had been killed and a like number wounded. At the roundhouse and capture the killers therein, but found at the last moment that the gun had already been stolen by the Pueblo all was excitement and confusion Having placed the property of the com-pany in the hands of Ris Grande men, Mr. Hunt went up the river to Canon City, and when he had finished there the Denver & gentlemen upon the other side. It was ever asserted that the gun was within the round house walls, and the Rio Grande people moved, yet a little space away. Rio Grande railway was in the hands of its

THE BOSS FIGHTER SEEN.

Mr. Weitbree, it would appear, held the belief that a man who could be hired by an OWDER. HOSTILITIES IN THE COURTS. entire stranger to go out and slay people for a few dollars a day could be seen, and We often hear of railway trains being held up-sometimes by a single man-but this h probably the only instance where an entire so he went over to the roundhouse to see

Masterson. rallway system has been captured in a sin When they had spoken softly together for gle day by an armed force. When the sun came up on June 12 it show a spell, Bat called his captain, who went presently to the lieutenant, who was standupon General Falmer in all his glory, run-ning every department of the road, but the end was not yet. Judge Hallett promptly declared Judge Bowen's decision null and yold. Judge Bowen rallied, and two days later landed once more with a decree plac-ter the big Generate in the hards of a reing at the other end of the house where the men were massed, and said:

"Yous ducks 'll trow yer heavy guns down, keep your light ones, an' slide.

"What?" said the lieutenant. "Yous fellies are to lay down-'ees nibs

'as sen Bat.'

"Well," said the lieutenant, "'spose ho have seen Bat, where do we come in? What's in the pot? Ye kin till Mr. Bat we'll not quit till we see some dough.

federal court, and in the meantime rumors of riot and bloodshed came up from all along the line. At Pueblo the Rio Grande men had crected heavy timber forts about the station. Up in the canyon De Remer had his army well supplied, and saw that no work was done by the oppusing company Judge Hallett, Jude Miller concurring then ordered all property unlawfully take to be restored to the Santa Fe. stfer which The captain reported to Bat and return ing to the lieutenant, who stood surrounded by his faithful soldiers, said:

"Bat says the gentleman 'as seen 'im, an' if youse guyes don't come off at once he'll have to come over personally. Th' gen'l'man 'as sen 'im-see?" and with that the captain spread out his broad hand on a level with his pistol pocket, pushed the atmosphere down and strode away.

days were given for the complete restoration of the property to the lessees. The Santa Fe now asked that the receiver The army laid down its arms, for Mr. Weitbree had seen Eat. We are unable to The Santa Fe now ashed that the receive be discharged, which, after elaborate argu-ments, was done. The Hio Grande promptly restored the road to the lesses and aske for an order restraining the Santa Fe from operating it. This order was issued, a new give the exact figures, but we know that Bat had been "seen."

The surrounding of the roundhouse, however, did not mean the giving over of the whole town, and the Santa Fe men still hold the dispatcher's office.

POSSESSION SECURED.

In the meantime Colonel Dodge's train was coming down from the north and Gov-ernor Hunt was coming up from the south. The excitement was hourly increasing, Wherever the Santa Fe men refused to under a sleeper, one is apt to conclude that the end of it all was a good ending. Most of the men, including the great lawyera open up, the doors were smashed and the Grande men, usually headed by a who took part in the unpleasantness, are still sheriff, took possession. here to criticise this tame picture of the

When the train reached Pueblo the exstirring scenes. Judge Hallett's equity mill is still grinding out justice at Denver. Prespress car was broken into, the Adams ex-press matter was dumped upon the plat-form and Mr. Kramer's messenger, loaded down like a Christmas tree in a mining camp, where the favorite gift is a siz-camp, where the favorite gift of the second distribution of the form and second distribution of the same positions today on the Rio Grande Western that they held then on the Denver & Rio Grande. Governor Hunt has press car was broken into, the Adams exdown like a Christmas tree in a mining camp, where the favorite gift is a six-shooter, was dumped out on top of his freight.

o be restored to the Santa Fe, after which

the Rio Grande might institute proceedin for the cancellation of the lease. Thr

gone away. Mr. Strong, I believe, is at the head of one of the great Mexican railways, While removing his gold-mounted Winches-The excitement throughout the state was unparalleled. Telegrams poured over the wires to the governor's office. One from ter from an ambulance at Guyamas. Old Mexico, Mr. Morley, the hero of the morning the sheriff of Pueblo county was to the efride, was accidentally shot and killed. Mr. Masterson has retired. He is now a resident fect that an armed mob had soized the Den-ver & Rio Grande property there and reof Denver and divides his time between lecsisted his efforts to dislodge them. He had exhausted all peaceable means to that end and felt that he must resort to force, but turing the clergy of that city and umpiring prize fights. CY WARMAN asked for instructions. The governor re-sponded that he must act within the siriet Enterprise of Vast Magnitude. commands of the court. It was not for him (Pitkin) to construe the legal effect

It is more than half a score years since the announcement has been made here of the approaching appearance of Buffalo Bill's of writs in the hands of sheriffs; they must act upon their own responsibility. Thrown upon his own resources, later in the day Wild West, to which is now added a Congrees of the Rough Riders of the World. the sheriff, with a large posse, forced the door of the train dispatcher's office. A In that time they have soured the world over, and pursued paths which led them into strange climes and made strange connumber of shots were fired, but no one in jured. About dark the same evening ex-Governor Hunt, that whiriwind of energy trasts. What the gheats of the Roman gladiators must have thought when they and indiscretion, arrived on the scene from the south with a force of 299 men. The saw the painted red men deploy upon the historic arena of the mighty Colosseum at Rome would make interesting reading. But They not alone there were their tents pitched, for they followed the stream of history from the battle grounds of Flodden Field and Waterloo to Sedan and Sevastopol. They left the Rockies behind, but they rossed the Alps and Pyrences in the footsteps of Napoleon Bonaparte, and camped at the feat of the Caucasus. They personally paid proud but respectful tribute to the religning monarchs of the world, and received in return the meed of praise due to uncrowned royalty and to brave deeds. And now, having gathered in his travels

the representative native and primitive Rough Riders of the World, Buffalo Bill comes back once more to his rative land. The magnitude of his present enterprise is startling. Two railway trains transport an army of men and horses, their habitations and subsistence, a grand stand cap-able of seating 20,000 persons, and a portable electric light plant-the largest even built. The educational value of this exhibition need not be emphasized, for it is apparent that never again will there be such a conceurse. Civilization has "wiped out" the buffalo, the Indians are reduced to a mere handful, the hardy ploneers, of where the conceurse of the second ing the Rio Grande in the hands of a re-ceiver. Again the Santa Fe went to the federal court, and in the meantime rumors whom Col. Cody (Buffalo Bill) is the ack-nowledged chieftain, are beginning to watch the silvering of their locks by Father Time.

This is an opportunity which no one should neglect, or he will regret it in the future. In the morning there will be a free street cavalcade with detachments from every division, enlivened with three bands of music, including the famous Buffals, Bill's Cowboy Band.

It is hardly necessary to say that this remarkable entertainment, which combines so much of instruction with entertainment, of the most unique character, merits a niost liberal patronage. Buffalo Bill will appear at every performance. The Wild West exhibition will appear

here on Saturday, October 10.

receiver was appointed and the road restored to its owners. Jay Gould came to the front with money, bought 50 per cent of stock, and -Balmoral, the palace in which Queen Victoria received the czar and czarina, is a vast pile of buildings which look like some the fight was declared off.

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Looking back over the seventeen summers which, since this excitement, have slipped Looking back over the seventeen summers which, since this excitement, have slipped away, as the receding miles slip out from gether a marvel of discomfort-It is very ugly that it is

resting his rifle in the hollow of his left arm, "proceeding within the law." For exa big frishman in a red shirt was