MYSTERY OF THE LAST SPIKE

Historic Bailroad Event.

ACTUAL SCENE PURPOSELY RECAST

Prejudices and Dislikes and Shabby Treatment of

Artint.

In California there has just become known the real story of "The Last Spike" torted a work of art and remade history west by the railroad. to suit his personal spleen.

"The Last Spike" is the famous painting neer painter, and deptets the scene at the famous painting. driving of the gold spike connecting the Union and Central Pacific railroads in the west and establishing the first transcentinental line. The story of how Stanford beheaded characters in the painting, put new heads on them, moved them into the background, put our of the picture men who

painting remained in the pussession of the York Times. artist, and many stories were told of why the late Senator Leland Stanford did not Make it from the hands of Hill. But not until now has the true story come to light. And this is strange, for in ISB Thomas making of the painting and his son printed it in pamphlet form for private distribution. Thirty copies of this interesting littis revelation were struck off, but all but

And for twenty-two years neither of the country, copies has been out of these bounds. The Mr. Mitcheil said he held Mr. Brandels valler, his home. The painting is now friend of labor, that he was a deep thinker, by the artist's son.

Egotistical Dictation. The artist's story of his precious work is a strange tale of the dominant dictation

sterview as foldiws:

"He would dictate with enthusiasm, even tion to severity. For instance, I was asking tion. Mr. Stanford objected to the arrangement and remarked in expressive manner: Nobody has a hammer but ma.

eyes flashed at the sound of the editor's deterioration to the man, who should at name, and he said excitedly; 'Have you ways be the first concern. leave him out, being the editor of a is not true. Labor paper-he would annihilate me. His answer was, in just these words: 'I will

nor and the railroad, and the terrible ity he entertained for the road from the beginning—he said: I will think of some suitable person for the position. His brother, A. B. Stanford, was decided upon, and I arranged to place him."

The pamphlet goes on to tell how Stanto the background and friends who were not even there substituted. The artist described Stanford's visit to his studio as

"A look of surprise and satisfaction seemed to come to his face at the first glance in the direction of the great canvas spread out before him, with its hundreds of faces. He complimented me upon its execution and realistic effect, and remarked that he could almost imagine himself upon the spot.

One Hammer Enough. "He next commenced to analyze its details, and immediately discovered that I caused this saving fever. had two men with hammers. Not knowing whom to place in so important a position. now?" I had not acted upon a former direction,

The governor, pointing out Durant, You must make that Mr. Stro-

"Where shall I place Mr. Durant?" I 'it is not important, replied the Cen-

rai Pacific president, he is one of the pnion Pacific people. " I can place him where Mrs. Strobridge standa, I ventured.

'Yes,' he said, 'and put her by my side, she deserves a first place, for she rou recomember I didn't have de means has been in the lead all the way from

"Dru. Harkness and Stillman were hanged. Mr. Towne he ordered taken out. pleaded for Mr. Towne, as he had taken sense enough to save some of your earnsuch an interest in my work. Heing such ings even if it is to buy a wedding gown,

be would give more tone than a stranger. He finally consented to his being placed in the background. His eye caught the picture of Mr. He said: 'I don't want that man in, he had no business there, as he was not connected with the road at the time." Whom shall I place there? I asked. You

can put Senator Sargent there," he said. "I awaijowed my bile, for what was I but a slave, needing friends, not enemies." The artist then goes on to tell of Governor Stanford sending friends and railroad men to sit for the picture, many of an' have a fine set out in de ebenin' so I whom had not been at the scenes Charles done made up my mind it'd be de time rocker was relegated to the background. to wear my weddin' outfit, veil an' all." Shortly after he came to view the painting. I almost dropped my coffee cup. "Filly,"
"What d-d nonsense is that," he de- I said, "what do you want with a wed-

manded when his eye fairly rested upon ding outfit now?" he picture," writes the artist, "I explained "Lord bress me, honey, won't dat good to him the whole matter, but he was too for nothin' girl of Line's be at do set out?"

"It was a great shock to me. He went eyes: straight to Mr. Stanford, and when I called "Miss Gracis, dat suit done g'wine answer next morning to see the governor I was two purposes."

Watting to Vain.

many consecutive days I lodged Norman E. Mack's Monthly. to his ante-room, and the number of cards furnished his desk with I could not say, it light came out of the claud at last. My noble and aind-hearted patron sent me from California for finds to get home to ord by some of his pampared mentals Indiana and he got the money. Modern that he did not wish to buy any thire improvements in communication and

And so it was that the prids of one rall- duce the ago and lessen the walking exerroad magnate aroused the indignation of a cose of latter day prodigal sons. -- St. Jobroad railroad magnate, thus leaving the seph Gazette

The painting was test to Sacramente by il, where it was placed on exhibition Story of Famous Painting Depicting for several years. The artist later gave up Wawins, Yesemin valley, where he had oduced his famous naturings. "Yesemite The Waverty Oaks' and the of Texas is an example emaxing Record of Leland Stanford's nowned works are The South Dotte,

Colorado." removed to San Francisco-and placed in showcase was a wax figure of a woman peur at first sight to have deserted him: Its removal; but the law could not punish the memorial museum in Golden Gais park, dressed in a handsome gown and closic, but wait until you reach the end of the a man for his guilty intentions, and the you to save 5 cents do you?" It solves a mystery that has kept the where for the last twenty years it has Eastest thing in the world to get them out story. Golden state guessing for thirty years, charmed thousands upon thousands of tour- of that showcase! It was putting an un- Mr. Clark appealed his case to the court A strange story it is of the way in which ists by its impressive beauty and its real necessary temptation before people to ex- of eriminal appeals of Texas and that possession of the gown up to the time of good woman prepared to make a rush for a domineering millionaire arbitrarily dis- letic deptction of the conquering of the pose them in that way,

his pamphlet, tells with pathon of his whether be merely thought that it would room for a tete-a-tete, and breaking into volved, the misdemeanor would not be a by Thomas Hill, the late California pio- Stuation when Stanford refused to buy the be a valuable lesson in locks for Blum & R. could not, therefore, be burglary. Mr. felony.

not entirely shaken until I heard of his the gown. The showcase was locked; but window proper. The judgment of the lower the story, don't you admit that Will Clark sudden departure for Europe. There are Mr. Clark was a man of ingenuity, and he court was reversed, and the cause re- was an unusually sucky man to be able to not many men, situated as I was, that managed to break the lock without at manded "for the utter lack of sufficient secure so much unusual experience of bowed past several men, while her son.

HITS "SCIENTIFIC ECONOMY" was not immediately successful, because bered the success of his former appeal and institution probably today or tomorrow at the various stations, the crowd inside Drug Co.

Labor Leader Mitchell Attacks Brandels' Scheme of Railroad Saving.

John Mitchell, ex-president of the United Mine Workers of America, now member of three were destroyed before any one had Civic federation, and one of the most prom-Two copies were sent to the Stanford what he believes to be some of the means lnant labor leaders in America, attacks home and the third remained in the pos- advocated by Louis D. Brandels to save session of Robert R. Hill, the artist's son. 21,600,000 a day for the railroads of the

artist died two years ago in the Tosemite in the highest esteem, that he was a valued resting in Memorial museum of Golden and a man possessed of profound economic Gats park, San Francisco, where it has knowledge. He did not want to misinterpret hung as a loss for twenty years. The last anything Mr. Brandels had said, and if of the pamphlets is now brought to light he said anything not justified by what Mr. Brandels had advocated it was because he had misunderstood it.

"Mr. Brandels has been saying that some \$300,000,000 a year could be saved by the of an egotistical and proud patron. It cording to the newspapers," went on Mr. railroads in the cost of transportation, acthrows strong light upon the character of Mitchell. "There is a general belief that the late Senator Stanford. It lays bare the he advocates as a means to that saving spirit of this strong-willed, proud leader the premium or bonus system of paying of men, at the senith of his career-a man the workmen, and further specialization in imbued with a flerce spirit of fighters who work. I do not believe that the workmen made San Francisco in the days of gold. employed by the railroads should do any Stanford ordered the picture painted in more work than they are now doing. I do 1875-the spike having been driven May 10, not believe that anything can safely be 1819, at Promontory, Utah. After Hill had saved on them, and that if there is a waste ourlined the picture, placing 400 men, sev- of \$300,000,000 a year it lies cutside the enty being portraits, he called Stanford sphere of cost occupied by the workmen. o the studio. He tells of this interesting And I am against the premium or bonus system and against too much specializa-

"First, as to specialization. The thought some questions in regard to Mr. Durant should not be so much about the machine of the Union Pacific, who occupied second as about the man in front of the machine. position and was so placed beside Mr. There is a point in the specialization of Stanford, both having a hammer. I was work beyond which it is not safe to go, beinformed that Mr. Durant drove the silver cause of the deterioration of the workman spike and so placed him in his true posi-

You have given him too preminent a place.

I spoke of Mr. McCrellish, editor of Organized labor is against that, because it speeds the men up too first, and causes it speeds the men up too first, and causes. "I don't know whether or not Mr. Bran-

present, and it would not be well for me unions tend to level down workmen. This "It is sometimes charged that the labor unions do not say that an employer shall not pay an especially competent and effective workman some thing in addition to what he pays the "After enlightening me on the subject others; they are but fighting for at least of McCreilish-his enmity toward the gov- a fair pay for an honest day's work by the average workman.

'Organized labor is against the premium or bonus system of payment to the workman, because that is designed to speed up the workman beyond the safety line. That is bad economy. The employer who uses ford, the governor, upon examining the the system may notice an advantage at painting, ordered his enemies relegated first, but it is not long before the workman begins to deteriorate under the strain; then his work deteriorates also, and presently the less in his productivity amounts to much more than the temporary gain."-New York Times.

FOXY GIRL WAS THIS TILLY A Belated Wedding Gown Tastefully Attached to Another

Each week Tilly had me put away half her wages. Finally I asked her what had "Lord, now, Miss Gracie, doan you know

I nodded negatively. Tilly's money usuthat nobedy but himself must have a ally found its way to Lize's keeping. Lize was her latest. "Bress yo' heart, honey, I'se savin' to

buy a reg'lar satin weddin' suit, veil an' all, mind you." Tilly folded her hands over her expansive stomach and smiled

'Wedding gown?" I demanded aghast. "Des' so, Miss Gracie." Why, Tillie, you and Lize were married six months ago."
"Dat's so." Tilly acknowledged, "but

ien to buy a suitable outfit." "I guess not." I returned, "when you were giving every cent you made to that sorthless Lize. I am glad you have learned

a promingnt railroad man, I thought that and I could not conceal a smile, which Tilly, happily, did not understand. A few works later I heard Lize had forsaken his bride and taken up with another belle of Darkeytown, which in the vicinity was not an unusual occurrence. I expected to find my Tilly heartbroken; instead a broadly beaming face greated me the next

"Honey, Miss Gracie, I'se g'wine ax you for my savin's." Tilly smoothed the spotless folds of her gingham apron. "The lodge is layin' off to turn out nex' week

mad a man to even give me a civil answer. As I made no reply. Tilly suspected her He was evidently greatly offended, for he purpose was not exactly clear to me, so

she said, with a twinkle in her black

"Hum?" I maked "Dis time, honey, it's a divorce suit "-

Better Than in Bible Times. A producal son, aged 16, wrote home

transportation facilities, have tended to re-

Machinery of Justice in Texas Boes Fine Job of Butr-Splitring.

San Antonio one night, when his attention over the head, a policeman interfered, and liceman interrupted him. It was still held Yesemits," "Mount Taronna," The Grand was attracted by the very careless manner carried Mr. Clark off to jail. He was by her firm-set feet. They admitted that use the might be the Canyon of the Yellowstone. The Mult in which Blum & Co. displayed some of brought to trial on a charge of burgiary, the psychology of the situation indicated Glader and The Grand Canyon of the their wares. Outside of their front door in was convicted, and sentenced to three that he probably intended to take non-him anywhere. a vemibule calmost on the sidewalk, in- years confinement in the penitentlary. Just session of the gown when he had solved From Sacramento "The Last Spike" was deed) was a glass showcase, and in the here is where Mr. Clark's tuck would ap-

The aged artist, in the custom part of gown as a domestic peace offering, or house, even if it was big enough to afford out the gown to increase the value in-With all this," he writes, "my faith was that he undertook to remove the clouk and the showcase, rather than to the show could have escaped the asylum at Stock- tracting undesirable attention. He got into evidence.

floor and the gown could not be removed again. He did, and his faith was justified.

wait till you reach the end of the story. Some people are born lucky. Will Clark ation into his mind and figure out that valued at \$40, but they could not see that Mr. Clark was walking slong a street in fectively disrobed only by lifting the gown (valued at \$50) at the time when the no-

court, after due consideration, decided that the police raid. The taking of the cloud it when the train stopped. Whether Mr. Clark needed a cleak and a showcase could not be regarded as a slone would be a misdemeanor, but withdoes not appear; but it does appear Clark's guardian angel had guided him to therefore again reversed.

the showcase, which was roomy enough to Then, feeling that Mr. Clark had done small a cost?-Case and Comment. "Though I was \$10,000 in debt on account accommedate both him and the wax lady, something that ought to be recognized in of the picture, having merigaged my home, and he took off her beautiful cloak and some way, they tried to get him on a took part in the historic event and inserted this I could get over; but to be left like a rolled it into a bundle casy to carry. Next charge of theft. Again judgment was rencur dog by my friend, as I supposed, was he proceeded to unfasten the gown and dered against him in the lower court, al- W. Aldrich of Rhode Island, who under-It has long been a mystery that the irromprehensible and humiliating."—New slip it down to the floor-quite the sus- though Mr. Clark ingeniously tried to went a slight operation in the Rossevelt ling." she directed. "Then nobody will extomary way when ladies are not made of wriggle out of it on the plea of former hospital on Wednesday for a growth on pect you to get up." wax. However, in this case this method conviction. Convicted of theft, he remem- the right hand, will be able to leave that. And the train went on, picking up people less regulators. See For sale by Reaton

in that manner. At first wight he would The court of criminal appeals found, upon Clark had indisputably taken unlawful pos-Biefore he could get a diagram of the situ- session of the wax lady's closic, which was this particular kind of a lady could be et- he was in actual possession of the gown was that the lady had effectively disputed man through the gate without paying the

Now that you have reached the end of of us as it is.

Slight Operation for Aldrich.

NEW YORK, Dec. M .- Senator Neison to get into it.

Filled a Sent Just the Same.

How old is that could, madam?" asked the woman at the ticket window

"Six? Dear me! He's awful big for his Well, he isn't, and I've never paid for strap

than 6 I shall have to let him through."

Having succeeded in getting the young

"Be quiet. They got enough money out day.

"Oh, I'm on, all right, all right." Then the train arrived and the woman el-

maide immediately after her. Two people try to get a little of the Christmas spirit. who were getting out left a cross sear Freddie, you keep your seat!"-Chicago vacant and the lady and her son hastened "You get inside next the window, dar

compelled to cling to straps. Weary-look seem here to have made a mistake; but considering the facts of the case, that Mr. Kid Didn't Pay for His Ride, but ing women stood in the aisle and were compelled to clutch at anything which hap pened to be bandy when the train went

around curves. Many longing looks were directed at the sent occupted by the buy At last a young man who had finished glancing at the headlines in his even ng paper said to another who was sharing his

"I should think that boy might stand and give some lady a chance to sit down. "Yes." his friend replied. "but he won't I'll het she didn't pay any fare for him.

Then the boy's mother, who could not help overhearing the remarks, turned and glared at the shameful creatures. Several passengers snickered, and an

oldish man who had offered his seat to a poorly dressed woman with a pale face,

"I suppose the poor bey is tired out from soking through the toy departments all

It was outrageous "It's a pity," the fond mother exclaimed. that one can't ride in one of these cars without being insulted. I should think peoshowcases, buttonholes and courts at so being strong and agile, fought his way ple might at this time of the year, at least

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