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Commissioners.—G. A. SCOTT, M. EVANS, J. D. CRAN. Clerk and Recorder.—C. W. HASKINS. Judge.—T. STEVENS. Sheriff.—A. PARKER. Treasurer.—W. W. STODDARD. School Superintendent.—C. M. HOGE. Coroner.—W. W. ASHLEY. Surveyor.—J. F. WANNEMAKER. Assessor.—C. P. NUTTER.

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J. M. SEMPLE, ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR. RICO, COLO. Special attention given to Mining Business.

Frank W. Gove, Notary Public, RICO, COLORADO. Office on Glasgow av.

J. W. PARK, ATTORNEY AT LAW, NOTARY PUBLIC. RICO, COL. Will practice in the courts of Ouray, La Plata and San Juan counties. Special attention given to collections, making of deeds, &c. 16-17

JOHN C. DANA, ATTORNEY AT LAW, RICO, COLO. Office with F. W. Gove, Surveyor.

FRANK W. GOVE, CIVIL ENGINEER, AND Deputy U. S. Mineral Surveyor, RICO, OURAY COUNTY, COLORADO.

J. FRANCISCO CHAVEZ, DOUGLAS C. RUSSELL, Chavez & Russell, Attorneys at Law.

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A. O. TERRY, Real Estate and Mining Broker. Mines reported on. Good Mines and Prospects for Sale. Office No. 2, Commercial Avenue, RICO, COLORADO.

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RICO, COLO. T. STEUDEMAN, Assayer. SCALE OF PRICES FOR ASSAYS OF ORES: Assay for silver, \$1.00 gold and silver, 1.25 lead, 1.50 copper, 1.50 No extra charge for duplicate assays. Ores sampled and carefully assayed. Orders from a distance promptly attended to. Special attention given to examining and reporting on mines. The Best of References Given for Work Performed.

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J. H. SEEK, Analytical and Practical Assayer & Mineralogist. Samples of Ore carefully ASSAYED and the highest degree of accuracy guaranteed. PRACTICAL INSTRUCTIONS given in Assaying and general Chemical Analysis of Ores. Will examine mines anywhere and reliable reports given. TERMS as Low as Good Work can be done. References furnished on application. COLEMAN, ESKRIDGE & ROWLEY.

Practical Blacksmiths and WAGON-MAKERS. Keep in stock hard wood, iron, steel, and everything required to do all kinds of work. The best of workmen will be kept in employ and satisfaction guaranteed on all work.

LEGAL BLANK ASSORTMENT AT THE NEWS OFFICE.

A. C. MYERS, F. H. WEST, G. E. WEST ATTENTION PUBLIC The Animas Livery, Feed and Sale Stables, ANIMAS CITY, COLORADO. We announce to the citizens of the Animas & San Juan country, that we have opened a first class Livery, Feed and Sale Stable in Animas City, and we are prepared to furnish first class rigs of every description for the accommodation of passengers to Alamosa, Conejos, Silverton, Parrott City, Rico, Howardville, Soreka, Forks of the Animas, Mineral City, Ouray, Farmington, N. M., and all points in the Great San Juan Mining Region.

THE LARGEST AND MOST EXTENSIVE LIVERY OUTFIT IN THE SAN JUAN. To persons desiring to visit the far-famed Aztec Ruins on the Lower Animas, and the Cliff Dwellings on the Rio Mancos, we will furnish complete outfits, including tents, camp equipage, etc., etc. We have in connection with the stables a large and comfortable corral for the accommodation of freight cars and the traveling public generally, which will be supplied with Hay and Grain at all times at reasonable figures.

Myers & West, Proprs., SECOND STREET, ANIMAS CITY, COLORADO.

FORWARDING AND COMMISSION. T. D. BURNS, J. L. M'NEIL, C. H. FIFE. Will receive and forward promptly all consignments for

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Rico, Animas City, Silverton, Durango, and Parrott City, and all points in Southwestern Colorado. Mark and consign goods care of BURNS & CO., 70-74 CHAMA, N. M.

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And all kinds of miners' supplies. Our goods are all new and bought from first hands and those purchasing can rely on getting good, reliable goods and nothing shoddy. ORDERS BY MAIL PROMPTLY ATTENDED TO.

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General Gush.

EPITOME OF GENERAL NEWS. CLIPPINGS, SQUIBS, ETC., ETC. Intelligence Gleaned From Numerous Exchanges.

A Few Sparks From Everywhere. Bernhardt is in Chicago. Memphis, Mo., had a big fire on the 10th. Lima is not yet captured by the Chilian.

Boss Kelly of New York, will make a western tour. General Plaisted has been declared governor of Maine. Gov. Williams, of Indiana, left an estate of \$100,000.

General Skobleff has completed the investment of Geopete. The Chinese treaty will be submitted to the senate in a few days. John Sherman has been elected United States senator from Ohio.

General Grant goes to Mexico in a few weeks. Railroad business. Only one cabinet officer was ever selected from New Hampshire. Sitting Bull's Sioux, minus Sitting Bull, have arrived at Fort Buford.

Colonel D. P. Sackett has been made inspector-general of the army. Four men were killed by a boiler explosion at Jersey City on the 7th. James G. Fair has been elected to the United States senate from Nevada.

At Eastland, Texas, John Cortley was shot dead by his brother Charles. An alms house and eleven inmates, at Dover, N. H., were burned on the 7th. Richard J. Walsh, a prominent citizen of St. Louis, committed suicide recently.

The mercury at Fort Buford, Dakota, registered 50 degrees below zero recently. There seems a likelihood that Kellogg, of Louisiana, will be ejected from the senate. Governor Porter of Indiana, was inaugurated on the 10th. A great display was made.

The first American city to light its streets wholly by electricity is Ogden, Utah. Sir Donald Stewart has been appointed to the supreme command of the troops in India. It is thought that the government will back Captain Ead's scheme to build the Isthmus canal.

James Gordon Bennett is a wild fellow, but he has given away half a million dollars in three years. A monster land grab has been discovered in Oregon and sat down upon by the interior department.

The French minister of foreign affairs has sent a dispatch to Greece urging her to agree to arbitration. It is understood that Pinchback, of Louisiana, will visit Garfield in a few days, in Bruce's interest.

A warm contest is in progress in Tennessee over the senatorship. It is thought a Democrat will be chosen. Gen. Miles thinks that both Dakota and Montana will become states during the forthcoming administration.

Twenty two internationalists have been arrested at Naples, charged with conspiracy to overthrow social order. Three hundred amnestied communists have arrived at Brest from New Caledonia. Twenty-three still remain there.

Even the heathen Chinese succeeds in Ohio. One of them has just been sent to the penitentiary for three years. The senate has confirmed the nominations of General Goff for secretary of the navy. He is from West Virginia.

A. J. Thomas was hanged at Walla Walla on the 4th. It was the first legal hanging in Washington Territory. A Mexican named Mundo was lynched at Los Angeles on the 11th for an attempted rape on a young American girl.

It is understood that Justice Swayne will soon retire from the bench, and that he will be succeeded by Stanley Matthews. The French ambassador urged the porte on the 5th instant to accept arbitration, declaring that Europe could not tolerate war.

A terrible powder explosion occurred in a Detroit store-room on the evening of the 11th. Twelve men were fatally injured. The Natal government has sent to Joubert, the commander of the Boer forces, demanding an explanation regarding his invasion of Natal territory.

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Allan G. Campbell has been given a certificate of election for delegates to congress by Governor Murray of Utah. Campbell is a gentle and a Democrat. Three school teachers have been elected president of the United States—Millard Tamm, Franklin Pierce and James A. Garfield. There's hope for the Lorne's.

The Gazette says that a French syndicate is negotiating for a block of 100,000 shares of Wabash preferred stock and Judge Parsons is in Paris conducting operations. The committee on finance of the Mexican chamber of deputies has reported a bill granting a pension of \$40,000 yearly to Josephte Turbide, the daughter of Emperor Iturbide.

Representative Clardy has received the petition of ninety-five steamboat captains of St. Louis urging favorable action on the bill known as the "McLane Marine Hospital Service Bill."

There is a heated contest in New York over the senatorship. It is thought Grant is turning a hand in the fight. The other candidates are Thomas C. Platt, Richard Crowley and Levi P. Morton.

An Atlantic, N. J., dispatch says a three-masted schooner, sugar laden, came ashore on Brigantine bar during a dense fog. All hands were down with chills and fever—the captain dead.

Beecher advises Yankees to marry Jewesses, and now not a second hand man in Brooklyn will allow his wife behind the counter. They don't admire Beecher's style of hunting for the lost tribes.

The English steamer, Harrela, came in collision with the Spanish steamer Leon twelve miles from Cape Roca. Both vessels were sunk. Nine Englishmen and fourteen Spaniards have landed at Lisbon. Nothing is known of the fate of the rest.

Lord Kimberly, colonial secretary, in his instructions to Sir Hercules Robinson, governor of the Cape cabinet, says it is impossible to consider any arrangement to confer free institutions on the Boers until the authority of the crown is vindicated.

Much gratification is felt at Jersey over the steadily increasing demand from the United States for Jersey cattle. The farmers are obtaining high prices for cows. Three animals have just been purchased at the previously unheard-of price of 200 guineas each.

It is feared that the whole cotton crop in the state of Durango, old Mexico, has been destroyed. The cold weather in Chihuahua surpassed anything of the kind within the memory of the oldest inhabitant. There has been ice in Poso Del Norte two inches thick.

While laboring under temporary aberration, Miss Alice Williams, a young lady of Alpine township, in Kent county, Michigan, cut her tongue nearly off with a razor. She is a devout Catholic and felt it her duty to make a sacrifice for the Lord. Her condition is critical.

A Dover, Delaware, dispatch says the paupers at the poor farm are now crowded into their small wooden buildings, not one-quarter large enough and which are not heated, in any way convenient, and with only one man to guard them, all making a repetition of the recent disaster likely at any moment.

A bill has been offered in the senate on the Republican side authorizing the president to place Grant on the retired list with the full pay of general, and also giving the president power to place him on duty according to his rank at any time he deems it important to the interests of the country. This is done at the instance of some friends of Grant's in the house, who are convinced that the bill introduced by McCook will never be favorably reported.

A dispatch to the Chicago Times, from Washington, says that a delegation of Colorado gentlemen, consisting of Senators Hill and Teller, Representative Bedford and Mr. J. D. Ward, of Leadville, started from that city for Mentor on Sunday the 9th inst. Their purpose was to present the claims of their section of country to General Garfield for a place in the cabinet of the new administration. The delegation presented the name of ex-Governor Rout for secretary of the interior.

The New York Tribune's Washington special says: "It is stated on good authority that the new Chinese treaty relating to immigration into the United States concedes to the American government the right to enact such legislation as it may deem expedient and wise, either to limit the number of such laborers who may be admitted in any appointed period, or altogether prohibit him admission. It is not probable that any legislation on this subject will be attempted in the few remaining weeks of the present congress. In conversation with a correspondent, a high officer of the government, who is familiar with the terms of the new treaty and with the Chinese question, said that in his opinion the clamor against the admission of the Chinese is likely soon to cease, when it is fully understood by the people that congress can at any time cause the discontinuance of immigration from China. He said that when he was last in California he talked with a great many people on the subject, and found the business-men generally agreed in the opinion that there is no surplus labor in the Pacific states, and that on the contrary many more laborers are needed.

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said: "With the beefsteak and onions please bring me some of those fried potatoes as brown and crisp as falling autumn leaves."

"'Tis said that absence conquers love," quoted a husband, in writing home to his wife, from whom he had been some time away: "I hope, dear, it won't be so in your case." "Oh, no," she replied in her next letter, "the longer you stay the better I shall like you."

Emma Abbott tells a St. Louis reporter that the stage kiss is "cold, dim, pale, phantom—unsatisfactory, elusive and empty." Miss Abbott ought to substitute a NEWS reporter for that tenor. If there is anything the staff of this paper can throw soul into it is a radiant kiss.

Some very interesting developments in regard to the exciting events of last winter in Maine has just been brought to light. It now appears that Gen. Chamberlain, the military arbiter during those warlike scenes, believing that Lamson, the fusion president of the senate, was the rightful governor, wrote a letter to Chief Justice Appleton advocating Lamson's recognition by the court. The above has been unearthed by certain leaders who kept Chamberlain out of the senatorial contest, and a considerable sensation was created.

STATE NEWS. The Denver police are making it hot for the bunco men. Lake county is taking steps to reduce her justices' and constables' bills. The Rio Grande had its road completed to Chama on the 15th of this month.

H. A. Phelps has been appointed General Agent of the Rio Grande Extension company. The amount of money on deposit in the five Denver banks at the close of the year was estimated at \$12,000,000.

Mr. F. C. Jackson, late of the Union Pacific at Kansas City, will go to Chama as agent there of the Rio Grande. The Denver and Rio Grande company have built a handsome depot at Chama, on the San Juan extension and will run trains regularly on and after the 15th.

In Colorado during the year 1880 there were laid 40 1/2 miles of new track on thirteen lines of road. In New Mexico during the year 519.65 miles were laid on five lines.

The mountain road from Red Cliff to Wheeler is not passable at the present time on account of the heavy snows. The same is also true of the trail from Kokomo via the Eagle river to Red Cliff.

The last grand jury in session at Pueblo brought in twenty-one true bills after a session of three weeks. Sixteen of them were brought before the bar, and out of the sixteen there were two convictions made.

The Maxwell Land Grant, comprising 700,000 acres, was sold at Cimarron, New Mexico, on Thursday to pay the accumulated taxes of \$6,000. It was bid in by Frank Springer, attorney for the Maxwell Land Grant company.

Charles Brotherton, foreman for Caulihan in the stone quarry on the opposite side of the river from Natrop, was out hunting on the 12th and his gun burst, lacerating his left hand. He was taken to Buena Vista, where his hand was amputated.

Silver Cliff is preparing for a big boom in the spring. From the numerous letters that have been received there recently from eastern capitalists, inquiring after investments, it is not unreasonable to suppose that it will come in for a great share of attention.

Ex Mayor Roff, of Georgetown, was fined \$25 by Justice Abbott Thursday. A difficulty with a merchant, an election bet, his indignation and his first were the conspicuous points in an amusing trial. It don't pay to call a man names—if he is bigger than you.

At Howards, Colorado, a few days ago, a drunken man named John Davis, without any provocation, shot and fatally wounded Alfred Powers, who died an hour afterwards. The murderer escaped across the river and was pursued, but as yet has not been captured.

DENVER, January 12.—John McKinney, supposed to be insane, this afternoon attempted to shoot J. P. Brockway, in the latter's law office. Brockway was talking to a friend when McKinney, without any words, drew a revolver and fired. The revolver was so close to Brockway's face that the powder burned him, but he escaped injury by dodging.

The Lake City Mining Register says: "There was a heavy snowslide from Schaffer's basin last Sunday, which covered the toll road and blocked it. The road is only open now to Capitol City. Beyond that point, snowshoeing is the only mode of travel. Mike Gallagher, who reports these items, says the road to Capitol is open to man, beast or wagon."

A man named Miller was accidentally killed while at work in the Pelican mine at Georgetown on the 12th. Miller was at work in the bottom of the shaft, while some material was being lowered, a heavy piece of which became detached, striking Miller on the head, killing him almost instantly. The relatives of the unfortunate man, who reside in Kansas, have been apprised of the sad accident by telegraph.

Gov. Pitkin, in his annual message to the legislature, recommends that body to increase the number of districts and judges in the district courts of Colorado, so that the immense volume of business coming before these courts may be more promptly attended to. This is a very proper recommendation, and should be promptly acted upon. The districts are now too large and the amount of business coming before them at each session is too ponderous to be handled with despatch.

The Leadville Herald says: "The other afternoon, two youngsters by the names of Ed. Johnson and Sam Peters were crowded in the corner saloon on Chestnut street, for attempted robbery, which for cool cunning merits Cañon City at once. The modus operandi was this: The youngsters would enter a saloon and one of them engage the proprietor in conversation. Then while his back was turned towards the other, he would reach over with a long stick having a prod in the end and claw a bill from the rear shelf where money is usually kept in saloons. It is supposed that in this way they secured several hundred dollars. They were detected by a mere accident."

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OUTRAGEOUS TAXATION.
Unequal, Unjust, Extortionate and
Extremely Exorbitant.

The tax books of Ouray county came into town to-day and for gross injustice exceeds anything ever before witnessed. The tax itself is bad enough, being 64 mills on the dollar, but the glaring neglect of the incompetent person deputized to assess the property of Rico and vicinity to perform his duty is so palpable as to stagger belief. The assessment was levied between the 1st and 13th of last May, at a time when there was in reality but very few buildings and other taxable property in Rico. Our merchants had no stock to speak of and the amount of taxable property has increased at least three fourths and if property should be taxed at its present valuation the amount would be startling. The News office (material alone) is taxed \$67. If the office should be taxed now on its actual value the tax would be \$224. Cahn Bros. had less than \$200 worth of goods and McIntyre had next to nothing. Look at their taxes. Some property owners are taxed far in excess of justice—others who own more are not taxed at all, and others are taxed on a very small portion. The tax schedules, or a large portion of them, were left by Mr. Van Doren in this office, where they still remain. We do not see how such a great irregularity exists in the tax levied, for even though the rate is high, the valuation of property should be proportionately the same. Then in what are we of Rico benefitted by this heavy tax? Our school is supported by private subscription; we have no county roads, no deputy clerk's office to make the transaction of business a matter of case, but when we have any business to transact in relation to mining matters we must put our hard-earned in our pockets and strike out through 80 miles of forest, and the county won't even lend us an ax to blaze the trail. When you get to Ouray the citizens find out you are from Rico and they begin to bleed you. They will first steal your horse and then sympathize with you and tell you they are sorry you should be so treated in their hospitable town. They will charge you \$30 a week for day board and when they have detained you as long as they think you will stand it, they recover your horse and charge you \$5 a day for his board and \$50 reward. You will then turn over the horse for damages, and start for home afoot. Before you get a mile out of town, a committee, appointed for the purpose, knocks you down and takes away all the cash you have; after casting lots for your clothes you are allowed to go on your way. The only way out of the difficulty is to borrow some money and after rounding up Dell Parsell and Stoddard, they give you ten dollars apiece and start you off.

We publish below a number of assessments which represent the various grades of taxation:

D. McIntyre	\$128.66
H. J. Hammond	32.00
A. J. Johnston	38.29
Jones & Hartman	67.00
C. Enderich	39.90
Cahn Bros.	\$24.50
F. W. Raymond	80.54
D. Beidler	79.90
A. J. Barlow	118.52
Geo. Stone	8.10
Ward Grigsby	0.00

To those who are acquainted with the property owned by these gentlemen the gross injustice of the thing will appear at once. It is Ouray county's last shuffle of the cards and we think she works top stick.

The government directors of the Union Pacific railroad figure out the average daily through California freight business over the Union Pacific between Omaha and Ogden in August, September, October and November 1880, at thirty-three cars each way, against twenty-eight cars during the corresponding period of 1879, and add that in their opinion any loss of through business in 1881, in consequence of diversions to the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad, will be made up in the increased business that will be derived from its branch lines of road and its local business.

William H. Berry, who stands before the people accused of one of the worst crimes on the criminal calendar, is still in the employ of the United States as its agent at Los Pinos.

Mr. Hudson should not forget to attend to the division of Ouray county before the session comes to a close.

And now the fidgety office-seeker daily wends his way to the suburban retreats of Mentor.

Now for a long pull, a strong pull and a pull together for the new county.

POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE.

The associated press informs us that Congressman Belford said in the course of his remarks on the funding bill, in the House a few days ago:

"I want to say to my republican friends of the east that the time has come, if the single standard theory is to be the policy of the republican party, we in the west will revolt against their banner. [Applause on the democratic side.] We recognize the silver money of the constitution as the money which was honored and respected in the state before the constitution was adopted and if it is right to protect pig iron in Pennsylvania, sugar in Louisiana, copper in Michigan, it is also right to protect the silver production of the west. We will bow neither to the golden-headed image of New York, nor to the iron footed image of Pennsylvania, and if our rights are not respected, we will march under the banner of that party which accords to the great silver interests of the west a decent and honest recognition."

Mr. Belford is right; the time has come when the representative of the people must look rather to the interests of his constituents than to the interests of his party. Too long have the eastern Biglocks been able to dictate to legislators at Washington, and the manly and patriotic stand taken by Judge Belford should be approved by every fair-minded man in Colorado. It is unjust to charge all the opposition to the silver dollar to the republican party, though it is true that the great majority of that party are opposed to it. But at the same time, be it remembered that though a majority of the democratic party is in favor of silver, its great leaders are opposed to it. While the democratic party remonetized silver, it must not be forgotten that Bayard and Kernan, Tilden and Belmont, Lamar and Randolph are opposed to it. Many western republicans favor silver, but not one member of that party residing in the east favored its remonetization. The western democracy is a unit in favor of silver, while a large minority of that party in the east, unlike the republicans, favor it also. The silver question, in the abstract, is not a party question, and should not be treated from a party standpoint. It is simply a fight by the people against the gold bugs and sharps of the east to maintain the money of the constitution. But if a political party accepts the dictation of the gold bugs and advocates their wishes, it behooves every honest man in that party to renounce it, as Belford gallantly informed his political friends in Congress that he would do. Silver is the principal product of Colorado, and any party that wishes to degrade and dishonor silver should not be supported by the freemen of our state. The representatives of the people in Congress, as a general thing, are too much absorbed in the interests of their party to give proper attention to the wants of their constituents. When a citizen is chosen to represent his fellows, he should cease to be a partisan and devote all his attention to the wants of all his constituents, irrespective of party. It is a manly thing for any person to define and defend his principles, but when he becomes a public servant he should throw his partisan prejudices aside, and be the agent of those who voted against him, as well as of those who voted for him. There is very little difference between democracy and republicanism. There are good men, faithful adherents of both parties, and each organization has a respectable minority of scoundrels and scamps. The party is led by the caucus or ring, consequently if the public servant is led by the party, he will be doing the work of the machine, instead of obeying the commands and wishes of his constituents. Judge Belford is right when he threatens to desert his party unless it changes its attitude on the silver question. His constituents and the interests of his state should be dearer to him than mere party fealty and a rousing God speed should be sent him from the Centennial state.

THE RIGHT OF THE STATE TO MANAGE RAILROADS.

The Denver News, in the feeble way characteristic of that journal, has taken it upon itself to combat Judge Black's recent letter on the right of the state to regulate railroads passing through its territory. Though the News is a great distance from being able to knock the thunder out of Judge Black's document, still it places itself in a pitiable position, as an organ of the people advocating the dominancy of corporations. That the state has a perfect right to regulate, manage, if necessary, and supervise all corporations within its limits, no citizen of the state should deny. That corporations are rapidly taking upon themselves the functions of the people, it is madness to controvert. The legislatures of the states are controlled by the influence of railroads, the governor's veto is in some places prepared by the attorneys of railroads and it is almost impossible to send to the senate of the United States a man who is not previously branded by the corporate seal of some railroad company. While we hold that the right of property is sacred, still we think the people will be doing themselves an injustice if monster corporations are not kept under proper supervision. Corporations, and railroad companies especially, have contributed more towards lowering our public service than anything else. It is a lamentable thing to admit, but it is nevertheless the

truth, that all our public men of prominence in Congress, with one grand, solitary exception, are railroad tools, or hired servants. The one exception is Thurman, of Ohio, who has ever been the friend and advocate of the people and smelled the danger of corporate corruption afar off. Corporations always controlled Garfield's vote in Congress. Bayard is a railroad attorney, and so is Frank Kernan. Conkling never cast a vote against corporations and Sam Tilden has more railroad in his make-up than flesh and blood. With these facts staring us in the face, it is impossible that the people should be blind enough to refuse to see the coming danger. The surest remedy is for the people to send their best men to the legislature—men on whom they can rely, and who will not mortgage himself to a railroad company before the session is over. Railroad rates are too high. The money or lands of the people built the roads in the first place, almost invariably, and the representatives of the people should claim the right to at least a limited management of them. Large corporations are daily growing more dangerous to our institutions and our liberties, and the people should exert their prerogative by casting a halt.

WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE.

Mrs. Albina Washburn, of Loveland, publishes a card to the ladies of Colorado on the question of woman's suffrage which cannot fail to attract attention. Mrs. Washburn, in addition to being a chaste and beautiful writer, can be vigorous when she wants to. She is Colorado's chief advocate of woman's suffrage, and her cause suffers nothing from her advocacy, because she is temperate and moderate in her demands, graceful in her mode of expressing them, and her convictions the essence of sincerity. In national politics, Mrs. Washburn is a Greenbacker, and while that is not calculated to aid her cause, it should not prejudice it. The question of woman's suffrage is one of great importance, and the day is not far distant when it must claim the attention of our law-makers. When we reflect that the negro has been enfranchised, and some states, notably New York, are naturalizing Chinamen, the time seems not to be far distant when the people of the United States may demand the ballot for their fellow countrywomen. The idea that a woman cannot be entrusted with the ballot, is the merest bosh. We have no doubt but a careful examination will show, that intelligence and education among the women of this country is of a higher average than that possessed by men. Already the progressive territory of Wyoming has enfranchised women, and that embryo state has gained by so doing. Oregon, the future empire state of the Pacific slope, has just passed a Constitutional amendment giving women the right to vote, and it now depends on the people, at the polls, to accept or reject the amendment, and from an intimate knowledge of Oregon men, we are inclined to think they will enfranchise their women. Colorado may do worse than try the Oregon experiment, and be one of the first of the united commonwealths to accept the inevitable. In the course of her interesting letter, Mrs. Washburn says:

American women descended from revolutionary sires and mothers who ran bullets by the fireside or fought the common enemy from their own doors, or women who, taking their lives in their hands went down among the fratricidal carnage and amid the whistling of shot and shell, bound up the wounds of "the blue and the grey" alike, or, in homes remote and lonely, gathered the neglected harvests, provided garments and dainties for the sick, and folded the little ones to their anxious, stricken hearts! Who but women will remember that those of their number who left ease and comfort to plead for the freedom and enfranchisement of the slave are still "on bonds" and disfranchised? And when the survivors of the battle fields and the sons they have raised to be men cast their ballots to elect rulers over them, who but women feel the indignity, and who but they the mockery of that idle boast "no taxation without representation" when the tax-collector makes his annual call?

One great blessing in store for the people of the United States is the retirement of Carl Schurz on the 4th of March next.

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THE NEW COUNTY.

We understand the people of Ophir and San Miguel have forwarded a petition to the legislature protesting against being annexed to the new county. Of course the people of those localities have a perfect right to do what they please, but we incline to the belief that they are making a mistake which it will not take them long to discover. Ophir is naturally tributary to Rico, and if wisdom were to prevail and demagoguism get routed, the people of that flourishing camp would see that with Rico only could their interests be promptly advanced. The idea seems to prevail among the people of Miguel and Ophir, that at the next session of the legislature, they can cut loose from Ouray and form a county of their own in the Miguel valley. They are mistaken. They have not territory enough in the San Miguel valley to support a new county, and from our experience, we can say, that Ouray will be selfish enough to deny any more of her territory to her offsprings. Ophir may rest assured, that if she loses her golden opportunity of pooling issues with Rico on this occasion, it will be many long days ere she can again attain the dignity now offered her. The idea of another county carved out of this end of Ouray, is absurd, and so it should be treated by Ophirites who are allowing themselves be led in opposition to their best interests, by a few demagogues in their own midst, and selfish whisperings from San Miguel. Ophir may make its mind up, that if it refuses to be annexed to the new county, it will for an indefinite period remain sixty miles from its county seat as at present. Does it not seem better to attach themselves to Rico and have a county seat within twenty miles of them, than to remain with Ouray and be the enormous distance of sixty miles from the place of transacting county business? Rico does not want to boycott Ophir into the new county, but extends to her a hearty welcome if she chooses to come of her own accord. Her best interests are in this direction, and the sensible men of that camp had better start a petition to the legislature praying to be annexed to the new county, and thereby counteract the mischief likely to be done by a few irresponsible madcaps.

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Rico's Boom--Wagon Road.

From the Durango Record.
 While it is universally known that Rico is surrounded by some of the most valuable mines in Colorado, it is not so generally known that the people of that thriving and prosperous camp have passed more than a year of its brightest prospects without having built a good practicable wagon road into Rico. It would seem from present indications that the people of Rico intend passing the road matter for another year. Should this be done, it will add injury that will require that time of at least two years to overcome.

We are informed by parties who have traveled over the lower Rio Dolores route, that a good wagon road can be built from Rico to Bear Creek, (a distance of about eighteen miles) bridging the Rio Dolores, as there is a natural road bed, with but few places where work would be necessary to make it the best wagon road in Southern Colorado. With careful engineering Rico can be reached from Durango by this route within a distance of 65 miles. Heavy freights have been transported over this route during the past summer with great difficulty, but in spring it is absolutely impossible to travel the road, on account of high waters.

Will the people of the new carbonate camp entirely ignore this important feature, so essential to their future prosperity?

After the perusal of the above article, we doubt if there is a citizen of Rico but will give the matter referred to a moment of serious reflection. The thought that we have carved out of a wilderness a city of no mean proportions, without the aid of railroad or wagon-road should cause us to wonder what would have been done in case we had had other ways of transportation than by a burro trail. This article which we reprint from the Record gives an insight into public opinion that is worth something; we see ourselves as others see us, and something must be done to place Rico in a better light. So soon as the road is built by the southern route two rival stage lines will run daily coaches over it. That we will soon have a road by the upper route may be seen from the following notice taken from last week's *Solid Muldoon*:

J. R. Foster, superintendent of Otto Mears' toll roads, was in town the past week. He was on his way to San Miguel to commence building the road from that point to the agency. The road is eventually intended to be built from the canon over the mesa west of it to the head of Leopard creek, and thence to Placerville and Columbia, with a branch up the south fork to the lakes, and thence to Rico, with a second branch to Ophir. For the present the old road via the Dallas will be used to Leopard creek. Mr. F. has a large supply of grub and a force of men, and will commence at once building bridges on the Miguel, and as soon as the survey is finished, the work of building the road will be pushed with vigor. Charley Wheeler is now engaged in the survey. About 150 men will be employed on its construction. The road will prove of incalculable advantage to Rico, Miguel and Ophir, and will be the means of opening the above camps to the outside world.

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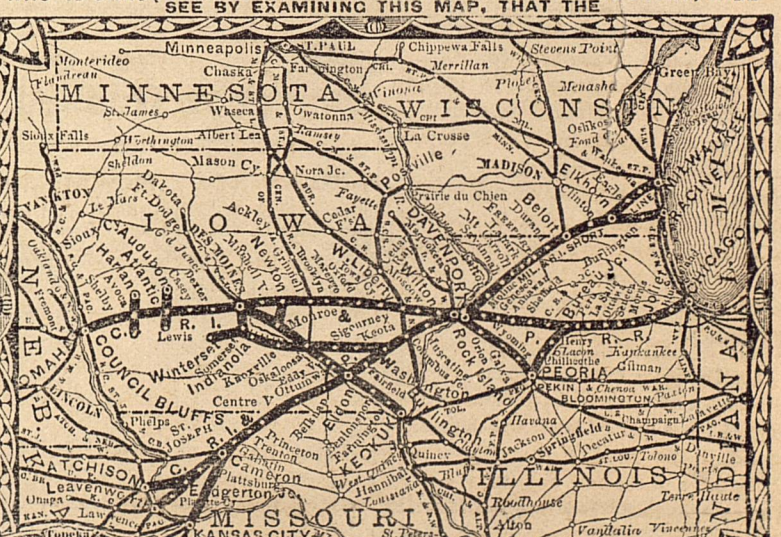
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