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No Indians Near Rico.

WE ASK THE ATTENTION OF THE PRESS AT LARGE.

Not the Least Fear of Indian Trouble at Rico.

Information is received in Rico to-day, that an Indian outbreak near Rico is reported in Durango. The alarm is false, and in reality made of whole cloth.

The cause of the report is this: On last Wednesday a large number of Rico men were armed and mounted as militia, under the laws of Colorado, for the purpose of going to Grand Valley, Utah, to rescue the former party who went from Rico, who were reported as being surrounded by Indians.

The greater number of the militia company were armed with the state militia guns, taking all the ammunition, and leaving only a few of the guns, without ammunition, and a number of the militiamen took other arms which they preferred.

This caused a scarcity of ammunition for the remaining arms. Of this no one, perhaps, thought, until the mail carrier from Ophir arrived, who stated that he had met on that day thirteen Indians led by a man who could speak English.

There is an Indian trail crossing the public highway, about ten miles distant, north from Rico, where the carrier claimed he had met this small band of Indians. The Indians have for years traveled between north and south over this trail, and have never been known to commit a depredation of any kind in the vicinity or near to Rico, or the present county of Dolores.

The carrier says he was addressed first in the Ute tongue, and on his failure to comprehend, was addressed in English. No question was asked which would cause suspicion of anything wrong, or their intention to make an outbreak anywhere. It is believed by a large number of Rico's citizens that the speaker of the band was Indian Charlie, who speaks English quite fluently. In this there was no cause for alarm, if true, or if the band had been led by a white man. The Indians did not make a threat or unfriendly demonstration toward the carrier or Rico.

It is reasonable to suppose that those Indians were on their way to join the main tribe in the Uncompahgre country, from whence they are to be removed.

These Indians had as much right to believe the carrier intended making an outbreak, as the people have to enlarge this trivial matter to such great proportions. That the carrier saw the Indians there is no doubt, as they have been seen passing there during the summer season for years. The report passed through hands enough to make it an Indian outbreak in New York City in a short time, and some of our best citizens accepting the maxim, "prepare for war in time of peace," quietly went about consulting others, and concluded that it would be well to send for ammunition, that we might be prepared for any emergency.

Near one hundred dollars was donated for the purpose, and two men were sent to Durango to purchase and bring ammunition to Rico. Whether or not anything was said by these men while in Durango, which would not need enlarging, we do not know. They claim to have said nothing which was calculated to create an excitement.

There is no part of the San Juan mining country near to the Indian country, except that bordering on the reservation of the Uncompahgre. No mining, or other town or camp, in southern Colorado is in any more danger from Indians to-day than is Denver. No fears are entertained whatever. It has heretofore been a question with some of the people whether or not, the Utes would go peacefully. If all official reports are true, there will be no trouble in removing the Utes to their new reservation in the Grand River country, Utah.

The present trouble with the Indians in Grand Valley, Utah, has grown out of their murdering May, Smith and Thurman, who were en route to trade with the Indians. It is generally known that some difficulty existed between the small lawless band of Indians and the May boys, of which the late murder was the result.

In consequence of this last scare we will not be surprised to see press dispatches of an Indian outbreak at Rico. In this case we would respectfully ask that the press throughout the state and elsewhere make correction.

Rico has already felt the effect of coach robberies and Indian alarms, and if false alarms and unfounded reports shall continue to find place in the columns of the press, strangers desiring to come to Rico, will fear to even come to Colorado, lest they might be scalped.

For a mining camp, Rico is the most quiet and pleasant spot in the San Juan.

John P. Ballengee--Dead. John P. Ballengee, an old gentleman, who has been in Rico for some time, owning some mining property here, has been lingering for several days, quite ill, and at 5 o'clock on the 23d inst. started over the range to learn something of that unknown and mysterious hereafter. He no longer wonders, and if death was not the end, he is wiser than those he has left on the field to remember or forget him. John P. Ballengee was aged 51 years; he leaves relatives living at St. Joseph, Mich. He was interred by friends, who could but give him a respectable western burial.

Our mines and mineral are now attracting the attention of eastern capitalists, and much interest is being manifested as to the present state and future prospects of the camp. Keep up your courage and hold on to your claims, the boom will surely come, and that soon, and when it reaches us we shall be able to retain it as there is not another camp in Colorado that can equal Rico in its number of paying mines.

Denver Republican Changed. J. C. Wilson and Geo. T. Clark have severed their connection with the Republican, K. G. Cooper taking charge. Messrs. Wilson & Clark have made the paper first-class and equally as good as any other daily in the Union. Mr. Cooper promises to do as much.

"Be sure you are right; then go ahead." --Davy Crockett. After cool deliberation and careful consideration, we positively assert that we were right when we started, have been all the time, and are right yet, in the Farmington controversy--a few grumblers to the contrary.

The capture of Allison and his gang, who committed the recent stage robberies on the line between Durango and the end of the track, once more renders travel safe. The lesson of their capture--the boldest and most reckless men in the country--will be sufficient to deter others from similar attempts.

Frank Bard has heard from one of the few prospectors he has out this season in the shape of a big strike at Ruby Basin, between Ophir and Silverton. It is galena, and a very large vein running something over 100 ounces in silver.

There are more matrimonial troubles, suicides, murders, shooting affrays, black-mailing scenes, true and false reports, rumors and unmentionables passing through the breeze of Colorado newspaperdom than for a long time.

The Wabash mining company are continually making improvements in their property; have about completed a good and substantial boarding house for their men, and now propose to erect a large and convenient ore house.

With the scare the people of the east have had from coach robberies east of Durango, and the recent Indian reports they have had, it is surprising to see the number arriving in Rico. But they will come.

Take out your ore and ship it. Do not await the coming of ore purchasers. Mine owners know what they have. Purchasers are not supposed to know until they have had an opportunity to find out.

The News has heard more talk among ore producing mine owners of Rico, or organizing and making special arrangements for the shipment of ore to Durango, there to be treated.

More good work is being done in Rico at the present time than for many months. The outlook is good and all feel jubilant. Rico could have no healthier, steadier boom.

The quicker a man finds out that it is better to attend to his own business and allow another to peacefully attend to his, the better it is for God's people.

The mining industry of Colorado is nearer a solid basis than ever before. Wildcat speculation is among the things that are no more in this state.

Rico is 140 miles distant from the Grand river country, and the Indians probably will not attack Rico before the next Centennial, 1876.

Notwithstanding the Indian outbreak (in your mind) Rico still continues prosperous and grows more lively as the days roll around.

Miners and prospectors go about their business at Rico, just as they would if there was not an Indian in the United States.

The Northern Utes seem to have been going down to the Grand River valley lately, passing the Fish Lakes for several days.

Don't drive your offspring away from home, and they will be more liable to stay, and less apt to fall into crime.

Volume 1, number 1, of the Gunnison News-Democrat, daily, found its way to us this week.

French and English companies have commenced the work of tunneling the British channel.

More new and rich discoveries are being made in Rico now than during the past year.

BANK OF RICO. Cushing Retires, Krille Takes Full Control.

Eugene B. Cushing, who retires from the Bank of Rico to-day, has had a live, active business career since he came to Rico, on snow-shoes, in March, 1880. Mr. Cushing came here with the purpose of starting a bank in view. He purchased the property where the Bank of Rico now stands, and let contracts for the erection of the banking house of Krille & Cushing. He then departed for the East to arrange the outside branches of the business, returning in June, to find little progress had been made in the building for the Bank of Rico. He at once revived the project, and as fast as labor and money would further it, the bank was pushed to completion, and Eugene B. Cushing stood behind a neat inclosure, transacting the business of a bank, about the latter part of July. The interior of the bank did credit not only to Rico, but to southern Colorado, and its projector de facto did much for the advancement of the then infant mining town of Rico.

Mr. Cushing and his co-worker, Mr. A. Krille, have, besides establishing the Bank of Rico, purchased and developed mining properties in Dolores county, expending many thousands of dollars.

While Mr. Cushing's departure will be regretted by a host of friends, Mr. Krille will be welcomed as a thorough, careful business gentleman to transact the business alone. Mr. Cushing's health has been impaired as the high altitude here is not compatible with his constitution, though this is not a first consideration, as one dearer to him could not live at this altitude.

As Rico loses him another locality will gain a public spirited gentleman.

Muldoon Mixture.

Ouray is the only first-class mining camp in the state that is self-sustaining in the agricultural line.

Misfortunes never come singly. Last week we lost our cuff-buttons, and now comes the Dolores News with the tidings that Cassidy has recovered.

Owing to the inadequacy of quarantine regulations, that miserable old liar and thief, M. W. Cline, was permitted to come in on Wednesday's coach.

Our Ute Commissioners are now in the Grand river country prospecting for an agricultural Eden for the Utes. Sapavano, Shivano and other illustrious pie-bitters, accompanied the party.

Among the associated press dispatches in the Pueblo *Chief*, of the 10th, is one from Lake City to the effect that a "Ute outbreak is only a question of a few days." In view of the fact that it is generally known throughout the state that there are five U. S. soldiers to every Ute warrior in the Uncompahgre valley, it is hard to tell which is the damned fool, the originator of the dispatch, operator at Lake City, or the editor that publishes such sensational and unreliable gush.

All for a Dog.

Two brothers named Rube and Sid Paucik living about twelve miles west of Golden got into a quarrel recently over the ownership of a dog, when Sid shot his brother with a Henry rifle, killing him instantly. The murder was captured by Sheriff Johnson this afternoon. The boys had not been on good terms for some time on account of dissatisfaction at the division of their father's property. It seems Reuben was passing his brother's house, and called the latter's dog, which followed him a short distance, and then went back. The brother then came out and tried to coax the dog to follow Reuben, when the latter, misunderstanding him, went back and accused him of jealousy in not allowing the dog to follow him. The quarrel grew hotter until Rube, the older brother, picked up a single tree to strike his brother, and the latter ran into the house and got a rifle. On his return, Rube threw the single tree, but missed his mark and Sid, taking aim, fired, the ball entering the right side. Both men were married and have families.

Capture of Allison.

Conejos county will no more tremble when the name of Allison is pronounced for the desperado and stage robber and three of his band have been arrested in New Mexico. The news of the capture reached Denver yesterday afternoon. Governor Pitkin receiving the following dispatch: ALBUQUERQUE, New Mexico, June 17. To F. W. Pitkin, Governor, Denver, Col. I have Allison and three of his men in irons.

FRANK A. HYATT, Deputy Sheriff.

The Governor at once dispatched word that he would send officers to Albuquerque to convey the four prisoners to Conejos county, and he forthwith issued a requisition upon the Governor of New Mexico. The Deputy Sheriff who made this arrest will receive a snug sum in rewards--\$1,000 for Allison and \$250 for each of the other three robbers--\$1,750 in all.

The Out-Look at Rico.

From the La Plata Miner.

Prof. J. G. Allen returned Thursday evening from Rico and brings most encouraging reports from that camp, in which there is at present being developed some very valuable mines. The Wabash being worked by E. P. Sydvan, is an immense bonanza, the ore body is from 30 to 75 feet thick all of which is paying mineral. Other properties are also opening up better. The extension of the Puzzle has been discovered carrying the same character of mineral as the Puzzle, which settles the fact that this mine is a true fissure vein. Prof. Allen gives it as his opinion that Rico as a camp will hereafter be a large ore producer. He was highly pleased with the prospects as a result of his week's visit and careful observations the meanwhile.

Harry Edwards runs The Restaurant.

The following is an extract from the Durango Record of June 22d.

Mr. King says that his informant was an eye-witness of the fight, who arrived at the Big Bend on Sunday, the second day after the fight. He reports seeing Indians all along the trail.

The Wilson brothers are missing and it is feared that they have also been killed. Troops left Fort Lewis on Tuesday, about noon, under command of Captain Merrill. General Hatch accompanied them.

A supply train of sixteen wagons was sent along. Discom along. Roberts, Skridge, Gus. Hefferman, Kid night for several others started last night for the same of trouble.

Another outfit started this afternoon, consisting of C. King, Green Robinson, Hudson's party and several others. Dr. Sears accompanied them to attend to the wounded.

Special dispatch to Denver Republican. CAMP ON GUNNISON RIVER, Colorado, June 12, via LAKE CITY, June 12.

The Ute Commission, together with Agent Berry and other attaches, and the entire escort of troops, are safely across the Gunnison river. Monday morning the journey towards the Grand river will be resumed.

Only two Ute Indians, viz: Chief Sapanavaro and sub-chief Guero, have crossed the river with the expedition. Colorow and Joe, who started with the expedition, have not been seen since Friday morning. At this writing nothing has been seen or heard of them. Chief Sapanavaro expresses surprise at the non-appearance of Colorow and Joe. Present indications are that Sapanavaro and Guero will go the entire journey with the Commissioners.

The National Debt.

In 1876 the people of the United States owed, as a nation, \$2,600,000,000. At present they owe \$2,200,000,000, showing nominally a reduction in dollars and cents. But it is true that the burden of debt has been lessened? In 1876 the price of all commodities was double what it is to-day. One billion three hundred million bushels of wheat would have paid the debt. Now it requires 2,200,000,000 bushels of wheat. Or can you raise 2,200,000,000 bushels of wheat easier than you can 1,300,000,000? If not burden has been increased instead of decreased.

Silverton and Ophir Toll-Road.

Good progress has been made during the past week on the Silverton and Ophir Toll-Road. The road is now completed three and one half miles from Silverton and as far as completed is a first-class road. The road will be completed to the burro bridge six miles from town one week from to-day.--La Plata Miner, June 18th.

Ed. S. Keith, who represents the Denver Tribune, as his correspondent in south-west Colorado, is in town, and will write up this part of the state, for that paper. Mr. Keith is a gentleman well fitted for that kind of work, and will do the San Juan justice.--Durango Record.

Dan Howland, the slayer, of I. W. Lacy, was seen by some of the cattle men in company with a Mr. Plumto, going with him as far as Cross Canon, when Howland left Plumto and went into Utah.

Marshal Brown of Kokomo, was shot through the lungs, by Al Huggins, marshal of Reese, while attempting to arrest him for murderous assault. The wound will doubtless prove fatal.

LEGAL NOTICES.

MINERAL APPLICATION NO. 811. U. S. LAND OFFICE, LAKE CITY, COLO., May 17th, 1881.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that August J. Krille, by Julius Thompson, his attorney in fact, whose name is filed in the office of the Recorder of Dolores county, state of Colorado, for himself and his co-claimants, W. L. Hull and Anthony Moore, has this day filed application for a patent for one hundred and twenty acres of land, situated in the town of Silverton, county of Dolores, and state of Colorado, and designated by the field notes and official plat on file in this office as follows, to-wit: Beginning at Johnny Bull U. S. L. M., a post 55 feet by 6 in sq, marked on one side Johnny Bull and adjacent side U. S. L. M.; whence a line 100 feet by 100 feet to a post marked on the east side of the section 57 3/4 32 in; of Hayden's Geological Station 75 is 65 1/2 17 in; or thence east 100 feet to a post marked on one side of the section 57 3/4 32 in; or thence south 100 feet to a post marked on one side of the section 57 3/4 32 in; or thence west 100 feet to a post marked on one side of the section 57 3/4 32 in; or thence north 100 feet to a post marked on one side of the section 57 3/4 32 in; or thence east 100 feet to a post marked on one side of the section 57 3/4 32 in; or thence south 100 feet to a post marked on one side of the section 57 3/4 32 in; or thence west 100 feet to a post marked on one side of the section 57 3/4 32 in; or thence north 100 feet to a post marked on one side of the section 57 3/4 32 in; or thence east 100 feet to a post marked on one side of the section 57 3/4 32 in; or thence south 100 feet to a post marked on one side of the section 57 3/4 32 in; or thence west 100 feet to a post marked on one side of the section 57 3/4 32 in; 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LOCAL INTELLIGENCE. Jim Brown, (Big Jim) is getting well. What is to be done in Rico on the 4th of July? Joe Tremble has recently started a fine turning shop.

WAR! WITH THE INDIANS. Rico Sends Forth Another Bold Little Army. By Special Courier, June 22, 2 p. m. A special courier arrived here from the Grand River country last night, and furnishes the facts embraced in the following:

There will be little use for blue clothes in that section unless they who wear them are sent to fight Indians and not to subdue the action of injured Whites. RICO'S SITUATION. While Rico has more men engaged in the present Indian trouble than all of southwestern Colorado, the people of Rico need not nor do not have any fear of trouble from the Indians.

PERSONAL PRODS. Hadam Hemfling called this week. J. F. Hume returned from Durango yesterday. Eber C. Smith, of the Denver Detective, will be in Rico, soon.

MURDER AT FARMINGTON. The Durango Democrat correspondent gives it as follows: FARMINGTON, N. M., June 14, 1881. Ed. Durango Democrat:—Yesterday, p. m., our little community was thrown into a state of excitement over a discovery made by myself, of a most shocking and horrible murder, and, being the party best knowing the facts of the case, feel it my duty to write and ask you to publish them, that the villains may be found and punished.

Very respectfully, L. TINNLER, E. R. WILLARD, JNO. FISHER.

Very Respectfully, T. A. & E. L. DAVIS

Jim Moon, the noted gamester, pugilist and ruffian, was killed at Denver, on the 18th inst., by Clay Wilson, a brother gambler.

Who will be the next lucky one to strike a bonanza? Considerable building is now being done in the camp and carpenters are kept busy.

Grand and Petit Juries. Sheriff J. Summa has empaneled the following juries for this term of court: GRAND JURY.

The track of the D. & R. G. will be laid into Del Norte before the first day of July. The company expect to have the road completed to Wagon Wheel Gap by the first of August.