

GUNNISON TUNNEL IS OPENED BY TAFT.

Greatest Irrigation Projection of the County.

Montrose, Colo., 23.—President Taft passed the day on the western slope of the Rocky Mountains and amid a succession of scene typical of the great western country.

Late this afternoon Mr. Taft stood on the brink of the deepest irrigation ditch in all the west and far out in the foot hills with not a settlement in sight, made the electrical connection which started a flow of water through the Gunnison tunnel that will reclaim 140,000 acres of arid land. It was the setting in operation of the greatest irrigation project the United States government ever has undertaken and the opening was made the occasion of a joyous celebration throughout the valley of Uncompahgre.

Before traveling out to the west portal of the tunnel on a little narrow gauge train, the President visited the Montrose county fair and after some formal speech in which he and the mayor and the governor and some others participated, he was given a real touch of western life—a relay race of cow girls. The race was arranged especially in honor of the President and was a novel and an exciting affair. A girl of 16 was matched against two older riders and carrying the sympathy of the crowd from the start, won the two and half mile race with three changes of horses, by almost a quarter of a mile. During his travels today the President had ample opportunity to study the effect of irrigation. For a long time his train would run through stretches of country where as far as the eye could reach the only vegetation in sight consisted of a few grease-wood bushes or sage brush. Then out of a rocky canyon the train suddenly would rush upon a vertiable oasis where waving green fields of alfalfa and miles of orchards with trees laden with fruit told of the miracle wrought by the touch of water.

At Grand Junction and here at Montrose the President visited the fruit exhibits of the county fairs and was told the almost unbelievable story of the season's yield. Enormous peaches, apples, pears, plums, varicolored grapes and almost every other known fruit as well as enormous samples of the vegetable growth of the district were shown to the President.

Suicide on Railway Track.

Hickory Democrat.

A white man by the name of Deal was killed by a freight train early Tuesday morning two miles east of Morganton. It is stated that he had been drinking for some days and had attempted other ways of ending his life, though he was prevented from doing so. It was decided, after a post mortem examination held in Morganton, that he came to his death by placing himself on the track in front of a passing train and was killed. Mr. Deal lived within a few miles of Morganton and was well known by many of the good citizens.

Mexican City Unearthed.

Explorers in Mexico last week came upon a buried city, evidently of great antiquity. A pyramid was discovered 60 feet high and 200 feet broad at the base. That Mexico and other sections of the southern America were inhabited centuries ago by highly civilized race is proven by many such discoveries.

Many are called, but few get up.

A West Virginia Tragedy.

Exchange.

Bluefield, W. Va., Sept. 22.—An entire family of six persons were murdered and the bodies of all but one of the victims were burned with their home at Hurley, Buchanan County, Va., early today. The motive was evidently robbery as the owner of the house, an aged woman known as "Aunt Betty" Justis was generally supposed to keep a large sum of money about the place.

Mrs. Justis, her son-in-law, Geo. Meadows, his wife and their three children were the victims. Meadows' body badly mutilated, was found this morning lying in the yard of his destroyed home; the funeral pyre of his loved ones. Two bullet holes through the body and a ghastly wound in the neck, which nearly severed the head from the body gave the discoverers their first evidence of the extent of the tragedy.

A search of the ruins of the house disclosed a sickening spectacle. The blackened masses of half burned flesh and charred bones of the two women and three children were found beneath the debris, each body bearing evidence of murder committed before the house was destroyed by fire, evidently for the purpose of hiding the crime. The elder woman's face was upturned some distance from the remainder of her half burned body amid the smoldering ruins.

Another daughter of Mrs. Justis, told the police that her mother had a large sum of money buried under the sill of the house and they succeeded in digging up \$950 in gold and silver. The murderers are supposed to have secured the \$600 which "Aunt Betty" always carried on her person.

Blood hounds were rushed to the scene and in a short time they took up the trail of the supposed murderers in a cornfield which joined the Justis home. There the footprints of three men were found impressed in the soft soil. A posse of citizens, heavily armed, are following the bloodhounds, bent on lynching the murderers if they are captured.

GREAT CROWDS AT CIRCUS.

Many People Here Plan to See Barnum and Bailey at Statesville, N. C.

Statesville N. C. Sept. 25.—Lenoir will be well represented at Statesville on Oct. 12th, 1909 when the Barnum & Bailey greatest show on earth exhibits there on that date, for a great many of our citizens have already expressed themselves as having made up their minds to attend. A glance at the list of wonders to be seen with this big show would lead one to believe that the limit in tremendous size as well as number of novelties to be seen has finally been reached. Barnum & Bailey present this year under their city of 14 acres of tents more things new than have been offered by all other shows in years.

"Jupiter, the balloon horse," Karolly's troupe of 16 Hungarian coal black stallions, the musical elephants, celebrated Konyot troupe of equestrians, seven troupes of foreign acrobats, four troupes of aerialists and hundreds of others are new novelties all go to complete a circus performance that has never been equalled. The big menagerie has been augmented by the addition of many new strange beasts and is larger than all the zoological gardens in this country combined. The street parade so gorgeous and so tremendous in size, beggars description and in all is a fair index to the wonderful performances that follow.

Monument to American Valor.

The Chicago News gives appended account of the monument about to be erected to "American Valor," as illustrated by the losses at Gettysburg of the 26th North Carolina (seven eights of its number) and the 24th Michigan (four fifths of its numbers). The 26th North Carolina was Vange's old regiment, though commanded at Gettysburg by the noble Harry Burgwyn, who was killed there at its head.

Says The News:

A monument to American valor, without distinction as to North or South, which will be the finest memorial on any battlefield in the world, is to be erected on the field of Gettysburg by C. H. McConnell, a well known druggist. The monument will cost \$150,000, according to announcement made by Mr. McConnell today. In telling of his plans, he describes what he says is the most remarkable instance of valor on record—the annihilation of one regiment by another.

"The first day of fighting at Gettysburg has been slurred over in history," said Mr. McConnell, who participated in the battle, "because it was a decided Union defeat. In the first day the 24th Michigan faced the 26th North Carolina, Confederate. At the close of the day the 24th Michigan, my regiment, had lost 400 of its 500 men. The 26th North Carolina had lost 700 of its 800. No such fighting was ever known to the modern world. None like it has been known since. The loss of the famous light brigade at Balaklava, was 32 per cent. The loss of Roosevelt's Rough Riders, at San Juan, was 2 per cent. The losses in the great Russian Japanese war were slight compared to the respective 80 to 90 per cent loss of those two regiments which in that great battle of the civil war, wiped each other out of existence. It is to the glory of American valor represented by this little known encounter that my monument is to be put up.

"The monument will be a sort of pantheon with three domes. The central will be gilded and will reach toward heaven. It will face the east so that the sun's rays will fall upon it. The right hand dome will be dedicated to the 24th Michigan, the left hand dome to the 26th North Carolina. The central dome will contain the names of all the soldiers of the so-called iron brigade—the 2nd, 6th and 7th Wisconsin, the 24th Michigan, the 14th Indiana and battery B, United States artillery—who participated in the battle, with the exception of my own name which will be omitted. It will call special attention to the unprecedented fighting which took place on the first day of the battle, and will, of course, be put on the first day's field, where hardly anybody goes at the present day.

"I hope to have the monument done in time for the fiftieth anniversary of the battle in 1913. Artists in Europe and America are working on the design now. In case I should die before it is completed, I have left provision for it in my will.

"The above article has been published in the News once before, but we think it good enough to be published again. The fact that Caldwell county had two companies in the 26th regiment, companies I, and F, makes it of unusual interest to many of our readers.—News."

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Worldly Affairs Have Been Settled Up and all Things are Ripe and Ready.

West Duxbury, Sept. 22.—Firm in their conviction that the world will come to an end at 10 o'clock next Friday forenoon, a colony of about three hundred members of the denomination known as the "Latter Reign of the Apostolic Church" are spending what they believe to be their few days exhorting the scene of their religious ardor is "Ashdod" a little wooden chapel on the main turnpike between Boston Plymouth in this town.

Worldly tasks have been laid aside that the faithful may prepare for the millennium.

The services are practically continuous. In all branches of the worship the congregation participates, singing the hymns with fervor and interrupting prayer and exhortation with pious ejaculations.

TAKE A BATH.

Occasionally the services at the chapel are suspended long enough to permit a trip to the neighboring pond, where the converts are baptized.

To feed the crowd that is attending the meetings, a big tent has been erected near the church, while the houses in the neighborhood and even the church horse sheds furnish a lodging for the people.

None of the faithful appear to have a shadow of a doubt that the world will end Friday forenoon. When asked what they will do if the expected event does not materialize, most of them refuse to entertain such a supposition. Some suggest that a love feast be held for ten days or so, while others still say that if the millennium does not come on Friday it will come next year at the same season. The end did not come, so the meeting broke up in dissatisfaction.

Lee's McCrae Institute.

A correspondent of the Hickory Democrat writing about Banners Elk, says:

"It is inspiring to visit this beautiful spot, located in the western part of the State. The little village with an elevation of 4,000 feet above the sea, nestles in the Elk Valley, with great peaks towering on all sides, all over 5,000 feet high. Beech mountain guards the North securely, while Sugar mountain is on the west. Then Grandfather stands in solemn grandeur to the South, and hanging Rock peers over the foot hills on the east like a sentinel alert, and ready to meet the advance guards of the enemy.

This is a prosperous valley, rich in hay and grass, and with splendid orchards of apples, a good home for man and beast.

The community is peopled with a substantial class of citizens, with many improvements in their homes. They abound in generosity and hospitality to the stranger.

The most notable institution in the village is Lees McCrae Institute for girls, under the charge of Rev. Edgar Tuft. Mr. Tuft began eleven years ago with a one room school house, and by patient, prayerful perseverance has now a school house and dormitory, both large, roomy buildings, and a neat

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The girls do their own work in the kitchen, dining room and laundry, all of these rooms being well equipped with modern appliances.

The industrial places of the work are commendable because many are enabled thus to pay their way.

Manual training and arts present a creditable showing. Besides good pictures, the girls and small boys allowed to attend, make rugs, baskets of rattan, and raffia, toy bedsteads and other articles too numerous to mention.

So much for the equipment. Much could be said of it, but best of all is the character building that is going on.

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Practical Religion.

Some one asked Frank Jarrell, of the Holton Signal, what he considered the best religion, and he answers: "In our humble opinion, the best 'system' of religion is that which brings to you the greater peace and comfort. The only religion we know in this country is the Christian religion—based on the teachings of Jesus—a religion which, we believe, has been a marvelous aid to mankind. As John J. Ingalls once said: 'Pilate and Herod and Caesar, the kings and heroes, philosophers of that time, are nothing. No one cares that they lived or died, but millions now would rather die than surrender their faith in Jesus. The details of a man's belief, the denomination with which he shall practice his religion, the ideas he may have of heaven and hell, his conception of his duty to God and his fellowmen, are questions which he must fight out for himself, and his accountability, so long as his conduct transgresses not on the rights of others, is to his Maker alone. Every man should strive to live in such a manner that when he places his head on his pillow at night it will be with the feeling that he is at peace with his God, his family, his friends, and his banker. A religion which brings so fine a feeling—whatever it may be called—is worth striving for. Perhaps this is not an orthodox view, but we are answering our correspondent's question to the best of our ability.'"