

J. WALKEE TABER HELD UP BY A HIGHWAYMAN

Put to Flight the Bold Knight of the Road By Scratching a Match.

An attempt was made about 12:30 last night on the road between Granite and Alamo to hold up J. Walkee Taber, the well known and popular proprietor of the Sumpter-Granite stage line. The attempt occurred a mile this side of the Red Boy and some three miles from Granite.

Mr. Taber had gone to Alamo to make some collections, and though he does not put it so, he was supposed to have money on his person. He was horseback, jogging along at a moderate pace. The new moon had gone to bed in the west, and the light which the stars gave out was not of a high candle power, but sufficient to see things.

Mr. Taber was thus making his way homeward when a highwayman emerged from the brush at the side of the road, and gave the somewhat hoarse command to elevate hands. Walkee is an old stager, and an order of this kind does not necessarily throw him into a paroxysm of fright. He did not obey, but politely requested the individual to come out into the open while he struck a few

matches to ascertain what sort of person he had to deal with.

Mr. Taber is under the impression that the highway person had a gun, perhaps a 44 Colt, or some similar weapon of defense, but in the indistinct light he is not sure that such was the case. But this may be assimilated as a fact, since it would be a mighty bum hold-up individual who was not armed cap-a-pie, and a 44 Colt sounds well under the circumstances.

But Walkee didn't lose his head, and his cool request for the man to advance under the match-light probably left the impression that the party attacked also carried a private arsenal, although he stated he was entirely unarmed. The bluff worked, however, and the road agent took to the woods without further investigation. Mr. Taber declares that the money he collected at Alamo had been paid out, and that he had neither cash, or arms on his person, but he didn't propose to submit to the delay of having any rude and uncultured highwayman go through him, even if he hadn't.

Brodie Felt Like Thirty Cents.

C. F. Brodie says that while east a few weeks ago he was given an opportunity to experience the sensation of feeling like thirty cents. He took with him for purposes of exhibition a vial of beautiful coarse gold, thinking his friends there who had never seen gold in its native state would be interested in examining the stuff from curiosity, if for no other motive. He was mistaken, however, as few seemed to care anything about it, except as the basis of our single standard currency—a vague, nebulous conception. A twenty dollar gold piece would have been quite as much of a novelty and a whole lot more interesting. He showed the dust to one old acquaintance, who glanced at it casually and asked carelessly: "Where did you get all those fillings from teeth?" Mr. Brodie didn't try to convince him that it was native gold and kept the exhibit in his pocket after that. Then it was he felt like thirty cents.

Baker City Delegates.

At a recent session of the Baker City council the mayor read a communication from Mayor Williams, of Portland, asking him to appoint a committee to represent Baker City at the National Mining congress to be held in Portland on August 22. The mayor appointed W. L. Vinson, of the Emma mine, Frank S. Baillie, of the Columbia mine, and H. T. Hendryx, of the Gem mine.

RIVER TRANSPORTATION FOR THE IMNAHA MINES

Engineer C. W. Luck has returned from the Imnaha district at the mouth of the Imnaha river, about fifty-two miles southeast of Lewiston, where he went to examine some mining properties for the Eureka Mining, Smelting & Power company. Mr. Luck brings some good reports from that section but, of course, his report to the company will not be made public until some future time. He also brought with him some splendid samples that he has on display in his office.

Mr. Luck states that the company has already expended the immense sum of \$175,000 in developing these properties, besides erecting a mill, which is not yet in operation, and establishing a townsite.

The new steamer "Mountain Gem," which was recently completed to take the place of the one that was wrecked, is now making regular trips to that district from Lewiston and is one of the most substantial crafts afloat.

The government is now building a big dredge at Riparia which will be used in cleaning out and widening the channel from Imnaha to Pittsburg Landing, a distance of twenty-five miles, and as soon as this is completed the steamers will then be able to traverse the Snake river from Lewiston to the latter point.—Weiser Signal.

MAN HAD NEVER SEEN

THE AMERICAN FLAG

A man was discovered in Coosa county, Alabama, last winter who had never seen the American flag. What is more, he had not the least perception of what it meant and was much astonished when this was explained to him.

The incident happened in the long-leaf pine country in which the Kaul Lumber company is operating, near the little backwoods town of Junata. A party of government foresters encamped in the woods beside the road. A large flag tied to a sapling pine announced the site as a government camp. One evening a little old man came down the road driving a yoke of steers and stopped to inquire whether the party would like to buy some pork. He got out of his cart, sat down on a stump and after a moment's conversation his eye caught sight of the flag on the sapling. He looked at it in a puzzled way, then asked what it was. The men thought at first he was joking, but it was soon apparent the question was in good faith.

"That's the American flag, man, Haven't you seen the flag before?"

No, he had never seen a flag of any kind before. He had heard there were such things, and once he had seen a picture of a flag on a poster, but that was a long time ago, and he had almost forgotten it. He had lived in the woods all his life and had never been more than thirteen miles from home. He wanted to know what the flag meant, and listened in silence when this was explained to him. He did not know how to read or write, and had never learned that the Fourth of July was any different from any other day.—Collier's Weekly.

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