

## Update 7/6/16 from Rick Trujillo:

This is it, the eleventh hour, the moment of truth, time to perform or perish, etc. This will be my last information email before we meet to do our trail work on the coming weekend. As stated in the past few emails, the trail work will be done on the two consecutive days of Saturday July 9, and Sunday July 10.

As announced in my June 21 info email, this year there is a second official Hardrock trail work program, that of Megan Finnesy on the Silverton Double 30 trails system. This is in addition to the normal Hardrock trails system, the work on which I oversee. Because the two above said official Hardrock trail work programs are in completely different areas, and because most volunteers will be camping or otherwise lodging in the Silverton area it seems most efficient that we meet there to organize in the mornings of both days. This will be somewhat awkward for the Ouray area work on day one, but since there is no way to know for sure just who will actually show up for work on each day it is the only way we can effectively allocate the volunteers. Therefore, for both Saturday July 9, and Sunday July 10, all volunteers will meet at 8:00 am at the Silverton school gym (see map below).

On day one (July 9) after registering and allocating all the volunteer workers that show up at the Silverton School Gym, Megan's workers will depart for her work areas southwest of Silverton and my workers will travel north over Red Mountain pass to the Bear Creek trail head at the tunnel on US550, 2.5 miles above Ouray. In addition to the Bear Creek Ouray work crew we will organize a second group to go to Ouray with Hale Holt to work on the Horse Thief Trail just north of town.

There may be some volunteers staying in the Ouray area who want to work Bear Creek Ouray and who elect to wait at the Bear Creek trail head rather than travel to Silverton just to return. This is OK, but please do not start up the trail until we have arrived with tools and I can register you. I hope that we will arrive at the Bear Creek Ouray trail head by ~9:15 am. However, it may be somewhat later, as late as ~10:00 am. This is because there is active road construction near the summit of Red Mountain Pass. Traffic will be held up for as long as 30 minutes beginning at 8:00 am Saturday morning. This out and back is awkward, yes, but there doesn't seem to be any other way to effectively register and allocate everyone.

On day two (July 10) after the 8:00 am registration and allocation, Megan's workers will again depart for her work areas southwest of Silverton and my workers will travel over Ophir pass to access the

trail (Blixt Road, see attached jpg pictures) to Oscar's Pass (work at Mendoza Saddle is not necessary). I will need several volunteer 4x4 vehicles to carry my workers over the relatively mild but still rough Ophir pass to get to the Blixt Road, exactly how many vehicles will not be known until we know the number of workers.

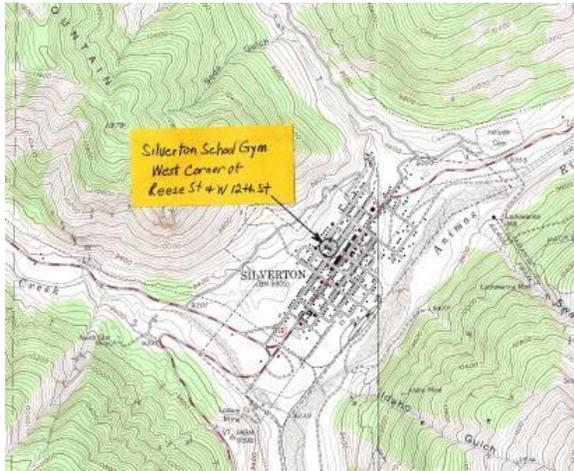
It is important that every work volunteer try to be at the Silverton School gym at 8:00 am both Saturday and Sunday, July 9 and 10, to be registered so that you will get credit for trail work. I will make the final registration of names and work on the mornings of each of these scheduled work days. For those who will be able to attend and work on one or both days, great; for those who for whatever the reason(s) will not be able to do so, then "asi es la vida" (that's life).

The work of each day will entail considerable physical labor (digging, raking, moving rocks, pounding, carrying log cribbing, etc.). The weather forecast is sunny for both days, meaning hot and dry, but there is always a chance of rain (the monsoon season has kicked in right on schedule). Be sure to bring proper work cloths, including gloves and rain gear, and food and plenty of water (water on each of the trails is available only with a long walk). On each of the trails the major effort may simply be in getting to the work sites (up to 3 miles walk one way). I feel that we will be able to complete each of the days' tasks in somewhat less than the symbolic eight hours.

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**A CENTURY AGO...**

By Jim Miller —  
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**MODERN TREATMENT FOR THE MENTALLY ILL**

About two weeks ago John Rankin returned to Ouray from the Pueblo insane asylum. The doctors at that institution are supposed to have pronounced him cured else they would not have given him liberty. There appears to be something radically wrong with the insane asylum management as evidenced by the case of Rankin, who hardly gets out before he commences to show symptoms of dangerous insanity. Three or four days ago Rankin drew a knife on his wife and threatened her life, but she fled and neighbors succeeded in disarming him. Since then he has been growing worse, and on Tuesday morning started out to take the life of H. Van Bibber, a blacksmith at the Ring barn. Van Bibber was apprised of his coming, was prepared for him and marched the blood-thirsty lunatic up the street where Marshal Van Houten took him in charge and locked him up. There was no occasion whatever for the assault on Van Bibber. This is not the first time the Pueblo outfit has released crazy men as cured. The community has been grossly imposed upon and we utter a vigorous protest. This morning Sheriff Benton started with Rankin for Pueblo

and it is hoped that he will not be released until a permanent cure is effected.

**APPARENTLY A POPULAR ELECTION BET**  
[William Jennings Bryan was defeated by McKinley in the presidential election.] Last week Archie Hale wheeled Billy Beard from the Bachelor mine to Ouray and paid for a keg of beer for the crowd. He bet on Bryan. Saturday A. Johnson of "The Exchange" paid the penalty of betting on Bryan by wheeling in a wheelbarrow N. P. Sorenson from the flagpole to the latter's saloon, where Johnson had to spend \$5 to treat the crowd.

**BEAR CREEK TRAIL "EASY" IN WINTER?**  
The management of the Yellow Jacket on Bear Creek, owing to the election have concluded to practically stop operations for the winter. The upward tendency of silver and lead can change the views of the owners in such a manner as to induce them to continue work through the winter season. With lead at a fair price the mine can be made to pay a fair profit as it contains the metal in large quantities and the ground is very easily worked. The property, with a comparatively small expense, can be made one of the heaviest shippers in the county, and since the new Bear Creek trail has been completed is easy of access during the winter or summer months.

**A CENTURY AGO...**

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**THE START OF THE AGE OF INFORMATION?**

The more the people of Ouray investigate the merit of the Colorado Telephone Co., the better are they satisfied with the act of city council in granting to this company a franchise for a local telephone exchange. It may be true that a lower rental rate could have been secured from a small company operating a local exchange with a few short toll lines, but its patrons could never expect much in the way of outside connection and in its existence would be practically as dead to the outside world as under existing conditions. Having granted a franchise to the Colorado company Ouray's possibilities in the way of outside communication seem almost unlimited, and THE HERALD predicts that it will not be long before our citizens are not in communication with the citizens of the East. Western Colorado is practically undeveloped from a telephone standpoint, and for this reason it will take some little time to work up connections and give us the full benefit of a long distance line. The Colorado company never allows the grass to grow under its feet and just as fast as the neighboring towns exhibit a desire for telephone communication they will be served by this company. For the benefit of those contemplating putting in phones, the schedule of rates, may be found of interest: Business Houses 4-party metallic line...\$1; 4-party grounded line...\$3; 1-party metallic line...\$3.65; 1-party grounded line...\$5. Residences 1-party metallic line...\$3; 1-party grounded line...\$4;

4-party metallic line...\$1.50; 4-party grounded line...\$2.

**LET'S JUST BUILD SOME HOUSES INSTEAD**

The Mineral Farm on Monday resumed shipments of high grade ore to the smelters. The outlook for this old producer has not been so good in years, which is largely attributable to the fact that it is under the management of a competent mining man in the person of Mr. Geo. F. Joseph. It was upon his recommendation that the late development work, resulting in opening the ore now in sight, was made. With careful management it is likely that ore will soon be had in sufficient quantity to justify starting up the mill which is now idle and has been for years.

**THE BEAR CREEK IDIOTHO**

Harry Wells and another gentleman have this week been busy training a pack of ten dogs to harness for the purpose of using them on a toboggan in hauling supplies to the Sylvanite mine at Bear Creek. Their task has proved successful and they will start next Sunday morning with 500 pounds of supplies for the mine. [reprinted from the Silverton Miner]

**THE MINING OF BLACK GOLD, OURAY STYLE**

The coal output of Ouray county is getting to be quite an important item and one which should steadily show an increase. Our citizens ought to give their own products the preference when possible. Our county coal is good enough for almost all uses and the excuse cannot be made as in the past that it is not to be had regularly. At least one dealer, E. H. Taylor proprietor of the Elk Horn coal, assures THE HERALD that there has been no time since he placed this popular coal on the market that he could not promptly fill all orders.

**A CENTURY AGO...**

By Jim Miller —  
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**GOTTA WATCH OUT FOR THOSE TELURIDE FOLKS!**

Saturday night robbers entered the grocery and meat market of Geo. R. Couchman at Ridgeway and stole quite an amount of supplies, and also broke into Jesse O'Neil's saloon and appropriated whisky and cigars. It is supposed the robbers were two men who had just come in from Telluride and who left town suddenly the next morning.

**WORK AT THE GRIZZLY BEAR GOES ON**

Workmen at the Grizzly Bear are engaged in grading the approaches to the bridge which will be built over Bear creek, and also for the ore houses etc. which will be built on this side of the creek where they will be out of the way of snow slides. The development tunnel, through which all levels will eventually be worked, is now in over 100 feet. The ore upon reaching this tunnel will go directly across the bridge to the ore houses.

**SOUNDS LIKE FUN**

Last Saturday afternoon a merry crowd of young folks gathered at the Kilpatrick home to celebrate the 14th birthday of their hostess, Miss Minerva. They passed the time away in playing "Lotto" and awarded the prize, a dainty little cup and saucer, to

the winner of the most games, Miss Emma Carpenter. Miss Bessie Rice, as second in fortune, received a beautiful bunch of sweet peas. The prizes received by Miss Minerva were many and beautiful and each brought with it the best wishes of the giver.

**AN AWESOME DISPLAY OF MIND READING**

W. H. Harbeck's exhibition of mind reading etc. given at the opera house Thursday evening of the week was not nearly so well attended as the excellence of the entertainment provided deserved. During the afternoon he gave a test of his powers, going to the post office, opening a box and selecting a letter from a dozen others and delivering it to the man to whom it was addressed, being blindfolded during the whole time and entirely ignorant when he started as to whom the letter was addressed or where it was located. Mr. Harbeck and wife remained in the city until Monday morning when they departed for Silverton.

**OURAY NUGGETS - 1896 STYLE**

Little Edith Orvis was thrown from a horse last Sunday and received a painful bruise on her upper hip. Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Ivers and several friends spent a pleasant day this week fishing on the Dallas, and made a good catch. Mrs. H. E. Wright and daughter spent Sunday with Mrs. T. V. Bradshaw on her camping ground on Upper Cow creek.

**A CENTURY AGO...**

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**OOFS!**

Saturday a great mass of overhanging cliff at least fifty feet square, broke loose on the Grizzly Bear trail and went crashing into the chasm 800 feet below, carrying the trail with it. Bud Starmer and his mule train had just passed and were only fifty feet away as the cliff went down. The entire mine force at the Grizzly Bear mine was put to work Saturday cleaning away the debris and in rebuilding the trail, which at that point, is cut into the face of the cliff. The repairs were completed Sunday.

**BIG BOIN'S IN MONTROSE**

Last Friday evening, Diehl's opera house in Montrose was the scene of such high revelry as never before has been held in our sister city to the northward. In response to invitations sent out by Misses Mable Clark, Laura Callaway, Mae Wright and Myrtle Harris the young people for miles around had gathered there. The hall was beautifully decorated and card tables were arranged on the stage. Tony Monell in his opening speech threw open to the visitors from neighboring towns, the gates of the city and tendered all a hearty welcome. The Glens of Montrose, famous for their music, played for the hall which opened at 9:50 with the grand march. At midnight refreshments were served and

the dancing continued until 1:30. At the close of the dance someone suggested "three cheers for Ouray and Delta" and they were given with a vim. The young men of Montrose further showed their good will toward us by indulging in three cheers and raising their tall for Ouray.

**OH WOW, AND ZISS BOOM BAH!**

[headline] FADS OF THE COMING SEASON Buttons are a summer craze. Every tone of violet is favored in Parisian millinery. All violet bonnets with white satin Alsatian bows are lovely. Beware of the limp hand shake; it indicates a caty nature. Tailored bicycle costumes are well worth the cost of their making. A correct veil is part of the well-gowned woman's sartorial attire. Fur will be used in conjunction with chiffon on the dressy summer capes. Silk petticoats are as wide as the dress skirt and generally much prettier. Tapestry panels for the nursery illustrate rhymes that are favorites of the juveniles.

**DWELT A MINER, 96er**

A. Armstrong and Geo. Albert had a prospect on the Imogene that will prove a bonanza if the present showing is any criterion. The claim was located by them last month and has been christened the Ore Cache. It is about 1,500 feet from the now famous Tom Boy and the vein will cross that of the Tom Boy. They have a vein of quartz 50 to 100 feet in width. Scattered through this, however are numerous bodies of ore carrying free gold.

**A CENTURY AGO...**

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**BEAR CREEK TUMBLE - AND THEN SOME**

On last Friday about noon, W. G. Carroll, a miner employed on the Silver Queen, up Bear Creek canon (sic) was struck by a snow slide and pushed off the trail 800 feet down the steep and craggy mountain side. Just prior to the accident Carroll was engaged in making a path on the trail leading from the mine to the bunk house. It is an exceedingly dangerous place even in summer time, and extremely hazardous in winter. Carroll had cleared a path fifteen or twenty feet long, when he struck a soft place in the snow. He recognized the danger of proceeding further and returned to the mine for the "safety rope". He went again to the soft spot, but before attaching the rope undertook to shovel a little more of the snow away. Above the trail the mountain ascends almost perpendicular for hundreds of feet. The second shoveful of soft snow removed started a tremendous slide and the unfortunate man was pushed over the trail just in advance of a terrible avalanche of snow, ice, rock and debris. His body bumped along the craggy mountain side for about 300 feet when his hands caught some roots to which he was able to hold until the greater portion of the slide passed. When he lost his grip he turned a complete somersault in the air, striking on his head a receiving a bad scalp wound. He was able to extricate himself from his predicament and came to the Sisters hospital unaided about 5:30 Friday evening. Dr. Ashly examined Carroll. No bones were broken. His body was frightfully bruised and there was a gaping wound on the top of his head. Carroll rested fairly

well on Friday night, and it is thought he will be able to be around again in a few days.

**HOW TO REPORT A CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

The semi-monthly meeting of city council last Monday night was a spirited one. There was an air of unusual dignity about and around the mayor's chair, and the silvery tongue of the gentleman from the Third ward—Mr. McCaffery was evidently lubricated with a species of vitriolic fluid. Chief financier and mathematician Wheeler had matters of importance on his mind and held a protracted caucus with the water commissioner which bubbled out in a long delineation of the water works problem at the close of the session. Dr. Ashley, at the last meeting had promised a fight on the cemetery matter and, of course, took a very grave stand on every proposition. Rask smiled and looked pleasant in his secret thoughts of Tom Sloan, the over production of cheese and the promised reduction on March 1 of hop extract. Jeffers had a sickener up his sleeve and looked with pity on the smiling face of Judge Lyman J. Henry who betrayed no sign of anticipated disappointment in his water motor scheme. Fennel was quiet and lamblike. As the spring election approaches the question foremost in Edmen's mind is "to be or not to be"; whether it would be better to run and take chances, or better not to run at all? When the mayor dropped the blunt end of his Faber No. 2 on the desk all members were in their seats, save Alderman McCaffery, who dropped in later.

**WHO LIVES ON "QUALITY HILL"?**

Alderman Wheeler estimates the cost of the proposed improvements to the city water works system at about \$15,000. An entirely new eight-inch main will probably be laid from the reservoir entering the city at fifth street. The adoption of this scheme would give Quality Hill residents an abundance of water.