

Winter Problems

Snow commenced to fall shortly after midnight in December 1898. It was one of those winter storms that continued all night. The storm was heavy in the mountains, especially along the railroads toward Larkspur. The Rio Grande's plush Pullman train arrived in Colorado Springs two hours late. It was first delayed leaving Denver and was stopped by drifting snow on the track which had to be pushed out of the way near Greenland.

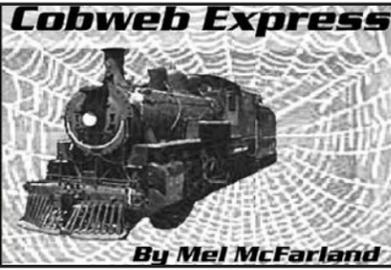
The Rio Grande train from Pueblo was packed. Long before the time for arriving at Fountain, the station had several people waiting for the train.

Normally in winter few bought tickets here to go north or south. A few voiced their complaints as the delay caused by the early storm strengthened. A group who had spent the summer in Pueblo were surprised by the storm. The railway authorities were prepared for the serious nature of this disturbance.

They asked the leaders of these groups of people to expect an on-time train, but they were not likely to see one now! Both the Santa Fe and Rio Grande companies hoped that their trains could be operated in a timely nature, but the weather didn't always cooperate. When agents for both lines were questioned about the problems with the trains so far that season, they reported they had not thus far been much of a problem. "Last year trains ran well, almost up until Christmas," they said.

The railroads were not protected from weather! A gang of track workers had been aware of these storms, but this one was a surprise. They started in to have fun for themselves and it made life miserable for the rest of the storm.

They could be heard singing loud songs at the crew quarters once the trains were running again. It is not likely these fellows would ever let the winter get them behind in their work. Up west of Ute Pass was a storm that would last through March!



Pages of the Past

(1958 - Present)

Sixty Years Ago (1961)

HOPE

The hope of every military man was expressed in the Christmas display of Detachment 2, 1352D Photographic Squadron, in Colorado Springs. Pictured from left to right are 2nd Lt. Gary K. Nugent, T/Sgt. Oliver J. Manini and M/Sgt. Carvel E. Schenck. The display read "PEACE ON EARTH AND IN SPACE."

(Photo by the Air Force Unit)



Fifty Years Ago (1971)

ENJOYING CHRISTMAS VACATION

These four girls—Sandra Wilson, 10; Annette Lippert, 10; Connie Wilson, 8; and Sandra Lippert, 7—are enjoying their Christmas vacation. They attended Fountain East Elementary School in 1971 and lived east of Fountain on the Mesa.

(Fountain Valley News file photo)



Forty Years Ago (1981)

SNOW DRAGON

A 10-ft. tall snow dragon guarded the Guzik residence in Security. The creature was made by Steve (left), Mike, and Gary Guzik and Rob Willard after a snowstorm Dec. 21, 1981.

(Photo by Carl Wiese)



Thirty Years Ago (1991)

SMILES FOR SANTA

Dillon and Aaron Norris of Fountain smile with Santa Claus. Santa was able to visit the Norris residence on a Sunday night in 1991 with the special help of Ron and Kim Moore of Security to surprise the boys with gifts of bikes.

(Photo by Patricia St. Louis)



Twenty Years Ago (2001)

APPRECIATION TO CITY LEADERS

Representatives from organizations in 2001 that were instrumental in building the old Fountain Community Center which relocated their meetings and activities to the Lorraine Community Center expressed their thanks to the city of Fountain for the use of the new meeting room. At left are City Manager Greg Nyhoff and Mayor Ken Barela.

(Photo by Jerry Bahner)



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