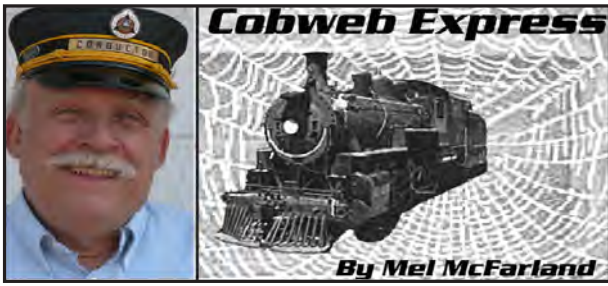


### A Special Train



When I worked at the cog railway, every summer we had special groups. Sometimes they even filled a train.

The parking lot was lined with tour buses for companies from somewhere in the east. Often there were as many as ten from the home towns. They were usually on some grand tour. I ran upon this grand trip of a group into our area in the mid-1890's.

An elegant train, consisting of four of Pullman's sleeping cars and a large library and observation car, pulled into the D&RG depot at Colorado Springs at 11 a.m. It was a special from Chicago, and contained a little more than one hundred representatives of the various stock yard associations. They had been in session in Denver, now were getting some mountain scenery and Colorado sunshine. They had already been on a quite a journey, assembling at Chicago on Friday, leaving there by special train over the Chicago and Northwestern, on the evening of that day. From Omaha they came through to Denver via the Union Pacific, and arrived in Denver Sunday. The group left Denver Thursday at 7 a.m. for their mountain trip to Pike's Peak. The short ride over on the street railway was followed by a grand trip up the peak. Some of the excursionists made a tour in Colorado Springs and strolled around the streets, evidently enjoying their brief stay, while some were in favor of making a day's stand here. Owing to the schedule which had been prepared, this was impossible, however, and at 5 p.m., the tourists were whisked off toward Glenwood Springs. A local agent supplied them with cards containing facts as to Cripple Creek's importance of a mineral producer. This being the regions latest attraction.

The group traveled over the Colorado Midland to Glenwood Springs, missing some spectacular views during the night. The excursionists made the return trip over the D&RG, in order to see the Colorado and Arkansas rivers and the Royal Gorge the next week end. The trip back to Chicago went unrecorded in local news!

# Pages of the Past

(1958 - Present)



### Sixty Years Ago (1961)

#### NEW EYE DOCTOR IN TOWN

Dr. Robert J. Bauman is pictured adjusting a refractor in his optometrist office at 12 Southgate Shopping Center. Dr. Bauman moved into his new offices in July 1961, moving to the area from a private practice in Laramie, Wyoming. (Fountain Valley News file photo)

### Fifty Years Ago (1971)

#### THAT'S THE PLAN

From left, El Paso County Road Commissioner John Mitchell, Jr.; Colorado State Senator Kingston; El Paso County Roads Department Supervisor John Keys; and Sheriff's Deputy Harry S. Orvis look over a map showing highways which would be constructed in the Fountain Valley. (Fountain Valley News file photo)



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### Forty Years Ago (1981)

#### DOG WALKS HORSE

For those without time to exercise their pets, 12-year-old Jennie Miles had the perfect solution. She trained her Heinz 57 dog Hulk to take the quarterhorse Duke for his nightly constitutional. (Photo by Gifford Miles)

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### Thirty Years Ago (1991)

#### CLASS OF 2004 BEGINS

Lorraine Elementary teacher Ms. Martinson reads "The Three Little Pigs" to students at Fort Carson, who were projected to graduate high school in 2004. (Photo by Carl Wiese)



### Twenty Years Ago (2001)

#### ANYONE GOT A MIGHTY BIG THIRST?

This 7-Up balloon was one of two balloons from the Colorado Springs Balloon Classic that landed in Fountain. This one landed in the front yard of a home just over this hilltop, on REA Road. (Photo by Patricia St. Louis)

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