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THE DENVER POST.

DENVER, COLORADO, MONDAY, JUNE 30, 1902.

ONE KILLED AND FIFTY INJURED IN WRECK NEAR CASCADE, COLO.

Six Hundred Passengers Filled the Ten Excursion Cars---A Broken
Rail the Cause of the Accident---Francis M. English
Strangled to Death---Many Seriously Injured.

In dramatic fashion, *The Denver Post's* headline on Monday, June 30, 1902 announced news of the Colorado Midland Railroad wreck at Cascade. Colorado Midland Excursion Train #8 was eastbound after spending the day at Cripple Creek and was headed back to Colorado Springs with nearly 400 people aboard. A passenger rate war that had been in effect for seven months between the railroads traveling between Colorado Springs and Cripple Creek had been resolved, the rates to increase beginning July 1. As a result, the train was crowded with excursionists who wanted to take advantage of the lower rate. The train was in the charge of engineer John Stevens and conductor Benjamin Beynon. The fireman was John Groom.

The wreck happened about a mile west of Cascade at Culver's Siding (current site of Bust, CO.). It was named after a pioneer in this area. The special excursion train from Cripple Creek was traveling at a fairly high speed. According to the Post and other newspapers, the site was the last place anyone would think a wreck would occur. It was a straight piece of track with no obstructions to the engineer for about a mile, and the grade was slight. The conclusion was that the wreck was obviously caused by excess speed and a poorly maintained track which caused the rail to break.

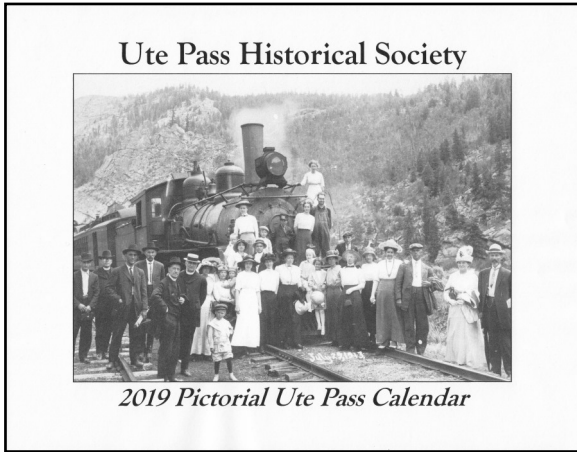
The train consisted of ten cars, all which derailed down an embankment. At 10:10 a.m. the engine passed over the west switch, and the first rail broke only 18 inches from the end. The baggage car left the tracks and rolled completely over, landing upright 30 feet north of the tracks. The second coach went flying end over end, while the third coach was driven through the length of the second "reducing it to kindling wood" and killing Mr. Francis M. English, who was strangled by having his head pinned between two seats in the Pullman. The fourth and fifth cars were twisted and torqued, and the last cars were simply derailed.

Many other passengers were injured, with three or four not expected to live. Mary O'Rourke, age 13 from Victor, lost an arm. She went on to live in the Pikes Peak region for several more years, and became a school teacher.

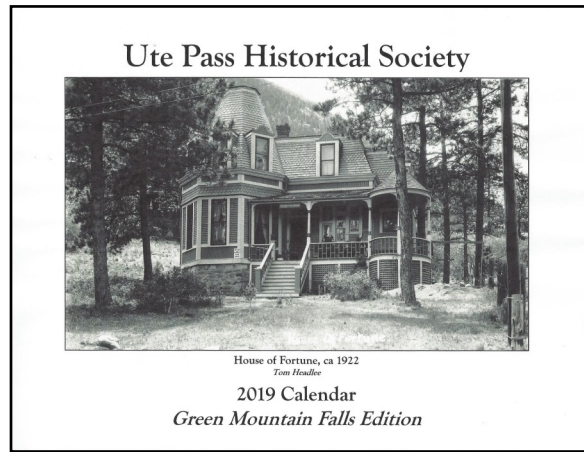


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Pioneer Garden thanks to Julie Snyder and Lisa Huff





Annual Potato Soup Supper

Sponsored by the Ute Pass Historical Society & Pikes Peak Museum

Friday, Oct. 26th, 5:30 p.m.

Pikes Peak Community Club

11122 Hwy. 24, Divide, CO

Doors open at 5:30; program begins at 6:30.

Steve Plutt, long-time resident of the Ute Pass area and UPHS member, presents a program

Farming and Sawmills in the Developing Divide Area.

The program includes historical images and first hand recollections

Tickets are \$5 at the door.

Meal consists of potato soup, salad, roll, drink and dessert.

For more info, call 719.686.7512 or check our Website: UtePassHistoricalSociety.org

Olde-Fashioned Christmas Open House

Saturday, December 1st, noon until 3:00 p.m.

UPHS History Park, 231 E. Henrietta Avenue,

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Culver Siding

Dr. H.P. Packard of Gillett, Colorado was on the train. "He did most heroic and efficient service before the physicians and relief supplies could be sent...". A car with fifteen doctors arrived promptly, and the injured were transported to a hospital in Colorado Springs.

Mr. English was a well known and respected man in the area in and around Colorado Springs, Denver and Woodland Park. Fifty four years old at the time of his death, he was born in England and studied music in Belgium and France. Later, he also earned a degree and passed the bar from St. John's college, Oxford.

After Oxford, he went to Honolulu, Hawaii, where he lived several years and was the private secretary to Queen Lili'uokalani. George English was the author of the Queens famous proclamation that she read to the American people just before she was dethroned and overthrown by the United States. He met and married his wife in Honolulu.

Mr. English was the long time organist at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Colorado Springs. He had a dual residency, one at 16 E. Boulder Street in Colorado Springs and a summer home in Woodland Park. Mr. English boarded the train at the station in Woodland Park, which was the last time he saw his wife.

Thanks to Steve Plutt for writing and sharing this story with UPHS.

Apple Zucchini Bread for a Crowd or for Sharing

Makes 3 loaves, 16 slices per loaf

Ingredients

- 4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon baking soda
- 1-1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 5 large eggs
- 1-1/2 cups vegetable oil
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
- 2 cups shredded unpeeled zucchini
- 1 cup shredded peeled apples
- 1-1/2 cups chopped pecans

In a large bowl, combine flour, baking soda, cinnamon, nutmeg and salt. In another bowl, beat eggs. Add oil, sugars and vanilla. Pour over dry ingredients; mix well. Stir in zucchini, apples and pecans (batter will be stiff). Spoon into three greased 8x4-in. loaf pans. Bake at 350° for 50-55 minutes or until done. Cool in pans for 10 minutes before removing to a wire rack to cool completely.

Tidbits

Woodland Park Militia

On May 4, 1898, a short 2 weeks after the start of the Spanish American War, Woodland Park men wasted no time responding to the Spanish. Under the direction of Major J.W. Telfer he organized a military company of fifty residents. Major Telfer was a veteran of the Grand Army of the Republic and the majority of the residents were men who had experienced years of hardships in the Rocky Mountains and were all very familiar with the use of the Winchester. The Woodland Park militia was totally ready for the next call to the war and were regarded as a credit to the state as well as a terror to the Spaniard.

Woodland Depot Robbed Aug 23, 1905

The August 23, 1905 Colorado Springs Gazette told readers that “upwards of \$100” was what burglars netted when they robbed the ticket office of the Colorado Midland Railroad at Woodland Park three days earlier.

The Midland did not maintain a night office at the depot so the burglars had a clear field to do their work. The office door was forced open with a crowbar and the thieves went to work on the company’s safe. A hole was drilled into the door near the combination and a charge of explosive’s opened it up for them. The burglars made a clean get-a-way.

Denver Grocers’ Clerks’ Picnic in GMF’s

On August 4, 1898 the Denver Grocers’ Clerks’ held their picnic in Green Mountain Falls. Between 600 and 700 people made the excursion and arrived at the depot that Thursday morning. So many people bought tickets that the railroad had to add four extra cars on the regular train and ran an additional train of 9 cars. The picnic was a huge success.

Grocery Clerks’ Excursion
 —TO—
Green Mountain Falls
THURSDAY, AUG. 4th.
Over the Colorado-Midland Railway.
ROUND TRIP, \$2.15.
CHILDREN, ½ PRICE.
No intoxicants. No Fakes. Free dancing music by Prof. Lohmann’s orchestra.

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