

NINE-TON CABLE ON MULEBACK  
Sixty-Four Burros Carry It Up the Mountain.

Any person who has seen long strings of horses dragging immense spools of cable to the several cable lines in Chicago may appreciate the magnitude of an undertaking that has been successfully accomplished in the mountains of Colorado. A line of steel rope weighing 18,000 pounds and 13,200 feet in length was safely transported from the town of Telluride, situated at an altitude of 8,750 feet above sea level, to the Nellie mine, 2,500 feet higher. The mine was accessible only by a narrow trail that frequently dwindled to a width of 15 inches, and over which only sure-footed little burros could travel in safety with any weight attached.

An aerial tramway had been built from the mine to the valley where the town is located, for the purpose of cheapening the handling of ores, and to dispense with the pack-trains which had been the only means of conveying freight and passengers to the lofty eminence where the shafthouse was planted. Everything was ready for a start, and all that remained for the engineers was to devise some way to deliver the great steel cable from the railway depot at Telluride. The first suggestion was to haul it up by hand by stringing it over the trail with pulleys at convenient distances to reduce the friction, but owing to the tortuous nature of the country, which is one of the roughest in the west, the idea had to be abandoned. Then it occurred to one of the company of contractors that the entire difficulty could be overcome by a simple expedient. He concluded to impress into service the patient burro, or diminutive mule. It took some time to perfect the plan, and when all was ready it resolved itself into a proposition that was so simple that the miners were astonished that none had ever thought of it before.

The huge rope was unwound from the spool on the cars and divided into rolls of 130 pounds each. There were 128 of these rolls, and with two for each jack, the whole could be placed on 64 burros. The little animals were aligned in the streets of Telluride, and the process of packing them began. The wire was securely lashed to the pack saddles, and all was ready for a start. The efficacy of the original form of transportation had many advantages, for each of the burros was anchored safely to its leader and the jack that followed. This facilitated the operation, for if there is one trait more productive of swearing than any other on the part of a trainmaster it is the nomadic instinct that tempts the burro to wander away from its mate while the loads are being made up. When the last roll was tied to the back of its bearer, the procession took its way out of the town and began the climb to the Nellie. There was not a hitch in the programme, and before dark the rope was coming down over the sheaves that pierced the clouds and established regular communication with the valley.

There is no record of any similar attempt, and the Telluride men claim the credit for simplifying a job that has always been reckoned one of the most tedious in starting a tramway.

The opening of this route will throw out of employment 500 burros, and the cost of operating will scarcely exceed the interest on the plant, and the cost of a brakeman to be stationed at the summit to control the ore buckets.

The weight of the descending ore returns to the empty buckets and also brings to the mines whatever supplies may be needed.—Chicago Tribune.

#### FOREIGNERS IN CHINA.

**There Are Ten Thousand, of Whom Thirteen Per Cent. Are Americans.**  
There are over 10,000 Europeans and Americans resident in China. The English head the list with 4,000; the Americans number 1,325; Germans, 882; French, 875; Portuguese, 805; Spaniards, 461; Norwegians, 375; Russians, 116; Italians, 308; etc. There are 669 Japanese.

Twenty-two ports are open to foreign residence—that is to say, European firms are allowed to acquire conditional title to certain lands, on which they live, govern themselves and have special privileges in judicial matters. These ports are Mengtz, Lung Chow, Pahko, King Chow, Lappa, Canton, Kowloon, Swatow, Amoy, Fuchau, Winshow, Ningpo, Shanghai, Chinkiang, Wuju, Kiukiang, Hankow, Ichang, Chungking, Cheefoo, Tientsin and Niuchwang. It is to be noted that Peking does not appear on this list although the embassies and legations are established there.

The Chinese who find themselves under foreign jurisdiction appear more than contented with the situation, because, although taxes are high, they are fixed. Two hundred thousand natives live in the European settlements of Shanghai. Besides the foreign residents of China, a large number live in ports that have been ceded to other nations. For instance, Hong Kong comprises in its civil population 4,165 Europeans and Americans. With the troops and sailors, this number is raised to 8,645.

Hong Kong is the actual capital of foreign industry in the far east. More than 3,000 vessels, with a tonnage of nearly 4,000,000, touch there annually. The same spirit which caused the development of Singapore, Colombo and Hong Kong is to be found in the foreign settlements of the open ports of China.—N. Y. Herald.

#### Inquiring Willie.

Willie—Ms. can people leave parts of themselves in different places?

Me—No; don't be ridiculous.

"Well, Mr. Jiggs said he was going to Arizona for his lungs."—Philadelphia Record.

Wanted: A Name.

Her Doctor—Sick, eh?

Herself—Yes.

What's the matter?"

I don't know. What's fashion?

Yellow Book.

Dolly's Fainting.

Dottie—Mamma, I guess my dolly's mamma must have been a very unipous lady.

Mamma—Why so?

They seem to be a very devoted couple."

"I should say so. They've been married three years and still ride a tandem."—Town Topics.

The Test of Constancy.

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