

They hauled mining supplies up the Pike Pass over a rather winding road with steep grades + brought back silver ores to be shipped over the railroad.

My young broncho had never been off the Plains before, had little use for town life; ~~he~~ on a trip to Glen Eyrie he disliked the stream over there <sup>particularly</sup> as he had only seen running water after a cloudburst, + he thought the rustic bridges were traps to catch a poor wild bronc <sup>off his guard</sup> it took a lot of spurring + <sup>with many twists + turns</sup> spurring to get him over them.

The summit of Pike's Peak loomed up above us, + I had no idea of ever reaching it; there was no wagon road, + it was reached only by trails, <sup>there was</sup> + nothing up there except the U.S. Signal Station, which was afterwards given up, as of no practical value in predicting the weather.

But ~~that~~ <sup>my</sup> life <sup>has been</sup> full of the unexpected. A young fellow I met told me that he was taking supplies up to the Signal Station by burro train, + invited me to keep him company.

So I "parked" my bronc at a barn, + went along.

We started the next morning up Bear Creek Cañon on the old wagon road to Seven Lakes, where we spent the night at the log hotel; the next forenoon we reached the Signal Station, where we unloaded the supplies, + came home by way of Repton's Cañon + Benitoul. After four months of riding the range, the change to a burro train was a novelty + the weather was good all the way, + the far view hasn't changed much in 60 years.

On my return from the Springs, I resumed ranch life with the Tuckers.

My friend Gillie Robinson of Providence, son of the then President of Brown University, had come west to seek his fortune + was running an outfit of horses + cattle near there; one of his ponies had come up from the Arkansas Valley + late in September, when the nights were getting cold + usually with a threat of snow in the air, the broncs decided to go south for the winter + took mine along for company; they were both