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Quickstep Makes Misstep

1/8/1900 Great innovations almost invariably prove failures at first, and a departure made yesterday in operating the Cherrylyn (sic) Gravity and Broncho street railroad was no exception to the rule. This famous line of travel connects with the South Broadway trolley cars at Orchard place and runs up hill for more than a mile to Cherrylyn village.

The Cherrylyn road is worthy of note because of the simple, but ingenious method by which the management conserves its horseflesh motive power. Up to yesterday the rolling stock was limited to a broncho - the veteran "Quickstep".

It has been, and will be again today, the duty of Quickstep to haul unaided the bobtail car and its freight of passengers from the foot of the hill to the terminus at Cherrylyn. There, to the astonishment of strangers, the broncho upon being unhitched, climbed up the steps and calmly occupied the rear platform. The car was given a push by John Bogue, who is driver, conductor and also lessee of the line, and the vehicle with its mixed load of freight begins to coast slowly down the gentle grade. About midway on the trip the incline somewhat abruptly grows quite steep and the patrons of the road enjoy dizzy sledding the rest of the way. An unusually stiff breeze sprung up yesterday on the summit of Cherrylyn hill. It materially interfered with the operation of the gravity and broncho railroad. When the car reached the least inclined spot on the line the stiff wind overcame the force of gravity and the car stopped. It was not in the heart of John Bogue to make Quickstep get off and pull. Instead he called for volunteers to push the car along until steeper ground was reached and by this means traffic was resumed.

At the bottom of the hill an unusual number of would-be passengers were waiting and it was noticed that the velocity of the wind had increased. The situation called for radical action and John Bogue rose fully to the occasion. For years and years Quickstep had hauled that car up the hill and ridden down it. In a moment a sweeping change was introduced into his style of locomotion and the broncho's importance dwindled proportionately.

John Bogue owns other horses and one of them was speedily pressed into the service of the railroad. His duty was to help Quickstep up hill with the car on the initial trip and then wait on the nearly level ground to tide it against the wind on the return run. Quickstep, to insure the car against delay or accident because of the increased impetus it received from the use of a second broncho, was compelled to get into harness on the crest of the steep place and help the brakes in preventing a runaway.

John Bogue's invention worked all right for just one trip. On the second journey up the hill disaster befell the entire system of locomotion, suspending business during the rest of the day. In one place the road runs through a narrow cut, giving sufficient room on the trackage for only one broncho. The knowing Quickstep held the middle of the road here, having successfully elbowed his deputy up the side of the embankment. Suddenly a tremendous floundering followed by the sound of a heavy fall was heard. The people in the car were jarred off their seats and feet and a wild stampede to muddy trackage ensued.

The new horse had stumbled and fallen and Quickstep, as if in malicious mischief, whinnied and hauled the car onto the squirming body of his fallen casual mate. An inspection of the wreck showed that the deputy motor was pinned under the front platform and had his two hind legs thrust between the metal spokes of one of the heavy wheels. The car was partly derailed.

It took nearly two hours to right the car and extricate the unfortunate broncho from his dangerous position. The animal appeared so badly injured that a bullet will probably terminate its treatment. Quickstep pulled the empty car (all the passengers had scattered) up to Cherrelyn, where the news of the accident had gathered the villagers together, and John Bogue was the recipient of much advice and sympathy. Several volunteers agreed to assist him in shoving the car back through the wind and then he delivered himself of this little speech:

"Boys, it's my first accident and you bet your life I'll never again use a second horse no matter how the wind blows. Old Quickstep will never have to quit the platform again, either, on the back trip." **The Denver Republican**

ENGLEWOOD CONSOLIDATION MEANS REALTY BOOM IN SOUTH DENVER

4/19/1903 It is the impression of a Denver real estate man that the consolidation of several additions into the town of Englewood will mean a realty boom in the town.

"Englewood, according to the Post, this afternoon, will embrace some valuable additions in an incorporated town," said a real estate man last night, "and this cannot help but prove beneficial to property South Broadway divides the town. Then it will include Orchard Place Cherrelyn, Broadway Heights and other fine additions. Only a street separates it from Denver, and before the home rule bill a portion of it was in Denver. An incorporated town means home rule, and home rule will be good for the town."

When Englewood is in running order, as it were, both the Rio Grande and Sante Fe will make it a station and build depots. This will give the people railroad facilities which they do not at present enjoy.

By the cut the reader can see the boundary lines of Englewood. Within the lines more than 1,000 people live and 500,000 is considered a low valuation of the property.

There was some talk last night that gambling would be allowed, but this is denied by those back of the new town. However, there will be saloons, but under restrictions. The Denver Post.

ENGLEWOOD WOULD BE THE COUNTY SEAT

5/7/1903 The plan to incorporate the town of Englewood taking in Orchard Place, Cherrelyn and adjoining territory South of Yale Avenue and East of the railroads containing five or six square miles, into one town with the ultimate purpose of making it the county seat of new Arapahoe county, is progressing rapidly and on a petition filed by fifty property owners the county court of that county has appointed five commissioners — J. C. Jones, L. W. Terrill, W. L. Crane, W. J. Kendall and Mrs. S. Handley. The commissioners will meet Tuesday for the purpose of finding out if the majority of the property owners are for or against the measure. If a majority are in favor, then an election will be called for officers of the new town.

The new town will have a population of about 1,000 and as soon as the work of incorporation is perfected, plans will be taken up for the purpose of making it the county seat. It is believed an arrangement can be made by which the northern end of the county can combine against Littleton and move the county seat. Being so close to Denver there is little doubt that the county seat can be secured in time, but the residents of Englewood want it all at once.

By incorporating the new town will be able to pass ordinances licensing the saloons within the territory included and thus get the necessary revenue, with which to maintain the government. At present there are a number of saloons at Orchard Place but the town of Sheridan gets the licenses as they are within the mile limit.
The Denver Times.

ENGLEWOOD EFFORTS

5/8/1903 The following from yesterday morning's Denver Republican contains a good deal of information which will be of interest to Littleton, although the statements made are more or less exaggerated and possibly incorrect:

Of great importance to the county policies of what is now Arapahoe county is the proposed incorporation of the towns of Orchard Place and Cherrelyn under the name of Englewood. On the petition of 50 property owners the county court of Arapahoe has appointed five commissioners, J. C. Jones, L. W. Terrill, W. L. Crane, W. J. Kendall, and Mrs. S. Handley.

The commissioners will call a meeting next Tuesday to find if the majority of property owners are for or against the measure. Two weeks later, if the majority votes for incorporation, the same commissioners will call an election of town officers.

Though the proposed change would tend to make the territory around Orchard Place a more desirable place for the new county seat, and centralize the already open opposition to Littleton, the Orchard Place people state that their main object is for betterment of their town, irrespective of county politics.

A leading citizen, Dr. E. A. Tuttle, states the matter as follows: "Two thousand dollars in licenses is taken out of our town every year. Sheridan gets the money, having jurisdiction of everything within a mile of its limits. But Sheridan gives up nothing in return. We have no police protection of any sort, and whenever we have applied for it the people to the west have replied that they had no authority to act. In the first place then, we will save the license money, to be spent in the locality where it is made. We will get proper protection, and we will be able to regulate our own affairs.

"It is planned to run the town upon the most economical plan. Only the marshal and clerk will be salaried. The mayor, and all other officers are to give their services free."

The town, as proposed, runs from Yale avenue south two and one

-half miles. It is bounded on the west for the greater part by the rights of way of the Denver & Rio Grande and the Santa Fe railroads. It runs up, consequently, to the incorporated limits of Sheridan. Orchard Place and Cherrelyn are the only towns included in the 1,600 acres of the proposed Englewood purview. The incorporation will give the town a population estimated at 1,000.

In the event of political division it should be a powerful agent in county affairs, and in a better way to cope with Sheridan if the two should clash over the question of the county seat.

At present it is believed a compromise will be made, with regards to the court house. Jacob Jones' offer of five acres between the two towns still holds good. It is possible that the whole north end of the county may agree to accept this ground, and unite to take the county seat away from Littleton.

The incorporation of Englewood seems in a fair way to be carried through. There is an element in Orchard place that wishes to get their town taken into Denver, in a belief that the city and county can extend its limits south of Yale avenue.

A meeting of the Arapahoe Improvement Association took place in the office of Judge J.H. Skerritt last night. Matters connected with the location of a county seat were discussed.

Among those of the Orchard Place citizens who are working for incorporation under the name of Englewood the most prominent are Dr. E. A. Tuttle, J. C. Jones, Thomas Skerritt, Geo. Hamilton, W. J. Kendall, L. W. Terrill, Geo. L. Higgins, and J. H. Skerritt. **Littleton Independent**

CONSOLIDATION OF TOWNS INTO CITY OF ENGLEWOOD

5/13/1903 The towns of Cherrelyn and OrchardPlace will be consolidated under the name of Englewood. Last night's election in these towns which resulted in 169 to 40 in favor of incorporation, decided the issue. An election of town officers will be called within two weeks by the commissioners of Arapahoe County, who were appointed to conduct the election of last night.

Strict economy is the watchword in the municipal affairs of the new incorporation. Taxes amounting to \$2,000 a year which formerly went to the town of Sheridan will now go to the new town of Englewood. A fire department and other requirements which this locality has never enjoyed will now be procured. The Denver Times.

ENGLEWOOD WILL BE INCORPORATED

**MAJORITY OF VOTERS IN CHERRYLYN AND
ORCHARD PLACE FAVOR CONSOLIDATION
INTO NEW MUNICIPALITY AT ELECTION YESTERDAY.**

5/13/1903 A popular vote of 169 to 40 last night decided the destiny of Cherrelyn and Orchard Place. The movement for incorporation which was started two months ago thus bears fruit, and the two towns will be consolidated under the name of Englewood.

The commissioners who were appointed by the Arapahoe county court to conduct the election last night will report back to the court, which will call for an election of town officers for two weeks hence.

Strict economy is promised by those who have in charge the destinies of the new incorporation. It is not only an election pledge of the candidates for office that they will run the city affairs on the smallest margin, but it is the wish of the citizens generally that only the clerk and the marshal shall be salaried.

Lack of police protection was one thing that made the citizens of Orchard Place and Cherrelyn dissatisfied with their present state. It was also urged that the large amount of license money which the law required to be paid over to Sheridan could be better used nearer home.

Great enthusiasm, characterized the election last night. The polls were in a candy store. The vote was not required to use a lead pencil, equal piles of pro and con votes were stood side by side and the citizen was forced to make his choice in the sight of all men. The Denver Republican.

LICENSE OR

NO LICENSE

Issue of the First Election to be
Held in the New Town of Englewood
Is Important to All Decent Citizens

5/30/1903 The new town of Englewood will have its first election for officers and the issue between the two tickets which were placed in the field last night is whether Orchard Place shall continue to be the toughest place in this section of Colorado or whether an effort shall be made to reform it. The question is license or no license to the saloons which have infested that place for many year.

At a public meeting held last night for the purpose of nominating candidates for mayor and alderman to be voted on June 5 it was found that the element in favor of licensing the saloons was in the majority. The anti-saloon faction bolted and held a separate meeting, both sides nominating tickets. There will be a hard fight for the next week, the issue being license or no license.

The ticket nominated by the license element is: For Mayor, Thomas Skerritt; for alderman, William Edom, Thomas Dunn, Theo Taylor, Dan A. Sutton, F. C. Porter, W. J. Kendall. This is called the Citizen ticket.

The bolters made the following nominations, under the name of the Good Government ticket; for Mayor, J. C. Jones; for alderman, Reuben Ripley, Theo Taylor, Thomas Ross, Joseph Killie, E. F. Street, H. L. Aldrich.

The candidates for mayor are among the oldest residents of that section, Skerritt being the owner of the land on which most of the saloons and dance houses are located and Jones being a large land owner and a staunch prohibitionist.

The population of the town is about 1,200, mostly persons doing business in Denver. The Denver Times.

GAMBLERS REACH FOR ENGLEWOOD

If They Elect Their Ticket
They Hope to Reopen
Games Closed Here.

**Good Government Supporters
in the Lead at Noon, but
the Other Side Has Votes in Reserve.**

6/5/1903 Whether the new town of Englewood is to be run as a wide open place, as heretofore, or conducted upon a strict basis is the question that is being decided by the voters of the municipality today.

Englewood, which was recently incorporated, has always been under the control of the saloon and gambling elements.

During the past six months, or since the gamblers have been unable to ply their trade in Denver, the people of that place have been forced into the issue that has culminated in today's election.

It is said by those who favor enforcing the liquor laws that Sundays in Englewood have become the occasions for disturbance and drunkenness.

The election of the Citizens' ticket today, it is said, will insure the establishment of gambling by gamblers whose places in Denver have been closed.

Arrayed against the citizens' ticket is that of the good government party. The latter advocate regulation of affairs in the town only. They do not intend an absolute closing or suspension of the saloon business, they say, but would suppress gambling and close the saloons tight on Sundays. During other days saloons will be allowed to do business, but no gambling nor Sunday opening at any time.

At the polls this morning both parties assembled their workers for a hard fight. The candidates on the citizens' ticket who were arrested yesterday by Sheriff Gallagher on charges of violation of the law regulating the liquor traffic and gambling were hard at work hustling voters in their cause, excepting the time required for their appearance before Judge Pratt. Those cited to appear in the county court were Thomas Skeritt, Sr., Citizens' candidate for mayor arrested on a charge of leasing property for gambling purposes; George E. Gouges and George W. Eller on a charge of keeping a gambling house and selling liquor on Sunday; J. Ellis, charged with gambling and Sunday violation, and Joe Lerch, keeper of the "Idlewild" resort, and A. R. Barthelmess on similar charges.

The expert political manipulator, Henry Bardy, who was in charge of the campaign for the Citizens' ticket stood at the polls during the entire day.

Book in hand, he scrutinized every vote and lost no opportunity to register a challenge.

Names of electors in whose names the mistake of a letter had been made while registering or for other trivial grounds were promptly challenged by him.

In this way a number of women who intended to vote the good government ticket were intimidated and did not vote.

The good government people were busy since early morning carrying people in carriages from outlying points in the town. At 11 o'clock there had been 110 votes polled. Fully two thirds of this number were for Jacob C. Jones and the good government party.

The vote in the town will be the largest polled in many years. There were 406 names registered.

At noon a large number of men arrived from Denver. It is said they have been brought to Orchard Place to vote the Citizens' ticket. Should they attempt to do so trouble is promised. The Denver Times.

ENGLEWOOD ORGANIZES WITH TOWN OFFICERS

6/8/1903 The new officers of the town of Englewood organized with the selection of O. J. Baird as clerk and recorder and Benjamin Heath as marshal. The mayor and trustees were to serve without salary, but the clerk, marshal and town attorney are to get a small compensation for their labors. As soon as the new administration gets into working order laws will be passed getting rid of the gambling and saloon element which was defeated in the election of last week. Mayor Jones announced that an effort will be made to make a decent place out of Englewood. The Denver Times.

GAMBLERS AND SALOON KEEPERS ARE ANGRY OVER THEIR RECENT DEFEAT IN ENGLEWOOD

6/11/1903 These are the structures which were to shelter the new Monte Carlo which the gamblers had planned to open in the recently created town of Englewood. It was an ideal location, but the whirr of the wheel and the click of the ivories, as well as the rip of the cards will not make sweet music to the ears of the grafters. For the good government ticket won, and the town will be kept clear from all such pastimes as planned by the gambling fraternity.

The wave of civic righteousness which swept over the town is still in evidence. The saloons were all closed on Sunday according to the orders of Mayor Jones, who says he will make the town a model one.

The fact that the proposed Monte Carlo was nipped in the bud, and that the saloons must close on Sunday were sweet tidings to the respectable citizens of Englewood, but the gamblers and liquor men are a sore lot. Some of the latter own their buildings and had hoped that with the new order of things they might keep open the year round. But the new officers are firm in their stand and insist that all orders must be lived up to.

The new board of trustees will meet tonight when they are expected to elect a treasurer and city attorney. O. J. Baird has been appointed clerk and recorder, while Ben Heath has been named as city marshal. The Rocky Mountain News.

A Victory for Decency

The result of the recent election in Englewood should be a matter of congratulation to all who believe in cleanliness and moral health. For years Orchard Place, which constitutes a part of Englewood as newly organized, has been a sink hole of vice. The day set aside for worship and rest was celebrated in Orchard Place by carousal, to which was proposed to be added a group of gambling establishments.

The new mayor, Jacob C. Jones, and the six town trustees were elected on the issue of enforcing the law. This they promised to do. Saloons will be closed on Sunday and decency will be insisted on. Mr. Jones says that it will be his task to see "that Englewood is made habitable for self-respecting people."

The crusade against vice in Denver is bearing fruit. With a hearty and united public sentiment behind it, a more strict enforcement of the law can be made the permanent policy of the city and its environs. This should be no spasmodic attempt, like so many similar efforts of the past, but should be rigidly adhered to. This will be the case of the good people of the city assert themselves and create the proper public opinion. The vicious and lawless minority should be given to understand that it cannot run things. The Denver Times.

EXCITING ELECTION

Englewood People Choose
Good Government
Ticket by a Close Margin.

6/12/1903 The first election of officers of the incorporated town of Englewood resulted in a victory for the Good Government ticket, its candidate for mayor, A. C. Jones, and four of the six aldermen being elected. A. A. Sutton of the citizen ticket was elected alderman and Messrs Kendall and Taylor were tied. Over 300 votes were polled, the vote for mayor being as follows: A.C. Jones, Good Government, 156; Thomas Skerritt, Sr., Citizens 152; R. A. Southworth, Socialist, 18.

The Good Government candidates were opposed to licensing saloons in Englewood and their victory is taken to mean that the Sunday saloons must go.

The newly elected town board met and selected J. O. Baird as town clerk and Bob Heath as marshal. The Officers elect are all representative citizens of the new town.

The Denver News of Saturday said: "The saloons of the district have been closed Sundays for about six weeks, and the new officials insist that they shall remain so. This is what is worrying the dealers, for they had hoped that after the new city officers were chosen they would be permitted to resume business every day of the week

"Four arrests for violation of the liquor laws were made yesterday by Sheriff Gallagher of Arapahoe and his deputy. The men arrested were George E. Gouger, George W. Eller, Joe Lerch, and James Ellis. They were charged with selling liquor on Sunday and violating the Sunday closing law. They were released on \$2,000 bonds to appear before the grand jury. The alleged violation of the law is to have occurred about eight weeks ago when a party of Denver people are said to have purchased two drinks of Eller & Gouger who run the Broadway Junction house and four drinks from Ellis. Ellis' charge is

also of a remote date. Nothing was done about the matter until yesterday, so the arrests came as a great surprise to the saloonmen, who thought they were not to be molested.

"The same men were arrested the previous day on the charge of conducting gambling houses.

"This sudden sweep down upon the saloonmen gives them the chills, for most of them own their buildings, their fixtures and all in their bars. They claim that this is a case of persecution, and are putting up a strong protest.

"Mayor Jones states last evening that he was going to enforce the Sunday closing laws to the limit. He declares that if it were not for the saloons, the new city could have a population of 2,500, but that with the saloons in town people do not care to move their families out there. Other citizens are of the same opinion, and it is expected that Englewood will be a dry town Sunday." **Littleton Independent**

TAKE LAW INTO THEIR OWN HANDS

Englewood Citizens Raid Wine Rooms and Gambling Joints -- Arrest Owners.

8/20/1903 In the custody of Judge S. R. Pratt there are the following gambling devices: One roulette table, the wheel missing; one crap game table with mysterious electric batteries underneath; one double slot machine, five single slot machines and numerous other pieces of green cloth paraphernalia. A big bonfire was to have been made of the truck yesterday at 1 o'clock, but Attorney Jaffa of Well & Jaffa rushed into the chamber of Judge Pratt, who is sitting for Judge Lindsey in the county court and petitioned for delay. If the higher courts do not interfere, the apparatus will all be set on fire next Thursday morning.

The seizure of gambling pieces reveals the fact also that there was a big raid at Englewood last Tuesday evening by representative citizens upon wineroms. One arrest was made and others may follow. The entire suburb is thoroughly worked up over the violations of law, and drastic measures were talked of this morning.

The trustees of the present town of Englewood were elected upon a platform that frowned severely upon gambling and violations of the liquor law, including opening on Sundays and wineroms. Sometime ago the sheriff employed detectives and the seizure of gambling apparatus was the result. Those were placed in the custody of Judge Pratt and the later decided to make a sample of the case by applying a torch. However, he gave the owners, the Chicago Edison Company, until yesterday in which to perfect an appeal. Shortly after noon Mr. Jaffa urged that the time for appeal be extended, so he was given until next Thursday. If the courts do not stay Judge Pratt's hand by that time there will be something doing at Englewood.

The seizure of all the gambling truck value sat upward of \$1,000 did not seem to have the desired effect upon the saloon men at Orchard Place and Wineroms were opened. Mr. Ellis, proprietor of one of the saloons, seemed to be the worst violator, and evidence was quickly secured against him. When all was in readiness at 10 o'clock

Tuesday night a large delegation of citizens of Englewood, headed by H. H. Aldrich of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company, Charles Strong, owner of the co-operative store, and several members of the Law and Order League swooped down upon Ellis' saloon. They scattered women right and left and then demanded admittance to one room the door of which was securely barred. Ellis objected and no threats moved him to open the way. The party, however, did not break in, but the marshal, Frank Heath, promptly placed Ellis under arrest. His trial promises to create considerable excitement, as the feeling among the residents has been roused to a high pitch.

Regarding the crap table, there is a strange electrical appliance under it, it is claimed, the nature of which the court has not investigated. To all intents and purposes, however, it is a device by which the game can be "thrown" at the will of the operator, thus accounting for the heavy losses reported at Orchard Place from time to time. The Denver Times.

ALL ENGLEWOOD SALOONS CLOSED

SUBURB FOR FIRST TIME IN
BRIEF HISTORY IS
"DRY."

LICENSES ALL EXPIRED AND NO
RENEWALS WERE GRANTED
BY TRUSTEES

**Another Meeting to be Held
Tonight, When Some May Get
Permit to Re-Open.**

10/2/1903 Yesterday, for the first time in the history of the town, all the saloons in Englewood were closed and it seems probable that many of them will remain closed permanently on account of the strong feeling which exists in the town against them. At a meeting of the trustees of the town on Wednesday night at which many of the representative citizens of Englewood were present, J. A. Hotchkiss, proprietor of the Idlewild resort, made application for a continuance of his license. This was denied and the resort, it is said, will be permanently closed.

None of the other saloonkeepers made application for extensions at that time and as all of their local licenses expired at midnight on Wednesday the marshal, George Heath, was instructed to see that the saloons remained closed. This order was enforced. Another meeting will be held tonight and further applications will be considered. Many of the citizens of Englewood are strongly in favor of excluding all saloons from the town, but it is thought that some will be allowed to remain with the strict understanding that their business be conducted on a strictly business basis.

J. C. Jones said last night: "Our homes, our business and our property are situated out here and we want to have a clean, orderly

and decent place. The way things have been running it seems to me that there was actual danger of a serious depreciation in the value of the town property."

There are four saloons in Englewood, and these have been running for the past six months on provisional licenses. Attorney John T. Bottom of Denver represented J. A. Hotchkiss of the Idlewild resort and presented a petition on Wednesday night for an extension, promising that the place would be conducted in an orderly manner. The six trustees voted on this petition, two for and four against.

After Hotchkiss' petition had been turned down another application for renewal was presented. But no bond was tendered with the petition and the latter was not in proper form, so the members of the board did not consider it. James K. Ellis made no application for an extension but it is said he will apply tonight. The other saloon proprietor, Bartemus, is said to have asked if it would be necessary for him to exclude women from his place if his license was renewed and when told that it would be very necessary he decided to postpone making formal application. The Denver Republican.