

ON FIRE AGAIN.

The Benson building, corner Twelfth and Greene streets, was on fire again last Saturday. Mr. Benson will attribute the prompt action of the fire company as ill luck to him, and we are of like opinion. The fire originated on the outside in an excavation under the sidewalk and foundation, the place having been filled with straw, and it is supposed some careless person dropped a lighted match or cigarette though a crack in the walk.

115 YEARS AGO

From the March 18, 1905 edition of the *Silverton Standard*:

BIG SWEDE DEMANDS WE STOP THE PRESS.

Just as we were going to press last Friday evening, a big Swede rushed into the office and yelled: "A make press stop, Gus got son!" Upon inquiry we ascertained that a son had been born in Denver, the 10th inst., and Mrs. Gus Berquist, the mother and boy are doing nicely. So read the dispatch.

A brilliant meteor which shook the earth when it struck is reported to have landed over in Dolores county a few nights ago.

100 Years Ago

From the March 13, 1920 edition of the *Silverton Standard*:

TRAIN ARRIVES AFTER 17-DAY BLOCKADE.

A blockade that tied up mail, passengers and freight service on the D. & R. G. between Silverton and the outside for seventeen days was broken Monday afternoon when the work crew followed by a couple of freight trains pulled into Silverton. The regular passenger train followed, though some what late, with the delayed mail and express and passengers that did not care to walk over the slides into town. Most of the merchants



Francis Marion Snowden as an elderly man, standing by gate of his cabin on northwest corner of 13th and Snowden (hospital later located there). He has lost most of two milled fence posts lining the entry into the historic cabin. View is northerly. Cabin was built by Snowden in 1874, one of the first built on timber and timber roof, but in this later view the building has been improved with a steep pitch shingle roof and a new brick chimney at the rear. Snowden owned it. He apparently made summer use of the structure. This photo is best-known illustration of the 1-1/2 story frame residence directly across the Block 10 alley by Charles Shugart. Neither building exists today.

received freight and express on the first trains into town and the various business houses present a vastly better appearance than for a week or so of the past. All stocks of merchandise will be filled up within a day or so and it will take a wise one to realize from their appearance that we have been without freight and express for over two weeks.

The D. & R. G. work crew had trouble with their plow engine Monday and the Silverton Northern went to their assistance and opened the road so that trains were in Silverton late that afternoon. The Northern has the advantage of a "down hill" pull on snow in the canon and usually are highly successful in their efforts to buck 'er out.

100 YEARS AGO

From the March 20, 1920 edition of the *Silverton Standard*:

A MIGHTY WIND.

The heaviest wind experienced in this locality since the night of the "big wind" in November 1911 prevailed most of the day last Sunday and the entire district is coated with soil and sand brought from

the lower countries by the wind. Some damage is reported over the district, chiefly to power and communication lines and confined almost entirely to the city. The town hall, Benson block and Post-office store lost from one to several windows each. Quite a few windows were broken in private homes, though aside from inconvenience suffered, the damage was light. The street lighting circuits were mixed up somewhat and all the streets were not lighted until Monday night. A light snow accompanied the high winds and conditions outdoors were almost unbearable the greater part of the day. Opinion is divided as to the origin of the red sand deposited by the wind, some think it came from the Hermosa country, others say it belongs to the Farmington district. In a well investigated occurrence last winter of a similar deposit of sand and snow in the state of Wisconsin, the sand, upon investigation and assay, was found to belong in Arizona and New Mexico. It is highly probable that our recent deposit of red sand and soil came from either or both of these states.

TRAIN PARTIALLY WRECKED IN SLIDE

A southbound train on the D. & R. G. was partially wrecked last Saturday afternoon about four miles below town. The train, a heavy double-header, was going at a fair rate of speed and encountered a small slide and before it could be stopped buried the front engine deep in the slide. The impact was of such force that several cars in the middle of the train buckled and were scattered over the right of way. A wrecking crew from Durango cleared the wreck so that traffic was restored Monday afternoon.

80 Years Ago

From the March 22, 1940 edition of the *Silverton Standard & the Miner*:

NOBODY RUNNING IN TOWN ELECTION.

A situation very unusual in the annals of Silverton politics arose Monday when no tickets were filed with the city clerk within the given time limit for the City Election.

As a result, no election will be held and the present incumbents