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Thanksgivin' Day in Bangtown in 1851

I'm shorely not a tenderfoot, fer back in "forty-When news uv Californy's gold had reached ter I packed my few belongin's up an' hoofed it 'crost the plains, An' the' I've mined it ever sence, can't show much fer my pains.

I've seen a heap uv doin's uv all kinds sence locomotive. them-air days, An' celebrashuns, barbecues, in divers styles

Two years had passed sence Hangtown had grown up mushroom-quick; Two years av stiddy, grindin' toil, with shovel an' with pick. So in November, "fifty-one," we boys that had Ter have a big Thanksgivin'day, stapenduous-The President fergot ter mail ter us his proc-

So we picked out our holiday by general acclalamation. Au' sech a day ez that one waz! I'll ne'er ferget the fun. Uv Thanksgivin'day in Hangtown in eighteen-

Fer we war boun' ter whoop it up most pleuti-We sent cl'ar down ter 'Frisco fer the plums an' Fer a feast with no plum-paddin' wad tumble We shot a lot o' turkeys, an' a b'ar er two, an'

An' fer su'thin' good ter masticate we hunted W'ar authin' too good in them times, an' gold For Thanksgivin'day in Hangtown in eight-

Thanksgivin' day it dawned at last, an' free frum grime an' Airt, The boys all gethered ter th' feast, each wearin' As' fire-arms w'ar tabooed that day, fer it w'ar

A gen'ral invite had been nent ter all the other sloughs. Fer ev'ryone ter cum au' eat, from miners down ter tramps. Ours w'ar ter be the grandest spread sence time had yet begun Thanksgivin' day in Hangtown in the year av

An' when our guests at last arrived, we all uv That takin' no both small as large, we w'ar a mixed-up crowd:

Yunkeen, as' Dutchmen, Sweden, as' French, As' men from Germany, As' Danes, Poles, as' Kanakers from the intends av the ora. Miggers an' Injune, Greasers, Chinamen, they

all w'ar there, An'ev'ryone w'ar welcome ter dig in an' get pie obace; Per on this one day my the year w'ar favors An' we all mot ex brothern on Thankagiving.

Then up there rose our spokesman, a feller sicknamed "Fike," Fur speechifyin' he'd a knack I sever see the An' in a few well-chosen words he tlens When our vociferous applance had ceased ter Peller-citizens; ez well ez thom not natcher-

As bein' called spon ter speak I'm sartisty On sech an aggregashus never yet bez shone Es this here day in Hangtown, in November. In the meantime

"Ou this here grand occasion it well behoves Tor recerbest what this all means, so briefly Th' main pints uv the story, so then 'at's Will know whyler they cats this grab afore the table's cleared." "They all wa'r so blame thankful when their v'yage at last w'ar done, That's why we're colebratin' now in eighteen-

Injana an' Frenchmen, Yanka and Danes, a-entin' from one dish, All penceable an' fren'ly like ez enny one cud An' sech a night ex that one war', I never hope Altho' ter twict my present years I'd ever live He sech a feast war' ever spread; sech crowds, an' oh, sech fun! Thankagivin' day in Hangtown in the year nv

Wanst down at Washin'ton, D. C., I seen a That couldn't hold a candle to th' spread we Some mighty big astoundin' sights I've seen; That that air festival ev our's, it shorely took Thankagivin' day in Hangtown in the year nv

I've seen an Injun sun-dance at the Rosebud Agency, As Digger Injune eatin' dog-they liked it, I've seen a lot av Eskymo feast on a stranded An'stow away that mighty fish like you an' I I've seen Australian Bushmen-crammin' down in fact, in nearly ev'ry land I've seen jest how But sever, fore er sence that day, her sech a That Thankagivin' day in Hangtown in eight-ness-fifty-one.

The memories av them ofe days come back ter ain I see the mount's tops; again I hear th' Ad' is ole Hangtown's single street wuset more I great th' boys, with who I shared in them ole times our hard-ships an' our joys.

But brightest my them goldens dreams that brightest my them goldens dreams that brightest my that wondrus day, so many

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MY ART COLOR SO ITS RED.

may for that reason think it don't amount to much. Taken by itself this may be true of Billingsville, but on account of a striking resemblance in many of its salient features to some other well-known places it is invested with a peculiar interest, especially to the residents of Downers Grove.

For the last six months or more it has been terribly, oppressively dall in this little town. There is nothing peculiar in that, because for over forty years Billingsville has justly enjoyed the reputation of isfactory; prevent a cold being the faziest, slowest, sleepiest station on the B. and O. road, and there are some sick headache, jaundice, constipation, etc. 25c. remarkably slow towns on that line too.

Why some ten years ago the officials of the B. and O. railroad discharged a sober, industrious engineer because he said "he thought he had seen symptoms of business in Billingsville." They held that a man had passed from his uneventful life in Billsubject to such hallucinations was unfit to be trusted with a grindstone, much less a the heart of the village.

But now business in B. as the ragman remarked, is picking up, and in the course Waz Thanksgivin' day in Hangtown, in eight- of another generation or two we may expect that this town, so long the laughing stock of all progressive places will have advanced to the dignity of electric lights, macadam roads, sanitary sewers and a covered platform at the B. and O. depot.

But speaking of improvements, there have been enormons changes even in Billingsville. Twelve years ago the leafy shades where now the west side subdivision spreads its well kept lawns, was but a 🗸 👁 bowling wilderness; the home of the hoot-We each chipped is a bag uv dust ter help the owl and night hawk; the playground of the fox, groundhog and festive skunk.

Where now the piano factory with its basy whir, turns out upright and grand pianos at the rate of two a day, the hornyhanded granger used to let down the bars and turn in the cows to graze on the juicy berhage at the rate of fifteen cents a week. The east side addition with its miles of three stringer walks running over hill and dale and at that recent date, the resort of the timid quail and prairie chicken and famous among the youthful population for the abandance of small green snakes, Sum sanguinary trouble might end our few- frogs and salamanders to be found in its

Main street had at that time received its first layer of gravel. The town board, after an exciting debate, had just decire! to put up five street lamps in addition to the solitary one which already shed ita faint beams on the corner of Main and Oak street. There was also some talk of building an iron bridge over the aloggish stream which wound its way through the village handicapped by the souorous title of the Roaring St. Joseph. The only real excitement there a decade ago, was when a long procession, headed by the flea-bitten gray, followed by a long dingy black wagon and a choice assortment of every known vehicle paced slowly down the Main street to the center of the town, and

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there before the curious eyes of the village loungers and store keepers, performed the last sad rites over the remains of one who ingsville to his equally monotonous rest in

The hare brained enthusiasts who would dare prophesy three-story buildings and water works for Billingsville, would have been considered an incurable lunatic. Truth, however, is stranger than fiction. Today Billingsville hoasts of the best water system and the best brick block on the B. and O. railroad. But how it all happened is still the wonder of all who knew the town in the good old days of pumps and cowpaths. H, P, J.

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