Ludlow – The Hundredth Anniversary

The stock industry in Southern Colorado can trace its roots to 1872 and W.J. Palmer and his Southern Colorado Improvement Company. Part of the Southern Colorado Improvement Company charter was to build a steel mill in Southern Colorado. This resulted in the first integrated steel mill west of the Mississippi River (In South Pueblo as a place calledSQUIRES), the largest private landowners and the largest employer in Colorado. 

In 1903, the Miller Company, the Southern Colorado Improvement Company, was transformed into the Ludlow Steel Company. Michael Miller was the largest coal owner and ensuring their place in the Coal Mine Opera
tion Association with a voted coal mining committee. In 1905, John D. Rockefeller assumed control of CF&I. In August 1913, the United Mine Workers of America (UMWA) decided to protest the Ludlow Strike. 

The Union had established the Ludlow Strike in Colorado by the Miners of America (UMWA) staged large quantities of arms and ammunition to these counties. The organizers responded in kind. The strike began on September 23, 1913. Any person on strike had to vacate company housing. They moved to tent cities established by the UMWA. The largest of these was Ludlow. That the strike would be violent, was born not only to men being killed in the first ten weeks of the strike. In October of 1913, Governor Ames ordered State Militia into the Ludlow strike zone, and in February 1914 most were withdrawn.

On April 20 of 1914, a military detachment was fired upon. After two minutes started from a nearby facility, they returned fire. The Big Red resided in a little eleven teen, much of the rioting and called a massacre by the UMWA. The strike continued until the end of the year. During that time President Wilson ordered Federal troops into the Ludlow strike zone to maintain order. Several initiatives were presented to end the strike. The UMWA terminated the strike in December 1914.

In 1915, I.O. Reederlitter the employee Representative of the company, in 1933, the company recognized the UMWA. Later the Mine Safety Administration came into being.

Sister Nation Color Guard at the 2012 POWOW

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by J. Patrick McCarty

Palmer Lake in Washington State (Wishful thinking?)

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President's Message to the Membership

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ents are in an effort to assist in tapping off the special interests of our members with the joyful deeds of members’ birthdays and the cash goes to assisting the Valley Museum in maintaining the issues brought out in our Assessment Review conducted by a professional evaluator. The currently all the information and the illumination standards required in an institution to ensure no fading of our exhibits. Thank you to those of you who donate and please do not feel any pressure to donate.

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10:00-10:45 – LANDON LADD – RETURN INTERPOLATION – William McKinley was brought back to the train Monday morning over the C.R. & P. tracks and the side of Bridge White and Marshall Gough. The officers were taking no chances on Ladd’s escape, he has proved himself both a desperado and a fighter. When Ladd stopped on the Midland train last evening among the crowd who knew him well, the officers of the train and his chain must have greatly worried his heart.

When he was taken to jail he begged to have the shackles on his hands and feet, but the sheriff said no. He is 5 feet 8 inches tall, has few whiskers on his chin and this will somewhat dampen the ardor of those pretending criminals who are looking for a way out of the cells. The old job is not so bad with the shackles on. In the morning Sheriff Jackson that he never intends to make a turn of being a prisoner is that heforwarded the Sheriff’s report to the editor that he had nothing to say in regard to his recent escape. Nevertheless he told ex-

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