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"THE GREAT RACE"



Folks if you missed being at the bar in the Silverton Hotel last night then let me tell y'all what went on between Oliver Sudden & D&RGS RR's injuneer "Racey" Snail. Them'z tellin' tales like usual & braggin' bout' the steam injun & the aeroplane - which is fastest, see. Oliver jest got his brand new second-hand plane back from the auto spray paint shop & got the Durango Brewery to pay for the signage n' paint. Racey & Col Shovlin, his fireman, pride themselves that them's maintain the irregular timetable service between Durango & Silverton on thar railroad, sumtin the locals seem to put up with unfortunately! The new plane is to be christened by Iva Bigwonz by breakin' a bottle o' DW over it in a ceremony in Banister Street. (Don't worry, the bottle was drunk & "used beer" replaced so there will be no waste). The whore'll town cum out fer the show & the Singing Hobo's played "*Kum fly with me - let's fly away*" & udder aeroplane songs.

The Professor came back on the San Juan train to officiate as the Mayor was tied up with Madam. A few hysterical words later, she smashed the bottle & let out a "YUK", & the Animas Airways plane was officially launched ta service. Now back to thar story.....

A bet was made at the bar between the boys that they could make the DW deliveries faster than the other - the train & the plane. Well, a hush stopped everyone who heard such a blatant threat to listen for the details. Smiles on faces all'round as everybody knowz thar trains never run on time! But the new paint job don't make a old plane go any faster neither..... Hmm - which way to make the bets. Diana Drink & Anita Drink took the bets money & tucked it down their bosoms. There must have collected over \$50,000 in cash bets (Well they have big bosoms don't they!) So, nixt morning they both took of from Silverton for "*The Great Race*"



The whore'll town waited fer postman Likky Stamp to blow his whistle fer the start, he did, & they both opened thar throttles & was shakin' them bottles.

Injuns roared, smoke cum out of both the bi-plane & old #473 & themz was both chock-a-block full o' sweet DW's headin fer Noname City & Durangie. Now sumone had tied the wire from thar sheep fence to the tail of Oliver's aeroplane & he had to cut it loose, then he had to git rid of the rattle snake left on his pilot's seat but he finally got airborne. Page Turner from the Sub-



Standard was up on Sultana Mountain to take the fotoz & got sum great shots. Heaven Elphiss the flight stewardess had to 'spread-eagle' onto the bottles to stop em' rollin' all over her in the plane & she could hear the chuggin' & whistle blowin' from the lokiemotive below. That's when it happened.....all of a sudden 'splutter...splutter... the injun was a coffin & they were in it! May Day was on the radio at Noname City International Airport & cleared the back street for Oliver Sudden to land safely. The DW's were unloaded & our ace pilot was jest about to be airborne once more when



the saloon storeman stopped him. Sez Bart Ender " This ain't genuine DW's y'all delivered - themz cumtaminated!" What's happenin' ? Miss Fowel Play jest tasted one o'dem DW's & spat her false teeth clear across the bar smashin' the lookin'glass! Yep, sure attempt at sabretarge, yis'siree twas. But who dunnit? Wot low skunk wood do such a trick? Hmm, dares lots more to the story & our ace pilot is not gana win this race now.



Well, "Lucky" the Silverton dog got things sorted out when he caught a bunch of hobo's stealin' DW's from the storeroom behind the Silverton Hotel. They were drinkin the DW's & replacin' the beer with old boiler water. But hang on.... what's a' hap'nin back at the aero-plane Oh NO it looks like injun trouble



The tribe have smelt them DW's & are havin' a celebration & dancin'. They'z blocked the runway & poor Oliver can't take off & rezoom the race!



Sez Heaven Elphiss "Oh, well, if ya kant beat'em join em' & we'll have to have another race" sez her. Yis'siree, thar's always a sumtin hap'nin' in Silverton & there'z a whole'll lot more adventures to cum yet so stay tuned.