

Remarkable Endurance of a Miner— His Fortunate Rescue.

The Deer Lodge (Montana Territory) Independent of Nov. 4 says :

“**PETER COFFEY** came in from Nevada Gulch, on Thursday night, for **Dr. MITCHELL**, and gave account of one of the most remarkable mining accidents we have heard of. It appears that on Nevada Creek lived, remote from any other person, **WM. CLEGHORN**, a miner of intelligence and industrious habits. The mail-carrier, on last Friday or Saturday, in going by, left his papers at the cabin and wished to borrow a mule from him, but seeing no one about, went on his route. On returning on Thursday he found the cabin still tenantless, and the papers remaining where he had placed them. This unusual occurrence aroused his suspicions, and remembering he had seen tracks in the snow leading from the cabin on his last trip, he searched for and found them, and could find no returning track. He followed them to a drift in a bar, found that there had been a cave, and that **CLEGHORN** was caught by it. Summoning help, the miners succeeded in reaching and rescuing the unfortunate miner about sundown of Thursday, and **Mr. COFFEY** a few minutes later started for Deer Lodge, without ascertaining many facts, as **CLEGHORN** wandered in his mind when he was saved, though he was conscious and rational when **COFFEY** left. His head and chest were not caught in the earth, but his hip-joint was injured, if not dislocated, and his right leg crushed above the ankle. The drift was only a few feet below the surface, and he told them that on Sunday he could distinctly hear the miners walking and talking on the bar above, while he lay there crushed, famished for food and drink, in mortal pain, unable to attract their attention, and thus he lay for five and a half days. **Mr. CLEGHORN** is a man of powerful build, weighs over 200 pounds, but it is said he was reduced to a skeleton when exhumed. **Dr. MITCHELL** left immediately to attend him, and returned last evening. He reports **CLEGHORN** living and likely to recover. His hip was dislocated. The dislocation was reduced. **Dr. MITCHELL** will amputate his right leg below the knee on Sunday. It is the most remarkable case of endurance we have heard of.

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