

A STORIED HISTORY

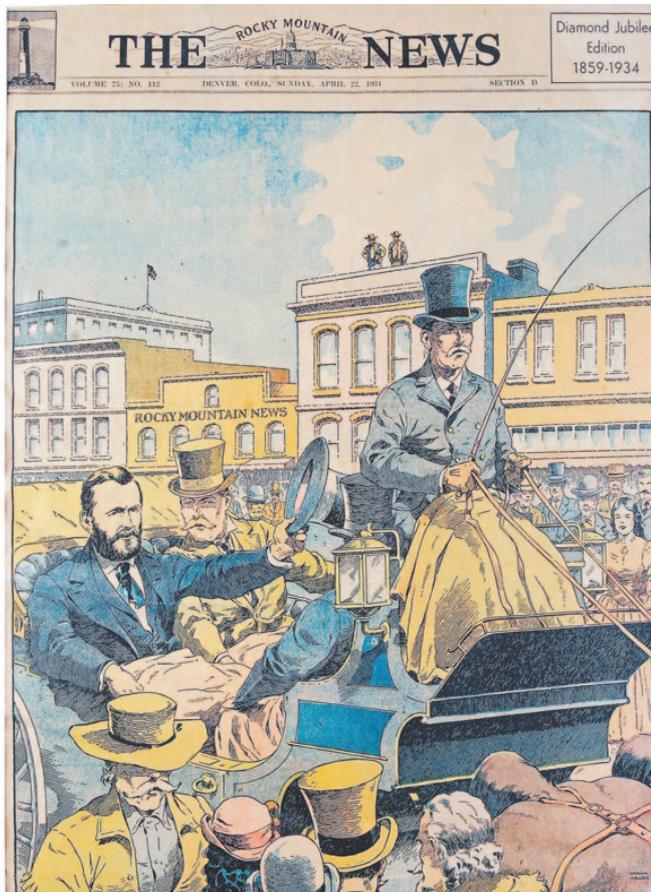


Locals gather around a very early edition of the *Rocky* in this drawing.



This cover reflected Denver's rich railroad history. Inside the section, editors explained: "As the rails crept across the plains, the Indians gave ground mile by mile, leaving death and destruction in their wake. Heat, disease and whiskey conspired in vain against the gangs who laid the rails."

A 19th-century presidential visit was the highlight of this scene. Editors wrote: "The visit of President U.S. Grant was indicative that the city and the territory were becoming of age and that statehood was near for the region which, only a few years before, had been the home of the Indian and the trapper."



Imagine a great city

The 75th anniversary edition of the *Rocky* featured four full-color covers drawn by an artist, each depicting key scenes in the history of Denver.

Inside the section shown at right, the editor explained the cover this way:

"In a span of 75 years, the pioneers have become men of the past. Their work is done. They built a state from the wilderness and gave it life, color and vitality. Today, Denver's fights are economic, its adventures are financial and political. There is no frontier.

"These men and women of an earlier, more robust day will say that their era, with its hardships and heartbreak, was a better era. Whether they are right or wrong, Denver cannot turn back. With

the vitality and spirit inherited from the pioneers, it faces forward.

"Science, engineering and commerce offer fields for conquest. Today's adventure-seeker needs moral courage rather than physical.

"He needs dollars rather than cartridge, and he fights his battles in a laboratory or an office. Denver and the West offer opportunities to the young and the venturesome, but they are the opportunities offered by a civilized, well-founded community.

"Denver has traveled far in the 75 years since the *Rocky Mountain News* was founded. Its progress will continue as long as it keeps its one priceless heritage—the aggressive spirit of the pioneer."