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1826-1883

Hank Monk was born in Waddington, New York and allegedly began driving a stage coach at age twelve. At age 24, in 1852, he went to California and began driving for the California Stage Company driving the Auburn and Sacramento route. Later he would run the Sacramento and Placerville route and still later he drove the Placerville-Nevada route.

His skill was legendary and even Mark Twain wrote about Monk in his novel “Roughing It.” The tale of Horace Greeley’s trip with Monk spread all over the West even before Twain wrote about it. “Keep your seat Horace, I’ll get you there on time,” was the famous line that has passed through history.

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