

HIS FIRST PASSENGER.

Robert Fulton's First Money Earned by Steam Navigation.

There was one little incident in Robert Fulton's life about which few people know and which Fulton never forgot. It took place shortly before the return trip of his famous boat's voyage by steam up the Hudson River. At the time all Albany flocked to the wharf to see the strange craft, but so timorous were they that few cared to board her. One gentleman, however, not only boarded her, but sought out Fulton, whom he found in the cabin, and the following conversation took place:

"This is Mr. Fulton, I presume?"
"Yes, sir."
"Do you return to New York with this boat?"
"We shall try to get back, sir."
"Have you any objection to my returning with you?"
"If you wish to take the chances with us, sir, I have no objection."
"Thank you, sir."
"Excuse me, sir, but this is the first pecuniary reward I have received for all my exertion in adapting steam to navigation. I would gladly commend you to the occasion with a little dinner, but I am too poor now even for that. If we meet again I trust it will not be the case."

The Tallest Railroad.

The Peruvian Central Transandino, or Oraya railroad begins six feet above tide-water at Callao. From Lima, eight miles ahead and 500 feet higher, it winds up the narrowing valley of the Rimac, past great haciendas and forgotten ruins. At Chosica it has gained 2,500 feet in elevation, but within the yard limits of that station begins the 4-percent grade, which is steadily maintained for seventy-three miles. The Rimac's gorge becomes deeper and deeper, and the track, the little bridge and benches of cultivable land rarer. At the hamlet of San Bartolome serious engineering begins. The overhanging hillsides on the right display the first "V," the characteristic device so frequently necessary to overcome the headlong valley. The maximum gradient allowed by contract of 2 1/2 feet to the mile has in many places been stretched and the actual gradient is sometimes nearer 3 per cent. But even this was insufficient to meet the exigencies of the splendid, whose floor often greatly exceeds that slope. The only way to get ahead was to run back a few furlongs or miles at full grade, and then to shoot forward on the upper arm of the zigzag. Some of the steep runs back and forth like sloping shelves in the high walls of the main gorge; some double and twist far up lateral valleys. Not to confine the matter to single points, where the road has to give five miles to gain one, the total per centage is astonishing. From Callao to Rayo the length of the track is 22 1/2 kilometers; of these 70 1/2 (one mile in every three) are consumed in overcoming the rise—and this beside the unprecedented maintaining of such a maximum grade. Four miles above San Bartolome, and its tropic side valley is the great bridge of the Agua de Verugas, or water of warts. This noble cantilever, built in New Jersey, has a length of 520 feet and a height of 200. The old bridge was, in its day, the highest in existence—and was meant to be. To that end the center pier was sunk in a twelve-foot pit. This pier was washed out by a cloudburst in 1880, and for a year traffic was maintained by a cage swinging on cables across the gap. The present structure has been left far behind as to height by the bridge over the river Loa, on the 600-mile Antofagasta line in Chile—the longest narrow-gauge railroads, and with its thirty-inch track, the tallest. The Agua de Verugas is not to be laughed down as a superstition. Of the grim reality in these poisonous springs, which fill the unwary drinker with frightful gouts, one may see visible proofs of plenty. The building of the verugas bridge cost a terrible mortality, and the cemetery of Bellavista is full of its victims. This strange and frequently fatal "disease of the warts," which haunts many corners of the Cordillera, seems to have relation to certain mineral strata. It is alike unknown in this part of Peru below 6,000 and above 10,000 feet.—Harper's Weekly.

The Easter Hat.

There are 30,000,000 women in the United States old enough to wear Easter hats. These 30,000,000 women spent \$100,000,000 upon Easter hats. This places each hat at an average of \$3.33. Many wore Easter hats that cost less. Miss Poverty Row bought only a bunch of violets, which she pinned on last year's frame—total cost 10c. Miss Upper Flat purchased a hat upon the bargain counter and got a cheap wreath plume to dress it with—total, \$1.50. And some bought no hat at all—cost absolutely nothing. But Mrs. Verich, on the next street, whose back windows looked into the rear ones of Miss Poverty Row, purchased an Easter hat that cost \$40, and that is where the matter ended itself up.

Mary Ellen Lease would say "If one woman went without an Easter hat it was because some other woman had a hat that cost twice as much as it ought to." But that is another story and does not affect the enormous figures that must be thought out, when the Easter hat is figured. Of the \$100,000,000 spent on hats:

Twenty-five millions went for ostrich plumes.
Five millions went on bird of paradise feathers.
Five millions went for ribbons.
\$15,000,000.
Some were fooled up

NOTES OF INTEREST.

A Salaman, the reliable jeweler. Solid silver novelties at Salzman's. J. T. Bryan, the Biny Watchmaker. Go to the Roseleaf for the best cigars. For a good 5-cent cigar call on Mrs. N. S. Boyd.

County claims and warrants bought by D. S. West. For first-class dentistry go to Dr. Little of Oakland.

R. W. Benjamin, dentist, room 1, Marsters' block. Pure fresh groceries and low prices at Casebeer's grocery.

Key West, imported and domestic cigars at the Roseleaf. D. S. West does insurance. Office opposite the post office.

Cools before cost at Caro's. Now is the time for bargains. Nobby suits and latest styles at Little Jack's. Prices very low.

All styles and qualities of hats at Abraham's Bedrock prices. For bargains in family groceries, call at the People's store, Cass street.

Call for the "Spotted Cat" at Mrs. Rapp's grocery store, if you want a pleasant smoke. Nothing but the best material used by R. W. Benjamin, dentist. Room 1, Marsters' block.

Have your dental work done by R. W. Benjamin, dentist. All Work guaranteed first-class. At Oakland, T. L. Graves is authorized to receive and receipt for subscriptions to the PLAINDEALER.

For a good hat, stylish and cheap, call on Wollenberg & Abraham, whose stock embraces all grades of head gear. Bring your job work to the PLAINDEALER'S office. We are prepared to do the cheapest and best work south of Portland.

You can tell one who has good taste and don't like to eat dirt, paint and chalk. He gets his candy at the Kandy Kitchen. Wollenberg & Abraham of the Square Deal Store are now receiving a nice lot of spring goods. Latest styles and lowest prices.

Parties desiring family sewing done would do well to call on Miss Fannie McKean, 421 Main street. Will sew for 75 cents per day. The Square Deal store has just opened up a beautiful line of W. L. Douglas shoes, which prove to be the best shoe made. Come and inspect them.

One minute is all the time necessary to decide from personal experience that One Minute Cough Cure does what its name implies. Marsters' Drug Store. The Kandy Kitchen had a big trade during the holidays. The people are beginning to find out that it is the only place you can get candy that is fit to eat.

Will sell, cheap or trade for a No. 12 shot gun or small caliber Winchester rifle, a good road cart. Guns must be as good as new. Address, box 312, Roseburg, Oregon. Torturing itching, red, scaly eruptions, burns and scalds are soothed at once and promptly healed by DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, the best known cure for poisons. Marsters' Drug Store.

Good pasture furnished at my pasture on Roberts creek. Charges reasonable. All stock at owner's risk. The best of care will be given to all stock entrusted to my charge. J. M. SCHMIDT.

They are so small that the most sensitive persons take them, they are so effective that the most obstinate cases of constipation, headache and torpid liver yield to them. That is why Dr. Williams' Little Early Risers are known as the famous little pills. Marsters Drug Store.

PLAINDEALER and Planter is a little alliterative, but sometimes by "apt alliteration's artful aid" you can catch the public eye and engage the public attention. The Webfoot Planter is clubbed with the PLAINDEALER, and the two papers will be furnished to all cash subscribers of the latter without extra charge.

Notice is hereby given to the public by the undersigned that I do not allow dead animals to be buried on my premises, at Roseburg, Oregon, or garbage dumped thereon or sand or gravel taken therefrom, unless the party taking sand or gravel first contract with me for the right to do so.

Treespassers will be prosecuted according to law. AARON ROSE, Roseburg, Oregon, March 17th, 1885.

Competition never worries us, because we "buy right" hence "sell right." The facts are these; every move in our business is only made after the most careful consideration, nothing left to chance. Shoes have advanced in price but not with us. We sell you a good oil grain shoe for \$1.25 and upwards, fine shoes in proportion. If you doubt us, come and see us, convince yourself that we have what we advertise. We don't care to do all the business in town, but want to get a share of it. We firmly believe that a concern that gives its customers exceptionally good values in every instance is bound to go ahead year by year. This idea prevails throughout our entire business. Every dollar's worth of goods must give the wearer satisfaction, even the all wool absolutely fast color \$8.00 suits.

J. ABRAHAM'S Clothing House. Northern Pacific Change. The Northern Pacific railroad will make the following time card for its train leaving Portland daily, beginning on Sunday the 28th inst. Leaves Portland at 11 a. m., Tacoma 9 p. m., Seattle 4 p. m., Ellensburg 10:10 p. m., Pasco 1:50 a. m. Arrives at Spokane at 7:50 a. m., Minneapolis 1:05 p. m. and St. Paul at 4:10 p. m. The new card will enable passengers to make close connections at Spokane with the Spokane Falls and Northern for the mines. For further particulars see D. S. K. BUCK, Local Agent No. 2, Marsters' building.

To the Public. On and after this date, I wish it understood that my terms for all undertaker's goods are cash with the order. I find it impossible to do business on a credit basis, and believe that I can do better by my patrons and myself by selling strictly for cash. F. BAZANCO, Undertaker, Roseburg, Ore., April 12, 1885.

To the Kootenai Mining Country. The O. R. & N. is the shortest line and makes the quickest time. Trains leave Portland daily at 6:30 p. m. Baggage through to destination.

NEWS NOTES.

Kansas will present to the King of Siam some corn stalks 22 feet long. Why a state should raise such things and populists be one of those facts that nobody can explain.

Mr. Cleveland should speak more hopefully of the republican in view of the fact that it is an ark of safety for democrats when their party goes wrong, as frequently happens.

An effort to relieve the hunger of the Cuban women and children forced to leave their homes by military orders will probably be regarded by Gen. Weyler as another example of Yankee meddlesomeness.

One maple tree in Vermont sometimes yields twenty-four gallons of sap, or 60 pounds of sugar. New maple syrup in that state sells for \$1 a gallon. It may be judged from the fact that not much of it gets scattered over the country.

Sir Walter Besant proposes that April 23, the probable date of Shakespeare's birth and death, should be made a day of celebration in all English-speaking nations. If the idea is adopted, Shakespeare's day will eventually girdle the earth.

The most scientific forester in Europe says that the oldest trees in Northern Europe are the pines of Norway and Sweden, and that these are known to live more than 570 years. Germany's oldest oaks lived only a little more than 300 years.

Anybody can be photographed as an angel in these days. It is only necessary to be down on a slanted piece of plate glass with a sky painted beneath, and then gauze and light draperies do the rest. But the artist will not warrant the expression.

Mark Twain is still living in retirement in England. He can be reached only through his publishers, Chatto & Windus. "My book will soon be finished," he wrote a few weeks since to an intimate friend. It will be issued by his publishers in Hartford.

The British Museum is not as sleepy an institution as might be supposed. It has arranged for the publication of a portfolio of thirty-two facsimiles from the earliest printed books in its collection. The rush for such a literary treasure will probably surprise the museum trustees.

In replying to an address of welcome on his return to Cape Town Cecil Rhodes referred to his contest with President Kruger as a game of cards, which had been fairly played. As Kruger took all the tricks and has the stakes, this may be considered an honest confession.

A Philadelphia paper suggests that advancing civilization will confine the annual house-cleaning to any period when the entire family takes a vacation. Word will be sent to a Universal Household Economic Company, and everything will be delightfully fresh and clean when the family returns.

The governor of Vermont has \$1000 a year. Now, \$1000 is not a large salary for the governor of a sovereign American state, but it is as much as Vermont pays, or Oregon, either, says the New York Sun. It is, is it? Not much. Governor Lord receives an annual salary of \$4500 or thereabouts, not \$1000 only, as stated. That \$1500 may feel a man 3000 miles away, but not at home.—Albany Democrat.

It is asserted that a syndicate of English capitalists has arranged with the King of Belgium for the establishment of that country of a gambling place, intended to outshine Monte Carlo. It is against the Belgian law to maintain gambling-places, but the king has a pull with the police, has lost so much money in his Congo enterprises he can hardly be blamed for entering upon a sure thing game to recoup his losses.

There is no adequate cause for the two-column editorial by which the Lehigh Valley "Courier-Journal" proves that "Mr. Cleveland can never again be president of the United States." This job could be done in much smaller space. Not more than eighty or 100 persons out of the 70,000,000 inhabitants of this country want him to be President again, and not more than ten or twelve of these, it is safe to say, ever imagine that he will be President.

Prof. Douglas Archibald, who is considered one of the most eminent meteorologists, forecasts another hot summer for the Northern Hemisphere, great masses of ice in the Atlantic indicating an early polar spring. The abnormal heat is attributed to solar conditions, which have been unsettled since the maximum period of sun spots in 1833. A severe drought prevails now in Australia, and the spectroscopic shows that the sun is hotter than usual.

Coffee ranks next to beer as a popular beverage in the United States, and, as in the case of beer, its per capita consumption has varied but slightly for some years past. The coffee bill of the nation last year was \$120,251,986; that of tea was \$11,174,452, while the total cost of all alcoholic and non-alcoholic stimulating beverages was \$1,019,126,490—a pretty sum to pay for indulgence in this line in a twelvemonth of national ill-health and business depression.

Ole Anderson, a Swede, living near Knab, Lewis county, Wash., last Friday put two sticks of dynamite in the oven of his kitchen stove to warm it up. The dynamite exploded, blowing the stove into fragments, some of which were buried two inches deep in the ceiling and log walls of the shanty. Anderson, his wife, mother and five children were in the little room when the explosion occurred, but none of them were injured. The bottom of the baby's cradle was blown out, but the child was not scratched. The largest piece of the stove that could be found was lodged deeply in the wall between two boys who sat on a bench a few inches apart.

Italy's new queen will be the most remarkable woman ruler in the modern history of the world. She has the courage of a lion, the physique of an Amazon, the spirit of Joan of Arc. She is perfectly at home in the saddle and expert with the rifle. The princess, moreover, taken a keen delight in shooting over a wide circle with a revolver, and so great is her skill with that weapon that even the smallest animal falls an easy prey to her unerring aim. The number of languages which she is thoroughly conversant in is half a dozen, and she knows the political intricacies of Europe as well as a prime minister. Though a lover of the wild and ferocious, she has enough intelligence and training to make her a finished woman of the world.

Great Day for Civilization. Easter Sunday dawned beautiful, with only two wars raging, one fresh one dead, two others on the point of breaking, all Europe in danger of being and the rest of mankind peacefully at peace, waiting for a arena, and yet wasn't

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