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GERMS OF WESTERN STATEHOOD

In the April Forum William E. Smythe returns a negative answer to the query, "Shall Nevada be deprived of statehood?" He asserts that Nevada has great natural resources, that its mineral wealth has not been exhausted, and that irrigation will some day make it a western garden spot. He attributes a great part of the state's existing depression to the practice of men made rich by its mines to scatter their fortunes in distant states and countries.

"The men made rich by the mines of Colorado," says Mr. Smythe, "had the gratitude and patriotism to spend their money where they made it. Tabor gave Denver her first important impulse by erecting splendid buildings as monuments to his faith in the city's future. Hagerman planted the Midland railway on the continental divide, and expended millions in reclaiming arid lands tributary to Colorado commerce.

The wealth taken from the mines and railroads of Nevada, on the other hand, contributed nothing to the embellishment of her citizens or the conquest of her waste places. It went to build palaces in San Francisco, New York and London, and to increase the social gaiety of Newport and Paris."

No doubt this is the true explanation for much of the striking contrast between Colorado's glory and Nevada's decline. From the beginning, Denver and Colorado were blessed in the quality of their citizenship, their pioneers quickly learning to hold in affection the state's sunny plains and snowy summits. They founded homes in the new land, adorned them, expended their fortunes in public buildings and enterprises, and taught their children to hold the state in affection. Their daughters were not peddled around Europe for matrimonial alliance with seedy nobility. Their sons were not led to believe that the chief end of life was to make money and clear out of Colorado.

Today the exercises over the Grant tomb occur in New York. The remains of General Grant will be laid permanently to rest. General Grant was a simple, great man. He was an American. He was taciturn and grave in all things, and this assured a wealth of latent reserve force, which he drew on in great emergencies with such result that he became great. Grant grew up when great men were to be useful, when there was something for them to do. His Americanism was developed in this environment, and the times not only called for him, but it called forth a still greater character, that of Lincoln, as well as other strong and true men. Grant, however, stood, and still stands, next to Lincoln in service to his country and in the hearts of his countrymen.—East Oregonian.

A New York court has rendered a decision full of "horse sense," holding the Pullman company responsible for despoliation (or thievery) on palace cars. A lady who had lost a sealskin sacque while occupying a Pullman seat on a western journey was informed that the company was not responsible for unchecked baggage on the cars. She was referred to the proviso printed on the ticket disavowing responsibility, and told to attend to her wraps when she rode on the cars. With the true spirit of the woman who means to know her right, the victim brought suit, and the judge not only awards her the cost of the sacque, but incidentally declares that the common carrier cannot limit his responsibilities by elab-

orate warnings on the pasteboards entitling the holder to personal transport. The truth is, the limitless restrictions printed on tickets are a complete negation of just the service the traveler bargains for. More than this, the proviso in regard to articles on the cars is really an encouragement to dishonesty on the part of the casual employes admitted to the trains. As a rule the thefts on the cars are operated by either the car employes or confederates who obtain admission through their connivance. Hence the New York verdict ought to be made known wherever the palace cars run. The Pullman contention of irresponsibility, considering the exorbitant charge, is in contempt of its duty as a carrier. Its a part of its grab-if-you-can policy. — La Grande Chronicle.

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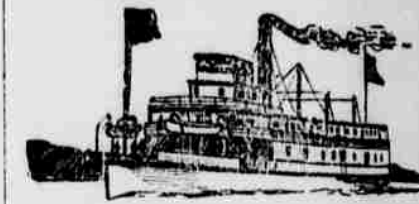
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