

# Operations Avoided.

Hospitals in our great cities are sad places to visit. Three-fourths of the patients lying on those snow-white beds are women and girls. Why should this be the case? Because they have neglected themselves.

Every one of these patients in the hospital beds had plenty of warning in that bearing-down feeling, pain at the left or right of the womb, nervous exhaustion, pain in the small of the back. All of these things are indications of an unhealthy condition of the ovaries or womb. What a terrifying thought! These poor souls are lying there on those hospital beds awaiting a fearful operation. Do not drag along at home or in your place of employment until you are obliged to go to the hospital and submit to an examination and possible operation. Build up the female system, cure the derangements which have signified themselves by danger signals, and remember that **Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound** has saved thousands of women from the hospital. Read the letters here published with the full consent of the writers, and see how they escaped the knife by a faithful reliance on Mrs. Pinkham's advice and the consistent treatment of

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"I was taken sick very suddenly July 13th with severe cramps, or pains. I summoned a doctor and was in bed a week lying on my back all the time. The pains left me very sore. In a few weeks I was feeling better but was soon taken sick again with those pains and had another doctor. This one said I had neuralgia pains of the stomach and ovaries. He injected morphine and eased me again, but I remained sore and weak from the pains and continued to flow for one month and three days without stopping for one day.

"The doctors wanted to scrape the womb, saying the lining was inflamed. I had a pain at times in my right ovary and felt weak nearly all the time. Am only twenty years old, never was sick until this sickness in July. Menses never lasted more than four days and never an ache or a pain.

"I began the use of **Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound** and soon was feeling better. I am now well and strong again. Your medicine has relieved me of the pain in my side and stopped my flowing which the doctors could not do.

"I feel very grateful to you and can recommend your medicine to all suffering women."—**LUCILLE A. GAINES, 2348 Pine St., St. Louis, Mo.**

"I suffered with female trouble for over eight years, had womb trouble and painful menstruation. Have been under the care of doctors who said I would have to submit to an operation before I could be cured. I suffered everything.

"One day I picked up a paper and noticed your advertisement and a testimonial from a friend I knew, stating your medicine had cured her so I thought I would try it. I told my husband I would give up all doctors and try your medicine. I began using your medicine just two months ago and cannot say enough on its praise. Menstruation comes freely now without pain.

"**Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound** has brought health, joy and happiness to me. My advice to all suffering women is to try your Vegetable Compound."—**Mrs. FRED McNAUGHTON, Box 401, Breckenridge, Minn.**

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## AN EVENTFUL YEAR

### UNPRECEDENTED FOR VAST AND NUMEROUS MERGERS

Remarkable Period in the History of American Railroads—Five Thousand and Seven Hundred Miles of Railroad Constructed in the United States—One Hundred Seventy-Five More Miles Than in 1902.

New York, Jan. 8.—Completed statistics show the year just closed to have been an eventful one in the history of American railroads. During 1903 and 1902 railroad mergers had been carried through on an unprecedented scale.

At the opening of 1903 it was believed that this movement toward railroad consolidations would be carried on a still larger scale and it was freely predicted that all the principal railroad properties in the United States would be merged into not over four or five groups. But the crash in the industrial market, the enormous shrinkage in stock values, the stringency which developed in the money market and more especially the adverse decision rendered by the United States circuit court of appeals against the Northern Securities company, combined to prevent any such wholesale consolidations.

The result was that 1903, in the matter of railroad consolidations, proved a far less important year than either 1902 or 1901. The most important railroad mergers of the year were connected with the Rock Island system. Early in the year the Rock Island opened negotiations for the purchase of the St. Louis & San Francisco and its affiliated lines. The purchase of this system was almost immediately followed by buying a half interest in the Texas lines of the Southern Pacific. Through these acquisitions the mileage of the Rock Island was increased to more than 18,000 miles—making it one of the largest and most powerful railroad systems in the world.

Among the other important railroad changes the purchase of the Seaboard Air Line by interests identified with the Rock Island and the Southern Railway, and the purchase of the Hocking Valley and the Reading by the Pennsylvania and New York Central interests, were of most note.

**Vast Increase in Mileage.**  
About 5,700 miles of new railroad were constructed in the United States in 1903, or about 175 miles more than was built in 1902. Most of the new mileage represented extensions and new branches. If the extension of the Wabash into Pittsburg is excluded there was no parallel railroad building during the year. The most important single piece of work accomplished was the Southern Pacific 40-mile cut-off across Great Salt Lake. This cut-off will reduce the running time between Ogden and the Pacific coast more than two hours. Mention should also be

made of the commencement of work on the Pennsylvania tunnel under New York.

Never in the career of railroads were rates better maintained than in 1903. The railroads in every section of the country had all the traffic they could possibly handle, and there was no incentive to the cutting of rates. At one time it looked as if the entrance of the Wabash into Pittsburg would lead to some rate cutting among the Eastern roads. There was no open rate cutting, however, and it is now generally believed that the Pennsylvania and Wabash have settled most of their differences.

In the matter of gross receipts the railroads broke all previous records in 1903, having made an increase of something like \$150,000,000 over the figures of 1902. In the matter of net earnings, however, the roads did not make quite as favorable a showing. The increase in wages and the increase in the cost of practically all materials that enter into operation and maintenance increased operating expenses heavily and reduced net earnings.

**Importance of Pennsylvania Central.**  
In a financial way, the Pennsylvania far outstripped all other roads. Early in the year it sold \$75,000,000 of new stock for \$90,000,000. This was followed by the sale of over \$100,000,000 of stocks and bonds on the subsidiary properties. This heavy borrowing by the Pennsylvania absorbed most of the floating supply of capital and the other railroads later in the year found great difficulty in borrowing money.

The congestion of securities was so great that the other railroads were unable to sell their bonds except at a heavy discount. Most of the companies were unwilling to do this, and instead borrowed on their notes running from one to two years. In this way the Burlington, the Union Pacific, the Great Northern, the St. Louis & San Francisco and the Lake Shore borrowed from \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000 apiece. Owing to the unfavorable monetary conditions all of the railroads that could postpone their borrowing until the money market shall have become easier.

### Cured After Suffering 10 Years.

B. F. Hare, Supt. Miami Cycle & Mfg. Co., Middletown, O., suffered for ten years with dyspepsia. He spent hundreds of dollars for medicine and with doctors without receiving any permanent benefit. He says: "One night while feeling exceptionally bad I was about to throw down the evening paper when I saw an item in the paper regarding the merits of Kodol Dyspepsia Cure. I concluded to try it and while I had no faith in it I felt better after the second dose. After using two bottles I am stronger and better than I have been in years, and I recommend Kodol Dyspepsia Cure to my friends and acquaintances suffering from stomach trouble." Sold by Tallman & Co.

Modern furnaces and steam heating plants have done one good turn to the human race—they have almost eliminated the stovepipe joke.

## BRYAN FOR HEARST

### NEBRASKAN WILL RECIPRO-CATE FOR PAST FAVORS

Rumor in National Capital That Former Candidate of the Democratic Party Is Heartily in Favor of W. R. Hearst and Will Make Nominating Speech if Necessary.

Washington, Jan. 8.—Rumor that Bryan proposes to endorse Hearst for the Democratic nomination reaches Washington from New York through the channels of Bryan, who has declined to admit the use of his name, but also says that if Tammany endorses Gorman or any man of that type Bryan will endorse Mr. Hearst in return for what the Hearst papers did for the Nebraska statesman in two campaigns.

Hearst's boom is much in evidence in the East lately and his friends profess to be entirely satisfied with the condition of affairs.

The Evening Star says: It is currently reported in political circles that an important feature of the campaign of Mr. Hearst for securing the Democratic presidential nomination is to unite with Mr. Bryan and control delegates in excess of one-third of the Democratic national convention, thus preventing the nomination of a man unacceptable to Mr. Bryan, with the end in view of forcing a compromise on Mr. Hearst.

In the Democratic convention, of course a candidate is not chosen by a majority vote, but by the voice of two-thirds of the delegates.

Mr. Hearst's political lieutenants confidently claim that his strength in the West and South already assures him of more than one-third of the convention.

Naturally, they say, he will secure the nomination. His lieutenants do not constitute the source of the report noted in the opening paragraph of this article.

The gossip originates with the Bryan men. They insist that Bryan will not accept Gorman, Parker or any man put forward with Tammany's sanction and support. They say that one good way to prevent the nomination of such a man is to support Mr. Hearst, utilize his strength, which is being worked up in the South and West, and dictate terms in the convention, which would finally unite upon Hearst.

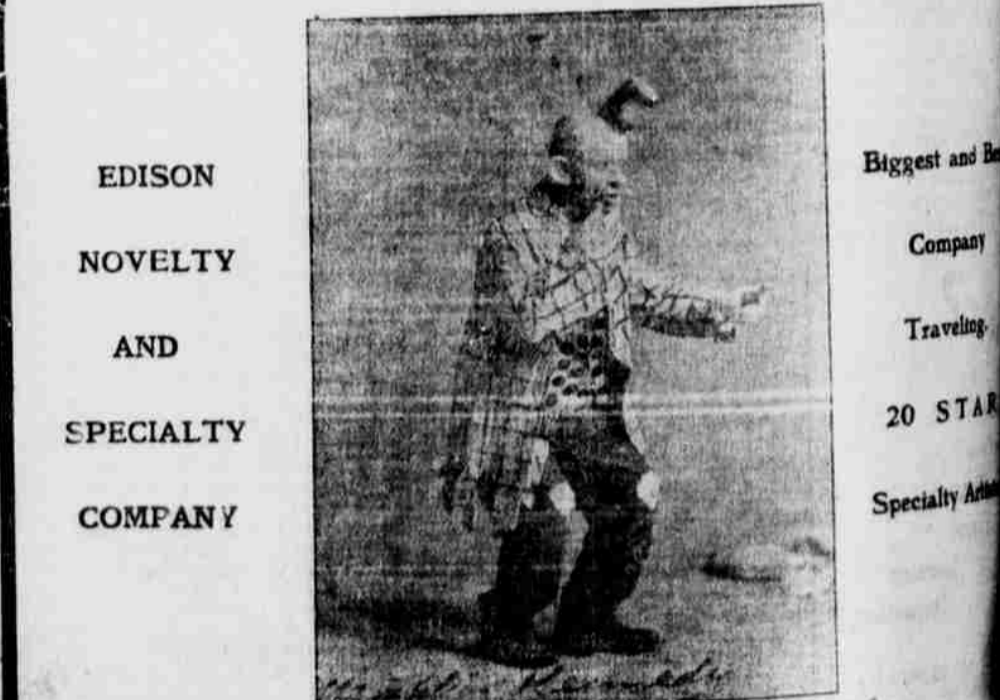
Indeed, it has been reported that Mr. Bryan would be a delegate to the convention and would go on the floor and nominate Mr. Hearst if necessary to carry out the plan.

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