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SEVENTY YEARS AGO. Some Reminiscences of New England, by P. T. Barnum

A bronze water fountain costing \$10,000 was recently presented to the town of Bethel, Conn., by P. T. Barnum, the veteran showman. On the occasion of the presentation, Mr. Barnum made a speech, in the course of which he said: "I am surprised to find that I can distinctly remember events which occurred before I was four years old. I can see as if but yesterday, our hard-working mothers hatching their flax, carding their tow and wool, spinning, reeling and weaving it into fabrics for bedding and clothing for all the family of both sexes. The same good mothers did the knitting, darning, mending, washing, ironing, cooking, soap and candle-making, picked the geese, milked the cows, made butter and cheese, and did many other things for the support of the family. We babies of 1810, when at home, were dressed in tow frocks, and the garments of our elders were not much superior, except on Sunday, when they wore their 'go-to-meeting clothes' of home-spun and lusey-woolsey. Rain-water was caught and used for washing, while that for drinking and cooking was drawn from wells with their 'old oaken buckets' and long poles and well sweeps.

Fire was kept over night by banking up the brands in ashes in the fire-place, and if it went out one neighbor would visit another about daylight the next morning with a pair of tongs to borrow a coal of fire to kindle with. Our candles were of tallow, home-made, usually with dark wicks. In summer, nearly all retired to rest at early dark, without lighting a candle, except upon extraordinary occasions. Home-made soft soap was used for washing hands, faces and everything else. Families in ordinary circumstances ate their meals on trenchers (wooden plates.) As I grew older our family and others got an extravagant streak, discarded the trenchers and rose to the dignity of pewter plates and leaden spoons. Tin peddlers, who traveled through the country with their wagons, supplied these and other luxuries. Our food consisted chiefly of boiled and baked beans, bean porridge, coarse rye bread, apple-sauce, hasty pudding, eaten in milk, of which we all had plenty. The older portion of the family ate meat twice a day, had plenty of vegetables, fish of their own catching, occasionally big clams, which were cheap in those days, and shad in their season—these were brought from Norwalk and Bridgeport by fish and clam peddlers. Uncle Caleb Morgan, of Wolfpits or Puppytown, was our only butcher. He peddled his meat through Bethel once a week. It consisted mostly of veal, mutton or fresh pork, seldom bringing more than one kind at a time. Probably he did not have beef more than once a month. Many families kept sheep, pigs and poultry, and one or more cows. They had plenty of plain, substantial food. Doves of hogs ran at large in the streets of Bethel.

"Our dinners several times each week consisted of 'pot luck,' which was corned beef, salt pork and vegetables, all boiled together in the same big pot hanging from the crane, which was supplied with iron hooks and trammels, and swung in and out of the huge fire place. In the same pot with the salt pork, salt beef, potatoes, turnips, parsnips, beets, carrots, cabbage, and sometimes onions, was placed an Indian pudding, consisting of plain Indian meal

mixed with water, pretty thick, salted, and poured into a home-made brown linen bag, which was tied at the top. When dinner was ready, the pudding was first taken from the pot, slipped out of the bag and eaten with molasses. Then followed the 'pot luck.' I confess I like to this day the old-fashioned 'boiled dinner,' but doubt whether I should relish a sweetened dessert before my meat. Rows of sausages called 'links,' hung in the garret, were dried and lasted all winter.

"There were but few wagons and carriages in Bethel when I was a boy. Our grists of grain were taken to the mill in bags on horseback, and the women rode to the church on Sundays and around the country on week days on horseback, usually on a cushion called a pillow, fastened behind the saddle; the husband, father, brother or lover riding in front on the saddle. The country doctor visited his patients on horseback, carrying his saddle-bags, containing calomel, jalap, Epsom salts, launcets and a 'turnkey,' those being the principal aids in relieving the sick. Nearly every person, sick or well, was bled every spring.

"One season I attended the private school of Laurens R. Rickock (now President Rickock), in which his sweetheart, Eliza Taylor, was also a scholar. One day he threw a ruler at my head. I dodged, and it struck Eliza Taylor in the face. He quietly apologized, and said she might apply that to some other time when she might deserve it. He and his wife are still living in Andover, Mass., a happy, gray-haired old couple of eighty or more. Eliza's father, Esquire Tom Taylor, sometimes wore white-topped boots. He was a large, majestic-looking man of great will force, and was considered the richest man in Bethel. Mr. Eli Judd was marked second in point of wealth. Every year I took twelve dollars to Esquire Tom Taylor to pay the interest on a two hundred dollar note which my father owed him. I also annually carried four dollars and a half to Eli Judd for interest on a seventy-five dollar note which he held against my father. As these wealthy men quietly turned over each note, filed away in a small package, till they found the note of my father, and then indorsed the interest thereon, I trembled to think that I stood in the presence of such wonderfully rich men. It was estimated that the richer of them was actually worth \$3,000! When I was but ten years old newspapers came but once a week. (Uncle Silliman peddled needles and pins and newspapers. He yelled through the streets, "News," "News." If it rained he would exclaim, "The Lord rains,"—one day in winter he added, "and snows a little.") It took two days, and sometimes more, to reach New York from Bethel or Danbury. My father drove a freight or market wagon from Bethel to Norwalk. Stage passengers to New York took sloop at Norwalk, sometimes arriving in New York the next morning, but often were detained by adverse winds several days.

Everybody had barrels of cider in their cellars, and drank cider spirits called "gumption." Professors of religion and the clergy all drank liquor. They drank it in all the hat and comb shops. The farmers had it at haying and harvest times. Every sort of excuse was made for being treated. A new journeyman must give a pint or quart of rum to pay his footing. If a man had a new coat he must "sponge" it by treating. Even at

funerals the clergy, mourners and friends drank liquor. At public vendues the auctioneer held a bottle of liquor in his hand, and when the bidding lagged he would cry: "A dram to the next bidder." The bid would be raised a cent, and the bidder would take a dram boldly and to the envy of most of the others. At house and barn raisings liquor was also drank freely and dangerously.

The public whipping-post and imprisonment for debt both flourished in Bethel in my youthful days. Suicides were buried at cross roads.

The Oregon Branch.

Gen. Cadwalader who is stopping at the St. Charles hotel, was recently interviewed—the result being as follows:

"We have a contract to meet the Oregon and California extension at the state line. This will require about one hundred and forty two miles of road north from Redding. In the prosecution of this work we will be governed entirely by the progress of the Oregon people. If they put one thousand men on the line, we will employ a like number, and if they five thousand men, we will do the same. Fifty miles north from Redding have already been permanently located. Forty miles of this fifty was surveyed six years ago, but the marks have become partially obliterated and a party is out now retracing them. Another party has commenced at Mount Shasta and is locating the heavy works southward. There will be seven or eight tunnels between Redding and Shasta, whose aggregate length will be about 4,000 feet, the longest being nearly 1,700 feet. But tunnels are not now the bugbears to engineers that they were only a few years ago. One three hundred feet long will save us a mile and a half of road, and the long tunnel, which is the only obstacle of any importance, will save us five miles. The work will be hard nearly all the way, but presents no great engineering difficulties, and there is nothing to prevent the company from finishing its part of the contract within eighteen months from the day it is commenced. The maximum grade from Red Bluff to the foot of Shasta, 110 miles, will be 52 feet to the mile; up Mount Shasta for 15 miles, 115 feet to the mile, down Shasta, 90 feet, then follows a very easy grade through the valley to the foot of Siskiyou mountain, and from there to the meeting point we will have left 116-foot grades. Except the culverts, the company will do its own work as it can get all the men wanted. Every foot of the road will be built in the most solid manner. Instead of trestles, masonry will be laid and all bridges will probably be built of iron. Estimates have been made long ago, the company knows exactly what the road will cost, and has the money to push it through. How soon this will be accomplished depends entirely on the progress of the Oregon and California extension south."—P. J. of C.

Colonel Joseph Teal, the well known capitalist and stockman of this State, is about to commence suit in the U. S. Court at Kansas City against Mr. John S. Belby, a rich citizen of Nodaway county, Missouri, for damages to the amount of nearly \$100,000. It is alleged by Colonel Teal that in November, 1880, he contracted with Belby to feed 1,500 head of cattle on the latter's farm, Belby to keep them and return them to Teal in the fall of 1881, with 450

pounds added weight. The plaintiff alleges that at the time set for delivery 271 cattle were missing, and the remaining 1,229 were so poor in flesh as to be almost valueless, on which account he brings suit for the 271, amounting to \$25,000, and for seventy odd thousand damages to the others. The attorneys for Teal are Edwards & Ramsey, of Marysville, L. H. Waters and ex-Governor Woodson. The papers in the case are filed and the suit will come up in May.

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