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## A PERSEVERING PRISONER

Wonderful Escape of a Convict from the California Penitentiary.

An interesting story comes from Stockton of the way in which the notorious safe robber, Johnny Sansome, recently escaped from the Folsom State Prison. The story of his well-laid plan is as follows: About nine months ago he conceived the scheme of escaping. He worked the cement out from between two granite blocks in the floor of his cell, and, by sounding with a wire, found a cavity underneath. With a chisel, which he smuggled into his cell, and a piece of hard wood, he succeeded in breaking in two one of the granite blocks. He struck the blows only when the door was slammed. Then he painted a piece of wood in imitation of the granite and inserted it in the floor, so that he could remove it at pleasure. When he made an examination of the hollow space below he found that, by cutting through stone and cement three and a half feet thick, he could reach an abandoned sewer. In order to avoid detection by the guards he hung some of his clothes upon the wall, and the rest he made into a dummy, which he tucked nicely under the blankets. Naked, he had worked night after night until he had entered the opening of a stone sewer. The holes he cut were so small that he had to grease them to allow his body to slip through.

After passing through the sewer fifty-two feet he met with an obstruction of stone and cement ten feet in thickness, which had been filled in when the sewer was abandoned. This he removed slowly piece by piece, carrying it back like a squirrel into the hollow space underneath his cell. He met another obstruction when this was removed, a granite block two and a half feet thick. When he had made his way through this he ran a tunnel into the ground eight feet long, just wide enough to admit his body, and then started an incline upward, which, after running four feet, brought him into an unused closet in a small room with an asphaltum floor, and with a window barred with chilled iron bars. Sansome had provided himself with steel saws, made out of case-knives, to cut the bars. The only opportunities afforded him to complete his work were given when the guards were changing shifts, or when they were in a remote part of the institution. It was during a change of the shifts that he escaped and gained his liberty. When once outside he procured clothing from tramps and then made his way through to Marysville. Often while working in the sewer the air was so foul that he had to withdraw to save himself from suffocating. In the nine months required to complete the job, Sansome lost twenty-five pounds in flesh. Sansome was captured by an accident in Marysville, a sheriff who knew him covering the convict with a revolver before he had warning.

## The National Park

In the northwestern corner of the Territory of Wyoming, bordering on Montana and Idaho, lies a tract of country about fifty-five by sixty-five miles in extent, possessing a greater combination of remarkable features than any other known area of like dimensions under the sun. It contains 2,578 square miles. Its elevation above the sea level is from six thousand to fourteen thousand feet. It lies mainly, but not entirely, on the east side of the main range of the Rocky mountains. By act of Congress, approved March 1, 1872, this tract was withdrawn forever

from sale and set apart as a permanent pleasure-ground for the amusement and instruction of the people, under the designation of the Yellowstone National Park. The grandeur and variety of its scenery, the salubrity of its summer climate, and the health-giving qualities of its thermal waters will within a few years, make it the Mecca of the tourist, pleasure-seeker, and invalid from all parts of the civilized world. Among its innumerable attractions are some of the grandest waterfalls, cascades, canyons, and mountain summits on the continent. Its spouting geysers, in number and magnitude, exceed all others known. Its numerous mud springs, solfataras, fumaroles, and beautifully terraced hot springs are beyond description in the magnitude and splendor of their decoration and action.

Our purpose in referring to the park was not so much to attempt a description of its really indescribable wonders, as to call attention to the work of vandalism already inaugurated within it by tourists and visitors. Many of the magnificent structures built up by the action of the hot springs and geysers are being disfigured and destroyed by trophy-hunters and others, actuated too often, it is to be feared, by a pure love of destruction. This shameless raid upon the varied glories of the "Wonderland" should at once be stopped by the strong arm of the law. Congress ought promptly to take such action as will protect and preserve the decorations that nature for ages past has treasured up among these "everlasting hills," and in the radiant valleys of the upper Yellowstone. A resolution was passed at a recent meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, calling upon our national authorities to act in this matter. It is a subject of quite as much interest to educators as to men of science, inasmuch as the park may be justly regarded as a vast museum whose unlimited resources are capable of illustrating almost every object of thought or subject of study within the range of created existences. Let our educators and friends of education, therefore, add their voices and votes to those of the scientists in the effort to preserve from desecration, and for the high purposes of instruction, the grandest heritage of natural sublimity, beauty, and utility ever bestowed upon man.—*The Educational Weekly.*

## He'd Read the Paper.

He was a plain old man from the country; he wore an old style, broad brimmed hat, and his clothes were homespun, but when a slick-looking stranger stepped up to him on Vine street and professed to know him, and asked all about his wife and family, and wanted to know when he came down and when he was going back, the old man declined the proffered hand, and drawing back, said: "That's all right, young man; never mind the preliminaries; get right down to business 'twonce. You've got some goods at the depot and want to pay the freight. Hain't got nothing but a hundred-dollar check. Would I hold the check and let you have \$63.43 to pay the freight? Or p'raps you've just drawn a prize in the lottery, and would I jes' step around with you and see you git the money; or p'raps—" but the confidence man had slipped away; the granger was too well posted, altogether. As the old man gazed after his retreating figure he chuckled out: "Slipped up that time, Mr. Bunko; I'm posted—I've read the papers."

## Daily Newspapers.

Horace Greeley once said that when an American town has as many as 15,000 inhabitants, it has a daily paper. And he once astonished a British Parliamentary Committee by stating that, as a rule, every county in the United States which has a population of 20,000 will have two or more newspapers. How far this statement was within the limits of truth is seen in some of the later statistics quoted by the writer:

"These 980 daily newspapers were published in 388 towns—call it an average of two and a half to a town. The anomaly is frequently presented of towns with less than 4,000 population where two, and sometimes three, dailies are regularly published. The smallest town in the United States which supported a daily—and, doubtless, the smallest in the world—was Weldon, N. C., with a population of 932. The smallest town with two dailies was Tombstone, A. T., with a population of 973. The smallest town with three dailies was Eureka, Cal., with a population of 2,639. Galena, Kan., with a population of 1,463, had two dailies. Similar examples might be multiplied indefinitely."

There are towns in Great Britain having populations ranging from 20,000 to 50,000 without a daily paper. The metropolitan dailies supply the inhabitants. One of the curious facts brought out is that when some years ago the aggregate circulation of the New York Press was less than half what it now is; it was divided between more newspapers than the present greatly increased circulation. And the same facts are relatively true of several other large cities, notably, of Philadelphia, Boston and Baltimore. "A great and prosperous newspaper is a growth—the accretion of years of watchful care and hard labor. Hence, the now common and altogether correct belief that to found a great newspaper in a field already well occupied requires the expenditure of large capital and the patient waiting of many years. The well-established newspaper lives upon the evidence that it is able to give in each issue of the fact that it is healthy, and that it deserves to be."

In the large cities population has increased faster than the establishment of new journals. Thus, if New York gains something like a hundred thousand of population every two years, no new journals are established. The old ones simply increase their circulation. But a hundred thousand people planted in some new city would make room for at least three or four newspapers. It has been a long time since there has been a new and successful newspaper venture in New York or Philadelphia. Even in Chicago, the largest of the new cities of the Western States, the later newspaper ventures have not been successful. The mushrooms die as rapidly there as elsewhere. Even Dana, who did not succeed in Chicago, did make a success in buying out the Sun in New York.

## "He's Got Plenty of Sand."

Dunnell, from Minnesota, lived and received honor in the State of Maine till the close of the war, when he removed to the Northwest. He is a six-footer, with huge, broad shoulders, and a loud speaker, with ideas of the Senate and of various things. Beginning a school teacher, he went to the war as a Colonel to start with, and in one year he had been promoted as United States Consul at Vera Cruz. He has been six times sent

to Congress from the new State he distinguishes; and the anecdote is current of him that when the resolution passed Congress to give all the members back pay, he, who had been waiting for years to build himself a new house, telegraphed home: "Begin to haul sand at once." The sand was hauled and the house started, but the back pay was reconsidered, and then the terrible message flashed over the wires: "Haul no more sand!" Thus originated the expression so current in the Northwest: "He's got plenty of sand in him."

## Another Good Story of Lincoln.

There is a story of Abraham Lincoln which may well be told and remembered by those who hear. When he was President there was a Senator of the United States, distinguished as a more expert of face broker than any of his associates in Congress, whom we may call, for this occasion, Hon. Jeremiah Jones. Early and late, in season and out of season, when news from the front was most encouraging and when anxiety was heaviest, the Honorable Jeremiah was busily pushing one follower into a post office, and another into a custom house, making this man a messenger, that woman a floor-scrubber, building up everywhere the power of the Honorable Jeremiah; hunting the Departments, hunting the President and Secretaries, bawling for "place, place, place," as Patrick Henry's John Hook bawled for, "beef, beef, beef," and one day Mr. Lincoln being asked by a friend to give him the routine of his daily employment, completely describing what he did during the day, added: "After all this comes night and I must think of rest. I think of the brave boys in the field and on the sea, of the aching hearts and the praying lips at home. I kneel down and pray, too. Then I jump up, look under the bed to see if Jerry is there; and, if not, thank God, and bounce in—George W. Curtis' *Leathie at Hartford.*"

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