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A BORDER FUNERAL.

How Arkansas Bob Officiated as Parson.

It was a touching sight to see how the boys stood around the dead body of Briggs and endeavored to hide their emotion and failed. The tears ran down the face of Arkansas Bob like rain off the gable end of a corn-crib, and Ted Williams and Jim Henderson and several more bowed their heads while their forms shook with the sobs they would not allow to escape.

The Boys dug a grave on the bank of the Brazos river, and that night as the clouds drifted away and the moonlight fell on the snow-covered ground and sparkled the ice-laden limbs of the forest trees, we laid poor Briggs down in his narrow resting-place.

The only requiem that was sung was the roar of the turbid Brazos as it surged along on its way to the sea a mass sung by nature.

When the grave had been filled Jim Henderson said: "I think we ought to have some kind of service. It ain't right by a darn sight, to go away without sayin' somethin' over the grave—any of you fellows got a Bible?"

No one had a Bible, nor had seen one in a number of years.

"Well, suppose some one says a sort of prayer?"

The boys scratched their heads, glanced at one another for a moment, and then looked away off into the woods.

Finally some one whispered, "Sish, Arkansas Bob's goin' to pray," and he did.

"Oh, Lord!" he said, "I guess in your opinion I'm pretty tough, but I ain't askin' nuthin' for myself—it's for Briggs. He is dead now, but was as white as a man as ever walked. He never did no man a hurt, and he had a heart in him as big as a mule, and no one as I've heard ever said a word again him. I don't know as what I say will have much influence, but Briggs stood well with us down here, and although I don't know much about his career, or history, or family, he was a man you could bank on every clatter. He gave a sick Mexican four dollars and fifty cents once for medicine, and then turned right around and nursed him through a fever, but the infernal Greaser hadn't been well more'n two days before he stole Briggs' saddle-bags. Ah! Lord, there ain't any preacher nowhere 'round here, or we'd had him to say something more p'nted to you than I can say it. I never pattered any with the Bible, and can't just now remember a hymn song, but I'm a man of my word—I mean what I say—and Briggs, if he gets a chance, will make a good record in heaven as any one that ever got there. He had, away down in his heart, something that was square and as true as steel, and, oh, Lord! you mustn't go back on that kind of a man, 'cause they're too skeerer in these parts, Amen."

The prayer was as rough as Bob, but no more sincere, as was evidenced by his tearful eye and trembling lip. After the prayer, the boys ranged themselves on one side of the grave, and, drawing their six-shooters, fired a salute over their dead comrade, and while the sharp reports were still echoing through the vaults of the forest, they turned and slowly left the scene.

The Immigration Boom.

The Minnesota journals assert that ten thousand people are passing through St. Paul weekly on their way to make homes in the West. Add to this the number of people weekly leaving Kansas, Iowa and other states and do not pass through St. Paul, and the reader can form some idea of the immigration boom that will increase the population of the north-west one hundred per cent. within the next three years. Taking the fact of ten thousand people passing through St. Paul weekly for its text, a Salt Lake paper says:

"What does this signify? It means that further west, where all

is silence now, 2,000 homes will be planted next week, and probably 100 times 2,000 acres of land will be put under cultivation, and that heretofore has furnished nothing save food to wild beasts. When the smoke rises over 2,000 new homes in a week, where a week before there was nothing but barbarism, it means progress. The voices of 10,000 men and women and children all at once sounding and driving back the immemorial echoes of the wild, is music which the angel in the sun will hear in his daily round and make a note of. It means that new cities are to be created, new temples built; it means that new thrones to industry, to learning and to order are about to be dedicated."

Then after referring to the "Grand Army" of 500,000 men that marched with Napoleon to make the conquest of Russia, the following comparison is drawn:

"There is to be no Borodino; no Moscow in flames; no camping in the snow which to whole squadrons is to be an eternal bivouac. Rather praises to liberty are to be chanted where they were never sung before; great areas are to grow yellow under the gold of the harvest; the songs of children are to pierce the ears of the monster of barbarism, and cause it to slink cowering away; the trails of the pure women are to sanctify the wild, and within a year a new state will grow into place. If the sun can flash back no gold from helmets, it can turn to gold the spires of churches and school houses; if there shall be no cannon's roar, there will be heard the solemn sweep of the power-press, which is more potent than "all the lofty instruments of war;" if there shall be no waving standards, there will be waving grain, and plumes, better than all the plumes of war, will grow upon the corn. The order of the march of the world each day will be brought by a courier swifter than any that Napoleon ever commanded, and laid on every man's breakfast table; caressing words will be whispered daily through the telephones, back and forth; above all will float the old flag; and beneath its shadow will be jubilant people toiling to add to the world's food supply, at the same time to educate their children, to make them real men and women. Surely, no battle picture could ever compare with this; no conquest made in war is worth a thought compared to the sublime advance of this Army of Peace."

Straws Indicate the Wind.

It was Jay Gould, we believe, who remarked "Arrangements between railroad companies are made to be broken." Several weeks ago it was announced that an agreement to divide territory had been made between the Northern Pacific and the Union Pacific, whereby all the country west of Snake river, or in other words, Washington, Oregon and North Idaho, should constitute the domain of the Villard combination, and all east of there should be the property of the Union Pacific. Other parts of the agreement refer to the joint occupation of Montana.

The public were given to understand that by this agreement the Oregon Short Line, an extension of the Union Pacific, was to terminate at the mouth of Burnt river, and the Baker City branch of the O. R. & N. system to end at the same place. Since then the surveyors of the O. S. L. have been engaged in locating—not merely making a preliminary survey—a route for a railroad down Snake river, large parties working up from Lewiston and down from Burnt river. The managers of the O. S. L. do not choose to say why they are expending thousands of dollars in making surveys beyond the point where they are reported to have agreed to stop building their road.

Recently the leading citizens of Boise held a meeting to consider the railroad question. At that

meeting Hon. John Hailey is reported to have said, in substance, that if the people of that place would offer sufficient inducement the O. R. & N. Co. would extend its road eastward from Burnt river to that place. He is reported to have spoken as one who had conferred with the managers of the O. R. & N. Co. Mr. Hailey is not a man who speaks without knowledge.

Now here are two straws both being blown the same way. It is reasonable to suppose they show the course of the wind.

It is possible that the managers of the Union Pacific have discovered that Mr. Villard has had them out snipe hunting, and while they have been holding the bag he has trapped all the game, and they are seeking a way out of the unpleasant predicament.

The construction of the Oregon Short Line was undertaken by the Union Pacific to relieve itself of the bar to its progress to the Pacific Ocean interposed by the Central Pacific. It is not reasonable to suppose that that gigantic company will build 500 miles of railroad through almost a desert country and stop within 400 miles of the Pacific coast and that too, when almost every mile of the remaining distance is rich in local traffic. It may be possible to fool the managers of the Union Pacific into an agreement to keep out of "the promised land," but we believe they are smart enough to find a way of breaking the agreement and strong enough to do it. It also strikes us that the remarks of Mr. Hailey indicates that the Villard combination are afraid the Union Pacific won't stick to its bargain.—Walla Walla Union.



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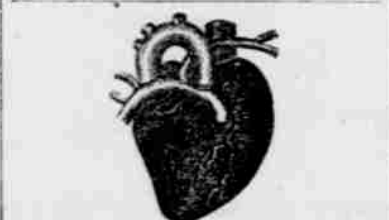
A touching incident is related by the Bay City Tribune of Professor Cocker, of Michigan University: Shortly before his death he called the attention of his pastor to a worn and faded shawl spread on his bed and requested to have it wrapped around his body and buried with him. He had made it himself when a young man in England; had worn it in all his journeyings to and from over the Atlantic and Pacific oceans; when residing in Australia; when he escaped from the Fiji Islanders as they were preparing to kill and roast him when he was shipwrecked. It accompanied him when he landed in the United States and even clad the remains of his dead child when, penniless and disheartened, he first arrived in Adrian. His wish was gratified.

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