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## THE FIRST WHISTLE.

The story of the first steam whistle on the Missouri river is amusing. Its introduction dates back to 1844. At that time the settlers on the Missouri river were in the habit of making regular yearly visits to St. Louis to do their trading for themselves and their friends. They were not provided with daily intercourse with the outside world, and many who lived back from the river seldom, if ever, saw a steamboat more than once a year. It happened that during the fall of 1844 the new steamboat *Lexington* started up the Missouri river, loaded down to the guards with freight.

The steamer was provided with a steam whistle—the first used on the Missouri river—and as it happened no one new about it except Warner, who was a wag and a lover of jokes. The night after leaving St. Louis the passengers were collected together playing cards (for fun) in the cabin, when the talk turned upon steamboat explosions, then very common.

"I feel perfectly safe on this boat," said Warner, as he dealt the cards.

"Why?" inquired Yocum the planter.

"Why?" echoed the rest of the company.

"I will tell you why," said the wag, carefully studying his cards.

"This boat is provided with a new patent safety valve, which notifies passengers when it is about to blow up. It is a concern which makes a most unearthly noise, and when you hear it, it is time to get back aft or jump overboard."

Notwithstanding the fact that Warner told his story with the most solemn and earnest countenance, some were skeptical. Not so, however, with the planter.

Next morning, when the *Lexington* was steaming up the long, straight stretch of river just below Washington, Mo., the passengers were at breakfast. The meal had been called, and all were busily engaged in doing justice to the good things accustomed to be served on steamboats in those days. Suddenly the whistle commenced to blow, the first time on the trip. The passengers looked at each other a moment, and horror and dismay spread over their faces. The first man to realize the situation and act was Yocum, the planter, who, with hair erect and blanched face, jumped up, crying as he pulled over one after another of the passengers:

"Run, run for your lives, the d—d thing is going to bust. Come with me and let's save ourselves."

Of course, there was a stampede for the rear of the boat, and it was only by the exertions of some of the crew that the more excited were restrained from jumping into the river.

This story of David Crockett is going the rounds: On his return to Texas after his first winter as a representative in congress, his neighbors overwhelmed him with questions about life in the city of Washington. "When do they dine?" one demanded. "Common people such as we have here," Col. Crockett replied, "dine at 1 o'clock, the big ones at 3, we representatives at 4, and the aristocracy and senators eat at 5." Well, when does the president fodder?" "Old Hickory?" the Colonel exclaimed, "well, he doesn't dine till the next day."

The *Liverpool Mercury* says: There is in fact, only one thing that America cannot produce. She can not produce old churches. That is very true, but she can produce such a crop of new ones as to make England look like a heathen country in comparison.

According to commissioner Evans, there will be moonshiners in North Carolina and Tennessee as long as there are mountains in those states. He says he does not think illicit distilling can ever be fully stopped in those mountain regions.

## HASH.

In Norway a first-class dinner costs twenty-five cents. Iowa's timberlands have doubled in area in thirty years.

There is in the United States one lawyer for every 700 people.

The loss to Rochester, Minn., by the recent tornado exceeds \$300,000.

Negro physicians are wanted in the South. There are enough pastors.

Over ninety per cent of New York city people live in rented premises.

There are many brunettes at Saratoga, and they nearly all wear diamonds.

The taxable value of railroads now in New Mexico is placed at \$15,000,000.

New Mexico has an area of 122,000 square miles and a population of 150,000.

Three-fourths of the population of New Mexico are natives, who speak Spanish.

An ordinary peach-basket maker puts together three hundred baskets a day.

The center of the Brooklyn bridge hangs two feet higher in winter than in summer.

Nitro glycerine is now frequently used as a medicine, under the name of glonoine.

New Mexico is largely plastered with Mexican land grants, some of which are bogus.

Steamboat navigation on Lake Ontario dates back to 1816, and on Lake Erie to 1817.

Five million acres more public land were taken up or sold last year than the year before.

A lemonade bath is said to whiten the skin—a sort of lime-juice whitewash, as it were.

The total valuation of Vermont is given at \$169,022,800, against \$167,733,000 last year.

Since 1861 conscience-stricken persons have paid \$186,459.01 into the United States treasury.

New York eats \$5,000,000 worth of oysters in a year. Philadelphia \$3,500,000, and Boston \$1,750,000.

The subject of establishing country workhouses for tramps will be agitated in the state of New York.

Governor Sheldon of New Mexico says the greatest want of the territory is a proper school system.

It is represented that New Mexico contains 8,000,000 acres of land adapted to fruit and cereal culture.

The horse population of the United States is now over 11,000,000, or about one horse to every five human beings.

Every Massachusetts citizen who sets out four trees by the highway is allowed \$1 abatement of his highway tax.

All railroads except the Atlantic and Pacific, are exempt from taxation in New Mexico, for a period of six years.

The taxable property of New Mexico this year is \$27,137,903, against \$14,088,524 in 1881, and \$20,441,395 in 1882.

Joaquin Miller is impressed with the lovely suburbs of Boston, but the heart of the city is horse cars and graveyards.

Our country, it seems, can run along very nicely for awhile whether the government lives at Washington or not.

Mrs. Jeremiah Levitt, of Tilton, N. H., has a watch in her possession that is 573 years old. It was made in London in 1310.

Southern newspapers remark that while the growth of their states is comparatively slow, the population is strongly American.

A letter containing \$3 in bills turned up at Iliou, N. Y., the other day, after wandering through various postoffices for sixteen years.

Land turtles are becoming

fashionable for ladies' pets in Pennsylvania. They are dressed in ribbons and jewelry, and are as beautiful as the lovely pug dog.

A New York paper intimates that noise is a tonic and if all the sounds in that roaring city were to suddenly stop many people would fall down dead.

## Oregon Short Line.

The Salt Lake *Tribune* of the 11th says the Oregon Short Line reached the mouth of Boise river, thirty miles below Boise City, on last Saturday. At this point the supply of steel rails became exhausted and there will be a short halt by the track layers. Superintendent Doddridge issued orders yesterday for the erection of a depot, and for that place, called Caldwell, to be a terminal station for the present. From Caldwell to the junction with the Oregon Navigation & Railway company in Burnt river it is some thirty or forty miles, part of which will be very expensive to build. Snake river is to be crossed just above the mouth of Boise river, after which the track will run on the west side a few miles, then cross the river again to the east side, and afterwards back to the west thus making three long and expensive bridges. This is made necessary by the broken condition of the country. There has been considerable talk about the road being run down Snake river to Lewiston, a distance of 186 miles from the point of junction with the O. R. & N. Co. The route has been surveyed and mapped, but it would be so expensive that there is no prospect of its being built. Such a road would have to pass through a great gorge or canyon thirty miles long. Very few persons have ever passed through this canyon, because of the difficulties and dangers attending the trip. We learn that the road is carrying many passengers and much freight between Granger and the present western terminus, a large percentage of business being with the Wood river country.



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## MOTHERS, READ.

GENTS:—About nine years ago I had a child two years old and almost dead. The doctor I had attending her could not tell what ailed her. I asked him if he did not think it was worms. He said no. However, this did not satisfy me, as I felt convinced in my own mind that she had. I obtained a bottle of Dr. C. McLANE'S CELEBRATED VERMIFUGE. I gave her a teaspoonful in the morning and another at night, after which she passed twenty-two worms and was well. Since then I have never been without it in my family. The health of my children remained so good that I had neglected watching their actions until about three weeks ago, when two of them passed the same kind of worms. I then procured a bottle of Dr. C. McLANE'S VERMIFUGE between four of my children, their ages being as follows: Alice, 2 years; Mary, 1 year; Emma, 6 years; John, 8 years. Now comes the result. Alice and Emma came out right, but Charles passed forty-five and Johnny about sixty worms. The result was so gratifying that I spent two days in showing the wonderful effect of your Vermifuge around Ulies, and now have the worms on exhibition in my store. Yours truly, JOHN PERKINS.

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