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AN EMIGRANT TRAIN.

A night in a western emigrant train is thus described by R. L. Stevens, in *Longman's Magazine*:

I have been suffering in my health a good deal all the way; and at last, whether I was exhausted by my complaint or poisoned in some wayside eating house, the evening we left Laramie, I fell sick outright. That was a night which I shall not readily forget. The lamps did not go out; each made a faint shining in its own neighborhood, and the shadows were confounded together in the long hollow box of the car. The sleepers lay in uneasy attitudes; here two clumps alongside, flat upon their backs like dead folk; there a man sprawling on the floor, with his face upon his arm; there another half seated, with his head and shoulders upon the bench. The most passive were continually and roughly shaken by the movement of the train; others stirred, turned or stretched out their arms like children; it was surprising how many groaned and murmured in their sleep; and as I passed to and fro, stepping across the prostrate, and caught now a snore now a gasp, now a half-formed word, it gave me a measure of the worthlessness of rest in that unresting vehicle. Although it was cold, I was obliged to open my window; for the degradation of the air soon became intolerable to one who was awake and using the full supply of life. Outside in a glimmering night, I saw the black, amorphous hills shoot by unweariedly into our wake. They that long for morning have never longed for it more earnestly than I, and yet when day came, it was to shine upon the same broken unsightly quarter of the world. Miles upon miles, and not a tree, a bird or a river. Only down the long, sterile canyons, the train shot, hooting, and awoke the resting echo. That train was the one piece of life in all the deadly land; it was the one actor, the one spectacle fit to be observed in this paralysis of man and nature. And when I think how the railroad has been pushed through this unwatered wilderness and haunt of savage tribes, and now will bear an immigrant for some £12 from the Atlantic to the Golden Gate; how at each stage of the construction, roaring impromptu cities, full of gold and lust and death, sprang up and then died away again, and are now but wayside stations in the desert; how in these uncouth places pigtailed Chinese pirates worked side by side with border ruffians and broken men from Europe, talking together in a mixed dialect, mostly oaths, gambling, drinking, quarrelling and murdering like wolves; how the plumed hereditary lord of all America heard, in this last fastness, the scream of the "bad medicine wagon," charioting his foes; and then, when I go on to remember that all this epical turmoil was conducted by gentlemen in frock coats, and with a view to nothing more extraordinary than a fortune and a subsequent visit to Paris, it seems to me, I own, as if this railway was the typical achievement of the age in which we live, as if it brought together, into one plot, all the ends of the world and all the degrees of social rank, and offered to some great warrior the busiest, the most extended and the most varied subject of an enduring literary work. If it be romance, if it be contrast, if it be heroism that we require, what was Troy to this?

Transmutation.

An object lesson in the transmutation of virtues is conveyed in this paragraph from an exchange: "Tennyson can take a worthless sheet of paper, and by writing a poem on it make it worth \$5,000. That's genius. Vanderbilt can write a few words on a sheet, and make it worth \$5,000,000. That's capital. The United States can take an ounce and a quarter of gold, and stamp upon it an 'eagle

bird' and 'twenty bars.' That's money. The mechanic can take the material worth \$5, and make it into a watch worth \$100. That's skill. The merchant can take an article worth twenty-five cents and sell it for \$1. That's business. A lady can purchase a very comfortable bonnet for \$10, but she prefers to pay \$100. That's foolishness. The ditch digger works ten hours a day and shovels out three or four tons of earth for \$2. That's labor."

Boys of the old Kind.

When any man who has been a boy himself attempts to put on dignity and take the boys of the present day across his journalistic knee because they indulge in "idiotic enthusiasm," he starts the Irish in us, and the red hair soaps like stroking the fur of a cat the wrong way. Let the editor so inclined look back twenty-five years and think of the devilry that was going on among the boys at that time, and compare it with the quiet of to-day. Twenty-five years ago boys never thought of paying to go to a show, but crawled up to the window on boards, and got in, and the audience could consider itself in luck if they didn't raise the roof. The boys of a quarter of a century ago were regular cowboys compared with your truly good boys of the present day. Why, man, don't you remember when a Sunday morning in summer would have seemed tame indeed if the people on the way to church did not find a procession of fifty wagons on Main street, placed there the night before by the "boys." Don't you remember how every wagon contained a crockery crate, with a dog inside, and each cage labeled with the name of some rare animal caught in the jungles of Africa or lassoed on the plains of Venezuela by Indians. Of course your great mind can go back to the time when every sign in town that was not printed on stone or cut in marble in the sidewalk, would appear in the wrong place in the morning, and you can recall how the long-faced citizens who could not see any fun in such monkey work, said those boys would all fetch up in state prison. We have watched the state prison records for a quarter of a century, and not a single name of one of those old boys is recorded in any prison, but we can point out fifteen of them who occupy high position in all branches of business. There are lawyers, as good as the state can produce, among those nocturnal managerie organizers and smoke-house movers of the old time. There is a judge of a western state who used to make a specialty of putting zebra stripes on a white dog with a black brush. His decisions are said to be marked with no evidence that he ever worked half the night to carry the northwest corner of a smokehouse around a block to have it ready in the morning. There is a capitalist living in this city, who helped place a 200 pound wooden boot, stolen from the front of a shoe store, upon a school house at Whitewater one night, but the exercise did him good, and nobody was harmed.—*Peck's Sun.*

A man was carrying a coon he had caught when he met three little boys in the road. All of them said excitedly, "Mister, give me that coon, give me that coon, give me that coon mister?" "Well, boys, I'll tell you what I will do. If you will tell me what party you belong to and why, I'll give it to the boy who gives the best reason for his faith." "I'm a Republican, because that party saved the Union," said one. "I'm a Green-backer, because that party is in favor of plenty of money." When the time for the third boy came, he said: "I'm a Democrat, 'cause I want the coon."—*New Orleans Democrat.*

A thousand million dollars is the estimated shrinkage of Wall street values within two years.


The agriculture of Western Oregon will soon be governed by different conditions. The products of this region will be required to supply the wants of a city of one hundred thousand population, and other business points, on Puget Sound, and the Columbia will require as much more. It is within the reason to believe that a quarter of a million population of cities in Western Oregon and Washington will have to be fed within ten years from this date. It shall be the aim of our agriculture to supply the needs of this home market so thoroughly as to leave no room for California products to find sale. At the present time the carrying of products from California does much to support the line of steamers between San Francisco and Portland. We import butter and cheese by the ton twice a week; fruits and vegetables, dried and canned products, manufactured products of many kinds that could be grown and put up here are brought here by hundreds of tons, and in return we send them the money received for our staples—wheat and wool. A condition of things that should not exist.—*Willamette Farmer.*

A London cable special says: The general feeling throughout Europe is of real uneasiness. It is felt that the relations of the great powers are daily growing more uncertain and dangerous and that the universal strain cannot be much longer sustained. The foreign policy of France has no part in producing this situation, but all diplomatists look with anxiety to the Balkan peninsula and a growing probability of a rupture between Russia and Austria. In the mean time Prince Bismarck is maturing and strengthening his great alliance, which has for its first object the relief of Germany from her intolerable military burdens and for its second general tranquility of Europe. It is not probable that either can be attained without a struggle, but a swift and decisive contest in the east, from which France could at present be excluded, would have no terrors for either Germany or Austria.



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