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THE PONY EXPRESS.

Recently we referred, in these columns, to a book published by an eastern concern on the Pony Express, containing stories of the overland mail and famous rides and riders. A friend of the "News" writing from Oxford, Idaho, expresses appreciation of the synopsis given of the book, and adds a few reminiscences, some of which correct certain statements of the author, which, in the view of our esteemed correspondent, are not entirely in accordance with facts. The writer says:

"The riders' routes were never to exceed 70 miles. Each rider usually rode from 40 to 50 miles. I carried the first pony express myself, from Ruby Valley coming east, to Egan Canyon, about April 7, 1860. I held that ride until the following July, once a week each way, then carried the express until July, 1861, from Salt Lake City to Faust's Station in Rush Valley, passing through camel Flats, where Major Howard Egan carried the first Pony Express from the west to Salt Lake City, and his son R. E. Egan, carried the first express from Salt Lake City west to Ruby Valley. Major Howard Egan was the superintendent of the division west from Salt Lake City to Sacramento, Cal. Hollivar Roberts, however, was not in the employ of the Pony Express Co. as stated. He was at one time division agent on the old Geo. Chorpensing semi-monthly mail route. George Thatcher never rode west of Salt Lake City, in fact he only rode a very short time from Salt Lake City east to 'Hanks' station. When the Pony Express first started from April to July 1860, we only made one trip per week each way, after that until the telegraph line was established, the number of riders were doubled and we made two trips a week each way. The riders from Salt Lake, going east after camel Flats were, Ruby Valley, was Henry Worley and Tom King, the riders from Salt Lake, going west to Faust's station in Rush Valley, via Camp Floyd, were 'Bas Egan' (R. E. Egan) and 'Billy Fisher' (W. F. Fisher, myself).

"Most of the old riders have passed away. I know of only a very few now. Even if I made out in the open, riding and fastest for the distance, owing to only having nine changes of animals, the Indians having burnt the stations, killed some of the riders and run off the horses last week, Ruby Valley and Salt Lake City, I brought the express pouches from Ruby Valley to Salt Lake City, three hundred miles, in thirty-four hours. I took the election returns, Salt Lake City to Ruby Valley (10 miles) in three hours and a forty minutes. My comrades, or many of them, were killed, some scalped, some buried up, others horribly mutilated. Many scenes of horror and Indian outrages, are still fresh in my memory. Yours truly, 'WM. F. FISHER.'"

Very few of the younger generation have any conception of the nature of the work performed by the pathfinders who made possible the establishment of civilization in these regions. It is a subject well worth contemplating. Any contribution that sheds light on the early days of this western empire is therefore welcome.

BONDS AND BONDAGE.

Here is another argument for mortgaging your homes by voting bonds:

"Most of that money will be paid to labor. There will be more food and clothing bought because of it. There will be more meals sold at the restaurants, more furniture bought, more rent paid for houses; more supplies bought."

"If that is a valid argument in favor of plunging the City further into debt, to the extent of \$600,000, it is equally strong in favor of making the new debt one million, or ten million, dollars. If it is true that most of the money borrowed goes to benefit laborers, \$600,000 is too small a sum. Make it a few millions. Those millions will buy many more meals at the restaurants, more furniture, more supplies, than \$600,000. So why stop at that sum, if it is true that all you need to do to create prosperity is to borrow money?"

Suppose another plan. This City now has an annual revenue of \$1,300,000. If \$500,000 of that revenue were appropriated annually for administrative purposes, and spent only for actual services rendered in the various departments and offices, that sum ought to secure a pretty good government to a City of this size. It might not be sufficient to pay \$20,000 for worthless advertising or \$20,000 for unnecessary auditing, or \$75,000 for whitewash, but it ought to be ample for all legitimate expenses. Then there would be \$500,000 to spend annually on "improvements." Would not \$500,000 saved by an honest business administration buy just as many meals, and as much furniture, and pay as much rent and be good for just as large a quantity of supplies, as \$500,000 borrowed? It would. The argument quoted is not an argument for bonds, but for a policy of economy which makes improvements possible, and on that question there is no difference of opinion.

The only difference is this. Some say, let us run into debt to the very limit of our credit. Others say, let us save all we can of the City's revenues, by an honest business administration, and borrow money only as a last resort. On which side is reason? Which proceeding is most advantageous to the citizen? Men engaged in private business, if they have their senses, do not consider it sound economy to squander their resources and borrow money to keep the business going.

Is there anyone with any knowledge of prevailing conditions, who believes that the force behind the majority in the council has any solicitude for the welfare of the laborer who owns homes here and help pay the taxes?

Was it that kind of labor that was employed here, mostly, last year, on the streets? Those who have the welfare of laborers at heart will not advocate an enormous municipal debt under normal conditions, because such indebtedness means higher cost of living. The consumer always carries the economic burden. And the heaviest part always falls on those least able to carry it. Do not be deceived by false promises of prosperity as a result of debt. Prosperity comes from industry and economy, not from extravagance and bonds.

A SIGNIFICANT "IF."

Mr. George T. Odell is quoted as having said: "I am in favor of a \$500,000 bond issue for use in the betterment of the City and the improvement of public utilities in Salt Lake City, if legitimately used and expended." Yes, "if."

But, letters have now been issued from "American" headquarters to the heads of departments urging them to set the employees of the City to work for the party. "In your talk with your subordinates," the letter says, "pleas have each assigned to some specific work in the particular district in which he lives. Instruct him to report to the chairman in his district for consultation and advice as to the particular needs of the district."

It certainly looks as if the employees of the City are expected to spend a large portion of the time they owe to the City, working for the "American" party. It certainly looks as if the party manipulators were planning to pay for party work out of the City's funds. Is that "legitimate" expenditure?

RESULTS OF DRINK.

"According to information sent out by the Scientific Temperance Federation, Boston, a German writer, Dr. Hirschfeld, shows by statistics the enormous cost of drunkenness to the city of Berlin. He says that over 5,000 men and 500 women are annually arrested for drunkenness; 30 per cent of the patients treated in the Charolottenburg hospital showed injury from alcohol; 540 new cases of alcoholism were received in the 'Dalldorf'; 46 per cent of the epileptics received in another institution were the children of drinking parents; 67.2 per cent of the children in the Berlin reformatory were of alcoholic parentage; 10,000 persons were brought before the courts on account of alcohol; 67 1/2 million marks (about \$1,625,000) are paid by the people of Berlin to take care of the poverty due to alcoholism.

Another doctor in an article in Allgemeine Zeitschrift fuer Psychiatric gives the results of some investigations, extending over two and one-half years, in the clinic for mental diseases in Konigsberg concerning the history of patients who have attempted suicide. Among 57 such patients there were 20 who were pronounced alcoholics and who had been led to attempt to take their lives, not from premeditation but as an outcome of the hallucinations characteristic of their disease. Nineteen of these cases were chronic drinkers, one was an occasional drinker. Dr. Kurbitz urges the erection of a national asylum where such patients can be committed and detained for at least one year. Where they are held for but a short time and allowed to go, they return to their old ways and soon their own lives or those of others are in jeopardy again.

Cold comfort is the kind of comfort a man wants these days.

It is a poor, insignificant office that seeks the man these days.

Richard Pearson Hobson seems to look upon a war cloud as a halo.

"What is fame?" asks the Baltimore American. Judicious advertising.

"Cap" Anson, of baseball fame, faces bankruptcy. It must remind him of the good old days when he faced a hostile umpire.

A St. Louis girl has succeeded in swimming twenty-six miles at a single stretch. That girl certainly is in the swim.

There are thirty thousand proprietary medicines on the American market. And every one is guaranteed to cure every human ill.

Now that Judge Taft has been made a member of the Steam Shoelinen's union, will he call a spade a spade or will he call it a steam shovel?

Mr. Bryan is the greatest optimist in the world. He believes that every voter in the country is willing to make a campaign contribution of one dollar.

"Summer in Seattle is a succession of diamond mornings, daisy afternoons, and darling evenings," says the Post-Intelligencer. Such a climate must be "just lovely."

Willis Moore, chief of the weather bureau, was a guest of Judge Taft's at Hot Springs, Va., today. It is surmised that the purpose of his visit was to make a few forecasts.

It will cost thirteen million dollars to take the thirteenth census. Couldn't the cost be reduced a million so as to have thirteen follow thirteenth? It would sound more pleasing.

In Louisiana it is a misdemeanor, punishable with fine and imprisonment, for a person to drink from one's flask on a train. Down among the Pelicans it will soon be a misdemeanor for one to taut his own "horn."

A Danish gathering will be held at Lakoon on the 28th of this month, in honor of Ivar Kirkegaard, of Racine, Wis., editor of the Danish magazine, Nordens. There will undoubtedly be a large turnout, as a good program has been arranged.

What is the use of taking a week's vacation when one can get just as tired and worn out in a day if he will only start for the canyon early enough, go far enough, climb high enough and

return late enough, as he can in a week?

Neither of the great parties will receive campaign contributions from corporations. That is the proper stand and is a step towards the elimination of the influence of money in presidential elections, an evil from which the whole country has suffered.

"Zero Snow will undoubtedly extend his sympathy to Freeze Quick, who has recently dropped out of a race for public office in Pennsylvania. We are given to understand that the pace was too hot for Mr. Quick," says the Chicago Record-Herald. The old Salt Laker's name is Zera, not Zero.

"It is not a question of sentiment, or of politics: it is simply a straight business proposition," says the organ of the Pseudo-American party speaking of the proposed bond issue. For the sake of argument let it be assumed that it is "simply a straight business proposition," then as such a proposition defeat it at the polls.

Some of the bond hoodlums tell the people that the citizens who are against bonding the City this time, are not proud of Salt Lake. They never have a good word to say for the City. They are a bad lot, entirely. The fact is that among those opposed to this scheme are citizens who have spent a lifetime making the City what it is. Among them are men and women who are doing all in their power to boom the City, and counteract the chilling and killing influence of the anti-Mormon disseminators of falsehoods about this City and State. Among them are some of the substantial tax-payers, and a great many home-owners who have already felt the iron heel of oppression in the form of special taxation for "improvements."

THE NEWEST REVOLUTION.

Cleveland Plain Dealer. Honduras seems to be the latest victim of Latin-American insurrection. So menacing are conditions in the insignificant republic that the United States will probably be compelled to send a gunboat to Honduras waters to prevent the destruction of American property. The barefooted brown soldiers of the Central American insurrectionary armies are little more responsible than mischievous vandals. They run a wack for a time, and smash things generally, without distinction. If it were not for this propensity to destroy property neither the United States nor any other great nation would greatly care how often the revolutions occur. A new revolutionary government is usually quite as stable and satisfactory as the one it drives out.

PEACE AND OLYMPIC GAMES.

At the original Olympic games held on that famous little plain in Elis, on the western coast of the Peloponnesus, pure Hellenic blood was the first qualification demanded of the competitor. In the first modern revival of the games, opened yesterday in London, twenty-one nations are represented. There is an entry even from Turkey. In the old classic days of Greece the plain at Olympia was dedicated to Zeus; the sports themselves adorned a festival of religious character. Today's Olympiad is purely secular. A National Review writer reminds us, nevertheless, that there is room still to apply to the new celebration of the games, with all its international outlook, that idea of peace and unity which attached to the ancient competition, which led to the proclamation by heralds throughout Greece of a truce covering the period of the contests between all fighting cities and states.

PECULIAR CONDITIONS.

An investigation has been conducted in the District of Columbia which set forth a surprising result as to the physical condition of the youth of the city of Washington. Under the recent child labor law, those under sixteen years of age must first obtain a certificate of rugged health before accepting a position. Since June 30, 1,700 such children have been passed upon by the official inspector. Of the number rejected, seventy-five were boys and only two girls. It is stated that the number of male applicants was the larger, but the percentage of boys suffering from physical disability was very much larger than that of girls. The defect that caused the rejection was principally heart and lung trouble. Inquiry has satisfied the inspectors that similar conditions are to be found in all large cities, that is that city girls under the age of sixteen are far healthier than city boys of corresponding ages.

JUST FOR FUN.

A Vacation. According to some persons, a vacation consists in going to some place which you do not know whether you will like for the purpose of spending money which you are certain you will need later on.—New York Herald.

Stranger—This village boasts of a choral society, doesn't it? Resident—No, we just endure it with resignation.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

"Should a man go to college after 50?" "Well, he might pass muster at tennis," answered the expert. "But a man can't expect to do much in baseball or football at that age."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Blobbs—What is the average cost of maintaining an automobile? Blobbs—There isn't any average. It all depends upon how well you stand with the judges who name the fines.—Philadelphia Record.

Summer Boarder—You wrote me that mosquitoes were nowhere in this neighborhood. Farmer—I reckon there's some mistake, pardner. I must 'o' writ that mosquitoes were now here in the neighborhood.—Judge.

Vicar—I'm glad to see, Mrs. Tipple, that your husband is keeping steady. He seems quite to have turned over to a new leaf.

Mrs. T.—That 'e 'ave, sir. 'E's took a bitter oath never to touch a drop o' drink again—not in this world!—Punch.

European bandit chief (after the coach robbery)—Curses on these personally conducted tourists! The fourth lot of Americans this month, and again our loot is but souvenir postcards, souvenir spoons, guide books, stones, pressed leaves, and pieces of lava!—Puck.

Son—If she accepts me, of course you'll have to make any allowance three times what it is now.

Father—See here, as I'm paying for this, why not let her come into the entire fortune at once by marrying me?

She's just the sort of girl I'd choose to superintend your bringing up.—Life.

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