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NEW YORK.

Interesting Letters from one of our Traveling Friends.

New York, Sept. 8, 1875.

Editor Exchange.

It is so. We are out in a big world.

sure enough. It is so large, and I

have seen so many interesting things

that I do not know where to commence

to write about them. We had a pleas-

ant ride to the "Mound City,"

though I cannot say much of the gen-

eral face of the country, or of the crop

prospects, as we had night nearly all

the way. When we awoke, however,

we were in the beautiful undulating

prairies of Illinois, with their thou-

sands of acres of corn. The crop does

not look half as well as in Tennessee,

however, as it has been injured badly

by the rains. We staid all night at St.

Louis and looked in upon some of our

old friends, though we were too busy

to look around much. We could see

a very great improvement in the city,

in one short year. Being an adopted

son of Missouri, St. Louis you know

is my natural pride. She is putting

up a great many magnificent buildings

and is greatly improving in appear-

ance daily. The new Custom House

is going up rapidly, and the new Mer-

chants Exchange does a great credit

to the city. The city is having an

immigration of one thousand permanent

inhabitants a week, and before the

next century shall have closed she

will be the city of the western

world. By the way she is busily en-

gaged in a project in which every in-

habitant of the whole Mississippi val-

ley is directly interested, and one

they should foster by all means. It

is the direct export of all the surplus

grain and agricultural products gen-

erally, as well as mineral products, to

South America and sell them directly

instead of shipping them to New

York, Boston and other sea coast

towns, thence to Europe, where they

are reshipped to South America. It

will give us a great advantage if

prices if successfully established and

help our people very much in getting

a ready paying market for their sur-

plus, be it what it may. Let every

one lend an encouraging hand to

enterprise, which if successful, will

be of such great advantage to that

country. But this is out of the gen-

eral line of my letter. We here took

trains by that reliable old road the Van-

dah to New York and started out

upon one of Mr. Pullman's well-arranged

sleepers, with that whole-souled fel-

low, T. Layton, whom you will find, if

your ever come east over his road and

in his car, a "gentleman to the man-

or born." It was again night, so we

did not have much chance to look in

upon central Illinois, but when we

awoke we found ourselves in the beau-

tiful "Western Reserve" and looking

with perfect amazement at the high

state to which agriculture is carried in

the State of Ohio. It is there they

have the large fields of hay and the

fine horses and cows that make a far-

mer's life look like something besides a

have just cut off their wheat and oats,

and they improve their lands greatly,

they say, by so doing. Something

strange to your people perhaps; yet

I never saw one man plowing with

less than two plows and often four.

They have splendid horses, fine, large

and stout. They put their plows in to

the beams, yet two of their horses walk

with perfect ease with two plows.

All of their plows were left handed

turning plows. They seem to do easier

work than the right handed plow.

All along the line of railroad, you

could see a flourishing village or town

every few miles. Now and then you

would come to a large sized city like

Champaign, which by the way, is one

of the prettiest little cities that I have

seen on my whole trip. Many of our

boys will remember it when I tell

them. I saw Camp Chase, I know.

Thanks to the allwise God, that,

like other vestiges of war, has passed

into forgetfulness and we are all be-

coming more firmly united as one peo-

ple, having one aim and one desire,

the prosperity of our common coun-

try, knowing no bounds except the

Atlantic and the Pacific, the lakes and

the Gulf.

We ride up the Muskegon valley for

over a hundred miles at the rate

of forty miles an hour. On either side

lies a beautiful plain with a splendid

back ground made up of hills and

valleys that made me think time and

again of Middle Tennessee. As we

approached Pittsburgh, however, the

hills begin to rise and we are lost in

the mountains that surround us. Ma-

ny a merry laugh and a fully conver-

sation is suddenly stopped because all

is total darkness, deeper than mid-

night itself. It is only temporary;

we have just run into a tunnel a half

a mile or so long, and at our rapid

speed we are soon out again to see

some persons in a ludicrous position

or with a strange expression upon

them. We now cross the little

Ohio river and run over into West

Virginia, along its southern bank,

when we begin to see signs of

our mineral wealth. Here you see a

vein of coal being worked and the

iron men digging up the iron ore;

the strength and heat of the nation

being laid in adjacent beds. We be-

gin now to look in upon the "Smoky

city." No one can form much idea

of its size going into it when we did

as great clouds of smoke hung over it

like a foggy morning on the Missis-

sippi. It is a city of over one hundred

thousand inhabitants and is in a more

flourishing condition just now than

any city in the East. The iron yield

last year was far in excess of any pre-

vious year and the people are doing

well. From here we rode to Har-

persburg in the night. When we awoke

've had gotten down into the Atlantic

coast; plain and land around us was

as level as our western prairies. Civil-

ization here bears the impress of age

and like old wine it begins to be mel-

low. There is not a garden spot in

money than they could use by follow-

ing out, what reason tell them to be

the poorer course. There is not a read-

ing and reflecting farmer but that

knows he is doing no good with cotton,

and reason tells him to try something

else. I do not pretend to be a practi-

cal farmer, but I know when farm-

ing pays a people, and how it pays

them, by reading it in their looks and

surroundings. No man wears ragged

clothes and lives on buttermilk and

beem the year around through choice.

It is natural for us to put on the best

appearance we can afford. Few men

will ride a poor horse if they have

one to feed him with, or drive a poor

wagon if they can afford a good one.

Something in the future.

Sept. 6, 75 JOHN SHEPHERD.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

His Reception and Speech at St. Louis.

St. Louis, Sept. 8.—Jefferson Davis

arrived at St. Louis at 10 o'clock this

morning at the Agricultural Fair at DeSoto, Mo., to-day

according to programme. There was a

great crowd present from Jefferson

and adjoining counties, and quite a

number of the most prominent citizens

of all political sentiments. Mr Davis

was well received, but no notable

demonstration was made on the occasion.