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BILL NYE'S PASS.

Lines on Returning the Precious Document to its Generous Giver.

Under date of March 30, 1887, the heart-broken Bill Nye addresses the following open epistle to the general passenger agent of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad, through the columns of the Chicago Inter-Ocean:

DEAR SIR: I enclose herewith annual pass No. Q. 035 for self and family over your justly celebrated road during the year 1887. I also return your photograph and the letters you have written me during the past five years. Will you kindly return mine? And so this brief and beautiful experience is to end and each must go his own way hereafter.

Alas!

To you this may be easy, but it brings a pang to my heart which your gentle letter of the first inst. can not wholly alleviate.

Whenever hereafter you look upon this tear-speckled pass will you not think of me? Remember that you have cast me from you and that I am wandering across the bleak and wind-swept plains, sadly enumerating the ties of my way to eternity.

I do not say this to reproach you, for I fear that you care for another, and so we could not be happy again together. But, oh! do you pause to fully comprehend the pang it costs me to return this pleasant-faced little pass with its conditions on the back? Could you see me even now, as I write these lines, turning away ever and anon, laying aside my trembling pen to go and sit by the grate and shudder and weep, and put out the fire with my bitter tears, your heart would soften, and you would say: "Return, oh wanderer, return!"

You do not say in your letter that I have been false to you, or that I have grown cold. You do not charge me with infidelity, or failure to provide. You simply say that it would be better for each to go his several ways, forgetting that my several ways are passing away, passing away.

It is all very well for you to talk about going your several ways. You have every facility for doing so, but with me it is different. Several years ago a large North western cyclone and myself tried to pass each other on the same track. When the wrecking crew found me I was in the crotch of a butternut tree with a broken leg. Since that time I have walked with great difficulty, and to go my several ways has been a serious matter with me.

But I do not want you to think that I am murmuring. I accept my doom calmly, yet with a slight tinge of unavailing regret.

Some time perhaps, in the middle of the dark and angry night, when the cold blasts wail through the telegraph wires and the crashing sleet rushes with wild and impetuous fury against the windows of your special car, as you lie warmly ensconced in your voluptuous berth and hear the pitiless winds with hoarse and croupy moans chase each other around the Kansas haystacks or shriek wildly away as they light out for their cheerless home in the Bad Lands, will you not think of me as I grope on blindly through the keen and pitiless blasts, stumbling over cattleguards, falling into culverts, and beating out my rare young brains against your rough right of way, will you not think of me? I do not ask much of you, but I do ask this as we separate forever.

As you whiz by me do not treat me with contumely, or throw crackers at me when I have meekly turned out to let your haughty old train go by. I have always spoken of you in the highest terms and I hope you will do the same by me.

Life is short at the best, and it is especially so for those who have to walk. Walking has already shortened my life a great deal, and I wouldn't be surprised if the exposure and bunions of the year 1887 carried me off, leaving a gap in American literature that will look like a new cellar.

Should any of your engineers or track men find me frozen in a cut next winter when the grass gets short and the nights get long, will you kindly ask them to report the brand to your auditor and instruct him to allow my family what he thinks would be right? I hate to write to you in this dejected manner, but you cannot understand how heavy my heart is to-day as I pen these lines.

I wish you and your beautiful road unmitigated success. It is a good road, for I have passed over it and enjoyed it. How different the country will look to me as I go bounding from tie to tie, slowly repeating to myself the trite remark once made by the Governor of North Carolina to the executive of South Carolina!

I hope you may never know what it is to pull into the quaint little city of La Junta with the dust of many a mile upon you and the thirst of a long uneventful journey in your throat. I hope that Congress will not pass a law next year which will make it a felony for a railroad man to say "gosh" without a permit. I hope that your life will be chuck full of hurrah and hallelujah, even if mine should be always bleak and joyless.

Can I do your road any good, either at home or abroad? Can I be of service to you over your right-of-way by collecting nuts, bolts, old iron or other bric-a-brac? I would be glad to influence immigration or pull weeds between the tracks if you would be willing to regard me as an employe.

I will now take a last look at the fair, young features of your pass before finally sealing this letter. How sad to see an annual pass cut down in life's young morning, ere one-fourth of its race had been run! How touchful to part from it forever!

What a sad year this has been so far! Earthquakes, fires, storms railway disasters and death in every form have visited our country, and now, like the biting blasts from Siberia or the nipping frosts from Manitoba, comes the congressional cutworm, cutting off the early crop of flowering annuals just as they had budded to bloom into beauty and usefulness!

I will now close this sad letter to go over into the vacant lot, behind the high board fence, where I can sob in an unfettered way without shaking the glass out of my casement.

Yours, with a crockful of unshed tears on hand. BILL NYE.

Inflammatory Rheumatism.

BOLTON'S PLAT,
MONTGOMERY, ALA., Dec. 20, 1886.
Swift's Specific Co., Atlanta, Ga.

GENTLEMEN: I have been a constant sufferer from inflammatory rheumatism for twenty-five years. For the past five years I was off and on the bed for several months at a time, racked with pain, and unable to put my foot to the ground. My wife had to cut up my food and feed me while I lay helpless on my bed. When I was turned in the bed, it had to be on the sheet, held on either side.

My physician, one of the ablest in Montgomery, finally gave me up; and he said my only hope was to go to Hot Springs.

My wife, however, persuaded me to try S. S. S. Three years ago I began to take the Specific, after having been treated for the inflammatory rheumatism by the most eminent physicians of Richmond, Va., Augusta and Savannah, Ga., and Montgomery, Ala. After a few bottles of S. S. S. I improved rapidly, and for a while ceased taking the medicine, and before the disease was eradicated. Later I had a relapse, and I immediately resorted to S. S. S., which soon brought me around all right, and since then I have attended regularly to my business.

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Railroads—Turnpikes &c.

CALEDONIA, KY., Mar. 31.—There has been so much written recently on the subject of the heading of this communication, that we feel afraid that what we have to say will go unheeded and unnoticed.

RAILROAD.

The I. A. & T., has at last reached Abe's Shop, a point at the crossing of the old Boyd Landing road, or probably better known as the "Old Canton Road."

Like all communities that have for time immemorial pulled and hauled everything they raised to market over the worst roads on earth, felt an anxiety that knew no bounds; they enjoyed expectations that caused them to move with a quicker tread onward to toil and sacrifice. We had drawn quite a picture of what R. Rs. can bring to our door. We conceived the idea of a depot, daily mails, place to deliver freights &c. We heard of the changing of owners of the road and that only made our hearts beat the faster as we knew that there could be no doubts of the speedy building. But how hopes can be blasted and anticipations prove false. For here we are with a lake stretching for miles on one side and the Sinking Fork on the other leaving a scope of country, from, say, Chas. Dade's in Christian, to Cadiz in Trigg, comprising a scope of country for agriculture not surpassed in Kentucky. The whys and wherefores of all this sorrow and disappointment they tell us grow out of the fact that two men refused to give the right of way save and except at the point of the bayonet. The contemplated depot would have been located on one or the other of these gentlemen's land. So in order to give an "eye for an eye" and a "tooth for a tooth," this vast country is left without the means of availability. We do not intend in this article to say who was right or that our neighbors have done a wrong, but we do say that the result of this difficulty has redounded to the misfortune of the entire community and it does look hard, that because two men insulted the I. A. & T. the entire community should be lashed with the fury of bitter revenge on their backs and the innocent be made to suffer at their hands a wrong or supposed wrong, in which they have as little to do as the recent Khedive of Egypt did in the costume of Mrs. Stanford at Glover's marriage in Washington, yet we are reliably informed that you must take your freight over lakes, through farms, and leave same at Newstead or you will pass through a lane too narrow for two dogs to pass in and with a bottom that July itself fails to settle. Thence around and round and finally make a deposit at Henry Bryant's. (That is if you ever get there).

TURNPIKES.

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Having recently been so very badly disappointed we held our breath lest something might transpire to prevent the greatest blessing to any country under the sun. We read and read. Some were for and some were against. Of course we could not understand how any man with brains could resist good roads unless he had gone about premeditatedly with malice aforethought, to utterly damn his people, his county and himself.

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Epidemic.

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Bowersville, O.

SCATES' MILL DISTRICT.

MACEDONIA, Mar. 31.—Jack Frost has scooped about all the peaches in this section.

Measles is still raging in this part of the country. Mr. J. D. Orten the popular knight of the yard stick at White & Murphy's, has it.

Mr. John W. McCarroll and family went to Crittenden county on a visit last week and the entire family were very sick Monday supposed to be taking measles.

Our young friend Rock Rowe, of Crofton, was down here this week.

Messrs. T. G. Hiser and L. P. Guthrie were here one day last week.

Mr. Wilson was here in the interest of Carter, Dunbar & Co., of Nashville, Tenn., Tuesday.

Dr. D. M. White, of this place, is visiting friends and relatives in McMinn county, Tenn., where he will likely remain for some time.

Tom Farmer who had his cheek badly mutilated in a brawl some three weeks ago, is up going about again, and says the report is going about to the affect that he had his throat cut, was dead, or that his head was so badly mangled as to necessitate amputation, are false.

Mr. James Orton who took the contract to build a bridge across a slough near Sandlick Bridge, has completed the job. This supplying a need that has long been felt.

Died, of measles at her father's home near this place, on the 15th, inst., an infant daughter of Mr. L. Y. Pollard.

Mrs. Amanda, wife of Mr. James James, died very suddenly at her home near New Pleasant Hill church, on the night of the 22nd. She ate supper and went to bed feeling as well as common, when shortly after retiring she was taken seriously ill and died within fifteen minutes. Deceased was about thirty years of age, was a daughter of Mr. T. J. Tate, of the Brushy Fork neighborhood, and a sister to Mrs. J. J. White, of this place. She leaves many warm friends to mourn her loss.

Mr. Johnson Eli died very suddenly at the residence of Mr. H. D. Menser, near this place, on last Friday the 25th; he had been sick of the measles for several days and was thought to be doing very well until Thursday, then he told his father that he was taking pneumonia, but he made but very little complaint and little attention was attracted until a short time before his death on Friday morning. ROUGH AND READY.

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