MISCELLANEOUS.

The Brakeman at Church---What He Thought of the Denominations.

On the road once more, with Lebanon fading away in the distance, the fat passenger drumming idly on the window-pane, the cross passenger sound asleep, and the tall thin passenger reading "Gen. Grant's Tour Around the World," and wondering why "Green's August Flower" should be printed above the doors of "A Budhist Temple at Benares." To me comes the brakeman, and seating himself on the arm of the seat says:

"I went to church yesterday."

"Yes?" I said, with that interesting inflection that asks for more. "And what church did you attend?"

"Which do you guess he asked."

"Some Union Mission Church," I hazarded.

"No," he said, 'I don't like to run on the branch roads very much. I don't often go to church, and when I do I want to go to the main line, where your run is regular and you go on schedule time and don't have to wait on connections. I don't like to run on a branch. Good enough, but I don't like it."

"Episcopal?" I guessed.

"Limited express," he said, all palace cars and $2 extra for a seat, fast time and only stop at big stations. Nice line, but too exhaustive for a brakeman. All train men in uniform conductor's punch and lantern silver-plated, and no train boys allowed. Then the passengers are allowed to talk back at the conductor, and it makes them too free and easy. No, I can't stand the palace cars. Rich road though. Don't often hear of a receiver being appointed for that line. Some mighty nice people travel on it, too."

"Universalists?" I suggested.

"Broad guage," said the brakeman, does too much complimentary business. Everybody travels on a pass. Conductor dosen't get a fare once in fifty miles. Stops at flag stations, and won't run into anything but a union depot. No smoking car on the train. Train orders are rather vague, and the train men get along well with the passengers.

"Presbyterian?" I asked.

"Narrow gauge, eh?" said the brakeman; prettry track, straight as a rule; tunnel right through a mountain rather than go round it on spirit-level grade; passengers have to show their tickets before they get on the train. Mighty strict road, but the cars are a little narrow; have to sit in seat and no room in the aisle to dance. Then there is no stop over tickets allowed; got to go straight through to the station you are ticketed for, or you cant get on at all. When the car's full no extra coaches; cars built at the shops to hold just so many, and nobody else allowed on. But you don't often hear of an accident on that road. It's run right up to the rules.

"Maybe you joined the Free Thinkers?" I said.

"Scrub road," said the brakeman; dirt road bed and no ballast; no time card and train dispatches. All trains run wild, and every engineer makes his own time, just as he pleases. Smoke if you want to; kind of a go-as-you-please road. Too many side tracks, and every switch wide open all the time, with the switchman sound asleep and the target lamp dead out. Get on as you please and get off when you want to. Don't have to show your tickets, and the conductor isn't expected to do anything but amuse the passengers. No, sir, I was offered a pass but don't like the line. I don't travel on a road that has no terminus. Now you see, sir, I'm a railroad man, and I don't care to run on a road that has no time, makes no connections, runs nowhere and has no superintendent. It may be all right, but I've railroaded too long to understand it.

'Maybe you went to the Congregational church?'

'Popular road,' said the brakeman—an old road, too—one of the very oldest in this country. Good roadbed and and comfortable cars, well managed road too; directors don't interfere with division superintendents and train orders. Road's mighty popular but its pretty independent too. But its a mighty pleasant road to travel on. Always has such a pleasant class of passengers.'

'Did you try the Methodist?' I said.

'Now you're shouting,' he said with some enthusiasm. Nice road, eh? Fast time and plenty of passengers. Engines carry a power of steam, and don't you forget it; steam guage shows a hundred and enough all the time. Lively road, when the conductor shouts 'all aboard' you can hear him to the next station. Every train light shines like a headlight. Stop-over checks are given on all through tickets; passengers can drop off the train as often as they like, do the station two or three days and hop on the next revival trian that comes thundering along. Good-souled companionable conductors; ain't a road in the country where the passengers feel more at home. No passes; every passenger pays full traffic rates for his ticket. Wesleyanhouse air brake on all trains, too; pretty safe road, but I didn't ride over it yesterday.

'Perhaps you tried the Baptist?' I guessed once more.

'Ah, ha,' said the brakeman she's a daisy, isn't she? River road; beautiful curves; sweep around anything to keep close to the river, but it's all steel rail and rock ballast, single track from the round house to the terminus. Takes a heap of water to run it through, double tanks at every station, and there isn't an engine in the shops that can pull a pound or run a mile with less than two gauges. But it runs through a lovely country; those river-beds always do; river on one side and hills on the other, and it is a steady clime up the grade all the way till the run ends where the fountain-head of the river begins. Yes, sir, I will take the river road every time for a lovely trip, sure connections and good time, and no prarie dust blowing in at the windows, and yesterday, when the conductor came around for the tickets with a little basket punch, I did not ask him to pass me, but I paid him my fare like a little man—25 cents for an hours run and a little concert by the passengers throwed in. I tell you, pilgrim, you take the river road when you want—

But just here the long whistle from the engine announced a station, the the brakaman hurried to the door shouting:

Zionsville! The train make no stops between here and Indianapolis!—*Burlington Hawkeye.*

FOOD ADULTERATIONS.

General Beale, in his recent report in Congress upon a bill to prevent adulterations in food, stated—That of six small packages of coffee purchased in Baltimore and analyzed at the Department of Agriculture, the chemist reported that the berries were weighed, well washed in water, and the turbid washings evaporated to dryness. The result showed as high as eighty-two out of ninety berries were artificially colored. The residuum from the artificially colored berries left, when burned, a yellowish residue, which contained in every case chromate of lead, phosphate of calclum (indicating bone-black), and insoluble sulphate of barium. These salts were added to the berries for the purpose of "facing" them, and by improving their appearance to enhance market value of the berries. The above mentioned salts were in no case found in the residuum of the uncolored samples examined.

The committee say these coffee berries had been passed through two cylinders coated with a compound of chrome, the base of which is lead and bone-black; in which process each berry was coated, and made to assume a polished surface and greenish hue. These cylinders are in the mills openly erected for this very purpose. And the committee are informed that jobbers in the coffee trade buy laoge lots, take it from the ship in which the coffee is imported to the mill, replace it in the same bags, and ship it West, as the orignal importation.

The committee say the adulteration of tea is notorious. Samples of gunpowder tea, purchased in this city, examined under the microscope, seemed to be one-half Prussian blue; and in one hundred parts only enough was found to give the decoction the smell of tea.

The report, says Bildad, in the State, to whom we are indebted for this synopsis, also treats of the adulteration of syrup, milk, butter, sugar and flour. It is time, indeed, that some action should be taken in this matter. We do not know much about it, but we are told that "the spirits" are getting to be very bad, none being absolutely reliable that is not blockade. That one half of the gunpowder tea should be Prussian blue is doubtless the reason why so many of our friends who are known tea drinkers look so blue when pay day comes. And further, we have now found out what is the matter with the coffee over at ——, where they doubtless have been patronizing the Baltimore factories. For our part, with butter made out of Texas tallow, flour fixed with ground soapstone, alum and dried peas, sugar limed and well sanded, and all our liquids in a state of uncertainty, we think it altogether unwise to buy anything more from the great North. Let us content ourselves, then, with North Carolina flour, North Carolina butter and buck wheat, Georgia sorghum, and yeopon tea, and thus be certain that no fraudulant manufacturer is making his living at the expense of our vitality.—*Wilmington Star.*

Wah-yah-kah-to-ga's Farewell to Home.

The Removeal of North Carolina Indians.

"Tell us the story of Standing Wolf!" cried eager voices, as we gathered around the fire.

"The Major" slowly filled and lighted his pipe, and thus began, in a sort of reverie, as if the name had carried him far back into the past; "Yes that was a sad year for the Indians—'38—and for the white man too, at least those of us who had any sympathy with them. It was a barbarous deed," he said slowly, as he shook his head, "and I took part in that piece of inhumanity!"

"Were you in the army?"

I received full pay as a soldier, and the Government gave me a grant of one hundred acres of land.

"The Cherokees in North Carolina, South Carolina, part of Tennessee and Georgia, were not in favor of the treaty of 1835, stipulating for their removal West, and granting all their lands to the whites. They heard that it was a sickly country, and feared they would die. They allowed themselves to be influenced by men who pretended to be their friends—but who were really actuated by selfish motives—to make no preparation for their removeal, believing that if they did not want to go they would be left unmolested.

"The Government allowed them till May, 1838, to leave, and then at great expense sent soldiers to drive out those who still lingered around their homes. The poor things were hunted down like wild beasts, driven in gangs into the forts, and men, women and children, penned up like hogs. They were allowed to take with them only what they could carry upon their backs."

"Wah-yah-kah-to-ga, or Standing Wolf, was a Christian, a pious man who had lived with his family in his own house, at peace with all men, happy and contented until now. He was left to enjoy these blessings as long as possible; but at last the end drew near, and a squad of soldiers, commanded by a man belonging to the country, named Hayes, was sent to bring him and his family into Fort Linsey, in what is now Swain county, North Carolina.

"They arrived early in the morning, and found him in his house. When informed of their business he stood in silence for some time with bowed head. Then seeming to realize that resistance was useless, he turned to his wife and children, bidding them to prepare to depart. Silently they put up their little packs, tied them upon their backs, and marched out of the house. Before the door Standing Wolf halted, and turned to give one more look at the house he was leaving forever.

"I have tried to live right in that house," he said, "and I had hoped to die in it, and to be burried with my fathers; but now it has turned out that I must leave it and go into a far country I know not! I have but one thing to ask of you," he said, turning to Hayes, "and that is to let me go back into the house any pray once more with my family."

"The request was at once granted; and Hayes, having some knowledge of the language himself, with the help of the interpreter, gathered the drift of the old Indian's prayer, which he afterward said was eloquent beyond anything he had ever heard.

"Standing Wolf told his Father in heaven that he put himself and his family into his hands, and prayed him to take care of them; that they were driven out they knew not whither, and asked God to go with them. He then prayed for the Government that had taken away their home; and lastly, for the men who stood at the door, ready to lead them away, that God would bless them too. Then he arose from his knees and told the soldiers he was ready to go.

"Hayes was a wicked, reckless man, but he said nothing he had ever seen or heard had impressed him so powerfully with the truth of the Christian religion as that old Indian's prayer.

"The Indians were taken to Fort Cass, where Charleston, Tennessee, now stands, and numbers of them died there. While at the Fort, Standing Wolf accidentally met Hayes one day; recognizing each other, Hayes asked him if he wanted to go back to the mountains.

"O yes," he said; "my fathers are buried there."

"Hayes told him that at a certain time of the moon to gather up what he could carry with him, and go back—we would help him to escape. The Indian, with those of his family who survived, made his way safely back to North Carolina; but not to his old home. He settled in Qualla-town, where he died, and where his son Enola, improperly translated Black Fox, now lives, a local preacher of the Echota Mission."

As "The Major" finished his story. I thought of how a big lump had come into my throat as I read in "Evangeline" of the happy homes of Acadia, being laid waste; but here was a page of United States history untouched by poet's pen, which ought to make tears flow down our cheeks, crimson with shame!

A. C. A.

FRANKLIN, Macon Co. N. C., Jan'ry, 1880.

Miss Mollie Hardie recently brought suit in Alamance county against a man named McWarren for a breach of promise and damage to character, and at the recent term of court at Graham, was awarded $2,000 damages.

In a short time the New York *Herald's* famine fund will have reached the princely sum of $300,000. Wednesday the contributions amounted to $283,682.10. The *Herald* now comes forward with another generous proposition: to pay one-fourth of the cost of a cargo of provisions to be sent over in the ship "Constellation," now lying at the warf in New York. In this connection we call attention to a cable letter, published elsewhere, from Rev. Dr. Hepworth, a member of the committee to distribute the *Herald* fund.

A SAD STORY.—Gaffney City, S. C., Mar. 10.—There was found on the outskirts of our little town, this evening, a lady who moved in the best of society, hanging across a fence, dead, with a new born babe on the ground beneath her, still alive. She belonged to one of the best families in our section of the country. It is not known whether she committed suicide or not.—*Special to The Observer.*

CALIFORNIA TROUBLES.—New York Mar. 11.—A San Francisco Special to the *Herald* says notwithstanding the press denial, nothing in this agitation is more certain than that the Socialists, Communistic and Nihilistic party is acting in concert with the agitators. The European element of discontent is not fiction, and the object of such men could only be pillage. San Francisco, however, is not going to be laid in ashes. Every arrangement is made to meet the first act of violence, and if it comes to this the retribution will be terrible.

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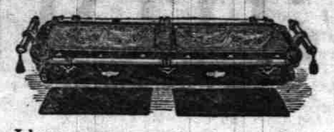

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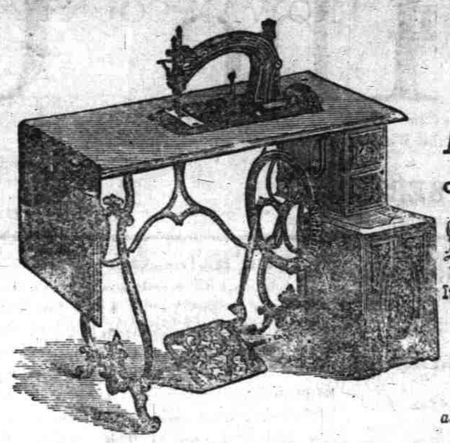

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