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TRIP TO MEXICO

TRIP TO MEXICO, Feb. 1, 1895.
Left here at 8 a. m. on February 1, 1895, took stage for depot and got on a train bound for San Antonio, Texas, reaching Virginia Point, being the first stop after leaving San Antonio being somewhat a half a mile from Galveston, Texas. Did not remain long here. We came to another station called Swanhook, but not stopping there we pass on to Sleepy Hollow Depot. Here women who look like tramps or gypsies, smiled at the passengers of the standing train that I was on. So many came aboard the train, but seemed to take great delight in each other. One thing I saw was a book agent who tried to sell his books to the breakman on the train who look as though he never had looked inside of a book, and it would be better for the agent to put his knowledge in our party than to that of the breakman's for we were here to learn all we could while traveling in such a strange country.

However, here we are at Athens, a small town, 29 miles from Galveston, Texas. It is a resting place to take in water for the engine. I soon saw or found the air as mild as in summer in February 2, 1885. Can you think the like? The ground was not cultivated and mud a foot thick meet anything but healthy. It was also interesting to see cattle grazing in the meadows as we passed along the railroad. As to the sheep I have never been able to see them yet, but everything else come under my notice. Now we come to Arkhold, this mud flat, no house to be seen and very desolate. A mud flat only good enough for side station in a rocky mountain. All these places of interest we do well to pass. We came to another station called Cleat about 47 miles from Galveston, Texas. Some more mud and water, a few trees, live oak well suited the cotton growing in those parts, yet the stalk on which it hangs grows high as a blackberry bush which buds out like a rose. The cotton grows downward while the rose grows upward and living on a stem.

We next entered the bus, having a male and a half riding to next hotel, which we arrived at 9 p. m. Soon registering my name on the hotel register was soon shown to my bed room

in the night. Next morning, soon after breakfasting started for San Antonio which was non-hospitalary on train from Arkhold, where I passed the night with my company. As soon as the train started, food boards for passengers. I could see through the window in the car starting up, the night was stormy, there was snow on the lower side. The ground was in general mud and steam with roofs of sugar cane stalks. It was a little country and seems surprised in not wearing ordinary shoes known as pumps in this state, without getting them covered with the mud from a northern state, the natives call it in their country. The mud there is so thick, and when dried on the shoe it takes a day to clean them well again.

The next thing to my notice on the train was a man trying to sell smoking caps. I looked them over and found none to fit my head of brains. I let him pass by without buying.

My next attraction was seeing a place called Childwell, a small town in the railroad while passing mud and been burned. Nothing was seen but bedding and the people. A local boy told me that this mud at the end was from sparks of the train and the burning building belongs to a man by the name of Stephens, and may be I know the family. The boy was soon called out by some one on the train as he finished speaking to me by a bystander, and I was soon crowded into my journey place, which I arrived at 12 a. m. the same day, while people were eating lunch to sustain hunger, such as sandwiches, bananas, and other things which they called lunch. We next came by a plant called prickly pear, a plant which grows in a sandy soil like our century plant, having large needle points. Men cut these off and give the plant to cattle and sheep to eat. Passing on, I am now at a station called Divine. Natives look so hard at Americans I did not know if they would ever speak, and may be they had the same opinion of us. However it looked very laughable and I was startled by the look they gave me.

On February 4, 1895, while eating my lunch on the train, which I took with me that consisted of a loaf of bread and a small firkin of butter, a

TRIP TO WAYNESVILLE, N. C.

The light Infantry excursion from Asheville to Waynesville, as we have heard it called, on train, in general numbering passengers in all seats, the public and citizens of the South. A good opinion had Waynesville, as it is the best in regular order of the land. Many persons from Greenwood and White Sulphur Springs were there on the day with our train, the men who are not a few and his musical evening and the music of the ladies very creditable. D. E. was asked to make an address on a hotel, and were one was delighted, and the commanding way in which he carried himself was creditable, to those who heard. We taken from one car to the other to make speeches, and our was very ordinary, his remarks were pleasing. He spoke on Family Day plane, Happy Life and Song, and the way of living. There was lovely and order was in speech. Dinner was at 5 p. m. at the Springs and everybody seemed to enjoy themselves.

After dinner in the hotel, arrangements were made, and dancing were in order. These entertainments were creditable.

Soon D. E. was seen out for a time with men in distinction about 7 miles, he went beyond Waynesville to a mountain called Catawba. The train was stillborn, having not been led after a long drive before. As they were not near the winter master was that I had to work his steel most inner the train we had to walk 7 miles of the way up the mountain boundary. We could see on top of the mountain the cities of Clyde, Canton, and all the principal places in the county. Asheville herself could be seen. Many sights were seen by all who viewed the country, cities, notwithstanding it was a day of delight and pleasure for our infantry of the city of Asheville.

What a sight it must have been according to D. E.'s idea of the general idea of public benefactor upon the white coats and polished gunbarrels which I see here displayed upon as they marched to the train and boarded for Waynesville, and not a better show could be enjoyed by the many thousands which strained the eye to see them. We can not express the won-

derful sight here shown, and yet with the cheering and shouting from the company headed by their banners and general and confidence, with cheering and shouting from each station, a good testimony to our conduct. I received present of a ball, for the dinner of Waynesville was something like a party, and here was no other but when my company turned my head down in a moment of a word, but not little trouble for Waynesville we had come with a train well suited and ready for so long, my eyes to a train, to go down during noon after about all had been done in the Asheville.

Now standing something, as well as D. E. was the only attraction.

Waynesville is quite a town of independence. Air in population, less or less, founded in a community of small places and not giving an outlet with numbers of a crowd of the city in coming to my view.

(III) SULPHUR SPRINGS

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Friday, at the Sunday School Association of the Christian church of Asheville was very commendable to our D. E. was greatly helped by one of the representatives of the church and soon sent on a special complimentary ticket. D. E. went to the Springs and was very warmly received by the strangers of the Christian church. He needed after making a few preliminary remarks, and every one was taken with his delivery, but yet he soon partook of all the guests after dinner and made himself very agreeable to all who knew him, yet it seems he has that commanding influence which no one else has, and all his doings and sayings are commendable with that last and justice which to one can only say. The afternoon was spent enjoyably and every one seems to have had a good time, but yet I was missing to see all in the commanding enterprise. We can not but thank one and all for the grand manifestation here bestowed upon our editor for their kindness in mention of having us have him with us yet all the most fine time he received after us, for had he not been there they would not have so well founded nor doubtless had such a fine day before us had it not been for

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