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AIMED AT COUNTRY WEEKLIES.

Of the many foolish acts of the Railway Commissioners, none stands forth so prominently, or is more unjust than the last act of these Commissioners, whereby the Editor of the country weekly newspaper in North Carolina shall be denied a free pass upon the railroad which passes through his town.

Commissioner Pearson is reported as saying that his reason for voting this measure was that the editors of country weekly newspapers just put in a railroad schedule which was a "space killer," and then got a pocketful of railroad passes so that he could travel about free anywhere he wanted to go.

Purchaser Mr. Pearson has himself experienced these benefits if he ever published a country newspaper, but if any country newspaper Editor enjoys such passes, it is unknown to ninety-nine one hundredths of the publishers of country newspapers.

The railroad time schedule may be in a sense a "space killer," yet it must be changed frequently, and railroads do not give passes unless such changes are promptly made.

As to the daily newspapers which publish railroad schedules and notices in consideration of free transportation, it is the very exceptional daily newspaper which receives anything like an adequate return for its railroad publications, if based upon advertising rates, yet publishers are satisfied to do business upon the reciprocal plan.

But for the Commissioners to make an attack upon the country editor who publishes a weekly newspaper, and who as a rule rides perhaps fifty miles a year, giving in return for this free transportation, the publication of time schedules and the various railroad notices during the year, it is not merely a petty business, but a contemptible action.

Such action shows the exceeding small calibre of the Commissioner, which in order to make the public think they are doing good service continually strike at inoffensive persons, letting the real evils, which demand attention, escape without any action on their part.

Robbed the Grave.

A startling incident of which Mr. John Oliver of Philadelphia, was the subject, is narrated by him as follows: "I was in a most dreadful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and side, no appetite—gradually growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Fortunately a friend advised trying 'Electric Bitters,' and to my great joy and surprise, the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they saved my life, and robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 50 cents per bottle at F. S. Duffy's drug store.

Four Tons of Buttons.

Members of the New York Police Department are to be fitted out with new uniforms.

New buttons form part of the equipment. What does this change mean? asks the New York World. Including commissioned officers, there are about 7,500 men on the force. It requires seventy-eight buttons to fit out the two uniforms and overcoats. This means a total of 585,000 buttons. For one suit and overcoat the buttons weigh eighteen ounces avoirdupois, so that the total weight will be 8437 1/2 pounds, or 487 1/2 tons more than four tons.

Four tons of brass made into one great police button and placed in a Central Park plaza could not be lifted by the entire Police Department," said Emanuel Levy, the department uniform tailor.

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UNCLE SAM TO CENTS AHEAD.

Five Envelopes Out of a Bunch That He Wouldn't Redeem.

A reporter went into the New York postoffice the other day with a bundle of misdirected stamped envelopes in his pocket to see if Uncle Sam would not redeem them for cash. He found a window in a room on the second floor, where this is the special business attended to. Uncle Sam's representative looked over the lot of envelopes, handed back five, with the cash for the others, and said:

"You will have to take a trip to Falls City, Neb.; Columbus, Ga.; Newark, N. J., and Brooklyn to get those four redeemed, and here is one we won't redeem at all. You see, it is this way: It does not matter where an envelope is addressed to; the point is where it comes from—what postoffice issued it. A postoffice can only redeem envelopes which it has issued itself. If an envelope shows on the face of it that some other office issued it, I can't give you cash for it.

"Now look at this one. Here in the corner is a note. After ten days return to Mr. Blank, Falls City, Neb." Evidently the Falls City postoffice issued that, and you will have to go there to get it redeemed if you are fond of long distance economy of that sort. These envelopes here with no 'Return to' note may have been issued by some other office, but we have no means of knowing it and take them on faith. Here is one marked, 'Return to P. O. box 2,356, New York city.' We will take that, for we evidently issued it. The principle is simple, even if its workings look complicated.

The reporter reminded the clerk that he had refused one envelope altogether. The clerk took it up and looked at it. It had no 'Return to' note in the corner, but the name and address were printed on it.

"Well, you see, that comes under a different rule," he continued. "The idea is to redeem envelopes which have been misdirected by accident. This man has spoiled this envelope to help on his business, sending it to some correspondent enclosed with a letter asking for a business order likely. He expected the other man to use this envelope only in writing to him and to keep him in mind of it he printed his address on it. He did not intend to furnish free stamps for his business acquaintances unless he got them back on letters to himself. His correspondent—you in this case—either did not send him an order or sent it in a new envelope. Now you want to get back 2 cents. The business man spent that 2 cents simply to boom his business. Uncle Sam is not booming any one's business, even to the extent of 2 cents, except where all share alike through general prosperity. You cannot get that envelope redeemed anywhere."

The reporter thanked the clerk. After calculating the cost of a trip to Nebraska, Georgia, Newark and Brooklyn and comparing it with the value of the four stamped envelopes which might be redeemed by it he concluded it was cheaper on the whole to drop the envelopes in the waste paper basket.—New York Sun.

Africans and Work.

All hard labor, all rough and unskilled labor, is, and owing to the heat of the climate must be, done by blacks, and in a new country like Matabeleland the blacks, though they can sometimes be induced to till the land, are most averse to working underground. They are only beginning to use money, and they do not want the things which money buys. The wants of a native living with his tribe and cultivating meales or Kaffir corn are confined to a barrow (skin cloak) or some pieces of cotton. The prospect of leaving his tribe to go and work in a mine in order that he may earn wages wherewith he can buy things that he has no use for does not at once appeal to him.

The white men, anxious to get to work on the gold reefs, are annoyed at what they call the stupidity and laziness of the native and usually clamor for legislation to compel the natives to come and work, adding, of course, that regular labor would be the best thing for the natives.—'Impressions of South Africa' by James Bryce.

The Modern Drama.

"Have you copyrighted your play?" asked the theatrical manager. "No," replied the dramatist, lowering his voice, "but I copied it right."—Chicago Tribune.

When a man loses an ear, by paying from \$100 to \$150 he can procure another made of specially prepared rubber that can be crumpled without injury and is carefully painted to resemble the natural organ.

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Defense of Peking

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FOMENTATIONS.

How to Prepare Them When No Hot Water is at Hand.

Fomentations of hot or cold water are often very useful, and every one should know how to give them. A flannel cloth may be folded, wrung out of hot or cold water as is desired and applied directly to the skin. It is much better after wringing out the flannel as dry as desired to fold it in a dry flannel cloth of one or two thicknesses before applying it to the patient. A little time is required for the heat of the fomentation to penetrate the dry flannel, and thus the skin is allowed an opportunity to acquire tolerance for the heat, and a higher degree of temperature can be borne if the moist cloth is brought directly into contact with the surface. The outer fold of dry flannel will also serve to keep the cloth warm by preventing evaporation.

A hot fomentation is sometimes needed when no hot water is at hand. It is not necessary to wait for water to be heated in the usual way. Soak the flannel in cold water, wring as dry as desired, fold in a newspaper and lay upon the stove or wrap it about the stove-pipe. In a few minutes it will be as warm as the patient can bear. The paper keeps the pipe from becoming moistened by the wet flannel and at the same time prevents the flannel from being soiled by contact with the pipe.

Fomentations thoroughly applied will relieve most of the local pains for which liniments, lotions and poultices are generally applied and are greatly to be preferred to these remedies since they are cleaner and aid nature more effectually in restoring the injured parts to a sound condition.

The fomentation may be changed frequently, and after it has been removed massage may be given either by the person himself or another, so as to strengthen the part and promote a free circulation of blood in it.—Exchange.

Thomas Hood.

Hood's position in literature has been affected by the circumstance that he did two things excellently which in the general view are incompatible, in the writer's real capacity. He was a "funny man" as well as a lyric poet of real quality and earnest aims, and was so admirable and original in the former and more abundant character that it probably caused many to regard the serious verse as merely an ambitious bid for a reputation it was not in the writer's power to achieve. Hood doubtless helped to strengthen this impression by practically ceasing to produce serious poetry for some 15 years of his short life. But that this was due to a necessity for finding a ready market for his wares is, I think, beyond a doubt.—Ainger's "Poems of Thomas Hood."

To Be Washed With Care.

"Yes," said the man whose narratives are almost invariably interesting, "I had some curious experiences in that mining country. One day I met two children with the dirtiest faces I ever beheld." "Poor things!" "That's what I thought. I said to them, 'Children, why don't you wash your faces?' and one of them answered: 'We haven't. We've been playing on pap's best claim, and he's liable to lose money if anybody touches us but him.'"—Washington Star.

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