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its omnipresent ~~but~~ nearness. One moment the mountain would be somewhat permanently anchored on one side of the train and then without notice would shift to an entirely new location. This apparent flightiness was explainable by the fact that the gradual curves of the railroad system had a way of completely disorienting one in respect to direction. For those passengers who did not keep a constant watch but only intermittent glimpses found the displacement with emphasis. It requires a single and dominating landmark like this volcanic cone to impress one with the continual confusion of the mind when operating on a moving object. The faithfulness of the mountain's nearness was explainable again by the position of the railway course, following a more or less circuitous route around the apron of its slope, beginning at the north-east side and traversing the conifer covered shoulders of the old glacial moraines and outwash plains of the extinct glacial systems and finally ending at the south side. I can certainly extend a thanks of gratitude ~~for~~ to the Union Pacific boys who so thoughtfully considered my choice in placing this railroad course in such an outstanding vantage position! Whenever I approach an exceptionally outstanding scenic treasure I hold myself in a very tense repose and in constant fear that the object will pass by too quickly before a ^{mental} saturation of its features are recorded. This was one occasion in the traversing of Mt Shasta that I was completely satisfied with prolonged time exposure of