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OUR CANDID OPINION.

At a general meeting of our party, in the smoking car, Hon. Alex. H. Rice presiding, the following resolutions were offered by Frank H. Peabody, one of Boston's leading bankers, and heartily seconded by Robert B. Forbes, after which they were unanimously passed by acclamation, and with cheers.

In seconding the resolutions, Mr. Forbes rose to say that he entirely concurred in them. He had traveled some; by land and by sea; hardly a country can be named that he had not visited; in one single voyage he had traversed seventy-five thousand miles; therefore he felt competent to speak emphatically when saying that this excursion, for length, completeness of organization, comfort and convenience, stands alone. He thought so highly of the skill, liberality and intelligence of Messrs. Pullman that he believed it would never be outdone in these respects, *except by themselves*. He thought so well of the kindness and skill of the gentlemen who have contributed so much to our safety and comfort as to believe nothing better will ever be accomplished *except under their auspices*.

He had in his pocket a letter from his son in China, 11th ult., who will get his answer in 78 days from the time of writing. This will seem slow to most of you, when the Pullmans, the Ames, the Crocker, and other progressionists improve on the present means of communication. The Pacific Mail Co. have fast, economical steamers on the route, and if they do not, some one else will.

He concluded by saying, “I must not get among the rope yarns, lest my re-

marks prove like those two towns of France—too long (Toulon) and too-loose (Toulouse)—therefore I have only to say, in conclusion, let us thank fortune for the opportunity of being here under such favorable auspices, and let us adjourn when we part to meet again where the deserts through which we have passed shall be dotted with farms and vineyards.”

Resolved, That we, the passengers by the Boston Board of Trade Pullman Excursion train, the first through train from the Atlantic to the Pacific, having now been a week *en route* for San Francisco, and having had, during this period, ample opportunity to test the character and quality of the accommodations supplied for our journey, hereby express our entire satisfaction with the arrangements made by Mr. Geo. M. Pullman, and our admiration of the skill and energy which have resulted in the construction, equipment and general management of this beautiful and commodious moving hotel.

Resolved, That we return our cordial thanks to Mr. Pullman for the very great pains taken by him beforehand to make the present journey safe and pleasurable; that we recognize the complete success which has followed all his efforts, and that we extend to him our sincere wishes for such a degree of prosperity to attend all his operations as will be proportionate to his merits as one of the most public-spirited, sagacious and liberal railroad men of the present day.

Resolved, That we take pleasure in witnessing, as we journey from point to point, through the Western States, the many evidences of Mr. Pullman's enterprise and the extent of his operations in the cars which we meet belonging to the Pullman Co., attached to the regular trains, for the use of the public, or appropriated especially to private excursion parties, and we earnestly hope that there will be no delay in placing these elegant and homelike carriages upon the principal routes in the New England States, and we will do all in our power to accomplish this end.

Resolved, That our cordial thanks are also given to Mr. A. B. Pullman, General Superintendent Pullman Palace Car Co., who has accompanied us on our journey, for his personal attention, and for his unceasing endeavors to promote our convenience and enjoyment.

Resolved, That these Resolutions be published in the TRANS-CONTINENTAL, as a testimonial to the Messrs. Pullman, in which we, the passengers by this train, unanimously and heartily unite.

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