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Said we had started with high expectations, so high that he had feared a cruel test awaited our train; but he was free to say that realization had even exceeded expectation so exacting. Higher even than the external beauties displayed to the eye around us have been the solid corresponding luxuries of taste and feeling we have had. Pure air, ventilation and perfect tidiness, while every wish seems to have been anticipated. He had travelled throughout Europe, but in the Pullman palace train, he had seen greater luxuries and convenience than in the cars of any kingdom of the old world. By a peculiar chance, he once travelled in Queen Victoria's state car, and did not hesitate to say that Pullman has provided for the people of America more than was provided by the people of Great Britain for their beloved queen. We are rejoiced to know that thousands and tens of thousands coming after us will share the same privileges we now enjoy. It has not only been a pleasure to mingle in companionship with those who planned and carried out all this; but to find the most gentlemanly courtesy, united with the ability to care for our comfort. We have here found all the enjoyments of domestic intercourse, blending with the sanctities of domestic life, making this train indeed a *home*.

We have experienced nothing of fatigue or exhaustion, in fact have often been more fatigued by a short trip in those cars than in crossing a continent, over the Rocky and Sierra Nevada mountains. He closed by hoping Pullman would go on *pull-ing man-kind*.

GEORGE WASHINGTON WARREN,

President of Bunker Hill Monument Association, added his testimony by a few appropriate remarks, endorsing all that had been said. An arrival was formerly looked forward to with anxiety, as the culminating pleasure of a journey, but we have found that the longer the journey the more enjoyment it may include, and—"distance lends enchantment"—gains new meaning in our day.

Hon. ALVAH CROCKER said he was happy to endorse the words of Bunker Hill. Hon. STEPHEN SALISBURY and Hon. JOHN B. BROWN confirmed the previous speakers, and declared that our entire trip through the west had been a series of agreeable surprises. CURTIS GUILD said that when he looked at the Pacific Railroad and the Pullman Palace cars and the magnificent region we had passed through, he thanked God that he was an American. He was forcibly reminded of how in times past he had suffered in cars between Boston and New York, when cramped all night in uncom-

fortable seats, and of the many other discomforts of railroad travel which were here so happily removed,—and much as we had been accused of boasting of our great country, its resources, its inventions and enterprise, he thought that all could admit the half had not been told. However, nothing was too good for an American who is ever ready to improve upon existing improvements.

Col. LUCIUS B. MARSH said he could not help adding his testimony by saying that every department in our train has been run by first class men, of marked ability in their several branches, and he desired they should receive the praise which is their due.

Rev. E. G. PORTER then spoke, and was followed by HAMILTON A. HILL, Secretary of the National Board of Trade of the United States, who said this trip of our party would result in placing Pullman cars as a necessity on railroads between Boston and New York.

CHARLES WOLCOTT BROOKS was then called to speak on behalf of the West Coast, which he did, occupying half an hour, giving an interesting account of its resources, hopes and industries, which was full of fresh information, enthusiastically received with hearty cheers. Major GEORGE PARKMAN DENNY, of the Executive Committee, then said:

After such a wealth of eloquence, it can hardly be expected that I can, at a moment's notice, fittingly respond for Mr. Pullman to the resolutions and the eloquent words with which they have been endorsed. I feel that a few words will best express the grateful feelings which his own modesty prevents him from uttering.

With all his experience in enterprises of this nature, I am conversant with the fact that this has been to him of greater interest, and anxiety and expense than any other. Consequently your kind words of approbation are correspondingly of the greater value, and more than this, for the further reason that he is fully aware of your high expectations. A few weeks since he was informed that these cars could not be finished before the middle of June, while we had engaged them to leave Boston May 23d; but with his indomitable perseverance he directed that labor should not cease for an hour, either by day or night, that you might not be disappointed; and you did leave on the day and at the hour as promised. I feel at liberty to say that this mark of your approval will be cherished by him as among his most valued possessions.

The meeting then adjourned amid repeated cheers.

—A wise weed—The sage plant.

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THE END CROWNS THE WORK.

The issue of this, the last, number of the TRANS-CONTINENTAL, indicates that the constant success attending us has enabled us after our wonderful ride—so long in distance, now seemingly so short in time—to descend to-day to the waters of the Pacific. And this daily record of our progress can hardly end more appropriately than with a retrospective sketch of what we, as travelers, have accomplished,—all that was promised, or that could have been reasonably expected, and indeed far more. Almost as if in one long and rapid vision, have disappeared behind us the Capital of the Old Bay State; the green hills of Berkshire; the spires of Albany; the broad fields of Canada; the rich farms of Michigan; the marvellous trade and lofty edifices of Chicago; the beautiful prairies of Illinois; the vast plains along the Platte; the strange, disintegrating forms of an earlier world by the Green River in Wyoming; the stupendous walls of the Weber Canyon; the mountain-walled valley of the latter-day Saints, and the grandeur and richness of the Humboldt region. We have traversed the lands that witnessed the labors and triumphs of the Puritan; the perseverance of the Dutch; the adventures of the French; and that now, filled with the homes of representatives of nearly every civilized race, are demonstrating the energy and progress of the great composite American people. We can renewedly and assuredly feel that the fact alone that we have found recorded on the vast continental page, renders our highest praise of American skill and American resources, not only not boastfulness, however once seemingly such—but simple and adequate expression of reality. And while rapidly, safely, luxuriously, happily, we have crossed from sea to sea, we can all, with devout gratitude, regarding what we have seen and what we have felt, exclaim with honest love and pride—Thank God we are Americans! and trust and resolve anew that we each and all may, in our own appropriate time and manner, serve loyally the vast land and the noble principles it represents committed to our keeping. With these feelings we salute California