



"LET EVERY STEP BE AN ADVANCE."

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### Notes from our Log Book.

*Sunday, June 19.*—All the members of the second division of the Yo-Semite party reached Knight's Ferry this evening, after riding fifty-two miles from Bower Cave, and there lodged. Before reaching the hotel, we crossed the Stanislaus river on the new covered bridge recently built, in place of the ferry formerly run by DENT & GRANT—the latter now President of the United States. The toll-keeper generously supplied the party with a basket of ripe pears from his orchard on the side of the river, as a free treat.

*Monday, June 20.*—The second division rode by four-horse wagons, a distance of thirty-eight miles from Knight's Ferry, to the city of Stockton, which they reached before 11 o'clock, after a cool and pleasant morning ride. There they took rooms at the Yo-Semite House, and others visited the century plant, in blossom in the Court House yard, while all roamed around the city on tours of observation. Lunch, amounting to a dinner, was served at noon, and at 1:40 P. M., all embarked on a special car kindly provided for our party through the thoughtful kindness of John Corning, the Assistant General Superintendent of the Central Pacific Railroad, and reached San Francisco before 6 P. M., after a glorious trip. Over twenty of the first party to the Yo-Semite, who reached San Francisco on Friday last, started at

4 P. M., by steamer, and over the Napa Valley branch of the California Pacific Railroad for the Geysers, and lodged this night at Calistoga Springs.

*Tuesday, June 21.*—The last party to the Geysers made a pleasant visit to those natural wonders. Other excursionists were in San Francisco or its vicinity, variously engaged. Many visited Woodward's Gardens, to see the flowers and wild animals.

*Wednesday, June 22.*—The last party to the Geysers returned to San Francisco, where nearly all the excursionists had collected, and were preparing for the start homeward Friday night. A few of the excursionists had already left for the East; a few left on Thursday, and a few will remain in California for several months. Small parties, this week, visited San Jose, the Almaden mines, Oakland, and other places, not far from San Francisco. Others visited mutual friends at their country seats in the immediate vicinity of the city.

*Thursday, June 23.*—Was chiefly occupied in private visits, shopping, and sight-seeing at the city. During the evening, a farewell dinner, already mentioned in this paper, was given by several of the members of the excursion to gentlemen of San Francisco, who had been prominent in showing signal attentions to our party.

*Friday, June 24.*—This, our last day in San Francisco, was a busy one with nearly every one of the party. Many were the last things to be done; collections of photograph views, to be selected or made complete; friends to be called on, and little remembrances packed away for loved ones at home. A magnificent sunset lighted the waters and hills of the great bay of San Francisco, and lingered as a beautiful and effective final picture of the "Sunset Land" upon the memories of our excursionists,

and when the morning sun arose on the 25th, we were swiftly pressing eastward and homeward surrounded by all the comforts of our favorite Pullman train.

### OUR TRAIN.

At Cheyenne, those of our party who had preceded us again joined our train, and the Pullman drawing-room and sleeping car "Northwest" was coupled on, making one more house in our rolling village. Commencing at the engine, we have now—

1. Baggage car.
2. Provision car, including printing press.
3. Smoking car, including printing office, wine room, and barber's shop.
4. Commissary and dining car, "Saint Cloud."
5. Palace sleeping and drawing-room car "Marquette."
6. Palace sleeping and drawing-room car "Palmyra."
7. Commissary and dining car "Saint Charles."
8. Hotel car "Arlington."
9. Hotel car "Revere."
10. Drawing-room and sleeping car "Northwest," and we do not believe that a train equal to it in size, beauty and convenience ever existed before, up to this present point, in the history of the world. As improvement is, however, the order of the day, what may we not expect from Mr. Pullman in the future.

—Yesterday as we journeyed across the apparently boundless Laramie Plains, herds of swift antelope were seen coursing with nimble feet, sometimes keeping up with, and at others running from our train. Grouse were also seen in comparatively plentiful numbers.