

## EXCELSIOR.

When, with the progress of life, we find our condition continually improving, progress appears to become a law, and from habit a necessity; and when we advance imperceptibly from a less to a more luxurious style of living, as has been the case with all travelers by railroads in the United States, but particularly with those who have enjoyed the luxuries of a Pullman palace car, or as in our case, so perfect a train as the one we now travel in, it is a noteworthy fact that we become gradually more exacting in our demands, and are scarcely brought to realize the excellence attained, and the skill to which we are indebted for our comfort, until when, on some subsequent trip, we are reminded by hard experience of the primitive style to which we were accustomed, and long in vain for the luxuries of travel, which we as a party now enjoy. Let us all be duly thankful to Pullman, and through him to all those co-laborers and officers or employees, whose skill, genius and forethought have ministered to our substantial comfort.

## CHICAGO.

As we close our form, preparatory to going to press, we are drawing near to the Garden City of the West, and as we gaze forward to catch the familiar features of this young and valued friend, we behold the misty veil that enshrouds the future, slowly rising to unfold the central metropolis of a continental Republic, whose future we dearly love to contemplate.

— It seems a shame that, up to the present time, no Pullman hotel train has ever been run between Boston and New York. These cities, if we judge them by their size and importance, are certainly entitled to such a privilege; and, after our experience, we feel assured that public opinion will soon speak decidedly on this point, and the line first placing them on their route will be deservedly popular with all Bostonians, and receive the approbation of all on this train.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 30.

To HON. ALEX. H. RICE,

President Boston Board of Trade, on Excursion Train:

We all watch with interest your homeward progress, and send kindly salutations. May your party look back longingly, and regret they ever left us.

ROBERT B. SWAIN,  
President S. F. Chamber of Commerce.

— Our excursionists got well warmed up to their work while sight-seeing yesterday in Omaha, and it was remarked that the man who earned his bread by the "sweat of his brow" had better hasten to Omaha before the weather changes.

— Our genial, enthusiastic and esteemed friend Edw. W. Kinsley, whose genius as a member of our executive committee has been manifest in every detail, as well as in the grander conceptions connected with this excursion, left us at Omaha for a short run to Kansas City. We miss his pleasant features, his cheerful voice, hearty good humor and delightful presence, which have contributed so largely to the enjoyment of us all. Frank H. Peabody and our benediction go with him.

— The next number of the TRANS-CONTINENTAL will be dated Boston, Monday, July 4th.

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