

the Pacific without breaking bulk. Before five years more shall have rolled round, that which lately seemed but an enthusiast's dream will be sober verity, an accomplished fact

I have said that I was pleased to see the energy of Chicago in grasping this prize. It is eminently commendable; and if the cities along the other great line of the country's commerce — beginning at Philadelphia and ending at St. Louis — allow themselves to be outstripped, it is their own fault. This, however, I do not like to see. Allow me to state frankly the result of my observation during the past few days of constrained sojourn in this lively little border town, which is for the present the commercial terminus of this road. I have rambled through the closely packed warehouses of the railroad and of the forwarding-houses, and one empty glass box, bearing the stencil-mark of a Pittsburgh house, was the only evidence I met that there was anything manufactured in our State. Ohio was represented by some agricultural machinery. Even St. Louis had very little to remind one that it is a great city, and that to its enterprise the country is mainly indebted for this magnificent thoroughfare into a vast and prolific region, which, but for it, would afford no market to anybody.

The magnitude of the trade on this road astonishes even those who are building it. Its revenue during the month of May was over \$172,000, or at the rate of over \$2,000,000 a year. A double track will be needed through the valley of the Kansas long before the far distant goal can be reached.

P. S.— In justice to our own State, I must not omit to mention the fact that all the rails on this road, together with the locomotives and cars, are of Pennsylvania manufacture. I only spoke above of the commodities which enter into the general trade of the road.

LETTER VI.—*Water falling — A new Hotel — Return of three of the Pond Creek Party — Observations upon the Country above.*

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I AM still here; but as it is a very good place to see and hear what is going on, to witness the vigorous workings of border life, I cannot say that I regret my involuntary detention. I am comfortably fixed at a respectable restaurant. We have a good table, clean and tidy chambers, and pleasant and intelligent company. I tried the Goddard House about thirty-six hours, but that was enough. In a few weeks