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iomewhere a woman watches-thrilled with pride. Hhrined in her heart, you place with none; toils, she waits, she prays, You pland together when the battle's O keep for her dear liring back to her a manhood

A Race for The "Sunset Limited"

William A. Bowen

a faint glimmering pathway halo shone around the light inside the office window. It was the only night office between Beguin and Schulenberg.' An all-night man had to be kept there-because there was an up warned all creatures of fical and blood of the depot. Here heavy freighttrains were frequently stalled, and had to roll back and beyond the station to "take a header for the hill and force the grade."

The cast-bound "Sunset Limited" was known to the trainmen as No. 101. It stopped only at county-seats or at large towns that were intersected by other roads, or at telegraph offices when signalled for special orders. This did not often occur, especially when the train was late, for its time was very fast, and delay was difficult to make un

So when Jim Byrd, the night operawithout his having received any orlantern to see what was wanted. The big mogul engine came to a sudden stop in front of the office, with all brakes down hard, puffing and wheezing, the air-pumps working to full capacity and the pop-valve blowing off with the sound of a tornado. The engineer leaned out of his cab, and the conductor rushed up the platform. "Whew! She's pretty hot!" said

on time. Worse than that, we-ve got peared like gigantic black wheels of to pass 83 at Schulenberg, unless you solid iron. have got orders. They told us to stop ! here unless you told us to pass. Got any orders for us?" This was all said and turched every time he shovelled by, as I heard the clicker at Seguin serve as a reflector to illumine the up lost time unless signalled down venturing against many chances of

"Why in thunder didn they have you give us the white light then?" and began racing up the grade, Rilley growled the engineer, grasping his and Ned both strained their eyes, for lever and waiting for the conductor at the end of that grade was a curve, to awing on to the mail-car. Then the great machine started off track across a prairie. Ned leaned far crosp up on the flying train, and soon purer the blood the greater the hope cast with puffs that told of an angry out of the cab to gaze, and Riley tried engineer, and the white glare from the to look across the front of his engine

furnace plewed a pathway of light for away ahead on Ned's side. Each was Jim went in, sat at his deak and Suddenly Ned pointed, jumped down began to nod, with his hand on the and began shovelling coal in furiously. key, so us to be easily aroused if Riley pulled his throttle out another called. The rear end lights of the de- cog, and the machine made another and surering. In the parting train were still to be made appalling leap. Ned had pointed at headlight his face was as pale as ished liquor from his household when the two red end lights on the Limited death. But he had lifted the bar and the war began. Kitchener followed out vaguely in the light fog. when the two red end lights on the Limited Jim was roused as if by a blow. The sleeper, but they were barely visible, mysterious way the excitement thrill- of more than fifty miles an hour. The Ing from the nerves of the sender. Jim was awake in an instant, and

the following from the despatcher's night. "Signal 101 for orders! Tell him to page 83 at White's switch!" Latter-will that flying train before she reached not stop! Hold 71 at bridge siding White's switch, which was now hardly until all others are clear! This order delayed by accident in office here." "He didn't think 101 had had time to get here yet," thought Jim. "How she must have been running!

thought of the collision that was im- coal, and half of each shovelful would a standstill both engines pumng imminent, Jim lest no time, but ticked spill. The big oil-can had jumped to headquarters the exact situation, from its rack and was dancing over ing off until one could hardly hear any and usked if an engine could not be the floor. The monkey-wrench folted sent out to Behulenberg to evertake 83, out of the place beside the belier which could not be far from there. dropped hard on the toe of a doctor. The reply was worse than the first and went tumbling out upon the road-

"No engine fired up at Behulenberg! doctors ready to take engine of 71 as in a shout. soon as she comes and go down to wreck! Nothing can prevent terrible "Can't you stop 101 ut Flatonia?" anked Jim, although he knew the pro-

bable reply. "No operator there! Perkins auddenly sluk to-day." Jim hung out the red light for 71 rushed down to the und of the platform where he lived, awakened his wife and little, boy and quickly explained the situation. "You may be a help somehow, May,

he said. "Get up and druss. John you run und wake up the doctors! Worlt b' oready for 711" As the boy started, train 71 cam station. Of the brakeman , who climbed down from a box car, Jim asked: "Who's pulling you to-night, Aif?" "Dan Riley? What's [he doing pull

ing your I thought it was strange furiously. the way that train dushed in and then "Why, there was a lot of rush-per ishable stuff, and all the big engines sleeper, step on it and pull the air were out. Dan was banging round, and they grabbed him with his high-

Jim rushed down to the engine and shouted: "Riley, come to the office and do that. I'll attend to that part quick! Have your fremun get ready of it. No one can handle this engine matter of fact, if he has not pluck to pull out, and I'll have her uncoup- the way you can. I'd make her allde, led while we got ordiers!" . Riley told his fir aman to got things her holding-back force and not strain on even after he has started. Don't roady and then run the engine to the a watch-spring." office. He himself raced after Jim on

To the wondering crew who guthered at the office Jim explained matters, section-houses that passed like great, opening easy. Don't wait for to-mor-Just as he had marshed, a doctor came silent birds, swiftly flyshy away from row. Heart yourself, and start now.

in, half-dressed, carrying his surgical

"Riley, there's no time to lose!" said Jim. "You must be off at once! Here are the other doctors- away now! Somehow I feel as if we were going to find a way out of thin." in reply, Itiley turned to his fire

"Ned, I'm going to catch and stop 101 before also gets to White's awitch! You meedn't go unless you want to. can fire and run her, too, if I have to Somewhere a woman-mother, sweet-You doctorn who ain't afraid to die must be prepared for the most terrible rip you over took! There are two hundred people on those trains. The only way to save them is for me to catch that Limited-and she is almost flying to-night!"

As he talked he was running to his engine, the others instinctively follows ing. Dan, Ned and the three dectors allently got into the cab. Ittley placed the doctors where they could hold on and not be in the wayone just behind him, one standing on the apron between the tender, and the ongine and holding on to the corner at the right-hand side, and the other in the same position on the left. In the next moment the great machine started down the track, and Jim's fingers were ticking the news to head-

quarters. The steam-gage marked one hunfred and sixty pounds, and Ned began feeding in more coal. Riley slowly pulled his throttle open and throw his lover forward, and the engine fairthe telegraph-wires as she seemed to gather herself for a swifter plunge

As the drivers began to spin, Riley cently pulled on his throttle and lifted his lever a notch, gradually giving her steam as the pistons began going in and out faster and faster. He stood, in incurnate force, a grim spectre in allhouetto against the faint light now thrown back from the headlight. As the doctors stared at that silent figure The bell kept ringing except when Ved was shovelling coal into the red-

they felf an awe sweep over them. hot throat of the iron racer, and every few seconds the shrick of the whistle ed the first switch at the bridge, little more than half a mile down the track, the engine was almost jumping along the ralls in mighty throbs, ac rapidly was she gaining speed under the steady, regular pull at that throt-

lilley kept his eyes steadily on the alls. The headlight sent forward o gleam of white that seemed to part the mist into walls of dripping gray on each side of the track, and the ralls appeared like two cracks in the darkness through which came streaks of light from unknown depths. 'He pulled his lover up to the threequarter notch, drew his throttle nearly to the last cog, and looked at the

gage. It showed one hundred and eighty pounds, and the pop-valve was roaring. The time was not yet ten o'clock, in their windows, and doors flow open as people heard the clanging bell, the shricking whictle and the blast of the pop-valve, and remembered that the Limited had just gone past. By the time the engine reached Big Sandy bridge, the side rods were going so fast that they looked as if moving

only up and down, and the drivers ap-To keep upright the doctors clung with all their strength, and Ned recled by the conductor in a loud quick voice. coal. Then over the glare from the "No," answered Jim. "I guess they opened mouth, the great mentle of forgot to tell me to signal you to go black that was streaming back would the bar. He seemed agonized. The saying for you to go ahead and make faces and forms of the men who were

nudden death. As the engine tore across the bridge and then a two-mile stretch of level looking for the same thing.

Southern Pacific was one of the best ballasted and smoothest tracks in the been thoroughly overhauled and with horror he rapidly wrote down country, but it was to be tested that are as good as the day they left the following from the despatcher's night.

The pursuers had already covered five miles, and must catch and stop fourteen miles ahead of Riley's en-Coal was bouncing all over the cab

floor; the pick and the shovel could 101 that semething awful, and never There not be kept in place. Itiley had to before known in his experience, was she goes just by the bridge siding stand up and hold to his lever and happening! So he, too, shut off steam throttle, ready to put on brakes. Ned and put on his brakes. the had almost to crawl when he shovelled

The roaring of the escaping steam, Charley had stroke of paralysis at the the thunder of the whoels and the switch. key; no one knew it until wired you. clanging of the bell made it impossible That caused delay in orders. Have for any one to speak audibly except into it, but the train had barely clear-"By the way those lights went suif-

fifty miles!" roared Ned. "Yea," replied lilley, "and we've got to bout that a good deal! She'll have on and sleepers. to slow up some going through Fintonia! It'll be mighty risky, but we'll have to strike those switches just the his fallen fireman. In a dead faint way we're going now-or fuster!" "Well, I'm not afraid, except for the dump that changes so quickly into cut and then to a curve just beyond the depot!" said Ned. "We're doing

considerably over fifty miles, I guess!" "I just counted seventy-three joints we rolled over in twenty seconds by he came to and they praised him; but my watch!" shouted lilley. "That the foot kept him in the hospital for gives us nearly seventy-two miles! rattling down the hill and stopped at I'm going to make her spread herself the tank one-hundred yards below the when we strike the next level and the ly disgusted him by dubbing him here. down-grade piece of track!" Smooth as was the track, with the rock ballast and heavy new steel ralls. the flying engine was swaying from

aido to side and plunging up and down "When we catch them, Ned," said and travellers. Riley. "you hold the throttle and I'll get down in front and couple on the then you reverse her and jam on ou wind for all it's worth!" "No. Dan," roplied Ned, "It's going to be a ticklish thing to get out there

most likely; but you can put on all Over bridges, acrous valleys through DO YOUR DEST

He careful how you form indifferent, careless habits of work, when you are working for some one else. In the first place, such habits render it unlikely that you will over have a business of your own; and in the second place, even if you did, you would have hard work making a auccess of it, if you had to contend with slovenly habits of work as well as with your compatitors. Whoever you are working for, and I whatever galary you are receiving, do the best work of which you are capable.

hem, the engine clanged on, racking the five men who thought continually on the terrible possibilities before them. The slightest mishap might prove fatal.

But the rink must be taken to save he unconscious passengers on the trains that were rushing toward col-

The plan was arranged. Ned was o get on the cowcatcher and have the great draw-bar ready to put into the jaw of the sleeper coupler. Then, unless he failed, he was to jump on the be delivered before the first of March. another, dwelling or, the herror of the platform of the sleeper, while Riley For nearly five years Rev. Eather war cried, "Oh, the tragedy that has kept the bar in place until Ned could Haley has been the priest in charge brought this terrible blurder and mudpin it in. Then Ned was to pull the of St. Poseph's Church, Acton, as well sheet." Put best of all the prayerair-cord on the rear of the sleeper, and as of the churches at Georgetown and meeting stories is that of the dignified

Never did the inhabitants of quiet Flatonia see such a sight us that great engine tearing through the town and across streets, nover slacking, with the whistle screaming and bell clanging, the engine rocking and rolling over switch frogs and street intersections. Poople went out on the streets and collected in groups and spoke in hushed voices of wonder and fear, for they on Wednesday evening for the coming knew the Sunset Limited had passed through not more than a minute before, slowing up on its way through

The speed of Riley's engine grow more terrific as it reached the straight piece of track, down grade, beyond the town. His plan was to make lightning speed down this to the level stretch four miles beyond, at the end of which he expected to catch 101 just before she reached White's switch.

Ned knew what was coming. H renewed the fire, crawled out on the footboard, granped the handrods, and went on his hands and knoes along the side of the leaping engine. There were the two red lights down the track. Now came the trial! All that had been done before seemed child's play to what lay before them now. Ned pulled his cap down over his cars, and slowly drew himself along until he reached the boller head. As the engine was steadying itself after

of the cowcatcher. Firmly planting his feet between the timbers of the pilot he waited. They were just behind 101 now, and gradually creeping up on her. Riley strained his eyes to catch Ned's every movement. The pursuing engine just seemed to spurt right up to the slooper. Ned lifted the heavy bar. The alcoper lurched, the engine pitched and rocked, and the train seemed to be trying to get away. It crept ahead and out of reach. Ned had dropped for their armies, and won.

to them terrible-that failure. But Riley still hoped. He did not increase his speed, feeling that 101 had simply taken one of those unaccountable spurts made by trains at times, and that Ned needed a moment to become cool and calm. Two seconds, on the life of men. The cleaner the passed. Again the engine begun to blood, the longer the life, and the the cowcatcher was under the sleeper. of recovery from wounds. Now! Ned painfully raised the big bar higher and placed it in the jaw of is born, whence the soldiers must the coupler. Riley saw it fall, and was on the point of putting on a little more steam to keep it in place when

the air-cord and pulled. Instantly he was flattened out right against the end of the car by the suddonness with which the train checked its speed. Riley had shut off steam as he saw Ned pull the cord, and had

put his jam-brakes on. The sudden pulling back of the train followed by those four shricks of the whistie, told the amazed engineer of In a few moments the train was at

patiently, with their pop-valves blowother noise. The crew of 101 rushed back and stood in speechless astonish-"Don't ask questions! Back quickly and lot's got on White's switch!" ex-

claimed Riley, for they had run by the They were not blow in backing up ed the main track and the brakeman had hardly time to throw the switch round that curve 101 must be making when 83 flushed in sight around the curve, and dashed by with its three baggage and mail cars and five couch-Then Rilloy borang up to the roat

platform of 101 and lifted the head of That strong man! But his boot! For the heavy draw-bar had fallen on that foot, Jamming it between the timbers of the cowcatcher, and breaking the bones. Yet he had held hitmself to the reacte till it was done! "That's all right," said Nod, when

five months. An for lilley, the newspapers great-"Shuckel" he said. "Makes me sick! Done my duty, and done no morel But Nod was dond game, sure!" Bill, from New Orleans to Bar Francisco, that ruce after the Bunset Limited is talked of by railway men

WAITING FOR A START OnOo of the most pitiable sights the

world has to offer is that of a youth sound mentally and physically, sitting with his hands folded, waiting for some one to give him a start. As a enough to start himself the chances are that he will not succeed in keeping depend upon another to give you a shove along the path leading to sucfields, by hamlets whose gaping people | coas. Don't wait for a combination stared with wonder and fright, by of circumstances which will make the

TWENTY YEARS AGO

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, January 27, 1808

Colder weather. Tuesday night's blizzard was old-fashioned enough. A special week of prayer in being held in Knox Church, with the mostings well attended. The Public School Board advertises

Riley was to shut off steam and put on Oustig. He has just been transferred leader who brought the session to a his jam-brakes and blow four quick to Mueton in Waterlee County, and blasts as signals of distress. takes charge of his new field this wook. Min successor is Roy. Father Feeney, of Brantford, who has already

vited to the pasterate of the Baptist has accepted. He will commence his by a few moments of prayer. Scelag pastorate on Bunday, March 6. The Board of Education organized year. Mr. James McLain was elected

At the initial meeting of the County Council for 1898 at Milton, on Tues- his precise English and careful enunday Mr. George Havill, of Acton, was clation met his fall when he "supplied" on Education. Mr. Havill is the newly He had chosen for his lesson the story elected representative of District No. Mr. John Nickell, Enquening's first-

born son, died last Thursday, in Nausagawoya at the home of his son at the age of 68 years. INCENT-In Acton, on Friday, Jan- which probably raised visions of beef uary 27, Julia Townsend, wife of

George Vincent. PROHIBITION AND THE WAR

war." said the N. Y. World, in a recent laste. This was written to supa struggle and heavy plunge, he dropwere simply striving to block the Food Twenty minutes! She came to her lill with a clause that was not neces- | feet and rapped firmly on the table ped on his stomach to the platform mary and they were "not concerned with her thimbled forefinger. The with the defeat of Germany." Wellf let us see. On what must war depend? On men, and only by means of men can victory be gained. To fight and win they must be fit. Kainer, a few years ago, renounced drink blingelf and said the next, war would be won by the nation that drank

South Africa they decreed prohibition The Czar of Russia realized that the doctors clung and stared; it seemed great factor contributing to Russia's defeat in the Russo-Japanese war wan drunkenness among his soldiers, and our teeth at that. Now. Adele's gold early in the present war decreed prohibition in his empire. "No vital relation!" Vital means

life. Success in the conflict depends Life begins at home where the babe come, and where economy of life's forces must begin. If life is not conserved there, war will be a dismat

slowly he put it in place, crawled up the lead of his King. A host of mentioned it; but of course, it's of no on the platform and dropped a pin people in Great Britain are clamoring consequence." into the bar. Then he staggered up to for prohibition and insigting that Oermany cannot be beaten until whiskey plainly resentful. Nevertheless, she and beer-making are stopped. not her committee to work once more. If prohibition is good for the goldler and the last comfort pillow was triumphantly completed before the meet-

and sailor, it is good for the places and people whence they come. Conservation of food, (by prohibiting its manufacture into alcohol) to make men who are to make war is in the highest interests of democracy .- J. H Harlowood, Department of Social Ser-

STORY OF ELEVEN POOR BOYS Everyone of them Became President of the United States

John Adams, second President, was the non of a grocer of very mederate mound. Th only start he had was a good education. Andrew Jackson was born in a lo but in North Carolina and was reared frightened! Suppose we shouldn't find in the pine woods for which the State the thimble? It must have been valuis famous.

James 16. Polk spent the earlier years of his life helping to dig a living out of a now farm in North Carolina. He was afterwards clerk in a country Millard Fillmore was a sen of a New York farmer, and his home was a humble one. He learned the business

James Buchanan was born, in small town in the Alleghany mountains. His father cut the logs and built the house in what was then a wildernous. Abraham Lincoln was the son of wrotchedly poor farmer in Kontucky and lived in a log cabin until he was

twenty-one years old. Andrew Jackson was apprenticed to a tailor at the age of ten yours by his What was that maxim you were talkwidowed mother. He was never able to attond school and picked up all the education he ever had. Ulyanos B. Grant lived the life of village boy. In a plain house on the banks of the Ohio Hiver, until he was seventeen years of age. James A. Cardeld was born in a log cable. He worked on the farm until

he was alread enough to use carpenter's tools, when he learned the trade. He afterwards worked on a canal boat. Grover Cleveland's father was a Prosbyterian minister with a small salary and a large family. The boys had to earn their living. William Mckinley's early home was plain and comfortable, and his father was able to keep him at school --Rocky Mountain Advocate.

a thirsty man runs up on a prohibition A good, joko in one which hever is invariably subjected.

Ma has every confidence in pa. the says she knows he always does what's right. le's not at all like some folks' hus banda are. Whose conduct very often is a fright she says that the can trust him any-An' know he'd mover think of Joing wrong. sut when he meets a wistow young. an' Ma never leaves them chatting very

· long da never has a single doubt of pa, An' she la very thankful, too, for iho sayo she knows he'd never go too Besides he's growing old an' bald; 'nn' fut. But just the same when we have friends for tea An' ma has shown 'em where their places are. lthough she trusts him most impli She never puts the pretty girls by

QUIRKS OF MIND AND TONGUE

-Detroit Free Pross

The solemnity of the occasion is no safeguard. Prayer meetings, indeed, seem to afford just the kind of soil from which such mental 'aports" most often spring. "Lot us read from the Fifth Actor of Chaps," anid the leader close by saving with all due selemnity

we have a head of prayer." Similar and almost as funny is the who, at the close of a very demonstraa brother by the name of Horne in one of the front scats, he called out in a strong, penetrating voice, full of solemnity and emotion. "Brother Pray, will you please horne for us?"

for a brother clergyman who was sick. of David and Gollath; but when I came to the description of the giant's weapon, he read, "The staff of his spear was like a beaver's weam." A less confident but not less carnest leader told his class that Esau "sold his birthright for a pot of message." stow in the minds of his youthful hearers, and was perhaps not so grave

a mistake, after all. THE LOST THIMBLE

I'rue withdraw her head from under he sofa, brushed a bit of lint from her eyelashes, sneezed, scrambled to her knees and glanced at the clock. others, some tiptocing, some crawling. some pawing over the piles of completed work, some shaking out their skirts for the dezenth time, turned expectant faces. "Oh, have you found it."

"No, I sorry to may! But girls, this won't do: we're losing too much time. Kitchener and Lord Roberts knew Remember, this is a special meeting the same thing and in Egypt and called expressly because we were notifled that this month's consignment must be ready earlier than we expected, if it is to go by the first ship. That means using every minute, and we shall only make good by the akin of thimble is here, in this room, safe if

it'alwhere it can't be stepped on-" "It isn't on the floor. I've crawled over every inch!" interrupted Louise. "Well, then, I propose we stop hunting and go back to work. I'll hunt again, alone, after our job is finished and you're all gone, and simply keep on till I find it. Of course, you're all eager to help Adele, but I'm sure she'll understand if I don't let you-won't

you, Adulo?" "Oh, of course," assenter Adele stiffly. "I'm sorry to have made trouble -very sorry. It was a present and initial in diamonds, or I'd never have Prue's heart mank. Adele was very

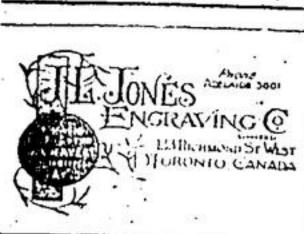
ing broke up. She invited Adole to remain; but Adole declined, and departed abruptly to keep an engage-"Pruo, you are fine, and you did uxactly right!" declared Louise, her "chum," who had lingered. "Adele's a pig of selfishness, anyway, and it doesn't matter what she thinks." "Oh, yes, it does, I'm afruid-when she was the loser and my guest!" sighod Prue, "But the work came first; and then, we were all flustered and hindering one another and wasting precious minutes, and all of a sudden I rememberod one of Aunt Prudence's maxima? -it's the first time I over did rememher a maxim at the right time,- and I acted on it. But, all the same, I'm

"I suppose so--it was fairly lumpy with ornaments; I don't see how she could sow with the clummy thing," said Louise, withdrawing her hand from b. a export to flode a balled galacter daintly flipping the dust from her fingers with her handkerchief. As the pulled the handkerchief from her apron pocket, the last thimble came with it, and rolled clinking and glittering on the floor. The girls both uttered a simultaneous cry of delight. "It must have droped off into my lap when Adele leaned over to watch how I turned that fusay corner of my bag." said Louise; "and then it alipped down

into my pocket. We might have hunted the whole afternoon and never have found it. Lucky you stopped us. Prue, ing about? How did it happen to fit the circumstaneou?" "When I was a heedless youngator. visciting my Quaker mimo-aunt Prudouce, I was forever losing my toys, and then upsetting everything and everyone hunting for them immediately, instatontly and frantically, looking half a dozon times in the same place. -you know how an impatient child does hunt,- and Aunt Prudence used to sit back, exasperctingly calm, and give me good advice. "Child, child, if thee had lost one

article, remember thee does not improve matters by lesing three others, which are generally more important; thy head, thy temper, and time." . "Good for Aunt Prudencel" said Louise, with a laugh. "Likawing good for Nieco Prue! Let us telephone to Adole we've found her thimble."

The best way to keep peace is to be able to lick every possible antagonist. Experience to said to be a good shows the wear and tear to which it toucher, but that can't be said to be its primary object.



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