

The Railroad Business Overdone. Says the Cincinnati Enquirer: At Long Branch last night, with a railroad man of fair authority, I remarked: "Pullman has three residences that I know of, here and in Chicago, and at the Thousand Isles of the St. Lawrence."

"He will want to get them all together on one small lot before many years pass," said the auditor.

"Why, do you think the railroads will throw off on him?"

"Yes, their diminishing business will not permit of any such incubus. It is hard times with all railroads. They are just beginning to meet questions of moment bluntly, and this Mr. Gowen, President of the Reading Railroad, goes to the core of the question when he says that too much competition has made it well-nigh impossible to earn dividends. That had already been said by Mr. Devereux of the Columbus and Cleveland Railroad. The Erie lakes and six lines of rail to the West give too much outlet for the crops. Before the war we had single tracks on every railroad; now Vanderbilt has four, Scott three or four, Garrett two or three, and the Erie, and Chesapeake and Ohio are also in the field, with the Grand Trunk flanking all around to the North. Low rates are a necessity of such an abundance of communications. Passengers in America now pay the cheapest fares in the world. Ten dollars for excursion tickets from New York to Cincinnati and back! The cheapest economy must follow such prices. The Pullman cars are very heavy, and mash up the road beds; they bring no revenue to the hauling company, which must also keep them in repair. They cost from \$17,000 to \$50,000 apiece, and weigh from twenty-five to fifty tons, while ordinary cars weigh only twenty tons. The Erie Railroad ran one Pullman car which cost \$52,000—the Orange County by name. Every scratch of that cabinet work cost your pocketbook to repair it. Now, the bulk of the Pullman cars will require to be rebuilt very soon; they run about eight years, and then such is their condition, they must be wholly rebuilt. There are between two thousand and four thousand of them, perhaps. The capital of the company is, say, \$12,000,000. When that construction account is made up, and the railroad companies proceed to fret about repairing other people's cars and carrying extravagant "riders," the hey-day will be over.

Ben Butler has an Unexpected Rival. Col. Charles S. Spencer, counsellor-at-law, some years ago had to defend one Marshall, charged with larceny, and against whom there was very strong evidence. Before the trial Spencer went to his client and told him that his only chance of escape was in a plea of insanity, and he advised him to play the lunatic, and to answer all questions put to him with the word "spoons."

The day of the trial came on, and Marshall took his place in the dock, pale, haggard, and wild looking.

"Guilty or not guilty?" asked the clerk.

"Spoons!" drawled the prisoner, with a blank stare.

"Come, plead guilty or not guilty," repeated the clerk.

"Spoons!" was the only reply.

"Prisoner, will you answer the questions put to you, or do you want to be punished for contempt?" asked the Judge.

"Spoons!" drawled the prisoner, still unmoved.

At this point the counsel for the prisoner interfered and told the Court that his client was not in a condition to put on trial, as he was evidently not responsible for his actions, and it was an outrage on free citizens, &c.

"Do you understand what is said?" asked the Judge, addressing the prisoner.

"Spoons!" was his reply, in accents wild.

It was evident the man was crazy, and the Judge ordered him discharged. He was taken charge of by his friends, who were present, and left the court with them. Counsellor Spencer followed him on his escape, suggested that it might be a good idea to pay him his fee. His client stared at him in blank amazement, and moved away with the simple remark, "Spoons!"—N. Y. World.

Run on the Turn-Table. Says the Atlantic Constitution: Jake is an old campaigner among the colored voters, but he is now "on the fence." He shook his head yesterday, and remarked:

"Dar's sumfin' 'rong in dis har polyticks now—dat's 'houes', you heah me?"

"What's hurting the cause now, Jake?" we asked him, as he kicked his heel against the wall.

"Well, I was up der at de 'Publian meetin' de oder night—yer 'members dat'?"

"Yes, we do."

"Well, dey had a brass band up der, didn't dey? An' it played fur de meetin' several chunes, such as 'Glorious hal-lujurum' an' 'We all drink a stone bin', fill up de dose, 'didn't dey now'?"

"We believe they did."

"Yes, an' de niggers jes hollered same ez dey was all right, but dat band turn right square 'round' an' play dat Sunday school chune 'Ober dar', and I'se mighty 'fer'd when dey counts de votes dat dey all 'gwine ter be 'ober dar'—on de Dimmocrat side! Dis har polyticks train, 'pears to me, has run on de turn-table; dat's what's hurtin'."

Then Jake moved away, whistling, "Oh, it's hard trials—great tribulations!"

There is a great falling-off of little boys who try to ride on the behind end of a street car.

"I shall follow her soon," said a sad-eyed man at the grave of his wife. Within a month he was following another woman.

"Madam," said a gentleman to his wife, "let me tell you facts are very stubborn things." "What a fact you mean," quoth the lady.

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