

MIDSUMMER.

BY R. W. EMERSON.

Around this lovely valley rise The purple hills of Paradise. Oh, softly on you banks of haze Her ruddy face Summer lays!

I watch the mowers, as they go Through the tall grass, a white-sleeved row; With even strokes they scythe their swing, In tune their merry whetstones ring;

Three hundred and thirty-five thousand eight hundred and eighty-two square miles of the earth's surface are called "Nebraska." They comprise what was left of the Louisiana purchase after carving out Arkansas, Iowa, Missouri and Minnesota; about the largest exchange of real estate ever contemplated, if we except Satan's proposition to the Saviour, when from the mountain top he offered him the kingdoms of the world for a consideration.

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See those human heads drifting about over the tops of the grass, as if they were Mercury's caps and so had wings. Those heads have owners, and the owners are in the habit of moving about as if they had some other place to go, leaving Nebraska at all. You can see the chimney-tips of a steamer just over the trees, looking like a couple of hats. It is ten miles off by water, and only four across the meadow and through the corn.

PETROLEUM FOR STEAMBOATS.—Petroleum is to be used as a steamboat fuel. A company has been organized in Memphis, Tennessee, which is building a boat of not less than fifty-horse power, that will save one-third of the space devoted to fuel, while its lightning will greatly lessen the draft of the vessel.

The mission to Mexico. The mission of Hon. Lewis D. Campbell, accompanied by Gen. Sherman, to Mexico, reminds us of a similar one in 1838. The parties were then Hon. Robt. M. McLane, of Maryland, and Gen. Joseph E. Johnston, his brother-in-law. Gen. Johnston, then belonging to the old army, was sent out with Mr. McLane to examine into the military condition of the country. The United States were at that time in a state of a fog concerning Mexican affairs as they are at the present. Mr. McLane had a carte blanche, we believe, to hunt up a de facto government, or to enter into diplomatic relations with that which had the strongest hold upon the people.

SUDDEN GOOD FORTUNE.—On board the United States gunboat Madawaska, sometime ago, a young man held the humble position of lamp trimmer. He was a Hungarian, whose father had been executed for participation in Kosuth's revolutionary movement, and he came to the United States in 1848. Knowing but little of the circumstances of his family, and believing all their property to be lost, after earning a precarious livelihood in other ways, he finally entered the U. S. Navy, and was employed on the Madawaska to assist the captain of the hold and trim the lamp.

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three bad "scares." The ground in which the excavation is now progressing has not been of the uniform consistency heretofore shown. Every now and again gas jets hiss in the face of the workmen, blow out their lights, &c. and small "pockets" of sand are opened, which bring to the minds of the miners the thought that perhaps there are large quantities of gas lying under the water upon them. It may be imagined, the thoughts of the men are not of the pleasantest kind, and it does not take much to startle them, and produce a panic.

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