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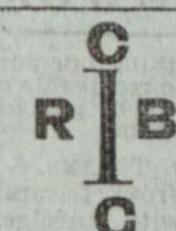
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THE RAILROAD IN THE CANONS.

MOSQUITOS.

ECHO, Aug. 2.

The great American humorist, A. Ward, remarked on the words, "I'm saddest when I sing," that the man who uttered them was a fool to sing at all. But night before last I made the acquaintance of a number of happy creatures that sing when they are about to be busiest, and do not seem to comprehend what sadness is. Lively and well occupied when most people are asleep, they come around in the happiest mood, and would almost make one think they were harmless, good-natured, musical creatures, with no interest except to amuse you. I would like to call the place where I slept on Friday night "Mosquito Level," for the musical insects were without number, and their stings were inserted with as much celerity and ease as the tongue of a voluble pot-house politician can wag. This locality, where mosquito bars should be

ON THE BACK TRACK.

four miles from Bear River Station.

at a premium, is on Sulphur Creek, some

for paying more attention to the general appearance of the country and to the quantity of work done, than when seeking after details. There is not much work done yet, comparatively speaking, on Messrs. Nounnan's contract, though a considerable amount of labor has been expended in getting a "good ready." Yet there will be little difficulty in putting through the work. The country is rolling and does not strike the eye with that monotony which a level region presents. Towards the western end of their contract the ravines begin to assume that magnitude which is usually associated with cañons.

A BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY.

Leaving the line of the railroad near the tunnels in Miller & Patterson's contract, and striking up unto the rising ground on the north, which forms a portion of the northern boundary of Echo, a beautiful country opens to the view. Far away to the north and northwest it stretches out, undulating and rolling, interspersed with innumerable little valleys. Should this ever become a rainy climate, and the frosts of winter become less severe in the higher lands. this stretch of country would support millions of inhabitants. The horizon is bounded, which ever way the gazer turns, far as the eye can reach in the clear atmosphere of this region, with lofty mountains whose highest summits, snow-covered, glisten in the clear sunlight with the coruscations of diamond peaks.

EXPECTED CHANGE OF LINE.

A little east of Cache Cave I was fortunate enough to find Major Lawrence's surveying party, who were just completing the running of a new line. which, if it had been practicable, would have passed around the mountain lying south-east of Cache Cave, and coming down, not far from the old emigrant road, would have joined the line now running down Echo, at the mouth of the North Fork. But it had been found impracticable; and Major Lawrence designed running a line down the opposite side of the cañon. This will keep pretty close to the stage road, from the mountain which lies west of Yellow Creek station, skirting its western base. He had no doubt but this line would be practicable, with a grade in one place of 110 feet; and he expected it would be conception might be formed of the magadopted, and that the one now being nitude of the work. constructed from the summit of Echo to the mouth of the North Fork would be abandoned, as this new line would strike in to that down the principal cañon about the same place as the one on the opposite side was expected to do, which had been found impracticable. If adopted, the two tunnels in the divide, at the head of North Fork, and the very heavy work on both sides of them, will be dropped, and instead a much more easily constructed line will have been found, with lighter work, and with only one tunnel 250 feet through; but it will be two miles longer, and presents the disadvantage of a higher grade than has to be employed in any other part of the two canons.

THE GRADE

Differs considerably in places, but is not anything like as high as was expected. highest grade in Echo Cañon is 40, except on the new line which he was working classes.

about to run, where from previous work he was satisfied it would be 110 while 116 is the maximum allowed to be used. In nearly all Weber Canon the grade is also under 40, though towards the mouth, where it debouches into Salt Lake Valley, it will be higher, being, as I am informed, about 90. In places the road is level, and it is much straighter than might be expected, even by those best acquainted with the two cañons down which it runs. The maximum curvature allowed is nine and a half degrees, but they have not been compelled to employ any sharper curve than six degrees.

PROGRESS IN ECHO AND WEBER.

Down Echo the grading must be more than two thirds completed, and the unfinished part is progressing rapidly. Ties are being got out in the vicinity of Bear river, and other places; and were the other portions of the line east as near completed as this cañon, with ties and rails r ady, the cars might be running to the mouth of Echo in a wenderfully short time. There is not much of the line yet finished down Weber; but as many of the men who worked in Echo have gone down Weber Cañon, it will make rapid progress there also. The mode of

SUB-LETTING CONTRACTS

On the return there was opportunity | Adopted by President Young, is very superior to that usually employed for construction, especially with the class of workmen who are grading the line on his contract. In most of instances a party of men would combine together, take their sub-contracts, and work it as partners. They did not tie themselves to hours, nor did they endeavor to kill time by doing as little as possible, especially when the eye of the "boss" was off them; for every man had as deep an interest in the completion of the job as the "boss" had, whose particular business was to direct the work. In this way the amount of labor performed in places at times would seem almost incredible were it stated, every man doing his "level best" to complete the work in the shortest possible time. Of course, too, such a thing as a strike was not to be thought of under such circumstances; indeed I have not heard of a strike on President Young's contract since the commencement of the work.

ABSENCE OF PROFANITY

Disorder, or quarrels, in the camps was highly gratifying. In but one camp of less than a hundred men, out of between two and three thousand working in the two cañons, did I hear profanity; and it is not likely to be tolerated there long. To-day I have attended two very interesting meetings, one in Bishop Sheets' camp attended by his own hands and those of John W. Young, and the other at Kimball & Co's camp opposite Hanging Rock.

THE MAGNITUDE OF THE WORK On the Pacific Railroad cannot be well comprehended by reading about it. When a gang of men are seen at work in one place, and then a little further on another gang, and still further on another, with another beyond that, each gang engaged in doing that which would ordinarily be looked upon as a work of some magnitude; and then consider that for hundreds of miles similar gangs of men are similarly employed constructing, while ties are being got out by the hundred thousand at points along the route; and that track layers are busily employed stretching their even rails at the rate of miles per day, with tens swelling to hundreds, and bundreds swelling to thousands of men; while from ocean to ocean across a great continent the mighty vibrations are felt from this vast pulsation; then somejust

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

All along the line, as far as my travels were extended, the utmost courtesy was manifested towards the representative of the NEWS, and the popularity of the paper seemed much greater than even I had expected, being spoken of everywhere in the highest terms.

People who go through the world with a flourish rarely have anything else. It is a cheap and paltry existence, and may be compared to a bass drum, which makes a great deal of noise but has not the slightest music. The best part of a comet is not its flaunting tail. but in its magnetic body; the best people in the world are not those who Major Lawrence informed me that the flourish and parade and crash and smash along, but the quiet, thinking, pushing.