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SNOW BOUND

In writing this story I feel that I owe an apology to the general public not for using the classical title I have chosen nor again because it is to be a story of the happenings of the greater part of my life. but because I am endowed with such a great love of truth that under no considerations can I resort to hyperbole or even to metaphor in order that I may make my story interesting but must throughout the entire length of it tell the truth and nothing but the truth.

To begin with it was back in the year of 1912 that a friend and I went down to the beautiful little city of— but what is the difference what it was called then, it is off of the map now, here we began our snow bound life. As most travelers do we at once asked the operator if the train was on time. His reply was that the trains had been running only two or three days late and he had every reason to believe that they would still continue to make equally as good time. Thus encouraged we settled down for a few hours rest such as only can be had on the soft pine benches of a western depot. In this way we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves for a few days until we had eaten every thing that we could find around the depot except of course the operator and his pet cat when I noticed my traveling companion showing signs of restlessness and decided that it

was again time to give the operator a chance to inform us on a subject namely the train which he knew nothing about but since he was an accommodating sort of fellow he could always tell us something about a train he had seen go through there once. Well it went on this way for several days until we had eaten every thing in the dwelling houses, grocery store and lumber yard and had begun to wonder how long we could exist on cast iron stoves, steel plows, hay rakes, etc when we noticed the following sign in big letters hung across the main street "Train Today and since it would in all probabilities be there within the following week we hustled down to the depot and sure enough at the end of twenty four hours it did really and truly come. With the assistance of the conductor, brakeman, fireman and porter who by the way were all one man we got in side and started for the Western State Normal School at a rate of speed that would surprise one who had not previously ridden on a branch of the U. P. In due time we reached the metropolitan city of Sheridan County and here a man whom we had known in infancy boarded the train. From here on I will have to tell you a great many things that I was not able to see with my own eyes but since they came from honorable men I have every reason to believe they are just as true as

any of the other experiences I have been telling you.

We were a few miles out of Hoxie when one of our fellow sufferers went back in the second compartment of our coach and on returning said he saw an awfully pitiful sight while there. We asked him what it was. He said "There is an old grey headed man back there who it seems already has one foot in the grave. He was crying pitifully as tho his old heart would break and when I asked him what was wrong he said, "Boo hoo, Papa spanked me when I got on the train at Hoxie and I can't get over it..

A short time after this sad incident I noticed that the train had been standing still for a few hours longer than common and upon going out to where the engine should be, found that the engineer had run out of smoking tobacco and had cut loose and run on up to Menlo to get his pipe filled. In the course of a few hours he and his engine returned. Then as he backed up to hitch onto a car he informed us that we were stuck in a snow drift. He would hitch his faithful old engine onto one car pull it out then sit down and rest while a couple of our colored brethren would scoop out the snow that ought to have been where the car was sitting. This process was continued until some one said that the other train was coming then the crew, now old and feeble went to the rear of the car and burned a lot of red fireworks as a sort of celebration. Our hopes were vain however for no passenger came in sight. They went back and by the united efforts of the crew and passengers got the engine to moving and in due time reached the city of Menlo.

Right here I will have to take you back a few years to the time when we entered Hoxie. Here there was

a baby boy boarded the train and at Seguin a baby girl also joined our crowd. They had seemed especially well fitted to travel lifes railroad together and at Menlo amid the hissing of steam and the roaring of a red hot stove they were made one. If time and space would admit I could tell you hundreds of equally as interesting happenings but I must need tell you only of the important things that happened while we were waiting for time to leave this famous city. The U. P. company had been especially thoughtful in providing a clothes line which run the full length of the car so a steam laundry with a floating capital was organized. In the baggage room was a topsy turvy stove on which we could cook our meals and as the Master of the Universe had furnished an abundance of jack rabbits we could see in our minds eye an endless number of sumptuous dinners but all of our hopes were blasted by the whistle of an app roaching train. This train pulled up by our side and in spite of all our pleadings hitched on our car and forced us to go on our way. At Colby a crowd of people boarded our car. There were marks of time on their faces, hair that once must have been beautiful was now scanty and grey. eyes that in youth must have been sparkling and full of fun were now sunken and dulled by time, cheeks that were once fair and plump were now faded and wasted away, a step that once must have been sprightly and full of life was now slow and feeble but in spite of all the changes by the hand of time we were able to recognize some of our old school mates of good old Normal. From Colby to Oakley we renewed acquaintances, talking of the time we used to have in our youth. At Oakley we began again our old life of waiting for a train that would

said was to come to town the following evening. We were of course now too old to enjoy the frivolous things of youth so we put in most of our time between the operator's window and the "Hoot Owl Restaurant." At the operators' window we heard great stories of trains that were to come. At the "Hoot Owl" we contested with each other to see who could draw first blood on the beef steak, and with such results that the gladiators of old would have fled in horror. Finally after all hyperbole had been stretched to the limit and all prevarication had been broken entirely by the afore said operator a train did come. The rest is quickly told. With a comparatively few hours and after a few stops for breath we reached Hays and were soon installed in our old duties of preserving order and upholding the morals of our beloved institution.

Every story should have a moral and of course this one surely must have. It might very well be "If you want to get anywhere on time, walk" but it is not so. The moral of this story is as you very probably have already found out, "Truth is its own reward." Signed Noname.

Miss Agnew returned Tuesday evening of this week. She reports a much improved condition of her sister's health.

Prof. E. B. Matthew, stopped off at Hays and made the Normal a short visit last Tuesday. He is inspecting high schools in this part of the state this week.

Rev. Wiest was a Normal visitor last Monday.

Miss Mae Dyer has been taking Miss Agnew's place in the Domestic Science department during the latter's absence.

CLUB NOTES.

Elsie Smith gives as her reason for coming to school this year. "It is leap year."

Eva—What is the Legislature?

Mr. Lahman—A box where they grind out laws.

LoRee too. Miss Swans place in High School this week.

Is the duckling turning into a Swan?

King says, he would not be afraid to bet the Union Pacific that they could not get him home in less than a week.

Ooes anybody know why Mae Cragge looks so funny when anybody calls her "m child"?

Would someone kindly present table no. 3 with a bell?

We noticed Kerns had a severe cold after vacation, too sudden a change from the land of Roses.

Y. M. C. A.

The Y. M. C. A. boys met Jan. 14, for their regular meeting. Mr. Law the president had charge of the meeting. After the opening exercises Mr. Picken read from S. D. Gordon's "Quiet Talks on Service."

Seventeen members were present. Mr. Clayte Bice will lead the next meeting.

Anyone bothered with corns, and wishing a remedy for same, apply to any member of the Physical Training class as this subject was thoroly discussed in class this week and several sure cures vouched for. "Prof." Kerns' remedy is recommended as the best.

Miss Ruth Cullens of Lucas and Maggie Mahlberg of Ellis entered school this week.

Miss Ethel Rowism and Miss Pearl Reed called at the Normal one day this week.

Unter Uns.

Um die Schüler wissen zu lassen was wir in unserem deutschen Department tun, und da so viele Graduierte Deutsch studiert haben, so werden wir oft ein paar Zeilen in den „Leader“ schreiben. Wir hoffen, daß dieselben unsern deutschen Schülern interessant sein werden und daß sie für die deutsche Sprache Interesse erwecken werden.

In ein paar Wochen werden wir anfangen unser deutsches Schauspiel einzüben.

Fräulein Mann, eine Studentin unserer Klasse, hat die Schule verlassen um in einer Modewaarenhandlung zu lernen.

Miss LoRee Cave has been acting as substitute for Miss Swan at the Public School the last few days during the latter's illness.

Miss Agnew is again attendant upon her sister at Wichita who has been ill for some time. Miss Agnew is greatly missed and it is hoped that her sister may speedily recover and that she may return soon.

A number of the best articles in the current magazines have been tabulated and posted for the benefit of the students and all who are interested. This is a very appreciable aid to those who would otherwise from lack of time fail to find some of these articles of special interest.

We are sorry to learn that Rosa Mills will not return to school here. She has decided to go to Wichita sometime soon to take up a business course, after which she expects to take a position in her brother's office at Ellis.

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The new feature of the paper namely the German column which appears in this issue and may appear from time to time in subsequent issues, is published in order that the German students among our subscribers may keep in touch with the progress of the German classes in school at present. It also affords an opportunity for the German classes to put into practice some of their knowledge of German. We would be glad to know the opinions of our subscribers concerning the German column.

Some of the late arrivals among the students can give some pretty interesting experiences in connection with belated trains. Some of them are more interesting in retrospect than in the actual experience while others according to all accounts were full of interest all the way thru due largely to congenial companionship. King and others were among the last mentioned.

The shocking news of the destruction by fire of the McVey residence in Hill City reached us this week. The fire was caused by an overheated furnace but further particulars have not reached us.

Jiminy Robinson returned to W. K. S. N. after the holidays. The juniors are especially rejoiced because now the seat recently vacated in the Junior row is filled by Jiminy (no slang intended) and the original "Big Fifteen" is re-established.

Some people ride on the train for pleasure, others because they can't get off the train in time. See Jakle and Clark Reed for particulars.

Miss Lillie Moore and Donald Frankenberg have taken his place in the correspondence department.

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Prof. Shively is becoming a famous cook. The success of his culinary efforts can be vouched for by Miss Street and Miss Shively, both Domestic Science experts. He is a specialist on pancakes.

Jesse Gatewood enrolled last week.

Orren Lahman, our efficient stenographer and typewriter has been employed by the Citizens State Bank. His hours are such however as to permit him to go on with his work at the Normal with the exception of his office work

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Y. W. C. A.

The first meeting of the New Year was held Jan. 10, Miss Elizabeth Brown being leader.

Rev. Hale of the Methodist Church gave a splendid talk to the girls about personality womanhood and woman suffrage, which was appreciated by all.

The meeting was not very large owing to the girls not all being back from vacation.

FORUM D. C.

The Forum D. C. met for the first time after New Year, Saturday evening Jan. 14 and had a very interesting meeting. No program had been prepared but an outline of the work for the remainder of the year was discussed.

Every member was intensely interested in the discussion and many valuable suggestions have been made concerning the work of the club for the remainder of the year. Our critic Mr. Bind, gave us some very good suggestions about the work we might take up which were very much appreciated by the members. One of the members became so enthusiastic over the discussion that he poured forth such eloquence as astounded his hearers and received great applause. Everyone was so anxious to make some suggestions or give his opinions on suggestions already made that the chairman at times was much confused as to whom he should recognize.

From now on the work of the club will be of an altogether different nature. It will be the real thing now. The work as outlined is of a most practical character such problems as will be met with in public life. Problems in life as they really are, not as they might appear to be.

After the work had been planned a new member, Mr. Clayton Bice was voted in by a unanimous vote. This makes our membership full.

LYCEUM.

The two societies met in Lyceum Hall Friday evening for the program which was rendered by the Lyceum Society.

Miss Lo Ree Cave presided and Jas. Winchester acted as Secretary in the absence of both Secretary and Asst.

The program was not so long as usual but was well rendered.

The extemporaneous blasts by King, Noll, Miss Flora Allen, Clayte Bice and Miss Cloud at the close of the program was an especially entertaining feature and disclosed some remarkable talent in the way of impromptu speeches.

Mr. Noll gave an excellent talk on the work of the Lyceum Society in which he asked why the society was making no progress while the school is marching onward and upward so rapidly. His criticisms were well placed.

The program included the following:
Song..... Quartette.
Recitation.... Irene Cloud.
Recitation..... Lester Poland.
Recitation..... Jessie Tuttle.
Oration..... Anthony Unrein.

Jakie and a certain young lady were seen timidly making their way into the minister's study after services Sunday evening. No further particulars have been learned.

"Pinafore" is the principal subject of discussion since the holidays. Practice on this opera began last week and will continue until Feb. 29 when it will be presented to the public. It will be given again on March 1 for the benefit of the G. B. E. A. which meets here at that time.

Sleigh riding is the most popular form of amusement now-a-days.

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English Teacher—How would you punctuate this sentence. "The wind blew a five dollar bill around the corner?"

Thomas—I'd make a dash after the five dollar bill.—Ex.

Ella—Bella told me that you told her that secret I told you not to tell her.

Stella—She's a mean thing. I told her not to tell you I told her.

Ella—Well, I told her I wouldn't tell you she told me, so don't tell her I did.—Ex.

Bachelor—Why, I've just reached my prime.

She—What delayed you?—Ex.

Miss Ione Garner stopped at Kanopolis on her return from Scott City to Hays last week and visited a short time with Miss Emma Bodmer who has charge of the Fourth and Fifth Grades of the city schools.

We understand some of the students have taken a great liking to Ellis lately.

The 19th of January is the birthday of Edgar Allen Poe the author of the well known poem "The Bells" the first stanza of which seems to be especially appropriate for the present season of snow and ice.

Hear the sledges with the bells—
Silver Bells.

What a world of merriment their melody foretells.

How they tinkle, tinkle, tinkle,
While the stars that oversprinkle
In the icy air of night.

With a crystalline delight;
All the heavens, seems to twinkle
Keeping time, time, time,
In a sort of Runic rhyme,

To the tin tinnabulation that so musically wells.

From the bells, bells, bells, bells,
Bells, bells, bells—

From the jingling and the tinkling of the bells.

Vera Paul expects to leave for Salina next Saturday, where she will spend some time visiting friends and relatives. From there she will go to Kansas City where she will make her home with relatives the rest of the winter. She expects to continue her work here in the business course by correspondence.

One young man remarked the other day, at the Normal dining hall, that if women were given the right to vote they would have every other year a leap year.

Ask George and Jakie what they were looking for in Plainville last Saturday night.

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