

IN KANSAS.

Our aggregation boarded the train for Baileyville, Tuesday, after dinner. The conductor came along, and as five ticks were handed him he rapped out an oath and said: "This is more people than has stopped off at Baileyville at one time for the past twenty years." This was, of course, very cheering news for our success. We got to the town, however, and went to a little dingy hotel, where they told us we could stay if three could sleep in one bed. We whiled away the time until supper with cards.

After supper we went up to see the church where we were to give the concert. It was a pretty little building and nicely arranged for a concert, for when the members of the quartet got upon the platform, they were so high up that they looked like four corpses in dress suits dangling from the ceiling. On the way back to the hotel I told the boys I would stop at the barber shop for a shampoo. I sat down in the barber chair and the tonsorial artist removed his cold clammy forefingers down my neck several times and tucked a dirty towel between my shirt band and my neck, as a preliminary. Then, with a firm hand, he grasped the shampoo bottle and began to jimmie it up and down, squirting little streams of the liquid shampoo on my bald spot. Now these bottles are just like pepper sauce bottles. They have corks in them and through the cork runs a tube that allows but a small amount of the liquid to escape at a time. Well, as I said before, the barber jimmied the bottle up and down and just then a girl passed the window. Of course the barber had to notice, and as he craned over he gave the bottle an extra jerk, cut flew the cork and the whole contents of the bottle ran over my head and down my neck. The barber was profuse in his apologies and sent me over to the hotel with my hair pasted down to my head like the nap on a silk hat.

Later we gave a concert. Ye gods what an audience. There were perhaps only twenty people in the room and they sat there like icebergs. The quartet tried one of its classical selections at the dullnesses little party, and it never moved a muscle. Not a hand was lifted to applaud and a wild and hunted look crept into the eyes of the waiting slaves.

There was a hasty revision of the program behind the organ, and in the place of classical selections there soon appeared a list of comic songs with all the fun play that was possible thrown in. Then the dear people woke up and clapped their hands, quite like civilized folks. I got up to read one of my poems. A colored one that had cost me chums of soul to write and I got out there and

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with the editor of the newspaper of the town. She is a bright woman, over seeing a household; and as recreation publishes a weekly newspaper. She complained that her greatest trial was with her printer. She said that she had been unable to find any that did not cheat. I gave her lots of encouragement by stating that there were men who did not drink and she said that she gained the world step trying to find an impossibility.

From Morrill we took the train for Seward. To get to Corning, our next destination, we had to travel over miles across country in wagons. We thought it would be just to wait till we got and

so we all piled in and started. When we got out of town we found that the roads were bare about half the way. We were all cramped in the wagon box, five of us, and the weather was as cold as one cared for. We were nearly frozen to death when we arrived at Corning and piled into the little hotel to get warm. But right here I will draw the curtain. My state of feelings will not allow me to express my sentiments. Perhaps at some future date I will reveal to the public the harrowing tale of the experiences we had in the town. Until that time Adieu.

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