

## AROUND THE WORLD.

### Tour of India Is Begun at the Southernmost Point of the Peninsula and Continued

#### NORTHWARD VIA THE SOUTH INDIAN RAILWAY

Which Is Chosen Because of the Dangers of River Navigation and Which Turns Out Far More Dangerous--Visit to Madras, the Athens of Asia, en Route to Calcutta--Photographed "Aboard" an Elephant.

CALCUTTA, INDIA, Jan. 20, 1903.

I entered India at Tuticorin, the southernmost port of the empire, the voyage from Colombo having been made by the steamship "Africa" of the British India Steam Navigation Co. This line maintains a daily mail service (Sundays excepted) from Colombo to Tuticorin, leaving Colombo at 4 o'clock p. m. and arriving in Tuticorin at 8 o'clock the following morning. The trip across was unique, there being two saloon passengers, a lady of twenty summers and myself. She was on her way to Rangorn, and was compelled to go via Madras as there is no service between Colombo and Rangorn. I must give that lady credit for being the most plucky lady sailor I ever saw aboard a ship and at the same time the most miserable on account of sea sickness. After a sojourn of two or three minutes at the table her general direction would be on a bee-line for the banister where she would gaze for divers reasons towards the leaping fish. Conquered but not overcome completely, back to the table she would hasten and prepare for another tribute to the salty sea. The captain gave her brandy only to make more vexing her trying condition. If Eli Perkins had been in my place, he would have sympathized with her by repeating the following statement made by him on a similar occasion: "I never till now knew there was so much in woman."

The water being shallow, a ship cannot safely approach near the wharf at Tuticorin, consequently we anchored seven miles away where a light steam launch met us and conveyed us over a very choppy sea to the jetty. The mail train of the South Indian railway was waiting our arrival. At the customs office I paid the duty of five per cent. on my kodak and was cleared for the trip northward. As no dining car is carried on this road and there being no time for breakfast at the railroad dining room, those who desire breakfast are served as the train proceeds. Imagine the situation in that railroad carriage when I inform you that my breakfast was brought and scattered all over the car in plates, each having a cover. The plates had been heated and everything was served hot. An Indian was sent along to serve the courses in order. Breakfast over, he left the train when the first stop was made taking the breakfast equipment with him to return to Tuticorin on the first train. The entire expense to me was one rupee and four annas (forty cents gold). It is needless to state at each department the entire process of exchanging the money of the country which I am leaving for that of the country for which I am bound. Such exchange is necessary as the money of one government is not current in another with few exceptions, gold, however, being good and acceptable everywhere. The man that makes the fact known that he has gold has a passport almost anywhere. As I came very near experiencing discomfiture on account of having silver and paper money not current where I was, I profited by my experience and now demand gold sovereigns whenever I make a requisition on London with my letter of credit. Such money being in demand, I can get sufficient premium on them to pay the expense incurred when I purchased the letter of credit in Denver, and besides, the weight of fifteen or twenty sovereigns in your belt is not noticed, not considering their convenience when one is out on the veldt and must either buy, beg or bleach from starvation.

For years I had been told that the Hooghly river, one of the mouths of the Ganges, on which Calcutta is situated, is the most dangerous water to navigate with which the pilot is forced to contend. Calcutta is about one hundred miles from the sea. Counter currents caused by the tides, the river current and intersecting currents from what seamen call the "bear" which has destroyed many ships attempting to reach this "City of Places." Notwithstanding these dangers, ships come and go daily, frequently experiencing hairbreadth escapes. Being warned again and again since I reached Asia, I decided to avoid it by crossing to Tuticorin and risking the rail journey of more than 1,400 miles to Calcutta and at the same time visit Southern India. On reaching Calcutta I was indeed surprised to be informed that by doing this I had jumped from the frying pan into the fire as the South Indian railroad is the most dangerous piece of

road imaginable, a disastrous wreck having occurred only a few days ago on account of a washout. It has several bridges more than a mile in length and in bad condition. I noticed that there were very few passengers for such a long train, at least twelve cars, and now learn that it is preferable to risk the dangers of the mad Hooghly than to commit oneself to that road at present. The passengers from Colombo to North India were doubtless acquainted with conditions and had gone by steamer. Yesterday the steamer "Olympia" arrived in Calcutta with a distressed lot of passengers, who were detained at the mouth of the Hooghly an entire day and thought they would never reach land again while I, coming by the boycotted railroad, had arrived safely without the thought of danger, and I had also visited Madras the "Athens of Asia" besides seeing Madras and getting a taste of Tanjore and Trichinopoly, the railroad ticket permitting stop-over at every point of interest.

E. C. HORN.

(To be continued.)

#### Interview with Hon. Frank Currie.

Representative Frank Currie was in the city last Saturday a short time while on his way from Lincoln to Dawes county to attend to some business matters, expecting to return to Lincoln the first of this week. We had a short interview with him during that time regarding the legislature's past, present and prospective work. Regarding the matter of the location of a normal school soon to be established, he thinks the prospect for Alliance's obtaining it is not the best, but says everything he can do to bring it to pass shall be done. The pull that cities east of here have will be hard to overcome. He says appearances are that Hastings really has the best show of all for getting it, that they have a building to offer for sale to the state, thus obviating the erection of one. None of this, however, should discourage the people of this city from continued effort to secure its location. These difficulties were known to exist from the time new school was proposed. Moreover, the school is needed here far more than in the central portion of the state. Hastings, Grand Island, Aurora, Kearney, Broken Bow, all have their colleges and business colleges which have their normal departments and summer normal schools; but west of those towns—a territory embracing nearly or quite half of the state, no such institution exists and its need is sorely felt by teachers and pupils who have finished grammar and high school. So long as such need exists, no effort should be spared to supply it.

The passage of the prairie dog bill is in a large measure due to Mr. Currie's efforts, and he feels very well pleased with the result of his labor in its behalf. He says the bill was at first looked upon as a joke by the eastern members of the legislature who did not understand to what extent the ravages of these little beasts could injure the western farmer or ranchman and required to be convinced of the facts before their support of the measure could be obtained. Even after its passage, Governor Mickey hesitated some time before signing it and Mr. Currie's influence again was instrumental in securing the final step necessary to make the bill a law. It provides that the county authorities shall get rid of these little pests if the land owner will not and that the cost of so doing shall be assessed against the property along with the taxes levied upon it.

#### Easter at St. Matthew's.

St. Matthew's Episcopal church Easter day services: Celebration, 8 a. m., matins, Holy eucharist and sermon at 11 a. m. Processional, "He Is Risen".....Neader "Christ, Our Passover".....Crotch "Te Deum Laudamus".....Jackson "Benedictus".....Anon Introit, "Angels Roll the Rock Away".....Roper

Offertory—Solo  
Offertory Sentence, "Thou Art Wor- thy, O Lord".....Gilbert  
Kyrie Eleison.....Elvey  
Sanctus.....Camidge  
Communion Hymn, "O Saving Vic- tim".....Uglov  
Gloria in Excelsis.....Zeuner  
Nunc Dimittis.....Langdous  
Recessional, "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today".....Worgan  
Evensong vespers and sermon at 7:30. The floral decorations will be especially beautiful

#### School Report.

To Board of Education and patrons of Alliance schools: Find herewith a partial report of the city schools for month ending March 27, 1903.

Enrollment this month.....	669.
Enrolled to date.....	813.
Av. daily attendance.....	578.75
Av. daily membership.....	635.51
Per cent. of daily attendance.....	91.17
Per cent. of punctuality.....	99.93
Neither absent nor tardy.....	229.
Neither absent nor tardy to date.....	19.
Number present every day.....	278.
Number of visitors.....	43.
Visits by teachers to patrons.....	14.

The following is the report on number of tardies: High school 0; Eighth grade 0; Seventh grade 6; Sixth grade 0; Fifth grade 2; Fourth 1; lower Fourth 0; Third grade 0; Second grade 0; Fourth primary 0; Third primary 1; Second primary 0; Third primary 5.

This is the first time in three years that the high school has been perfect in punctuality and it should from now on endeavor to keep its record clear of tardies. All the rooms did well in the matter of punctuality, but the Seventh grade can certainly better its record in that respect. The Second primary is to be commended for its first clear record of punctuality this month. Sickness is again making havoc with the regularity of attendance this present month. At this time of year parents should be careful to see that children are in school as the warm weather seems to offer inducements to truancy to those, not studiously inclined. Respectfully submitted, W. H. BARTZ, Supt.

**PUBLIC SALE**—I will sell at public sale at my place, nineteen miles north of Alliance, Wednesday, April 15, 1903, commencing at 10 o'clock a. m., the following property, to-wit: Eight head of calves, one 12-foot Perkins windmill, pump and pipe, stock tank, poles, posts and barb wire and all buildings on the place.—J. M. KEOSING.

#### New Disease.

A new disease has been added to the list of more than 2,000 to which mankind is liable; this is the mountain toothache. The workmen employed in the construction of the railway up the Jungfrau, who have to live at an altitude of 10,000 feet, have been greatly afflicted with toothache and gumbolls. The malady resembles a fever in its course, the crisis occurring at the third day; but the disease does not leave any after effects in the form of decayed teeth.

#### Something to Live Up To.

William Shakespeare, Jr., is a manufacturer of fishing tackle in Kalamazoo, Mich. Hamlet says: "A man may fish with the worm that hath eat of a king, and eat of the fish that hath eat of that worm." But what is that to William Shakespeare, Jr., of Kalamazoo? He makes trick hooks that require no worm.—New York Press.

Fred A. Shonquest of Scottsbluff was in the city Wednesday.

Mrs. Oliver Hawkins has been critically ill for several days.

J. C. Berry, one of THE HERALD'S friends at Antioch, was an Alliance visitor Monday.

That line of bookcases—prices from \$13.75 and up are on display at Lockwood's.

T. L. Harris and mother spent a few days this week at their ranch in Dawes county.

Those \$9 dining room tables at Lockwood's are beauties.

J. M. Sanford of Fairfield has been in town several days soliciting life and accident insurance.

Carpets, Carpets, Carpets, at Lockwood's.

Geo. Fox has the contract for the brick work on the Zbinden block. J. H. Dustman will oversee the work.

Iron beds that are guaranteed, for \$2.25 and upwards at Lockwood's.

W. K. Herculal of Hemingford stopped in the city this morning on his way home from the ranch near Hecla.

Attorney Smith P. Tuttle and son will spend a few days at the latter's homestead in Sheridan county, returning Tuesday.

Dining room chairs—a set for \$4.25 at Lockwood's Furniture store.

#### A Reminder of Other Days.

The "old man" of THE HERALD strolled up to Hemingford Saturday and was reminded of old times by seeing the streets filled with teams which had brought in potatoes. It was strictly a "potato day." C. J. Wildy and B. E. Johnson were shipping. The former has shipped out about seventy-five cars since fall and the latter has shipped something like a dozen. E. Mabin and others have also shipped some. It is safe to say that between \$15,000 and \$20,000 has been paid out there for potatoes and they are still coming in. We did not go up there on a collecting tour but it seemed that everybody was "poking" money in our face on subscription, and of course we could not refuse it. Luke Phillips started the ball to rolling by renewing his subscription for two copies. Wm. Roth also lightened the burden of his loaded pocketbook as did James Planansky and T. Colvin. W. A. Clark shook hands with us and left a couple of "plunks" in our palm. Bernard Pitz said the paper was a good thing and he wanted more of it and Adam Huckle said it was a family necessity and corroborated his statement in a substantial way. Mrs. W. D. Cross of Dawes county paid for two copies, one to go to her brother, Thos. Taylor, who is now living in San Francisco. Mrs. Cross said they could not get along without the paper and that she enjoyed reading Dr. Horn's letters. John Kinella subscribed and admitted that he had been borrowing the paper of his neighbor for a month. "Uncle Zeke" Mabin handed us two \$5 and asked us to send him up two quarts of the best pearl barley and in the excitement incident to election we never thought of it till this minute. We'll have to dodge Uncle Zeke's cane when we meet him again.

When THE HERALD changed its location from Hemingford to Alliance three of our patrons who were taking a county seat paper thought they could not afford two and accordingly discontinued THE HERALD. Our friend Orville Kidwell was one of these. Saturday Mrs. Kidwell said that she could not do without THE HERALD and subscribed again. This leaves only two subscribers we lost at Hemingford while we have added thirty-two new ones to our list there in the last year.

While we have never for a minute regretted coming to Alliance yet it is always a pleasure to visit Hemingford, where we spent so many years of our life, and grasp the hands of old time friends who for kinder and true friendship we never expect to find better ones.

## REMOVAL SALE

From now until May 1st I will conduct a removal sale and will sell goods regardless of cost. I expect to move into my new store May 1st, and until then will offer the greatest bargains in Clothing and Furnishings ever placed before the Alliance People.

J. F. Fleming

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