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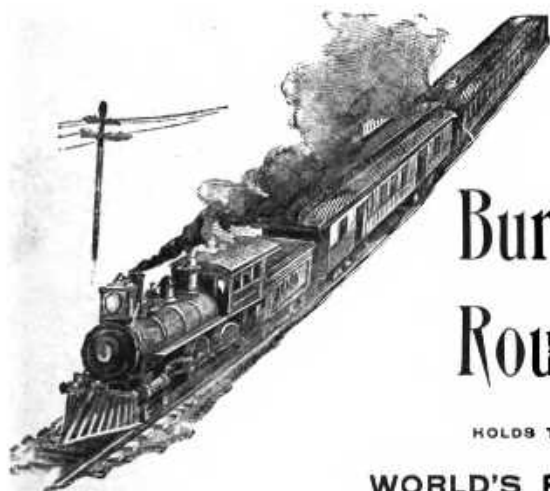
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Burlington Route...

HOLDS THE

WORLD'S RECORD

For Fast Long-Distance Speed.

Between 10:00 A. M. Monday, February 15th, and 3:53 A. M. Tuesday, February 16, 1897, a special train over its lines made the run from **Chicago to Denver**, a distance of 1,023 miles, in the unprecedented time of **eighteen hours and fifty three minutes**. Allowing for stops, the actual running time was seventeen hours and twenty-seven minutes and the average speed fifty-eight and three quarter miles an hour. The journey was made in the dead of winter, at less than an hour's notice and under climatic conditions that left much to be desired.

Mr. Henry J. Mayham, a Denver mining investment broker, was the train's only passenger, his object in chartering it being to reach the bedside of his dying son as quickly as possible. The Burlington officials guaranteed to take him to Denver in twenty-four hours. They made good their guarantee and had five hours and seven minutes to spare. No hitch or delay of any kind occurred. The train flew across Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska and Colorado like a meteor, frequently attaining a speed of upward of 70 miles an hour, and averaging sixty miles an hour for stretches of more than a hundred miles at a time.

The Burlington's remarkable achievement has attracted widespread comment as is evidenced by the following

EXTRACTS FROM THE PRESS.

This is not only the fastest run on record for such a distance, but it also appears to have been one of the very few such trips ever made with a private train, if not the only one.—*New York Sun*.

The significant point about such a run is the fact that it requires something more than fine engines and efficient engineers. It would not be possible to travel a thousand or more miles on a western road in such time without splendid equipment, superior trackage, superb discipline and perfect operating machinery. The officials of the road had but forty-five minutes notice before the special was sent flying westward on its swift race with death. There was no time to notify section men along the route. The fate of the train depended upon the fidelity and integrity of an operating system which moves with punctuality and precision—the outgrowth of years of the ripest study and the closest thought. That the wonderful trip was made without a hitch or an accident is sufficient excuse for expatiating upon the perfection of modern railway management.—*Chicago Times-Herald*.

The train fairly flew across the country.—*Chicago Tribune*.

It was estimated by railroad men that Mr. Mayham would reach Denver at 5 o'clock this morning. The prophecies were more than realized and the journey of 1,026 miles goes into history as the greatest railway feat of modern times. Every resource of the Burlington system was brought into play. No special train bearing high officials of the nation ever attracted more careful attention. * * * Five years ago the feat would have been impossible. Ten years ago it would have been regarded as a dream.—*Denver News*.

A phenomenal victory for the western road because there was no preparation for it. The Burlington has clearly demonstrated its eminent ability to make fast time.—*Denver Republican*.

One of the most remarkable events in the world.—*Denver News*.

The greatest long distance run ever made on a railroad in America.—*Denver Times*.

The Burlington has long been known as one of the finest railway systems in America. It is now justly entitled to be called the greatest on earth.—*Denver Hotel Bulletin*.

The performance of the Burlington, we believe, has never been equaled. It shows that roadway and rolling stock on that line have been maintained at a high standard through the worst of times.—*Railway Age*.

And last, but not least, the management must have confidence in the men as well as in the machinery. When a railway like the Burlington undertakes a contract like this one and successfully accomplishes it, it is an evidence of the possession of all this knowledge we have detailed and the skill and science of western railway management. It is also an evidence of and confidence in the discipline, reliability and faithfulness of the employes, and confidence in the equipment of the road. This confidence establishes public confidence and makes the Burlington a popular road.—*Omaha Western Laborer*.

A remarkable run.—*Butte, Mont., Inter-Mountain*.

Greatest railroad feat ever accomplished.—*Helena, Mont., Herald*.

The Burlington route retains its place in the front rank as a first-class railway. Only with the finest equipment and best roadbed in the world could such a continuous high rate of speed be maintained. It was a great run. No other railroad will equal it for some time.—*Plattsmouth, Neb., News*.

The special went through town at 10:35 last night. There was a whistle, a bump as it crossed the switches, a cloud of dust and it was gone.—*Minden, Neb., Gazette*.

Beats all previous records; will stand for years as the world's record.—*Wymore, Neb., Arbor State*.

Good for the Burlington.—*Lead City, S. D., Tribune*.

The Burlington is king.—*Billings, Mont., Gazette*.

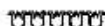
Seven words tell the story: Unequaled speed, safety, comfort, up-to-date in every way.—*Denver Evening Post*.

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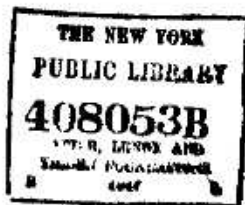
FROM THE LAKES
ACROSS THE PRAIRIES
OVER THE ROCKIES
THROUGH THE DESERTS
AMONG THE SIERRAS
TO THE PACIFIC COAST



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A LEGEND BY WAY OF PREFACE.



HERE is a Celtic legend which relates that in the golden age of chivalry a maiden, unattended and bearing a wand in her hand surmounted by a diamond of great price, walked unharmed through the length and breadth of Ireland. This legend is cherished by all loyal Celts as an illustration of the courage and purity of their women and of the honor and honesty of their men.

In these modern days it would be rash for us to boast that such an experience could find a duplicate, yet, in a sense, it is duplicated in a great many instances every week in every month of every year. The environment is of course different, but in this little story of a spring time journey, we may find set down the experiences of four young ladies who crossed the continent unattended by male escort and met on every hand most courteous treatment and most kindly counsel and found in all their travels no one to molest them or to make them afraid.

Such a journey as that, the incidents of which are here recorded, can be taken at any time by anybody and so thoroughly systematized are the methods of transportation and so perfect the arrangements for personal safety and comfort that a truthful relation of the experiences of any one tour may be taken as a faithful representation of what every one may expect to experience under like circumstances.

Faithfulness in the statement of facts is claimed for this narrative and the reader of this little book can rely on the accuracy of what is herein set down. The object of the writer has been to give the traveler, however learned in the literature of the road or, on the contrary, however inexperienced in the matter of journeying, such information as will prove of

value and prepare the way for an intelligent and enjoyable trip across the continent.

The illustrations with which this work is embellished are all made expressly for this book, from photographs taken by special artists from the most striking of the objects of interest which abound to a most remarkable extent along the lines of travel herein described.

The reader is referred to the final pages of this book for special indexes and valuable tables of statistics.

The author wishes to give credit in this place to the photographic artists whose work is represented by the illustrations which add so much of value to this record of travel. The photographs were made by the artists whose names are appended: W. H. Jackson, C. R. Savage, Lock and Peterson, Hook Photo. Co., O. F. Tyler & Co., W. R. Cross and John A. Lowel and Co.

Every tourist who makes the trip across the continent desires to secure souvenirs of the journey and knowing this fact the author has endeavored to make this volume such a record of facts and such a collection of beautiful, accurate, and attractive views that it will be recognized by all as a most appropriate and interesting souvenir of the transcontinental journey.



AN ELKHORN MONUMENT, ESTES PARK, COLORADO. 60 MILES FROM DENVER, VIA BURLINGTON ROUTE, OR THE GULF ROAD.