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**M**ORE than a century ago the first white men blazed a trail through the great Northwest from the Mississippi Valley to the Pacific North Coast, claiming for the Nation a vast Inland Empire. To-day a new transcontinental line, the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul and Chicago, Milwaukee & Puget Sound Railways, opening boundless resources still untouched in the magnificent region discovered, testifies to the enduring work of the Pioneer.

Among the wonders of their day stands the marking of the Old Trail. Among the wonders of to-day stands the building of the New Trail. Less than three years after work was started a great steel highway was built, setting a record in the annals of railway construction. In the old days railroad builders sought the easiest way regardless of time, grades and distance. The new road looked to the future. It sought the shortest and most enduring way. Its 60,000,000 cubic yards of excavation, more than one-third that of the Panama Canal; its 10 miles of rock-hewn tunnels, its 20 miles of steel and concrete bridges, its 200,000 tons of heaviest steel rails, its rock ballast, its lowest grades, tell of success.

Over this solid, smooth-riding roadbed two palatial transcontinental trains, "The Olympian" and "The Columbian" are operated daily between Chicago, Seattle and Tacoma. Amid luxury and ease, afforded by these splendid trains, one traverses the most bewildering scenery.

The "St. Paul-Puget Sound" road is *the* scenic highway to the Pacific North Coast. It threads the most magnificent regions of the great plains, the fertile valleys and the majestic mountain ranges of the Northwest.

Northward from Chicago the trail leads through one of the richest truck-gardening and general farming regions of America to Milwaukee, thence westward crossing the Wisconsin River in full view of the famous "Dells," to the Mississippi, following the banks of the "Father of Waters," amid beauties unsurpassed to St. Paul and Minneapolis. Turning westward from the Twin Cities the line traverses the rich Dakota grain fields and unrivaled valleys of Montana with their thriving cities, young in years but old in achievements. Three mountain ranges rise in successive waves of grandeur, conquered by engineering feats unparalleled in railroad building—first the Rockies, rising to the crest of the continent, the great divide; then the forested Bitter Roots, and lastly the Cascades, snow-tipped and jagged. Beyond lies the giant amphitheater of the Puget Sound, Seattle and Tacoma in its center, commanding its splendors.

This is a book of picture writing. Words grow powerless and trite when set to the task of portraying nature in her supremities; but the language of pictures is different, snatching up as it were bits of reality to speak with vigor ever fresh and meaningful.

The story told is of *the* scenic road across the continent. Many highways share its goal, but for him who would see his country's beauties there lies magnificent and alluring "The Trail of the Olympian."





**Navy Yard, "The Dells"**  
Kilbourn, Wis.

A sylvan retreat, splendid in its barbaric beauty. Towering rock walls are mirrored in the waters, now jagged and frowning, now softened by the beauty of the foliage.



Chimney Rock, "The Dells"  
Kilbourn, Wis.

Nature was in a fanciful mood when she fashioned the Dells. Giant rocks, grotesquely carved; weird canyons and gulches vary the wildness of her handiwork.





**Lake Pepin, Minnesota**  
**Upper Mississippi River**

The scenery along the upper Mississippi is unrivalled in beauty. Cliffs, islands, lakes, pass in endless procession as the trail skirts the water's edge for 127 miles.



**Short Line Bridge**

*Between St. Paul and Minneapolis*

From St. Paul the trail continues to Minneapolis over the great two-tracked bridge, 136 feet above the water. The steel trestle alone, 1,070 feet long, weighs 3,289 tons.





**Minnehaha Falls**  
**Minnesota**

The land of Hiawatha, near Minneapolis, is the center of a region of enchantment, rich in the charm and romance of Indian legend and famed for the beauties of its scenery.



### The Olympian

Entering the Rockies, Montana

Beautiful Montana Canyon is entered following Sixteen-Mile Creek, one of the finest trout streams of the state. This region was made famous by Lewis and Clark.





**The Confusion of the Rocks**  
**Montana Canyon**

As the canyon walls crowd in, the most exquisite picture of the Rocky Mountain region is formed. Crags, pinnacles and ravines vie with a magnificent color display.





**Piercing the Rock Barriers**  
**Montana Canyon**

Seemingly impenetrable walls shut in the narrow, winding canyon, but the railroad, through tunnel, over bridge and through tunnel again, pursues its unerring course.





**In the Heart of the Rockies**  
Montana

Beginning the final ascent of the Rockies at Lombard, the Continental Divide is crossed through Pipestone Pass Tunnel, one-half mile long, elevation 6,350 feet.



**Clear Creek Bridge**  
**Bitter Root Mountains, Idaho**

Westward from Missoula, Mont., rise the shaggy Bitter Roots, the trail gaining the steep forested sides by some of the most remarkable feats of railroad construction.





The Timber-Clad Bitter Roots,  
Idaho

St. Paul Pass Tunnel, elevation 4,170 feet,  
two miles long, pierces the shoulder of the  
Bitter Roots, second of the ranges, and  
the trail descends westward into Idaho.



**Mt. Baldy and Swiftwater  
Bitter Roots**

Dense forests cover the slopes as the trail descends along the Swiftwater of the St. Joe River, bridges, fills and tunnels still presenting marvels of engineering skill.





**Approaching St. Joe, Idaho  
Bitter Roots**

At times the descending trail sweeps in view for miles; then is lost in the maze of hills, only the plashing of the waters breaking the deep stillness of the forests.



**Goat Rock Cut**  
**St. Joe River, Idaho**

At the foot of the western slope lies St. Joe, and the trail follows the St. Joe River in its broadening course. Unrivalled scenic beauty surrounds as the valley widens.





By the "Shadowy St. Joe"  
Idaho

The turbulent waters subside and the broad, placid stream is the "Shadowy St. Joe" as it mirrors the hills about St. Maries, most beautiful of mountain cities.



**St. Maries River**  
Idaho

This is only one of the unequalled fishing haunts about St. Maries. Lakes, rivers and mountain streams, heretofore inaccessible, teem with trout and bass, eager to bite.





Lake Chatelet  
Idaho

As the trail leaves St. Maries, it rises gradually above beautiful Lake Chatelet, set deeply in the picturesque mountains of the Coeur d'Alene Indian reservation.



### Moonlight on Lake Chautcolet

Idaho

Nature is grander in her solitude as the forest life is stilled and darkness covers the mountains. In the moonlight the beautiful highland lakes sparkle like crystal.





Rock Lake, the Lake of Mystery  
Washington

Beyond the Palouse wheatfields, Rock Lake lies beneath jagged palisades. Its unsounded depths and uncanny wildness roused superstitious awe in the Indians.



**Little Lake Kachess**  
**The Cascades, Washington**

Where the trail climbs the Cascades, third of the great ranges lie the two lakes Kachess. Towering snow capped peaks rise majestically from the very waterside.





**Lake Keechelus**  
**The Cascades**

Another gem of Alpine blue, its depth unknown, sparkles where forested banks rise a thousand feet in steep slope above the waters. A fisherman's paradise.



**On the East Slope**  
**The Cascades**

Higher and higher climbs the trail; stupendous engineering feats, such as Topographer's Gulch, the highest fill in the world, mark its progress.





**Snoqualmie Pass**  
**Over the Cascades**

Ever increasing in number and grandeur, the mountains crowd about, seeming to bar the way, but the trail gains the crest over Snoqualmie Pass, 3,010 feet high.



**McCall's Peak**  
**The Cascades**

A massive pillar of rugged granite rises directly before. As the trail swings downward the serrated, snowy heights of the Coast Range raise their glory into full view.





Through the Giant Forests  
Cascade Mountains

Rapidly descending the west slope toward Puget Sound, the trail seems to rest on closely packed columns of giant fir which hide the roaring Snoqualmie, far below.



### The Olympian

#### Emerging from the Cascades

The journey once required months of hardship. To day amid comfort and luxury, one traverses in 72 hours the most bewildering scenery of the western continent.





**Commonwealth Creek**  
**The Cascades**

Angling in the swift-running streams of the Puget Sound region affords the keenest delight to the true fisherman. Many of its waters have never before been fished.



**Upper Twin Falls**  
Snoqualmie River

From Cedar Falls a line extends down the Snoqualmie to Everett, through a paradise of scenic grandeur. Its waterfalls are among the most beautiful on the continent.





**Lower Twin Falls**  
**Snoqualmie River**

Within easy distance of Seattle an endless wealth of scenic magnificence invites to delightful journeys into wooded fastnesses of the mountains or by rushing torrents.



**On the Road to Rainier**  
National Park, Washington

Near Seattle and Tacoma rises Rainier, 3 miles high, monarch of the Cascades. From Ashford, on the Tacoma Eastern, auto-stages thread virgin forests to "The Inn."





**Mt. Rainier**

*From Road to Paradise Valley*

Past living glaciers, roaring cataracts and yawning depths the government road climbs slowly to the snow-line. Pronounced the world's most beautiful mountain drive.



**On Trail to Indian Henry's  
Rainier Park**

Many other roads and trails lead from "The Inn." Large parties follow the guides over the ridges, through Alpine forest and meadow, to Indian Henry's.





**Mt. Rainier and Mirror Lake**  
**Indian Henry's**

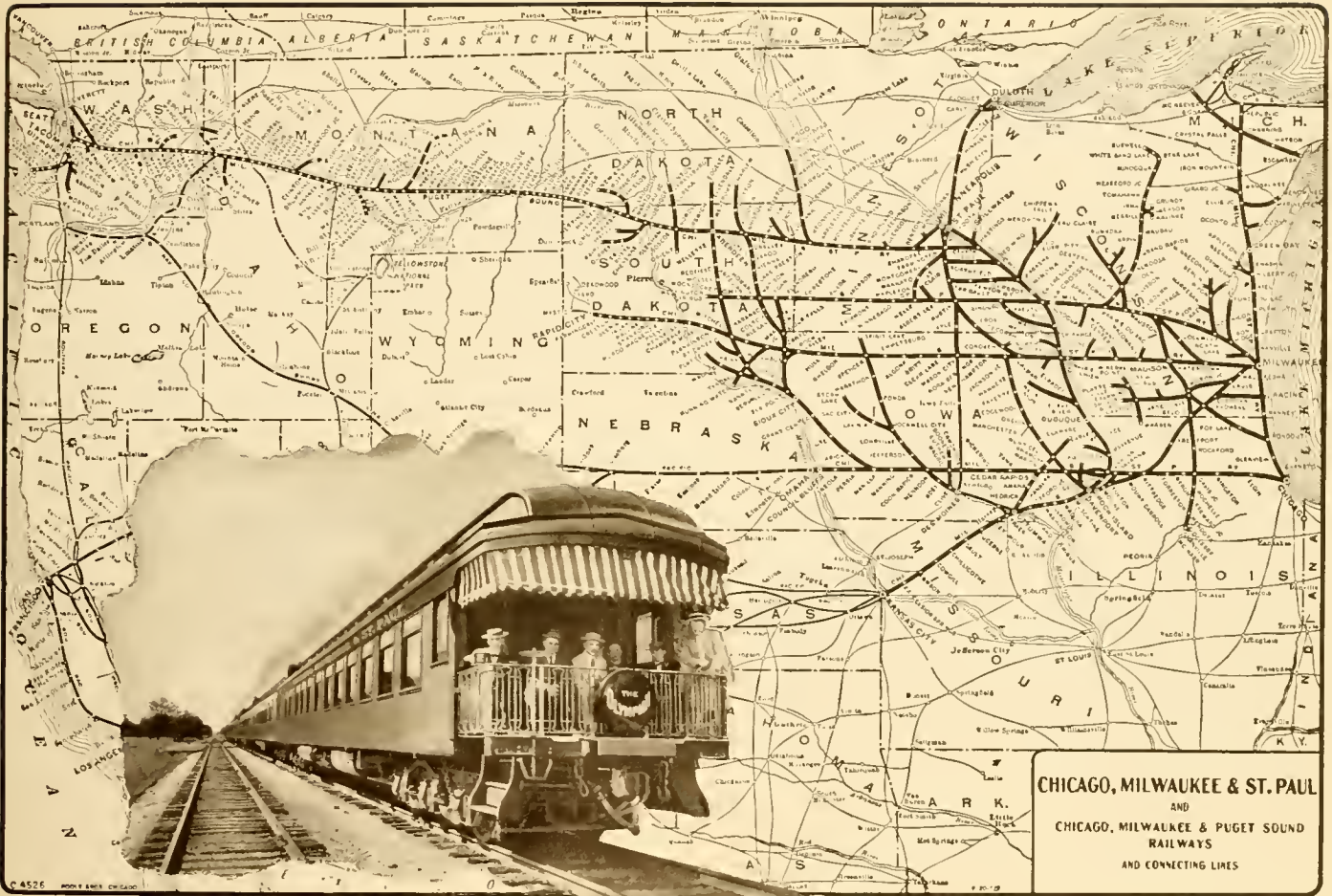
A mile above sea-level, the lake lies two miles below the mountain's crest. Luxuriant flowers deck the Alpine valleys, blooming close beside the perpetual ice.



**Nearing the Summit**  
**Mt. Rainier**

The novice assails only the lower foot hills. Hardest of Alpine climbers are taxed to the utmost by the two days' toil to the summit, highest point in the United States.





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