

Historic Vehicle That Carried Passengers and Mail Across the Plains Is No More.

After standing in the alley west of Patterson's livery stable since 1873 the stage coach Sam Houston was taken to pieces and its remains were scattered in a waste heap. The Sam Houston was the victim of city legislation, it having been ordered moved from the alley, but being in such a dilapidated condition it could not be moved. The coach was torn to pieces and another relic of the early Texas days has passed into history.

If the old stage coach could talk it could tell of some hair-raising events that would probably make the "blood and thunder" stories look like 20 cents Mex. It made its first run between Austin and Brenham in the year 1841, when Texas was filled with Indians and bad men. Six and eight mules were driven to the old coach, six being driven in good weather and eight in muddy weather.

In its day the Sam Houston was the best of a kind and holdup. The wood was marked in numerous places by bullet holes, which were all that remained in history of many of the fights in which the coach was always carried along with the coach in the early days to prevent Indian attacks and holdups by bad men who wanted to rob the mail.

Some time ago a movement was started to have the Sam Houston preserved as a historic relic of early Texas, but the move failed to bear fruit and now it is too late.

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One on Uncle Joe.
On his trip to New York, Uncle Joe usually stops at the Hotel Astor. Recently while in New York he took a room at the Knickerbocker. After walking up and down Broadway he came to the white lions for an hour and the speaker decided to retire and walked into the Astor. When the clerk asked to register, Uncle Joe nonchalantly announced that he had already registered.

He made by those behind the desks, but it was unavailing. Firmly the clerk, who didn't happen to recognize his distinguished visitor, even after he had told him his name, informed Mr. Cannon that he had mistaken him. He had not registered, Uncle Joe said, "I am on occasion and this was an occasion. He indulged in some very naughty language.

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It is rather amusing to find in the Spectator an inquiry as to a very common phrase which that learned journal cannot answer. The Spectator remarks: "The more I know of men the more I like dogs," as attributed by the Countess Martineau Casarano to Mue de Stael. Of course, Mue de Stael never said anything as straightforward as this. How could any one with such a name as Martineau Casarano know English? For the Countess was original with Walter Scott, and it is to be found in Lockhart's biography—one of the best biographies ever written. The sentiment is not at all exclusive; it has often been expressed. Of late years it has been attributed to Mark Twain and would be characteristic. Also it may have been original with him as with Scott. Both the men knew men and dogs, and must have had the same relative estimate—Springfield Republican.

Safety in Storm.
Nervous people will be interested in some advice given by an eminent electrician as to the safest position one can occupy during a thunderstorm. A person reclining on a sofa or bed at a distance from all the walls of the room could scarcely suffer injury, he says, "even in a house struck by lightning, but one lying on a bed of brass or iron, the head of which is surrounded by an erection supporting curtains would have almost absolute security. Such a bedstead forms the most complete lightning protector which could well be devised."

A Novel Coat of Arms.
The province of Ontario has obtained the royal warrant for the coat of arms of its choice, and its distinguishing features are such as will appeal to sportsmen, the "supporters" of the shield being a moose and a wolf, while the crest is a black bear. There was some discussion as to the propriety of choosing the bear rather than the heaver, but the weight of opinion was in favor of the former, and Ontario boasts that it is the only province in the world in which all the animals hold the rank of game.

IMPORTANT NEWS NOTES OF A WEEK

LATEST HAPPENINGS THE WORLD OVER TOLD IN ITEMIZED FORM.

Condensed into a Few Lines for the Perusal of a Busy Man—Latest Personal Information.

PERSONAL.
Secretary Nagel of the department of commerce, and labor has returned to Washington to prepare the report on the return to his summer home in Massachusetts next week. A considerable saving will be made, he has found, in the cost of taking the next steamer.

GENERAL NEWS.
Twenty-five passengers, among them many women and children, and a crew of 15, had narrow escape from death when the steamer Fred from Seattle to the water's edge on the Illinois river near Averyville.

When President Taft steps across the border into Mexico October 16 he will be the first of the presidents of the United States to visit a foreign country during his term of office. He will be invited to attend a bull fight.

In the second day's races on the Indianapolis Speedway Strang Zengel set a new mark for ten miles.

W. D. Mahon, president of the Amalgamated Association of Street Railway Employees, arrived in Chicago to take up the fight against the city which threatens to result in a strike.

A report from Santiago, Chile, said many persons had been killed in a collision of trains near that city. No details were given.

Maj. George A. C. U. S. A., has announced the Gettysburg battle field to place a rose on the grave of his left leg which was shot off in that memorable battle between north and south.

Miss Virginia Paul, a Pennsylvania society girl, was drowned as she tried to swim to save the life of W. Brooks Lessig, a Philadelphia lawyer.

Daniel Hayes was killed, Misses Addie and Olla Porcher were injured near Brunswick, Ga., when a freight train struck a handcar on which they were riding.

After three years' work the commissioners on uniform laws met in Detroit, completed the draft of a proposed law to regulate the transfer of certificates of incorporation stocks.

The Porte will recognize King Ferdinand the King of Bulgaria. Emperor William has authorized an issue of \$50,000,000 for the extension of Prussian state railroads.

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