

T-BONE SLIM DISCUSSES

VALUATION

After the railroads have been laid in the most barbarous manner, in the most out-of-the-way places; after they cross, recross and criss-cross (each other and themselves) in a most aimless manner and, finally, after the people's money has been sunk in sink-holes or thrown away in swamps and bad-lands then the railroads bob up smiling and ask us to give them a "valuation" that would conform with the cost of building this senseless net work today—Nay, Pauline, we will not place any such value upon them.

We will not admit they are worth half the original cost even—even with present costs their usefulness can be duplicated for less than the original figure if precaution is taken to prevent an army of ergophobiacs (parasites) from amassing private fortunes for themselves.

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THE STATUS QUO-ERS

Among the many men that we get To Go With Us will be many that will be Of Us. It will distinctly pay us to purr into the ears of those that will go with us, in order to arrive at those (of them) that will be of us.

CRULLERS

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No more the weary pilgrim need
To slaughter grain and pigs;
No more the gentle strangers feed
Consists of bark and twigs;
His sustenance he now may eke,
Encased within a w-hole:
The pork smeared dough and e'en the
squeak—
A fry cake with a soul.