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## **ARRIVAL OF THE CARS.**

The first train came into the City of Austin at precisely a quarter to eleven, Christmas day. The appearance of the "Loco" was greeted by the enthusiastic shouts of an eager crowd of boys, and all along the track hundreds of men, women and children had congregated to witness the approach of the long expected train. Christmas is certainly a day long to be remembered by the citizens of Austin, for it will become the anniversary of our growing city with the outside world. From this day we must expect that the financial advancement of Austin will be rapid and permanent.

To the children, the most of whom had never seen a railroad, the arrival of the train was a great event, and every day since its advent, they have congregated near the depot grounds in large numbers. So eager are they to "ride on the cars" that it is impossible to keep them off the construction trains running in and out of the city, while one or two hand cars are kept in almost constant use. Two or three accidents have resulted, which should warn the lads to be very careful when near the track.

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