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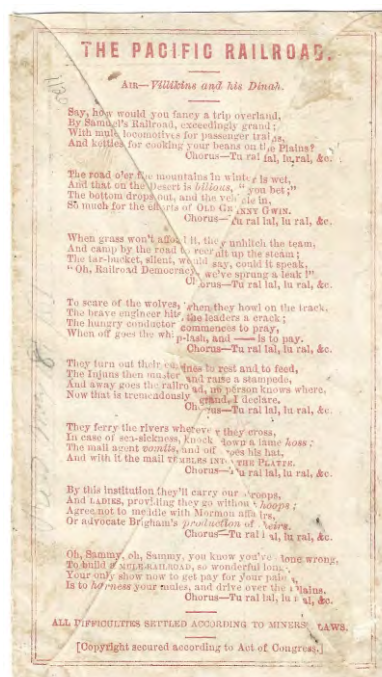
Putt's Overland Envelope (for use on the Southern Route)



Putt's Overland Propaganda Envelope for Replacing "Uncle Sam's Great Mule Railroad"

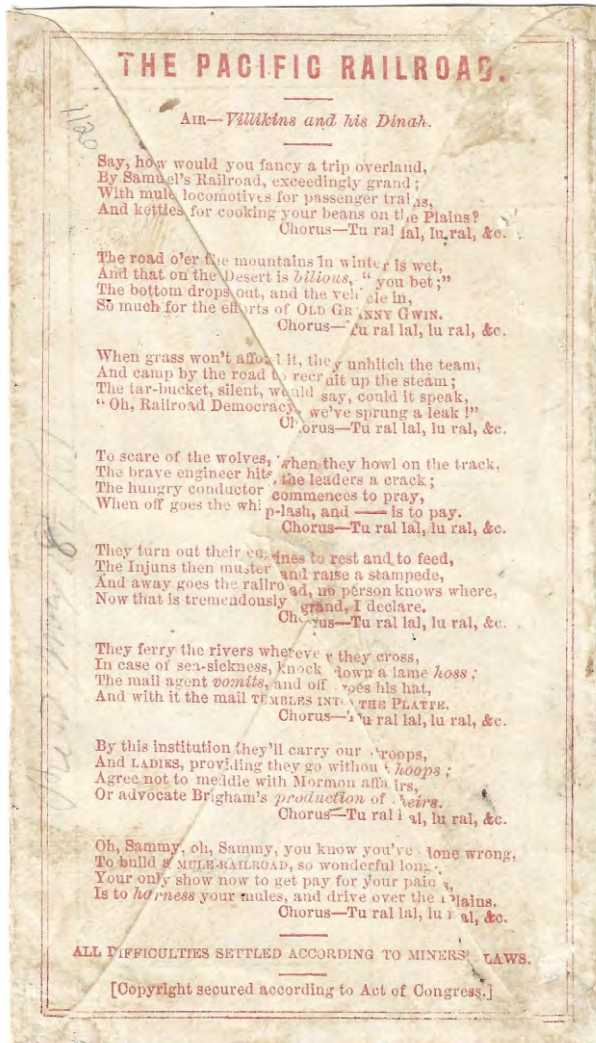
March 1861 use from Red Dog, CA to Middle Creek, PA and forwarded, prepaid 10¢ at foot, "Established in 1858," illustrated with two stage coaches at top, text:

This little institution is to be forwarded to its place of destination by Uncle Sam's **Great Mule Railroad**, and is expected to arrive inside of schedule time - provided the CARS don't get STUCK IN THE MUD nor the LOCOMOTIVE run out of grass! *We want a different railroad.*



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Reverse of Putt's Overland Envelope



THE PACIFIC RAILROAD.

AIR - Villikins and his Dinah

Say, how would you fancy a trip overland,
By Samuel's Railroad, exceedingly grand;
With mule locomotives for passenger trains,
And kettles for cooking your beans on the Plains?
Chorus—Tu ral lal, lu-ral, &c.

The road o'er the mountains in winter is wet,
And that on the desert is *bilious*, "you bet;"
The bottom drops out, and the vehicle in,
So much for the efforts of OLD GRINNY GWIN
Chorus—Tu ral lal, lu-ral, &c.

When grass won't afford it, they unhitch the team,
And camp by the road to recruit up the stream;
The tar-bucket, silent, would say, could it speak,
"Oh, Railroad Democracy, we've sprung a leak!"
Chorus—Tu ral lal, lu-ral, &c.

The scare of the wolves, when they howl on the track,
The brave engineer hits the leaders a crack;
The hungry conductor commences to pray,
When off goes the whip-lash, and -- is to pay.
Chorus—Tu ral lal, lu-ral, &c.

They turn out their equines to rest and to feed
The Injuns then muster and raise a stampede,
And away goes the railroad, no person knows where,
Now that is tremendously grand I declare
Chorus—Tu ral lal, lu-ral, &c.

They ferry the rivers wherever they cross,
In case of sea-sickness, knock down a lame *hoss*:
The mail agent vomits, and off off goes his hat,
And with it the mail TUMBLES INTO THE PLATTE
Chorus—Tu ral lal, lu-ral, &c.

By this institution they'll carry our troops,
And LADIES, providing they go without *hoops*:
Agree not to meddle with Mormon affairs,
Or advocate Brigham's *production of heirs*
Chorus—Tu ral lal, lu-ral, &c.

Oh, Sammy, oh, Sammy, you know you've done wrong,
To build a MULE-RAILROAD, so wonderful long,
Your only show now to get pay for your pain,
Is to harness your mules, and drive over the Plains.
Chorus—Tu ral lal, lu-ral, &c.

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Sammy's Overland Envelope (for use on the Central Route)



Sammy's Overland Propaganda Envelope for Replacing "Uncle Sam's Great Mule Railroad"

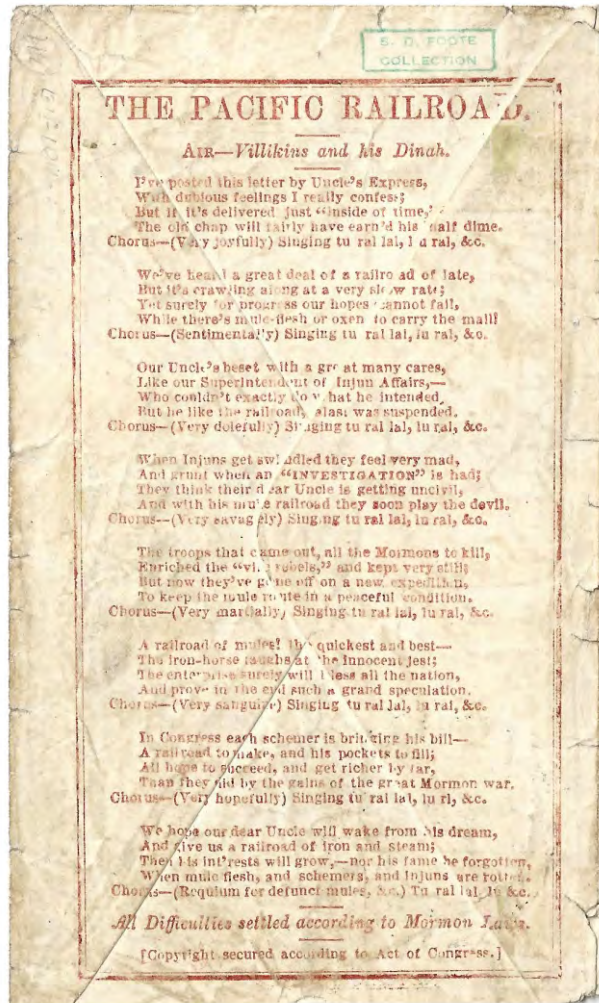
July 1861 use from Salt Lake City, UT to Lyons, MI, short rate distance prepaid with 3¢ stamp at foot, "Established in 1860, at top stage coach and train illustrations and boxed text:

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Reverse of Sammy's Overland Envelope



THE PACIFIC RAILROAD.

AIR - Villikins and his Dinah

I've posted this letter by Uncle's Express,
With dubious feelings I really confess;
But if it's delivered just "inside of time,"
The old chap will fairly have earn'd his half dime.
Chorus- (Very joyfully) Singing tu ral lal, lu-ral, &c.

We've heard a great deal of a rail road of late,
But it's crawling along at a very slow rate;
Yet surely for progress our hopes cannot fall,
While there's mule-flesh or oxen to carry the mail!
Chorus- (Sentimentally) Singing tu ral lal, lu-ral, &c

Our Uncle's beset with a great many cares,
Like our Superintendent of Injun Affairs,-
Who exactly do what he intended,
But he, like the railroad, alas! was suspended.
Chorus- (Very dolefully) Singing tu ral lal, lu-ral, &c

The troops that came out, all the Mormons to kill,
Enriched the "vile rebels," and kept very still;
But now they've gone off on a new expedition,
To keep the mule route in a peaceful condition.
Chorus- (Very martially) Singing tu ral lal, lu-ral, &c

A railroad of mules! the quickest and best -
The iron-horse laughs at the innocent jest;
The enterprise surely will bless all the nation,
And prove in the end such a grand speculation.
Chorus- (Very sanguine) Singing tu ral lal, lu-ral, &c

In Congress each schemer is bringing his bill -
A railroad to make, and his pockets to fill;
All hope to succeed, and get richer by far,
Than they did by the gains of the great Mormon war.
Chorus- (Very hopefully) Singing tu ral lal, lu-ral, &c

We hope our dear Uncle will wake from his dream,
And give us a railroad of iron and steam;
Then his interests will grow, - nor his fame be forgotten,
When mule flesh, and schemers, and Injuns are rotten.
Chorus- (Requiem for defunct mules, &c.) Tu ral lal, la &c

All Difficulties settled according to Mormon Laws.

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