Love and hate on the tracks

Christian Wolmar
THE GREAT RAILROAD REVOLUTION

The History of Trains in America

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1. Birth
On March 1819 the General Jackson was the first steamboat to visit Nashville.
BALTIMORE AND OHIO RAILROAD, 1830.
The "Best Friend," the First Locomotive built in the United States for actual service on a Railroad.

The "Best Friend" was built at the West Point Foundry Shops, in New York City, for the South Carolina Railroad, and after several experimental trials, in November and December, 1830, made the first excursion trip, as above, on Saturday, 16th January, 1831, being the anniversary of the commencement of the road. See extract from Charleston Courier, page 152.
2. Early Growth
The cylinders were vertical, placed at the back and each side of the furnace.
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3. Take off
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4. The end of the affair
Uncle Sam's "Wild West" (East and South) Show.
The Interstate Commissioners Moving on the Animals.

Source/Date: Harper's Weekly, April 9, 1887

Ultimate Source (if different):

Creator: William A. Rogers

Remarks: The Commissioners look a bit cowed. If so the cartoon was prescient for they achieved little until the Hepburn act of 1906 strengthened their powers.

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5. Peak
6. Roots of decline
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