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Railways to the Pacific.

From the Tribune, Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. Simpson, of the Enfineer Corps, has made a report to the Interior Department in reference to the Pacific Railroads now in process of construction. In compliance with the act of Congress of July 1, 1862, and the several amendatory acts thereof, six companies have accepted the provisions of the law, and have organized to build the roads and branches. The Union Pacific Company is authorized to build a road from the 100th meridian to the western boundary of Nevada Territory, and also from the western boundary of Iowa to the 199th meri-dian. W. B. Ogden, of the Illinois Central, is President of the Board of Commissioners, and

General John A. Dix of the road, The construction began at Omaha, and the grading of one hundred miles has been completed. It is expected that sixty miles of the road will be completed by the latter part of January, and one hundred miles by July. The Eastern division of this road has also built sixty miles of road, but it does not seem to have satis fied the demands of the Interior Department. Some difficulty seems to have arisen between its management and the road under General Dix. The Board of Commissioners reported that the portion of the road completed was not per-fect, and its President has promised to reform it. In case it should reach the 199th meridian before the Union Pacific, it may continue its track until it meets the Central Pacific. No bonds will be issued until this meridian is reached. The Central Pacific road runs east from Sacramento and will meet the Umon branch at or near Salt

Lake City.

The engineering on this work will be stupendous. On leaving Sacramento it will cross the Sierra Nevadas. The first lifty miles after leav-ing Sacramento carry it up to the western slope of the Sierra Nevada, attaining an elevation of 2300 icet, and including some of the heaviest and most expensive grading of the whole line. In some places between Coleax and Newcastle, the putings are about 76 feet deep, and from 800 to 100 feet long, through hard rock or cament, he number of laborers now at work is 10,000, buring the present year the Company hopes to make a rout called the Turnbar Filter. 19 each a point called the Turchee River, 120 niles from Sacramento, 70:0 feet above indevater. Two tunnels are being built near the unmit of the Sierras, one 16:00 feet long, the other 900 feet long. The laborers are working night and day.

The Atchison branch is about to complete the

first section of twenty miles, and promises to build the road in the most substantial manner. The Sloux City and Pacine Railroad is authorized to build a road from Sioux City to connect with the main line or the Union Pacific. The Burlington and Missouri Company is authorized to run from the Missouri river to some branch on the Union Pacide, this side of the 100th meridian. Lands, but no bonds, will be given by Congress. The Northern Pacific road has been organized. It proposes to run from Lake Superior, near the 45th parallel, to Puget's Sound, with a branch by way of Columbia river to Portland, Oregon, the latter to join the main line not more than 300 miles from the western terminus. The whole road must be built by July, 1876, and 50 miles within the first two years.

It will thus be seen that the great work of building a railway from the Atlantic to the Pacific is rapidly progressing. We presume the first connection will be made at Salt Lake City. The Union Line, which seems to be making the most headway, will connect the Eastern cities with the Western, at St. Louis, which will thus be in railroat importance the main city in America. Its friends indulge the hope that it will be finished in four or five years. The Northern line will probably be tinished in tea years. This will be important in the fact that it will absorb the British-American trade. The project of a Southern branch seems to have been abandoned, but we presume only temporarily.

After the South has become packed, and order has been restored in Mexico, we may hope to have a line from New Orleans through Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona, controlling the vasi-silver countries. In time we shall have them all, and when that time comes, New York-10 days from London by sea and 10 days from San Francisco by steam-will command the com-merce of the East and the West-of Europe, America, and Asia. Our destiny as a city is to become the metropolis of the world, and men not very young will live to see the day when Calcutta, and Pekin, and Melbourne, and London will make their exchanges on Broadway.

Our War Claims Against England. From the Herald.

The position which our Government has assumed with reference to the claims against the Government of England, arising out of the action of that country in connection with the Rebel privateers, Alabamm and Shenaudoah, was fully explained in the lengthy correspondence between Mr. Adams and Lord Ciarendon published in our columns last Friday. White we cannot but admire the firm and explicit terms in which our Minister at the Court of her Britannic Majesty has defled the whole subject, we are astonished at the peurile and offensive manner in which the question has been treated by Lord Clarendon. The representative of the new British Ministry in the Foreign Office has not at-tempted to treat the subject in any other light than that in which it was viewed by his prede-Earl Russell. He presents no new facts and adduces no new arguments. His correspondence can only be regarded as a repetition of the feeble logic of Earl Russell, upon whose authority he seems to rely as an excathedra declaration of the policy of her Majesty's Gov-ernment upon a question which this country justly considers of grave moment in the settle-ment of vital international principles, as well as of serious importance in the light of her own

dignity as a great Power.

Mr. Adams has made out his case clearly against the British Government. Not a quibble nor a shuffle in the whole Russell Clarendon correspondence can stand against the solid facts and manly logic of our Minister. Conscious, therefore, of this fact, and evidently overlooking the danger to which England may be exposed by a refusal to concede our claims, Lord Clarendon brings the controversy to an end by the cool assumption that all the topics are exhauste!, with what may imply a threat that the further continuance of the argument might lead to unfriendly relations between the two countries. What the future relationship may be between the two Governments of the United States and England is to be decided by the people and Government of the United States, in the event of her Malesty's Ministers persisting in a refusal of our demands. While we do not court a war with any power, it must be understood that this country is in a position to maintain all her claims to full and perfect justice.

There are certain public questions upon which the American proole are a unit. One of them is the necessity of Maximilian withdrawing from Mexico, and another the full indemnification for the losses to our commerce on the high seas, for which the Government of England can be held responsible. It is well that foreign states men should explicitly understand this; and if Lord Clarendon is not already aware of it, we now recommend the fact to his especial notice. closing his correspondence the British Foreign Secretary descends to a diplomatic false hood when he says that during the late civil war no armed vessel departed from a British port to cruise against the commerce of the United States. It is notorious that the two pirates concerning which this controversy has arisen were fitted out for the purpose, and with all the accommodations of armed vessels, although the

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actual armament may have been taken on board actual armament may have been taken on board after they left British waters. Moreover, they were manned for the most part by British subjects, and were sheltered during their marauding career in British ports. However, all these points have been so ably established by Mr. Adams as to compel the Foreign Secretary to shelter himself under a quibble which is very

like an untruth.

It may possibly be inferred from the whole tenor of Lord Clarendon's correspondence, that as he has heretofore been amicably disposed towards this country, he does not wish to prolong a controversy which may lead to a breach of friendship, and prefers to back out of it, leaving the case to stand as his predecessor transferred it to him. Whether this is true or not, however, has nothing to do with the adjustment of our claims. This Government cannot recede from its position in the matter of the Robel privateers.

Friendly Feelings at the South.

From the Times. We notice occasionally statements to the effect that the Southern clergymen and Southern women continue to cherish a bitter and determined hostility to the North, and that they take care to show it in every possible manner. We are persuaded, and not without good reason. that these statements are for the most part erroneous; and that if they are in some instances true, it is far from among the best and most refined social circles that such is the case. To say that the Southern ladies outstripped their relatives in a zealous support of Secession, and that pastors whose male hearers were fighting in the field offered up sincere prayers for their success, is but to acknowledge a very natural. nay, inevitable feeling among both classes. But is unjust to assert that the impulsiveness by which they were swayed is now turned into a sentiment of mere spite and mortified anger. Nay, more, it is not true.

Reflections upon character, for such they are, of the kind we refer to, have more than one evil influence upon society. They tend to create that very feeling of distrust and hostility which their authors affect to lament. They postpone the restoration of friendships once deep and sincere. They cast a shade of hopelessness over the minds of many whose whole energies should be directed to the reorganization of their home circles and the resumption of their industrial pursuits. Nay, more; they are a stigma upon the nature of weman, and upon the pastoral office, both North and South. There are very many of our readers whose reminiscences of the affectionate intercourse between lamilies, which was interrupted by the war, are warm and tender, and who look forward to a renewal of that intercourse. The same is true of very many in the land of cotton. Nor is there any reason why the anticipations of both should not be realized. The war indicted bereavements, many and bit-ter, upon both sections, and neither can exult in an immunity from suffering. The Southern ladies know this as well as we do and are accepting the chastenings of Providence as cheer-

ully as ourselves.

What less could be expected of them-of woman everywhere? She is the great consoler of humanity in its hardest trinis, and her work is now clearly set before her. The great task of binding up the nation's wounds belongs to her no less than to those who administer the national affairs, and she will execute her portion of that tack with true womanly fidelity. And the pulpit will not so change its character, nor the astor so misunderstand his high office, as that the teachings of Christianity will be forgotten or ignored. All that is needed is patience and for-bearance on all sides. The end is not far off when those whose hands are even now stretched torth towards each other shall be joined in the grasp of renewed love and peace.

From New Mexico-Organization of the Legislatu e.

From the Leavenworth Conservative. The Legislature met on the first Monday in ecember, and organized by the election of Mr. Miguel E. Pino as President of the Council, and Samuel Ellison as Speaker of the House. Both of these presiding officers are from Santa Fe county. The Governor delivered his annual message on the Thursday following. He discourses of Indian affairs, and claims that they are in a better condition than they have been for many years. Campaigns would have been ready to march now against the Navaje, who remained in their old country, and against the Gila and Mimbres Apaches, had it not been for the order emanating from the Department Commander at St. Louis to muster out of service the greater part of the volunteer forces now in this Territory. It is to be hoped. says the Governor, that much benefit will result to the southern part of our Territory from the campaigns now organizing against the Gila and Mimbres Apaches; they will be attacked by the troops from Arizona from the west and will me-t our troops in their fight to the east. He recommends the repeat of the negro laws and encourages the settlement of unoccupied public lands by citizens of the Territory, who can be profitably employed in their cultivation, and encourages idea of establishing an agency in New York for the purpose of diverting a portion of the foreigners who land upon our shores at that city, owards New Mexico. He orges the Legislature to take the necessary steps for the calling of a convention for the purpose of forming a State constitution, to be submitted to the people for their approbation, and asking admittance as one of the States of the Union.

Yield of Colorado Gold.

The yield of gold and silver from Colorado the past year was probably not so much as the previous ones, as her laborers were mainly engaged in preparations for the future, as before stated. It may be set down for a series of years

 In 1859.
 350,000

 In 1880.
 1 600 000

 In 1881.
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 In 1862.
 12 500,000

 In 1863.
 18 000 000

 In 1864.
 26 000 000

 In 1865.
 14 000 000

The yield for 1838 will probably come close up to twenty-five millions, and 1857 to forty millions. After that it would be rash to pre lict the results, as those who are best posted in such matters believe they will become almost fabulous,

A State with Five United States Senators

Elect. Louisiana has no less than five United States Sevators elect, though none of them have yet been admitted to seats. The first two elected last year were Charles Smith and R. K. Cutler. After a while it was announced that Michael Hahn had been elected, and he has frequently been referred to by the New Orleans papers as a Scenator elect from that State. How Mike came to be plied on the top of Charles, we don't know, but we do know that the Washington Globe, now before us, has the name of Charles Smith as United States Senator from Louisiana on its official list of Senators. A few weeks avo, the Louisiana Legislature elected two more Senators. Mesers. Randall Hunt and Heury Boyce. The State has consequently five Senators elect.

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