

A BELT ACROSS THE CONTINENT.

The Union Pacific Railroad—An interesting history. A correspondent of the Chicago Republican...

The Union Pacific Railroad, commencing at Omaha, follows the valley of the Platte river...

The railroad follows the north bank of the Platte for three hundred miles, and then crosses the North Fork...

No streams of any size flow into the Platte from the south side, the natural tendency of all streams of this valley being to run southward...

The leam and sand make an excellent bank for the track, and the surface, forming a kind of paste, does not easily turn into dust...

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But turning back to the end of the track reaching away over the Plains, we find grading parties at work for distances of a hundred miles...

The item of freights up the narrow and tortuous channel of the Missouri has been an enormous one, and the engines and cars up from St. Joseph...

When Dr. Durant announced, one year ago, that he wanted one million of cross-ties for immediate use, and three millions in two years...

To make the latter available, an iron boiler a hundred feet long and five feet in diameter was brought into requisition...

Eight hundred and fifty thousand ties and telegraph poles already have been delivered on the line...

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