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The earliest regular edition of THE EVENING TELEGRAPH goes to press at 1 o'clock, and the subsequent regular editions at 24, 34, and 44. Whenever there is important news of the progress of the European war, extra editions will be issued after this hour, and before the regular time for the early edition.

THE TRUE ROAD TO REFORM. THE beneficent labors of William Welsh of this city in purging the Indian Department, in unearthing the frauds which it has so long sanctioned, in dissecting the vouchers given to rich contractors, and in exposing extortions practised upon the aborigines, cannot be too highly praised; and it is deeply to be regretted that all other departments of the National. State, and city governments cannot be overlooked in a similar manner by intelligent, industrious, and incorruptible citizens. We would like to see daylight poured in upon the Navy Department, so that the public can be told plainly how many useless loafers are on its pay-rolls receiving enormous salaries. The War Department should be examined critically by keen and candid eyes ready to expose abuses which, though apparently sanctioned by custom, are nevertheless grossly unjust. The whole machinery of Congress, too, and the practical workings of legislation, if they could be laid bare to the public eye, would furnish a lamentable spectacle and intensify the public demand for reform. And if, in addition to the exposure of the mass of rottenness that exists perpetually at Washington, acute observers would depict with bold and faithful hands the wrong-doings at Harrisburg and the peccadilloes of Philadelphia officials, the people would be amazed at the impotence, corruption, extravagance, and rascality of many of servants. What is needed is that different men should each take up some one of a hundred different departments in a patient and persevering spirit like that displayed by Mr. Welsh in his investigations of the Indian Department, and publish the results fearlessly to the world. We have lost faith in Congressional or Legislative committees of investigation. They rarely act efficiently unless they have some partisan purpose to serve, and they only disclose as much of the truth as serves their immediate ends. The nation is getting more and more into the position of a rich housekeeper whose servants combine to deceive and defraud him; and if the Republic is to be defended and purified. it must be by men who are above partisan

THE NORTHERN PACIFIC RAIL-

ROAD.

ambition.

THE magnificent enterprise which will openopen up to civilization our Northwestern territory, with all its wealth of arable lands. minerals, timber, and wonderfully salubrious climate, is being rapidly pushed forward, and it will be but a short time before the Northern Pacific Railroad will be completed, and the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans united by another band of iron. The work on the eastern end of this road is progressing at the rate of two miles a day, and by the time spring opens the engineers will be ready for the workmen to commence upon the western or Pacific end, and during the spring, summer, and fall the grading and track-laying will go on as fast as possible. In the meantime, the Northern Pacific Railroad Company, having in view the importance of developing as rapidly as possible the country through which their main line will pass, are taking active measures to make important connections and to locate branch lines that will make the Northern Pacific the centre of a network of railways. To this end they have already purchased the St. Paul and Pacific Railroad. three hundred miles of which are finished and in prosperous operation in one of the finest sections of Minnesota, and other equally valuable connections have been made and other branch roads projected which will enable the company to command the entire trade of the Northwest, as well as to furnish the shortest route between the Atlantic States and the Pacific, and with their steamship connections between Europe and China and

The Northern Pacific Railroad will reduce the distance between the great lakes and the Pacific Ocean by 600 miles, and consequently the distance between Philadelphia and New York by the same number. Even more important than this is the fact that this road will lessen the distance between London and China by at least 1400 miles. Such an advantage as this is of itself enough to assure the prosperity of the road, for in these days of rapid communications time is money in the most literal sense, and the line that offers the greatest facilities for the rapid transportation of goods will certainly command the trade of

the world. The lack of railroad communication has hitherto prevented the northwestern section of our territory from being settled as rapidly as some others, and yet all who have explored it unite in praises of its fertility, its mineral wealth, and its remarkably salubrious climate. The latitude is about the same as that of Northern New York and New England, but a variety of causes have contributed to render the climate much more

appears to have contributed to make this the garden-spot of the United States, and the improving hand of man is alone needed to make the desert blossom like the rose. The Northern Pacific Railroad will aid in developing this magnificent section of country in a manner that would be impossible without the facilities that a transcontinental line and its connections will afford, and enterprising settlers are already making their way along the line of the road and establishing homesteads that in a few years will be splendid estates. The plans adopted by the Northern Pacific Railroad Company for the encouragement of permanent settlers are exceedingly liberal, and there is no doubt that they will aid materially in filling up the whole Northwest with a thrifty and intelligent population. The Northern Pacific Railroad is a great national enterprise, and it is being advanced under such unusually favorable auspices that its success is absolutely certain. Its bonds are therefore worthy of more than usual attention from capitalists whe wish to make safe and profitable investments. Messrs. Jay Cooke & Co., No. 114 South Third street, the fiscal agents of the Northern Pacific Railroad, now offer for sale at par and ac-

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American gold coin, the principal at the end of thirty years, and the interest at the rate of seven and three-tenths per cent., half-yearly, on the first of January and the first of July. These bonds are secured by a first mortgage on the railroad and the Government land grant, and the general mortgage is recorded in the office of the Secretary of the Interior at Washington, the trustees being Messrs. Jay Cooke and J. Edgar Thomson. For those who wish to make safe, profitable, and permanent investments, no securities in the market offer more advantages than these bonds, and we commend them to the favorable notice of all who wish to put their money where it will be secure, and at the same time yield a handsome profit. Two of the prominent Democratic politicians of New York have recently made, in an ostentations manner, large gifts to the poor of that city, William M. Tweed, head sachem of Tammany Hall, contributing \$50,000 and Sheriff O'Brien \$25,000. It is decidedly better that these gifts should be made than that the fortunes amassed by the donors

through their political successes should be devoted wholly to selfish purposes; but if the whole truth were told, we suspect that Tweed and O'Brien would rank with that class of operators who put a penny in the urn of poverty and take out a shilling. Tweed has accumulated an enormous fortune by a series of speculations which are all based on his partisan influence, and after selling the people out wholesale he can well afford to retail relief among his henchmen. O'Brien, as Sheriff of New York, has received as salary twenty times as much as his services were worth, and he would only render strict justice if he paid back to the people nineteen-twentieths instead of a mere tithe of his over-pay The American people are being devoured by their politicians, who habitually barter away their property and their rights: and while the partial restitutions which are occasionally made are creditable things in their way, the great wrong consists in the toleration or creation of innumerable opportunities for the enrichment of partisan adventurers.

WE receive many communications asking why Ahern is not arraigned and tried for fomenting a riot at the meeting of the Return Judges in last October. The evidence adduced against him certainly furnishes probable cause of action, and his imputed offense strikes at the very foundation of social order. Yet months after months pass by without an attempt being made to summon him before a jury of twelve good and lawful men. Who is to blame for this neglect?

THE DANUBIAN PRINCIPALITIES .- A recent cable telegram states that Prince Charles of Roumania has called the attention of the great powers to the fact that his position, as settled by the treaty of Paris, is no longer tenable. The necessity for this appeal is shown in the following letter from a correspondent at Bucharest, who writes under date of November 30:- "The first news of Gortschakoff's evil designs was telegraphed here to the Prince as early as the 8th inst. Some very important message arrived, and the result was the immediate departure of his representative to his post at Constantinople, to press further on the Turks the necessity of forwarding troops here, and this though they were refused four months ago, when 60,000 were asked for; but in the present state of Roumania the fact of Turkish troops entering at one end would cause the Russians to enter at the other, and the Wallachian would become a sandwich, and the result would be that the name 'Roumania,' which was painted on the map of Europe at the treaty of Paris, would be obliterated. The Roumanians talk of a very large army of, they say, over 80,000 men, but as yet I have been unable to find 40,000, and I have been here three years; but if Roumania is still a province of Turkey, or under her protection-as she virtually is by her paying every year the tribute-how can Turkey refuse to send troops here? One thing, though, I am quite convinced of, and that is, if Russia lands a large force on the shores of Bulgaria, nothing on earth will induce the Roumanian troops to cross the Danube to help to expel them, and Roumania will then declare herself free and independent, and the Prince will take the title of King. Whatever happens here Roumania must always recover and appear on the stage of Europe again stronger than ever-firstly, from her position on the high road from London to Bombay by railway, the Danube washing 80) miles of her coast; and secondly, because she is more civilized than any part of the East. Where else will you find such roads and iron bridges-as the Russians will find if they come here -as between Yasy and Bucharest, or such a line of railway as from Bucharest to Glurgevo? In the Bast there is only one malady from which Roumania suffers, and that is her constint change of ministers. In three years I have seen forty-five."

FRANCE AND THE POPE .- A recent cable telegram states that M. Gambetta has announced to the Pope his desire that France shall terminate the Concordat, in order to effect the entire separation of Church and State in France. The separation of the Church and State in France mainly involves the abrogation of the Concordat or agreement entered into between the French and Papal courts at the time of the Restoration, by which it was stipulated that the Roman Catholic bishops and clergy in France should receive salaries from the Government, while on the part of healthful and invigorating than that of our | the Papal Court it was agreed that no bull of the

Northeastern States. In fact, everything | Pope should be published in France till it had sanction of the King; and that the approval of the overnment would be necessary to render valid all important Papal decrees affecting national interests. The French Government pays annually about \$10,000,000 to the Roman Catholic and \$250,000 to the Protestant Church. The Jews also receive State

> AUDITOR-GENERAL AND SURVEYOR-GENERAL .-There are a number of candidates for Auditor-General and Surveyor-General. The strongest candidates named for Auditor General are Major David Stanton, of Beaver county, and formerly of the 1st Pennsylvania Cavalry, and General Beaver, of Centre. Major Stanton is a near relative of the late Secretary of War, and is well spoken of, and seems to be looming up lately, to the surprise of every one. Colonel W. W. Jennings, of Dauphin, is the most prominent candidate named for Surveyor-General. and if he consents to be a candidate, he is going to be a hard man to beat. The Auditor-General will be conceded to the West, while the Surveyor-General will be taken from the East,

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