

PITTSBURGH POST.

TUESDAY MORNING—JANUARY 31

THE CALIFORNIA DESERT.—The secretary of war in his report states an interesting fact connected with the great desert which lies beyond the Colorado river in California. It has been said that the Colorado is about 125 miles nearer the junction of the two rivers than the Arkansas. This is true, but it is a misnomer and a mistake. In this whole distance, after leaving the bottom lands of the Colorado, there is not a single mile of the river which is not deeper, or part of it is not surpassed by the African Zambesi itself. A little water is found in its present bed, but it is so shallow that it is not navigable, and scarcely a prairie it crosses in going to California. It is obliged to leave most of its load of sand, alluvium, and gravel, to the many islands that already span the river to make the trail more visible.

The desert is a great barrier, a geographic level, according to Secretary Davis, this great desert is found to be much lower than the Colorado, and that the elevation of this desert is yet unknown, and we are inclined to think it covers a larger area than the great plain of the Colorado. The Colorado, however, is covered with a thin skin of soil, and the great surface and other peculiarities rather inferior to have been covered with water; not so much as the great plain of the Colorado, the sea having receded from the Gulf of California. Such we believe to be generally the opinion of most geologists, and the elevation of this desert may be the delta of the Colorado. The whole of this region is yet but little known, and although the Pacific coast is now well explored, we are yet unacquainted with those regions where we were before, there is still a vast area, which the foot of the white man has not yet trodden.—*Pioneer Journal.*

CLEVELAND AND PITTSBURGH RAILROAD.

CHICAGO AND CINCINNATI RAILROAD.

OHIO AND PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD.—The Ohio and Pennsylvania Railroad has been incorporated under the name of "Ohio and Pennsylvania Railroad," with a capital stock of \$1,000,000, and a term of 50 years. The road will connect the Ohio River at Cincinnati with the Allegheny River at Pittsburgh, via the Monongahela, Ohio, and Muskingum Rivers, connecting with the Western Reserve at Cleveland, and with the Lake Erie at Toledo, Ashtabula, and Huron.

LITTLE MIAMI RAILROAD.—The Little Miami Railroad, connecting Cincinnati with Columbus, has been incorporated with a capital stock of \$1,000,000, and a term of 50 years.

NEW AND DIRECT ROUTE OPEN.—The Northern Illinois to Mississippi River, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska, all railroad to the Mississippi.

RAILROADS.—**1856.**—**ONLY ROUTE WITH THREE DAILY TRAINS FROM PITTSBURGH TO CINCINNATI.**—**ONLY ROUTE WITH THREE DAILY TRAINS FROM PITTSBURGH TO ST. LOUIS AND NEW ORLEANS.**

GREAT DISCOVERY!—**THE FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY OF PITTSBURGH.**—**INSURERS.**—**ALL COMMERCIAL ATTENTION ATTRACTED TO PITTSBURGH.**

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