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## RETURN FROM A SUMMER TRIP—DISTANCE TRAVELLED—CONCLUSIONS AND REFLECTIONS—A DAY AMONG REBELS, &c., &c., &c.

After a journey of six months over the vast and almost limitless regions of our Republic, and a run in Canada of more than a thousand miles; a journey that has required a continuous line of travel of eleven thousand miles, extending over twenty-two States, three territories and Queen Vic's possessions, causing visits to one thousand two hundred and sixty-seven cities and villages, requiring conveyances including two stage lines, three steam ships, eighty-three trains of cars and fifteen steam boats, besides street cars, hacks, and other minor locomotives, the writer found himself on the 25th ult., snugly incoined at the City Hotel, under the care of that best of hosts, Mr. Morse, in the Queen City of the South. The transition from climate to climate is a most beyond imagination. On the 7th of November, at a point two hundred and fifty miles north of Cairo, our starting place, ("our" includes a lady with two accomplished daughters, who were returning to New Orleans after a yellow fever escapade), the cold winds of the North were beating down over the prairies of Illinois with relentless fury, the ground covered with snow and more falling. Approaching the warmer climate the snow merged into a drizzling rain, the clouds giving way to a clear sky until, without realizing the change, venturing into the open air was pleasant and comfortable. Taking passage on the princely steamer R. E. Lee, the principle owner of which I am informed is a shrewd "Yauk"—we slowly approached the regions of the Magnolia and Jasmine, and finally landed in the Crescent City, under the leaves of the orange trees, whose boughs were bent with their luscious golden burthens, on a day that the thermometer stood 83° in the shade. There were other surroundings whose sadness tended to mar the enjoyment of the delicious weather.

The awful epidemic had swept over the devoted city, and left mourning in every household. The insidious seeds of cholera were taking root in the soil mellowed by the yellow fever, and the citizens were expecting each morning to see the announcement of another epidemic; already nearly eighty cases were reported in the military garrison, and the mortuary reports of the city reached within ears of a majority of deaths by cholera; a majority determines the disease epidemic; but fortune willed it otherwise, and the deadly disease again subsided, leaving partial tranquillity.

Eleven days from Cairo to New Orleans was a fitting conclusion to a trip of eleven thousand miles. It gave ample time for recuperation and reflection. The reflections may hereafter appear on paper in the shape of reminiscences of the summer's travel; the recuperation comes in the shape of increased avordupois and vigor whether I have "traveled more and seen less than other voyagers" is left to the charity of readers.

The merchants of New Orleans are beginning to realize that the wealth of the Lone Star State is rolling by her doors and into the coffers of other commercial ports. They are asking each other the cause. They see that an arrogant monopoly is appropriating the entire communication between us, and the evidence of bad management appears on the prices of freight, which amount to the same from Texas to New Orleans as they do from the former to New York, while the price per mile for passengers is double that of any other steam route in the country. They look way up in "Bleeding Kansas" and see a dark current tending towards us; and as it draws near it proves to be, not blood, but a railroad; they are asking each other why

pire city of the Lakes to tap the rich plains of Texas, while a Gulf shore road from there to Brazos would pour its whole wealth in their own laps? In fact, New Orleans is being lashed into words, and words sometimes beget action, and we may see her moved shortly.

The 27th was a strange day; learning that several officers of the rebel army, who I had the good fortune to fall in with while prisoners, were in the city, I hunted them up; the first was Major McKnight, (the celebrated A. HARTZ of the New Orleans Times.) The Major charged the entire column of Grant's cavalry, (of which I was acting Adjutant General), near Jackson, Mississippi, in July, 1863, and being supported by the sorriest horse that even the confederacy could boast the conflict was soon decided against him, consequently he with his stud became an unconditional prisoner. After a rehearsal of the event and the discussion of a canteen of "commissary" and a box of sardines, shared with us on that occasion by Col. Bacon Montgomery of Missouri, who has recently been spoken of for Governor of that State, we started for the St. James Hotel where we found Major Heard, who unfortunately became a prisoner while chief commissary on the staff of Gen. Hodge at Liberty, Mississippi, in 1865. This affable host of the St. James, remembered that his enemy had been generous to him in his adversity, and as we talked over the experiences of the war and compared the action of ex-soldiers with those of political demagogues who were still defying the authorities, we agreed that soldiers did wrong to retire to private life and permit stay-at-home demagogues to attempt a reconstruction of the South.

This article has already assumed too large proportions, so to "cut it short" will probably be the most interesting sentence in it. M.

## By Telegraph.

[SPECIAL DISPATCHES TO THE EXPRESS.]

### Markets.

LIVERPOOL, December 5.—Evening.—Cotton buoyant; sales 15,000 bales; Uplands unchanged; to 7; Orleans 7 1/2. Lard and bacon unchanged.

NEW YORK, December 6.—Gold 137 1/2 to 137 3/4. Sterling and exchange quiet and firm at 93 1/2 to 97 1/2.

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### Washington Items.

WASHINGTON, December 5.—Brevet Major General R. L. Buchanan, Colonel of the First Infantry, has been ordered to report to General Hancock to take command of the Sub-District of Louisiana, and to be Assistant Commissioner of the Freedmen's Bureau.

There will be no withdrawal of legal tender during December.

The debt statement for November will be rendered to-morrow, showing an increase of the debt to be \$12,000,000.

The revenue receipts to-day are \$751,000.

Stauberry's opinion, called for by Congress, confirms the Government in a clear title to the Harper's Ferry property.

Private advices state that the United States steamers Desoto and Monogahela, were lost during the recent West India hurricane; a large portion of the crews were saved.

The sale of the Government's interest in the Dismal Swamp canal was postponed to the 2d of January.

WASHINGTON, December 6.—The impeachment argument excites but little attention. Boutwell's line of argument mainly shows that the committee was right in its report, though the House should refuse to impeach the President. He combats Wilson's position that impeachment is possible and indispensable. After Wilson's speech the whole matter was tabled.

WASHINGTON, December 6.—The Senatorial caucus declined to retain Formey as Secretary and Brown as Sergeant-at-Arms.

Revenue receipts from spirits during the fiscal year ending June last, amounted to \$284,000,000.

Grant's corrected estimate for the Army reduces the sum to \$37,000,000. The Cabinet continued in session until after two o'clock; all present.

The Custom receipts from the 25th to the 30th, inclusive, is one million ninety-eight thousand dollars.

Revenue receipts, six million twenty-four thousand dollars.

WASHINGTON, December 6.—A private message from New York says a banker on Wall street had twenty thousand dollars, counterfeit legal tender passed on him this morning. The vote yesterday on the Senate striking white, from district laws and ordinance was strictly partisan. The late elections have no effect on Senatorial radicalism.

Proceedings in House to-day indicate 55 for impeachment and 110 against on Republican side.

There is 15 majority opposed to impeachment.

The order assigning Gen. Buchanan to command sub district of Louisiana has been countermanded.

### Gen. Sheridan's Report.

WASHINGTON, December 5.—The official report of General Sheridan's operations in the 5th Military District up to the time of his removal, has been received. He says, the persons whom he found holding civil offices in Louisiana and Texas were nearly all ex-rebel officers or sympathisers of the rebellion, and while they held office it was impossible to execute the military reconstruction bill. He says, they were suffered to remain in office until it became absolutely necessary from their disloyalty to oust them. He adds that he tried to perform his duty faithfully and impartially, taking as a guide what he sincerely believed to be the spirit and meaning of the law which he was appointed to execute. The Cordova settlement in Mexico, he says was composed of rebels, and he also remarks from the impossibility of preventing a demonstration of sympathy for the liberal cause in Mexico by the Union citizens and soldiers of the border, some complications arose but they were readily adjusted. He farther says reconstruction was progressing satisfactorily in his department at the time of his removal, and to the satisfaction of all the people of his district except rebels and displaced political demagogues whom he had relieved. He says he has been assailed, by the highest officers under the Government as a tyrant and a partizan, but he declares that he feels in his heart the assertions to be untruthful. He concludes by thanking his subordinate officers for the cheerful and soldierly manner in which they performed their duties.

Opinion of the English Press on Johnson's Message.

LONDON, December 5.—Copies of extracts from the message of President Johnson were received by cable and were published here to-day. In commenting upon it the Times has the following:

"The message shows that Mr. Johnson has learned nothing, he transcends himself in imprudence; he regards his office as absolute sovereignty do their prerogatives; he forfeits all respect; it is hard to say where the hope of the people of the United States lies between Johnson on one side and Stevens on the other side." The other Journals use similar language on the subject. The reference by the President's message to the Alabama claims complied with Lord Stanley's message to Ford on the same subject created considerable distrust in financial circles.

THE AUSTIN CORRESPONDENT OF FLAKE'S BULLETIN.—We learn from reliable authority that the Austin correspondent of Flake's Bulletin is one Max Mobius, a clerk in the office of the Civil Bureau at Austin.

A murderer in Iowa says he prefers death to a commutation of his sentence to imprisonment.

A young post office clerk in New York has been sentenced to ten years imprisonment for stealing money from letters.

In about ten days postal cars will run between New York and Boston, and the mails will be sorted while in transit.

In Knox county, Tennessee, there are nine thousand children of school age, of whom but sixteen hundred are in the schools.

Hole-in-the-day, the celebrated chief of the Chippewas, was arrested and locked up at St. Paul the other day for drunkenness.

"TOO IGNORANT TO VOTE"—The following letter, *verbatim et literatim*, as printed, was sent to the office of a Leavenworth paper, and "speaks for itself":

KIKAPOO, NOV. 24, 1867.

DEAR SIR: Will you please inform me whether nigger suffrage was carried at the late election. If so, I want to see that nigger suffrage is to be kept in this God forsaking State, and go back to Southern Illinois. Yours Truly,

# JUST RECEIVED,

A SPLENDID ASSORTMENT OF

# FANCY GOODS AND TOYS,

FOR CHRISTMAS.

# E. PENTENRIEDER,

31 Commerce Street.

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Historical, Philosophical, Biographical and Miscellaneous Books, Stationery, AND NOTIONS, AT **GAMBLE'S BOOK STORE,** 31 Commerce Street, JUST RECEIVED A FRESH SUPPLY OF

**STATIONERY**—for Commercial purposes, Ladies' Bath Gilt Note, Octavo and Billet Paper; Lined Envelopes, &c., &c.; Photographic Albums; Portfolios; Toilet Articles; Perfumery, &c., &c.; Ladies' Dress Buttons; Visiting Cards, Spectacles, Canes, Umbrellas, and many other articles, too numerous to mention.

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**BY DOING SO THEY WILL FIND GREAT INDUCEMENTS to their advantage.**

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**LEVENSTEIN & CO.,** Commerce Street, San Antonio, TEXAS. WHOLESALE & RETAIL DEALERS

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Just received a large stock of **Fall and Winter Goods!** and will sell all at the very lowest prices

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**Cavalry Horses Wanted Immediately!** Two Hundred and Seventy-Seven Horses. For which the highest prices in specie will be paid. Said Horses must be sound in all particulars, well broken, in full flesh and good condition, from (15) fifteen to (16) sixteen hands high, from (5) five to (9) nine years old and well adapted in every way to cavalry purposes. For particulars apply at the Menger Hotel, or Stock Yard near by. R. W. PEAY. San Antonio, Nov. 19, 1867.

**SELLING AT COST AND BELOW.** Entire Stock of Toys, BY **HERTZBERG & SIMON.** Hungarian Leeches. Just received and for sale by A. NETTE, Druggist and Apothecary, Commerce St., San Antonio, Texas.

**WANTED!** 200 Bales of Cotton. 200 Bales of Cotton wanted by **JEFFERSON & MURPHY,** San Antonio, Nov. 19, 1867.

# STOVES!



**COOKING, PARLOR, AND BOX STOVES!**

Just received by **LEROUX & COSGROVE,** oct31tf

**ELMENDORF & CO.** Hardware Merchants. MAIN PLAZA.

Have constantly on hand, and offer for sale English and American Cutlery, Iron and Steel of all sizes, Carpenters Tools, Mill & Crosscut Saws of all sizes, Boring Machines, Nails of all sizes, Butts, Hinges, Screws, etc. Door, Cabinet & Trunk Locks of all kinds, Shoe Makers & Saddlers Tools & Trimming, Buckles Rings, etc., Bridle Bits & Webbing, Oil Cloth, Hames, Collars, etc., Tin, Rivets, & Kettle Ears, etc., Steel Hoes and Agricultural Implements, in general.

Landreth's Garden Seeds always on hand. And a general assortment of Hardware Also: Paints, Oils, Turpentine & Glass, Paint, Shoe & Clothes Brushes, Petroleum & Lamps, Colt's Army & Navy Size Pistols, Powder, Shot & Caps, And all other articles in their line of business at low prices.

Sole Agents for Herring's Safe's also for Planer & Kayser's Sewing Machines.

May 24th 1866. no25tf

**STAGE LINE**

Two commodious Stages and one baggage wagon run regularly once a month by way of Peidras Negras (Eagle Pass) to Chihuahua. This line connects at Olaneguitas with the stage that runs to Monterey and thence to Matamoros or Saltillo, San Luis Potosi, Zacatecas or the City of Mexico. It also connects at Sta Rosalia, San Pablo and Chihuahua with the stage line to Paso del Norte.

The Stages are well protected by a strong armed escort.

For rates of passage, specie shipments and freights, apply to **FELIX MACEYRA,** Proprietor, Chihuahua, **WULFF & SCHMIDT,** Agents, corner Alamo and North streets, June 25-6th San Antonio, Texas.

# SLOCUM'S BOOK STORE,

Commerce Street, Opposite Bell's Jewelry Store. Keeps constantly on hand School Books at Wholesale and Retail.

A fine assortment of **STATIONERY** of all kinds. **CHILDREN'S BOOKS, Catholic & Episcopal Prayer Books,** And other Books **Suitable for Presents!** A large assortment of **PHOTOGRAPHIC ALBUMS** Toilet Articles, Pen Knives, —AND— **Miscellaneous Articles.** —Also— **THE INDELLIBLE PENCIL,** Wholesale and Retail.

The Latest Novels constantly on hand. **Cards of all kinds.** In fine & full assortment of everything pertaining to this line of business.

**All the Latest Newspapers, Magazines, etc.** **Music! Music!! Music!!!** A fine assortment on hand, and receiving **NEW MUSIC** every week. oct29tf

Local Intelligence.

GAMBLING EXCITEMENT.—The Mayor's office was the scene on Friday and Saturday of considerable excitement.

MAYOR'S COURT, December 7.—S. Arguino, drunk; fined \$5 and costs.

Bill Wilson, charged with gambling; charge not sustained; dismissed.

Jack Harris, charged with gambling; charge not sustained; dismissed.

Ben. Thompson, charged with gambling; fined \$50 and costs.

CITY SCRIP RETURNED.—Up to Saturday the 7th instant, \$4,760.66 of city scrip was returned to the Mayor's office and receipted for.

PERSONAL.—Major Wirt Davis, Adjutant-General of Camp Verde, arrived in our city on Saturday, looking hale and robust.

THE CHOLERA.—The saying that it's an ill wind that blows good to nobody, is strikingly illustrated by the Herald claiming that the cholera was the cause of the extravagance of the Lyons administration.

FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CHURCH.—In our advertising columns will be found the notice of a Fair to be given by the young ladies of the African Methodist Church for the benefit of the church.

CROWD AND RUSS.—Our streets were very lively all day Saturday with passing vehicles.

VERY APPROPRIATE.—The Herald of this city very appropriately comes to the rescue of the gamblers, who are being put to rough for violation of the city ordinance against gambling.

HARD TO WEAR.—The Herald calf is very hard to wear from the public pap, and keeps up a continual howl.

PONIES FOR SALE.—Two of the nicest ponies in the city. One a splendid lady's pony, gentle, kind and spirited.

TRADE SALE.—There will be a trade sale at the auction rooms of Fitch & Co. on Monday morning the 9th inst.

New Advertisements.

A CHURCH BENEFIT FAIR. A FAIR will be held at the house of Jacob Patterson and N. Daval, on next Thursday, for the benefit of the African Methodist Church of this city.

MILLIE SAPPINGTON, FANNIE SAPPINGTON, CLARISTA SAPPINGTON, KATE SMITH, JULIA BRADLEY, Committee of Arrangements.

House to Rent. One of the finest houses in the city, situated on the east side of the river, adjoining the residence of Mr. Pentenreider.

NOTICE. The Mayor will be in attendance at the Mayor's office every day from 8 o'clock A. M. till 12 o'clock M., and from 2 o'clock P. M. till sun-down.

DR. NOHL, CITY PHYSICIAN. Office hours from eight o'clock A. M. and from 2 to 4 P. M.

DISSOLUTION. The mercantile co-partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned, under the name, style and firm of K. Wulping & Co., is this day dissolved by mutual consent.

TEN CHIHUAHUA WAGONS for sale at LEROUX & COGROVE, dec. 7-11m.

JEFFERSON & MURPHY HAVE FOR SALE REAL ESTATE, consisting of first class property on Main Plaza.

Wagons, Carriages and other vehicles. San Antonio, Dec. 3rd, 1867.

RACES. \$150 Currency. We will give a purse of one hundred and fifty dollars to be run for in San Antonio the 20th of December.

NOTARY PUBLIC.—Over Lindmiller's Drug Store, Main Street. Office hours, 8 to 12 A. M.—2 to 3 P. M.

BLYMER, NORTON & CO. (Successors to Clark & Sargo Machine Company.) No. 116 MAIN STREET, Cincinnati, Ohio.

SORGO MACHINERY, The Celebrated Cook Evaporator, Victor Cane Mill, Eureka Fodder & Straw Cutters, Eureka Cider Mills, Warner's Sulky Revolving Hay Rakes, Horse Power Forks, Lone Star Corn Shellers, Double Shovel Plows, Crawford's Garden Cultivators, Church, School, and Farm Bells, and many other implements, tools and machines.

City Advertisements.

Sealed Proposals. For Cleaning Public Streets &c. Bids will be received at this office until 12 o'clock M. on Tuesday, the 10th of this month.

Proposals must be plainly endorsed "Proposals for cleaning the Streets," and addressed to the undersigned at this place. Mayor's Office, San Antonio, December 2d, 1867.

Gustav Theisen & Co., COMMISSION MERCHANTS, 62 Cedar Street, New York.

NOTICE!! Having received an order for 10,000 BUSHEL OF PECANS!! I am prepared to pay the HIGHEST CASH PRICE for the same.

THE Gas Generators Have Arrived! An invention by which a common Kerosene Lamp can at once be transformed into a Gas Lamp, of a most brilliant light.

The undersigned having procured the patent right for Bexar County, has now a supply of the Generators on hand, and offers to sell them at One Dollar, specie, each.

C. H. MOORE & COMPANY, Shippers and Dealers in Doors, Glazed Sash, and Painted Blinds.

J. MILLER & CO., RUHN'S BUILDING, STRAND, GALVESTON, DEALERS, WHOLESALE & RETAIL, of all kinds of FIRE ARMS, viz: Rifles, shot guns, (Laminated steel and Damascus twist.)

Great Southern Mail Route, FROM TEXAS TO ALL POINTS NORTH AND EAST. Via Steamship to New Orleans, thence via Canton, Grand Junction, Chattanooga, Lynchburg and WASHINGTON, through to Baltimore, Philadelphia, and New York.

BAGGAGE CHECKED THROUGH TO ALL POINTS. ELEGANT SLEEPING COACHES ON ALL NIGHT TRAINS. Passengers by this Route reach New York sixteen hours quicker than via Mobile and Great Northern Line.

Fare as Low as the Lowest! For through tickets and information, apply at the office of the G. H. & H. R. E., and Hutchins' House; Houston; Union Office N. O. J. & G. N. Railroad, Central Wharf, Galveston, and corner Camp and Common streets, under City Hotel, New Orleans.

COLT'S PATENT FIRE ARMS, For Sale at 563m NORTON & DEUTZ.

House and Lot for Sale. The house and lot situated on Gollard street, the property of E. Reppa, is for sale. The house has three rooms, each 20 by 18 feet; a warehouse is attached 40 by 18 feet.

Gov't. Advertisements. Sale of Subsistence Stores and Commissary Property. OFFICE DEPOT COMMISSARY OF SUBSISTENCE, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, Nov. 29th 1867.

3 Counter Scales. J. N. ECKLES, 1st Lieut. 35th Inf., A. C. S. MAYER SAWYER & Co., Auctioneers.

Proposals for Corn at Camp Verde. DEPOT QUARTERMASTER'S OFFICE, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, Nov. 30th, 1867. Sealed Proposals which must be made in triplicate, will be received at this Office, until Thursday the 31st of December.

PROPOSALS For Fresh Beef!! OFFICE CHIEF C. S. DIST. OF TEXAS, GALVESTON, TEX., Nov. 18th, 1867.

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Special Notices.

A Cough, a Cold, or a Sore Throat, Requires Immediate attention, and should be checked.

Irritation of the Lungs, a Permanent Throat Discharge, or Consumption, is often the result.

Brown's Bronchial Troches, Having a direct influence on the parts, give immediate relief.

For Bronchitis, Asthma, Catarrh, Consumptive and Throat Diseases, Troches are used with always good success.

THE HEALING POOL and House of Mercy, HOWARD ASSOCIATION REPORTS, for young men on the crime of Solitude, and the errors, abuses, and diseases which destroy the manly powers, and create impediments to marriage, with sure means of relief.

To Marry or not to Marry? WHY NOT? Serious Reflections for Young Men, in Essays of the Howard Association, on the Physiological Errors, Abuses and Diseases induced by Ignorance of Nature's Laws, in the first age of man.

A Card to Invalids. A clergyman, while residing in South America as a missionary, discovered a safe and simple remedy for the cure of Nervous Weakness, Early Decay, Diseases of the Urinary and Seminal Organs, and the whole train of disorders brought on by baneful and vicious habits.

To Music Teachers and Dealers. The subscriber is fully prepared to furnish Sheet Music, Strings, Musical Instruments, and Music Books of all kinds at the lowest grade rates, wholesale and retail, from the largest collections in this country.

ERRORS OF YOUTH. A gentleman who suffered for years from Nervous Debility, Premature Decay, and all the effects of youthful indiscretion, will, for the sake of suffering humanity, send free to all who need it, the recipe and directions for making the simple remedy by which he was cured.

Information. Guaranteed to produce a luxuriant growth of hair upon a bald head or beardless face; also, a recipe for the removal of Pimples, Blisters, Eruptions, etc., on the skin, leaving the same soft, clear, and beautiful, can be obtained without charge by addressing THOS. F. CHAPMAN, Chemist, 222 Broadway, N. Y.

SCHMITT & DUERLER, Wholesale Manufacturers OF ALL KINDS OF Crackers, Candles, Syrups, AND Confectioneries, WEDDING AND BALL CAKES Made to Order.

A Select Assortment of Fancy Groceries, Such as Can-Fruits, Jellies, Preserves, Figs, &c. Always on Hand. San Antonio, Oct. 2, 1867.

N. L. McCREADY & COMPANY, SHIPPING Commission Merchants, 36 FOURTH STREET, NEW YORK. AGENTS—For the old line of direct packets to Liverpool and London, Texas, receive and forward goods to both points free of commission and advance charges if desired.

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[Official.]

PUBLIC ACTS OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES.

CHAP. CXX.—An Act to aid in the Construction of a Railroad and Telegraph Line from the Missouri River to the Pacific Ocean, and to secure to the Government the Use of the same for Postal, Military, and Other Purposes.

[CONTINUED.] Sec. 10. And be it further enacted, That the said company chartered by the State of Kansas shall complete one hundred miles of their said road, commencing at the mouth of the Kansas River as aforesaid, within two years after filing their report to the conditions of this act, as herein provided, and one hundred miles per year thereafter, until the whole is completed, and the said Central Pacific Railroad Company of California shall complete fifty miles of their said road within two years after filing their report to the provisions of this act, as herein provided, and fifty miles per year thereafter until the whole is completed; and after completing their roads, respectively, said companies, or either of them, may unite upon equal terms with the first-named company in constructing so much of said railroad and telegraph lines in this act hereinafter mentioned, through the Territories from the State of California to the Missouri River, as shall then remain to be constructed, on the same terms and conditions as provided in this act in relation to the said Union Pacific Railroad Company. And the Hannibal and St. Joseph Railroad, the Pacific Railroad Company of Missouri, and the first-named company, or either of them, on filing their report to this act, as aforesaid, may unite upon equal terms, under this act, with the said Kansas company, in constructing said railroad and telegraph, to said meridian of longitude, with the consent of the said State of Kansas; and in case said first-named company shall complete their line to the eastern boundary of California before it is completed across said State by the Central Pacific Railroad Company of California, said first-named company is hereby authorized to continue in constructing the same through California, with the consent of said State, upon the terms mentioned in this act, until said roads shall meet and connect, and the whole line of said railroad and telegraph is completed; and the Central Pacific Railroad Company of California, after completing its road across said State, is authorized to continue the construction of said railroad and telegraph through the Territory of the United States to the Missouri River, including the branch roads specified in this act, upon the routes hereinbefore and hereinafter indicated, on the same terms and conditions provided in this act in relation to the said Union Pacific Railroad Company, until said roads shall meet and connect, and the whole line of said railroad and telegraph is completed.

Sec. 14. And be it further enacted, That the said Union Pacific Railroad Company is hereby authorized and required to construct a single line of railroad and telegraph from a point on the western boundary of the State of Iowa, to be fixed by the President of the United States, upon the most direct and practicable route, to be subject to his approval, so as to form a connection with the lines of said company at some point on the one hundredth meridian of longitude aforesaid, from the point of commencement on the western boundary of the State of Iowa, upon the same terms and condition, in all respects, as are contained in this act for the construction of the said railroad and telegraph first mentioned; and the said Union Pacific Railroad Company shall complete one hundred miles of the road and telegraph in this section provided for, in two years after filing their report to the conditions of this act, as by the terms of this act required; and at the expiration of said term, and at the expiration of the term when the whole is completed; Provided, That a failure upon the part of said company to make said connection in the time aforesaid, and to perform the obligations imposed on said company by this section and to operate said road in the same manner as the main line shall be operated, shall forfeit to the government of the United States all the rights, privileges, and franchises granted to and conferred upon said company by this act. And whenever there shall be a line of railroad completed through Minnesota or Iowa to Sioux City, then the said Pacific Railroad Company is hereby authorized and required to construct a railroad and telegraph, from said Sioux City upon the most direct and practicable route to a point on, and so as to connect with, the branch railroad and telegraph in this section hereinafter mentioned, or with the said Union Pacific Railroad, said point of junction to be fixed by the President of the United States, not further west than the one hundredth meridian of longitude aforesaid, and on the same terms and conditions as provided in this act for the construction of the Union Pacific Railroad as aforesaid, and to complete the same at the rate of one hundred miles per year; and should said company fail to comply with the requirements of this act in relation to the said Sioux City railroad and telegraph, the said company shall suffer the same forfeitures prescribed in relation to the Iowa branch railroad and telegraph hereinafter mentioned.

Sec. 15. And be it further enacted, That any other railroad company now incorporated, or hereafter to be incorporated, shall have the right to connect their road with the road and branches provided for by this act, at such places and upon such just and equitable terms as the President of the United States may prescribe. Whenever the word company is used in this act it shall be construed to embrace the words their associates, successors, and assigns, the same as if the words had been properly added thereto.

Sec. 16. And be it further enacted, That at any time after the passage of this act all of the railroad companies named herein, and existing hereto, or any two or more of them, are authorized to form themselves into one consolidated company, by filing notice of such consolidation, in writing, shall be filed in the Department of the Interior, and such consolidated company shall thereafter proceed to construct said railroad and branches and telegraph line upon the terms and conditions provided in this act.

Sec. 17. And be it further enacted, That in case said company or companies shall fail to comply with the terms and conditions of this act, by not completing said road and telegraph and branches within a reasonable time, or by not keeping the same in repair and use, but shall permit the same, for an unreasonable time, to remain unfinished, or out of repair, and unfit for use, Congress may pass an act to insure the speedy completion of said road and branches, or put the same in repair and use, and may direct the use of said railroad and telegraph to be thereafter devoted to the use of the United States, to repay all such expenditures caused by the default and neglect of such company or companies; Provided, That if said road or branch is not completed, so as to form a continuous line of railroad, ready for use, from the Missouri River to the navigable waters of the Sacramento River, in California, by the first day of July, eighteen hundred and seventy-six, the whole of all of said railroads before mentioned, and to be constructed under the provisions of this act, together with all their furniture, fixtures, rolling stock, machine shops, lands, tenements, and hereditaments, and property of every kind and character, shall be forfeited to and be taken possession of by the United States; Provided, That of the bonds of the United States in this act provided to be delivered for any and all parts of the road to be constructed east of the one hundredth meridian of west longitude from Greenwich, and for any part of the road west of the west foot of the Sierra Nevada mountain, there shall be reserved of each part and installment twenty-five per centum, to be and remain in the United States treasury, undelivered, until said road and all parts thereof provided for in this act are entirely completed; and of all the bonds provided to be delivered for the said road, between the two points aforesaid, there shall be reserved out of each installment fifteen per centum, to be and remain in the treasury until the whole of the road provided for in this act is fully completed; and if the said road or any part thereof shall fail of completion at the time limited therefor in this act, then and in that case the said part of said bonds so reserved shall be forfeited to the United States.

Sec. 18. And be it further enacted, That whenever it appears that the net earnings of the entire road and telegraph, including the amount allowed for services rendered for the United States, after deducting all expenditures, including repairs, and the furnishing, running, and managing of said road, shall exceed ten per centum upon its cost, exclusive of the five per centum to be paid to the United States, Congress may reduce the rates of fare thereon, if unreasonable in amount, and may fix and establish the same by law. And the better to accomplish the object of this act, namely, to promote the public interest and welfare by the construction of said railroad and telegraph line, and keeping the same in working order, and to secure to the government at all times (but particularly in time of war) the use and benefits of the same for postal, military and other purposes, Congress may, at any time, having due regard for the rights of said companies named herein, add to, alter, amend, or repeal this act.

Sec. 19. And be it further enacted, That the several railroad companies herein named are authorized to enter into an arrangement with the Pacific Telegraph Company, the Overland Telegraph Company, and the California State Telegraph Company, so that the present line of telegraph between the Missouri River and San Francisco may be moved upon or along the line of said railroad and branches as fast as said roads and branches are built; and if said arrangement be entered into, and the transfer of said telegraph line be made in accordance therewith to the line of said railroad and branches, such transfer shall, for all purposes of this act, be held and considered a fulfillment on the part of said railroad companies of the provisions of this act in regard to the construction of said line of telegraph. And, in case of disagreement,

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