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**RAILROAD PROGRESS.**

In the Northwestern Railroad, some useful information is given relative to the new track laid in the first half of this year in Minnesota, Dakota, Montana, Idaho and Washington. It appears from this summary that the amount is far in excess of any previous year and that the Manitoba line is far in advance of all others—it has in fact laid double the miles laid by all other companies. The number of miles which the company has laid is 568.73 and comprises the following extensions:

From Minot to Fort Buford.....	Miles.
From Fort Buford to end of track.....	55 00
From Rugby junction to Bottineau.....	38 10
From Richmond to Willmar.....	58 17
From Hutchinson junction to Hutchinson.....	53 00
From Tintah junction to Evansville.....	32 05
From Tintah junction to Aberdeen.....	118 73
From Tintah junction to Ellendale.....	48 86
From Benson junction to end of track.....	43 00
(Watertown line).....	568 73
Total.....	568 73

It may be seen by the above statement which does not include the many miles graded in advance of the track that this enterprising company has eight extensions in progress and that its operations are carried on in Dakota and Montana as well as in Minnesota, which is the focus whence all its lines radiate. As regards Great Falls, all this progress implies that when the Manitoba track reaches here next fall, our city will be in close railroad relations with the towns and cities on a system which traverses the busiest and most progressive regions of Minnesota and Dakota, and might be said to have entered only on the first stage of its development.

The entire length of track laid is 771.82 miles. In addition to the Manitoba track, this includes 141 miles by the Northern Pacific, and 329 miles between Sioux Falls and Mitchell, which were laid by the Omaha. On the whole the summary makes a splendid showing. It indicates that the northwest still takes the lead in railroad progress as its new track is over one-fifth of the entire new main line of track constructed in the United States, which returns show measures 3,754 miles. Were the Wisconsin track included—as it fairly might be—the leadership of the northwest would be still more manifest.

**THE MINING ENGINEERS.**

The mining engineers who are about to visit Butte, deserve the reputation which that hospitable city is about to give them. They are, for the most part, men of ability who are in charge of extensive enterprises which add largely to the national prosperity. In visiting Butte, they recognize the importance of our mineral industry, and take the best means of estimating its greatness and splendid prospects. They will meet such men as Messrs. Clark, Daly and Bratnober (of the Drum Lummon), who, assembling from all parts of Montana, will be able to post the visitors on the general development of our mines. We trust that the Neihart, Barker and Great Falls districts will be represented at this gathering which, strange to say, will be the first of the kind ever held in Montana. The magnitude of the Butte mines and Anaconda works would prepare the engineers for the gratifying report which might be made by our

representatives on the mineral wealth of this region. The Butte mine owners who look to us for coal would also gladly give prominence to our resources in that respect. If the railroad were open, we might expect the engineers to visit Great Falls as well as Butte. As it is not open, it is our duty to visit them.

**LEWIS AND CLARKE.**

This year has passed without any celebration of the discovery of the great falls by Lewis and Clarke, but henceforth there ought to be an annual festival to commemorate that remarkable exploit. So far Montana has done nothing more to honor these brave explorers than to give their names to a county, but it will not be always so. This city will ever retain a vivid remembrance of their great deeds. It will, in itself, serve to make known their fame, so that those who seek their monument, may, as in the case of Christopher Wren, be told to look around. But we ought not to be content with such general tributes or even with the annual festival. A monument on one of our highest hills should, like that at Bunker Hill, proclaim our own sense of gratefulness to Lewis and Clarke and all others who were concerned in the Louisiana purchase and its development. The full story of the explorers' exploits should also be told in epic verse like that of Homer, or in classic prose such as Prescott employed in describing the conquest of Mexico.

Mr. Gladstone made a strong speech on Thursday in opposition to the coercion bill. He said the government did not dare lift a finger in defense of the suggestion that it apply to England a provision such as it was forcing upon Ireland. He contended that the government was bound to extend to the occupiers of land in Ireland perfect equality with English trades unions, as regards the rights and practices enjoyed by the latter, among which combination and exclusive dealing were sanctioned. As the bill stood, if an Irishman joined an association it was for Balfour to say whether or not he became a criminal by the act. In conclusion Mr. Gladstone said Ireland, after seventy years of oppression and wrong, was in a state of misery and wretchedness. In the whole British empire there was not a square yard of land which England held by force alone, excepting in Ireland, where force was employed. Ireland was held by mastery, but the government refused to learn that the mastery involved responsibility. They knew that the whole literature of the world was against them. He challenged the government to mention any authority who had reviewed the relations between Ireland and England without arriving at the home rule solution. These declaration from such high authority as Mr. Gladstone must give a powerful impulse to the Irish home rule cause. The coercion bill will be passed, but it will only serve to unite the Irish people more firmly against the oppressive policy of the Tory government.

BUTTE is a plucky city. It is flourishing now, but according to local authority it has had hard times. Six years ago freight on ore and matte to Missouri river points was \$40 per ton. Building and mining timber was three times as costly as it is now. Milling salt cost \$30 per ton for transportation from Ogden. In 1883 copper dropped 25 per cent. In the same year the Northern Pacific, upon which the people had hung their hopes and relief from the evils which beset them, was built via the Helena route. In 1886 the silver market almost collapsed, its market price falling to 92 cents and threatening ruin to the important industry of silver mining. Butte can now afford to regard the ups and downs of the metal market with complacency. Her position is secure, but of course high prices will always cheer the miner's heart.

UNCLE SAM'S books show that the national finances are in good shape. It appears that during the fiscal year just ended the principal of the bonded debt of the United States decreased \$127,911,030 and the amount of the accrued but unpaid interest on such debt decreased \$508,911, the decrease in certificates of deposit amounted to \$9,480,000 and in demand notes and fractional currency to \$7,438. During the same period there was an increase of \$69,182,854 in gold and silver certificates, and an increase of \$40,949,854 on the cash in the treasury showing a net decrease in the public debt during the year of \$109,707,646. The total receipts of the United States treasury for June were \$33,070,985 and for the fiscal year ending June 30, \$391,980,894, made up as follows:

Customs, \$217,403,983; internal revenue, \$119,136,447; miscellaneous, \$54,841,554. No country can show a revenue so bountiful or a surplus so large as ours.

IT APPEARS that their injustice to the territories has begun to trouble the politicians. A Washington telegram says: "A good many politicians are waking up to the fact that the territories will have a voice in the next national convention, and from this time on the provinces can get about what they want for the asking. It is amusing to see how solicitous they are all getting for the welfare of Dakota and the rest of the territories. If the delegates from them will unite in convention and cast twelve votes solid they can command a vast amount of promises if nothing else." Instead of promises the territories should demand in advance of the conventions, actual deeds in the shape of enabling acts on the part of congress.

THE WOOL-GROWERS' meeting to be held in Fort Benton this week should be well attended. There are many subjects, such as the tariff, which should meet with careful consideration. An informal talk on statehood might be of some service also.

**Tried to Kill her Husband.**

BUTTE, July 11.—[Special to the Tribune].—To-night the wife of John H. Colson, one of the leading merchants of Butte and who has charge of the plumbing department of the W. R. Kenyon Company, created quite a sensation. About 9 o'clock, accompanied by her little daughter, she entered the California hotel, which was crowded at the time, among the guests being Colson, and demanded that he accompany her home. To this he demurred, when she drew a revolver and attempted to shoot him, but was prevented by Under Sheriff Reynolds, who immediately disarmed and arrested her. This is the culmination of domestic troubles. Both are well known and have many friends, who are surprised at the unfortunate affair.

**Noted Senators Coming.**

HELENA, July 11.—[Special to the Tribune].—Ex-Governor Hauser has returned from the east. He was accompanied as far as Livingston by Senators Farwell of Illinois, Vest of Missouri and Cameron of Pennsylvania, who will make a tour of the park and then come on to Helena. Senators Allison of Iowa and Plumb of Kansas started to join the party, but the former was called back by urgent business and the latter by the illness of his wife. Senator Plumb will probably join them in a few days.

**Draining the Treasury.**

HELENA, July 11.—[Special to the Tribune].—During the first two days of July certificates for about 10,000 squirrels and 5,000 prairie dogs were presented to the territorial auditor. Including other bounty certificates, about \$5,000 was paid out during these days for bounty claims. The squirrels are coming in from Meagher, Fergus and Chouteau counties as well as from Gallatin, and the prairie dogs from Lewis and Clarke and other counties.

**All Graded.**

HELENA, July 11.—[Special to the Tribune].—The Boulder Valley railroad is now nearly all graded to a distance of 30 miles from Jefferson. The track is being laid and would have been finished to Boulder but for the spring floods. In a short time, however, the steel will be laid, not only to Boulder but as far as Wickes.

**Retracted.**

LONDON, July 11.—David Debusande, the husband of Violet Cameron, the actress, has humbly taken back the charge he made against Lord Louisa and the suit for divorce has been declared off. Both cases have been dismissed.

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