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THE NORTHERN PACIFIC R. R.

There are said to be about two million of Northern Pacific Railroad bonds held by people in Ohio.—[Cleveland Plaindealer.

And there is nothing said in regard to the millions of acres of land they intend to filch from the people, who have been upon the same, perhaps, for years before the swindle was authorized.

Hundreds of Scandinavians in Minnesota, scattered along the line of the Northern Pacific Railroad, living in mud hovels, and barely raising enough provisions in the short season to subsist on during the long, and gloomy, and terrible winter, with no market for the little surplus they may acquire—whose curses are level and deep against the deceptions practiced upon them.

The mildest thing that can be said of those bonds is that they are a very poor investment. It would be a very liberal estimate to value them at five cents on the dollar. If Jay Cooke and Company had not been molested by the publication of the truth in newspapers that could not be bribed or intimidated, they might have dragged along a few months longer, and another million of dollars of the hard earnings of the people might have been lost. The Cincinnati Commercial first effectually punctured the Northern Pacific folly and swindle. There's no doubt that Jay Cooke and Company were first themselves deceived, but that is no reason why the newspapers should aid them to deceive the rest of mankind. When Cooke found the sale of lands and bonds would prove inadequate, he had two strings to his bow, or rather to his kite. He hoped to obtain European capital, but the show of fairness necessary to obtain it proved fatal. The experts from Vienna and Berlin could not be convinced that a Railroad through the American Siberia would prove a remunerative investment. The other chance was to obtain aid from Congress in the shape of bonds, and that would probably have succeeded if it had not been for the Credit Mobilier exposure. All resources being cut off—widows and orphans, European capitalists, Christian statesmen and carpet-bag patriots in Congress—there was nothing for the Northern Pacific to do but fail. In truth, it was doomed from the beginning. The country between the Missouri River and the mountains is simply hideous, and the idea of running a railroad there was simply idiotic.

—It is estimated, after the Summer rush to Europe was over, that there was not less than 150,000 Americans abroad. Some of them seem to have miscalculated the expense of a foreign trip, or tabulated it on figures that ruled years ago. The prices of all things in Europe have advanced so rapidly that traveling there, especially along the routes generally taken by tourists, has become quite as expensive as it is in this country. Hotel living is quite as dear at all fashionable places as it is here, and railroad fares, if we include the charges upon baggage, are quite as high.

—The prison on Blackwell's Island to which Tweed has been consigned is used for the incarceration of the lowest class of prisoners. Tweed was a member of the Board of Supervisors under whose direction it was built, and his name cut on one of the granite blocks appears at the entrance.

—During the late storm which extended all along the coast, and was so bad at San Francisco that for five days large vessels could neither load nor discharge, and steamers on Puget Sound were compelled to hunt harbors of refuge, the Astoria pilot boats crossed and recrossed the bar here daily, one vessel going to sea in forty minutes from the harbor. Will the Oregonian make a note of this fact, to "set some things right" relative to the Columbia river bar.

CUBA AT A DISCOUNT

It is now evident that we shall not acquire Cuba for the present. And since it is not to be ours it may be well enough to look at its worst side. The following view, furnished by the Nation, the result of recent observations, is certainly not an encouraging one. "The Pearl of the Antilles" has some ugly spots on it:

"What sort of a mess it is into which we are invited to plunge ourselves, may be described in a few words. A million and a half of people, nearly one-third of whom are slaves of the most degraded kind; the whites divided into Creoles, or native Cubans, also about half a million in number, and Peninsulars—Spanish carpet-baggers, who have come to make their fortunes in the colony, and to rule it, meanwhile holding all the important offices, dispensing all the patronage, and controlling the military through the chiefly Spanish organization of the volunteers. An insurrection, insignificant in extent, though capable of much mischief, and very destructive to the sugar industry, and really formidable, as having the more or less secret sympathy of the Creole party. A warfare, in which the volunteers, like a National Guard, stay at home to keep "order" in the principal towns, while the real fighting is done by imported Spanish troops, of whom more than 80,000 have been sent out since 1868, and by far the greater part have succumbed to the climate and the hardships of the campaign; a warfare in which 150,000 lives have been lost without real gain to either side, and in which all prisoners are shot unless they are tortured to death—it being a practice with the insurgents "when a prisoner, and especially an officer, falls in to their hands, to tie his feet up to a tree, and to pile up fuel under the dangling head, thus burning their enemy alive with a slow fire." A capital city which, being beyond menace of the insurrection, has a mercenary interest in keeping it up; which is ruled, like every other Cuban city, by a Casino Espanol, or Spanish Club, the headquarters of the Peninsular or slaveholding interest. A thousand and a half of slave-owners, of whom barely a tenth are solvent, and for whom the weakness of the mother country is strength, and her calamity their opportunity. A civil service than which, unless in a Turkish province, it would be hard to find one more corrupt or corruptible, so that, for example, "there is no contraband whatever; and no one would be at the trouble and peril of smuggling in Cuba when he can bribe the Custom-house officers to any extent, and on any terms." A currency from which gold and silver have entirely disappeared, and which has become so much depreciated that "Spanish gold has risen to 25 per cent. premium, and foreign exchange to 52 per cent." A bank which, when it had ruined credit by an emission of twenty million unguaranteed bonds, and it was proposed by the new Spanish Intendente to burn paper money to a corresponding extent, replied: "Certainly, by all means, and with great pleasure. Burn twenty million? To be sure! Forty, if you wish it. Have we not got the plates?" Finally, a condition of society in which "while the sexual numbers of negro and mulatto population are almost balanced, with respect to the whites the proportion is something more than three males to one female"—including in the whites the Chinese, some 60,000 strong and all males.

—The great question in Germany is between the Church and the State. The great question in France is between Monarchy and Republicanism. The great question in Italy is between the Pope and the King. The great question in England is between Liberal progress and Conservative reaction. The great question in Spain is between anarchy and constitutional order. The great question in the United States is between political corruption and reform. There are great questions in Austria and Russia, China and Japan, Brazil and Canada.

Is Friday an Unlucky Day?

There is a very wide-spread superstition to the effect that Friday is an unlucky day, and the fact that the splendid ship Three Brothers sailed from San Francisco on a Friday has given rise to much head-shaking and gloomy prognostications among the believers in luck. There is a story extant in this connection which, though it really has no value in the way of proof, some years ago exercised considerable influence in confirming the belief of the superstitious. A Certain English firm of ship-owners had been much annoyed by the whims of sailors in their employ about the unluckiness of Friday, and they determined at length to demonstrate that there was nothing in the theory. So they proceeded to build a ship with strict reference to the superstition, the purpose being to defy it in the boldest manner. She was commenced on Friday, finished on a Friday, launched on a Friday, and christened the Friday. Her Captain's name was Friday, she commenced to take in cargo on Friday, hauled out of dock on Friday, and sailed on Friday. Clearly, if ever the superstition was openly and systematically flouted, it was in the case of this ship, and it is possible that the efforts of her owners would have been rewarded with success—but for the unfortunate fact that she was never heard of again. She set sail with all that weight of Friday ill-luck upon her, and her mysterious fate was of course held to confirm and vindicate all the forebodings which she was intended to have proved the folly of.

Friday, long regarded as a day of ill-omen, has been an eventful one in American history.

Friday, Christopher Columbus sailed on his voyage of discovery.

Friday, ten weeks after, he discovered America.

Friday, Henry VII., of England, gave Cabot his commission, which led to the discovery of North America.

Friday, St. Augustine, the oldest town in the United States, was founded.

Friday, the Mayflower, with the pilgrims, arrived at Princetown; and on

Friday, they signed that august compact, the forerunner of the present Constitution.

Friday, George Washington was born.

Friday, Bunker Hill was seized and fortified.

Friday the surrender of Saratoga was made.

Friday, the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown, occurred; and on

Friday, the motion was made in Congress that the United Colonies were, and of right ought to be, free and independent.

—A New Hampshire farmer has made 18,010 bushels of potatoes into starch this season.

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