

A proposal from Washington to the effect that Minister Ryan from Mexico is hobnobbing with Blaine, looks very much as if the predictions made some time since that our sister republic wants to enter into reciprocal relations with this country is true.

The merchant at Bismarck, N. D. who offers \$1,000 for the hide of Sitting Bull knows the benefit of advertising. With the skin of the famous Sioux nailed up in his store and an announcement to that effect would attract thousands to his place of business.

Now that the Union Pacific has abandoned the principle of building lines into the territory of its competitors, waging costly wars for new business for that of taking care of the lines and looking after the business it has and serving the country naturally and legitimately dependent upon it.

Perhaps a little subsidy opportunely and conspicuously displayed might induce the Northern Pacific or the Union Pacific to build to this city, or if they did not feel disposed, the subsidy might be used to build a road from this city.

It was stated on pretty reliable authority very recently that the Northern Pacific is ready to build down to Astoria upon a subsidy of a half a million dollars being guaranteed to them.

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