

It is the opinion of many that the recent back-down from the spirit of defiance thrown out to the Pacific Railway company means that there is a possibility of concluding a new working arrangement between the rival lines and that the public will not be so greatly benefitted as was at first believed.

CHICAGO, 16. — The executive committee of the National Republican Convention, consisting of Filley, New and Cooper, report that the Exposition building, when fitted up according to plans, will be the most perfect hall in the country for the convention.

The democrats are making strenuous exertions to secure the democratic national convention for Chicago, and a committee of 11 eminent citizens will start for Washington Thursday night to present arguments.

The Union Pacific to-day notified Western railroad managers meeting here that their proposition respecting a pro rate per mile ticket from San Francisco to New York, with rebate at New York, was not accepted, and that arrangements have been made with the Pennsylvania road to carry San Francisco passengers via St. Louis. The Chicago roads will attempt to interfere with this plan by an appeal to Eastern trunk lines.

SAN FRANCISCO, 16.—A Tucson dispatch says: On the 9th inst. Captain Rucher, Ninth Cavalry, commanding one of the columns pursuing hostile Indians, after following them two days with his entire command in the direction of San Andrews, came suddenly upon them strongly fortified in a narrow, rough cañon. The troops were received by a heavy fire, under which several horses and men fell. The Indians charged the troops who gave way and retreated pell-mell. The Indians drove the troops across the river. Rations and bedding were abandoned which the Indians secured. General Hatch leaves Santa Fe to-day to look after Indian affairs in southern New Mexico. Lieutenant Terry with Company L, Sixth Cavalry, numbering thirty men from Fort Eowie, Arizona, will reach Fort Bayard to-day, and will act under the personal orders of General Hatch. Two Companies of the Ninth Cavalry, numbering 140 men, left Santa Fe yesterday for southern New Mexico.

NEW YORK, 17.—The Sun's Washington special says: There is good reason to believe that the Hayes' administration has engaged to buy or has already bought a pair of naval coaling stations in Central America, and is negotiating for the entire region known as the Chiriqui tract, with the view of holding a belt across the Isthmus. It is also believed that a naval expedition has rendezvoused already at the points indicated, to take possession of the land and to establish the stations. It is certain from official records, that on the 4th of February the Adams, under Commander John A. Howell, put out from San Francisco on a secret mission and under sealed orders, while sundry circumstances strongly indicate that her destination was Panama. Somewhere along the Central American coast are the *Kearsage*, which left Key West on February 3rd, with tidings "Destination unknown, probably Aspinwall;" the *Tuscarora*, the *Constitution*, and possibly the *Nysic*, which at last accounts was on her way to La Guayra, while the *Pensacola* will soon proceed to Panama from Callao. The first point to ascertain is under what title it is proposed to acquire these foreign footholds. Here the glib response is that the Chiriqui tract and both bays belong to a private citizen, an American at that, who has owned them for the past 20 years, and is now willing, like most holders of real estate, to sell them at a price he fixes. But obviously the proprietary rights in this sense are not all that the government has to deal with. There must be a national as well as an individual claim involved. When we come to look at the locality, we find it to be on a line between Costa Rica and Columbia, a boundary that has sometimes been disputed. Accordingly, either Columbia or Costa Rica claims sovereignty over the new acquisition. Most probably both do, so that we shall have some chance of buying not only a foreign foothold, but an international controversy.

Whether under the guise of coaling stations a new canal route project is concealed, remains to be determined. In the meantime, it may be well for Congress to exert itself to find out how far the country has already been committed in this mat-

ter, and where it is likely to come out.

The Tribune's Washington correspondent interviewed Frye, who said: "So far as I am concerned, I have no hesitation in expressing my views, because my mind is made up on this question. In the first place, I think that the inter-oceanic canal ought to be built. Secondly, I think the time has come when the work should be begun. Thirdly, I think that the United States ought to aid in the construction of the canal by guaranteeing bonds issued for that purpose. Indeed, I would be willing to go still further. If a private corporation did not step in to do the work, I think the United States ought to undertake it. The canal would cost \$190,000,000. Let the United States appropriate \$20,000,000 a year for five years and the work might be completed. I believe it would be worth as much as all the internal improvements we have made during the last ten years, and for which we have probably expended an equal amount." Other republican Congressmen, and some democrats, take similar ground.

The Tribune's same correspondent shows the absurd inconsistency of some members of the election committee, who propose to steal the State of Minnesota, by giving Washburne's seat to Donnelly. And demonstrates that if the Minnesota election laws were in vogue in their own states, they themselves could not possibly have been legally elected.

The Times' Washington correspondent complains that Evarts is delaying business in the matter of the Spanish claims commission by refusing to sign more than 20 checks a day, declaring this merely "red tape," and that sound business principles ought to be practiced at the State Department.

CHICAGO, 17.—The Tribune has more special dispatches favorable to Blaine and hostile to Grant. It also publishes a three-column article from the New York Sun showing up the corruption of Boss Shephard and the ring that misruled Washington, and denouncing Grant as responsible for their success in evading punishment. Editorially the Tribune directs attention to the recent remarkable growth and developing of the Blaine campaign especially in Ohio and Washington. It says it has been generally conceded during the past three months that the republican convention would be divided between Grant, Blaine and Sherman, with a strong probability that Washburne would be nominated in case of the contest among the friends of the three other gentlemen should become so close and bitter that no one of them could be safely elected. The events of the last two weeks have advanced Blaine's name towards the head of the list. When Grant's adherents surrendered the hope of nominating him by acclamation, and announced the intention of making a struggle for a bare majority in the convention there is no doubt his candidacy was injured. The chief conditions which have brought Blaine so conspicuous to the front within the past few days, and his present "boom" may be attributed to the popular admiration he commands, and by the active work of the Blaine clubs, unless some unforeseen event shall intervene to change the current of public sentiment, he will receive the nomination.

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