

nial period are to be in addition to the 283 members divided among the thirty-seven States federated in 1870. One member from New Mex-ico and one from Colorado will raise the number, therefore, to 285. It is remarkable that this accession to the organized forces of the Unito the organized forces of the Uni-on, occurring exactly 100 years after the first assembling of the Congress of the "Thirteen Colonies" at Phil-adelphia, will precisely triple the number of the Confederated States whose amalgamation was the work of that famous assembly. The thirteen States for whom the Amarican Constution was framed have grown to thirty-nine, and have ex-tended their grasp from the seaboard of the Atlantic to which a century ago they timidly clung, across a mighty continent. Who shall fore cast what teeming populations will in another century inhabit the vast regions west of the Mississippi? It is not too much to say that Color-ado alone, which has now barely the numbers of a fourth rate town the numbers of a fourth rate town, will then outweigh, in all the ele-ments of political strength, the whole of New England. The ter-ritory of this young and vigorous community, "astride upon the Rocky Mountains," giving one hand to Kansas and the other to Utah, is at least of magnificent dimen-sions. New Mexico, lying directly south, and, with its neighbor Ari-zona, stretching across half the continent from the northern wilds of Texas to the Californian frontier. of Texas to the Californian frontier, has, perhaps, less possibilities be-fore it, but they are such as might dazzle any nation less accustomed to contemplate a boundless is herit-ance than the people of the United

States. The organization of New Mexico and Colorado as states leaves no The organization of New Mexico and Colorado as states leaves no great proportion of the Territories unorganized. Along the northern frontler of the Union, it is true, where it marches with the Cana-dian possessions on the Red River, and Baskatchewan, and with the Province of British Columbia, there are four vast Territories still un-organized, and, indeed, for the most part unpeopled—Dakots, Men-tans, Idaho and Washington; and South of Montana and north of Colorado is Wy ming, which has recently adopted woman suffrage as an experiment. These five Ter-ritories had in 1870 some 83,000 in-habitants, yet they covered an area much greater than that of all the States north of the Putomas and west of the Ohio. Beyond Idaho, on the Facilic coast, is the State of Oregon, and south of Oregon, Call-fornia claims the whole sea-board down to the Disting from-tier, Eastward from Oregon is tier. Eastward from Oregon is Nevada, erected into a State a few years ago. But between Neva-da and Colorado we find a singular hiatus in the work of political or-ganization. The Territory of Etah ganization. The Territory of Etah was organized a quarter of a century ago, at the same time with New Mexico; at the last census it had \$8,000 inhabitants nearly as many as the State of Oregon, more than twice as many as Nevada. Yet New Mexico and Colorado are now to take their place in the order. American government along the ricas government alongside of on and Nevada; but there is hought of admitting Utah to privileges of a State. The exand will do so unless satisfied with

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