

THE EVENING NEWS.

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THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND THE TELEGRAPHIC SERVICE.

The report of the Hon. David A. Wells, late special commissioner of revenue, made at the request of the Western Union Telegraph Company, upon the relations of the Federal government to the telegraphic service of the country, and laid before Congress for its consideration, is a document of great interest to the people of the whole Union.

Mr. Wells, in the outset, reviews the origin, development and present condition of the telegraphic system of the United States, and clearly establishes the following important facts:—

First, that, unlike the railroad system of the country, the telegraph in the United States, with the exception of a small congressional appropriation to enable Professor Morse to test his invention, has received no aid from the Federal government, but, on the contrary, in opposition to the practice in all other countries, has been subjected, from the very first, to onerous taxation and expropriation. The taxes paid the Federal government alone from 1865 to 1870 have been in excess of a million and a half of dollars.

Second, that having been thus left exclusively to private enterprise, telegraphic development has occurred more rapidly and to comparatively greater extent than in any other country, there being no artificial restriction, as in the case of the United States as compared with one to 631 in Europe, while the rates for messages transmitted are as one to every three persons in the former and one to every nine in the latter. As illustrating further what the telegraph is under a free government system, attention is asked to the fact that if at the present time we were to compare all the news matter delivered by the American telegraph to the American press, as separately transmitted to each paper, it would comprise an aggregate equal to all the dispatches of every kind sent over all the telegraphs of the world within a given period selected for the comparison.

Third, that since the consolidation of the various lines in 1866 to the former Western Union, not a single year has elapsed in which there has not been a marked reduction in rates by this company, the recent official assertion of the Postmaster General to the contrary, so that at the present time the average sum charged for the transmission of messages does not exceed half that required in 1866 for similar service. As a contribution to economic service attention is asked to the circumstance that the average charge at which telegraphic messages are now transmitted in the U. S. for the public, is less than the average cost for doing equivalent work in 1866, although since that period there has been a marked advance in the wages of employees in almost every department of the service, and a great increase in the cost of wire, telegraph poles, and other material.

Fourth, the value of telegraphic stock investment is shown by the fact that from 1866 to 1872 the aggregate dividends paid to the stockholders of the several companies have not equaled two per cent per annum. During the last fiscal year, the apparent net profits of the Western Union Company were \$2,700,000, or less than seven per cent on the capital, but out of this gain or profit the company constructed or purchased over sixteen thousand miles of wire additional, all of which was nearly essential to the accommodation of the business and local interests of the country. There was an expenditure not included in the surplus of \$300,000 during the same time for the maintenance and repair of lines seriously existing, and it is implied that the amount thus derived from receipts and expended for improvements and construction represents profits equally with dividends paid directly to stockholders, and is entitled to answer that, if it be so, the profit, up to the present, has accrued wholly to the public and not to the stockholders, and that for an indefinite future a large annual expenditure for similar purposes will be absolutely indispensable.

Coming to the consideration of the question of Federal interference, with the telegraph, Mr. Wells submits the following facts:—Under the head of direct cost he shows a probable immediate expenditure to be met by the national treasury of from 60 to 70 millions of dollars. The absurdity of the estimate submitted by the Postmaster General in the recent report that the existing lines in the country could be replaced at about twenty million dollars, is shown by the fact that fully that sum has been expended for the repair of existing telegraphic systems of the United States as has been constructed since 1866, and that the cost of such labor and material as would be required for any present construction has not since experienced a decline, but on the contrary, in some respects, has been augmented. To meet this necessary large expenditure a new national loan would probably have to be authorized and the Government be again placed in the position of a borrower, the whole necessitating a new issue of bonds, new legislation, and a new national loan, and Federal patronage and commissions and a further continuance of that interference with the financial interests of the country which has already given to the treasury department a power and influence which the framers of the constitution never anticipated nor intended, but that the idea of making the postoffice self supporting in the hands of the government does not really enter into the plans of those who advocate the scheme of Federal interference. It is to be recalled to mind that in one of the earliest bills brought before Congress and earnestly advocated, it was seriously proposed that the government construct telegraph lines and work them in connection with the postoffice at a uniform rate of three cents per message, a proposition then, equally with the one now advocated, equivalent to saying that the necessity for affording the people of the United States a cheap telegraphic service is imperative and apparent, and to the demand that the government annually add to the already heavy burden of taxation a large additional burden, in order that this desirable result may be effected. But it does not seem to have occurred to these gentlemen, whose brains revolve so readily with ideas of government philanthropy, that the government has never anything to give to the people in the way of pecuniary aid or bounty other than the policy that the government furnish the people with some eight per cent. additional to pay for the cost of taking. Again, that if it be an accepted principle of our national policy that the government furnish the people with some eight per cent. additional to pay for the cost of taking, it stands to reason that such service should be commensurate with those things which are a prime necessity rather than those which are secondary, and that food, raiment, shelter, and education belong to the first class, and telegraphic service to the latter. It may be, however, that an addition of some six to twelve millions to the present burden of taxation of three hundred millions will appear insignificant in comparison with the results procured or anticipated.

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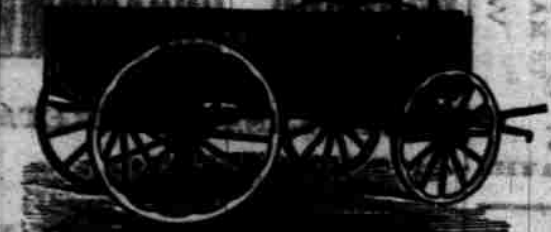
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