

account of cold weather, and the want of materials. The grading is completed about fifty miles, and the ties are provided for more than one hundred miles west of that point. A sufficient quantity of iron rails has been purchased to extend the track to the Laramie river, a distance of two hundred and seventy-one miles from the end of the present track; and if an excursion party should start for the end of the track, just one year from the time that the late excursion party left New York, it will be quite sure to make its last camping ground as far west as the Laramie Plains.

The *Great connecting link* has been completed from Chicago to the Missouri River opposite Omaha; and preparations are now being made to construct a bridge over the Missouri during the coming season; when this is done, and the track of the Union Pacific Railroad is extended to the Laramie Plains, the traveller may ride in the same car from New York city, a distance of nineteen hundred and sixty-seven miles, on his way westward across the Continent—and he must not be surprised if, during the year 1869, he can continue in the same car to Great Salt Lake City, a distance of two thousand four hundred and twenty-eight miles from New York.

SO MOTE IT BE.