



BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF THE PLAINS, FROM LOUP FORK RIVER.

39 miles an hour including stops. Sol must look sharp, or steam will also beat him in the race.

WEST TO THE MISSOURI RIVER—We shall not attempt a minute description of the various railroad and steamboat routes, east of the Missouri River. Each possesses its own peculiar attractions, a few of which will be briefly noted hereafter.

Passengers from the Eastern Atlantic sea-board, contemplating a trip to the Pacific coast, or the trans-Missouri country bordering the great Pacific railroad, can have their choice of five through "Trunk Lines," four American and one Canadian, which find their way by different routes, to a connection with the Union Pacific railroad, on the east bank of the Missouri

River, midway between Council Bluffs and Omaha.

These five lines are the New York Central and Hudson River railroad, the Erie railway line, the Pennsylvania Central, the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, and the Grand Trunk, of Canada.

The railroad connections by these lines are almost innumerable, extending to almost every city, town, and village in nearly every State and Territory in the United States and Dominion of Canada; the regular through trains of either line make close and sure connections with the Pacific road, while the fares are the same. Sleeping cars are run on all through trains—most luxuriant palaces. The charges are *extra*, or about \$3 per day—24 hours.