

56 miles of road have since been completed and accepted by the Government. Seventeen additional miles of grading are now completed, and the balance of the grading is well under way. The line, as established by the Company, intersects the easterly boundary of California in the valley of the Truckee River.

7. The Western Pacific Railroad of California, extending from Sacramento to San Francisco, by way of San José, a distance of one hundred and seventy miles. This is also a State organization, and receives, through an assignment from the Central Pacific Railroad Company, which has received the sanction of Congress, the same aid from the Government as the Union and Central Pacific Companies. The line from San José to San Francisco, a distance of fifty miles, is completed. From San José eastward, twenty miles are about completed, and the iron for the balance of the distance to Sacramento is already purchased and going forward. The grading is entirely out of the way.

8. The Southern Pacific Railroad of California, extending from the bay of San Francisco to the port of San Diego, and thence to the east line of the State of California, a distance of about four hundred and twenty miles. Capital \$30,000,000. This is a State organization, and receives no aid from the General Government. Very little, if any, work has been done up to the present time.

9. The Northern Pacific Railroad Company, extending from the head of Lake Superior to Puget Sound, "with a branch via the valley of the Columbia River to a point at or near Portland, in the State of Oregon." Capital stock \$100,000,000. This Company was chartered by Congress in 1864. The Company receives from the Government "every alternate section of public land, not mineral, designated by odd numbers, to the amount of twenty alternate sections per mile on each side of said railroad line as said Company may adopt, through the Territories of the United States, and ten alternate sections per mile on each side of said railroad whenever it passes through any State, and whenever on the line thereof the United States have full title, not reserved, sold, granted, or otherwise appropriated, and free from pre-emption or other claims or rights at the time the line of said road is definitely fixed, and a plan thereof filed in the office of the Commissioner of the General Land Office; and whenever prior to that time any of said sections or parts of sections shall have been granted, sold, reserved, occupied by homestead settlers, or pre-empted or