

the Government will have saved many millions by its loan of bonds.

The building of the Pacific Road commenced Nov. 5, 1865, on the Missouri River near Omaha. By the Act of 1862, the time of completion was limited to July 1, 1876. It was finished in three years six months and ten days. On the 10th of May, 1869, the Pacific met the Central at Promontory Point, Utah Territory.

At Ogden we are near the Great Salt Lake, which is about a hundred miles long by forty-five miles wide. Its general direction is from north-west to south-east; and, as you will see by the map, Ogden is about midway of the lake, a short distance to the east. The lake has no outlet, though many rivers empty into it,—the rivers Jordan, Weber, and others. Of late the waters have risen slowly, and they are now twelve feet higher than they were twenty years ago. The water is so buoyant that it is difficult to swim in it, and very difficult for a steamer to navigate it.

The water is exceedingly salt, and very acrid; and the white salt along the shores will take the skin from the tongue which tastes it too freely. While bathing with others in the lake, I carelessly swallowed a little of the water, and my throat closed, and I was nearly suffocated: a man who saw the trouble hastened to my