

TO THE TRAVELLING PUBLIC.

THE utility of this book is manifold. It is presented to the Public, owing to the great importance of the Line of Railroads crossing the Continent from different points of our extended country, connecting with Steamship Lines crossing the Atlantic and Pacific Ocean. The completion of the Union Pacific and Central Pacific Railroads, in May, 1869, forming a Through Line of Travel from Ocean to Ocean, was a bright event, that will be forever remembered by the American public. Since that period the Kansas Pacific Railroad, extending westward to DENVER, Colorado, has been finished, and the Northern Pacific Railroad has been commenced and finished to the Red River of the North,—when completed, to extend from the head of Lake Superior to Puget Sound and Portland, Oregon,—thus affording an International Route from Ocean to Ocean, via the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River.

The Eastern cities that are mostly interested at this time in these great works, and from whence connecting Railroads diverge, are Baltimore, Washington, Philadelphia, New York, Boston, and Portland; while other cities in the Valley of the Mississippi and on the shores of the Great Lakes, are alike benefited.

The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, Pennsylvania Central Railroad, Erie Railway of New York, the Boston & Albany and New York Central Railroads, and the Grand Trunk Railway of Canada, and their connections, form the first great links in this Continental Line of Travel, extending from the Atlantic to Chicago and St. Louis, and from thence, crossing the Rocky Mountains to the Pacific Ocean.

The numerous LINES OF STEAMERS running from American ports to EUROPE, on the East, and ASIA, on the West, are all duly noticed, together with a Description of the principal Sea-ports on the Route Around the World. These speedy modes of communication, in connection with OCEAN LINES OF TELEGRAPH, form the most important era in the World's history, and will, no doubt, tend to civilize and benefit the whole human family.

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