

It would then be very erroneous to infer that if a line were put up between New York and Washington it would pay a

an ignorant, vulgar, and foul-mouthed representative—one who revels in slanders and libels? I cannot believe that such a character is indispensable to the Association; if it be, the Association itself is a nuisance which ought to be abated immediately."

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"As to the attacks on Mr. O'Reilly and Mr. Smith, Mr. Morris and Mr. Russell, under cover of the last letter to me, they richly entitle the writer to a residence in the Penitentiary, if he be morally responsible for his villainous actions, which I am sometimes inclined to doubt, as no adequate motive can be assigned for them. But if he be not so responsible, still he is a violent and vicious creature, with sufficient cunning for mischief, and he is a nuisance to those who are compelled through his being your Agent to have business with him."

The Executive Committee of the Associated Press did not remove their Agent—perhaps they could not. I have no idea that he will be removed on account of his recent abusive pamphlets. The system that he has built up will sustain him as long as it lasts. But fortunately the system itself is undermined, and with its destruction Craig will disappear from the scene.

The consolidation of the telegraph lines along the seaboard has broken the power of this man. He can no longer play off one company against another, and thus subordinate them all. The new company proceeded at once to obtain a lease of all the telegraph lines in Nova Scotia, in order the better to fulfil the covenant which it had entered into to use all legitimate means to prevent the continuance of the monopoly of the foreign news. It will soon be made manifest to the press generally that they need not submit any longer to the dictation of Mr. Craig, and I have no doubt that the principal part of even the press of New York, will prefer the working of the new system, which will secure an open market for the news, and a choice of arrangements for the collection and supply of foreign dispatches.

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Although Mr. Cyrus W. Field has but a small interest in the American Telegraph Company, he has large interests in the Newfoundland Telegraph Company, and in the Atlantic Cable Company, and it is supposed by many persons that his opinions on the questions in controversy between this company and the New York Associated Press, are entitled to great respect on account of the reputation acquired by him through his connection with the Newfoundland line, and the Atlantic Cable. It may be proper, therefore, to see what claims he has to respect and distinction on account of those enterprises.

The Newfoundland Telegraph Line was not projected by Mr. Field—he embarked in the enterprise after a charter had been obtained by Mr. Gisborne, Mr. Tibbetts, and others, from the Legislature of Newfoundland, and after they had expended a good deal of money upon the necessary surveys, and in the construction of part of the line.

Mr. C. W. Field, Mr. Peter Cooper, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Roberts, and a few other gentlemen, in New York, purchased the interests of Messrs. Gisborne and Tibbetts, pany.

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