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## The Pacific Railroad.

THERE is to be a Pacific Railroad meeting held at Mud Springs, in this county, on Saturday evening, 5th of November next, to devise and promulgate a plan for the construction of this "great national thoroughfare."

The signal failure of the long-talked-of Convention at San Francisco, for that purpose, has aroused the spirit of other men, than the mere aspirants to oratorical notoriety or the compiler of colossal statistics. We have seen estimates of the probable cost of the road, going the rounds of the papers of the State, and commented upon with all the apparent wisdom of experienced engineers. Then there are those who see in its construction, by any company other than the United States, a monstrous monopoly, urge its immediate construction by the government at all hazards, and are truly eloquent in portraying the immense benefits to be derived from its completion, and not the least of these, are the changes that will be wrought thereby, in the springing up of cities, towns and villages along the route. That Whitney's project of building the road, in consideration of a grant of land ten miles

Eastern Base of the Humboldt

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ken notes of our journeyings at the southern base of the mountain valley of the Humboldt river on them, in their rough and almost with you, that if they can be done should feel so disposed, you can shape and publicity.

At the "Natural Wells," before reaching the Humboldt, up the grant trail, we took a southerly turn to the east of the butte of the mountain, appears but a short distance to the migrant road, that here runs in a straight line. After a somewhat difficult steady drive of nearly seven hours, we descended the ridge of the mountain, along which flowed a small mountain water, lined with willows, a little of grass upon its border, at a point some six miles, winding around a range of sand-hills, brought us to the hills of the mountain, and upon a beautiful meadow of excellent grass, one hundred and fifty acres—before it ceased to flow. The face of the mountain east and south almost a level plain, for a great distance by mountains; lay the Humboldt range, rough