

## GATHERED IN BY JAY GOULD.

R. AND G.'S TELEGRAPH SOLED OUT-  
RIGHT TO WESTERN UNION.

No competitor of Any Account Now Left—  
The Price Five Millions In W. U. Stock  
\$250,000 Perfected to W. U. City.

The long and bitter telegraph war, the  
several of the Western Union Telegraph Com-  
pany over engaged in, was ended yesterday.  
The Western Union never had so formidable  
an out-and-out competitor as it has encoun-  
tered and captured in the Baltimore and Ohio  
system. No other competitor could have held  
out so long, but the Baltimore and Ohio had  
held out at a great sacrifice. In fact the  
fight was one of the factors that brought the  
Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company to the  
verge of bankruptcy. On the one side it was a  
question of endurance, and on the other the  
Western Union side a matter of policy.

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telegraphed the allotment agents, who are at  
work on the reservation, to ascertain if it were  
necessary to send an inspector.

A Government official from the West who  
understands the Indian situation, suggested  
that the Indians should be given a chance for  
the present, and that it would be the best policy to delay action  
until the Indians should have stated. I  
suggest also that it would be well if the same time  
the Indian Bureau should send to the agency one of its  
most trusted and capable inspectors to examine and re-  
port upon the situation.

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No one appreciates more keenly than Jay  
Gould what expedites telegraphy means. He  
has engaged in it a number of times, and finally,  
carrying his point with the American  
Telegraph Company, he captured Western Union.

Then he made up his mind that the only way  
it was taking shape to become was to demon-  
strate that opposition concerns could not live:  
in other words, to show that the Western  
Union could do the business cheaper than any  
other company. At that time he made the re-  
mark that he would not buy any opposition  
unless except at his own price, which would be,  
the cost of construction or less, unless he bought  
them at sheriff's sale.

It now looks as if Mr. Gould has succeeded.  
One by one the smaller concerns have dropped  
into the hands of the Western Union, and now  
it has purchased, through the bankers who  
had the Baltimore and Ohio Company from  
the hands of a receiver, the B. and O. telegraph  
property for just half—what the Baltimore  
and Ohio people say it cost them. The only  
opposition left is the United Lines, an agree-  
ment of some sort, but it has no power to  
act, because it consists of what exists  
through the generosity of Mr. John W. Mackay.

The Western Union, by yesterday's trans-  
action, occupies a position entirely unique.  
It has been the monopoly, but until now it was not fairly entitled to that name as the word is popularly used. It is un-  
denied, however, that while it may be in a  
position to act, it can do so only in the con-  
sultive points where they have suffered most.  
It will be the policy of the concern to keep  
races at such figures that no new competition  
will be possible.

The transaction between the Western Union  
Telegraph Company and the Baltimore and  
Ohio Railroad Company is an ancient and  
honorable one. It dates back to the stock of  
the Baltimore and Ohio Telegraph Company.  
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**REBIRTH IN NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
Legislators Say they were Offered from \$200  
to \$500 to Vote for the Hasset Bill.

CONCORD, Oct. 6.—The House Judiciary  
Committee met last evening to investigate the  
charges of bribery made by O. C. Moore of  
Nashua against the advocates of the Hasset  
bill. Mr. Moore mentioned the names of five  
members who had told him of bribes offered  
to secure their votes.

William N. Morrison of Lempster testified  
that after having made some preliminary ap-  
proaches to him, Clarence W. Dodge, on Sept.  
21, told him that he could have \$500 for voting  
against indefinite postponement of the Hasset  
bill. Afterward \$800 was offered. At two other  
times Dodge offered to him for \$1,000 for his  
vote. At a third meeting Dodge showed him  
the money and offered him his bank book as  
security. After the vote was good yet, and thought he  
could make it \$1,000. The witness refused  
all offers and voted against the Hasset bill.

William J. Reed of Westmoreland testified  
that in July last, while in the office of W. A.  
Baker, a broker on Water street, Boston, he  
was told that he could make a sum amount out  
of the stock market, and that he could  
make it \$1,000, and raised the amount to \$2,000,  
then to \$5,000, then to \$10,000 for his vote.  
He was told that he could make it \$10,000.  
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