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## A PLAGUE STRIKES THE NATION!

### ARKANSAS MAY BE OVER THE WORST

The Typhus plague is sweeping the United States of America arriving first in towns and cities along the eastern coast is swiftly spread along the new railroads to all corners of these United States.

Reports have indicated that the plague itself is not as virulent as the last great epidemic that swept across the nation eradicating our equestrian friends. Though the government has been swift to introduce limitations on travel to try and slow the spread of infection.

Speaking to several notable doctors in the town of Deadwood and adjacent settlements it seems that Arkansas has weathered the worst of this outbreak.

Government advice is still to burn all bodies that may have died from the disease, and that hallucinations can be part of the symptoms of infection. All citizens are asked to keep their distance where ever possible and follow government mandated advice.

Rumors continue to spread about the origins of the plague some blaming it on new colony ships arriving from both the old world and the Orient. This has led to minor skirmishes and riots in New York and smaller towns along the east coast. There is yet to be a statement from the government on this issue.



Deaths are mounting up in New York Quarantine from the old world.

### TEXAS TO BE INCORPORATED

After tense negotiations it seems that finally a settlement has been made with the Mexican government over the boundaries of the new state of Texas. After what appeared to be a last colonisation attempt by the combined governments of Europe a settlement has been reached to fix the southern and western borders of the state as ratified in a recent meeting of senators from both sides at the town of Deadwood Arkansas. Those interested in colonising and homesteading in the newly formed states can find more information by contacting your local land registry office where titles and deeds will be available to buy alternatively several staging areas are being set up on the border of Arkansas to allow for deeds to be purchased before entering the state.

Government agencies and the Texas Rangers are also now recruiting the positions throughout the newly formed state contact your local representative for more details.

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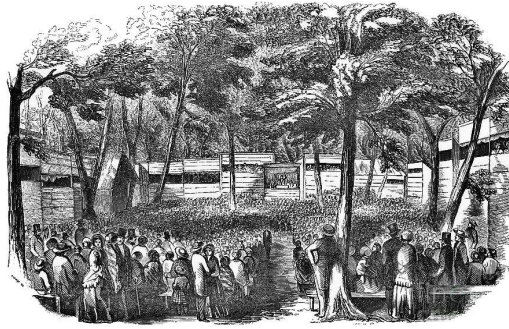
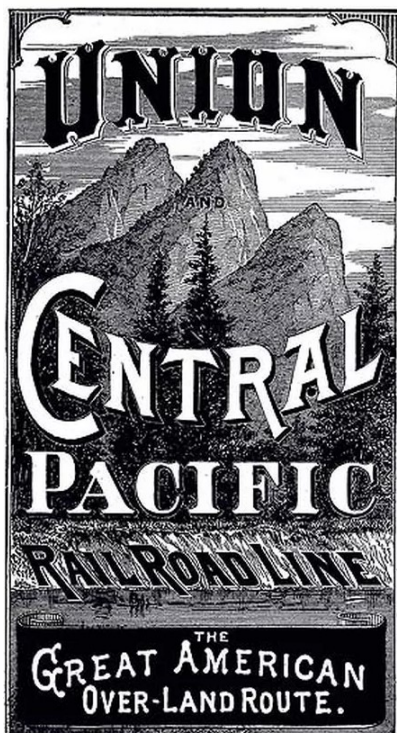
### DEADWOOD ON THE MAP

It seems the small town of Deadwood once again finds herself in the national papers as the historic incorporation of the newly formed state of Texas is ratified in the town. There have been calls within the state legislature the consideration to be given to extending the railroad to the town rather than relying on the river and the possibility of Deadwood becoming the new state capitol given its position to the newly incorporated state of Texas. This has caused consternation within the town hall of Little Rock and concerns have also been raised from Fayetteville and Jonesbro as Deadwood is still seen very much as a parochial border town. Questions have been raised in some circles as to if Deadwood is being artificially elevated due to the wishes of President Lincoln or Secretary of State Kymes both of which have with the town, as does current Senator Rameriez who was quoted thusly "The town of Deadwood is the logical choice, we've fully investigated claims of nepotism and found no evidence to suggest the process was anything but fair and transparent". The small town's ability to provide senior governmental figures cannot be in doubt but is this good reason to elevate to capitol? Whatever happens Deadwood's location will certainly lead to importance as a conduit for trade with the state of Texas.

## REGION LOSING WORKERS!

There been recent reports of a number of migrant workers leaving the area of Little Rock, Big Bend, Deadwood and the surrounding region. It seems that several government grants which have recently been released have instilled impetus into once again trying to drive the North West passage railroads to the Rocky Mountains along the American Canadian border. The drive west is seen as the next step in bringing civilization to all corners of this great continent.

Many may be tempted by this promise of a new life and new land, or merely be looking to avoid the plague by removing themselves from populous areas. This reporter is advised they are currently recruiting engineers, scouts, rail workers, labourers with experience of working in cold climates, and free guns to provide security. Large pay-checks are available for the right candidates. Further enquiries should be directed to your local Union Central Pacific Railroad Company offices.



## RUMORS OF RELIGIOUS REVIVAL RAMPANT

It seems that among the general misery of the recent plague a new religious revival has formed around the City of Nashville. This revival is lead by the Rev. River Moses, the Rev. Is preaching that the current epidemic is the first sign of the coming of the rapture and that he alone can guide people to the promised land. While generally dismissed in the large cities to the north, this reported has witnessed firsthand long caravans heading south to join the Rev. Similar activities are being reported throughout the surrounding states.

Rumors abound that the Reverend intends to march is flock south at the end of the month to the 'promised land'. This may be connected to the rumors of 'Angel' Sightings and biblical activities in Southern Arkansas. Though clarity on this issue has been received that recent reports can be attributed to a local grain poisoning.

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## MARKETS FLOODED!

Local markets running along the Red River as Far as Garland City have been flooded with cheap goods from south of the border. Many local traders are complaining they can match these new black-marketeers and are demanding the Governor take action on the matter. Alcohol and foodstuffs as well as clothing and even firearms are amongst the goods shipping north. Many blame the newly incorporate state of Texas and there are calls for the army to man the border.

