

lower rate than any that has hitherto existed between the points named. The company deserves great credit for this reduction in the price of freights, and we regret that they were not sufficiently discreet to make it at the outset of their enterprise. As it is, they made for themselves a very bad name by increasing the rates for carriage to an exorbitant figure at first, and it will now require some months of perseverance in low freights and accommodating conduct, to gain the confidence of merchants and traders in the North.

**INDIAN EXPEDITION CLAIM.**—On the 22d inst., the Senate received a message from Governor Bigler, transmitting a communication in relation to Indian depredations on Pitt River, and asking payment of the company organized for quelling those disturbances. The message and documents were referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs. In his message, the Governor takes occasion to complain of the inadequacy of the force supplied by the General Government for the protection of the people.

**BRICK.**—The manufacture of brick has been commenced by Dr. Shurtleff. The late rains of the season have retarded his operations, but a kiln will, notwithstanding, soon be in readiness for the fireman. Orders are already given for several hundred thousand, and as the summer advances upon us, no doubt many who have not yet determined upon it, will conclude to build in brick. Extensive lime quarries have been discovered in the neighborhood of our town during the winter, and lime will be much cheaper in consequence. The cost of building first class fire-proof houses this year will be somewhat less than it was during last summer.