

**The Legislature**

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The present legislature is composed of men of remarkably sober and moral habits, so far as can be judged by their deportment up to the present time. Among them are many strong advocates of temperance.

The most exciting matter likely to engage their attention, is the Pacific Railroad. Three different companies are represented, having in view the same point upon the Rio Grande. The Vicksburg company wish to select a route running near the 32d degree of latitude through the State. Those in favor of the Fulton road are willing to connect with any line passing near 32 but wish to have their own choice in selecting the tapping point. Some of them favor Fort Graham, on the Brazos, others prefer the Trinity.

The Opelousas company has its friends, who, we believe, are advocating the propriety of crossing the Sabine below 32, and making a connection with the direct road at the most eligible point.

There is a strong feeling in favor of the Pacific road. There may be some little difficulty in adjusting details. A proper spirit of concession will obviate everything of this nature. There can be no valid objection to allowing the Fulton and the Opelousas roads to connect with the direct line at suitable and advantageous points. And why not leave them a margin for the exercise of a proper discretion in the matter? No one doubts the importance of being placed in communication with the north-western States, by way of Fulton; and with the valley of the Mississippi, by way of Vicksburg and New Orleans. Such a course of policy will be advantageous to the State, and add to the general profits of all concerned.

We think it probable an act will be passed, authorising the construction of a road near the parallel of 32, and providing for the connection of the Fulton and Opelousas roads.

It is probable the pre-emption law will be amended. A bill having that object in view is under consideration in the Senate. Also, a bill in relation to escheated and forfeited lands, and a bill increasing the fees of civil officers. A law establishing a system of free common schools, will, it is thought, be passed. The one already introduced will be modified and amended. On this subject a contrariety of opinion exists. However, it is second to none in importance.