

The first locomotive the Stratford Lion was actually the first practical steam locomotive to run in America what it did on the 9th of August 1825 from Carlisle to Honesdale, Pa. (Delaware Hudson Canal Co)

By 1840 England possessed 1331 miles of railways

1840 in the US 2816 miles

1850 9015 "

1860 30,600

1880 87,801

1900 128,964

A railway line across the America was first completed in 1869 when the Union Pacific building from the Missouri River at Omaha met the Central Pacific which built from San Francisco eastward making a line 1848 m. long through a country then for the most part uninhabited

This was followed by the South. Pacific in 1881 from San Francisco to New Orleans 2489 m

Northern Pacific from St Paul to Portland Ore in 1883

The Atchafalaya, Topeka - S. Fe from Kansas City to San Diego

The Great Northern from St Paul to Seattle & New Westminster in 1893

By the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo in 1848 Mexico ceded Calif to the US

It was just at this time that gold was discovered by John Marshall on the American River near the present town of Coloma S. Colorado City Jan'y 24. 1848.

The laws from 1848-9 no definite laws for either law or government

Early in 1849 temporary local governments were set up in various towns and in Sept a convention framed a free state constitution and applied for admission to the Union. On the 7th of Sep 1850 a bill finally passed Congress admitting Calif as a free state

The gold rush commenced 1850