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Info on wages is pretty slim. Here are a few things I have:

—Kyle Wyatt

Central Pacific Labor

Testimony of J. H. Strobridge, US Pacific Railway Commission, pp 3139-41, as printed in Stuart Daggett: *Chapters in the History of the Southern Pacific*, p 70n.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Chinese</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>	<u>White Workers</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>
1864	Very few	-	1,200	\$30 a month
1865	7,000	\$30 a month	2,500	\$35 a month
1866	11,000	\$35 a month	2,500 - 3,000	\$35 a month
1867	11,000	\$35 a month	2,500 – 3,000	-
1868	5,000 – 6,000	-	2,500 – 3,000	-
1869	5,000	-	1,500 – 1,600	-

Note that across Nevada the Central Pacific also employed the local Indians, not reflected in the above chart.

While we are at it, here are fares.

Central Pacific Railroad Schedule

As of May 19, 1869

Train fares as advertised in San Francisco *Evening Bulletin* May 25, 1869, P.2, C.5

	<u>Eastward</u>	<u>Miles</u>	<u>Time</u>
Leave	Sacramento	----	6:30 a.m.
Leave	Colfax	54	9:50 a.m.
Leave	Truckee	120	2:10 p.m.
Leave	Reno	154	4:20 p.m.
Leave	Wadsworth	189	6:20 p.m.
Leave	Winnemucca	324	1:45 a.m.
Leave	Carlin	445	8:30 a.m.
Leave	Elko	468	10:00 a.m.
Leave	Toano	559	3:15 p.m.
Arrive at	Promontory	690	11:05 p.m.
	<u>Westward</u>	<u>Miles</u>	<u>Time</u>
Leave	Promontory	----	6:15 p.m.
Leave	Toano	131	3:00 a.m.
Leave	Elko	222	8:25 a.m.
Leave	Carlin	245	9:35 a.m.
Leave	Winnemucca	366	4:10 p.m.
Leave	Wadsworth	501	12:05 a.m.
Leave	Reno	536	2:10 a.m.
Leave	Truckee	570	4:20 a.m.
Leave	Colfax	626	9:50 a.m.
Arrive at	Sacramento	690	1:20 p.m.

Fare – Sacramento to Terminus (Promontory) \$50 coin.

Children not over twelve (12) years of age, half fare.

Children under five (5) years of age, free.

One hundred pounds baggage per passenger, free.

Chas. Crocker, General Superintendent

T. H. Goodman, General Passenger Agent

The following are the present rates of fare via Union Pacific and connecting roads:

	Currency
Promontory to: Omaha	\$81.50
St. Louis	\$101.50
Chicago	\$103.50
Cincinnati	\$114.85
Niagara Falls	\$118.99
New York	\$123.50
Boston	\$129.50

(Rates subject to change)

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