

[SPECIAL TO THE DESERET NEWS.]

By Telegraph.

GENERAL.

Poughkeepsie.—There was a slight frost and thin ice throughout Dutchess county this morning.

St. Joseph.—An excursion party from Cincinnati, bound for California, passed this place this evening; they were much pleased with the trip so far and in the best of spirits.

New York.—The *Tribune's* Shreveport special says a desperate fight occurred between a squad of U. S. soldiers and a band of outlaws, whom they were trying to arrest, near San Patricio, Texas; four of the outlaws and one soldier were killed and several on both sides wounded.

An extensive fire broke out to-night in a lumber yard at the corner of Brooks and Thomson streets and swept through the block to Grand street, damaging a number of stores and dwellings. The loss is thirty thousand dollars.

Bangor, Me.—There was a terrible accident to-day on the Bangor and Piscataqua Railroad. The engine broke through a bridge, killed the conductor and injured the engineer and seven or eight others.

Madison, Wis.—The Republican Convention nominated for Governor, Lucius Fairchild; Lieut. Governor, T. C. Pound; Treasurer, Henry Baez. Secretary of State, E. A. Spencer.

Washington.—Senator Roberts, the Spanish Minister, publishes a card to-day denouncing as a forgery the letter recently published and reported to have been written by him, to the Captain General of Cuba, in reference to the course of the United States on the Cuban question, stating that it is probable the future will be in favor of the Cubans, &c.

Hon. Wm. A. Howard, having resigned the appointment of Minister to China, the Administration will, in a few days, designate his successor. The merits of several gentlemen are under consideration. Great care will be taken to select a proper representative to that Court.

A private letter from an entirely responsible source at Madrid repeats the statement that Minister Sickles has offered the United States as mediator between Spain and the Cubans. The proposition being, as stated in the American newspapers, that slavery shall be abolished on the island; the Cubans shall pay Spain for the public buildings, fortifications, etc. While Spain does not reject mediation there are serious obstacles in the way. The impression among many Spanish statesmen is that the island will eventually pass from the control of Spain. It is stated that the preliminary demand made by Spain is that the Cubans shall lay down their arms. This condition, it is ascertained, the Cubans will not comply with, if for no other reason than that they have no guarantee of protection from the Spanish volunteers, who, according to reports, aim at the absolute rule of the island and have a secret organization to that end.

New York.—The papers to-day contain details of the description of the colossal bronze statue, with allegorical accessions, erected in honor of Commodore Vanderbilt on the summit of the western wall of the immense Hudson river railroad depot, situated on the former site of St. John's Park. The work cost half a million and will be unveiled on the 29th.

New Orleans.—The late crop reports from all sections of Louisiana and western Texas represent the cotton crop as very promising. Many entertain the opinion that all will be made that can be gathered with the present labor. The cane, though backward, promises an abundant yield.

Boston.—A serious difficulty occurred here to-day about the steamer *Escort*, which plies between Boston and Gloucester, but which at the time lay at the wharf. The deputy sheriff went aboard with the keeper to take possession of the steamer on a writ of attachment. The captain resisted the detention of the boat and with the crew overpowered the officers and ran a trip to Gloucester with the captives on board; but on the return of the steamer a large posse of officers, under Sheriff Clarke, arrested the captain and four others, and lodged them in jail. The affair produced much excitement.

Leavenworth.—The last rail of the Leavenworth, Atchison and Northern Railroad, connecting the central branch of the Pacific Railroad with Leavenworth and St. Louis, via the Pacific, was laid to-day, and the first train passed over to Atchison.

White Sulphur Spring.—A difficulty having arisen between L. O. Washington and Wm. Glenn, of the *Baltimore Gazette*, growing out of a letter written by the former. The parties proceeded to a field for a hostile meeting; the matter, however, has been amicably adjusted.

Hudson.—Yesterday, a train from Boston ran off the track near Chatuam, the switch-lock having been broken. The conductor and fireman were injured and the engine is badly smashed.

Washington.—Secretary Rawlins was again attacked with a severe illness yesterday.

Commissioner Delano has decided that tobacco leaves, put up in hanks and sold at retail for consumption, is subject to a tax of thirty-five cents per pound, as manufactured tobacco.

Returns from all sections indicate that the general financial situation is far more satisfactory than was expected in the Spring.

San Francisco, 3.—There has been unusual delay in counting the city vote. The Independents elect Selby, Mayor; Hanna county clerk; Freeman, fire Commissioner and three supervisors and three school directors; the Democrats, White, sheriff; Higgins, recorder; Klopenburg, treasurer; Rosener, assessor; Byrne, district attorney and Marks, harbor commissioner. The Independents claim they have broken the ring in the board of supervisors, destroyed the partisan character of the police and prevented the fire department from becoming a political machine, and achieved a great victory. The Democrats carried everything in Sacramento and Nevada Counties which have hitherto been Republican. Wm. M. Gwin, Jr., is elected Senator from Calaveras. It is asserted his father is an aspirant for Cole's place in the United States Senate.

A dispatch from the agent of the the Kansas Pacific Railroad, at Denver, states that two hundred thousand pounds of Colorado silver ore have been shipped to the end of that road by wagons, destined for London. It is believed that when the road is completed to Denver, an immense amount of the rich ores of Colorado will find their way to the east and to Europe for smelting.

Seventy-five miles of the Kansas and Pacific railway are now under contract to be completed by January 1st. This will carry the track to Kit Carson on the Big Sandy, leaving but one hundred and fifty miles to be finished to Denver.

Track laying on the Cheyenne and Denver road will be commenced from Denver in a few days. The entire road will be completed within a year.

Portland, Me.—Senator Fessenden this evening still lies in the same critical condition. His complaint is a stoppage of the bowels.

Washington.—The War Department, yesterday, received from Attorney General Hoar, his opinion relative to political affairs in Virginia, and has transmitted the same to General Canby for his information and guidance. It depends upon the latter to make the full text public. The Attorney General says the legislature must, as a prerequisite, submit the Constitution and their action thereon to Congress for approval. In this the test oath will be required. If the Constitution and the action of the legislature be approved, the provisions of the Constitution fixing the qualification of the members of the legislature, will necessarily prevail, the requirements of the reconstruction act being thus superseded, as far as Virginia is concerned; but before such is approved by Congress, Virginia, not being in all respects a State of the Union, the legislature, as a provisional body, cannot pass laws without the members taking the test oath. The reconstruction acts require the ratification of the 15th Constitutional amendment before the State can be admitted to representation in Congress; there is no question that this amendment will be ratified by an overwhelming majority.

New York.—A despatch received to-day announces that the striking miners of the Delaware and Hudson Coal Co., have reported for duty. Work will be resumed to-morrow.

New York.—Humboldt's monument is to be unveiled on the 14th.

Washington.—The Treasury Department issued to-day, to the Western Pacific Railroad, three hundred and twenty thousand dollars in bonds.

New York.—There was a grand display of aurora borealis here and in other parts of the State last night.

Washington.—A telegram says that George Wilkes is to be Chinese minister.

Mrs. Boyle and her daughter were found in the basement story of a house

in Thirty-Ninth Street, yesterday, starved to death.

The *Tribune's* Washington special says it is reported on good authority that the President has decided to appoint George Wilkes, Minister to China.

Washington.—A preliminary meeting of prominent citizens of the district was held last evening to consider a project for holding a grand international fair here, in 1871. The remarks of those present were highly favorable to the undertaking, and it was confidently predicted that the business men of Washington would give liberal aid. Resolutions were adopted, appointing a committee of fifty to enquire into the feasibility of the proposed project, and to report at a meeting to be held at an early day.

St. Louis.—A Denver dispatch says "Nineteen thousand, nine hundred and thirteen acres of land were sold in the land office here in August."

Seven thousand, four hundred and sixty-eight ounces of treasure were received at the Branch Mint here last month, being an increase of a hundred and twenty-five per cent. over the corresponding month of last year.

The workmen of this city ignore the action of the Labor Congress, claiming that it was done in the interest of politicians, and that they will hold a mass meeting soon on the subject.

A box containing forty thousand dollars in valuable paper was found on the street last night; it had been stolen, but it was useless to the thieves.

San Francisco, 5.—In Seward's Sitka speech is published a complete review of the resources and productions of the new territory. He expresses sanguine hopes of the future prosperity of Alaska. He says the people need a Territorial government.

The press is unanimous in denouncing Ned Buntline for the slanderous assertion before the Chicago Temperance Convention that seven-tenths of the adult population of California, male and female, die of drunkenness.

The Committee of Odd Fellows has started for Omaha to escort the delegates to the National Grand Lodge of San Francisco.

Washington.—In consequence of the general dissatisfaction with the new postage stamps orders, have been given to prepare designs for new issues. The old designs are to be restored.

New York.—Five hundred and four deaths in the city last week.

Washington.—General Rawlings is gradually failing. He has been visited by a number of friends to-day. He is quite aware of his critical condition and has signed a number of papers which may effect the future circumstances of his family. There is no prospect of his final recovery.

Portland.—Senator Fessenden has passed a comfortable night. He has improved a little to-day, so that hopes are now entertained of his recovery.

The *Tribune's* special says the supply of water in the Croton reservoirs is steadily decreasing. The quantity daily delivered from the aqueduct is less than the amount consumed. There are no indications of rain. Scarcity has increased at Philadelphia. The Schuylkill is lower than at any time during the drouth. About three feet of water only in the Fairmount reservoir.

Parties arrived here to-day from San Francisco, en route to Savannah, having made contracts for one thousand Chinese laborers to be delivered in three months.

Quebec.—The ship laborers' strike is concluded; satisfactory arrangements have been made between the workmen and the employers. Large numbers of emigrants continue to arrive. The number of vessels in the port is 58 less than at the same time last year.

Wilkesbarre, Pa.—The miners and laborers employed along the line of the Delaware and Hudson works held a meeting yesterday, and determined to resume work as soon as possible, on the terms of the compromise; the result of the meeting was communicated to the superintendent of the coal department and he is preparing for the resumption of work on Monday.

Detroit.—The Detroit conference of the M. E. Church has voted in favor of lay delegation to-day, a hundred and twenty-five to twenty-four.

Richmond.—Gen. Canby will issue a proclamation for an election about the fifteenth instant. He is delayed by disputed returns from one county. The late officers will be installed on assembling the Legislature.

New Orleans.—The special treasury agent charged with complicity in the custom's frauds, under Fuller's administration, was released on bail to-day. Another party has been arrested, charged

with complicity in the same frauds, on affidavits made by Sprouss and E. Kinsella, but they were released on giving bonds.

Washington.—A comparative statement of the receipts of internal revenue for July and August last year, show an increase of five millions, seven hundred and three thousand, nine hundred, and ninety-six dollars.

New York.—Ex-Judge Osborne was held in five thousand dollars bail to-day, to keep the peace, he having challenged a lawyer to fight a duel.

Thirteen women were arrested to-day by the pension office, charged with drawing pensions by fraudulently representing themselves as the widows of soldiers; some of them have re-married and some of them came to the pension office in their own carriages.

New York.—A party of six young men, supposed to be merchants' clerks, started on a pleasure excursion in a yacht yesterday; the yacht was subsequently found floating bottom upwards; its occupants, it is supposed, were all drowned.

Two gentlemen, just arrived from Montana, report that Wells, Fargo's coach, which left Helena, Aug. 29th, was robbed at Malad Summit, Utah, sixty miles north of Corinne, about midnight of the 31st. Eight men, closely masked, stopped the coach and assured the passengers they should not be molested, but they compelled the driver to deliver up the treasure boxes in care of the Express Co., amounting to about thirty thousand in gold. The robbers saluted the passengers courteously and rode off with the spoil. The passengers had an aggregate of about forty thousand dollars on their persons, but no attempt was made to take anything from them.

FOREIGN.

Havana.—General La Torore has resigned the command of the Eastern Department. Count Valmaceda has been appointed General-in-Chief, with his headquarters in the field. Lesca has returned here from Santiago in improved health.

Triest.—A serious revolt has broken out at Tyrane, in European Turkey; several arrests were made. The government buildings were closely guarded but the authorities are compelled, by the menaces of the people, to release the prisoners. A conflict took place between the troops and the people, in which several persons were killed and wounded. The Turkish troops may restore order.

Brunn.—A grand festival, in memory of Joseph II., was held here to-day; over twenty-five thousand people took part. The archduke, Louis Henneskeri, was present and addressed the people.

Paris.—The *Constitutionnel* announces that the Emperor has recovered from his illness and will probably go to Chalons.

The ratifications for laying the telegraph cable between Europe and South America have been exchanged.

London.—The *Times* commenting on the murder of a farmer in the county of Mayo, Ireland, regards it as a national misfortune, and says that lawlessness is extending beyond the narrow limit to which hitherto it has been confined. The county of Mayo is now stained with atrocities which have disgraced Tipperary and West Meath.

Madrid.—Two Carlist chieftains have surrendered on the promise that their lives shall be spared. The government organs say that re-enforcements are about to sail for Cuba which will be sufficient to extinguish the insurrection.

Dublin.—The Roman Catholic bishops met here and adopted resolutions demanding an exclusive Catholic College endowment by the State. A division of the property of the Royal and Endowed School, the alteration of the Queen's College to a denominational institution, and a general land bill for Ireland.

The funeral of the Fenian, Dalton, took place to-day at Glasnavin. A procession of about two hundred men, wearing green emblems, followed the remains to the cemetery.

Madrid.—The journals here are responding about Cuba and demand full official information about the state of affairs on the island.

London.—The *Times* to-day says recent information of undoubted authenticity contradicts the late rumors of the American treaty with China having been rejected. Prince Kung in no way repudiates the treaty. His delay in ratifying it is owing to his desire to first complete negotiations with the European powers. The *Times* adds, whether Mr. Burlingame is negotiating for the advantage of any particular power or not is of no consequence if his negotiations will have the effect of bringing