

PARKER'S LANDING, Penn., 12.—At 8.30 a. m. a twelve thousand barrel oil tank, belonging to Grandin & Neyhart, situated at Bear Creek Station, was struck by lightning, bursting the coverings of the tank and throwing the burning oil over two adjoining tanks of the Union Pipe Co. At 2.30 p. m. the three tanks are still burning, involving a loss of about \$450,000 ten thousand of which belongs to Grandin and Neyhart, and the remainder to the Union Pipe Co.

The Atlantic Pipe Co's twenty-five thousand barrel iron tank, at the Beaver Pipe station, was also struck by lightning at 4.30 this a. m., and after burning four hours was extinguished by the agency of steam; probable loss \$2,000.

WASHINGTON, 12.—The convict Miles' sensational statement, as to the safe burglary case, is generally distrusted here.

The House committee on Territories, to-day, on motion of Wigginton, reconsidered their action for changing the name of New Mexico to Montezuma, and agreed that the new State, when admitted, shall have the present name of the Territory. The committee also voted to amend the bill so as to provide that the election for the adoption of a State constitution shall be held in June, 1877, instead of not later than January, 1877, as the Senate proposed. This will prevent the new State from taking part in the next presidential election, if they elect their candidate for President, to remove republican federal office-holders prior to the election for State officers, &c. The bill will now be reported to the House for printing and recommitment, when some additional amendments of minor importance may be made, though the main provisions of the bill will not be further changed by the committee. Following the precedents established by the enabling acts for Nevada, Nebraska and Colorado the question whether the constitution adopted by the people of the Territory is republican in form and in conformity to the constitution of the U. S. will not be subject to the further decision of Congress, but will be settled by the people unless it shall come before the U. S. Supreme Court.

The civil service committee continued their examination into Purman's case. Two men testified that they were appointed timber agents by Purman, and received \$41 monthly, with nothing to do; neither of them knew where the timber reservation was. They received their pay by drafts from the Navy Department; they paid Purman nothing directly or indirectly, and they supposed he gave them the positions because they were active republicans.

Babcock denies in toto the story told by the convict Miles at Windsor prison.

The Alabama claims court has decided that insurers of war risks can only recover their net losses.

An extension of the railway postal service has been ordered from Palisades to Eureka, Nevada, on the Eureka and Palisades Railroad.

NEW YORK, 12.—In the suit of the Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph Co. vs. George B. Prescott of the Western Union Telegraph Company, and Thomas A. Edison and Lemuel W. Serrot, Judge Spear, of the Superior Court, granted an injunction *ex parte*, to-day, restraining the defendants from prosecuting applications for patents for the Edison duplex instrument.

N. Sandler, a republican, has been elected mayor of Jersey city by 300 majority; he is the first republican mayor elected in twelve years. The city council is a tie. This is a heavy republican gain.

The World's Washington special says there will doubtless be an official investigation touching Blaine and the Union Pacific; the facts must come out.

The Sun's Washington special says that the Blaine story, as printed in the Indianapolis papers, is substantially correct, and that it was originally hushed up to save Blaine's election.

The Herald's Washington special says that if Belknap is guilty of taking gifts the President is none the less so, and specifies wherein the President has been guilty.

MILWAUKEE, 12.—Judge Drummen pronounced sentence, this morning, on C. S. J. Moeller, ex-gauger, convicted of making false returns; he was sentenced to one year's imprisonment in the State prison, and to pay a fine of \$2,500.

Reynolds, a rectifier, convicted of

conspiracy, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment in the county jail, and fined \$2,500.

CHICAGO, 12.—In the U. S. Court this morning, the jury in the Freesinger and Seaverns whiskey case returned a verdict of guilty; the sentencing of the men was postponed until after all the whiskey trials have been completed in this court.

FT. SMITH, Kas., 12.—A bold attempt was made at one o'clock yesterday morning to rob the express and mail train on the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railroad, at Blue Jacket station, over the southern border of Kansas, in Indian territory. The officer of the road had known for some time that a gang of desperadoes had organized for this object, and the company had taken steps to frustrate their designs in sending a small detective force to watch them. Three of the detectives had joined the gang, and learned their plans, which included the robbery of this train. As the train was run on a side track by the misplacement of a switch, the guard, who had been placed on the cab with the engineer, losing his presence of mind, commenced firing at the robbers as they approached the train, at the same time giving a signal to the other train, giving the robbers a chance to retreat; the gang was captured at Chetana, Kansas, this morning.

SAN FRANCISCO, 12.—A dispatch from San Diego says that a suit has been brought against the Texas Pacific Railroad Co., for the recovery of lands decided by the city in consideration of the building of the road from San Diego to the Colorado River. The company has failed to comply with the conditions of the grant. The property involved is valued at five millions.

QUEBEC, 12.—The first pilot schooner of the season went down to-day.

CHICAGO, 13.—Dispatches report heavy rain storms in the north and west last night. At McGregor, Ia., the cellars and lower stories of houses were inundated, and \$50,000 worth of property was destroyed in less than two hours. The water on Main street was two feet deep, and the sewers were entirely inadequate to carry away the water. At Le Claire, Ia., the residence of Mrs. H. Williams was struck by lightning, and instantly killed her grandson, Joseph Luckner, and severely injuring her son, Jas. Williams. A Davenport dispatch says that reports from the surrounding country estimate the damage at \$20,000.

FORT LARAMIE, Wyo., 13.—A man by the name of Rowze, who used to belong to the 14th infantry, arrived here yesterday. He reports that he and his party of five men were attacked by Indians just south of the Cheyenne river, on the 7th instant, when returning from Custer City. One of the party named Norman Storms, from Iowa, was shot through the body and killed. Rowze was shot through the shoulder, but seriously. The Indians were very numerous in that section. A great deal of stock has been run off.

WASHINGTON, 13.—The jury disagreed and was discharged in the case of Olinus, tried for receiving \$17,000 stolen from the Treasury by a clerk, a year ago.

The Secretaries of War, State and Navy leave here to-morrow for New York, to await the arrival of Don Pedro, Emperor of Brazil; the U. S. steamers *Minnesota* and *Alert* have been detailed to receive him.

Before the committee on forign affairs, to-day, Park testified that his opinion of the value of the Emma mine had been formed from the representations of Prof. Stillman, Williams and others, and that he did not take advantage of the dispatch of the persons named to sell out his stock.

The two telegrams from Sargent to Secretary Robeson, which have come into the possession of the committee investigating the Secretary's business transactions with Jay Cooke, McCulloch & Co., are explained as follows:—The first, dated S. F., June 16, 1873, and requesting Robeson to telegraph \$8,000 to construction for this month, to stop suspension, was sent to procure a remittance to keep the men at work at the Mare Island navy yard, the department's allowance for that month being on the point of exhaustion. The second dispatch, the Senator says, related to bids for granite for a dry dock at Mare Island. S. P. Brown, of Washington, having no quarrying business, had put in a bid a little lower than that of Griffiths, a Californian engaged in the quarry-

ing business. Sargent telegraphed to the War Department against what he considered the fraudulent bid of Brown, who, however, was awarded the contract but failed to execute it, and the work was thereby greatly embarrassed and the government sustained pecuniary loss.

A sub-committee, to whom the motion was referred, have agreed that a respectful reply be sent to Judge Carter, but that Hallett Kilbourn should not be produced before him by the Sergeant-at-Arms; the sub-committee's action will probably be sustained.

LOUISVILLE, 13.—A severe rain and wind storm, blowing almost a hurricane, passed over this city between 6 and 7 o'clock this evening; it destroyed considerable frame property.

IOWA CITY, Ia., 13.—A slide occurred about 11 o'clock last night, on the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific railroad track, on the east side of the Iowa river, at this point, by which two passenger trains from the West have been shut in all day, unable to come on or go back; the track is covered with six feet of mud, and the wagon roads are so bad that it is with the greatest difficulty that provisions can be sent to the passengers, forty of whom are ladies. The blockade will perhaps be raised at 7 o'clock to-night.

The Iowa river is rising rapidly, and there are fears of another flood, like those of 1851 and 1858.

YANKTON, D. T., 13.—A man named Geo. Walte, who was arrested a few days ago on suspicion of having set the many incendiary fires here during the past few months, made a confession to-day to a detective, who was imprisoned with him for the purpose. He is a southerner, and says that he lost all his property by the burning of Atlanta, Georgia, and he wanted to get even with the North.

LOUISVILLE, 13.—In the suburb of Germantown, to night, a hurricane caused a great deal of damage, and caused the death of two men, Michael and John McFart, who were crushed by the falling of the walls of a house.

CINCINNATI, O., 13.—Mrs. Sarah A. Walker was found dead in her room to-day, with a terrible wound in her head; she had evidently been dead several days. Her husband was suspected of this crime and arrested.

CHICAGO, 13.—In the U. S. court, this a. m., proceedings in forfeiture were entered by the Government against the distilleries of Glatton & Russell Parker, L. Macon, Meserole & Co., and Stewart. Meserole pleaded guilty to one count in the indictment against him.

The committee appointed by the chairman of the exposition grand mass meeting, last Tuesday night, waited on Mayor Colvin to-day, and requested his resignation; the mayor made no immediate response to the request, but desired them to submit the request, together with reasons therefor, in writing.

ST. LOUIS, 13.—General John McDonald has just been sentenced by Judge Treat of the U. S. district court, to three years in the penitentiary, and \$5,000 fine. McDonald's sentence dates from the day of his conviction, Nov. 23, 1874. His counsel made a strong appeal to the court to substitute the county jail in lieu of the penitentiary, as the place of confinement, on account of the better sanitary regulations of the former; the General being in very poor health, and suffering from a chronic disease, but Judge Treat refused to do it.

W. O. Avery was called, and answered, the forfeiture of his bonds declared a few days ago, was set aside. Judge Treat then verified the motion in arrest of judgment in this case, and sentenced the prisoner to two years in the penitentiary, and a fine of \$1,000, the minimum penalty. Mr. Avery was immediately taken to the county jail to await his transfer to Jefferson City.

A motion was then made for a stay of execution in the case of the ex-convict, Geo. A. Brown, who was sentenced to the penitentiary for a term of six months, imprisonment to which the defendant was sentenced by the motion was granted.

MEMPHIS, 13.—General Allen, from Bolivar County, Miss., reports that a levee broke, on Monday night, in front of Duck Ridge Landing, and that when the levee broke the crevasse was over 100 yards wide, and washing at both ends; this will overflow the country between Lake Bolivar and the river,

including Catfish Point, Williams, Bayou County, and the upper end of Washington County.

ST. PAUL, 13.—Smith and Parker's planing mill at Minneapolis, was burned last night; loss \$25,000, insured \$8,000.

NEW YORK, 13.—The pioneers of California met at the Sturtevant House this evening, and appointed a committee to co-operate with the San Francisco committee, and to raise subscriptions for the California headquarters at the international exhibition at Philadelphia. The case of Gen. James Watson Webb came to an end this evening; the jury after an absence of about two hours, announced their inability to agree, and they were discharged from the further consideration of the case.

The Sun's Washington special says that Eaton's testimony on the whisky frauds, to-day, brings out the question whether Grant is or is not a perjurer. Grant, last winter, declared, under oath, to protect Babcock, that he didn't know McDonald's bad character, and Eaton shows that he did know it two or three years before.

The Sun's correspondent directs attention to the fact that a man named Irvine manages to draw two hundred monthly from the War department, for which the government receives no value.

A Washington special to the Post says that the chief clerk of the General Land Office, L. K. Lippincott, Grace Greenwood's husband, who was summarily dismissed by Secretary Chandler some weeks ago for defrauding the Government by means of fraudulent Chippewa land scrip, is missing, and that efforts to ascertain his whereabouts have failed. He was indicted by the grand jury here, but before he could be arrested he fled, and it is supposed that he has fled to some foreign country. A full investigation of his rascalties shows that he was paid about \$25,000 for passing one thousand fraudulent claims for Chippewa land scrip, through the General Land Office.

Barney Williams, the actor, is recovering; he has been laboring under a hallucination, which is hereditary.

The first step in the execution of the silver bill will be the reopening of the Treasury Printing Bureau. Next Monday a thousand persons, mostly girls and women, will be without employment.

The funeral services of the late A. T. Stewart were solemnized this morning at his house and St. Mark's church, Bishop Potter officiating, assisted by a number of clergymen. The funeral decorations at each place were magnificent and the crowds in front of the house and church and along the streets were very great. Admission to the house and church was by ticket, and the holders included several of the leaders in professional and political life. Gov. Tilden and Rice headed the pall bearers.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Ia., 13.—A heavy snow storm, extending along the Missouri river as far south as St. Joseph, and north to Ft. Sully, is raging. No particular damage is anticipated as to crops, except the corn, which is covered by a freeze. The snow is all over the State, so far as the dispatches indicate, and is expected to continue.

SAN FRANCISCO, 13.—In the Special court martial, to-day, Daniel Adams, a contractor, testified that he had received a certificate from the Government for \$2,460, to which money he had added his own signature, and had used it for \$3,460.

A private letter from Samoa says that the natives have been demanding a certificate from the Government for \$2,460, to which money they had added their own signature, and had used it for \$3,460.

The Senate and Assembly of Samoa are against him.

PHILADELPHIA, 14.—Wool is quiet and nominal. Colorado washed 21 @ 22; unwashed 18 @ 20; extra and Merino pulled 35 @ 37; No. 1 and superfine pulled 33 @ 35; Texas fine and medium 18 @ 22; coarse 17 @ 20; California fine and medium 20 @ 22; coarse 18 @ 20.

NEW YORK, 14.—A private letter received in this city to-day, says that on the 30th of March, an attack was made by the troops of the Hawaiian government upon Jacon, the chief of the insurgents under Jacon, the government troops were not repulsed, it is said, with considerable loss, and the minister of war, General Fairbairn and General Lin-

coln were dangerously wounded. The minister of war, General Fairbairn, has become insane, making the eighth case of lunacy brought out of the forests from the hippodrome of the Moody and Sankey began.

The will of the late A. T. Stewart, as filed in the Surrogate's office, after a long and arduous struggle, has been settled. It is the bequest of his property and estate to his son, George H. Stewart, and his heirs for ever, and appoints Henry H. Stewart, as executor of the estate, to manage his affairs. As a condition of the will, Mr. Stewart is to pay to Mr. Hilton the sum of \$100,000 in dollars. He appoints his wife, Judge Hilton, and Wm. H. Smith, W. H. White, and E. E. Atney, M. D. The will bears the date of the 27th March, 1873.

The Times' Sioux City special says: The steamer *Beaton* will leave here to-morrow for Benton, and intermediate points. She has about fifty passengers, and the *Beaton* left to-day for Ft. Benton. Capt. Roberts will leave for Ft. D. T. next week, with a company of 400 men, with their arms, for the Black Hills. The largest company yet sent in this part of the country since the excitement of the roads are now passing the push for the hills is on the *Beaton* and *Beaton* will leave for Ft. Benton, and intermediate points.

WASHINGTON, 14.—The House passed a bill limiting to 2,500 acres the land that shall be entered in any new territory for a town site, and no more than one section of land shall be entered in any one town site. The bill also provides that no more than one section of land shall be entered in any one town site.

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