

said to be of a gang who robbed Barlow & Sander's stage three times between Sept. 22d and Oct. 15th last, was arrested here last night. On the last raid they got \$4,000 from the mail but the other times only very small amounts.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

Gov. Plaisted, of Maine, took the oath Friday.

The *Utopia* lost 132 cattle on her passage to England.

The fusionists of Maine have nominated J. E. Smith for senator.

The Senate adjourned from Friday until to-day.

The steamer *Lord Clive*, of Liverpool, has been damaged in a collision.

A. McVeane's hub and spoke factory, Dresden, Ont., burned. Loss \$25,000.

T. B. Willow's flannel manufactory has failed. Liabilities are £30,000.

For mayor of Philadelphia, Stokely was re-nominated by the republicans.

The President nominated Nicholas H. Owing, Secretary of Washington Territory.

The defence in the Irish trials was opened by McDonough. The court was crowded.

There is great damage to the cotton and rice crops of North Carolina from heavy rains.

The report of the conspiracy to depose Bayahan and massacre Europeans in Kalapore is false.

One hundred and fourteen battalions of Turkish regulars leave for Janina with Dirvsh Pasha.

A priest at Drumlist, Ireland, averted a row, and the processes have been peacefully served.

The grand jury of New York advises the re-establishment of the whipping-post for wife beaters.

The Anglo-American and Direct U. S. Cable Co. have ratified the arrangement with the French company.

The building occupied by Smith & Co., grocers, in Worcester, and other firms was damaged by fire. Loss, 40,000.

A second parallel was laid on the 7th inst., 400 paces from Geok Tepe. The bombardment continues.

A joint republican caucus of the Minnesota legislature, to-night, nominated Senator McMillan on the first ballot.

The London guilds are willing to transfer their Irish estates to tenants, and 17,000 acres will probably be transferred.

It is denied that the three Emperors' alliance has been re-established, but Russia has made advances to that end.

A fire last night in Trenton, Tenn., destroyed the *Herald* office, Hick's House, and other places. Several were injured.

A party of Cuban insurgents were defeated Dec. 28, near Banica. Five were killed, 20 wounded and Jean Dios was shot during the fight.

The will of J. F. Armour, is probated in Chicago. It bequeaths a million and a half dollars, including \$100,000 for a mission school in Chicago.

In Parliament the debate was continued on the Irish question, nothing startling was evolved. It is believed the debate closes Friday night.

Forty to fifty thousand colliers of Lancashire are striking owing to the masters trying to evade the laws which compels them to pay for accidents.

Gen. Grant was elected president of the World's Fair to-day is being made known; he accepted the nomination unconditionally. There was much enthusiasm.

Rev. Edward Cowley, of the New York Shephard's Fold, has just emerged from the penitentiary, his friends having paid the \$250 fine after his term was out.

There is no truth in the story that Jay Gould would go to Mexico via St. Louis, but a party of men interested in railroad projects did arrive there this morning from Chicago.

An explosion of gas occurred to-day in the Pittston Coal Company's twin shaft at Junction. Three men

were severely burned and considerable damage was done to the mine.

A riot occurred yesterday near Wigan, growing out of a strike of coal miners. The police charged the crowd, but were repulsed. Several persons were severely injured.

A Natal dispatch says troops marching up the country are making good progress. The *Hora*, organ of ex-Premier Inicoupis, urges the rejection of the proposals for arbitration.

The English liberals and conservatives issued urgent whips to their supporters to attend the House of Commons to-night in order to vote against Parnell's amendment to the address.

The mate and two men of the bark *Star of India*, who attempted to reach the Delaware shore in a boat, yesterday, were caught in the ice and drifted seaward and are probably lost.

The beginning of the year '81 finds Russia with much brighter prospects than the past year, in spite of Nihilism. Certain measures of progress toward real liberal reform have been made.

It is stated that Shaw, of the new independent party, will only oppose the coercion bill within the strict forms of the House, and if the Irish land bill is equitable, will support it in the House and in Ireland.

McDonough, in his speech, vindicated and reasserted the principles of the Land League. When he concluded he was loudly cheered. He was followed by Walker, and the court adjourned till Monday.

A republican legislative joint caucus at Albany to nominate U. S. Senator, on the first ballot voted Platt 54, Crowley 26, Rogers 10, Latham 4, Wheeler 10, Morton 1. Platt's nomination was made unanimous.

The directors of the permanent Philadelphia exhibition decided to recommend to the shareholders that the show be closed, the building sold, and the affairs of the concern wound up.

Owing to the scarcity of coal caused by the strike of the Lancashire miners, several English mills and foundries have been stopped and distress among the working classes is apprehended.

The supervising inspector whose district comprises the Gulf States and the Lower Mississippi Valley, reports for last year that out of two and a quarter million passengers carried on the steamboats, not a single life has been lost.

The liberal and home rule whips made an arrangement to close the debate on Parnell's amendment to-night. About 15 other Irish members have seceded from Parnell's party and more are expected to follow.

Two steamers have arrived at Dublin from Birmingham. An order for a thousand revolvers has just been executed there for the Irish. There is great demand for revolvers and rifles for other persons in Ireland.

The *New York Post* says: No great Wall street speculation ever caught so many professional speculators as the present one in Western Union. The profits are chiefly made by Gould and a few others, Vanderbilt being a close ally.

The Duke of Richmond, of the commission on agricultural depression, recommends immigration from Ireland and migration from over populated districts, also arbitration for fixing rents. There is a minority in favor of stronger measures.

Three hundred and fifty police and a squadron of dragoons are at Drumlist. The whole force will serve the ejectment notice on Lord Ground's property. The people are crudely armed, but the parish priest will probably prevent encounters.

The Colorado delegation to Mentor, were kindly received, and although they received no assurances from the President-elect, their suggestions as to the appointment of Gov. Routt for postmaster general were listened to with close attention.

Walpole, witness in the examination of the land leaguers, at Tralee, on the 11th inst., who testified that Murphy, Crown prosecutor, was one of the persons who had coerced him to join the league, and who was thereupon summoned by Murphy for perjury, has retracted his statement.

An officer of the Western Union remarked to-day that Gould is much

the largest stockholder in the Consolidated Company, and has now what he has vainly striven for for 10 years, viz. control of the telegraph business of the country. It is doubtful whether rates will not be lowered or raised.

The examination of the officers of the Tralsee branch of the Land League concluded to-day. Brassil, proprietor of the *Kerry Independent*, and Jeremiah Leahy, president of Fines branch of the Land League, were discharged. Concerning the other prisoners, the magistrates deferred their decision until to-morrow.

A Bombay correspondent, replying to the inquiry concerning the reported plot to massacre Europeans at Kolapore, made in consequence of official denials of the report, says: If there was no conspiracy at Kolapore why should the court be engaged in trying 27 natives on the charge of conspiracy to wage war against the Empress of India.

An attempt has been made, it is believed by Fenians, to blow up the armory of the infantry barracks at Salford, England, where the rifles of the volunteers were deposited. A meat store near the armory was blown to atoms. No other damage was done. The explosion, it is believed, was effected with dynamite, which was smuggled into the barracks by some one having business with the regiment.

The House committee on the Pacific railroads, took up the Northern Pacific Railroad matter to-day and referred to a sub-committee the resolutions of representative Martin declaring forfeited to the U. S. all the land grants heretofore made to the Northern Pacific and Pacific railroads. A hearing will be given before the committee next week by representatives of the Northern Pacific in opposition to the proposed forfeiture.

To-night during the performance of *Phedre*, by Mlle. Bernhardt, at McVicker's Chicago, she fainted at the lines "Leave me to the care of my deplorable fate." The audience believed the swoon to be part of the play, and were not a little astonished to see the prompter, stage manager and others rush out and bear the prostrate actress from among the sturdy Greeks who stood about. The last act was given after a protracted intermission. The accident is not regarded as serious.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The *New York Express*, a vigorous and able defender and exponent of Democracy, now comes to hand clearly and finely printed, having donned a new dress with the new year. The *Express* is full of news skillfully gathered and graphically related.

After July 1st, the United States Army will be provided with cork helmets surmounted by brass spikes. In the absence of other weapons the soldiers will be able to charge the enemy a la billygoat, and in crossing a stream can use their head gear for life preservers. This is an age of progress.

There is a prevalent idea among farmers of the old school that manure should be kept in heaps, until, by heating and decomposition, it becomes well rotted and in better condition for use. A careful analysis shows that manure so treated loses ten per cent. of its nitrogen, which would have been saved had the manure been carried to the field or orchard and spread.

A fish preserving company has been organized in Philadelphia, with a capital of \$200,000, whose object is to freeze and keep in a state of preservation shad and other salt-water fish in the United States, and market them at times when such fish are not in season. The company expects to procure enough shad during the season from the Delaware and Potomac rivers to enable it to carry on the business successfully.

We have received Ayer's Almanac for 1881. It is a polyglot volume containing calendars, advertisements and descriptions of the medicines compounded by Dr. Ayer & Co., of Lowell, Massachusetts, in English, German, Dutch, Norwegian, Swedish, French, Spanish, Portuguese and Bohemian, with a little supplement of Chinese. The enterprise of the firm is something more than common, even in the land of the Yankees.

A mysterious star, called the Pilgrim, which was observed in 945,

1264 and 1572, is expected by astronomers to appear before long. It was described in 1572 as brighter than Jupiter, and "such was its brilliancy that persons were able to detect it at noon in a clear sky, and at night when the sky was so overcast as to hide all other stars." If it appears it will probably be visible for several weeks in the constellation of Cassiopeia.

The *Southern Planter* gives the following method of an Alabama gentleman in ascertaining the age of a horse more than nine years old: After the horse is nine years old a wrinkle comes on the eyelid at the upper corner of the lower lid, and every year thereafter he has one well-defined wrinkle for each year of his age over nine. If, for instance, a horse has three wrinkles, he is twelve; if four, thirteen. Add the number of wrinkles to nine and you will always get at the age.

Although sorghum has not shown up very favorably in its contest with the sugar cane of the South, it is gradually gaining ground in the Northwest. The sorghum product in Minnesota last year was about fifty thousand pounds of sugar and fifty thousand gallons of syrup, the former selling in market at 9 cents a pound and the latter at 55 cents a gallon. In addition to this it is asserted by its cultivators that more whiskey can be produced from an acre of sorghum than from an acre of corn. The latter fact will probably give sorghum its boom, and will recommend it to some persons in this region who try to make fun of its manufacture into syrup.

Prof. Boyesen estimates that there are 800,000 Scandinavians, mostly Norwegians, in the United States. This Norwegian immigration began in 1825, when a company of fifty-three adventurers came over in a sloop, after having been ten weeks on the ocean. They settled in Orleans and Otsego Counties, New York, and soon prospered. Ten years later there was a considerable immigration from Norway to La Salle, Ills., but the later immigration has preferred Wisconsin and Minnesota, though many have gone into Iowa and Illinois. These settlers preserve their home way of worship and their language, and have about a dozen newspapers published in the Danish-Norwegian tongue.

The population of the United States, according to the census, is a little over 50,000,000, and the probable ratio of representation in Congress will be fixed at 165,000. If so, the States that will lose representation will be New York, three; New Jersey, one; Connecticut, one; Rhode Island, one; Massachusetts, one; New Hampshire, one; Maine, two; Vermont, one. Every Middle and Eastern State will lose representatives. The South will also lose one in Alabama, one in Florida, Louisiana one, Kentucky one, Tennessee one, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Arkansas, Virginia and West Virginia will retain their present representations. Texas will gain two members. The Western States will gain. Kansas will double her representation. Nebraska will gain one. Missouri and Iowa will remain as now.

Richard Manly's *Almanac* of planetary meteorology is out and can be obtained of the author at Rock Island, Illinois, for twenty-five cents. It is not a common calendar affair, but is full of interest to all students of the heavenly bodies and atmospheric influences. The theory of the author, briefly stated is that the planets are governed by an universal reciprocating (electric) force, or currents that unglute between all bodies of matter, regulating their densities, motions and distances from each other; and that they go through a change of volume, density and motion at about the times of their perihelion and aphelion passages—and through these electric currents the sun and planets are convulsed and agitated at those times. Earthquakes, tornadoes, electric (ground) currents, etc., are produced at these periods—also, at the times of the occurrence of interruptions of these electric currents by planetary conjunctions, etc. The reciprocation or exchange of electric currents existing between the earth, sun, planets and moon, producing earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, violent hurricanes, tornadoes, auroral displays, etc., was discovered in 1566, and the first notice of the discovery was published in the winter of 1868-9. The abnormal and famine year of 1879 in Europe was pointed out at various times, in 1872 and later, by this theory.

AN IMPORTANT DECISION.

PATENTS TO SCHOOL LANDS.

SALT LAKE CITY, U. T., January 14th, 1881.

Editor *Deseret News*:

We have lately, on appeal to the Honorable Secretary of the Interior, in the case of Jane Hodgert, obtained a ruling which opens up to pre-emptors on school sections the means of obtaining patents for their lands, subject to certain provisions, principal of which is occupancy with a view to pre-emption previous to the filing of the survey of said lands.

There are many persons living on sections 16 and 36 who made their residences there before the survey of the lands, who have neglected through lack of understanding of the law, to make their entries during the ninety days allowed after the filing of the surveys. Such persons can now make their entries and obtain their patents by fulfilling the provisions of the law governing pre-emptions.

Very respectfully,  
STAYNER & SIMMONS.

SHORT AND SHARP.

If I am in the wrong, my errors may set the minds of others at work, and may be the means of bringing both them and me to a knowledge of the truth.—*Macerday*.

A strolling theatrical company was at the dinner table. A waiter approached one of the members and said, "Soup?" "No, sir," replied the guest, "I am one of the musicians."

A French artist gave his last work to a porter to convey to a saloon. "Be careful, be careful!" said he, "the picture is scarcely dry." "Oh! never mind," said the porter, "my clothes are old."

"Take the elevator," is inscribed on the fence of an Iowa meadow. A curious traveler who climbed the fence discovered in about ten seconds that the elevator is of a dark brindle color, with a curl in the middle of his forehead.

"You are now one," said the minister to the happy pair he had just tied together with a knot that they could never undo. "Which one?" asked the bride. "You will have to settle that for yourselves," said the clergyman.

A Galveston woman, just married, wishing to impress her husband with her ability as a housekeeper, bawled out to the servant as she entered the door: "Matilda, bring me the washboard, I want to wash the potatoes for dinner."

"My case is just here," said a citizen to a lawyer, the other day; "the plaintiff will swear that I hit him. I will swear that I did not. Now, what can you lawyers make out of that if we go to trial?" "Five dollars apiece," was the prompt reply.

An English doctor says that people troubled with heart disease are more likely to die at midnight than any other time, especially if they are sound sleepers. Get up and shake down the coal stove at 11.45 and you'll be all right.—*Detroit Free Press*.

That was a very pointed and possibly a very wholesome bit of sarcasm when a gentleman turned on a coxcomb, who had been making himself offensive, and said: "Sir, you ought to be the happiest man in the world. You are in love with yourself, and you have no rival."

We are glad to learn that a new song entitled "When the corn is waving, Annie dear," is becoming popular. If Annie would only ring in a few beans with the corn she would have a fine article of succotash, thereby combining something to eat with her musical effort.—*Chicago Tribune*.

A good story comes from Madison, Wis. A young man of that city, who, either through snobbery or laziness, will never carry a package through the streets, made a purchase the other day of six collars and a necktie, and, as usual, ordered them to be delivered at his residence. Soon afterwards a two-horse freight wagon was backed up to the door, and the package laboriously placed on the steps by the driver and an assistant, who inquired whether it should be left in the hall or carried up stairs. As the young man's sweetheart was a witness of the scene, it is likely to be appreciated to the full force of the joke.