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LAST NIGHT'S DISPATCHES
EASTERN.

WASHINGTON.—Attorney General Williams has delivered an opinion in the case of Gen. Howard. He says the paper furnished him no documents. The Attorney General's office differs from the opinion of the late Secretary Stanton, that bonds are not required of any army officer detailed to this duty. In response to a query as to what course should be pursued, he said where bonds had been taken from the treasury by means of forged receipts and vouchers for bounties due colored soldiers, and to what extent the offending officers are responsible, he says the offenders can be prosecuted against criminally and civilly, or against the persons responsible for their acts, by the government. The Commissioner of Indian Affairs, a former commissioner from and after Oct. 1, 1871, does not cover any default prior to that date, nor is the commissioner liable for the acts of his predecessors in the same period. On the joint resolution of 1867 the commissioner is explicitly held for all money paid under that act, and he is also responsible, civilly, for the acts of his subordinates. At the time Gen. Howard gave his opinion the commission of the freedmen's bureau is therefore liable for all the losses of the government by defaulting subordinates or other persons employed by him, under the joint resolution of 1867.

The President has appointed S. S. Earle Postmaster of Covington, Ky., in place of Jesse F. Grant, deceased.

HARTFORD, Conn.—The house of Thomas Adams, of Westerfield, was torn early in the morning. One child was burned to death, and it is feared that two others are not living.

NEW YORK.—Steamers to-day
paid \$100,000 in gold coin, and \$100,000 in silver coin, in payment for ships to-morrow.

CONCORD, N. H.—An attempt was made, last night, to throw the Boston express off the track near Springfield. Two men were seen placing on the train by a woman, whom they beat insensible, and threw among the bushes. She managed to reach the depot and told what she saw, and the obstruction was removed. The woman, who was of nearly \$400, was found, and within was a paper on which was written the words, "We made more money than we should if we had tripped the train, you fool."

CHARLESTON.—In Columbia, today, Judge Carpenter, on motion of counsel representing the tax payers of the State, granted a preliminary injunction restraining all and all the local offices of the State, from levying or collecting any tax for the purpose of paying interest on the bonds named in the complaint, which are State, county, and town bonds, amounting to over seven millions dollars.

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LITTLE ROCK, Ark., &c.—There

have been several fatal cases of cholera among the poor classes during the past week; there was one death to-day.

CINCINNATI.—Three deaths from cholera to-day.

RALEIGH, N.C.—The masters of various farmers' granges in this State met, to-day, and organized a Grand Council. Mr. W. H. Edgewood was made president. The meeting was well attended and harmonious, and adjourned to meet again on the third Wednesday in February next.

A large State educational convention was held here to-day. All portions of the State were represented. Wm. H. Battle, of Raleigh, was made president. Much interest was shown in the deliberations, business of an important character being transacted.

NEW YORK.—Young Walworth was taken from the Tomb to-day, and in company with other criminals, buried to the tune of "Home, Sweet Home." The body of the dead, en route for Sing Sing, Mr. Walworth was at the Tomb incar- gation, and when her son was brought out she requested that he might be conveyed with a deputy sheriff in the carriage to the railway station, but the request was refused. Walworth was married with two other prisoners and placed with them in prison. The last freight train on the New York and Oswego midland railway, will start from Oswego to-morrow. The last spike in the road was driven at 8 o'clock this evening.

BOSTON, 8.—Wool firm. Sale of western Michigan and Ohio deers 45 cts. unwashed combing 42 cts. 35 cts. washed and extra fine 35 cts. 30 cts. washed fine 32 cts. 37 cts. secured, 55 cts. 77 cts. tub 52 cts. 54 cts.

LONG RANCH, 9.—The race for the Monmouth Oak stakes, one and a half miles, was won by Dowell's grey filly in 2:45. Nine men, the Monmouth Oak stakes, two and a half miles. There were twenty entries and only two starters. The race was won by Mate, in 2:47, beating Bob Tweed.

WASHINGTON.—Commissioner St. John of the Indians has left here to the west to visit the Chippewa Indians in Minnesota, for which tribe he was formerly a member, about 100 miles will visit other tribes on the Mississippi River. He goes to Minnesota especially to settle up the affairs of the agency, and turn them over to Douglass, his successor. From Minnesota he goes to the Indian conference in conference with Governor Davis in relation to Santa Fe and Big Tree.

TROY, N. Y., 9.—The Troy and Albany Stove Founders' Association, to-day, unanimously resolved to make a change in the prices of stoves throughout the U. S.

BOSTON, 9.—The will of the late John H. Eastburn bequeaths sums ranging from \$500 to \$2,000 to many personal friends. The will is in his printing office, and his family servants, also to several persons who had served apprenticeship in his office, three weeks ago. He had been a long time in his employ. Among personal friends Thomas Barry, the veteran actor, receives \$2,000, and B. P. Shiffner \$1,000. \$2,000 each is bequeathed to the Boston Geographic Society, the home for old men, the old ladies' home, the Boston Asylum and farm school, the infant asylum, and the home for disabled veterans. The children receive \$10,000 to the benevolent fraternity of churches, and smaller sums for numerous other benevolent purposes. A liberal provision is made for his widow and relations, and the remainder of his estate, bequeathed to the Boston Provident Society, the income from the same to be expended in supplying food, clothing and other necessities to the poor of Boston.

At the adjourned meeting of the State Temperance Alliance to-day, the Secretary read the report of the campaign committee, recommending that towns and cities be canvassed to secure the names of men who will pledge themselves to take charge of a temperance ten-cent paper in their respective districts; also recommending the appointment of agents to take charge of the work and to employ such assistance as may be needed, and to conduct the State temperance canvas. A resolution that the execution of the liquor law by the State and city officials was not satisfactory to the alliance was adopted. The State temperance committee, and the State temperance talk at the meeting, but all attempts to designate candidates for governor were warded off.

Hon. Jno. H. Clifford, to-day, was unanimously reelected president of the board of directors of Harvard college.

POUGHKEEPSIE, 9.—The international convention of the Young Men's Christian Association was called to order this afternoon, by the Rev. Dr. Miller, president. About one hundred and fifty delegates were present. H. D. Sorter, of Pittsburg, was elected chairman of the international executive committee. Cephas Boardman, chairman, passed a resolution that the various branches of the association in the United States and British provinces, which was a very favorable one. To-night the foreign delegates formally welcomed the delegates at the Opera House, and to-night gave them a reception at the Association's hall. The foreign delegates are already here. There are now one hundred and twenty-six associations on the roll in the United States and British Provinces, thirty-eight of whom have buildings values \$1,704,460 and thirty-four have building funds amounting to \$18,297.

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