

[SPECIAL TO THE DESERET NEWS.]

By Telegraph.

GENERAL.

Lawrence, Mass.—All the mills have been stopped by the great amount of water. The lower portion of the city, embracing over 100 acres, is overflowed. Many houses are surrounded by water.

Nashville.—The House completed its organization to-day; both branches of the Legislature are now ready for legislation.

Memphis.—A negro, confined in jail at Somerville, for the attempt to ravish a young lady, was taken out by a mob on Friday night and hung up.

New York.—The State Republican Central Committee met this evening. A communication was read from Gen. Robinson, declining the nomination as Secretary of State, on the ground of ill health. The committee adjourned with the understanding that General Siegel be seen, with a view of tendering him the nomination as Secretary of State or State Engineer.

Buffalo.—The International Industrial Exhibition met this p.m. The display in all the departments was very extensive.

St. Louis.—In the Irish Immigration Convention delegates were present from ten States, including Oregon, also from the Territories of Washington and Idaho, and who are included among the most prominent and influential in their localities. Edward O'Neil, mayor of Milwaukee, was elected President, with a number of Vice-Presidents. A committee was appointed to prepare a plan to accomplish the object of the Convention which is, briefly, to induce and assist emigration to this country to settle on the free lands west, instead of in large cities.

The Philadelphia Age publishes an account of the hanging of a negro at Whitehall Station by a mob, who took him from the officers having him in custody on a charge of outraging an old lady.

New York.—Dougherty and Maria, charged with the attempted assassination of Officer Brooks, have been taken to Philadelphia.

San Francisco, 6.—The fires are raging in the timber lands on the coast in the range of mountains from Monterey to San Diego. Over \$10,000 worth of orange trees have been destroyed in Santa Barbara county.

The ship Onward reported a heavy shock of earthquake off Cape Mendocino, October 2nd.

Chicago.—A fire this morning destroyed ten buildings in North Clark St., and damaged several others. The loss is about \$50,000.

Baltimore.—The Baltimore Presbyterian Convention is now in session. The question of the re-union of the old and new school is undergoing an animated discussion.

Rome, N. Y.—A large portion of the Seymour house and adjoining frame buildings were burned today. Loss, \$30,000.

Boston.—Kiddy Vaughan & Co.'s petroleum refinery at Winthrop was burned to-day. One man was dangerously injured.

Springfield, Mass.—The first train for Boston, since Monday, left this evening. Travel on the whole line of the Boston and Albany railroad will be resumed to-morrow.

New York.—The Republican State Convention has nominated General Seigel for Secretary of State, and it is understood he has accepted.

Rev. James Porter, the assistant agent of the Methodist book concern prints a defense against the late aspersions upon him, and conclusively refutes all the imputations of improper dealings during his official connection with the concern. He says so far from defrauding the concern he has for several years expended a thousand dollars a year from his private funds to meet family expenses, besides performing thousands of dollars worth of extra literary service for the concern.

Oswego.—At the afternoon session of the Railway Convention, Edward F. Johnson, engineer in chief of the Northern Pacific Railroad, read an essay on our railroad system. Several other papers were read, including one from General Sherman, urging an effort to complete the Central Pacific Railroad, with a double track and branches spreading out on both sides. Several addresses were made in favor of the Northern Pacific Railroad.

Richmond.—In the Senate the protest of the Republican caucus against the legality of that body was taken up and read. It announces that the Repub-

lican members reserve to themselves the right at any time to secede from the present Legislature and organize by themselves a legal and Territorial Legislature. The Senate voted to lay it on the table. In the course of the discussion a Republican said he regarded those signing the protest as representing Congress and the Administration, until the President and Congress had been appealed to and had decided otherwise. Gov. Walker has sent in a message on the 15th amendment. He says the people, through the privilege given them at the late election, had adopted it by over a million majority. The principle asserted in the amendment was civil and political equality to all men before the law, and he declared that the people of Virginia intended to maintain this principle in the utmost good faith. He also argued that the question of the restoration of Virginia by Congress depended much on the men sent to represent her in that body.

New York.—The trial of Reddy, the blacksmith, has commenced. Only eight jurors have yet been obtained.

Richmond.—The Conservative caucus to-night resolved to adopt the fourteenth and fifteenth amendments immediately. In a joint committee on the Governor's message to-day, a proposition to add to the bill ratifying the fifteenth amendment, a clause showing it was done because it was requisite to admission as a State, was defeated. There being only one vote in the affirmative.

St. Louis.—To-day was generally observed as a holiday. Business was mostly suspended, at the suggestion of the Mayor, to allow all classes to attend the fair. The crowd at the fair ground was unprecedented.

San Francisco, 7.—Judge Sawyer, of the District Court, has decided that Chinese testimony is admissible against white men, under the 14th Amendment of the Federal Constitution.

Arizona advises says that the Governor has offered General Thomas three hundred volunteers, old Indian fighters, for a six months' campaign, if the Government will only furnish their rations and ammunition.

Washington.—President Grant has issued a proclamation for holding Thanksgiving Day on the 18th of November.

New York.—Lockell's distillery in 106th street, was burned this morning. The loss will amount to \$40,000.

The Detroit propeller Omar Pasha was burned to the waters edge early this morning, while lying in dock at the mouth of Muskegon Lake. The loss is \$25,000. No lives were lost.

Concord.—Ex-President Pierce died this morning.

FOREIGN.

Berlin.—King William opened the Diet to-day with a speech from the throne.

Havana.—The appearance of an American man-of-war in this harbor has had a good effect.

The steamer Louisiana brings dates from the City of Mexico to the 29th ult. The government had granted Exequaturs to the Prussian consuls at various points in the Republic.

San Domingo advises to the 24th ult., say the Government has granted an important railroad concession to Frank Fisher and his associates. O'Sullivan representing this company, left this morning by a Danish man-of-war for New York.

London.—The Pall Mall Gazette, in its financial article, says the demand for mercantile accommodations and renewals are greater at present than for twenty years.

The News publishes a letter from Goldwin Smith, favoring the independence of Canada, but opposing its annexation to the United States.

An international sculling match, which was to have been rowed to-morrow on the Thames, by Walter Brown and Sadler, is put off; Brown is suffering from a tumor and being unable to row, pays his forfeits.

Sackville, N. B.—The cable wires have been destroyed by a tremendous tidal wave, which also caused great destruction in the Bay of Fundy in and around St. John's; it rose to a great height, carrying away and destroying an immense amount of property. Wharves were raised, ships, houses, barns, cattle, etc., were swept away. The bridges of the European and North American Railway have been destroyed. In this small parish alone the damage is estimated at a million dollars.

A Bangor letter says the damage to vessels and buildings is very great. Eastport is reported to be nearly demolished.

BREVITIES.

Liebig is growing blind of one eye.

Paris pronounces rats good eating.

A public measure—the grave yard.

Bonner wants to pay \$100,000 for a horse.

A Missouri judge has divorced himself.

Bananas grow in the open air at Augusta, Ga.

London has thirty-three miles of beer shops.

The Pope expects to live ten years longer.

A wooden wedding—Marrying a blockhead.

Isabella, of Spain, pays \$20,000 a month for board.

Death is the drooping of the flower, that the fruit may swell.

Jokes will now be the order about the Schurz studs presented to Carl in California.

Beware of no man more than yourself; we carry our worst enemies with us.

A Kentucky negress presented her lord with six picaninies all in one day last week.—Ex.

We find self made men very often, but self unmade ones a great deal oftener.

Teach your children to help themselves, but not to what doesn't belong to them.

Providence, R. I., in proportion to its population, is the wealthiest city in the Union.

England uses 220,000 pounds of paper annually; France, 195,000 pounds, and the United States, 400,000.

Six gentlemen in New York have taken steps to import 100 Chinese servants for their households.

Coffee raising is to be quite extensively experimented on in Los Angeles, California.

The following notice is posted on the door of the Phenix Hotel bar-room at Concord: "Closed on account of the drouth."

A newsboy in New York, the other day, was heard crying out, "Ere's your P'lice Gazette. 'Nother one of them things by Missus Stowe."

A lock of human hair was found by a Maine wood-chopper recently, buried four inches deep in a beech tree. It had been there fully eighty years.

"From Maine to Texas" is now superseded by "from Florida to Alaska," and it is supposed the next thing to say will be "from Greenland to Tehuantepec."

Pittsburg makes a speciality of the manufacture of lamp chimneys and silver glassware. Of chimneys alone, which are made of pure flint glass, they turn out 400 gross per week.

Count Tube, a Swede, has bought all the unsold lands in Polk county, Wisconsin, together with the great water power at St. Croix Falls, for a colony of Swedish emigrants.

A loyal Quebec paper talks unconscious treason when it says of the Prince's reception that "probably no feature of the ball gave more pleasure to the guests than the supper."

Minnesota has completed its wheat harvest, and estimates the quantity at 22,000,000 bushels, of which only 6,000,000 bushels will be retained in the State.

An old stable keeper in England says he has never had a bad foot on his horses since he commenced the practice of bedding on a thick layer of sawdust. Pine sawdust he finds the best, oak the worst.

The Hebrew community of London has been admonished by its Rabbi to desist from the practice of inserting the Christian year upon the tombstones of their relatives, in addition to the Mosaic year, as in this manner they impliedly recognize the Christian era.

Milton Page, of Alexandria, one day last week drank 74 of the largest eggs that could be picked out of two hundred dozen, weighing 12½ pounds, and equal to 110 common eggs; all eaten in thirty minutes. He has offered to eat 125 eggs.

HOME AGAIN.—Hon. Joseph A. Young returned home last evening from his rather lengthened trip to the cities of the Atlantic seaboard, on business connected with the Utah Central Railroad. We were pleased to see him looking remarkably well.

INTERNAL REVENUE CASE.—The point determined in this case, and upon which the Court definitely charged the jury, is one so peculiarly a feature of the internal revenue laws, and so aversive to the *modus operandi* of all other business transactions, that, for the information of all persons liable to the special tax under which the law is made, we insert the clause in question.

It will be no disparagement to any person, whether a manufacturer or other operative, to be advised upon a provision of law so generally applicable as this, the existence of which was not known even to the Court, the district attorney, or the counsel for Mr. Snelgrove, prior to the instance now referred to. It reads thus:

"And every person exercising or carrying on any trade, business or profession, or doing any act for which a special tax is imposed, shall, on demand of any officer of internal revenue, produce and exhibit the receipt for payment of the tax, and unless he shall do so may be taken and deemed not to have paid such tax."

The obvious intent of the above clause is to provide the Assessor an extraordinary and summary remedy in cases of delinquency, or of attempted evasion of the special tax law. It could not have been intended, however, to place power in the hands of any assessor or his assistants, to arbitrarily annoy or impose upon any individual having paid his tax, or having a willingness to do so, when a legal demand is made therefor. Unwarrantable assumption on the part of officials clothed with a "little brief authority" has been odiously felt in this community in the past. No marvel then that the whole community should feel very interested in this case of Mr. Snelgrove.

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