

By Telegraph.

AMERICAN.

NEW YORK, 13.—The *Evening Express* says—"J. W. Simonton, as the agent of the Associated Press, who is assailed with no regard for common sense or fairness for the upshot of matters in California, vindicates his agency and the two journals in which he has an interest in California, and himself, completely, from the attacks of his enemies. He shows that they originated with enemies of the Associated Press, and with men of worthless characters, and, moreover, he defies any one of his assailants to make good a single charge against the press agent in California, or himself, here. We have already expressed our views of Ralston's failure, and fail to see wherein any injustice has been done to him or his memory by any of the press of the country, except by that class which would make his inexcusable speculations and untimely death the occasion of assaults upon living men. It is so much the fashion of the day to pitch in against everybody and everything, that nothing now but sober second thought can make either the past clear or the present comprehensive. Judging by the past the worst enemies of Ralston are that class of defenders who assail men and judges who seek the public good, while they are careful not to attack those who are assailable. Mr. Ralston was generous and public spirited almost beyond example, but he was not a wise counselor, and none ought now to be more ready to admit this than his best friends."

Judge Gilbert, of the Supreme Court of Brooklyn, to-day, rendered a decision in the civil rights case wherein Wm. F. Johnson, colored, sought to compel the principal of a public school to admit his son, instead of sending him to a school provided for colored children. The court holds that the common schools are a public charity, that the benefits conferred by them are a free gift from the State and, like every other donor, the State may prescribe in what manner, and upon what terms and conditions the gift may be enjoyed. In conclusion Judge Gilbert says that the statute, by guaranteeing an equal privilege, does not confer the right to enjoy them in common with any class of persons, or in any particular school, and that nothing has been shown from which it can be inferred that the relator has been deprived of the equality of privilege to which he is entitled. The motion for a mandamus was denied.

Messrs. Mallory & Butterfield, 41 Broadway, the largest dealers in paper board in America, representing some fifty different mills, announced their suspension to-day. Although they have been in difficulties for some days past, their failure is due to the contraction of values as well as to the fact that they have been keeping a large stock on hand. In the present insecurity of the paper trade, they have sought to deal as far as possible for cash, but this they have found impracticable. The creditors have agreed to allow the firm to continue business as usual, without an assignee or receiver.

A vessel from South America anchored in East River to-day, with the yellow fever on board. The captain passed quarantine without making a report, and was arrested for violation of the quarantine code, and remanded to jail for examination to-morrow.

CHICAGO, 13.—The propeller *De Pere* arrived in Milwaukee yesterday, and her officers gave a brief report of the foundering of the steam barge *Mendota*. The *Mendota*, with the barge *Morning Star*, was sailing along the west shore of Lake Michigan, on Thursday night, and when at a point nearly opposite Point Betsey, she foundered, and was soon sinking. The crew and passengers numbered twenty persons in all. The life boat was launched and seven of the persons on board the ill-fated steamer got into her, and the remaining thirteen went down with the boat. The life boat reached Manitowish in safety. The propeller *Truesdell* being at Manitowish took the barge in tow, and reached Milwaukee with her last evening. No particulars of the disaster are given. The captain's name or the owners' names are not mentioned, and it is not known where she belonged. She had on a cargo of coal, and was bound upwards. The

son of the owner of the boat was on board, with his wife, and he managed to get into the life boat; but his wife failed to do so, and he jumped back into the sinking boat, and was drowned with his wife.

Seven passengers belonging to the *Mendota*, who were picked up by the schooner *Addie*, off Manitowish, arrived here to-day. One of the crew says the captain took to the boat and left his wife and aged father to perish. The steward stood with his wife and went down with her. The story is related by another member of the crew who speaks in high terms of the conduct of the captain and other officers. The *Mendota* was valued at \$30,000, not insured. Her cargo of coal was insured.

AUBURN, N. Y., 13.—The boiler of the saw mill of Chatham Bros., in Skaneateles, Onondaga Co., exploded this a. m., killing A. P. Chatham and his son, and a son of John Prince, and fatally injuring an unknown person.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., 13.—A *Courier Journal* Nashville special says five more counterfeiters have been brought to Decatur. The band was up in the hundreds, extending through Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Texas and back north, through to St. Louis. The band had a regular constitution and by-laws. It was composed of some of the most prominent men in the states mentioned. Counterfeit fives on the National Bank of Paxton, Ill., Traders' Bank of Chicago, \$20's and \$50's United States Treasury notes, and 50 cent scrip, being mostly circulated in Tennessee among the poorer classes and farmers. It is estimated that \$100,000 has been distributed. A basketful was captured with the men arrested. Some had money in the seams of their clothes, hat-bands and wherever it could be hidden. Detectives have been working the case for six months.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., 13.—The passengers by a train from Grenada report serious trouble in Tallahatchie county, Miss., some ten miles west of Charleston. The whites there had sent runners to Oakland for assistance, and the citizens there and at Grenada were organizing and arming to go there. No definite information of the nature of the troubles has been received, and, owing to the distance from the telegraph office, it is impossible to obtain reliable or detailed reports.

A gentleman who arrived from Charleston, Miss., this evening, gives the following account of the troubles in Tallahatchie county: Last Thursday, two negroes, who it is claimed live in Arkansas, registered as voters in Frearson's store, and warrants for their arrest were issued and given to a constable, who took a posse with him. As they approached the place where the negroes were staying, the latter saw them and fled; they were pursued into Coahoma county, and two of the posse, Evans and Bufford, it is claimed, fired at the negroes as they ran. The negroes in the vicinity of Trenton, hearing of the affair, to the number of seventy-five, proceeded to Frearson's and demanded that Evans and Bufford should be given up to them, behaving in the meantime in a riotous manner. County Treasurer Stewart, who is also deputy sheriff, assured them that if they would return home he would arrest Evans and Bufford, which he did not do, and on Saturday it was ascertained that a large body of armed negroes had gathered at Trenton, and the whites living near Frearson's sent Treasurer Stewart and Jerry Robinson to try and induce them to disperse; but they found them very violent, and they threatened to hang both Robinson and Stewart, and they returned in haste and notified the citizens that the negroes were swearing vengeance against them. Calls were then made on Oakland, Charleston and Grenada for assistance, and men have gone from these points.

WASHINGTON, D. C., 13.—The Umatilla Indian agent, being in doubt, has inquired of Commissioner Smith as to his power to permit the Nevada and Northern Telegraph Company to build their line across the reservation on the Meacham Creek road; the Commissioner has notified him that there is no objection whatever to the building of the line on the reservation. SAN FRANCISCO, 13.—It is reported that Foulke, supervisor of Internal Revenue, who has been ordered east, will refuse to go, and will resign; it is also stated that he is using his influence

to have his successor appointed here, or opposition to the recent action of the Internal Revenue Department in transferring Hawley to this post.

The Pacific distillery have been summoned by the revenue officials to produce their books and, in return, Louis Schultze, one of the proprietors, makes affidavit that all the books of the accounts of the concern up to July 1st, 1875, have been destroyed.

NEW HAMBURG, Canada, 13.—Two freight trains came in collision this a. m.; an engine driver was killed, a fireman probably fatally scalded, and a brakeman had his leg broken. One engine and tender were wrecked, and several cars were burned.

MONTPELLIER, 13.—Violent storms have occurred in this neighborhood, and great damage has been done to crops. A waterspout destroyed fifty houses at St. Chinian; nine dead bodies have been recovered; sixty persons are still missing.

NEW YORK, 14.—A private telegram has been received in this city from Toronto, announcing that a frightful accident occurred on the Grand Trunk railroad this morning. A train was thrown from the track and several of the employees on the train were killed; the whole train was a perfect wreck and, added to the horrors, the cars took fire, and numbers of the cattle, which were burned under the debris, were actually roasted alive, it being impossible to extricate them.

About half past ten this morning, while experiments with Mrs. Udah's patent aerial ladder were going on, in Rutgers Square, an appalling accident occurred, which resulted in the death of at least three men, and probably two or three others. It appears that as soon as the ladder had been put together and placed in position in the centre of the square, the chief mounted to the top, followed by eight or ten of his men, ranged in various places along the ladder. The ladder looked to be nearly 100 feet in height. The men had not been on the ladder more than a minute, when it swayed backward and forward, and suddenly snapped in two, and the men were instantly precipitated to the ground, three of them being killed outright, and as many more dangerously if not fatally injured. The bodies were immediately removed on trucks. The chief was among the killed. Later information says that it was Wm. H. Nash, chief of the battalion, and not the chief engineer, who was killed. The others killed outright by the fall were Phillip Morse and William Hughes. The Aerial Ladder Co. had been ordered out for practice, and while the men were going through their evolutions the accident occurred.

The Direct Cable Co., to-morrow, when the line opens for business, will transmit messages between America and Europe at 25 cents currency per word.

District Attorney Britton, of Brooklyn, has addressed letters to Henry Ward Beecher and Francis D. Moulton, suggesting that public interests would be best served by entering a *nolle prosequi* in the case of Beecher against Moulton, for libel. Beecher, in reply, concurs, but Moulton says that he cannot acquiesce in the action proposed, and he concludes the letter as follows—"I am indicted for libel, in charging the Rev. Henry Ward Beecher with criminal intercourse with a female member of his congregation. The charge is true, he knows it to be true, and whatever the imperfections of man's tribunals, the Supreme Ruler will some day reveal the truth and vindicate the right for speaking the truth, and that too under a challenge, and in defence of my own character and the character of her whose good name is dearer to me than life itself. I have been arraigned as a criminal, compelled like a felon to plead, with uplifted hand, subjected to the ignominy of bonds against an escape from justice, loaded with obloquy by the public press, frowned upon and avoided by society, and now, after the indictment against me has served its purpose by discrediting, in advance, the witness of Rev. Mr. Beecher's guilt, and it is as apparent to you as it is to the world that I am innocent, and must be acquitted, at this moment, and under these circumstances, I am requested to acquiesce in a *nolle prosequi*, and to suffer my accuser to escape the penalty of his perjured prosecutions. Never, sir! never! I de-

mand a trial, and shall be ready on any reasonable notice to make good my defense.

"Very respectfully,
(Signed) "FRANCIS D. MOULTON."
Senator Carl Schurz arrived here to-day, by the steamer *Pomerania* from Hamburg.

KEY WEST, Fla., 14.—The steamer *Zodiac*, which left Nassau on the 6th inst., took fire the next morning, and it with the cargo was totally destroyed; the passengers, officers and crew were saved; the disaster occurred twenty-nine miles from Ubaco. All hands took to the boats, in which they were one day before being rescued, with no provisions, under a broiling sun. The fire was probably caused by the spontaneous combustion of old oakum.

MONTGOMERY, 14.—The committee on finance and taxation made a report to the constitutional convention to-day. They say the financial condition of the State is absolutely appalling, and that full payment of the State debt is impossible, but they believe that the commissioner appointed to adjust the public debt will, by a plan of rigid economy, so reduce the debt that the State will be able to pay the interest on the same at an early day.

MONTREAL, 14.—Thos. W. Nichols, the absconding teller of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, is supposed to have left for New York on Saturday, in company with his father; the amount taken is said to exceed fifty thousand dollars.

SAN FRANCISCO, 14.—In the Nineteenth District Court, to-day, a decree was rendered discharging the old trustees of the Lick trust, and appointing in their places Richard S. Floyd, Faxon D. Atherton, Barnard D. Murphy, John H. Lick, and John Nittingale.

NEW YORK, 15.—The large number of arrivals at Utica indicates that the meeting of the army of the Cumberland will be much larger than last year. President Grant will arrive from the East at 4 a. m., in a special car; he then goes to Senator Conkling's house. General Sherman telegraphs that he will arrive at the same hour from the West, with large delegations of officers who have joined him on the way; he will be the guest of Judge Ward Hunt. There is much disappointment at the absence of General Sheridan. General Hooker, the first vice-president, will preside in Sheridan's stead if the condition of his health does not prevent. Governor Tilden consented to be present to welcome the association, but he now declines. Senator Conkling will therefore extend the welcome. Utica is in a blaze of excitement. The streets are all elaborately decorated, and the military parade on Thursday will be large. The citizens of Utica tender a grand ball and collation at the Opera House, for which the preparations are completed.

The following is the letter of the Rev. Henry Ward Beecher to the district attorney of Brooklyn, in relation to the libel suit against Francis D. Moulton:

"Twin Mountain House, August 30.
Winchester Britton, Esq.:

"Dear Sir—Your letter commending to my attention certain considerations which incline you to relinquish the criminal suit against Mr. Moulton and Mr. Tilton were duly received and considered.

"I think that the views which you present are sound and wise. It would seem to be an axiom that no suit should be carried on from which neither individuals nor society can hope for benefit. Should you, in your further discretion, enter a *nolle prosequi* I believe that all right-thinking citizens will regard your action with approbation, when made aware of the reasons."

"Sincerely yours,
HENRY WARD BEECHER."

CINCINNATI, O., 15.—At Georgetown, Ky., yesterday, as Lewis Ersenschmidt, a clerk in Barlow's store, was loading a pistol for a young man named Herring, the weapon went off at half cock, discharging into a can of gunpowder, which exploded, blowing out the front of the store and flooring Ersenschmidt & Herring; the store took fire and was soon consumed. The adjoining stores of Rankin & Webbe, Frank Lyon, Morris Davis and H. Hecht were also wholly or in part consumed. The total loss will probably reach \$50,000. Ersenschmidt and Herring were very dangerously injured.

UTICA, N. Y., 15.—The ninth reunion of the Society of the Army of the Cumberland, opened in this

city to-day, under the most auspicious circumstances. The city presents a beautiful appearance, every house and place of business being elegantly decorated. Large numbers of strangers are here to see the distinguished officers and soldiers. Generals Sherman and Hooker were enthusiastically greeted when they appeared at Baggs hotel to see the procession of the society to the place where the meeting will be held. The Utica Citizens' corps, one of the oldest independent military organizations of the State, with the Governor's Island Band, acted as an escort of honor. The streets through which the procession passed were crowded. The meeting did not open until nearly noon, when President Grant and Senator Conkling made their appearance. In the absence of General Sheridan, Gen. Hooker was made chairman. Calls were made for speeches from Generals Grant, Sherman and Hooker. The President simply bowed. General Sherman made a few felicitous remarks, but said the programme did not call for speeches until the evening. Col. M. C. Squires, chairman of the local executive committee of the society, made the address of welcome.

CINCINNATI, 15.—A dispatch from New Orleans says that in the town of Milton, Fla., nine miles above Pensacola, the entire population of which is fifty-four, there are thirty-three cases of yellow fever, eleven fatal. At West Pascagouta, a hundred miles from New Orleans, there were seventy cases, and fifteen deaths the past week.

WASHINGTON, 15.—The Attorney-General was visited, to-day, by a delegation representing the republican voters of Mississippi, and consisting of U. S. Senator Bruce, W. G. Buchanan, sheriff of Marshall Co., A. R. How, an ex-member of Congress, James Hill, Secretary of State, A. Warner, Chairman of the Republican Executive Committee, and John B. Raymond, editor of the *Mississippi Post*. The delegation called to explain the situation of affairs in their State, and stated that, owing to the white league organizations, which are very general throughout Mississippi, republican voters are not able at all times to exercise their political rights, although the republican party, which is composed of the entire colored element, with comparatively few whites, is largely in excess in point of numbers, yet, owing to the lack of organization, they are ever at the mercy of the hostile organizations of their opponents, who, by force of mobs and riotous demonstrations, generally refuse to allow voters to assemble at a political meeting, to register at the proper places for registering, or to vote upon election days. Upon the subject of the disturbances at the present time, the delegation was united in the admission that none existed. Their political meetings had been broken up, and there was, they asserted, no reason for any further disturbance. What they represented was that there was always danger of serious difficulties, unless the State government, which is utterly unable to give them protection, shall have the assistance of the general government; in fact, the State government could not be carried on without the aid of the U. S. The delegation expresses the opinion that a recent and unpublished letter, from the Attorney-General to Governor Ames, referring entirely to their troubles, and the inability of the State government to prevent them, would, if published, have a favorable effect. Upon the advice of the Attorney-general the delegation will return to Mississippi and confer further with Governor Ames, and ascertain what they can do in their own support. A report of the result of this conference is expected, and may probably be made a subject for consideration at an early cabinet meeting.

CHICAGO, 15.—In the Episcopal convention, to-day, the Rev. Dr. W. E. McCaren, rector of Trinity Church, Cleveland, was elected bishop of Illinois.

BOSTON, 15.—The safe of Francis, Sargent & Co., 69 and 73 Sudbury St., was robbed to-day of \$17,235 in bank bills, checks and notes, by two men, one of whom induced the cashier to go into another part of the building while his accomplice operated on the safe.

SAN FRANCISCO, 15.—The State Fair at Sacramento opened to-day with a good attendance. The managers anticipate a successful exhibition. The fair will be continued ten days. General Sheridan is expected to be present next week.