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By Telegraph.

AMERICAN

CHICAGO, 7.—So far as can be learned the storm of snow, rain and sleet, which has prevailed during the latter part of last night, all of to-day and to-night, in eastern Ohio and presumably east of that State, has been almost unprecedented in violence; telegraphic communication between this city and the East has never been so completely cut off as at present. The weather here for the past two days has been very fine, clear and warm.

Both branches of the legislature, to-day, adopted joint resolutions condemning Congress for passing, and the President for signing, the salary bill, and requesting the Illinois Senators and Representatives to vote for its repeal, and also recommending an amendment to the constitution of the U. S., prohibiting any future Congress from increasing the rate of their compensation.

At twelve o'clock to-night the first messages came through from New York via Indianapolis, but the wires work very slowly and hard.

CINCINNATI, 7.—At ten to-night the snow changed to sleet and rain; it has fallen since last night. The telegraph poles and wires are down on the Marietta road, and communication between here and the east and north is almost entirely cut off.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., 7.—Scud-den's livery stable, with twenty-eight horses and twenty valuable vehicles, was burned to-night; loss heavy.

LOUISVILLE, 7.—In Davies county, Ky., last Monday, two negroes and a white man killed John Gasset. One of the negroes, walking up to Gasset, placed a pistol against his body and fired, killing him instantly; they then dragged the body to a ditch, where it was found the next day. The murderers have been arrested.

COLUMBUS, O., 7.—The storm last night prostrated all the telegraph lines leading out of this city except one; the sidewalks in all parts of the city are covered with branches of trees broken down by the weight of ice collected on them.

SAN FRANCISCO, 7.—In the State Senate, to-day, Roach introduced a concurrent resolution, requesting Congress to amend the treaty with China so as to prevent further Chinese immigration; a similar resolution was introduced in the Assembly by St. Clair.

The man who is supposed to have set Portland, Oregon, on fire last August, was arrested to-day; he was caught yesterday attempting to burn the remaining portion of the city.

VIRGINIA CITY, Mont., 7.—The Legislature met at noon on Monday; there was a full attendance. Geo. Stapleton was elected President of the Council, J. H. Rogers, Speaker of the House. Governor Potts' message gives general satisfaction.

He gives the total debt of the Territory at \$432,987. He recommends fewer exemptions in taxation, and a further reduction in fees and salaries, the prohibition of the sale of intoxicating liquors on election days, and the enactment of a Sunday law. He recommends a memorial to Congress, asking for the opening of a military road via Wind River and Yellowstone Lake to Montana. He thinks the policy of the General Government towards the Apaches in Arizona should be applied to the Sioux in order to facilitate the building of the Northern Pacific Railroad.

In the House, to-day, a special committee was appointed to wait on the Secretary of the Territory, asking for four copies of the daily paper to each member. The committee returned the following reply: "Mr. Speaker, your special committee, appointed to confer with the Secretary of the Territory to ascertain if he would furnish the several members of the House with newspapers, as was done by the secretaries in former times, have performed the duty, and beg leave to report that the secretary informed the committee that he had no moneys in his possession applicable to the payment of the papers desired, and that in a correspondence with the first comptroller of the Treasury of the U. S., in which he had made application for authority to supply the same, he failed to obtain such authority, but was forbidden expressly to incur any expense in this regard, and he could not comply with the desire of the House with reference to the matter. As to the former precedent, by which newspapers, knives and flags had been supplied to the two houses in the necessary quantities, the secretary was pleased to say that at the time the same were furnished the secretaries were acting governors, and were, by virtue of their office, acting as superintendents of Indian affairs, in which last named capacity he believed they were enabled to make such returns covering this expense as were allowed at the U. S. Treasury or Interior Department, and as the superintendency has been abolished by Congressional legislation, your committee is of the opinion, and reports, that the Secretary will not be able to furnish any newspapers whatever to the members of this House."

NEW YORK, 8.—The New York police will be ordered to prepare for any emergency that may arise to-morrow during the session of the labor mass meeting; it is stated that thirty thousand ball cartridges will be taken to-night to the armory of the 71st regiment.

The Herald's special at Key West, says that Manuel Quesada arrived to-day; he believes the prospects of Cuba brighter than ever, and declares that nothing short of independence will be accepted.

GOLD 11½; stocks strong; W. U. 77½; Pacific Mail 44; Wells, Fargo 68½; Erie 49; N. Y. C. one dollar; Lake Shore 82½.

CHICAGO, 8.—The telegraphic situation is not changed for the better this morning, and there is scarcely a possibility of getting anything through from the east before to-night, if even then. The few dispatches got through at an early hour this morning came via Richmond, Va., through the Carolinas and, through Atlanta, Louisville and Cincinnati. The storm appears to extend from the Lakes on the north to Tennessee on the south, and how far east cannot be definitely stated.

ALBANY, N. Y., 8.—The continuous storm has caused land slides on the Po'keepsie and Eastern and Dutchess and Columbia R. R., and has washed away the Hudson River R. R. bridges south of Croton, delaying the early morning trains from New York.

BOSTON, 8.—The Legislature convened to-day. The old officers were re-elected.

An unsuccessful attempt was made last night to rob the Abington National Bank; masked men bound and gagged the watchman, but he managed to give the alarm. The men escaped.

WASHINGTON, 8.—It is positively asserted, to-night, that Attorney General Williams wrote a letter this afternoon, requesting the Pres-

ident to withdraw his nomination to be Chief Justice. This report comes from a trustworthy private source, but it cannot, at this hour, be officially verified.

FOREIGN.

LONDON, 8.—The Bank of England rate, to-day, was fixed at four per cent.

MADRID, 8.—There was another powder magazine exploded in Cartagena yesterday.

BERLIN, 8.—The health of the Emperor William continues to improve. He drove out to-day.

Correspondence.

No Complaints—Peace and Health.

SPRING CITY, Sanpete Co.,
January 5, 1874.

Editor Deseret News:

I have noted a number of times in your columns, complaints about carrying the mails. I am happy to say, however, that in Sanpete we have had no reason for complaint with our mail carrier, Mr. H. Mower, who has never failed making his regular time as per schedule. His stock and conveyance are certainly a credit to him and a great convenience to the traveling class of the community through this county.

Christmas and New Year have passed off very quietly without a drunk or fight. Dancing seems to have been the order of the day, and has been conducted in good order.

Some few cases of sickness amongst children in this place have occurred recently, otherwise good health prevails.

GEO. BROUGH.

Mild Season—Festivities.

PARIS, ONEIDA Co., IDAHO,
Jan. 4, 1874.

Editor Deseret News:

I am aware that it is generally conceded by those living in a more genial climate, that we, in a measure, are totally shut in from the outside world during the winter season, but such is not the case, as we have an excellent road to Evanston, where our people go to get many of the conveniences of life. We have had delightful weather thus far, with enough snow to have good sleigh riding, and I can assure you it is duly appreciated by the younger people, as they glide along with the merry tinkling of bells, and the many songs they indulge in.

Our home missionaries have commenced their labors under the direction of our Presiding Bishop, Wm. Budge, and are exhorting the people to righteousness, and to be alive to their duties.

Our young folks have had a general good time during the holidays, as parties have been given in the large hall of Pres. D. P. Kimball's, and both old and young, who wished to enjoy themselves by tripping the light fantastic, had the privilege of so doing. The Paris Dramatic Association has given two entertainments this season, under the management of Mr. C. Southworth, late of Brigham City, with good success. The Brass Band discoursed excellent music at Christmas and New Year's. FELIX.

New Year—Schools.

WELLSVILLE, Cache Co.,
January 3, 1874.

Editor Deseret News:

New Year's Day at this place was spent in a very profitable manner. At ten a. m. our Sunday School scholars met in the hall for an examination. It was cheering to the parents to hear the singing, under the leadership of Bro. Henry Haslem, also to hear the pieces that were recited and questions answered from the *Juvenile Instructor*. Short and appropriate addresses were delivered by Bishop William Maughan of this place, and Bishop William Littlewood of Newton. Robert Latham, superintendent and teacher, Robert Baxter, secretary, and John Jardine, treasurer, take a great interest in the Sunday school, and the fruits of their labors are manifest in the progress of the

children. At 2 p. m. the children, to the number of 450, went forth in the dance, and all had a good time. Our dance in the evening was for the benefit of the Sunday School. J.

Cold Weather—Improvements—Loads of Fiction—Shooting Affair—A Good Location.

MONROE, December 27, 1873.

Editor Deseret News:

We are having very bitter cold weather. The snow covers the ground to the depth of about a foot in the valley, and we have had but one or two days that the sun softened the snow since winter set in. Wagon wheels would squeal so that they could be heard a mile off. Of course out-door work has ceased and everybody and his wife feel contrarywise because they are confined to the house.

It is about three years since settlers came here to re-settle this town. Very many private dwellings have been erected, some of them quite tasty, but the public works are backward, yet we hope to be able to unite our feelings and build a substantial and commodious school house after awhile. Bread is the first necessity in a new settlement.

Our neighbors over the mountain, south, at Marysville, had a little shooting affair night before last. The two men shot were named Jackson and Johnson. The shooter was bar tender in the saloon. Cause of the shooting—bad whisky. The shooter fled on a grey horse, and when within a short distance of this town, met a scare, jumped from his horse and took to Shanks' mare and a dodge, but was overhauled about noon to-day in a hollow north of Richfield and passed through here with an escort about 4 p. m. Jackson had put out his arm across the breast of Johnson to push him back just as the pistol was fired. The ball traversed his forearm and entered Johnson's breast where it wound around awhile and finally ended its journey about half an inch from his heart and has not yet been extracted. On dit that a compromise will be effected between the parties. Johnson, as he entered the saloon with Jackson, said to Jackson that the bar tender was a gut. There had been feelings previous to this, for the evening before, as Johnson was leaving the saloon, his pistol dropped to the ground and exploded, the ball passing through the door into the room. The bar tender remarked that Johnson meant it, and shot at him through the door. When the pistol went off that shot the two men, the mail carrier was asleep in a corner; he sprang from his lowly couch, seized his pistol, and presented it, while horrible visions of robbers and Indians flashed through his brain.

This town of Monroe is very pleasantly located on the east side of the Sevier River, about fifteen miles south of Glenwood and about one hundred and sixty miles south of Salt Lake City. Could the people unite on a good plan for irrigation, it could be made in a few years the second or third city in size in Utah Territory, as we have the water and the land. I have been sufficiently satisfied with its present and future prospects to choose it for my home.

In journeying here I have been astonished to learn how the mail groans under the weight of the *Fireside Friend*, the *Ledger*, and papers of like class, almost exclusively devoted to "fiction," which is only a mild term for lies. EDWIN.

WESTERN NOTES.

California has over 3,000,000 fruit trees.

Enough rain has already fallen in Los Angeles county to insure a good grain crop the coming season.

A farmer in San Bernardino county has harvested 20,050 pounds of beans on eight acres.

Considerable damage has been done by the late heavy fall of rain in Yuba county, Cal.

The San Bernardino branch of

the railroad is completed for twenty miles from Los Angeles.

The Oakland, Cal., *Transcript* discusses the question, "How mean can a man become, and live?"

Henry Reh was run into by an engine near Carlin, Dec. 29, badly fracturing his skull and breaking his right arm.

An 11,000 pound blast of powder was fired in a mine at Sucker Flat, Cal., lately, which displaced 40,000 cubic yards of gravel.

Fifty dollars an acre will cover all the cost of the production of tobacco, and the profits, according to the Los Angeles *Daily Star*, are about \$430.

The frosts near Santa Cruz have been so slight this Winter that the most tender plants have in some localities escaped untouched.

The *White Pine News* of Dec. 27 says: "The ball seems to have opened at last in Cherry Creek in real earnest. A dispatch received at a late hour on Friday by Sheriff Patterson contains the intelligence that a man named McWilliams was shot and killed by Johnny Donovan."

The Tacoma (W. T.) *Tribune* says: "We have been served with an order, couched in legal phraseology, forbidding us to pay rent for our office. Now, if some tribunal of competent jurisdiction would enjoin us to pay no more meat bills, and at the same time compel the butcher to furnish the best the market affords, we should be comfortably fixed."

The San Francisco police are making their periodical raid on the poorer class of courtizens, for looking out at their miserable doors occasionally. Business being slack during the holidays, the poor girls are unable to come out with their regular two dollars a week to the blackmailing leather-heads, and therefore have to go to prison. And so that moral city and its sweet-scented keepers are getting rich; either directly by the "hire of a harlot," or indirectly by the "price of a dog." In the meantime, rich and stylish courtesans, assignation houses and procurers are flourishing again, having paid for their immunities, either in commodities of the establishment or in very hard cash.—*Oakland Transcript*.

PIOCHE NOTES.

From the *Record* of Jan. 3—Thick fog, thaw, drizzling rain, mud, slushy snow, howling wind storm, and all those kinds of disagreeable things at Pioche.

On New Year's day a man named Robert Dwyer, by occupation a miner, fell in Main street and had the misfortune to break his left leg.

Thursday last was incomparably a quiet and orderly day, considering that it was a general holiday. The police found no difficulty in preserving order and keeping the peace, as every one seemed well disposed, while on Christmas day the number who required an officer's care would have filled the county jail full to overflowing. We take pleasure in noting the marked change for the better. It may truly be said that the year has made a good beginning—everybody having enjoyed themselves rationally—so much so that each was able to take care of himself.

"Holland" writes from San Francisco, Dec. 26, "After remaining in Eureka for two days, I started for Palisade in one of Woodruff's splendid coaches, and had an opportunity of seeing what work had been done on the Eureka and Palisade Railroad. There is at present over ten miles of road graded and ready for laying the track. Mr. Salisbury, of the Salt Lake stage line, has charge of the construction. He has 200 men at work, and all are at it like beavers. They expect to have an engine on about the 10th of January. Mr. Woodruff, of the stage line, left for Truckee the same day to purchase sleepers and all the necessary lumber. The managers mean business, and deserve the thanks and encouragement of the traveling public."