

[SPECIAL TO THE DESERET NEWS.]

By Telegraph.

GENERAL.

Washington.—Some time ago Commissioner Delano decided that the Revenue law as it now stands, renders pork packers liable to be taxed as manufacturers. The Chambers of Commerce in New York, Boston, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis, have sent a delegation here to protest against it, and these gentlemen called upon the Commissioner to-day; but that official gave it as his opinion that the fault was not with him but with Congress. If there was any grievance at all, Congress was the proper place to go to for redress. The pork packers, however, contended that they who produce the necessities of life have no more right to be taxed as manufacturers than millers who grind wheat and make flour; the only difference, however, is that the law expressly excepts flour, while pork is not mentioned. An effort is to be made to get the Commissioner to call the attention of Congress to it, and request that he will take some cognizance of the matter in his forthcoming annual message, not only in discountenancing the project, but for its removal, and request that he will use his executive influence for the purpose of stopping the agitation of the subject.

Philadelphia.—A number of Jewish Rabbis from the principal cities of the Union, are in conference here on the subject of reform in the Jewish church. They adopted resolutions for abolishing the use of prayer in the Hebrew tongue, as they are unintelligible to the masses, and disclaiming against the doctrine of bodily restriction or removal to a Jewish state by segregation from all other nations, declaring the Masonic priesthood and the Mosiac sacrificial worship have been merely prefatory steps to Israel's national priesthood, therefore things of the past ought not to be mentioned in prayer.

New York.—H. C. Cambridge, a Boston merchant, committed suicide yesterday at a hotel here.

Colonel Clark, formerly of the 13th Brooklyn Regiment, was before Commissioner Osborn, yesterday, charged with engraving plates for the manufacture of counterfeit currency. He was held in bonds of \$20,000.

A case came before Judge Fithian, yesterday, in which Patrick O'Dile, a lad of sixteen, sued the managers of a house of refuge for \$10,000 damages on account of their bad treatment in keeping him in a close room and with insufficient food, in consequence of which he has got the itch and has become much debilitated.

New York.—The Chamber of Commerce to-day passed resolutions requesting Congress to grant the Pacific Mail Company a sufficient subsidy to enable it to run steamers on the China line semi-monthly instead of monthly.

Washington.—Supervisor Fulton, of Maryland District, has been assigned to California, where he will make a thorough investigation in the interest of the revenue affairs.

Baltimore.—The colored people of the city and State, with many from the District of Columbia and other States, celebrated the anniversary of emancipation with great enthusiasm. Bishop Hyman delivered an address this evening.

Louisville.—The remains of ex-Governor Wickliffe reached here this morning and were taken to Bardstown in the afternoon. The court adjourned in respect to his memory.

A letter from Southern Kentucky states that on Saturday night a band of forty Regulators attacked the house of a farmer and demanded his surrender with the negroes who were in his employ. The gentleman refused and a long fight ensued, in which fire arms were used, resulting in the dispersion of the Regulators.

New York.—The Grand Jury are still investigating the gold muddle and propose continuing to do so until some definite conclusion is reached.

Albany.—The House assembly stands: Democrats seventy-one, Republicans fifty-seven.

New York.—Colonel Whitely has been engaged in ferreting out a gang of counterfeiters and has just brought his labors successfully to a close. Sixty pounds of tobacco stamps have been counterfeited and sold to tobacco merchants at about one fifth of the regular Government price; and the inducement has been so great that many firms of heretofore unblemished reputation in this city and Virginia, N. C., and in

other States, have purchased large lots of them, and a number of arrests have been made, including Hart Pierce, the engraver, of this city, together with dies and machinery.

Col. Robert Stark, of the 14th New York Volunteers, found several hundred sheets of counterfeit stamps, in all about \$15,000 worth. He next discovered the engraver in Boston.

Washington.—General Corren has been requested by Commissioner Delano to accompany Supervisor Fulton to California to aid in the investigation of the Revenue affairs there.

Minister Low had an interview yesterday with the President and Secretary of State in regard to the large anticipated immigration, which subject was fully discussed, and a basis was settled for Low's instruction.

Chicago.—The *Tribune* contains figures, showing that the constitutional convention was composed of forty-six Republicans and thirty-nine Democrats; the *Republican's* figures, show 48 Republicans, and 38 Democrats, including the Republicans elected on the people's ticket. The majority for the people's ticket in Cork Co. was about ten thousand.

The average Republican majority in Wisconsin is about 8,000; the Republicans lose several members in the legislature.

Mrs. Clark, of Edenville, Marshall Co., Iowa, murdered three of her children on Tuesday by beating them with an ax while in bed; she then disappeared, and, it is supposed, drowned herself.

Cincinnati, 5.—William Ashley, aged 12, died of hydrophobia, at Covington, on Wednesday; he was bitten last Christmas Eve. The first indication of hydrophobia occurred on Tuesday.

A hundred and fifty thousand dollars for the new merchants' exchange building have been subscribed.

Owing to the illness of Judge Storey, the case of the injunction, in expelling the Bible from the public schools, was deferred till to-morrow.

Rome, Ga.—About 4,000 persons were present on the fair grounds to-day; the weather was fine and the exhibition very good. Two young men, one named Appleby, of Resaca, the other, Charles Garvin, of Rome, were killed by falling from a pole for a balloon.

Washington.—The Supreme Court to-day argued the case of the United States vs. George W. Lane, in appeal from the Court of Claims. The case involves detention, in North Carolina, of Waters' cotton, which, during the rebellion, had been brought from within the rebel lines under safe conduct of the military authorities.

The Commissioner of the Land Office has written a letter to the Register of Humboldt, Kansas, relative to entering the Osage lands in that State. The joint resolution, passed last Congress, confers the privilege of purchasing, where bona fide settlers are residing thereon, in quantities not exceeding a hundred and sixty acres, each settler, having certain qualifications as to citizenship.

New York.—The Reform Convention of Jewish Rabbis at Philadelphia, yesterday adopted a resolution favoring a change in the marital laws, acknowledging woman as the equal of man, providing for an exchange of rings as part of the marriage ceremony, also abolishing divorces by the church, leaving the power to divorce entirely to the Judiciary of the State.

Washington.—General McMahon was before the House sub-committee on foreign affairs, yesterday, and gave his story as to the causes of the Paraguayan war; he said it was instituted by Brazil to extend the monarchy and slavery. He himself, was well treated by Lopez, who was favorably disposed towards the United States. The Bliss and Masterman difficulty had been settled before he arrived in Paraguay. Masterman was an English subject, and he would not have felt at liberty to interfere in his case, unless his conduct as minister had been endorsed by the State Department. Ex-minister Worthington and J. Watson Webb will soon be examined.

New York.—It is stated that Commissioner Delain has postponed the collection of manufacturers' tax on the pork packers till January.

In Wisconsin the Republicans gain in the Senate, but lose in the Assembly. The Republican majority in the State is below 8,000;

New York.—Specials say, that it was positively announced on Wall st., yesterday, that Secretary Boutwell is preparing to throw another loan on the market, on the coming in of all the five-twentieths payable, making the rate of interest four per cent. It is stated that the agent of the Treasury Department sailed on the steamer *Scotia*, on Wednesday, to consult with Rothschild and

other foreign capitalists in relation to placing this loan on the foreign markets. St. Louis.—A dispatch from Fort Harker to General Eaton, Chief of the Quartermaster's Department, says, the Government corral at that post was struck by lightning on Wednesday, and that sixty mules were instantly killed and the building partially burned.

A company is forming here to purchase the Indian Rock coal mines at Green River, Kentucky. Thorough practical tests have demonstrated that it is the best for smelting purposes of any coal yet discovered on the Continent.

Boston.—The safe of the Dorchester Insurance Company was blown open last night, and robbed of \$20,000 or \$30,000.

Buffalo, N. Y.—A terrible gale of wind, rain and sleet has been prevailing here since morning. It is feared that much damage will be done on the Lake.

There was considerable excitement in certain circles here yesterday, at the presence of General O'Neil, President of the Fenian brotherhood.

New York.—Bonner's colt, "Joe Elliot," made a mile to a wagon yesterday in 2 1/2.

The *Sun* learns from Washington that Boutwell is making arrangements to bring out a new loan at four per cent. interest, and states that it will be officially announced at an early day; also that the agent of the Treasury Department sailed for Europe in the *Scotia* on Wednesday last with authority to negotiate with capitalists for a considerable part of it.

The *Tribune* states the Assembly at 72 Democrats and 56 Republicans; the Senate 17 Democrats and 15 Republicans.

Boston.—Twenty-two Senators are opposed to the license law and 18 favor it. Seventeen Senators favor the retaining the State police, which was another issue in the election. The House stands: 423 anti-prohibitionists and 75 prohibitionists.

At a meeting of the Directors of the Central Underground Railroad to-day, action was taken for an early commencement of operations in this city.

Cincinnati.—The McCoolle and Allen difficulty is so far settled, that the fight will not come off, as Allen was held to bail to keep the peace, by a magistrate to-day.

A committee of investigation was appointed by the President at the Merchants' Exchange at the urgent request of Captain Washington, who, it is alleged, passed with his boat the burning steamer *Stonewall*, without attempting to aid the drowning passengers. The evidence of a number who were on Captain Washington's boat tends entirely to exonerate him, as it is alleged there was no one visible in the water or on the land when they passed.

Washington.—From late intelligence, which comes through Mr. Thornton, the British Minister, it appears that his government is prepared to reduce the rate of postage on pre-paid letters between the United States and the United Kingdom, to three pence. There is little doubt of the early adoption of this measure.

During the last fiscal year about seven millions of acres of public lands have been entered under the homestead and other laws, thereby yielding the government between four and five millions of dollars.

No action was taken in the Cabinet meeting to-day relative to the appointment of a successor to Assistant Treasurer Butterfield.

Nashville.—Ex President Johnson gave a banquet to the members of the Legislature at the State House to-night. Governor Senter and Senator Fowler, with most of the members of the Legislature, and other distinguished persons were present.

San Francisco.—The restoration of the public lands, heretofore, reserved for the Southern Pacific Railroad, will probably cause that company to make its location through the San Joaquin Valley, connecting it with the Western Pacific, near Stockton, and thus connecting the California and Oregon and Southern Pacific Railroads with the Grand Trunk line from Columbia River in the north to the Colorado in the south, passing in its course through the richest agricultural valleys.

An official report of the recent attack on the mail and the murder of Colonel Stone, by Indians, in the Apache Pass, Arizona, says that the attack was made after nightfall. The Indians were led by white men; and the principal attraction which the mail had for the Indians was its greenbacks, for the disposal of which they have notorious facilities. After slaughtering the mail party, the

Indians attacked a herd of cattle belonging to a party of Texas immigrants, and ran off fifty-two head and killed one Texan. They then thrice attacked a Government train en route for Camp Bowie, but were repulsed; troops from Camp Bowie have been sent in pursuit of the Indians, who are making for Sonora.

Doctor Hamilton, of New York, committed suicide to-day at the Cosmopolitan Hotel.

There was a public test of fire-safes yesterday, at which Sanborn's steam-safe was alone successful.

Baltimore.—Thomas F. Berry, a well known lawyer of this city, was found dead in his room yesterday, with a discharged pistol in his hand.

Boston.—The handbox manufactory of Elisha Dale, at Duxbury, with four horses and a quantity of hay and grain, was consumed by fire last night; loss \$4,000.

Thomas McLaughlin, Frank Malony and John Flannigan, have been arrested and are charged with having attempted to poison the trotting horse, "Frenchman," owned by Messrs. Porter, which is valued at \$4,000.

The case of Henry J. Kappers, newspaper correspondent at Havana, has been taken in hand by the British Consul, Kappers being a British subject.

Omaha.—Fourteen prisoners, who have been confined in the barracks here, knocked down the guard on Thursday night and escaped.

Detroit.—A severe gale is raging here; two schooners went ashore at Rondout; numerous disasters may be expected.

Rochester.—The Rochester theatre caught fire in the Green Room and has been burned to the ground. Thomas Carr, the manager, has lost all his property, and barely escaped with his life. Davenport lost part of his wardrobe. Several stores adjoining were damaged. The loss altogether is about \$50,000.

Chicago.—A fire this morning destroyed a large planing mill belonging to L. J. Russell, with a large amount of lumber; also a grist mill, a machine shop and several dwellings on Disflames street. Loss \$120,000.

An Omaha special says that the total receipts of the Union Pacific Railroad, for October, are \$879,920.

Detroit.—A meeting of protectionists was held in the City Hall last evening at which speeches were made by Senator Howard and others, and resolutions adopted. A joint discussion committee was appointed to form a protective tariff organization.

Whitehall, New York.—Hon. O. Bascom, the canal commissioner, died this morning.

Richmond.—Four inches of snow fell this morning at Covington, Va., and at Greensboro, N. C.

Albany.—The detectives of this city arrested on Saturday, at Troy, the parties implicated in the late extensive robbery on the Central railroad. The prisoners are all railroad men and have been taken to Fonda for trial. One of them, a baggageman, was once before arrested and discharged upon a writ issued by Judge Thatcher. A portion of the money stolen has been recovered and there is a fair prospect of getting the balance.

Port Jervis.—The brakemen of the Eastern Division of the Erie Railroad are on strike. They have various grounds of complaint.

Yesterday afternoon two coal trains collided at Hawley, a branch of the Erie Railroad; one engine and six cars were demolished and the other engine damaged. The engineers and firemen escaped by jumping.

Commodore Higgins and surgeon McNulty arrived from Wilmington to-day.

The resignation of Mr. McElrath, appraiser of merchandise at New York, was accepted by Secretary Boutwell to-day and will take effect on the 30th inst. Palmer, Assistant Appraiser, is appointed to succeed him.

George Peabody Russel, a nephew of the late Geo. Peabody, sailed for Liverpool to-day. He goes to bring his uncle's remains for burial.

Danvers, Mass.—Gov. Hoffman will preside at the unveiling of the Vanderbilt bronze statue, on Thursday next.

Charlottesville.—Mrs. Solomon, and her son who was living near her, were brutally murdered last night by unknown parties.

Troy.—A New York vagabond entered the house of Mrs. Dodge, in this county yesterday, and attempted to ravish her, when she seized an ax and split his head open, killing him instantly.

Albany.—Governor Hoffman, in his speech last night in response to a serenade, stated what, in his opinion, the

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