

[SPECIAL TO THE DESERT NEWS.]

By Telegraph.

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Chicago.—President Orton and Superintendent Stoger, of the Western Union Telegraph Co., start for California, in a few days, on a tour of inspection, with a view to perfecting the overland telegraph service.

Rochester, 20.—The Empire Hotel, Fuller's hardware store, Healy's drug store and several other stores have been burned. Loss \$50,000. Mostly insured.

New York.—The rector of St. Albans' Episcopal Church preached a remarkable sermon yesterday, affirming that the Episcopal and Roman Catholic beliefs are positively alike, though the members don't commune together owing to intrigues at the court of Rome during the Reformation. He says the two churches are really but one, and he hopes to see the day when both will be united in communion, under the latter name. The sermon created much excitement amongst the hearers, many of whom were Protestants from other denominations.

El Cronista, a Spanish journal published here, says we cannot have Cuba, and threatens the United States with war. It demonstrates that war with Spain would blockade New York, Philadelphia and Boston with curassed and wooden frigates, while flying divisions would destroy our arsenals at other points. The article concludes, "Are we provoked to war? Then let us have it. Henceforth we over what we have and even what may be realized from the sale of the *El Cronista* establishment and our own person besides. God will watch our family then. Heroes, to Spain, forever."

Louisville, 20.—A terrible affray occurred at Stanford, Lincoln county, Ky., in which Captain Napier, Sheriff of the county, while attempting to arrest Samuel Holmes, was shot and instantly killed by him. Ed. Davidson, the city Marshal, who came to the Sheriff's assistance, was mortally wounded. Great excitement prevails, and a reward of a thousand dollars is offered for Holmes' arrest. Holmes is said to be a vagabond doing nothing for a living.

Waverly, N. Y.—At half past three this morning the express train on the Pennsylvania and New York Railroad collided at Athens, Pennsylvania, with a way train standing on the track; two men were killed and several wounded. A dense fog prevented the engineer of the express train seeing the signal.

Boston.—Dr. D. Townsend, the well known physician, died yesterday, aged 76.

Utica.—Horatio Seymour has been selected as delegate to the Democratic State Convention.

Baltimore.—A party of eight persons, consisting of C. T. Chaffee and family, was found on the road near this city on Saturday in a most destitute condition, without money, starving and nearly naked; they left their home in Leavenworth, Ks., in February last, for Philadelphia, where they have friends, and had walked all the way, subsisting on charity. Liberal subscriptions were given them here.

New York.—The captain of the ship *Southampton*, has arrived from Tehuantepec, on the west coast of Mexico, and reports that between latitude 52 south and longitude 46 he saw a hundred very large icebergs, one being from seven to eight miles in length and 300 to 400 feet in height.

The heat, to-day, is intense for the season, cases of sunstroke are reported.

The managers of the various western competing lines, to-day, received orders to continue contracts this week for the transportation of dry goods and general merchandise to western cities at the same cheap rates as were adopted by the Pennsylvania Central, Erie and New York Central roads, several months since.

The board of Aldermen have adopted a resolution calling upon all the Congressmen of this city to urge the recognition of the independence of Cuba at the next session.

The Royal Insurance Company is engaged in a contest for the payment of a policy of ten thousand dollars to the second wife of a deceased policy holder, on the ground that the policy was made out in the name of the first wife, and was not changed on re-marriage, after her death. The decision is not given.

The Paper Stainers' struck to-day: one hundred, employed on twelve establishments, went out.

The Tammany delegates to the State Convention, include W. Tweed, L. J. Tilden, S. S. Cox, George Law and Oakley Hall.

Nashville.—The large foundry of Andrew Anderson was set on fire last night in the pattern room; the entire stock of patterns, the most complete in the South, was destroyed. The cost originally was \$40,000, but they cannot be replaced for double that amount. No insurance.

An attempt was made on Saturday to burn the foundry of Stewart and Yenger.

New Orleans.—The United States District Attorney has entered a suit in the Circuit Court against Gen. J. B. Steadman, ex-Internal Revenue collector in this district, and his sureties, for over six thousand dollars, the amount found due the United States after the adjustment of his accounts by the proper officers. The ex-collector of customs, Fuller, has been brought here, charged with complicity in the custom frauds, and admitted to bail in \$200,000.

Louisville.—At Clarksville, Tenn., yesterday, two desperadoes named Clark and Major Branin, were engaged in a frightful cutting affray, and fairly butchered each other; Clark was mortally hurt and Branin probably so.

Memphis.—Near Des Arc, Arkansas, on Friday last, a negro entered the house of a young lady named Early, knocked her insensible with an iron bar and dragged her to the woods and ravished her; she is not expected to recover. The negro was arrested and lodged in jail.

Cincinnati.—The school board committee, to-day, conferred with Archbishop Purcell, in reference to removing the obstacles to Catholic parents sending their children to the public schools. The Archbishop stated, as an ultimatum, that the entire government of the public schools, in which Catholic youths are educated, cannot be given over to civil power; the Catholics cannot approve a system of education, apart from instruction in the Catholic faith and the teachings of the Catholic church. The Archbishop states that he will use every effort while in Rome to procure such modifications of the rules as may remove all obstacles to their attendance.

To-night two men entered the house of Michael Fogarty and cut and beat both him and his wife so badly that their lives are despaired of; the cause of the assault is unknown. The assassins escaped.

Omaha.—The California Pioneers' excursion leaves here this afternoon for Chicago, en route for New York.

Boston, 21.—The examination of Louisa W. Minor, charged with poisoning the family of Dr. Deanness, at Lowell, has resulted in her discharge.

Twenty-one persons belonging to Lockport, probably, were lost during the gale on the 8th instant. Seven bodies have been recovered and brought home and have received Christian burial. All were engaged in the fishing business.

Philadelphia.—A game of base ball was played this afternoon, for the benefit of the Avondale sufferers, between the "Athletic" and "Keystone" clubs, of this city, which resulted in favor of the "Athletics," 32 to 21; the receipts amounted to nearly \$600.

New York.—A special from Richmond states that a fire last evening on Main street, destroyed several large buildings, including Garvey & Co's hardware store and other buildings; the fire department proved very inefficient. Loss not ascertained, but it is over thirty thousand.

Governor Walker will be inaugurated to-day.

The following information has been received from Jones county, N. C., which adjoins Lenoir, where the arrest of eighteen members of the Ku Klux was recently made a few evenings since, David Green, a respectable citizen in Jones county, while crossing Chingnepan creek, seven miles from Trenton, on his way home, was fired at by a party of men concealed in the undergrowth; eleven buck-shots took effect, seven in one side and two in his head; he was taken up shortly after and carried into a house where, at last accounts, he was dying. As Green was a Democrat it is supposed the members of the Loyal League attempted the assassination.

A dispatch from Norfolk states that three negroes have been swallowed up by a terrible conflagration, now raging in a dismal swamp, where they were employed getting lumber. The fire surrounded them while asleep in a hut, and burned them to a crisp.

New York.—The *Times* says we are credibly informed that the new agent of the Methodist book concern, the Rev. Dr. Lanahan, has discovered in that establishment great corruption and frauds, involving losses to the amount of several hundred thousand dollars. The subject is now undergoing investi-

gation, and as soon as the details can be given to the public without prejudice to any but the culpable parties, they will be furnished. These frauds are said to have been going on some eight or nine years; their full extent is not yet ascertained with precision.

Chicago, 21.—Oliver Ames, President of the U. P. R. R., has sent a circular to the stockholders, giving the earnings since the opening of the road. The monthly earnings since June 1st have been at the rate of over eight millions a year. The earnings since the reduction in the rates for passengers and freights have been fully equal to the amount previously received.

New York.—A special, this morning, says we learn from Washington that General Sickles has telegraphed from Madrid that the latest proposition in relation to Cuba which the Government of Prim and Serrano had communicated to him, which would be transmitted to Secretary Fish and the Spanish ministry, is substantially, though not in explicit terms, that they will recognize the United States as mediator between Spain and the revolutionary authorities in Cuba, and they propose to settle the revolution on the following basis:

1st. The revolted Cubans shall lay down their arms.

2d. The Spanish Government is to disarm and disband the volunteers, leaving only the regular Spanish troops in the island.

3d. Universal amnesty shall be proclaimed and all exiles shall have the right to return, political prisoners be set free, confiscated estates be restored to their former owners, and all persons deprived of their rights for any civil or political reasons shall be invested with them once more.

4th. The election shall be held in Cuba for deputies to the Spanish Cortes.

5th. The Spanish executive government pledges itself to support, in the Cortes, whatever settlement of the Cuban question the deputies from Cuba may desire. If they want independence the government will favor that; if they should decide to favor a separate administration with a Governor appointed by Spain, the Legislature to be chosen in Cuba, with a responsible ministry like the system now practiced in the British colonies, the government will bind itself to use its whole influence in the Cortes in favor of adopting that system. The *Sun* expresses the opinion that Secretary Fish has decidedly refused the above proposal, and will direct General Sickles to declare that the only basis for negotiations is a proposition—that Spain shall recognize the independence of Cuba, that slavery shall be abolished, and that an allied commission shall be appointed to determine the value of the public property on the island, which shall not however exceed a hundred million, for which Cuba shall pay, and that the United States will guarantee the fulfillment of the contract by both parties.

The California pioneers left Omaha last evening; they will arrive this afternoon. They were met at the depot by old settlers of the association at Omaha. Senator Thayer delivered an address.

The last reports from Santa Fe give Chaves 2,500 majority for Congress. The Indians continue troublesome in the Southern part of the Territory.

St. Louis.—A Santa Fe dispatch states that the election returns are nearly all in. Chaves, Republican, is elected delegate to Congress by twenty-five hundred to three thousand majority.

The Arizona *Miner* publishes a long list of Indian outrages. They have recently killed a number of settlers, burned ranches, and carried off cattle in the country between the Granite, Washington and Prescott.

Concord, N. H.—The Congregational Church at West Concord, now undergoing repairs, was burned this morning. The loss is estimated at \$10,000. An insane man, named Spear, from Boston, is in custody on suspicion of having set fire to the church.

Port Henry, N. Y.—The strike among the miners continues. Frequent attacks are made upon the workmen employed on the Erie and Railroad. Several men have been severely beaten for working against orders by the mob. The danger to life and property is imminent.

San Francisco, 21.—The session of the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows to-day was mostly occupied in receiving reports. The meeting of the citizens and the Grand Lodge at the Hall of the Chamber of Commerce, last evening, was pleasant.

The steamship *Fidelity* has been forfeited by the United States authorities at Portland, Oregon, for a violation of the revenue laws.

Wheeling, Va.—President Grant and family are here; they will return to Washington to-morrow.

Richmond.—Governor Walker was installed as Provisional Governor to-day, taking the iron-clad oath. Governor Welles has turned over the office to the new incumbent. There were no ceremonies nor demonstrations, except the assemblage of a large crowd of white and colored people.

New York.—The ship *Yosemite* has cleared for San Francisco with a thousand tons of ordnance, etc., for the Mare Island navy yard. The *Semiramis* sails soon to take similar freight.

Koopmanscharp is now in New York and has contracted with a Texas land company for the introduction of 5,000 coolies.

Syracuse.—A serious break occurred this morning in the Erie canal, at Pool's Brook, near Kirkville. About two hundred feet of embankment have been carried out. The flood has covered the Central railroad track, and temporarily stopped the travel on it. It will require several days to repair the break.

Waverly, N. Y.—The coroner's jury in the case of the accident at Athens yesterday returned a verdict of censure against C. Means the conductor of the train for disobedience to orders, and against John Rahn, train dispatcher at Towanda, for sending a fast train a few minutes behind a slow one.

Augusta.—The Senate stands 28 Republicans and 3 Democrats. The Democrats gain one. The House stands Republicans 113, Democrats 34, with our districts to hear from; last year the House stood 124 Republicans and 30 Democrats.

New York.—It appears that the frauds discovered in the Methodist book concern consist of the alleged fact that the son of Dr. Porter, one of the agents, has received commissions for the past seven or eight years, averaging not less than 7 per cent, for purchasing printing paper for the institution, that is, the agent permitted his son, who is a paper broker, to charge a heavy commission for doing what was the agent's duty to do himself. Report says the purchases on which commissions have been allowed amount to \$150,000 per annum; also that the son sold paper to the concern at rates which gave him great profits. Irregularities are also reported in the binding department.

Wm. Varley, alias Reddy the blacksmith, was arraigned for trial this morning. The complainant Lawrence Graham failing to appear Reddy was remanded to the city prison.

New York.—Washington specials say the government will repudiate Sickles' action as exceeding his instructions and will pledge itself to censure him.

Syracuse.—Nearly all the delegates of the Democratic State Convention have arrived. It is said Horatio Seymour will not participate in the proceedings. General Slocum is mentioned as temporary President, but Governor Beach will be the permanent President. The platform will be rather Conservative. It will not go as far as that of the Ohio Democrats, nor be a copy of that of Massachusetts. The leading points will be to demand a restoration of the Southern States, a general amnesty, the fulfillment of the obligations of the contract with regard to bonds, opposition to the fifteenth amendment, opposition to the amended State constitution, except the judiciary article.

New Haven.—The building 223, on State Street, was burned yesterday; it was occupied by Wood & Co., music dealers; Tuttle, Moorehouse & Taylor, job printers; H. W. Thompson, grocer; H. W. Robinson, blank book manufacturer and P. McQuaid, boot and shoe dealer. The entire loss is about seventy thousand, mostly insured; about a hundred men are thrown out of employment.

Scranton, Pa.—Great crowds are here attending the meeting of the driving park association. "Patchen Chief" took a thousand dollar purse to-day, time 233, 234, 235; "Goldsmith's Maid" and "American Girl" will trot to-morrow for five thousand dollars.

Bangor, 22.—The session of the Penobscot musical association has commenced in this city under the direction of Carl Zerrahan of Boston, and Geo. J. Root of Chicago; it will continue four days. The attendance is large.

Cincinnati, 22.—Five two-story frame houses, on Central Avenue, were burned last night; they were occupied as shops, dwellings and saloons. Loss \$14,000. Three children, aged respectively two, five and seven, all boys, were burned; their parents were rag pickers, and all were in bed when the flames wrapped them in the house. The parents escaped in their night clothes on to an ad-

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