

[SPECIAL TO THE DESERET NEWS.]

By Telegraph.

GENERAL.

Philadelphia. — Brewster, former Judge of the court of common pleas, and one of the majority of the court that decided the election contest in favor of the Republican contestants, has been tendered by Governor Geary the position of Attorney General, now occupied by Benjamin Harris.

Washington. — Judge Chase delivered an elaborate oration in the Yerger case to-day, to the effect that the Supreme Court has jurisdiction in *habeas corpus* cases.

St. Louis. — Dr. White, of Aurora, Ills., was found dead in his room in the Everett House this p.m., having committed suicide by taking morphine. He left a note addressed to a prominent Mason here, requesting his body to be sent to his father, John White, at Aurora.

A barge belonging to the Mississippi Valley Transportation Co., laden with 300 barrels of flour, sunk at the levee to-day; the cargo is insured.

Chicago. — Washington specials say that the reduction in army expenses on account of pay, etc. alone, during the last year is at the rate of \$26,000,000 per year; the civil employees department has been reduced from ten to 40,000. The reduction in the naval expenses is at the rate of \$4,000,000 per year.

The Solicitor of the Treasury went last night to New York to investigate affairs in General Butterfield's office.

The commissioners to examine the Pacific railroad, appointed under the resolution of Congress in April last, are preparing their report. The members have expressed themselves in the main well satisfied with the work.

The belief seems almost universal that the decision in the Yerger case will be adverse to the Government. The Cabinet have had some informal discussions as to what shall be done in the Yerger case, but nothing is decided upon.

It is understood that a combination has been formed to advance the price of gold.

Chicago. — Parepa Rosa with her opera company arrived here this morning. They narrowly escaped a serious accident a few miles from the city. At midnight the engine was thrown from the track and some of the members of the party were seriously bruised, but none seriously injured.

The opinion of Chief Justice Chase, was delivered to-day in the Yerger case; it was very elaborate and lengthy. The decision does not involve the merits of the case or the constitutionality of the reconstruction acts, but merely the authority of the court to issue a writ of *habeas corpus*, under its appellate jurisdiction, in the case on its merits. If the court shall issue the writ and proceed to a hearing thereon, it will present a question only as to which power in the State of Mississippi, in its present condition of reconstruction, a person charged with crime is amenable, whether to the military or civil.

A number of officers have been assigned to duty in connection with the registration and election in Mississippi.

Nashville. — The Legislature, to-day, postponed the election of public printer until November 2d.

It is proposed now, by Johnson's friends, to run him for the State Convention, and make him President of that body.

The Legislature has not yet called a convention nor taken any action on the 15th amendment.

There was the first ice of the season this morning.

It is understood that the grand jury in the court of Oyer and Terminer devoted to-day to the investigation of the gold ring transactions; the evidence thus far has been taken by a Congressional committee.

Raleigh. — Gov. Holden is organizing and arming a company of negroes in this city, which is creating much excitement; it is supposed they will be sent to Leaming or Chatham counties to suppress the Kuklux.

New Orleans. — The Rev. Father Lumbias, Secretary of the Jesuits, died yesterday, aged 80.

The Attorney General of the State has obtained judgment of over \$16,000 against the State Treasury for alleged services in the collection of special taxes, etc., in '66.

Jeff Davis has arrived.

Richmond. — The President has pardoned Anderson, Patterson and Elsin, convicted here in '68, of a conspiracy

for defrauding the revenue, and sent to the Albany penitentiary.

The State fair commences Nov. 2d; the entries already exceed those of any fair before or since the war. Those from the Northern States are five times as great. The President and Cabinet will be invited to attend.

The *State Journal*, a Republican organ, asserts that Secretary Boutwell and the President believe the Senator elect has the moral right to the removal of his disabilities, which should not be impaired by any unintentional oversight on the part of Congress; and both express the hope that Congress will remove Senator Johnson's disabilities.

New York. — A tank of carboic acid, at the wood-preserving factory of Messrs Robins & Co., South Brooklyn, exploded last evening, instantly killing Martin Vetterch, the patentee of the preserving process.

The investigation of the Washburne difficulties in Paraguay are being continued by a sub-committee of the house on foreign relations. At the St. Michael Hotel, yesterday, Dr. Bewall, fleet surgeon of the South Atlantic squadron, testified that Rear Admiral Davis was grossly partial toward Lopez, throwing obstacles in Washburne's way. It is also said that Bliss and Masterman were treated as prisoners on board the *Gurriere*.

San Francisco, 25. — A heavy earthquake was recorded on Fort Point tidal gauge at 5 p.m., Oct. 22.

The Great American Basin Mining Company of Philadelphia, has purchased several White Pine mines, paying therefor a hundred and twenty thousand dollars.

The unfounded rumor of the failure of several San Francisco capitalists, which has been in circulation throughout the country for some time past, to-day obtained credence.

Treasure City, Nevada. — Alvinsea Hayard, Director of the Bank of California, failed for 300,000, causing a short run on the agencies of the bank at that place and Hamilton.

One of the centrifugal drying pans at the Golden Gate sugar refinery, burst to-day and seriously injured four persons, one of whom, J. O. Rawlins, was brother of the late Secretary of War.

The President of the National Bank of Nevada, states that the creditors and stockholders of the concern will not lose a dollar by the failure of the bank.

The people of Portland, Oregon, to-day, celebrated the laying of the first rail of the Willamette Valley Railroad.

New York. — The murder of Mrs. Woods at Rondout, on Saturday night, by her husband, was a terrible butchery. It seems that Woods was determined, and went to all his creditors and paid his bills on Saturday afternoon, and then wrote intimating that he suspected his wife's fidelity. He was perfectly sober. Shortly after entering his house his wife was heard to scream, and a neighbor went to the house, whom Woods admitted. Woods had struck his victim eleven times with a small hatchet not over four inches long, which was covered with hair, blood, brains and pieces of flesh. Woods then attempted to murder the neighbor, who fled, whereupon Woods cut his own throat from ear to ear, dying almost instantly. Mrs. Woods was esteemed as an upright, good wife.

New York. — The Cuban Junta vehemently asserts that the letter relative to the failure of the *Lillian* expedition was written in New York, and that the information it contained was furnished by refugees. The Junta contented themselves with the simple denial of the statements regarding the seizure of the vessel and the abandonment of the expedition. They admit the existence of a quarrel between Goicuria and Cresto, but claim that the *Lillian* has departed for the Bahamas with a full supply of coal and provisions, with a full complement of men and all the armament. From their statement it appears that the authorities at Nassau allowed the vessel to remain in port twenty-four hours and then to depart unmolested.

Nearly all the operators of the Franklin telegraph company in this city, have struck for such an increase of salaries as will make them equal to those of other companies.

New York. — The grand jury, yesterday, examined Jay Gould, at great length, relative to the late gold speculations. Subpoenas were out for Henry Clews and Col. Frank E. Haws. It was asserted that their testimony would explain the joint transaction in gold made with General Butterfield in the office of Mr. Clews.

Voorhees and Crogan were killed by an explosion at Robin's wood factory in Brooklyn, last night, a man named

Trundy was blown thirty feet into the air, and a boy named Freck was fatally injured; both will die. The works only commenced operation yesterday.

Chicago. — A Washington special says that General Butler, one of the editors of Wilkes' *Spirit of the Times*, was yesterday appointed consul general to Calcutta.

General Butterfield has resigned on the ground that he wanted the charges against him investigated, which could more easily be done when he was not in office. It is reported that A. T. Stewart has been requested to recommend a successor for Butterfield.

Cincinnati. — The Deputy Marshal arrested, to-day, two men belonging to an extensive band of counterfeiters, and captured several thousand dollars in counterfeit national currency; two others of the same gang were arrested last night, at Osgood, Indiana, by Col. Whittely, of the secret service, with a large amount of counterfeit money.

Buffalo. — It commenced snowing last night, and a severe snow storm now prevails.

New York. — The first payment of twenty-five per cent. to the creditors of the Gold Exchange Bank will be made to-morrow, when the receivership will terminate and the bank pass into the control of its officers; the bank comes out with the loss of its surplus and about half its capital.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Wells, Fargo Express Company is called for, Nov. 15th, to consider the question of increasing the capital stock from ten to fifteen millions.

St. Louis. — An Omaha special says that the published statement that the Nevada Legislature ratified the 15th Amendment last March, is incorrect, the Legislature adjourned without action in February. The Governor will probably call an extra session this winter.

New York. — It is stated that J. D. Vermilica and Mr. Folger having declined becoming Butterfield's successor H. H. Van Dyke has been tendered the position.

Washington. — The President, this morning, appointed Samuel A. Harlan, U. S. Marshal in the Southern District of New York, vice Francis C. Barlow, resigned.

Secretary Boutwell, this morning, received assistant Treasurer Butterfield's letter of resignation, and shortly afterwards went to the Executive Mansion where he had a consultation with the President on the subject. Up to noon, nothing further had transpired in relation to the matter. Boutwell was at the State Department, in the Attorney General's office, during the forenoon, but there was no formal cabinet meeting to-day, though the members were at the White House this morning.

Hon. Thos. Ewing has now fully recovered his health, mental and physical.

By command of General Sherman, the board of officers assembled at St. Louis for the revision of tactics, of which Maj. Gen. J. M. Schofield is President, will, in addition to the duties assigned them, also examine and report on small arms and accoutrements for the use of the army of the United States. This board will act in conjunction with the board of naval officers, and will endeavor, if possible, to adopt small arms of a pattern and calibre suitable to both branches of the service, with a common ammunition and parts interchangeable.

Washington. — A rough estimate, based on the returns thus far received, shows that in the public debt statement for October there will be a reduction of \$8,000,000.

Wilmington. — The case of the officers of the *Cuba* was resumed before a committee to-day; counsel for the defense wanted to introduce the testimony of the officers, which was objected to by counsel for the Government. The committee finally decided to admit them, their testimony being of no importance.

Washington. — General McMahon, late Minister to Paraguay, is now in Washington on business at the State Department. His proceedings as Minister are approved, on the ground that they show his course was marked by commendable diligence, discretion, dignity, and firmness, and in general confirms the reports of the allies firing upon his party while with the Paraguayan flag of truce, and then the prevention of his dispatches being sent to his government with the exception of that for his recall from Paraguay, which they permitted to be promptly forwarded. He thinks the present position of Lopez is stronger than heretofore, and that the announcements of the allies, of the war being ended, is simply a pretext for withdrawing the invading troops. The

legion now guarding, or in possession of Asuncion, numbers about two thousand; it is composed in small part of deserters to the allies; also the Paraguayan prisoners of war, who have been compelled to enter the service, together with an equal number of Brazilians. The provisional government is regarded as inefficient by all familiar with its history, and it is not promising stability. Lopez is represented by Gen. McMahon to be possessed of fine administrative abilities, and is not more cruel in war than most of the complaining allied generals. The devotion of the people to Lopez is unexampled; they are not only obedient but are always willing to incur any risk and to make any sacrifice demanded by him. Lopez contemplates the restoration of prosperity to his country by immigrants from the U. S., to whom he will offer inducements to settle by grants of land.

Chicago, 27. — Washington specials say that the report of the Pacific Railroad Commissioners, upon which the final acceptance of the road depends, points out some details in which the roads have not yet been brought fully up to the requirements of the law commission; the report is unanimous in the opinion that both lines are in a much better condition than is usual for new roads.

Gen. Sherman has issued an order directing that all reports from the sub-departments of the army be addressed to the Adjutant General of the army, instead of to the Secretary of War, as heretofore. This is in accordance with Gen. Sherman's first order, as General-in-chief, in which he attached all these chiefs of bureaus to his staff, but which, subsequently, was overlooked.

Secretary Boutwell has issued an order, designed to stop the sharp practices in the past of certain custom house officers, who after making separate seizures of goods liable to forfeiture for the same violation of law, return each as an independent transaction.

New York. — A special says that the Government officials are endeavoring to force lottery dealers to pay internal revenue tax, which if collected would amount to a quarter of a million annually. Several prosecutions will be commenced immediately.

The Erie Railroad strike has been adjusted satisfactorily between the directors and the employees; work will be resumed to-day.

The *Sun* believes the recent statement that Rothschild offered a large sum to the Government at four per cent., is well founded, and that Boutwell will propose a bill to Congress authorizing the acceptance of such loan, to an amount sufficient to redeem the outstanding five-twenties.

The Congressional committee on Paraguay had a session yesterday, at which fleet captain Ramsay, testified to his belief in the atrocities of Lopez and to the truth of cruelties inflicted on Bliss and Masterman.

New York. — At a meeting of the striking machinists, last evening, in Jersey City, a written agreement was read from Jay Gould, agreeing to pay the men on the Erie road on the 12th of each month; this settles the question and the strike is ended, and all hands are going to work to-day.

At the Social Science Association yesterday, a paper was read, written by Congressman Dawes, on the mode of procedure in cases of contested elections. Dawes, after giving a detailed history of the mode of procedure in this country, concluded by saying that an amendment to the Constitution is necessary to bring about a radical improvement, but some improvement may be had by changing the manner of appointing committees, and such public sentiment as would put an end to party exaction. This public sentiment was necessary, as members now content themselves with simply recording their names, leaving the discussion of the case to parties directly interested, thus making an engine of politics for parties working out their own ends and involving the institutions of the country in their own purposes.

Washington. — Information from the department of agriculture shows a falling off of one-third of the tobacco crop in Virginia and Maryland, and about one tenth throughout the west.

Senator Thayer had a conversation with the President yesterday about the Mississippi election. He called the President's attention to a report that Judge Dent had said in a speech that the President was sustaining him as a candidate. The President said that he had already enclosed a statement to Judge Dent asking if he had been correctly reported, but he had received no reply. The President further stated

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