

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

St. Louis, Jan. 12.—A dispatch from Kansas City says: Papers in a suit involving the title to eighty acres of land in the heart of Salt Lake City, are now being drawn in this city and will be filed in the United States Territorial Court at Salt Lake in a few days. The plaintiff is Captain John Tobin, an old-time scout and guide, the sole survivor of two Mormon massacres, a noted man on the frontier thirty years ago, now a resident of this city. The defendants are a large number of persons now holding and claiming to own homestead land adjoining what is known as the Warm Springs in Salt Lake. Congressman Warner and other eminent counsel are engaged to prosecute the suit. The land claimed by Captain Tobin is valued at \$1,000,000, and the improvements are very valuable.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—Senator Cullom today introduced a bill to provide that the legislative power of the Territory of Utah shall be vested in a governor and legislative assembly, the latter to consist of thirteen citizens of the United States, residents of the territory, to be appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—The Senate committee on agriculture gave a hearing, this morning, on Senator Palmer's bill to extirpate contagious pleuropneumonia, foot and mouth disease, and rinderpest among cattle. On the conditional features of the bill, a new point was urged by Dr. Ames maintaining that as six or seven states were quarantined against each other on account of the disease, it constituted such a hindrance to interstate commerce as to warrant congressional action.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 12.—At the offices of the company, it was stated this afternoon, that an important strike had been made in Eureka, Nevada. The news has created considerable excitement, the find being in hitherto unexplored ground.

DENVER, 12.—A train of twelve cars on the South Park branch of the Union Pacific, loaded with ore, left the Mary Murphy mine, six miles above St. Elmo, Colorado, yesterday afternoon, for the down trip. The train had gone but half a mile when the engine became unmanageable, the air brakes refusing to work. The train dashed down the mountain at the rate of sixty miles an hour. Just as it was entering St. Elmo, the train jumped the track, completely wrecking the engine and cars and instantly killing the engineer, James Connor, and the fireman, M. Whaley.

WILMINGTON, N. C., January 12.—A sharp earthquake shock was felt here this morning about 10 o'clock. No damage was done.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Jan. 12.—The earthquake shock, this morning, was generally felt throughout the coast country, and as far south as Augusta. No damage has been reported.

SAVANNAH, Jan. 12.—A distinct earthquake shock was felt here this morning; houses were shaken, and many people frightened, but no damage was done.

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 12.—A slight shock of earthquake was felt here this morning. Advices from Charlotte report a shock there, and the people generally are excited, fearing a repetition of the disaster in 1886. There was also a strong shock felt at Seaboard and other points.

BERLIN, Jan. 12.—It is reported that a general blockade of Bulgaria is contemplated by the powers, in event of Prince Ferdinand's refusal to resign the Bulgarian throne.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 12.—In the Hopkins trial, today, it was shown that at one time Hopkins' account B was \$700,000 ahead, but at the time of the collapse of Wilshire, Eckert & Co., he owed \$1,500,000.

Out of the American Exchange Bank, Chicago, was on the stand today, to identify certain drafts, and W. T. Capen, of the United States, and T. N. Miller, of the Western Union office, produced the original telegrams pertaining to the transaction.

TOMBSTONE, Arizona, January 12.—Word has been received here that Sheriff Slaughter and Deputy Sheriff Alvord have arrested Manuel Lopez, known as Colorado, one of the most dangerous desperadoes of southern Arizona, and three followers, in a hut in a Mexican camp, located in Dragoon Mountains. They are charged with horse stealing.

St. Paul, Jan. 12.—Railroad men agree that the storm of to-day is quiet for the worst ever known in the northwest for their business. It extends from the Rocky Mountains to Lake Michigan. Its worst effects are felt in Dakota and Minnesota. Everywhere it has been accompanied by high wind, which drifts the snow badly, and in northern Dakota, with below zero temperature, it assumes the character of a genuine blizzard. The railroads have hardly cleared their tracks from the previous storms, and that of to-day has absolutely blocked all small roads, though through lines are running bravely against the elements of the weather. All freights on the Northern Pacific and Manitoba lines have been abandoned, and no passenger trains were sent out on these roads to-night.

A special from Huron, Dakota, says: The wind is blowing fifty miles an hour, and the air is so full of snow that one is unable to see fifty feet at any time.

New York, Jan. 12.—Michael Griffin, an Irishman from Tralee, County Kerry, his wife and four children, last

night applied for shelter at the police station. Today they stated to Superintendent Jack-o'-p, of Castle Garden, that Agent French, representing the British government, had furnished them with money to come to New York, via Quebec. Jackson says he has long suspected that English authorities were sending paupers to the United States through Canada. The family were taken care of by the charity department.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 12.—The order to open the universities has been suddenly revoked, and it is now announced that they will not be opened until March 27.

Among the men arrested in connection with the latest plot against the czar, is an employe on the Baltic Railway, who kept the plotters informed of every journey of the czar to and from Gatchina. Letters were found on the prisoner showing that the plot was ripe on the evening of the czar's arrest.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 12.—The Platt case was resumed in the circuit court this morning and much documentary evidence was presented.

The clerk of the Fifth Avenue Hotel, New York, was sworn to prove Platt's long residence there and the evidence closed.

McFarland for the defendant, moved for a new suit, and this being refused by the court, the closing arguments to the jury were begun.

MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 18.—Reports from all over the northwest indicate that the prevailing blizzard is the worst and most extended of the season. Its area of operations is from the Rockies to Lake Michigan, but Minnesota and Dakota are the worst sufferers. On roads running west from here all freights are abandoned and passenger trains are run at long intervals, though every effort is making to keep them moving. At Huron, Dakota, the blizzard filled the air with blinding snow so that business men

LOST THEIR WAY
on the drive from home to the office. An experienced teacher dismissed her scholars in the storm at noon yesterday and they were only rescued by extraordinary efforts. Men organized themselves in parties of ten each armed with hundred-foot ropes and marching in a line gathered all the lost children in but one child, who is doubtless frozen to death. The railroad shop whistles were kept blowing to give the people out in the storm their bearings.

At Fargo the storm was the worst in eight years, with the mercury 47 degrees below zero and a hurricane blowing. Jamestown and the northern branch of the Northern Pacific is entirely plugged up.

At Pierre, Dakota, the wind blow 60 miles an hour and the roads are blocked terribly.

At Neche, Dakota, 53 below was reached. On the

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all transcontinental trains got stuck yesterday. This morning the blizzard's force is mostly spent and trains will soon be moving regularly.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Jan. 13.—Specials from the interior of the state show that many cities are completely shut off from railway communication with the outside world. At Superior no mails have been received for 36 hours. The thermometer registered 27 below zero this morning, and all trains on the Northern Pacific are either snow-bound or abandoned. No trains have reached Madison since yesterday afternoon.

TRAINS TO BE ABANDONED.

St. Paul, Jan. 12.—The weather reports early this morning from various points along the various railroads were discouraging and it was decided to abandon the running of trains. It is thought some of the branch lines in Minnesota and Dakota will be closed for six weeks. It is feared the worst is to come. The wind is blowing hard on all the lines today and cuts are being filled in as fast as they are plucked out.

The storm of yesterday is now raging in Iowa; besides that another storm or the continuation of the present one is expected to strike Minnesota on Sunday, in which case there is no telling what the result will be.

It is raging in Idaho today, with the thermometer at various points along the Northern Pacific as low as ten degrees below zero.

IN MANITOBA

reports from the northwest indicate that a cold wave with high wind is coming from that direction. In fact, things look so dubious that railroads will not venture an opinion when traffic will be again resumed. Each line is putting forth every exertion to keep their Chicago line open, but even that is almost an impossibility. At noon today not a train had come in.

The stage which left Washburn yesterday for Bismarck, Dakota, should have reached its destination last night, but has not yet been heard from. It is supposed to be lost in the blizzard.

At Fergus Falls, Minnesota, no trains are expected until Sunday. The thermometer is 30 degrees below. All the schools are closed.

AT DULUTH,

Minnesota, yesterday afternoon's St. Paul train got in this morning.

Omaha trains this morning have not been heard from.

No Northern Pacific trains have arrived or departed at Clear Lake, Min-

nesota. North and southbound Northern Pacific trains are snowed in nose to nose.

At Crookston, Minnesota, no trains for two days. It began blowing yesterday and piled snow in drifts 18 feet high.

LONDON, Jan. 13.—Queen Victoria will go to San Remo by way of Switzerland.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 13.—The jury in the case of the state against Thomas C. Platt to oust him from the position of quarantine commissioner of the city of New York on the ground that he is not a resident of that city, this morning rendered a verdict against Platt.

ANNISTON, Ala., Jan. 13.—R. H. Evans and W. R. Williams killed each other at the Parker House yesterday. Williams was the proprietor and Evans and wife were boarders. Williams made objections to them some day ago and words passed between them. Evans returned yesterday afternoon intoxicated and renewed the difficulty and began firing. Evans emptied five barrels and Williams four, when Williams fired his last shot they were down on the floor together and the powder burned Evans' coat. Williams killed Evans after he himself had received mortal wounds.

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 13.—"Grandma" Garfield, as President Garfield's mother is called by those who know her, is ill at the old homestead at Mentor. She wants to see "Jimmy," as she terms her dead son, and although not very sick it is thought that her end is drawing near, as she is very aged.

New York, Jan. 13.—After eluding the detectives for a year, a man who so successfully swindled the residents of the City of Mexico out of nearly \$30,000 by a spurious advance sale of tickets for a series of concerts by Mme. Patti, has been arrested. He had been suspected as Charles Bourton, who lived here for a short time and claimed to be a representative of the London Referee and Gil Blas of Paris. The swindle in the City of Mexico is not the only crime for which he is wanted. He is one of the most successful and dangerous of confidence men, and has operated successfully all over Europe, and if the Mexican authorities do not want him, he will be held to answer for some other of his many offenses.

VIENNA, Jan. 13.—The Presse denounces the continued attempts to mislead the czar's pacific and upright mind. It declares that a certain Russian diplomat is now trying to impress the czar with the belief that Austria is urging the Sultan to recognize Prince Ferdinand as Prince of Bulgaria and says that the czar's entourage will probably encourage the diplomat as they did the authors of the forgeries which were intended to deceive the czar regarding Germany's policy. "In the interest of peace," continues the paper, "it is necessary to unmask and draw attention to this new intrigue."

CHICAGO, Jan. 13.—The demands of the locomotive engineers made upon the Santa Fe Railroad Company have, with slight modifications, been acceded to, putting an end to the possibility of a strike. This satisfactory conclusion was reached here today at a long conference between Grand Chief Engineer Arthur, a committee of fifteen engineers and Vice-President C. W. Smith of the Santa Fe. Hereafter there will be but one class of engineers and they will all receive the same salary—the highest that is now paid—except that firemen who, when promoted, shall serve one year on a switch engine before being entered into this class.

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 13.—A fierce fire broke out in the wholesale district at 11 o'clock and raged fiercely for three hours. It is now under control and several firms have been burned out. Among them are Bryan, Connellus & Co., dry goods; Tanner & Sullivan, tinners' and plumbers' supplies; Connors & Son, overall manufactory; McKee & Brabham, boots and shoes; Pearson & Wetzel, queensware; D. P. Erwin, dry goods; Stout & Co., wholesale groceries. It is impossible to give an accurate estimate of the losses tonight, but they cannot be less than \$750,000 and may reach \$1,000,000. The insurance is thought to be full.

BIRMINGHAM, England, Jan. 13.—Morris & Norton's furniture factory, the largest in the city, is on fire. The fire spread to the printing rooms of the Daily Post in the adjoining building, stopping the issue of the paper. The loss will be heavy.

St. Paul, Jan. 13.—The last train reached here Wednesday night and none are expected till Sunday. There is a scarcity of wood.

THE FOLLOWING

dispatches tonight show something of the extent and effects of the great storm

JAMESTOWN, Dakota, Jan. 13.—The storm still continues, though much abated. The thermometer at noon marked 27 below. The extreme cold forms a crust on the drifts, which almost proves too much for the assaults of the snow plows. Yesterday's west-bound limited, snowed up at Wheatland all day, arrived this morning, about forty hours late. The Northern Pacific main line and branches are all blocked and all trains delayed from twelve to thirty-six hours.

FERGUS FALLS, Minnesota, Jan. 13.—The blizzard has subsided and is succeeded by intense cold. The roads are drifted full and business is at a standstill. There has been no train from either direction on the Manitoba since Wednesday night. The passenger

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got in yesterday at noon and got through to Washpeton, but got stuck on the return journey. Reports of suffering have been received.

MINOT, Dakota, Jan. 13.—No trains are moving yet. The storm has abated, but the wind is still blowing. It was 38 below this morning. An attempt will be made tomorrow to open the cuts and move passengers.

There is fourteen inches of snow on the level, badly drifted. James Smith and two sons, aged 15 and 17 years, started for a load of hay six miles from town on the 11th, and have not since been heard from. Search parties are out to-day. Several other people are missing, but are supposed to have taken refuge in claim shanties.

FAULKTON, Dakota, Jan. 13.—The most terrific storm ever witnessed in this latitude has been upon us for the last forty-eight hours. It

REACHED ITS WORST

yesterday, and from 10 o'clock until dark there was not ten minutes that the buildings on the opposite side of the street could be seen. The air was full of snow, and the wind blowing a gale from the northwest. The mercury gradually dropped from about 10 above to 16 below at dark last night. The teachers and most of the pupils of two of the lower departments of our school were compelled to remain in the school room all night, provisions being carried to them. Ropes were stretched from the corner of Main Street to the school house, enabling those carrying provisions to come with safety.

The damage to live stock will be great, while the reports of suffering and death are constantly coming in. Two sons of William Driver were

FROZEN TO DEATH

Within a few feet of their barn. Chas. Heath is missing and J. H. Clapp has been discovered badly frozen, having been out all night wandering on the prairie. The elevator of Archie & House has gone down with 13,000 bushels of grain. Other casualties are reported.

SMITHFIELD.—No trains have reached here since Monday night.

MANKATO, Minn.—All trains are abandoned. The snow is packing hard and difficulty is expected in opening the roads.

ADRIAN.—Several farmers, living twelve to fifteen miles north, started home from here about 3 yesterday and have not yet been heard from. John Dorring, a farmer living a mile north of here, was at a neighbor's, a quarter of a mile away. He started home and was lost. Some fifteen villagers started out to find him and so far have not done so. The storm is

STILL RAGING.

LINCOLN, Neb., 13.—Yesterday's storm abated at an early hour this morning. Now the weather is very clear and getting warmer. The Union Pacific and Missouri Pacific are still blocked. The Burlington & Missouri road has experienced much difficulty in running trains but the blockade is now about raised and it is thought there will be no more difficulty.

OMAHA, Jan. 13.—The effects of the present storm in Omaha have been most disastrous. Fred Eller, a cigar maker, was found frozen to death at 3 o'clock this morning, within a block of his boarding house. Two children, W. Beck and George Allen, started for their homes about 3 o'clock this afternoon and have not been heard of since. A large number of people went over to Council Bluffs yesterday. Last night it was reported that a number

[HAD BEEN LOST

in the snow in attempting to return. All have been accounted for, however, except one young lady. It is feared she has perished. The thermometer is sixteen degrees below to-night and is rapidly falling.

DENVER, Jan. 13.—The cold wave struck this city about noon today, and it has steadily grown colder until at 6 p. m. the thermometer registered zero, having dropped from 40 above. The snow began falling at 5 this afternoon, but ceased after about an hour. All trains on the Union Pacific are snow-bound at Columbus, Neb., none having arrived here in 36 hours. Trains on the Santa Fe are also blocked, and from 24 to 36 hours behind. The Burlington road is running trains nearly on schedule time, being delayed but two or three hours.

LATEST REPORTS.

St. Paul, Jan. 13.—The storm cleared up today, but all trains are behind. Tomorrow efforts will be made to open the main lines. At 10 o'clock the thermometer was 20 below zero. Advices received from Duluth are that Pierre, Dak., reports the abatement of the storm with the thermometer 23 below and falling. Great fears are entertained for the freighters and farmers caught in the blizzard.

CANTON, Dak., Jan. 13.—Two children of Inwood, Iowa, were caught in the blizzard while going home from school and perished.

BRANER, Minn., Jan. 13.—A procession of Northern Pacific trains headed by a snow plow and a

SNOW-BUCKING FORCE

left here tonight to open the road southwest to St. Paul, and at last reports was proceeding slowly. It includes eight locomotives, nearly thirty passenger coaches, three dining cars and about 100 passengers.

HITCHCOCK, Dakota, Jan. 13.—Emil Gilbertson, formerly of Chicago, was found frozen to death two and a half

miles west of here. He left here Wednesday for his claim.

HELENA, Mont., Jan. 13.—The thermometer registered 40 degrees below zero here tonight. The cold wave stands over the entire territory, ranging from 15 to 40 below. No trains are moving. Two men have been

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at Marysville, 20 miles from Helena.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 13.—In the trial of Benjamin E. Hopkins, assistant cashier of the Fidelity National Bank in the United States Court today, John K. Powell told how he was called after 5 o'clock on June 14th by Harper, to make up a million dollars of sureties to send to the Chemical National Bank of New York, and how on the way to the express office with it, he met Hopkins, who went with him and assisted in sending it. J. W. Wilshire testified that Hopkins was present when he called on Harper to arrange about going to Chicago with \$600,000 for the brokers. He said Hopkins went out to telegraph for Hoyt to go with him.

RAILROAD ROBBERS.

EL PASO, Jan. 13.—Two men were arrested last night in Chinuhua and one tonight on the Mexican Central train coming north, on the charge of belonging to the gang of train robbers who held up the Mexican Central train near Chihuahua Tuesday night. All three men are said to have made criminal statements since their arrest. The one who was arrested on the train is known as "Doc" Hines. He is in jail at Paso del Norte.

St. Louis, Jan. 13.—Thomas Farlow, chief of the Missouri Pacific Railroad secret service, aided by two of his detectives and a band of Indian police under Captain La Fourie, this afternoon captured "Bill" Tucker, the leader, and Willis Moore, of the gang of desperadoes who attempted to

ROB A TRAIN

on the Missouri Pacific & Texas Railroad at Stricktown, Indian Territory, on Christmas morning, but were prevented from doing so by the bravery of the express messenger, Grimalkin, and baggage-master Specter. The other three have been located and will be arrested in a few days.

New York, Jan. 13.—Bourton, who was arrested today for the Patti concert swindle has a remarkable record. When he was arrested he was entering the office of a lawyer whom he had retained to defend him in a suit brought by several foreign houses, who accused him of having swindled them out of large sums of money in speculation concerning some patent that has no existence. The man is known to the European police as Morton, Coster and Montgomery in various places. He declares he is of English birth and of good family. He is

HIGHLY EDUCATED

and speaks five languages. He graduated from an English university, and almost immediately got into a gambling scrape. He drifted to the continent, and at the time of the Franco-Prussian war was an editor on a Parisian paper. He was one of the three editors who were permitted by the Prussian authorities to leave Paris through the intervention of United States Minister Washburne. Then he concocted the scheme of collecting money for suffering Parisians. He proceeded to London, showed forged credentials to the lord mayor, and received a check for \$1,000 from that official. Presently the Queen and Prince of Wales inaugurated a subscription list. For this he was imprisoned for a year. While in prison he poured oil on his clothing and set it on fire. He was badly burned and served the remainder of his term in the

PRISON HOSPITAL.

On his release he joined forces with one Kerr, who conducted a swindling publication which pretended to give tips on sporting events. The pair began swindling right and left. Finally the Countess De Goualt, of the French province, who had lost \$35,000 through the rascals, secured their exposure and sentence to 15 years imprisonment each. Incidentally it was shown that several Scotland Yard detectives were in with them, and the force was reorganized as a result. Bourton served half his time and got out on a ticket of leave. In 1894 he escaped punishment for selling fraudulent news in Brussels. Next he worked the Patti scheme, and he was here when arrested for the purpose of securing a bank because it refused to pay over to him the proceeds of the sales of fraudulent bonds in Switzerland. He also threatened libel suits against some of the newspapers which published the story.

MEXICANS GLAD.

CITY OF MEXICO, via Galveston, Jan. 13.—The news that the fellow who worked the Patti ticket swindle here so cleverly has been arrested in New York, set the capital agog. The highest classes of society were the ones most completely taken in. The authorities hope to find some charge under which he can be extradited. If that cannot be done an officer will be sent to New York to render any assistance in his power at the trial there.

New York, Jan. 14.—There was wild excitement at the opening of the petroleum market to-day. Nearly all traders had selling orders and they began throwing over their oil without any effort to steady the market. The prices in less than ten minutes from the opening declined from \$4 to \$3. Supporting orders were then placed on the market and prices rallied to \$1 1/2