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By Telegraph.

GENERAL.

WASHINGTON, 12.—The war department has issued regulations for the discovery, identification and payment to claimants of pay, bounty, prize money, &c., due to colored soldiers, sailors or mariners, or their representatives, now residing, or who may have resided, in any State where slavery existed in 1860. A chief disbursing office will be established in the adjutant-general's office at Washington, with disbursing officers at Louisville, St. Louis, Nashville, Memphis, Vicksburg, Natchez and New Orleans.

SIoux CITY, Iowa, 12.—Sixty chiefs of different tribes on the upper Missouri, in charge of assistant secretary Cowen and commissioner Brunot, will arrive here next week en route for Washington. Sitting Bull is among the party, which includes representatives of all the tribes hostile to the Northern Pacific railroad.

OTTAWA, Ont., 12.—The marine department has selected a number of presents to be made to seamen who have saved life and property, or performed other meritorious services in connection with the shipping of the Dominion. Quite a number of presents will be distributed among American seamen.

A Grant and Wilson club has been organized, with a membership of 113, and a Greeley and Brown club with 75 members.

It is intended to have the grading on the Virginia and Truckee railroad, between here and the steamboat, finished by the 24th instant, and the cars running through to this place by September 1st, when passengers from the C. P. can be landed in Virginia without change of cars.

NEW YORK.—A private telegram from Rome, to Archbishop McCloskey, announces the appointment of the Right Rev. Wm. Henry Elder, Bishop of Natchez, to be archbishop of Baltimore, to succeed the late archbishop Spaulding. Bishop Elder is a native of Baltimore.

WASHINGTON.—Col. Whittely, chief of the secret service division, reports in favor of the pardon of Collins and seventeen others of the South Carolina Ku Klux, imprisoned at Albany. Collins was one of the persons for whom Gerrit Smith interceded, and is an illiterate, simple minded man. Whittely reports against the pardon of Brown, for whom also a recommendation was made by Smith, but he makes no recommendation in the remaining

46 cases. It is understood that those recommended for pardon will be released immediately.

O'Baldwin has been arrested at Baltimore, and bound over in \$2 000 to keep the peace for a year, on a charge of intending to break the laws of the State by engaging in a prize fight with Mace. NEW YORK, 13.—A Geneva letter says the American claims for damages by the Alabama amount to about \$7,000,000. The English fix it at \$3,000,000, contending that that is all that should be paid if indeed any guilt is to be laid to England at all.

SAN FRANCISCO, 13.—Colored voters held quite a large meeting last evening, denounced Greeley and Sumner, and endorsed Grant.

The chief of police has issued an order directing the police to arrest and disarm all known hoodlums whenever found congregated on the street, and where liable to prosecution as vagrants to enter complaints against them.

BOSTON, 13.—General Butler replies to John B. Alley as to the Massachusetts governorship, and says:

"In view of the importance of the national contest, I shall not allow my name to be used in the canvass for governor, nor in any manner detrimental to the Republican cause."

NEW YORK.—A Montreal dispatch says Don Laprahon, Spanish Vice Consul, received information yesterday which led to the discovery of a scheme for recruiting the revolutionary army of Cuba from cities in Canada by the same parties who made a similar attempt last winter. The Junta in New York, owing to failures there, seemed to have turned its attention to Canada. The scheme contemplated the enlistment of men in the principal cities of the Dominion, concentrating them at some place on the Bay of Fundy, a vessel to take her cargo out to meet the Cuban cruisers at a point further south, where they would have been transhipped. A large number of enlistments have already been made at Montreal, St. John and Halifax, and it will require great energy and watchfulness on the part of the Dominion authorities to prevent the success of the scheme. There have been no arrests yet.

A Washington dispatch says a report received there says the Secretary of State of North Carolina will give a certificate of election to the governorship to Merriman, instead of Caldwell, on account of alleged irregularities. The report is not confirmed by dispatches from Raleigh.

The American R. R. engineers passed through the lines of the revolutionary forces while surveying the line from the city of Mexico to Mazatlan, and it is believed that there will be no obstacle thrown in the way of that enterprise, whatever shape political matters may take.

BALTIMORE, 14.—Late yesterday afternoon Mace was again arrested on a bench warrant from the criminal court, as was also Joe Coburn, at the instigation of Pinkney, State's attorney, charging Mace and Coburn with entering into a conspiracy in Maryland to engage in a fight, and thus violate the peace and laws of the adjoining State of Virginia. Upon this charge, which seemed to take the pugilists greatly by surprise, the accused were held in \$2,000 bail each, to await the action of a grand jury. A similar warrant was also issued for O'Baldwin and his trainer, who were arrested this morning and gave the required bail. A large number of roughs from New York, Philadelphia, and other cities are here, and a number are now going down the street to the wharves where the steamers are which leave for the fighting ground this afternoon. The tug *Elda* with several press reporters and amateurs of the prize ring leaves at three o'clock in the afternoon. The indications are that the fight will come off to-morrow morning.

Later.—After the steamers had got steam up this afternoon, and a number of passengers were on board, notice from Pinkney, deputy U. S. attorney, was served upon the agents of the steamer to the effect that the owners would be held responsible for aiding and furthering a prize fight, in violation of the laws of the State, and the

matter would be especially brought to the notice of a grand jury. The agents consulted with their attorneys, ordered the steamer withdrawn, and forbade its departure. The fight is off for to-morrow in Virginia. McMullen, of Philadelphia, the stockholder, will appoint the time and place for the "mill" within a week. The parties leave here to-night. It is hinted the fight may come off early to-morrow morning, on the Pennsylvania and Maryland line.

BOSTON, 14.—A terrific thunderstorm passed over Amesbury yesterday afternoon. The lightning struck five places, one was the house of the poet Whittier, prostrating him to the floor, but not seriously injuring him, nor was the house much damaged.

SAN DIEGO, 14.—At Arizona city, Leroy, a captain on one of the Colorado Steam Navigation Company's barges, entered a hotel kept by Bill Long, a Chinaman, took drink and refused payment. The Chinaman insisted on payment, and offered to fight Leroy under any circumstances. Leroy left, got a pistol and returned. He opened fire. The Chinaman drew first blood, breaking Leroy's pistol arm. The latter coolly changed his pistol to the left hand and fired two more shots when he received one in the stomach, which proved mortal.

During the forenoon to-day, the members of the Cabinet then in town—Belknap, Creswell and Williams—visited President Grant on business in relation to the Ku Klux convicts at Albany penitentiary. The report of Colonel Whittely in the case having been read to the President, he directed a pardon to be made out in behalf of those specially recommended for executive clemency. They are four in number, all old men, and one or two in poor health. The President will consider the suggestions of Colonel Whittely relative to eighteen others now in the Albany penitentiary.

CINCINNATI, 15.—A very large meeting of colored citizens was held to-night in Greenwood hall, and passed resolutions acknowledging the valuable services rendered the colored race by Sumner, but declaring they cannot follow his advice to support the party that has always been their enemy; and that they will unitedly support Grant and Wilson.

CHICAGO, 15.—McVicker's new theatre was opened to-night. It is one of the most commodious in the west, and the first place of amusement opened in the burnt district.

NEW YORK, 15.—The debate between Wm. M. Saunders and Rev. H. H. Garnett, on the presidential question, occurred to-night at Cooper Institute, before a large audience of white and colored. John J. Soule, colored, presided. The colored people present were largely in favor of Grant. Saunders commenced the discussion in favor of Greeley, and said Horace had been thirty-five years a Republican, a life-long advocate of freedom for every race. The Cincinnati platform had a plank in favor of equal rights, while the Philadelphia party adopted Grant. Saunders was frequently interrupted by laughter, hisses and hooting.

Garnett, speaking in favor of the re-election of Grant, said it required a great deal of brass for an orator to unite black men to a party who murdered their children and hung them to lamp posts in New York. He said a million black voters were satisfied with Grant's administration for the past four years, and would re-elect him. Garnett's remarks were received with great applause by the colored portion of the audience. Saunders rose to reply, when a scene of great confusion occurred, hundreds of colored people leaving the hall. Saunders continued shouting at the top of his voice, denouncing Garnett in angry terms. The meeting broke up in great uproar.

TORONTO, 15.—Ft. Garry dispatches state that the Indians at Portage la Prairie refuse their annuities as provided by the treaty last year, demand better terms, and declare if they are not granted they will stop the surveys.

LONDON, 15.—The strike of agricultural laborers for higher wages continues in Oxfordshire. The government have placed a number of soldiers at the

disposal of the farmers and the crops which were in danger are now being harvested. The officers of the National Agricultural Union have protested against this proceeding of the authorities.

The Paris correspondent of the "Standard," says the German government has intimated to Thiers its intention to remain in possession of Belfort though it is willing to make compensatory amends to France.

NEW YORK.—A fire this evening in the press rooms of the *Christian Union*, under Park Hotel, damaged the machinery to the amount of ten thousand dollars.

WASHINGTON.—The comptroller of the currency has prepared the following circular for distribution to the national banks:

"In future reports of the condition of your banks made to this office, all checks payable in specie will be reported under the head of checks and other cash items, the amount of these checks to be stated separately, but extended in the general aggregate of cash items. The specie will include coin and all gold treasury notes, only stated separately, and extended as heretofore."

SARATOGA.—At the Grant and Wilson banner raising this evening Chas. S. Spencer of New York stated that A. T. Stewart of New York said in this village within 24 hours that the election of Horace Greeley would be a national calamity.

NEW YORK.—A Washington dispatch says claims aggregating one hundred and seventeen and a half millions have been filed before the mixed American and English commissioners, from British sources, for damages sustained by the seizure and confiscation of blockade runners and cargoes during the rebellion by the American government.

CHICAGO, 16.—While Warner's menagerie was exhibiting at Redbud, Monroe Co., Ills., the other day, an experiment was made of exhibiting the rhinoceros in the ring. The experiment resulted disastrously. The animal broke away, stampeded the audience, killed two men, wounded seven others, demolished the museum, knocked down the centre pole, then rushed out of the tent, carrying a side of it with him, and bolted into an unoccupied house, where he was captured. The damage to the show is about three thousand dollars.

SAN FRANCISCO, 16.—The preliminary arrangements were made last night by the veterans of the army of the Potomac, for a fitting reception of Gen. McClellan on his arrival here. The General is expected about the 1st of September.

Janin, who was sent out to Arizona to report on the alleged diamond deposits, is entirely reticent, since his return, as to the million dollars' worth of gems which it was reported he was bringing back with him.

SAN FRANCISCO, 16.—The Lemon Mill Mining Company have levied an assessment of \$150 per share.

It is rumored that Janin, who was not expected back from Arizona for sixty days, did not bring any diamonds with him, and that there is a disappointment and failure to connect some where. At any rate the stock is not sought after and the company does not exhibit any new diamonds.

WASHINGTON, 16.—The President returns to Long Branch to-night. It is supposed he will not visit Chattanooga.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., 16.—Greeley arrived here this morning. He was received by the committee and conducted in a carriage through the densely crowded streets to Rockingham House, where he made a speech from the steps, principally devoted to revolutionary reminiscences.

LOUISVILLE, 17.—Rev. Gilbert Robertson publishes a card in the "Courier-Journal," relative to his recent escape. It is rather incoherent, and says the lady in the case always occupied the very highest social position. He went to meet her at her urgent request, and from motives of pure kindness. He was drugged and did not know what he did afterwards. It seemed a frightful dream, and he had suffered terribly. When the Presbytery meets on Tuesday next he will make a full confession and submit to its judgment.