

BY TELEGRAPH.

THE VARIOUS TYPES TELEGRAPHIC LINES.

A MERICAN

WASHINGTON, 19.—The Attorney General has appointed General Cecil Clay, of West Virginia, Chief Clerk in the Department of Justice.

Another long list of recent appointments went into the Senate to-day, the majority of them post-masters.

Col. Boudinot presented an application of District Attorney Corbhill asking leave to prosecute William Phillips, of Kansas, charged by Boudinot with violating the revised statutes in making contracts and receiving money from Indians.

Confirmations—Walter Evans, Commissioner of Internal Revenue; Albert U. Wyman, Treasurer of the United States; Edward D. Graves, Assistant treasurer of the United States. Indian agents—Sidney D. Waters, Conn., Coalville agency, Washington Territory; Jas. T. Gardner, Col., Ouray agency, Utah; Ellsha W. Davis, Col., Uintah agency, Utah; Oliver Ward, Ohio, Neshby agency, Washington Territory; Benj. W. Thompson, West Va., Sisseton agency, Dakota; Sanderson R. Martin, Pa., Shoshone agency, Wyoming.

The executive committee appointed by the Colored National Convention at Louisville, Ky., which consists of two delegates from each State, met to-day in this city. Chairman Bledger, of Atlanta, called the committee to order, and the roll of States being called, the chairman stated that since the meeting of the Convention, the civil rights decision of the Supreme Court caused considerable agitation among the colored people.

Fred Douglass came in during the discussion. He said public men were largely divided upon the recent decision of the Supreme Court. He therefore suggested if any unanimous endorsement were possible by the committee of the dissenting opinion of Justice Harlan, it would be a graceful thing for the committee to take such action. In view of the present political situation, he thought it would be well for them to hold a National Convention just before those of the two great parties.

Scott, of Illinois, offered a resolution endorsing the civil rights resolution recently offered in the Senate; referred to committee.

A committee was appointed to prepare an address to the public on the subject of the recent killing of negroes in Virginia. The chairman was instructed to call on the President and ask him to designate a day when the committee will call and pay its respects.

GALVESTON, 19.—Cisco special: The Brownwood stage, which was robbed of the mail yesterday by a single highwayman, was attacked again this afternoon. A passenger shot at the robber, the latter firing back continuously and retreating as fast as his horse could run. No one hurt.

New Orleans, 19.—Clinton special: Jim George, colored, residing five miles from here, returned home late last night and found his daughter, aged 17, dead, and another woman mortally wounded. The latter has since died. The murder was committed by a man who called at the house, found the women in bed and shot them both. Ed. Eli, colored, is arrested; suspicion is strong against him.

Vicksburg, 19.—Patrick Flynn, the agent of Wilzinski's Dunbar Place, Lake Washington, was killed by a negro named Howard. The murderer is threatened with lynching.

PHILADELPHIA, 19.—A Christian convention, to form an Anti-Secret Society League, met to-day. A delegate prayed that the people be delivered from a bondage greater than human slavery, and asked that "the Spirit of God might open their eyes and enlighten Christians to the danger attending secret societies." Officers were chosen, and addresses made by Rev. J. P. Stoddard and Pres. Blanchard of Lincoln College Ill. Resolutions were adopted denouncing all secret societies, and declaring, "Masonic lodges fill our offices, secular and divine, with their partisans, shape our political destinies, teach corrupting morality, subvert both of the Christian religion and free institutions." A resolution also declares the Grand Army of the Republic an insidious, dangerous and useless form of secret organization.

NEW YORK, 20.—At a directors' meeting of the Union Pacific Company, this morning, President Dillon in the chair. F. F. Ames, C. F. Adams, E. H. Baker, F. G. Dexter, S. H. H. Clark, G. M. Dodge, A. H. Green, John Sharp, A. Schell, Jay Gould, Solon Humphreys, Bromley, Conger, Parrish, Haven and Hoyt were present. The tripartite agreement was unanimously adopted.

Resolutions were adopted instructing General Manager Clark to invite other roads to enter the new alliance; adjourned.

Ex-Police officer Conroy, who killed Peter Kunan with his club and pistol on the night of Nov. 5th, is sentenced to be hanged on the 8th of February next. A new trial was denied him.

Edward J. Rough, the discharged stage carpenter who tried to fire the Casino, plead guilty of attempt at arson in the first degree. He was sentenced to the state prison for seven years.

OGDEN, Utah, 20.—The Herald's special says: Jens Hendrickson, a Danishman 50 years of age, storekeeper at Huntsville, while returning home from Ogden last night, fell off his wagon and was run over and instantly killed.

TRENTON, N. J., 20.—There was a reduction made of 10 per cent. without notice, in the wages of laborers in the N. J. steel and iron works.

READING, 20.—Laborers on the new railroad at Cornwall have struck on account of a reduction in wages from \$1.50 to \$1.30 per day.

FOREIGN.

PARIS, 19.—"Sarah Barnum," a satirical biography of Sara Bernhardt by her former friend, Marie Colombier, has caused a duel between former friends of the women, and a scandalous quarrel between the actress and the author. Sara, incensed at being described as "The Barnum," asked the police to seize the book. The police replied she must seek redress in the civil tribunals. Sara with her son proceeded on Sunday to Colombier's residence and struck her in the face with a riding whip. Colombier fled, pursued by Sara, who smashed everything in her way. Meanwhile friends of the women indulged in a free fight in another part of the house. It is stated the affair will lead to a number of duels.

ROME, 19.—The German Prince and members of the Italian Royal Family attended the Costanzi Theater this evening, and received renewed cheers. The Prince warmly praised the appearance of the troops reviewed.

Barcelona, 19.—A strong protectionist movement is started against all treaties of commerce by Spain with foreign nations.

Cape Town, 19.—Details are received of the hanging of Chief Mampoor at Pretoria. Mampoor was led naked to the jail yard; the first rope broke when the trap was sprung, and Mampoor fell into the pit below. The second attempt was successful.

LONDON, 20.—British regiments in Egypt will be filled to the strength of 1,000 men each. Several regiments will be ordered to Egypt.

HONG KONG, 20.—The French have captured the principal outposts of Sontay, embracing five strongly fortified villages. The enemy made a stubborn resistance. The French loss was 200 men and 75 officers killed and wounded. Admiral Courbet commanding, had 7,000 men; 4,000 were engaged in the action, the remainder being held in reserve. The Chinese still hold the fortress of Sontay.

Paris, 20.—Government has unofficially confirmed the report of the capture of villages about Sontay.

London, 20.—A despatch from Hong Kong states that the fight at Sontay occurred on the 14th. Two out works were captured and the citadel is surrounded by French troops.

Berlin, 20.—Information is just received that the Czar, while hunting was thrown out of a wagon and injured in the right shoulder. Grave fears for a time were entertained but the Queen received a special telegram to the effect that the injury is not serious.

Paris, 20.—Reinforcements to the number of 6,800 troops will go to Tonquin in the next fortnight. The Government has no information of Sontay being occupied.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

The new mayor of Laredo, charged with being in the Mexican train robbery, is released on his own recognizance.

San Francisco, 19.—Associated Press Boise City, Idaho, special: Huntington, Oregon, robbery report false.

New York, 19.—The Board of Aldermen passed an ordinance requiring electric light companies to place their wires underground after May 1st.

San Francisco, 19.—Robert Bonner telegraphed J. C. Simpson, of this city, offering \$20,000 for his four-year-old Anteco; declined.

Denver, 19.—The marriage of Bishop Henry Warren, of Georgia, to Mrs. Elizabeth S. Iliz, of this city, is announced to occur on the 17th inst. Bishop Simpson will probably officiate.

Mt. Carmel, Pa., 19.—Different collieries of Northumberland county have suspended until the 26th; 12,000 employees are idle. Thirteen inches of snow fell to-day, stopping several collieries and impeding railroad travel.

Chicago, 20.—Special trains bearing officers and guests have left New York and Chicago for Niagara Falls to witness the formal opening of the Michigan Central bridge this forenoon. The structure will be tested by nine engines weighing 2,000 tons. The ceremonies will close by a banquet at the Monteaque house.

A large meeting under the auspices of the Clan na Gael Society was held last night at Ford's theatre, Washington, presided over by Congressman Robinson of New York, who made a violent harangue over the hanging of O'Donnel. Calkins, Finerty, and Belford followed in the same vein, the latter saying the killing of Carey by O'Donnell was "an absolutely just act. Resolutions were adopted condemning the action of England in the case.

Pittsburg, 19.—The Volta Iron Works at Apollo, Penn., closed down a fortnight since on account of a strike, resumed to-day, the men accepting the reduction.

The action of the Western Nall Association will throw out of employment several thousand men. Manufacturers hope by suspension to improve trade. Employees are very despondent, having already lost nearly four months this year by a similar suspension.

This afternoon 3,000 men at the National Tube Works at McKeesport were notified of a general reduction Jan. 1st; if the terms are not accepted, the works will close down indefinitely after that date.

The Manchester Iron and Steel Company's furnace suspended operations Saturday, throwing 300 men out.

Galvanizers of Oliver & Robert's wire mill struck to-day because of non-union mechanics taking the place of the strikers who went out two weeks ago.

EMERY STAKE CONFERENCE.

The Emery Stake Quarterly Conference was held at Huntington, Dec. 1st and 2nd.

Present on the stand—President C. G. Larsen and Counselors Orange Seely and Rasmus Justensen; Patriarch Robert Logan and the Bishops of the different wards, with their Counselors, and members of the High Council.

Prayer by Elder James Woodward.

Singing. President Larsen made a few opening remarks.

The Bishops gave reports of their wards, which were all in a flourishing condition. The Saints were striving to live their religion to the best of their ability.

Dismissed till 2 p. m.

Afternoon services.

Opening exercises. Reports were given in from the different quorums of the Stake. They were all represented as in good condition.

Elder N. T. Guyman delivered an address on the progress of the work of God in which the Saints are engaged.

President Larsen made some remarks.

Second day services.

Opening exercises.

President O. Seely spoke in regard to the condition of the Saints of Emery Stake now and their situation a short time since, showing considerable progress. He exhorted the Saints to faithfulness.

The Clerk presented the General Authorities of the Church, also the Local Authorities of Emery Stake, which were unanimously sustained. The statistical report was also read, which showed an increase since last Conference of over 100.

Afternoon services.

Opening exercises. Sacrament was administered.

Elder Jos. Birch spoke a few words on temporal affairs.

Patriarch Robert Logan spoke in regard to us living the lives of Saints of the Most High God, so that we may gain the blessings in store for the faithful.

Elder Hyrum Strong was then ordained a High Priest and set apart as first counselor to Bishop Casper Christensen, of Muddy Ward, under the hands of President C. G. Larsen.

Elder James Woodward spoke a few words on the saving principles inculcated in our holy religion.

Elder Wm. Howard made a few remarks in regard to those secret societies that were springing up, and said that the Prophet Joseph prophesied in regard to these things in these the last days.

Elder Erastus Curtis spoke on the same subject.

Elder Matthew Caldwell spoke a few words of instruction and encouragement.

President Larsen spoke on co-operation.

Singing by both choirs, "The Spirit of God like a fire is burning," the whole congregation rising to their feet and singing.

Benediction by Bishop Jasper Robertson.

President Larsen announced that next conference will be held at Orongeville.

J. K. REID, Clerk of Emery Stake.

BOX ELDER STAKE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Editor Deseret News:

The general conference of the Sunday schools of this county was held here in our Tabernacle yesterday, December 18th, 1883. It having been previously announced that the Superintendents of the Deseret Sunday School Union, President George Q. Cannon, George Goddard and Elder John Morgan would be present, there was a very large attendance of those persons who are earnestly engaged in Sabbath school labors in the various towns of Box Elder Stake.

The exercises of the day were of a miscellaneous character. The Brigham City Sunday school choir led by Brother John Ditton, and the Willard City Sunday school choir, led by Brother Robert Baird, performed the choral music, many of their pieces being rendered with sweetness and harmonious melody, displaying the energy and interest that is taken by these gentlemen in disciplining their Sunday school choirs in vocal music.

There were some excellent recitations, songs, trios, quartets, etc., well rendered, to particularize all of which with their merits, I am aware would eulogize too much upon your space. I may be pardoned, however, for mentioning one or two without incurring anyone's jealousy or displeasure.

Master Clarence Wixon, a little fellow about seven years of age recited a piece entitled "The wolf and the lamb," with clear and distinct articulation the last two verses of which were comparing the Latter-day Saints to the lamb and their enemies to the wolf who is constantly struggling to eat them up. This was certainly one of the most timely and appropriate applications that could be made, especially by a young member of a Sabbath school in Utah to feel that he was one of the lambs whose rights are jeopardized.

One of the most interesting parts of the exercises was the answering of Questions relating to the most important events recorded in the Book of Mormon. This was done in uniform and with remarkable accuracy by the Three Mile Creek Sunday school.

The speakers during the day were in the morning, County Superintendent J. C. Wixom, who expressed his pleasure in meeting with so many of the various Sunday schools. Also in having the company of the brethren from the city.

Elder George Goddard spoke upon the necessity of punctuality being observed by teachers; also in setting a good example before the scholars in all things.

Elder John Morgan was pleased to be present and in witnessing the exercises to see the promptness and precision that were manifested by all who took part.

President George Q. Cannon spoke upon the importance of Sabbath school labors and the necessity of assisting the young to form good habits and being careful that all objectionable literature be kept from them.

He continued his remarks in the afternoon upon the proper training of children, and the cultivation of the best traits in the development of their characters.

Elder Goddard and Morgan followed upon the same subjects in timely and instructive remarks.

A meeting was also held in the evening, which was addressed by Elder Goddard, who also sang a song entitled, "Who's on the Lord's Side?"

Apostle Lorenzo Snow delivered an interesting address to all who are engaged in Sunday School labors, encouraging them to persevere in the good work and they would reap ample reward in the future.

Our Stake Sunday School Superintendent, Bro. J. C. Wixom, stated that there are 2,000 persons engaged in the Sabbath School labor in this county. There are 400 teachers and 25 schools. Bro. Wixom and his counselors, Brothers Peter Baird and George G. Hall, take a great interest in this work, and as a result of this, together with the combined efforts of all the other Sunday school officers, we can say truthfully that yesterday we had a jubilee.

Yours respectfully, J. B. Brigham City, Dec. 17, 1883.

Correspondence.

Suggestions About Reservoirs.

MOUNT CARMEL, Kane County, Utah, Dec. 6th, 1883.

Editor Deseret News:

Having noticed an article in your issue of Nov. 23rd, of the WEEKLY NEWS, written by H. E. H., of Indianola, upon the subject of reservoirs to save the water that falls from the clouds; that is a subject that has employed my attention for some time past. I have seen the need of more water during the month of June, the driest month for us on the south side of the rim of the basin. I have traveled up and down the canyons, and find there is plenty of land unoccupied for want of water, and plenty of water running by us down into the Colorado nine months in the year. Our snow is all gone before we get ready to use the water. In my travels I find plenty of chances to build reservoirs and detain the water above us and let it serve us on the principle of the snows melting and coming down to feed the streams on the north side of the rim of the basin.

Brother L. John Nuttall advised us, some years ago, when he was visiting and counseling with us in regard to increasing our water supply, to improve and dig out the springs that feed our streams. That we have done something at, but some of our thinking men have thought there could be a great deal more done by reserving the water that generally runs to waste. We farm in this valley about 1,600 acres of land, and I don't think we use more than one-fourth of the water that runs through our valley, and we don't farm more than half of the good land.

My plans for reservoirs are as follows: In the first place, all who have not done so, should organize into irrigating districts, with a full and complete organization as the law directs, and commence building and improving yearly as they feel able. Build the reservoirs on benches and side canyons, by turning the stream from the main channel, on account of the floods that would soon fill up the reservoir with sand, but direct the water wherever there is a basin or side pocket that the stream can be turned into. The larger the area of land the reservoirs cover the better, as they can be sown to red top after they are emptied the first time, which would be in June. The ensuing season will not hurt the grass, but make it all the better. There are plenty of chances to make reservoirs to cover from fifty to one