

SPECIAL TO THE DESERET NEWS.]

By Telegraph.

GENERAL.

AURORA, 5.—A most dastardly murder was committed in De Kalb Co., three miles from Stabbona Grove village, last evening. Miss Joan McCormick, a beautiful young lady of seventeen, the eldest daughter of a wealthy farmer's widow, was deliberately shot and instantly killed, while sitting at the supper-table with her mother, two younger sisters and her brother, by an ignorant farm-hand named John Reed; the only pretext being that she refused to accompany him to the 4th of July celebration. Reed fired two shots through the window from a double barreled shot-gun, the first charge entering the brain and killing her instantly; the second passing over the head of a sister sitting in range, and lodging in the ceiling. He returned the gun to a neighbor from whom he had borrowed it, and fled. The excitement was so great that not a person for miles around slept that night. Forty men on horseback scoured the country, and messengers were dispatched to various railroad stations, some going to Aurora and Chicago, to intercept his flight. Reed is about twenty-three years of age, of medium height, spare build, full face, short curly hair, and a hang-dog look. He worked two years for the mother of the murdered young lady previous to this season. After the inquest it was learned that he had told a boy that afternoon he was going to shoot her, because she would not go with him. There is not a citizen of that town, but would assist in lynching him if found.

SAN FRANCISCO, 5.—News has been received that the bark *Butts*, of this port, on the way here from Callao, was wrecked at Cerro Azul. She was loaded with sugar and consigned to Parrott & Co. She was owned by the same parties who owned the brig *Kentucky*, recently lost in a hurricane near the Fiji Islands.

By a fire before daybreak this morning, on Mission street, near First, the boarding house known as the Denigan house was nearly destroyed. Dennis O'Hern, a boarder, after saving his wife and children, went back to save his money and was burned to death.

Isaac Brooks is the man shot in the mouth on Duport street yesterday morning by N. Violah, he is reported dying, Dr. Barstow, who shot himself last week in the head, is reported recovering, though the ball is in the brain. There is no stock board to-day and but little doing on the street; 185 was bid for Belcher.

The celebration yesterday was very spirited and a complete success. The procession was very nearly two and a half miles long, and was most admirably marshaled by Gen. Ellis. The military display was very fine. The milkmen made the finest display of any trade or organization in the line. An immense number of people from adjacent counties participated in the exercises here. The pavillion was densely crowded, and it is estimated that 50,000 people witnessed the fireworks in the evening. No serious accidents marred the general enjoyment of the day.

The colored people give different reasons for not turning out yesterday. Some say they were disgusted with being placed in the rear of organizations composed of foreign born citizens; others allege that it was the result of a quarrel between themselves. They are developing themselves into very hostile factions, which cannot agree on any occasion.

GRASS VALLEY, 5.—This morning, at four o'clock an alarm of fire sounded. Gad & Co's. large clothing store, corner of Main and Mill streets, was on fire. The fire caught inside the building and made considerable headway before it was discovered. The prompt action of the firemen confined the flames to the building in which the fire originated. The whole stock of goods was damaged. The loss of clothing amounts probably to \$10,000, and it was insured. Scadden & Freeberth's building adjoining Gad's, was slightly damaged. Morris H. Joseph's stock was much damaged by water; insured. The total loss is \$15,000.

HAMILTON. — Dunne & McCom's mill, situated in the canyon leading from Hamilton to Eberhardt city, was totally destroyed by fire last evening. The fire was evidently the work of an incendiary, as no fire had been used in or about the mill for some time past. There being no facilities at hand, no effort was made to extinguish the flames. The mill was worth about \$30,000, and,

a short time since, was under insurance, but it is thought the policy is now run out.

RENO, 5.—A water spout burst in the mountains fourteen miles west of Reno, last evening, and washed a great quantity of earth and small rock on the track of the C. P. R. R. About nine p. m., a freight train, coming east at the rate of twelve miles an hour, ran into the slide, the engineer not being able to see it in time to stop the train. The engine jumped the track and ran some thirty feet down the embankment, maintaining its upright position. The tender was upset, but no one injured. The train bound west left here at 6.30 a. m.

OTTAWA, Ont.—Hon. Wm. Tratch has been appointed Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia.

The *Times*, to-day, referring to Sir VISALIA, California, 5.—At six minutes to one this p. m., a sharp shock of earthquake was felt in this city. The motion was north and south.

Robert Ray was killed yesterday on White River, by a tree falling on him.

Michael Fitzgerald, last night, was stabbed in the breast by Mark Havrus. The wound is serious, but not fatal. Havrus is arrested.

NEW YORK, 8.—A special Washington dispatch states that Senator Schurz has written a letter to a gentleman in Washington, in which he strongly expresses himself in favor of Charles Francis Adams, of Mass., for Vice-President of the United States in 1872.

Special dispatches state that all the testimony in the case of Mrs. Sherman, the Connecticut wholesale poisoner, is in, and the examination has been adjourned till Monday, when the counsel for the prisoner will probably make an argument in favor of the dismissal of the charge as not sustained. It is believed in Derby, however, that the case will go to trial, and that the defense will be the fashionable one of insanity.

CHICAGO, 8.—New York specials say the gravest apprehensions are felt about the horse disease, which seems alarmingly on the increase. It is now believed to be not only an epidemic but contagious. A great many blood horses are said to have been seized with the disease; those of Bonner, Vanderbilt, Wilkes, Belmont, Fisk and Stewart among the rest. It is reported that during the week, as many as thirty or forty horses, valued at five to ten thousand each, have died of the plague, and all the horse owners are greatly alarmed for the safety of their property. At present at least two thousand animals are suffering from the contagion, which baffles all the skill of the veterinary surgeons. There is little doubt the epidemic will spread hence all over the country, and no limits can be set to its diffusion. The disease has increased in violence to more than an ordinary degree within the past two weeks.

The weather is extremely hot, the thermometer at ten a. m. being ninety in the shade.

NEWARK, 8.—A shocking accident occurred on the Newark & New York R. R. this morning, near the Ferry street station in this place, resulting in the death of several persons, and the wounding of very many more. The 8 o'clock train from this city, and another from New York, were running on the same track, and came in collision. The cars are a heap of burning ruins. Already seven bodies have been taken out, and it is supposed that there are many more.

WASHINGTON.—A letter received at the Post office Department from Dr. McDonald, superintendent of the Postal money order system of the United States, who is now in London for the purpose of arranging a money order system between this country and Great Britain, says he has had success and will probably conclude the business satisfactorily in a few days, when he will leave for Berlin, where he will make similar arrangements with the postal authorities of the German Empire.

NEW YORK.—There is every prospect of a riot on Wednesday next. There no longer seems a doubt that the Orangemen will parade, and that the Irish will openly resort to violence to prevent them from so doing. It is currently reported that the Irish societies number 12,000, and they are arming and will appear on the 12th for the purpose of carrying their threats into execution. It is generally understood among the public that 5,000 Orangemen will march on that day.

A correspondent at Derby, Conn., visited Mrs. Sherman, who is accused of the murder of her three husbands and eight children, yesterday. During the interview the latter said all she asked was a fair field and no favors.

SYRACUSE.—The most violent storm known here for years passed over at two o'clock this morning, followed by another. The wind blew down trees from one to two feet in diameter. One building was blown down and the high school and several barns were unroofed. The lightning struck in every part of the city including the house of Senator Kennedy, Alderman Howlett, and the Binghamton Railroad engine house, doing much damage. It set fire to two buildings six miles west of here. It struck engineer Harris, killing him and stripping the clothes entirely off his body. During the storm, hail as large as walnuts fell, doing great damage to the crops.

NEW YORK, 9.—The threatening attitude of the Irish Catholics towards the Orangemen has been thought of sufficient importance by Archbishop McClosky to induce him to do all in his power to prevent an outbreak. He has notified the clergy to speak of the coming demonstration at each mass to-day, and advise the congregations to abstain from any overt act and allow the Orange procession to pass on in peace. Mayor Hall asserts that such measures have been taken to prevent a riot that it is a physical impossibility; yet it is known that several Hibernian clubs have made arrangements to shoot, and intend to meet the procession of Orangemen.

Five persons were killed and fifteen wounded at the Newark R. R. disaster yesterday. W. Thompson, the brakeman who left the switch misplaced and caused the accident, was arrested last night and lodged in the Newark city prison. He has been in the employ of the company nine years and was always thought a most trustworthy man. The R. R. Co. loses \$100,000 by the accident, which is the first of any importance which ever occurred between Newark and this city. Frank Kerman, the engineer who was killed, seems to have enacted a heroic part. Just before he died he said, to a friend, "I don't expect to live. I did all I could to stop the train and feel satisfied and sure that I could have saved myself by jumping into the ditch, but I hoped to save my engine and train and hung on."

Yew York, and the 8.05 train from Newark, sighted each other when dashing at full speed. No whistles were blown, and without any diminution in impetus they approached the switch at Perill's farm, which the railroad runs through. A gravel train had last been switched off, and the switch had not been replaced, the trains meeting each other at the junction. The New York train ran off up on to the down track, and cut right into the up train, and the engine, jumping from the track, bounded down the embankment into a ditch, dragging with it the three front cars. The engine and front passenger cars of the one train telescoped into the other for fully 15 feet. The cars and engine took fire, and the flames spread and soon enveloped everything within reach. The greatest alarm prevailed among the passengers; the ladies screamed and the men became frightened and rushed to the doors, while others threw baskets and bundles, and in some instances small children from the windows. The terror thus created was augmented by the report that scores of human beings were in the burning cars unable to effect their escape. The fire alarm rung and the firemen came to the scene promptly and extinguished the flames. The scene of the disaster is a fearful sight. For 150 feet the tracks are lined with the debris of the destroyed six cars and two engines, and a hundred men are working clearing away the rubbish; hundreds of people are congregating at the scene. One man jumped out of the window at the moment of the accident, thus saving himself. All the killed were employes of the road. Search is now being made for dead bodies. The distance from Newark to the scene of the disaster is one mile and a half. The general impression is that the catastrophe was decidedly the result of criminal negligence on the part of the employes of the road. All travel is suspended on this road.

The following is the list of killed: Geo. Hill, engineer, roasted alive under engine; Frank Kieman, engineer, horribly mangled, died in ten minutes; C. L. White, brakeman; N. M. McManns, fireman. Geo. Banks, an engineer, is missing, supposed to be buried under the demolished locomotive. The number of passengers injured is said to be less than thirty. Geo. Banks and Frank Adams, of Newark, are supposed to be injured fatally.

WASHINGTON.—The Ku-Klux committees have examined Col. Pugh and Judge Pettis, of Alabama, both testified to their belief that there was no Ku-

Klux organization in the State, and that order and respect for law prevailed. J. W. Justice, a prominent native Republican of North Carolina and a member of the legislature of that State, testified to being taken from his bed four or five weeks since by a band of disguised men and terribly beaten, and that his life was threatened until he made a promise not to come to Washington to testify.

The Ku Klux investigating committee to-day examined Jos. H. Speed, of Alabama, ex-confederate officer and now a regent of the State University, and superintendent of education in Perry Co. He testified that the section of Alabama in which he resides was quiet and peaceable until last winter, when bands of armed and disquieted men began to commit outrages of various kinds. This state of affairs continued for awhile, but recently, as far as the witness knows, things have been quiet throughout the State. The result of the occurrences above referred to had been to excite general terror among the colored people, and make them afraid to vote. In regard to the education of the negroes, he said the only opposition to it came from the lower classes of whites, the former owners of slaves being strongly in favor of general and impartial education.

Dr. W. E. Johnston, a well known physician in Paris, states that reports of the mortality in that city are much exaggerated. The sanitary condition of Paris is satisfactory and no epidemic prevails. Statistics show the city is now healthier than London in proportion to the population, and the death rate is not as great as at this time last year.

In order to prevent the introduction to the U. S. of the cattle disease, known as the hoof and mouth disease, now prevailing in Chili and the Argentine Republic, orders have been issued that no cattle hides will be allowed to enter U. S. ports from those countries, unless accompanied by an invoice having the Consul's certificate that he is satisfied the importation is free from disease.

Ex-Congressman Bowen received a telegram last evening from a friend at Long Branch, stating that the pardon in his case would be forwarded by to-day's mail. An unauthenticated report prevails in New York that officers are here awaiting Bowen's release, when it is said he will be again arrested on a requisition of Governor Hoffman, to answer to the charge of mutilating the court records of that State.

NEW YORK, 7.—A dreadful catastrophe is reported from the State of Seacatecas, Mexico. In the Quebravilla Silver mine, in that famous region, a fire has occurred by which over 100 miners were suffocated.

The horse plague is increasing and interfering seriously with street car travel in East Broadway, Third St. and Eighth Avenue. The lines don't pretend to run regular trips, and the fifth avenue stages are making theirs at irregular intervals.

Cholera infantum is prevailing to a great extent in Brooklyn. A new form of cholera, having most marked symptoms with dysentery and yellow fever, has broken out. Four cases only have occurred.

COLUSA, Cal., 7.—S. V. Green, known as Lieut. Green, shot and killed McDaniels, at the Green House, Story Creek, 50 miles from here, yesterday morning, during a quarrel, in which McDaniels fired three shots at Green, who killed him with his own revolver. Green was acquitted.

IMPORTANT HINT ABOUT THE FEET.—As the feet are kept more closely covered than any other part of the body during the day, they should be thoroughly washed and rubbed till dry, every night. Impurities gather as the result of the confined perspiration, and these should be removed before sleeping. However inconvenient to do so, we repeat it, wash the feet every night.—*Ex.*

DIED.

At Springville, June 30th, 1871, MARGARET, wife of Thomas Robinson, aged 63 years and 27 days. She lived and died a faithful Saint.—*Com. Mill. Star*, please copy.

At Grafton, Kane County, June 27th, ANN VIOLA, daughter of Charles H. and Viola M. Jones, aged 6 years, 2 months, 6 days.

At the Rocky Mountain Coal Works, near Evanston, Wyoming Territory, June 25th, of consumption, ELIZABETH, daughter of Alexander and Elizabeth M. Livingston, aged 19 years and 2 days. Deceased emigrated from Scotland, July 1870. She died in full faith of the Gospel.—*Mill. Star*, please copy.