

## BY TELEGRAPH.

## AMERICAN.

WASHINGTON, 1.—The hearing of the distillers and rectifiers before the committee of ways and means concluded to-day. Adolph Woolner, distiller of Peoria, opposed the bill, which he said ought to be entitled "A bill to instruct the Internal Revenue to give distillers and curers of fine whiskeys a bonus of 18 1/2 per cent. of the tax and additional inducement to defraud the government of another 18 1/2 per cent. of tax." He argued that under the present law the revenue from whiskey was very closely collected, and the trade was prosperous, and that under the proposed bill, distillers who had three years in which to pay the tax, would pay a tax of 20 cents less per gallon than a man who paid the tax immediately, and that this principle was contrary to all rules of trade. The result of the bill would be to abandon the system of cash down tax payers. The great damage, however, would be in the temptation to fraud. The trade needed relief, and the best thing to be done was to let well enough alone. These views were reinforced by W. E. Bush, of Peoria, and T. G. McNamara, of Cincinnati. The bill was advocated by Thomas, of Louisville, and Henry S. Hannis, of Philadelphia. The latter said he had lost \$750,000 ten years ago in consequence of the unexpected change of law in 1839, forcing all goods out of bond on a given day. He had since organized the present company with a paid up capital of \$100,000, and that was all gone.

A delegation of colored men from St. Louis consisting of J. Milton Turner, ex-United States Minister to Liberia, J. T. Smith, Charlton H. Tanney, J. W. Wilson, and Alfred Carter, called on the President to-day stating that the negro and German vote together comprise the bulk of the Republican vote of the State; that the negro vote amounting to 40,000, controls two if not three, Congressional districts; that if the President would elevate the colored man to a responsible official position in Missouri, it would reunite the colored people, who are now dissatisfied on account of having to carry the burdens of the party without recognition.

The House military committee have agreed to report a resolution to be placed upon the army appropriation bill, that none of the money appropriated by the bill shall be paid for the transportation of troops to be used as police at the polls.

NEW YORK, 2.—The World's Washington says: Manning and Springer had a personal wrangle in the committee room to-day. Finally Manning said, "the chairman of this committee told me that he would vote for my report."

"I told you nothing of the kind," Springer replied.

"The chairman of this committee did tell me he would vote for my report," Manning repeated, "and if he denies it now he lies."

Manning was standing at this time and Springer sat in his chair at the head of the table. He said, "The gentleman from Mississippi will retract those words."

As chairman of the committee he had the advantage of his antagonist, and called for a retraction in a tone of command.

Manning simply answered, "Yes, I withdraw them for the time being."

"No," said Springer, "you withdraw them for all time."

Manning was about to reply further, but other gentlemen interfered and the matter was hushed.

The Tribune's London special says: Lord Hartington, the liberal leader, in a speech to-day in Lancashire, said that if a liberal cabinet is to be formed at once, the question of the premiership should be decided by the party and the wishes of the Queen.

The Herald has the following: The Edinburgh Liberals have already won 29 seats, making a difference of 58 votes so far. The government is therefore already hopelessly beaten.

NEW YORK, 2.—Charles Adolphus Murray, Earl of Dunmore, is stopping at the Brevort House. He is on his way to Helena to buy cattle for his ranch in the Yellowstone valley.

NEW ORLEANS, 2.—General Grant had a reception at the St. Charles Hotel from 1 to 2 o'clock p. m. and afterwards took a drive through the city. Last night the Carnival Court, having serenaded the queen and other distinguished members of the court in accordance with the annual

custom, repaired finally to the mansion of Albert Baldwin, president of the royal host, where a large company including Gen. Grant, who had been specially invited by the host was in attendance. After an introduction to the president, the entire company participated in a magnificent banquet. During its progress, Baldwin announced that the General had been elected a member of the Royal Host, and the title of duke conferred upon him. The General was immediately decorated with the order of St. Rex, by Judge George H. Braughn, Lord High Chamberlain, and the General acknowledged the compliment in substance as follows.

## Ladies and Gentlemen:

I thank you very much for the kind reception and for the compliment which the Rex Association has just paid me. For pronounced republican as I am, it would, under ordinary circumstances, hardly be proper for me to accept the distinction which you have just conferred upon me, especially as I have been frequently charged with an attempt to seize upon the higher title; but, as I said before, under such circumstances, and appreciating the objects of your worthy organization, I accept the title of duke, and thank you again for the compliment paid, and the kind reception extended to me.

The Galveston News' special from Minola, Texas, says: Very heavy rains caused the river to rise and 150 feet of the embankment on Buck Creek, between here and Tyler, was washed away. Passengers came through and returned by hand car.

CHICAGO, 2.—The Inter-Ocean's Washington special says: To-night a colored exodus meeting was held in one of the rooms of the Corcoran Building, attended by representatives from nearly all the Southern States. Mr. Langdale, of Indiana, was present. It seems about 5,000 colored people have moved to Indiana, and a great majority are doing well. The purpose of the meeting to-night was to discuss the question generally. Representatives from the south are generally of the opinion that the exodus is yet in its infancy, and that there will be quite a stampede northward this summer. Ohio is looked upon as a favorable locality, and it is reported that all who have gone there have done well.

The contract was let to-day for the immense new depot to be built on the corner of Canal and Madison Streets by the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul, the Pittsburg and Fort Wayne and the Chicago and Alton railroads.

SAN FRANCISCO, 2.—Rodman M. Price, ex-Governor of New Jersey, has brought suit in the Superior Court against Squire P. Dewey, survivor of the firm of Theodore Payne & Co., to recover \$1,000,000 alleged to be due from defendant as plaintiff's agent. The complaint alleges that the plaintiff, in the early days of San Francisco, owned several pieces of valuable real estate in the city, which he entrusted to Erasmus D. Keyes, captain in the United States army, as agent; that Keyes entered into a fraudulent conspiracy with Edmund Scott and defendant to defraud plaintiff of the property in question. Scott died in 1873. An account is asked from defendant for the income and proceeds of all sales and conveyances held by defendant, and judgment for \$1,000,000 and costs.

DENVER, 2.—The protracted litigation between the Denver and Rio Grande Railway Company, and the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe, and the Pueblo and Arkansas Valley Companies, has been finally ended by the entry here of the decrees in the cases made last week by Judge Miller. The Denver and Rio Grande Company has taken possession of the Leadville line, and is pressing the work of completion with great vigor. That line will be completed to Leadville in about 60 days. By the decrees the lease of the constructed road to the Atchison Company is cancelled and the receiver discharged and ordered to turn it back to the Denver and Rio Grande Company. This will be done early next week. The line is in excellent condition and doing a large and profitable business. The San Juan extension is completed to Corrajas and 2,000 men are at work there or beyond. These extensions tap the most valuable mineral sections of Colorado, and guarantee a large increase of traffic.

BRADFORD, Pa., 2.—Eighteen buildings, including the Academy of Music and the Titusville House, on Main and Webster streets, were burned. Loss, \$150,000; insured. The fire started in Sawyer's saloon,

The Cory House, Holme's liquor store, Wright's grocery, the Washington house, Hanlan's hotel, and Michael's clothing store are among the buildings burned. James Williams, of Dunkirk, was burned to death.

BOSTON, 2.—The Journal, editorially, says: Well informed parties assure us that Grant will speak out before the Chicago Convention, and place himself on a platform that will sweep the country. He will declare that only a call of great weight would induce him to resume official duties, and only then on a perfect understanding among the republicans that he is to be relieved at the end of four years.

CINCINNATI, 2.—The Gazette special says: The dwelling of Mr. Holloway, two miles from Silver Lake, Kosciusko County, Indiana, was burned this morning, and with it Mrs. Holloway and her one-year-old child. The house caught fire in the absence of Mr. Holloway, and the failure of the woman and child to escape gives rise to a suspicion of murder.

OMAHA, 2.—Tilden carried the Nebraska State Democratic Convention, which concluded its labors to-day at Columbus. The delegates to Cincinnati were not instructed, but are all Tilden men, as follows: Dr. G. L. Miller, J. Sterling Morton, J. E. North, J. W. Pollock, R. S. Maloney and F. A. Harmon.

TROY, N. Y., 2.—By the breaking of a scaffold, 10 men, engaged in erecting an iron bridge over the Hudson at Lansingburg, were precipitated into the river, a distance of 47 feet. Three were badly injured and another lost an eye.

SANTA FE, 2.—An Apache band attacked the village of San Jose, 17 miles from the Rio Grande, but soldiers and Mexicans drove them off. One soldier of the Ninth Cavalry and one Mexican were killed.

WATERBURY, 2.—The democratic State committee have decided to hold a convention for the selection of delegates to Cincinnati, at Montpelier, April 22. A strong Hancock sentiment prevails.

BUFFALO, 2.—Superintendent Kammerer was burned and three men severely hurt by the explosion of the boiler of Child's steam forge. The building is largely demolished.

WASHINGTON, 3.—Considerable interest has been created in political circles by a visit here this week of certain prominent Pennsylvania representatives in connection with the republican presidential nomination. It is understood that these gentlemen came here more particularly for the purpose of having an interview with Senator Don Cameron, and that they informed him in terms not to be mistaken, that it would be simply impossible for the Pennsylvania delegation to Chicago to be controlled as a unit for General Grant. It is certain as things are now going, that Cameron will find his delegation refractory from the start, and that the Blaine men will demand the right to cast their votes for their own favorite.

Judge Morgan, the newly appointed minister to Mexico, has received his instructions and started for his post of duty yesterday.

Hon. John W. Foster, late minister to Mexico, has arrived to receive instructions preparatory to entering upon his new field of duty at St. Petersburg.

Senators Booth and Farley, who left Washington yesterday with Secretary Thompson on an official excursion to Philadelphia and Chester to look at the unfinished ironclads, returned here to-night.

The House committee on Indian Affairs to-day took up the Ute-Indian bill.

Representative Ainslie offered an amendment to the portion of the bill proposing to locate the White River Utes on agricultural lands in Colorado, instead of on the Uintah reservation in Utah. This proposition was lost by the vote. It is asserted by members of the committee who favor this change, that the action of the committee on this proposition will undoubtedly be reversed at their next meeting.

The sub-committee of the House committee on Pacific railroads agreed to hear Judge James T. Wilson, counsel for the Northern Pacific Railroad Company, before making a final determination upon the report concerning railroad land grants.

The cabinet to-day, after discussing Alaska matters to some extent, decided to recommend legislation looking to the establishment of a civil government for the Territory.

Judge Wright, for assaulting ex-Secretary Delano, was sentenced to 30 days in jail and a fine of \$1,000.

ST. LOUIS, 3.—The Post's special from Ottawa, Kansas, says a cyclone

struck that place about 7 o'clock last evening, completely demolishing seven residences on Elm Street and badly injuring five others. It then jumped six blocks and again struck the ground near the river, where it destroyed several residences and barns, tore the roof off the K. C., L. & S. R. R. freight house and overturned it. Several freight cars in North Ottawa and 12 or 15 residences are totally destroyed or badly damaged. The evening train for Lawrence was caught at the junction, a mile north of the town. One passenger and two freight cars were upset and one passenger was seriously injured. The storm proceeded to the northeast, destroying the Spencer and Wilkinson and two other farmhouses on its way. Among the persons seriously injured are T. J. Berevir and family, J. Marshal, J. Baldwin, Mrs. Black, Mrs. Harley and Mr. Jones.

Fort Scott, Kas., 3.—A special to the Monitor from Girard says: At 7 p. m. last night a storm arose seven miles southwest of Girard, which soon developed the features of a cyclone. It followed up the valley of Thunderbolt Creek to within a mile of Girard and then went directly east as far as the Missouri line. Seventeen houses were destroyed. S. A. Sanders, a carpenter, was killed. Mrs. Jones living near Mulberry Grove, killed, and a five year old child named Morgan badly injured and will die. Many others were badly hurt. Grass, hedges, grain and trees were pulled out of the ground, feathers plucked from chickens, water blown from ponds and houses torn to splinters. The track of the storm varied in width from three to fifty rods.

NEW YORK, 3.—A special from Reading, Pennsylvania, says: The people of Toneybrook township, Chester County, are in a terrible state of alarm over the depredations of a band of Welch mountaineer thieves, who are burning their barns and driving off stock. The marauders robbed the county school house of a large bible and nailed it to a tree and posted a notice with a skull and cross-bones attached, stating if the Horse Insurance Company followed them up to make arrests, fearful desolation would follow. Members of the Detective Company have had their horses and cattle poisoned.

A Washington special to the Evening Post says: The secretary of the American Colonization Society is now distributing its sixty-third report. He says that uneasiness among the negroes in South Carolina continues and he is in daily receipt of letters of inquiry and appeals for help. He thinks that the colored population of the South are more discontented with their condition now than at any time since the war. In the report he believes that 500,000 negroes would immediately migrate to Liberia if opportunity was furnished.

The telephone competition between the Gold and Stock Telegraph Company of California and the National Bell Telephone Company has been settled for the entire Pacific Coast and George S. Ladd, president of the Gold and Stock Company leaves for San Francisco to-day to put the business into immediate operation.

According to cable returns thus far received of the election in 218 constituencies in Great Britain, the liberals have elected 206 members, the conservatives 122 and home rulers 12. The liberals have gained 58 seats and lost 17, while the home rulers show a gain of three seats.

All shipwrights, joiners and employes in the Naval Construction Department were discharged to-day from the navy yard. It is reported that the force will be organized with a view to increased efficiency.

The vault of the Wesley Methodist Episcopal Church caved in to-day, exposing to view an immense number of bodies, the rotted coffins being broken by the falling bricks.

NEW ORLEANS, 3.—A defective rice flume caused a crevasse on Sharp's plantation last night, and a six foot break was soon made by the rushing water. A hundred men are now at work repairing it, and the repairs are expected to be made in a few days.

The flow of water through Sharp's crevasse is four feet wide and sixty feet long. Five plantations are already inundated. The statement that 100 men were at work trying to close the break is incorrect; material has been sent and the work of closing will commence to-morrow.

General Grant visited the Exchange, and received and made calls, and agreed to re-visit Mobile on Friday, returning during the night.

General Grant lunched to-day at

the Baston Club, visited the Levee, met the Grand army of the Republic, and with them visited Chalmette and Jackson barracks. He attends Ames Methodist Church to-morrow and goes to the Lake on Monday to witness the rowing of Plaisted and Sullivan, as the guest of the Crescent City Railroad and Southern Yacht Club.

In reply to the Speaker of the House, Grant said: "I have always felt that the difference between a common people, after they have been once settled should remain so forever afterward." In accepting the invitation to Vicksburg, he said: "I once went into Vicksburg by the back door, I would like to go in by the front."

MACON, Miss., 3.—Andrew Macon, Jas. Brown and Samuel Boller, all colored, were hanged to-day, for murder; 8,000 persons were present, and all were reconciled.

SAN FRANCISCO, 3.—For a week wet weather has prevailed throughout the State, and during the last two or three days the rainfall has been heavy and general, several inches of water having fallen. Crops are assured so far as can be at this time.

There is a furious snow storm in the mountains, and there is great difficulty in keeping the railroads clear. In the valleys some minor washouts have occurred but no serious damage. The storm is not yet over.

A Virginia dispatch last night says: The pump in the Union shaft broke down. Repairs will take from three to five weeks.

COLUMBUS, 3.—Secretary Sherman arrived here to-day and is a guest of Governor Foster. A public reception in the evening, was given, but no speeches were made.

BOSTON, 3.—Sherman's lieutenant, Parker C. Chandler, has arranged for the Secretary to visit this city, April 10th, and has been entertained by the Commercial and Merchant's Clubs. It is whispered about that Amos A. Lawrence will be president of the Sherman Club now forming.

Many prominent republicans, including ex-Governor Rice, Boutwell and Banks have issued a document to the public favoring Grant.

DES MOINES, 3.—Twelve or 15 republican conventions were held in Iowa to-day. The State Register up to this hour has returns from eight. All are instructed for Blaine. In Delaware, Polk and Buchanan, the instructions were unanimous. These with the three conventions held before will make 114 delegates in the State convention, all instructed for Blaine.

CHICAGO, 3.—The propellers Champlain and Granite State left for Port Huron this morning. The first boats of the season through the Straits, which are now practically open.

The freight handlers in the two freight depots of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad struck to-day for an advance in wages.

COHOES, 3.—Last night the strikers assailed two tenements occupied by French operatives, breaking the doors and windows. The police force is ineffectual to protect the workmen, and special officers are being sworn in. The mills will be kept running.

CINCINNATI, 3.—The tobacco warehouse of Ripley & Co. burned this afternoon, in which McGregor Bros. had stored 200,000 pounds of leaf tobacco, and Lee Edwards 20,000 pounds, most of which is destroyed or damaged.

BELLELEVILLE, 3.—A party of 300 Irish and French Canadian railway laborers, on the way to Manitoba, engaged in a free fight at the station here and several were badly hurt. The fight was quelled and the train proceeded.

BURLINGTON, Vt., 3.—It has been decided to hold the 11th annual meeting of the Society of the Army of the Potomac in this city in the third week in June. Gen. Grant is expected to be present.

FORT FAIRFIELD, Me., 3.—There was an earthquake shock in Maysville between two and three o'clock this morning.

POTTSVILLE, 3.—The striking puddlers have yielded and resumed work after several weeks of idleness.

## FOREIGN.

LONDON, 2.—The Standard's leading editorial this morning declares that the results of yesterday's voting only served to increase the government losses. The conservative majority has well nigh disappeared, and the question no longer is whether the ministry will be able to hold their own, but whether the opposi-