

BY TELEGRAPH.

AMERICAN.

NEW YORK, 24.—Whitelaw Reid forwarded this evening, by telegraph, to ex-governor Saunders of Omaha, Neb., and Gov. Osborn of Topeka, Kansas, \$4,500, being the amount of the *Tribune* dollar subscription for the relief of the Kansas and Nebraska sufferers; the *Tribune* continues to receive subscriptions at the rate of several hundred dollars a day.

NEW ORLEANS, 24.—The returning board makes the representation up to date—Democrats 52, Republicans 54.

JEFFERSONVILLE, Ill., 24.—Bill Rodefor, a convict and noted desperado, who scaled the walls and escaped from prison on Tuesday, and robbed the residence of Mr. Mann, at New Albany, the same night, was arrested to-day at Memphis, Clark Co., Indiana, after a desperate fight. He entered Mat Coombs' for provisions, and being recognized he took quickly to his horse and rode away, but was so hotly pursued that he was soon captured and deprived of fire-arms.

PITTSBURG, 25.—A fire last night on Fourth Avenue destroyed property to the amount of about \$25,000, partly insured.

JEFFERSONVILLE, Ind., 25.—Two brothers, Bill and Nat Beck, noted rowdies, while on the spree last night, entered John Ramspot's saloon, to raise a disturbance. They purposely became so boisterous that Ramspot ordered them out of the house; but they declined to go, and Bill struck Ramspot with a mug, cutting his forehead badly, when Nat advanced with a knife and said he believed he would kill Ramspot, and commenced cutting at him, inflicting ghastly wounds on his head, face and body, none of which are likely to prove fatal. Both the assailants were arrested, and are now in jail.

CLEVELAND, O., 25.—The jury in the case of John Johnson, on trial for the murder of his friend Andrew Johnson, near this city, last August, returned a verdict of murder in the first degree.

CINCINNATI, 25.—A fire at Newport, Ky., to-night destroyed Robeson & Co's distillery, with its contents, and two small buildings adjoining; loss on the distillery \$30,000, insurance \$6,000, on the other buildings \$4,000, insurance \$1,000.

NEW YORK, 25.—The *Times* London letter says that her majesty's ship *Basilisk* has just returned to England after a commission of nearly four years, and brings word that a large archipelago of islands has been discovered in the neighborhood of New Guinea, and that two mountains in this region, each 11,000 feet high, have been named Mount Gladstone and Mount Disraeli.

NEW YORK, 25.—King Kalakaua, this morning, attended services in St. Thomas church, 53d St. and 5th Ave.; in the afternoon the King held an informal reception, at which former residents of his kingdom and many prominent citizens were presented. In the evening his Majesty attended Booth's Theatre.

A detective who was dispatched to Morristown, N. J., yesterday, by the superintendent of police to ascertain if a child in the possession of an aged couple there, was Charlie Ross, returned this afternoon and reported having seen the boy, who bore no resemblance to the missing child.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., 25.—The celebration of Christmas in this city was marked by a number of shooting and cutting affrays, none of them however are likely to result seriously.

A special to the *Courier-Journal* gives an account of a serious affray in Versailles, Ky., last night; two parties of boys, one white, the other colored, began to throw torpedoes and roman candles across the street at each other, and what was at first sport soon became a heated conflict, and stones from the newly macadamized street were substituted for fire works. The parties were reinforced respectively by black and white men, and the fight became general. One of the negroes made an assault with a club on a white, and was shot, and it is thought mortally wounded. This morning the town marshal arrested the ringleaders and all was quiet to-day. During the affray a white man passing on horseback, annoyed by the firing, discharged a revolver, which was followed by indiscriminate firing on both sides. The

negroes were driven for refuge into a house, which the whites set fire to, and compelled them to surrender.

Mrs. Elizabeth Haldeman, mother of W. N. Haldeman, one of the proprietors of the *Courier-Journal*, died to-day, in her 84th year.

ST. LOUIS, 26.—The *Globe's* Chester, Ill., special says that Jacob and William Fisher and Amos Young, of Ellis Grove, Randolph County, made a murderous assault upon D. H. Roberts last night; Roberts took refuge in the store of Christ Beare, and Young, who is a notorious desperado, followed with the intention of killing him; Beare ordered Young to leave the premises, which he refused to do and threatened to shoot Beare and his son, whereupon Jos. Beare, Jr., shot Young, killing him instantly.

NEW YORK, 26.—The following dispatch from Governor McEnery, was published here this morning:

"NEW ORLEANS, 25, '74.
"The wrong just perpetrated by the returning board against the people of Louisiana, and which virtually threatens the safety and integrity of republican institutions in the United States, is a more crowning infamy than the action of the Lynch returning board, and surpasses even the midnight order of Durell, and would not be submitted to by any free people. Resistance to the national authority, represented here by a large portion of the army and the naval fleet sustaining the usurpation, and stifling the voice of the people, has never been meditated."
(signed)
"JOHN MCENERY."

Pouge's brewery, at East Newark, was burned this morning; loss \$30,000.

King Kalakaua held a reception at the Windsor Hotel to-day, at which were present Major General Hancock and staff, members of the army and navy club, resident consuls and members of the board of trade. An address was presented by the latter body, in which the board stated that they view with great interest the announcement of negotiations for a commercial treaty between the Sandwich Islands and this country. King Kalakaua stated that he would send a suitable reply in a few days.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., 26.—An incendiary fire at Clarkson, Ark., early on Thursday morning, destroyed the grocery stores of B. F. & W. D. Kerr and J. M. Wheelock, and the saloon of J. L. Wheelock and Dr. Turnbull; loss \$50,000.

ALEXANDRIA, Va., 26.—An engine on the Washington and Ohio railroad at Round Hill, Loudon county, was run into yesterday by an unlooked-for passenger car, and William Sides, the engineer, was crushed to death; there were no other casualties.

NEWBURGH, N. Y., 26.—Three stores in Mattewan were burned this morning; loss \$34,000; insurance \$22,000.

WASHINGTON, 26.—Responding to Luttrell's request in behalf of the Round Valley settlers, the Commissioner of the General Land Office says the department's permission for them to remain until they have paid the assessed value of their property will be held to imply the right to cut timber from the public lands for fuel and necessary repairs.

NEW ORLEANS, 26.—A fight occurred between Dan C. Byerly, manager of the *Bulletin*, and ex-Governor Warmouth, on Canal st. Byerly knocked Warmouth down with a stick and jumped on him, Warmouth drew his knife and stabbed Byerly several times in the abdomen. His wounds are dangerous. Warmouth was arrested.

BALTIMORE, 26.—Rev. J. D. McCade's dwelling, with the furniture and library, on Park Avenue, was burned last night; the loss is estimated at \$40,000.

PHILADELPHIA, 26.—Seven hundred Mennonites, who arrived yesterday, will leave for the West in a few days.

COLUMBUS, 26.—Two sons of Jacob Nerswinder, who lived fifteen miles north of here, have been arrested, charged with having murdered their father, and then burned his body; the boys are fourteen and eighteen years old. The family have deserted the house, and the remains of Mr. Nerswinder have been found among the ashes in the fireplace.

NEW ORLEANS, 26.—Governor Warmouth, to-day, stated to an agent of the associated press, that he published a card in the *Picayune* which reflected on the *Bulletin*, and on one of its editors, Mr. Jewett, and this caused the trouble between

him and Byerly. Mr. Jewett demanded an abject apology, which he, Warmouth, declined to make, whereupon Jewett asked him if he would fight a duel; the matter was referred to their respective friends, who arranged that the fight should take place in Alabama on Monday morning, with pistols, at ten paces. Warmouth accepted these terms. He believed that courtesy between gentlemen was the rule, and he was about to tip his hat to Byerly, whom he met on a crowded street, when the latter struck him with a heavy stick, inflicting a considerable wound on his left temple; he drew a knife and they clinched and fell. Warmouth was immediately arrested, and put in prison to await the result of Byerly's wounds, which are very dangerous, being in the abdomen, but not necessarily fatal.

Byerly was aged 48 years. He was a printer by trade, a native of Pennsylvania, and came to New Orleans in '47. He served gallantly in Shields' regiment of Louisiana volunteers, in the west during the war, and was wounded four times in fights around Atlanta, one wound depriving him of the use of his left arm by a resection of six inches of bone, including the elbow joint. After the war he returned to this city, and was elected clerk of the third district court for two terms. Some months ago Byerly, in company with others, commenced the publication of the *Bulletin*.

ST. LOUIS, 26.—The following news was received at the army headquarters to-day:

"Eight warriors and thirty-nine squaws and papooses, with sixty-two ponies, from the Medicine Water band of Cheyennes, surrendered unconditionally at the Cheyenne agency on the 20th inst. Two white women are now with Stone Calf, who is said to have 200 lodges on the Staked Plains. Two messengers from Stone Calf have arrived, asking for peace, and word has been sent him that he can surrender unconditionally, and a demand was made for the white women."

WASHINGTON, 26.—The committees on Vicksburg and Alabama affairs left for their destinations this morning; that on New Orleans affairs will leave to-morrow morning.

Lieut. Frederick Collins commanding the U.S. Darien surveying expedition leaves Washington to-morrow night for New York, to muster his forces and equip them for an expedition. He will sail in the first Pacific mail steamer in January, for Aspinwall, and thence will proceed in the U. S. steamer *Canandaigua* to Atrollo.

NEW YORK, 26.—District Attorney Winslow, of Brooklyn, signalled his exit from office to-day, by entering a *nolle prosequi* in the libel case of Charles A. Dana, vs. Judge McCue, the plaintiff being satisfied with the explanation in the *Sun*.

King Kalakaua was the guest, this evening, of the son of Chief Justice Allen, of the Hawaiian Islands.

Solomon Skidner, of Brooklyn, has begun a suit against the Rev. Henry Ward Beecher, for the recovery of \$600 and interest, the amount due for four sets of teeth supplied, it is alleged, to the wife and father of the defendant, with his knowledge. Beecher, through his counsel, denies the allegation, and demands that the case be dismissed on the ground that no services were performed for him, and besides the cause of action is barred by the statutes of limitation, the services, according to the complaint, having been rendered six years ago.

Extensive arrangements are making here and in Brooklyn for the reception of the subsidiary high court convention of the Ancient Order of Foresters, which will meet in this city on the 29th, to organize a subsidiary high court for the United States, as a branch of the high court of England. The latter has a capital of eight millions, and 5,000 courts, with a membership of half a million, including titled personages and statesmen. The organization extends over a large portion of the civilized globe, including Australia, Tasmania, Turkey, &c.

WASHINGTON, 27.—A post office is established at Prattville, Sevier Co., Utah, G. W. Bean P. M.

The Louisiana Legislature meets January 4th, when it is expected that stern opposition will be made in the House of Representatives to the rulings of the returning board, and to this time prominent persons here are looking with much solic-

tude. There is some color to the report that, should it become necessary, Lieut. Gen. Sheridan will proceed to New Orleans and assume command; if rumor is to be credited, he will be in proximity to New Orleans on the day of the meeting of the Legislature.

Rev. J. N. Coombs, for the past twelve years pastor of the Western Presbyterian church in this city, and formerly member of the Baltimore Methodist Episcopal conference, committed suicide this morning, by cutting his throat with a razor; the cause assigned for the act is domestic troubles, his wife having been insane for some years.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., 27.—John Russell Greenfield, the veteran cutlery manufacturer, and founder of this industry in America, died at his house to-day, aged 75.

NEW YORK, 27.—King Kalakaua and suite attended a solemn high-mass this morning, in St. Stephen's church.

CHICAGO, 27.—General Sheridan stated to a reporter this evening, that he has received no instructions whatever concerning Louisiana matters, and that the story of his intended departure for New Orleans or vicinity has no foundation in fact.

NEW ORLEANS, 27.—The *Times's* special at Washington, 26th, says that Gen. Sheridan has been ordered to proceed immediately to New Orleans, and take command, and to remain there till the arrest of Gen. Terry; this order was made to-day after the meeting of the cabinet, called especially on Louisiana and Mississippi affairs.

ST. LOUIS, 27.—The *Times* announces, to-day, that on Tuesday next the managerial and editorial control of that paper will be transferred to Stillson Hutchins, former proprietor and for some time past manager of the *Evening Dispatch*. The *Times* will be reduced in size and price, and changed from the present quarto to folio form. It is claimed that the change will add to instead of detract from its value as a comprehensive news journal, and it will continue to be a reliable and consistent advocate of true democratic principles.

By the explosion of a spirit lamp last night at the residence of Herman Bour, 1720 Rim street, Mrs. Bour and her infant, eight days old, and a servant girl named Abel Klensch and Mr. Breckhardt, were frightfully burned; the latter's injuries were received in extinguishing the flames, which were roasting the woman and babe, and which he succeeded in staying.

J. B. Spratt, an old and wealthy citizen of De Kalb, in Buehanan County, in this State, was fatally shot by a Mr. Brown on Christmas day, and the latter was severely wounded by a son of Spratt, fourteen years old; the affair grew out of an old feud.

ERIE, Pa., 27.—A horrible and atrocious murder was perpetrated in this city last night. Catherine Hannon, a widow, a midwife by profession, was found dead in the gutter at 7 o'clock, just outside a low groggery, called the Franklin House. There is no doubt that the woman was murdered during or after an attempt at rape by John Hantz, proprietor of the house; the man is sixty years old. The woman was addicted to drink, and was probably intoxicated at the time. Hantz has the reputation of being a peaceful man, but notoriously profligate. He is in custody with the members of his family. His clothing and underwear are found stained with fresh blood, and the floor of the bar room exhibits plain traces of blood. Mrs. Hannon's body was mutilated in a rightful manner, and bore evidence of strangulation. She has a family of highly respected children, and the murder has aroused intense excitement.

VANSTON, Ind., 28.—The *Journal* has information that last week a party of patrolmen who were guarding Uniontown, Ky., against suspected incendiarism on the part of negroes, took a colored woman and hung her three times to extort a confession as to the suspected plot; she was left insensible and almost dead, but recovered after restoratives were applied. The town is in much excitement, and is being strictly guarded.

NEW YORK, 28.—Gerritt Smith is dying at the house of one of his relatives in this city. Mr. Smith, in company with his wife, arrived in town on Thursday for the purpose of spending the holidays among his friends. He was in remarkably good health, his cheek

being as ruddy, his eye as clear, his voice as firm and his step as elastic as it had been for many years. He had made arrangements to meet Charles O'Connor on Saturday. He arose early, and said to Mrs. Smith that he had slept uncommonly well, stating that he had not spent so merry a Christmas for a long time as on the day before. While dressing, his utterance suddenly became indistinct, and he was gently borne to a bed, barely able to say in a faint tone, "Very weak." He immediately became unconscious, and has thus remained ever since. He seems to be suffering under a combined attack of apoplexy and paralysis.

King Kalakaua says he will not visit Canada, but will go from Boston direct to Niagara Falls, and thence westward, getting home early in February.

The sub-committee of the house, on ways and means, to investigate the subsidy business of the Pacific Mail Steamship Co., began their sessions this morning, in the Fifth Avenue Hotel. Mr. Cole, president of the American Exchange bank, was examined in reference to deposits by Irwin. He testified that on the 29th of May last, two strangers entered the exchange bank, one of whom presented a check for \$115,000, signed by Col. Irwin. He asked the presentee of the check what his name was, but this he refused to disclose. The amount was paid and the parties left, followed by a messenger, who saw them enter the Park Bank; on sending to the Park Bank, Cole found that the man who drew the check from the American Exchange Bank, gave his name as King, and stated that he was postmaster of the House of Representatives at Washington.

The return to the Wm. M. Tweed writ of *certiorari*, consisting of the record, bill of exceptions and all proceedings on *habeas corpus* was settled to-day by Judge Barrett, in Oyer and Terminer. It now only remains to be signed by the clerk in order to be laid before the Supreme Court in general term on the 31st inst.

Gerritt Smith died at about 12:30 to-day, at the residence of Gen. Jno. Cochrane.

WASHINGTON, D.C., 28.—The Pacific railroad companies have failed either to pay into the treasury the five per cent. on their gross earnings or to make the annual reports required by law, on which the Secretary of the Treasury could compute the amount due under the five per cent. provision. Mr. Bristow called on the companies for data, but all failed to respond. He then computed the amounts due to the government on the basis of the net earnings reported by the directors to the stockholders, which gives over a million eight hundred thousand due by the Central Pacific, over a million and forty thousand by the Union Pacific, three hundred and eighty thousand by the Kansas Pacific, and less sums from other branches, and these sums have been demanded in writing, through personal service by Judge Robinson. Since then nearly all the companies have been heard from, demurring as to the amount charged; they do not like the taking of the reports to the stockholders as a basis, because they are usually rose-colored to affect the stock market, and they have appraised Bristow that they will furnish figures on which to base his demands, but these will now be refused, and the companies not settling by sixty days from the thirty-first of October last, will be declared in default, and handed over for immediate prosecution.

It is believed here that General Sheridan has been ordered to New Orleans, in anticipation of further troubles in that section, of which the apprehension is very great and constantly increasing, because of private information showing that, while popular sentiment almost unanimously favors a determination to find some means of relieving the people from what the conservatives charge as a ruinously corrupt as well as usurped government, some anticipate a solution by sudden and systematic assassinations rather than open and hopeless army outbreaks, which the federal government must repress by force.

It is well known that the President's sentiments relative to Cuba were truly expressed by the synopsis of the message published the day before the official document, though modified in the latter to suit more conservative advisers. There is a growing conviction that