

(Special to the Deseret Evening News.)

By Telegraph.

GENERAL.

San Francisco.—William H. Seward left the Promontory for San Francisco this afternoon. He declined the invitation of Sacramento to attend the celebration on July 4th in that city.

Heavy shocks of earthquake were felt at Seattle and Olympia, Washington Territory, yesterday, which created considerable alarm among the people. There was no damage done to the buildings.

J. G. Sheldon, formerly of Albany, New York State, was murdered by Indians on May 13th near Prescott, Arizona.

San Francisco.—Information from the principal grain districts of California indicates that the crop, though large, is below the average yield per acre, and a considerable portion, either through thinness or rust, will not pay to harvest. In Oregon the crop is greatly in excess of any previous year, except in the Walla Walla region.

The discovery of rich silver mines between White Pine and the head of Navigation on the Colorado river is announced; the ledges are from three to thirty feet wide and very rich in ore, with abundance of wood, water and grass. The location of the mines is not far from the line of survey of the Southern Pacific Railroad.

Prominent merchants are considering the propriety of calling a mass meeting and organizing measures for the protection of the Chinese immigrants who are daily arriving here.

A dispatch from Portland, Oregon, reports that the Indians on the Aloza reservation, are arming and leaving because of dissatisfaction arising from the change from civil to military officers.

Buffalo.—There was a violent storm here last night; it is feared that much damage was done to the shipping on the lakes.

Philadelphia.—A tornado yesterday, partially demolished the Sixth street Depot; it also demolished two brick houses, badly injured Chase's shoe works, and unroofed several other houses; no lives were lost.

Albany.—Two locomotives and three cattle cars from Cincinnati were smashed by a collision on the Susquehanna Railroad; no lives were lost.

New York.—There were four deaths from sunstroke to-day.

During a storm yesterday much damage was done in this vicinity and on the seaside. A house at Rockaway was struck by lightning, and eight persons were stunned, but were restored with great difficulty.

Washington.—The President has appointed Major John Hay, of Ills., Secretary of Legation to Spain. Major Hay was assistant private Secretary of the late President Lincoln, and afterwards Secretary of Legation to France, then Charge d'Affaires at Vienna.

The naval officers, headed by Vice Admiral Porter, paid their respects to the new Secretary of the Navy to-day.

Richmond, 29.—Yesterday two colored women fought a duel with clubs, seconds being present; one was so badly beaten that she died on the field. Jealousy was the cause.

Augusta, Me.—The graves of the soldiers buried in the National Military Asylum were decorated yesterday by the inmates of the Asylum, and appropriate addresses delivered.

Gen. Dix is reported to have said that President Grant has fallen at last into the hands of politicians, and though he may mean well he cannot resist their influence around him, and his appointments have been disappointments, and unless he retrieves himself soon his ruin is accomplished.

Chicago.—The *Republican's* special says some wealthy Democrats are endeavoring to revive the deceased *Intelligencer*. The liabilities of the concern are said to be over forty thousand. Its death is a general subject of regret here. Another meeting of politicians will be held to-morrow, but it is believed that all their efforts at its resurrection will fail.

Nashville.—Receiver Ross gave bonds to-day and was inducted into his office; there was no opposition on the part of the city officers. The Receiver will have charge of the city until the annual municipal election in September.

The Secretary of State and the President had a talk about Cuban affairs yesterday, since which Cuban sympathizers tell their friends that the Administration need not be expected to do anything for Cuba for the present. The President and Cabinet are a unit in

the opinion that our neutrality laws must be enforced, if the whole power of the Administration has to be used in sustaining the local officers whose business it is to carry out those laws.

St. Louis.—Dispatches say the country west of Junction City, Kas., is inundated, and that in many places the houses, stock and crops have been washed away. It is reported that 25 persons were drowned in Chapman Creek, and that the town of Obelina was flooded and two persons drowned.

Elmira, N. Y.—A bridge near Corry, on the Atlantic and Great Western Railroad, has been washed away. A passenger train ran off and killed the engineer; none of the passengers are reported killed.

Chicago.—A Nashville special says that Ross, the newly appointed Receiver in that city, took charge of the treasurer's box and the Collector's Cooks, yesterday; he seems to be moderate in his views, and is doubtless actuated by a sincere desire to do the best possible for the corporation and citizens. His bonds were signed by a number of leading and responsible business men of Nashville, and were promptly accepted by the Chancery court. He will make no attempt to remove city officials.

Letters have been received from London stating that the party of English mechanics, emigrating to enter the Cornell University, who recently received a public breakfast presided over by Lord Houghton, sailed for New York on the 26th on the Cunard steamer *Java*. The movement under which they are emigrating was first suggested to professor Goldwin Smith by Mr. Cornell himself. Hon. Aubron Harville, the well known Liberal, had charge of the movement. The young men were selected from different branches of the building trades, and will be employed in the instruction of those under graduates who desire to obtain a practical knowledge of those trades, in the construction of the University buildings.

The Congressional Committee of Ways and Means to-day inspected the custom house, post office and bonded warehouse.

A portion of the snowsheds on the Central Pacific Railroad, near Emigrant gap, was destroyed by fire.

A shock of earthquake was felt at Victoria, Vancouver Island, June 26th.

Hartford.—The storm yesterday was very severe in this State; it is rumored that it wrought extensive damage to railroads.

Trenton.—The Governor has appointed Robert Gilchrist, of Jersey City, Attorney General in place of Robeson.

The work of constructing a new telegraph line from Boston to Duxbury to connect with the French cable has commenced.

Washington.—Surveyor General Babcock, of Kansas, in a letter to President Grant, dated June 20th, says: Gov. Harvey has visited, in person, the settlements where the Indian enormities were recently committed, and ascertained more than thirty persons had been killed; Agent Hoag places it about twenty. At the time of the outbreak surveying parties were in the field; all have returned, one party was attacked by a small band, but they fled after the surveying party had fired four or five shots. All the surveying parties are frightened, and decline to return to the field at present. The Indians are not combined, and do not intend to bring on a regular war. There are several small bands scouring the country; they intend to kill and plunder, without taking too many chances. The settlers and towns are in great danger from these parties. The Governor of Kansas asks the President for additional troops; but if they cannot be furnished, then he requests authority to raise a regiment of volunteers. General Babcock joins in making the request.

Memphis.—A man was killed by sunstroke yesterday.

Dispatches have been received at the Navy Department which announce the re-commencement of the civil war in Japan. The steamer *Sonewall* had been badly injured and one war vessel lost in a severe storm.

Mrs. Shughart is on trial at Butler, Penn., for poisoning her husband last fall; her children testified to buying arsenic for her, and arsenic was discovered in the remains of her husband, she will probably be convicted.

Hartford.—The Naugatuck railroad was greatly damaged by a storm yesterday; the embankment and track were carried away in many places. Page & Kerney's paper mill, at Litchfield, was badly injured; at Wolcottville \$50,000 worth of damage was done. The Housatonic river and its tributaries were

greatly swollen, and bridges and dams demolished. In the village of West Cornwell a channel forty feet wide was cut by a freshet.

Washington.—The Commissioner General of the Land Office has just received the returns showing the disposal of 92,850 acres of public lands at the local office at Eau Claire, Wisconsin, during the past month. Nearly all the land was sold for cost, but some was taken under the homestead law and located with military bounty land warrants.

Chicago, 30.—The *Republican* has letters from farmers at many points in the northwest with regard to the condition and prospects of crops. The wheat, generally, looks very well except where late rains have caused rank growth and much straw. Unless attacked by rust, the crops will be fully equal to the average. Corn appears to have suffered most in Illinois, though on the high rolling ground the prospect is good, and with the warm weather now, and a favorable fall, there will probably be about a three quarters' crop. On the whole the prospect looks better than has recently been supposed.

The *Times's* special says it has been decided to send a special government agent to Cuba, to examine and report on the condition of affairs there; he will be paid from the secret service fund.

The *Tribune's* New York special says complaints have been presented against the Commissioners of Immigration, owing to the improper treatment of passengers arriving at Castle Gardens. An investigation will be made shortly, when much evidence will be brought against agents and owners of emigrant ships for overcharging and overcrowding.

LANCASTER, 30.—A terrible accident occurred at the ironworks of B. B. Thomas & Co. of this city yesterday. While some workmen were engaged in removing the lining from a furnace a portion of the structure fell, carrying with it the scaffolding upon which the men were standing; one man, a German, named Jno. Scherlith, was instantly killed, and two others injured in such a manner as to render their recovery doubtful. It is rumored that Scherlith fell into the furnace and was instantly burned up.

The Treasury detectives have succeeded in breaking up a gang of counterfeiters on Long Island; they have captured a quantity of plates, presses dies, etc.

Lieut. Commander Wm. H. Vanvleet, of the U. S. Navy, died last evening of yellow fever, on board the hospital steamer, *Illinois*.

Six hundred thousand dollars in bonds, stolen from the Ocean Bank, were found this morning in a small trunk on the sidewalk in Elizabeth street, by a policeman.

Edward B. Ketchum, the forger, was brought before Judge Barnard, of the Supreme Court, this morning. A writ of *Habeas Corpus*, for the release of the prisoner, was claimed, on the ground that he was sentenced for an offence not charged in the indictment. From the remarks of the Judge it is generally thought that he will discharge Ketchum on bail. The case creates great interest.

St. Louis.—Gov. McClurg has authorized the organization of a special armed force to search for and arrest the notorious desperado and murderer, Sam Hildebrand, at large in St. Francis Co. A reward of \$10,000 is offered for his arrest.

William H. Seward arrived at Sacramento to-day, and was received with a salute of fifty guns, all the flags in the city flying. The men of both parties united in honoring him. He was the recipient of a grand dinner at the Orleans hotel. He expects to reach this city to-morrow night.

San Francisco.—The Democratic State Convention has adjourned *sine die*. It passed resolutions opposing the adoption of the Fifteenth Amendment, approving the rejection, by Congress, of the *Alabama* treaty, and endorsing the State Administration; it also appointed

Topeka, Kas.—Two hundred and ten thousand and five hundred dollars worth of the Pottawatomie lands were sold during the past month, mostly to actual settlers; the rush of immigration continues, and it is estimated that at least a thousand new settlers are coming to Kansas daily.

Omaha.—The Union Pacific directors arrived this morning, and leave for Sacramento to-morrow. The travel westward is very heavy.

Gettysburg.—The town is so thronged that many were obliged to stay in the streets all night. The procession marched to the cemetery at ten o'clock this morning under military escort.

General Meade, Governor Morton, Henry Ward Beecher and other participants in the celebration were present.

San Francisco.—Henry A. Purce, United States Minister resident to the Sandwich Islands, sailed for Honolulu to-day, on the ship *Rival*.

Augusta, Me.—Gen. Butler, General Martindale and ex-Governor Smythe, of New Hampshire, and Hon. S. B. Gunckel, of Ohio, members of the board of managers of the United States Military Asylum, arrived here last night, to attend a meeting of the Board to be held at the Asylum to-day.

New York.—At the commencement of Packard's business college, to-day, the proprietor announced his intention of giving any fifty young women, desiring it, a thorough business education gratuitously, and to find situations for them when qualified. Addresses were made by Horace Greeley, Oliver Dyer and others.

A horse belonging to Mr. Thomas, of Gardiner, was killed last night by some party unknown. Several days ago liquor was seized at several places in Gardiner, and Thomas was the truckman employed by the city authorities to cart the seized liquor away. A reward of \$500 is offered by the mayor for the arrest of the perpetrators.

Camden, N. J.—Gen. Robison, Secretary of the Navy, was serenaded last night. Resolutions, eulogizing him for honorable services to the State, were passed at a mass meeting here at a previous serenade.

Cleveland.—Last evening a tug steaming up the river struck a small ferry boat, crossing the river, with 10 or 12 passengers and shivered it to fragments; five of the persons are supposed to have been drowned.

Chicago.—The *Tribune's* Washington special says the report of Messrs. Warren & Wilson, on the Union Pacific Railroad, was received by the Secretary to-day, and will probably be given to the press in a few days. It appears that these two gentlemen did not take the same view of their instructions as Morris did, and their reports, instead of being, on the condition of the whole road, as his was, is only upon a section of about 100 miles from the junction of the two roads. It is said, at the Secretary's office, that Morris was neither desired nor expected to report upon the whole road, and his discussion on railroad policy, past, present and future, is nothing but an outbreak of his zeal, which he must have repressed if he had paid the least attention to his instructions.

The great reduction of the public debt during the month surprises Secretary Boutwell as much as any one else. It was thought on Monday that the amount would be 8,000,000. This unexpected decrease is due to the large receipts of Tuesday and Wednesday, and small expenditures. The expenditures during July will be heavy, and it is not likely that the next statement will show much reduction.

The *Tribune's* New York special says that parties interested in an Isthmus canal, through Nicaragua and Costa Rica, say the work will begin immediately after the signing of the contract by the Costan Rica authorities. Several excavating machines will be furnished by New York contractors.

The quantity of arms and munitions, on board of the schooners *Fancy* and *Winona*, captured by the revenue cutters to-day, is less than expected; it is supposed that a portion of their cargo was landed at Gardiner's Island, but succeeded in reaching the shore. Ryan is supposed to be on the island, with a portion of his men, but they have very few arms and a short supply of provisions. Marshal Barlow has orders from Washington about the prisoners, but is not to make them public, and probably the rank and file will be released in a few days on giving a promise not to engage in filibustering again. The District Attorney is preparing indictments against the leaders, and the cases will probably be called up next week.

The Internal Revenue receipts to-day amounted to a million and a quarter.

Mauch Chunk, Pa., 2.—The Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company met the President of the Miners' Association, and agreed to terms on a basis which is not very satisfactory to the Company, as the miners make no concessions. About half the Company's, and all the Pennsylvania coal districts will re-commence work on the 6th.

New York.—The dry goods establishment of W. L. Peak & Co., was damaged by fire this morning to the amount of ten thousand dollars.

The Cuban prisoners on the U. S. ship *Vermont*, to-day, were transferred to the *Catherine Whiting*, at the yard; it is expected that they will be released