

[SPECIAL TO THE DESERET NEWS.]

By Telegraph.

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New York.—The gunboat *Frolic* arrived at Wilmington on Monday, the commander notified Commodore Higgins, of the *Hornet* not to leave port until his case had been decided. He said he had instructions from the President to prevent his departure. The case of the *Hornet* will come before Commissioner Rutford on Monday. Commodore Higgins has made an affidavit that the ship was purchased by the Cuban Republic outside of the jurisdiction of the U. S., after she had cleared from a British port. The counsel for the government asked a delay until Saturday, which was granted.

Chicago, 14.—Admiral Farragut commenced sinking at 5 o'clock last evening. He continued sinking slowly until midnight when it was not believed he would survive the night out. About one o'clock, however, he began to rally and is much better this morning, though his recovery is extremely doubtful. His wife and son are with him.

Cleveland.—A Convention of the Grand Commandery of the Master Masons of Ohio commences here to-day. It will continue until Wednesday next. Important matters connected with the various degrees of masonry will be brought up. The attendance is large.

Columbus.—The Republicans claim and the Democrats concede ten thousand majority for Hayes, and three Republican majority in the House and one in the Senate.

New York.—Three robbers plundered the store of James Oakley, of Huntington, Long Island, last night. Oakley attempted to disperse them, when they beat him almost to death and set fire to his store, dwelling and barn, which were all burned; they made their escape. The loss is \$20,000.

Frederick, Md.—President Grant, Gen. Sherman, and Postmaster General Cresswell arrived this morning to attend the fair.

Philadelphia.—The table of majorities published by the *Press* show Geary's majority to be 2342. The table prepared by the State Central Committee figures his majority at 4304. The *Age* says the contest was close, a few hundred votes may decide it.

New York.—The Gold Exchange Board is in Executive session on the subject of a new clearing house.

Bishop Whitaker, of Nevada and Arizona, was consecrated yesterday; fifteen bishops participated in the ceremonies.

San Francisco, 14.—Advices from Mazatlan to Oct. 4th, state that everything indicates that a revolution in Sinaloa is imminent. Troops are stationed on the southern frontier, and the government is buying up and manufacturing ammunition. Desertions from the army are numerous. On the night of September 24th, several soldiers deserted from the barracks. During the confusion which ensued, cries of Viva Don Placido Vega were heard throughout the city. A detachment of several hundred cavalry belonging to Lazado on the southern frontiers is exciting considerable alarm. The fifteenth anniversary of Mexican independence was celebrated enthusiastically. Four men were accidentally killed while firing the salutes. The anniversary of the independence of Chili was also observed.

The British bark *Energy* was wrecked near the entrance of the harbor of Atlanta on Sept. 14th, her cargo consists of dyewood, silver ore, etc.

The statement of the affairs of the Nevada National Banks shows over \$240,000 in coin and \$120,000 in currency due to the bank while its debts are estimated at \$280,000 in gold and currency.

It is stated that Higgins, the commander of the *Cuba* at Wilmington, telegraphed to the Secretary of the Treasury, on Monday, asking leave to hoist the Cuban flag and fire a salute. Boutwell being absent, the acting Secretary, Hartley, denied the request.

Louisville.—Business is mostly suspended; a hundred thousand persons are occupying every point of observation to witness the grand trade procession which is universally pronounced to exceed any similar thing ever attempted in this country. It is fully nine miles long and was three hours passing a given point. The convention is engaged in the discussion of the report of the committee on emigration.

Chicago, 14.—John Covode telegraphs that the returns have come in from all the counties except Lycoming, and indicate that Geary's majority will be over 4,000 in the State and about 4,200 in Philadelphia.

Philadelphia.—J. Alexander Simpson, President of the board of returning Judges, on leaving that board to-night, was assaulted by roughs on Chestnut street, and beaten in a shocking manner; it is said his life is despaired of. Simpson is a prominent Republican leader here.

Schenectady.—All the aqueducts have been repaired, but the rain which is still falling has increased the damages at the culverts. It will be impossible to resume navigation before the 16th.

Philadelphia.—During the session of the returning judges to-day, the sheriff attempted to serve a writ of injunction against counting the votes. He was resisted, his official position not being announced, having gained admittance to the room under pretence of being a returning judge. He came back with a posse, and broke open the doors and served the writ. He has ordered the arrest of sundry persons charged with resisting him.

Louisville.—The convention this afternoon was occupied with the report of the committee on immigration going to show the climate of the south favorable to European immigrants.

The procession this morning was seven miles long, consisting of vehicles representing the various mercantile and manufacturing interests, many elaborately and tastefully ornamented.

Washington.—Assistant Secretary Richardson intends pressing his resignation, desiring to relinquish the duties of his office immediately.

The machinists in the bureau of printing and engraving have entered a suit for twenty per cent. withheld from their wages. The subpoena was yesterday served on Secretary Boutwell to appear and show cause why the twenty per cent. should not be paid.

A Richmond telegram to the *Dispatch* says Governor Walker made an address to-day at the fair grounds at Danville, he said he felt nothing but pity for the opposition in the late canvass who were led by a set of cormorants and carpet baggers who had nothing at stake but their own selfish interests. He rejoiced that the election had settled the fact that Virginia hereafter would be ruled on the principles of right, justice and civil equity. He appealed to the young men of Virginia not to forsake the State, not to forsake the plow and fly to the large cities of the north where vice and demoralization awaited them. Judge Rice the State Treasurer, followed in the same spirit as the Governor.

Glasgow, noon.—A great fire is raging at the Vulcan Oil Works and Eagle Iron Works. The loss will be very heavy.

Memphis.—An *Avalanche* Little Rock special says the liberal Republican State Convention adjourned last night. There was a good attendance and perfect harmony. A most liberal conservative platform was adopted endorsing universal suffrage, and general reform in the present State Government. The action of the Convention is to be referred to the people.

Goodrich, Ontario.—The steamer *Bonnie* ran ashore on the beach north of Kinadine last night; the passengers were all saved.

Worcester.—Joseph Walkup, suspected of having attempted the assassination of Dr. Corries and others at Saxonville a few nights ago, was arrested here on Wednesday. It has been ascertained that he was at work here the day previous to the night of the attempted murders and the next morning at the usual hour.

Chicago, 15.—A *Republican* special from Des Moines says there is a very general dissatisfaction in that State over the appointment of General Binknap as Secretary of War. If he is a Republican at all, he is of the most conservative kind, and does not in any way represent radical Iowa with her forty-six thousand majority for Grant.

The *Republican* has received a Washington special, which states that a movement is on foot, propelled by discontented place-hunters, to effect an entire change in the officers of the Senate at the next meeting of Congress. It is not charged, so far as is known, that the present officers are inefficient or undeserving, but it is asserted that others have better claims.

New York.—The Congressional committee on the depression of American commerce, held another session to-day and heard statements and suggestions from different parties. They will hold another meeting to-morrow and then go to Boston, and will meet also at Philadelphia, Baltimore and Wilmington before the session of Congress.

Utica.—There were five incendiary fires at Rome on Wednesday night, but no great damage was done.

Montpelier, Vt.—The Legislature was organized to-day. G. W. Grandy was elected Speaker of the House.

Baltimore, 15.—Ritchie's coal oil refinery, ten miles from this city on the Washington turnpike, was burned last night. Loss \$150,000.

Wilmington.—The case of the *Cuba* comes before the United States commissioner to-morrow, and continues to excite great interest. A mariner who deserted from the *Cuba* and went to New York, has been brought here as a witness by the government. An attempt was made to arrest him, but the officers of the United States gunboat *Frolic* claimed that he was under the protection of the United States flag, and the movement was abandoned. The impression is general that the case will be again continued by the government. Her officers are still confident of her release.

New York.—Henry Bostwick, a border at the Salisbury Hotel, shot Mr. Halstead, the proprietor of the hotel, during a dispute about a hotel bill. Halstead was instantly killed. The murderer was arrested.

Professor Hugh, chief astronomer at the department of the Dudley Observatory, Albany, predicted that before next Tuesday we shall have eight inches more rain; that the water in the Hudson river and creek will obtain even a greater height than in 1857.

Louisville.—The majority of the committee on the Southern Pacific Railroad reported in favor of the route on the thirty-second parallel, known as "Fremont's road," with the eastern connections at Leavenworth, St. Louis, Cairo, Memphis, New Orleans, Galveston, etc. The minority favored the thirty-fifth parallel route from St. Louis. A very acrimonious discussion followed, in which heated and bitter language was used. A vote was finally taken; the majority favored the Fremont route, which was then carried by nearly 3 to 1; the victors were crazy with delight, while the St. Louis and Louisvillians were filled with anger and mortification.

Chicago.—Admiral Farragut's condition is such this morning as to justify more sanguine hopes by his friends for his recovery; unless some sudden and violent relapse takes place.

St. Louis.—The annual assemblies of the Masonic Grand bodies of Missouri during the past few days, concluded business yesterday. The attendance has been unusually large, much business having been transacted. The affairs of the Order are reported to be in a very prosperous condition, and the fraternity is said to be increasing in numbers rapidly.

An Omaha Dispatch says reports have been received here that the government party, under Nelson Black, consisting of twelve men, were massacred about fifty miles south of Fort McPherson, while surveying; the instruments, tools and a portion of the camp equipage, owned by the party have been found. The report is credited, but lacks full confirmation.

Sheridan, Ks.—A vein of excellent coal, eight feet thick, and extending northward, has been struck on the immediate line of the Kansas Pacific Railroad, seventy-five miles east of Denver, and 560 miles west of Kansas City. This discovery shows that the workable coal beds of the Rocky Mountains extend for miles to the eastward, into the great plains, and is of the greatest importance, both to settlers and the railroads.

Washington.—Among the appointments made to-day is that of D. Turner as Register of the Land office at Carson City, Nevada, vice Small, suspended and James D. Wove, of Central City, Colorado, vice Baell, suspended.

Louisville.—A horrible accident occurred at Olin River Bridge, at half-past four this afternoon. The temporary trestle work, in course of erection between two of the piers, for the purpose of forming a swinging span, gave way and six men were precipitated a distance of ninety-five feet; one man was instantly killed and another cut in two, two were mortally injured and two slightly wounded; also, at two o'clock, James Bradkin was walking about the timbers and missed his footing and fell ninety-five feet and was instantly killed.

Carlisle, Pa.—Ex-Governor Ritter died to-day, aged 90.

Philadelphia.—The official returns received from all the counties but Butler, Potter and Juniata, taking the reported returns from these counties, gives Geary a majority of 4842.

Philadelphia.—The majority of the judges of the common pleas have pronounced their decision in the contested election case of 1868. Their opinion details many frauds committed and throws out a portion of the votes in sev-

eral divisions, and calls upon the District Attorney to prosecute the authors of the frauds, especially when committed by the election of officers. The decision shows that Mayor Fox received a legal majority, while all the Republican city officers are declared elected, throwing out the Democratic incumbents. Judge Tudlow dissented from the decision and read an opinion of great length.

Chicago.—A Washington special says that Gen. Thomas, having made a thorough inspection of Alaska and studied its condition and recourses during the past summer, has just forwarded a report to the War Department. He takes a very different view of its purchase from the one presented by Mr. Seward. He thinks the principal and only present value of the new Territory, is its transfer to the United States will have upon loosening the hold of England upon British Columbia. He thinks sending Revenue and other civil officers there is a useless expense and only a benefit to those who draw the salaries. He thinks military posts should be reduced as the expense of supplying and keeping up the civil service will very far exceed the Revenue collected. The Territory was a constant burden to Russia; she held it at great expense, simply to benefit the fur companies, with no probability of any emigration in that direction, as there is not the slightest inducement for any. No mines of valuable minerals have been discovered which would pay to work. There is plenty of timber and coal, but as plenty of as good quality is easier of access and can be had a thousand miles south of the Territory, there has been no change in trade on the part of our merchants. The few houses who were engaged before the purchase still continue the fur trade with the interior, which must be continued to be carried on by the natives. As an agricultural region it has no value whatever, grain can not be raised and the few vegetables that can be produced, rot within a few weeks if not used. Stock raising can not be carried on. The superabundance of rain and the great lack of sun preclude the idea of any profitable cultivation of the soil. The report is lengthy and exhaustive; but the above are many of the points. The reported irregularities of the troops and their alleged neglect by Gen. Jeff C. Davis he states are gross exaggerations. There have been some troubles with the troops which seemed to call for a little more stringent discipline from the hands of General Davis, so while there was a foundation for the stories afloat, there was nothing to justify the coloring they received.

Memphis.—There was a heavy frost and ice last night. It is feared the late cotton is considerably damaged.

Louisville.—In the Commercial Convention to-day reports were received from the Committee on Emigration, he majority report favoring Chinese emigration; the minority report opposing it. A lively debate occurred and the whole subject was finally voted down. The committee on miscellaneous business reported a memorial of Congress requesting the designation of some point in the Mississippi valley for holding the world's fair of 1871.

San Francisco, 16.—The California Emigrants Union has completed its organization, C. T. Hopkins is selected for president.

The construction of the California and Oregon railroad has commenced near Marysville, material for one hundred miles is on hand. The work will be vigorously pushed.

J. H. Neff, Mayor of Wilmington, who was tried by Judge Cantell before a special court, on the charge of contempt was convicted and fined and ordered to jail until the fine and costs were paid; he was confined, but immediately released on a writ of *habeas corpus*. The case has excited much comment.

New York.—Archbishop O'Hara, with a number of Bishops from the United States and Canada, and several priests, have sailed for Rome.

There was a remarkably lively time in gold this morning and much excitement among the members caused by an excited speech of Mr. Jordan upon the financial condition of the gold exchange bank. Mr. Jordan claimed that, but for legal measures, the bank would have settled with its creditors, and that the injustice of Auger & Co. has now prevented a settlement. The bank had determined to lose \$260,000 in order to go on, and deserved more liberality and consideration from the public; he also said, with an emphatic oath, that if the bank had not advanced four millions to the street during the panic all the brokers would have been ruined. Several brokers had also gone to the devil. Much confusion here ensued, and cries