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NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Robert and Stephen A. Douglas, sons of the late Senator Douglas, have prepared and will present to Congress on Monday a claim for \$250,000 for their private cotton and other property taken, used and appropriated in March, 1863, in Mississippi, by a portion of the Federal army.

All lists of the votes of the Electoral Colleges in the several States for President and Vice President, excepting three, have been sent to the President of the Senate by mail, though not more than one third of the entire lists required by law to be delivered to him by messenger have yet been received. Louisiana sends lists from two different Electoral Colleges. The two houses of Congress in joint convention will determine which list shall be counted on the second Wednesday in February, the time for counting all Electoral votes.

New York, Dec. 15.—Three thousand and one hundred and forty-five dollars have been forwarded for the relief of sufferers by the recent inundation which occurred in Italy.

The counsel for the prosecution and defense says they will be ready on Wednesday to proceed with the trial of Stokes for killing Fisk.

RICHMOND, Dec. 15.—The Very Rev. Thomas Mulvey, Vicar-General of the Catholic Diocese of Virginia, died this evening in Petersburg, aged 63 years.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The President sent to the Senate to-day the following nominations of Postmasters: H. K. W. Bent, Los Angeles; H. J. Waldron, Dallas, Oregon; J. M. Bacon, Oregon City, Oregon; L. H. Wakefield, Portland, Oregon.

Dick Taylor called on the President to-day with a view of obtaining some modification of Executive policy in reference to the affairs of Louisiana, but was unable to secure anything.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 16.—The Citizens Committee of thirty-seven left this evening for Washington. There was a large crowd at the depot to witness their departure.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—In Oyer and Terminer, to-day, after some six or seven motions in the Tweed case had been denied, Lyman Tremain, for the prosecution, protested against one moment's further delay. Assistant District Attorney Sullivan called up the defendant to plead to the bill of indictments, whereupon Graham, prisoner's counsel, called for the reading of it, and the Court directed the Clerk to read it. The bill of indictment is a printed volume of 1,050 pages, which will occupy, it is thought, at least two days in reading. A demurrer was made in the indictment, on which the prosecution joined issue. The demurrer was then overruled and the defendant called upon to plead. A plea of not guilty was then put in and the trial set down for the first Monday in January.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 16.—The obsequies of Forrest took place from his residence at two o'clock this afternoon. The body was laid in the parlor of his late home, dressed in a full suit of black, with a laurel wreath at the head and a cross of immortelles on his breast. A number of large floral offerings were placed around the room. A number of visitors viewed the remains.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Fifty-one shares of the capital stock of the Tribune Association (a majority) were sold to William Orton to-day.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The board of Immigration has now under its care nearly 2000 Italian immigrants, almost destitute. The alm-house on Ward's Island is taxed to its utmost capacity. Two hundred of these immigrants went to Virginia yesterday to work on a new railroad. It now transpires that large numbers of Italian children are purchased from their parents and brought to this country to beg and steal.

Terence Dolan was arrested last night charged with roasting his infant son to death on a red-hot stove yesterday.

Claude Mertanges, a Frenchman, formerly of San Francisco, committed suicide by shooting himself in the mouth with a revolver.

Hon. W. Orton went to Washington last evening. It is understood, to make arrangements with Colfax for the editorship of the *Tribune*.

BURLINGTON, (Vt.), Dec. 17.—The Burlington Manufacturing Company's planing mill was burned this morning. Loss \$34,000.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Boutwell and Jay Cook were before the Ways and Means Committee to-day concerning the negotiation of a new loan.

The Committee on Foreign Affairs to-day had consideration of a bill providing for the disposal or distribution of the Geneva award, and resolved to refer the subject to the Judiciary Committee.

Oakes Ames was examined by the Credit Mobilier Committee to-day. John Daily will be examined to-morrow.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Thurlow Weed has a long communication in the *Herald* showing the impracticability of carrying out the so-called civil service reform.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Arrangements have been made between the Postoffice and War Departments by which the daily weather report issued by the Signal Office shall be furnished to all post offices which can be reached from the several points of distribution by mail. The Postmaster General instructs all postmasters receiving them to post them immediately in frames supplied for that purpose by the Signal Office.

The House committee on appropriations heard this evening the opposers of the postal telegraph scheme.

The Senate has confirmed the appointment of George Nourse as Register of the Land Office at Lankville, Oregon.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—At a meeting of the Board of Immigration to-day a communication was received from Secretary Fish stating that the U. S. authorities in Italy had been instructed to adopt measures to prevent a repetition of the outrages on emigrants.

Edward A. Pollard, editor and author, died at Lynchburg, Virginia, on yesterday, aged 45 years.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—A Washington special says it is positively stated that Colfax will take charge of the *New York Tribune* some time next week. The arrangement is fully consummated, and his resignation as Vice-President will probably be presented on the reassembling of Congress after the holiday recess. Colfax is very sanguine that he will be able to bring the *Tribune* up to its old standing. He thinks he can steer clear of the maelstrom of New York politics, into which Greeley was always being drawn.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—The second trial of Stokes began this morning. Judge Boardman of Ithaca presiding. The jury is now being impaneled.

FOUR WAYNE (Ind.), Dec. 18.—Brice Hussey, a farmer residing near Upper Sandusky, Ohio, went home drunk last night and commenced to abuse his wife, when John Gibson, her brother, shot him dead.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—It has been storming for twenty-four hours. The rainfall has been the heaviest of the season. Large tracts of land in Leicestershire are inundated. In Derbyshire twelve inches of snow fell. The telegraph lines in all directions are badly damaged. At Grimsby the gale was a hurricane. Many casualties are reported.

MADRID, Dec. 18.—In the lower Cortes, yesterday, Zorrilla declared it to be the purpose of the Government to introduce a law for the abolition of slavery in Porto Rico. He also announced the suppression of the Carlists insurrection. The House by a vote of 162 to 8, approved these declarations.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The ship *American Union*, which went ashore near New Haven, on a voyage from New York to London, has broken up.

In default of bail, Robert Bowles was sent to Newgate prison to await trial.

PARIS, Dec. 18.—The Seine continues to rise, and at many places is overflowing.

EARTHQUAKE.—On Saturday evening last, about twenty minutes to ten o'clock, a slight earthquake shock was sensibly felt by a number of people in this city. Dispatches from different parts of the coast north represent the shock as quite alarming to some people. The heaviest shocks appear to have been at Wallula, Victoria, and on Puget Sound.

Seattle, Dec. 15.—Last night, at about twenty minutes to 10 o'clock, the citizens of this place were suddenly startled by the heaviest earthquake ever felt so far north on the coast as this. With the exception of the earthquake at San Francisco in 1865 it is doubtful whether so violent and long continued a one has been felt for years on the entire coast. No damage was done, but frame buildings swayed to and fro like small crafts at sea. There were three series of shocks.

Olympia, Dec. 15.—A sharp shock of earthquake was felt here at 23 minutes to 10 last night. No damage was done further than the cracking of ceilings and breaking of a few window panes. The motion was from southeast to northwest.

Victoria, Dec. 15.—Last night at 23 minutes to 10 o'clock this city was shaken by a sharp shock of an earthquake, which rocked houses violently and drove several families into the streets for safety. The movement was from east to west. In some instances door-bells were rung and crockery knocked from the shelves. The shock lasted ten seconds.

Wallula, Dec. 15.—Capt. J. C. Ainsworth: At 20 minutes past 9 o'clock last evening we were visited with quite a heavy shock of earthquake, lasting about fifty seconds. I should judge, followed by five lighter shocks at intervals of about fifteen minutes, after which a heavy, rumbling sound was heard as distinctly as a heavy peal of thunder. The thermometer fell from 30° to 26°.

The shaking mania that had attacked terra firma continued at irregular periods until 4 o'clock this morning. Although the first shock was violent enough to shake buildings and their contents up pretty lively, yet no damage or injury was sustained by any one, that I am aware of.

Dec. 15.—Weather this morning cloudy; no wind; thermometer 30°.

Walla Walla, Dec. 15.—Two heavy shocks were felt here last night. Clocks stopped at 10 minutes before 10.

Umatilla, Dec. 15.—Weather cloudy; thermometer 40°; had an earthquake last night; three shakes; no damage.

Dalles had four or five shakes of earthquake last night.

GRAIN CROPS IN GREAT BRITAIN.

—The English "Chamber of Agriculture" *Journal* figures a deficiency of this year's wheat crop in Great Britain of 21,079,200 bushels, not counting a considerable loss in inferior quality. Another authority estimates the English wheat crop at 20 per cent. below an average, and that of Scotland, not large at best, and not more than half an average. "Investigations in England, extending over a period of two or three hundred years, have shown approximately that a deficit of one-tenth in the cereals raises the price three-tenths, deficit of two-tenths raises it eight-tenths, and so on to a deficit of one-half, which raises the price to four and one-half times the average. A surplus acts upon the prices in the opposite way."

Colfax, the county seat of Whitman county, Washington Territory, is building up quite rapidly. Business in the little town is said to be good. There is a fine agricultural district around Colfax, and indications are that that town has a bright future.

The Indian Outrages.

Mrs. S. M. Brotherton, widow of William Brotherton, who with his two sons were killed on Lost river, gives the following statement to the *Jacksonville Sentinel*:

Her husband and two of her sons were killed by the Indians about ten o'clock on Saturday. About three o'clock the Indians attacked her and another son, who is about 13 years of age. The boy had a Henry rifle and she had a navy-size revolver. The Indians killed in sight of the house, a man called Chris, from Denmark. She and the boy retreated to the house, and with the revolver and rifle kept the Indians at bay until twelve o'clock Monday, when they were relieved by Oliver and Ivan Applegate, Arthur Langell, Joe Seeds, Orsen Stearns, Mr. Wright and a man called Frenchy.

She knew four of the Indians, whose names are Hocker, Jim, Long Jim, One-eyed Mose and Jerry, the latter a brother of Chief Jack.

On Wednesday following, I. D. Applegate, with a party of friendly Indians from Yainax returned to Brotherton's home with teams to collect the dead bodies. While there they were attacked by the Modocs, when Applegate sent one of his Indians, who is an uncle of Scar-faced Charley, to converse with them, and he says that neither Scar-face nor Jack are dead.

The fight between the soldiers and Indians took place near the natural bridge on Lost river. There is a large cave about five miles from there, on the Southwest side of the lake, and Mrs. Brotherton thinks all the Indians are forced up in the cave. The cave is at least a quarter of a mile in length, and will hold all the hostile Indians in the country. During the past Summer and Fall these Indians have collected a large quantity of food in the vicinity of this cave, and will in all probability defend this point to the last. If they leave it they will probably go to Stein's Mountain, which is one of their best hunting grounds, and lies about 250 miles East of Lost River Valley.

The Indians surrounded Mrs. Boddy and Mrs. Schira, and could have killed both of them had they desired to, but for the first time in Indian warfare in Oregon, they did not kill the women. They killed both of the husbands, and then asked for more men.

EASTERN OREGON.—A letter to us from Willow Forks, Umatilla county, says the weather has been rather cold. Snow fell Nov. 10th, and had not entirely disappeared at the last of the month. Heavy frosts nearly all the time—a very uncommon occurrence at this season. Some of the oldest settlers anticipate a rough time this winter, but stock are in good condition to stand a reasonable amount of hard weather, as people have nearly all provided a suitable amount of feed for their stock. As winter has set in so very early some are inclined to shake their heads in regard to the result. We raised a nice crop of wheat and oats the past season, and plenty of vegetables, as good as ever grew anywhere. This, together with the finest beef and mutton, will enable us to live in substantial style through the winter. Our mail facilities are very uncertain. After a good deal of begging, a postoffice has been established here, and a postmaster appointed, but no line has yet been established. Were it not for the kindness of Mr. Leonard, the very obliging postmaster at Scott's, we would not be able to get either papers or letters once a month. He very kindly forwards all the mail matter for this section.

The earthquake on Saturday evening was felt at Jefferson.

MINING IN BAKER COUNTY.

—The *Dequemat* of the 11th says: "E. M. White & Co., of Gem City, have struck it again in the old Gem ledge; this time south of the old vein some 75 feet. The ledge is 18 inches in width and west, which proves this to be the main or principal lode. They have about 150 tons out and the rock is of excellent quality. A full force of men is employed day and night on the mine. The mill is undergoing repairs, and will commence crushing to-day. The same company are working the Jarboe, which prospects very well. There are good reports from the summit ledge, at Hogen."

FINISHED.—At length, after the expenditure of large sums of money and the performance of a stupendous amount of mechanical labor, the Locks and Canal at Oregon City have been completed. All the masonry and woodwork is finished and nothing remains to be done but a very few unimportant details. Boats, we learn, can now pass entirely through the Canal at any time. Just when the first boat is to have the distinguished credit of passing in perfect ease and safety these heretofore insuperable barriers imposed by nature, we are not able to state; but trust that it will not be long before that event can be chronicled.—*Oregonian*.

ACQUITTED.—Eugene City, Dec. 15.—The trial of L. D. Miller, for killing of G. T. Smith last Summer, has occupied the attention of the Circuit Court for the last three days. Messrs. Chennoweth, Caples, Walton, Stratton and Stott were the attorneys for the State, and Messrs. Dorris, Fay, W. W. Thayer and John Burnett for the defense. The trial created great excitement, business being nearly suspended. The Court House was crowded the entire time. The jury retired last evening, after a lengthy charge from Hon. Judge Thayer. They returned a verdict this morning of not guilty.

THE UPPER COLUMBIA.—From J. B. Montgomery, contractor for removal of obstructions to navigation on the Upper Columbia, we learn that work at John Day rapids is nearly finished. The amount of rock to be removed from the channel at that point was about 1,000 cubic yards. Four-fifths of this have been removed. At Umatilla rapids there were 500 yards to remove. Work at this point is slow, owing to the fact that the water is not down to its lowest stage and current in the channel is very rapid and strong. At Devil's Bend, a few miles from Umatilla rapids, a quantity of great boulders are to be removed.—*Bulletin*.

A Jacksonville paper says advices from Captain Kelly, in the field, give a sad picture of the bloody desolation wrought by the red devils on Lost river. The volunteers have been active in the discharge of their duties, and it is hoped that they will soon get a fight out of the Modocs, who have been reinforced by a number of Pitt and Pitt river Indians, and are entrenched near Clear Lake.

COOS BAY.—A correspondent of the *Benton Democrat* says that on the 3d inst. there were nine ocean vessels and five bay and river steamers in Coos bay. At least thirty vessels will ply between Empire City and San Francisco this Winter.

ON THE WAY.—The frame of the new steamboat, for use of the Willamette River Transportation Company, was set up at Smith's mill on Saturday afternoon. Yesterday morning the carpenters were engaged in laying the keel. The work will progress from this on with great rapidity.—*Herald*.

ACCIDENT.—J. DeLashmuth of Polk county lost two fingers by the accidental discharge of a gun, while out hunting near Sheridan, one day last week. He was walking a log and slipped and fell, when the gun exploded. He received also a painful wound in the forearm.