

## NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.

CHICAGO, Jan. 4.—A Washington special says that information received here indicates that the British Government has conceived the idea that the Government of the United States will avail itself of the present condition of affairs in the Sandwich Islands to seize and annex them. What foundation England has for this theory is not known, but it is supposed to have come from this country. While the British Government would not object to the voluntary annexation of the Hawaiians it is understood it would protect the people of the islands, if called upon, against any filibustering attempt to seize them. However absorbed the idea may appear it is believed in England that some such move is contemplated in this country. This may be the explanation of the sailing of a couple of British war-vessels for Honolulu. So far as the administration is concerned it may be stated that there is no foundation for the opinion which appears to prevail in Great Britain on this subject.

CHICAGO, Jan. 4.—A New York special says the report that the Erie Company are to sue Commodore Vanderbilt for the sum of about three and a half millions is considered part of Jay Gould's programme for revenge. The ex-President of Erie has not forgiven Vanderbilt for his contemptuous expressions, possibly to make a good profit on his two hundred thousand shares by squeezing the Commodore. Whether the suit will result as favorable as that against Gould is a question for decision. The Railway King will probably give President Watson a lively fight before he gets through. The stock has advanced today, which was doubtless just as gratifying to Gould as if he had won a legal victory. It is said that he is reaping most of his profits in the London markets.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—The aggregate of internal revenue receipts for last quarter of the calendar year of 1872 is \$26,330,025—a decrease from reports for the quarter ending December 31, 1871, of \$3,032,532.

The Postmaster General has decided that families, firms or companies cannot combine to rent post-office boxes concertly, but that one box rent must be collected for each firm, family or company enjoying such facilities.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 3.—The Conservative Legislature is expected to assemble on Monday. General Emery's troops still hold the Mechanics' Institute.

L. Mansi, a tobacco merchant, aged fifty, shot himself dead this morning in the city Railroad hotel. Reported cause, pecuniary losses.

D. Jones, a jeweler on Baromet street was today chloroformed and robbed of \$22,000 in jewelry and money.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 3.—Frank Rupp, editor of the Belleville (Ill.) Zeitung, committed suicide last night by hanging himself in the doorway of his office. He had been considered insane for some time past.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—In the Stokes case, after considerable more wrangling, testimony was taken on both sides. Court took a recess. After the recess, Tremaine commenced summing up for the defense.

The ferry-boats Gregory and Parolia came into collision on the North river. The latter was so badly damaged that she was in danger of sinking, and was with difficulty finally towed ashore.

BOSTON, Jan. 3.—At half-past seven o'clock this morning, during the prevalence of a thick fog the bark Aurora from Africa, bound to Boston, went ashore at Roger's Hollow, Southwell Fleet. Her masts were cut away to ease ship, but she bilged and filled. All hands saved. The cargo consisted of palm oil and gum copal.

NEWARK, (N. J.), Jan. 3.—Mary Anna Mane, a widow aged 45, was killed by her son-in-law, John Murphy, during a drunken row last night in a grocery kept by the latter on Jackson street. Murphy escaped.

CHICAGO, Jan. 3.—The breaking up of the ice in the Ohio and Mississippi river, under the influence of the present weather, is causing much anxiety among boatmen, and some losses of steamboats, barges, etc., are reported at certain river towns, though as yet nothing serious.

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—Stokes' trial, after extensive argument in which the character of Fisk and the witness for the prosecution was severely excoriated by Tremaine, closed at 10 o'clock. There was great applause from the audience upon the conclusion of his address which was suppressed by the Judge. After recess, Beach commenced his reply for the prosecution, and spoke several hours. He reviewed at length the testimony of the principal witness, called upon the jury to judge whether, from the story of Stokes himself, the case was not one of murder. Stokes' early career and the circumstances of the murder were commented upon with severity. On the question of premeditation, Beach submitted to the jury, on broad principles, whether at the moment of firing the fatal shot the prisoner intended to kill. When Beach had concluded, the Judge at once proceeded to deliver his charge.

The jury after a few hours' absence entered about 11 o'clock, and rendered a verdict of murder in the first degree. Judge Boardman deferred sentence until Monday. The anticipation that

the verdict would be given some time to-night created much interest in many places through the city. It was hardly expected, however, that the verdict would be rendered so soon. During the latter days of the trial some apprehension was awakened among the friends of the prisoner at the pertinacity and skill shown by attorneys for the prosecution, still the feeling exists among many that the conviction of murder in the first degree would not be found. That if there was no disagreement among the jury, the verdict would be either justifiable homicide or manslaughter in the third degree.

The jury came into court at 11:12, and when the verdict was announced the prisoner turned ashy pale; his sister wept aloud; Assistant District Attorney Fellows moved that sentence of law be passed; at the suggestion of Tremaine, the Judge deferred passing sentence until Monday. It has transpired that the jury on retiring stood ten for murder in the first degree, and two for manslaughter in the third degree. From information derived in an interview with some of the lawyers of Stokes, it is thought no exceptions to the verdict will be taken.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Gov. Booth telegraphs that his belief that if the Modocs are allowed 3,000 acres properly located on Lost river instead of being forced on the proposed reservation, a treaty is practicable which should satisfactorily protect bona fide settlers. Cole laid the subject before the War Department yesterday. There was no decision in consequence of engagement of the acting Secretary of the Interior. Probably the policy will be unchanged unless a new report on the subject is obtained from officials in California, as the Modocs will be ordered to the new reservation only after a careful consideration upon the recommendation of the Indian Agent.

BAKER COUNTY.—The Odd Fellows of Baker City have just concluded a contract with Mr. A. B. Roberts, of Walla Walla, for the erection of a large two story fire-proof building of cut stone. The upper story is to be used as a Hall and the lower story to be rented for mercantile purposes.

There has been several cases of smallpox near Wingville, Baker county, and two cases at the Slough House, one of which has proved fatal—that of Mr. William Barker, who died on the 28th ult. He had been attending to one of the sick parties near Wingville and took the disease, and after being taken down was removed to a house near the Slough House where he died. It is thought he took cold in removing. Mr. Bently is still sick with it at the house where Mr. Barker died. One case is also reported at Baker City, and the authorities are having a pest house built.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.—From seven o'clock in the morning till one in the afternoon of the 24th the barometer fell to 28.00. This is the lowest known in Victoria in seven years, and indicated frightful weather on the coast. The fall of snow in Esquimaux District on the 24th had reached three feet on a level. It has caused damage to several buildings at Mr. Switzer's manufactory. At the barracks (150 by 30 feet) the roof broke in from the weight of the snow.

The Corvallis Democrat of the 4th says: "A gentleman informs us that the Harrisburg bridge has settled in such a manner that the draw cannot be opened without great difficulty. We presume this is one reason why no boats have yet ascended the river to Eugene. When the opposition is put on, we hope to see this barrier opened."

The Eugene Journal says: "The Board of Directors of the State University have selected a site for the building. Mr. Christian's proposition was accepted, which secures twelve acres and a fraction, lying east of Oak and south of Twelfth streets, on Mr. Christian's land claim, for the sum of \$4,500, Mr. C. taking \$500 in stock."

Says the Corvallis Gazette: "Considerable stir has been made in the wheat market of this place during the past week. Mr. W. A. Wells, wishing to buy a few thousand bushels, advanced the price from 65 to 75 cents per bushel. This produced quite a bustle among certain warehouse men who had heretofore controlled the market."

On the islands late in dispute between England and America, of which San Juan is the principal one, there are about 650 inhabitants. San Juan Island alone has nearly 350 inhabitants, and 65 farms. Orcas Island has 165 inhabitants, and 40 farms. Lopez Island has 135 inhabitants, and 25 farms—and a few inhabitants on the smaller islands.

The population of the globe is usually estimated at 1,000,000,000. A new and careful estimate, based on the very latest returns, has just been published at Gotha by two competent German statisticians, who calculate the present number of the earth's inhabitants at 1,377,000,000 souls.

## Patrons of Husbandry.

The growth of this organization among farmers indicates how strongly they feel the necessity for both defensive and offensive organization against combinations and monopolies which fatten upon their products—which thrive by handling and disposing of them. This new order is a secret one. Its purposes are not political per se—at least not partisan. But we shall be surprised if out of it does not grow a great party of voters whose demands will be respected and obeyed by politicians with more deference than has hitherto been given such demands in our legislatures. It promises also to make a radical change in the present system of doing business. It is likely to cut off the support of the swarms of agents of machinery, nursery stock, &c., who travel among farmers and make enormous percentages out of them as go-betweens. It promises to break up the system of speculative buying of farm products and bring producer and consumer nearer together, giving the latter more for his money and the former more money for his products. It promises by establishing a closer relationship between farmers, and developing social intercourse and more frequent business conferences, to diffuse a better knowledge of business methods and of the data upon which their business transactions should be based.

Some will cry out against the abuses which may grow out of such a secret organization. Doubtless some abuses will result; but these organizations will be found self-correcting; for when the power acquired by consolidation and co-operation is misused the organization will fall to pieces quickly and surely. Its cohesion must depend upon the good it accomplishes and not upon the vicious use of power.—N. Y. World.

CLEARING MOSS FROM FRUIT TREES.—The American Agriculturist says nothing is better than carbolic soap and lye. Make common lye of wood ashes, not strong, add half a pound of carbolic soap to three gallons of boiling lye. Apply hot with a swab to old trees. It has been used with entire success on apple, pear, peach and cherry trees, destroying every particle of moss it touches.

"Now, my young friends, suppose twelve men buy twenty-four bushels of wheat to be divided equally, how many bushels is that for each?" Boldest of the boys—"Please, sir, we've not gone that far." "How is that? Your teacher told me you had learned all the first four rules?" Boy—"Yes, sir, but we have always done our sums in potatoes or turnips—we have never had wheat."

Some of the inhabitants of Kittitas Valley, W. T., say that during the earthquake shock, a low, rushing sound was heard as if a hurricane was raging; also a strong sulphur odor prevailed.

ITALIAN BEES.—When honey abounds, black bees will probably gather as much as Italians; when it is only to be got by extra labor, the Italians are sure to do much better than the blacks. So says an exchange.

The Legislature of Georgia has passed a law exempting from taxation for ten years all cotton and woolen mills in the State, in order to encourage the development of manufacturing interests.

## Useful Receipts.

CORNER BEEF.—In cooking corner beef, at this season of the year so delicious, it should be put into boiling water, and when done it should remain in the pot until cold. This is the whole secret of having corner beef juicy and full-flavored, instead of the contrary.

GINGER COOKIES.—Excellent for breakfast with coffee. Two cups of molasses, one of shortening, one of water, one egg, one tablespoonful of soda, one of ginger. Roll pretty thick.

BOILED APPLES.—Wash and trim medium sized sweet apples, put into a dish with water enough to nearly cover, add a handful of brown sugar, and boil till tender. A delicious sauce when cold.

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