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## NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.

**CHICAGO, Dec. 19.**—The Illinois State Farmers' Association concluded its annual session at Decatur last night, after adopting a platform, of which the following are the main points: They declare that every American voter should do all in his power to secure the election of honest and competent men to office; the farmers are absolved from all allegiance to old political parties; that the repeal of the salary grab should be retroactive; that large salaries are antagonistic to Republican principles; that the Civil Service should be reformed; they favor improving the navigation of lakes and rivers and oppose protective tariffs; deprecate the system of subsidies; favor legal tender currency issued directly by Government and interchangeable for bonds bearing the lowest possible rate of interest; demand a revision of the Patent laws and insist upon biennial sessions of the Legislature; assert the right of the State Legislature to legislate for the control of railroads and oppose any attempt of Congress to exercise such control. W. C. Flagg was re-elected President and S. M. Smith, Secretary, with Vice Presidents from each Congressional District.

**NEW YORK, Dec. 17.**—A correspondent of the *Tribune*, who was present at the surrender of the *Virginius*, telegraphs from Key West that the surrender took place at Bahia Honda, yesterday morning. The fast steam yacht *Dispatch* was selected to receive the *Virginius*, and Captain Whiting of the *Worcester*, was designated to command her. He was accompanied by Lieut. Adolphus Marx, Master George A. Cahoon, Ass't Engineer N. H. Landon, and her crew consisted of 39 men from the *Pawnee*. The *Dispatch* sailed from Key West on Sunday and reached Bahia Honda about noon on Monday. As soon as the *Dispatch* was signalled from shore, the Spanish flag, bearing the crown, notwithstanding the republican edict abolishing the monarchical emblem, was flung to the breeze. We discovered a black sidewheel steamship with two smoke-stacks beyond the forts, and in perfectly smooth water. No other craft except two or three coasting schooners, was then visible, and it was not until we were about to come ashore that we discovered a Spanish sloop of war lying close under shore, about two and a half miles away.

The *Dispatch* proceeded steadily and slowly and anchored about 400 yards from the *Virginius*. Almost immediately afterward a boat from the Spanish vessel came alongside the *Virginius*, and at a quarter to 2 o'clock the Stars and Stripes were raised by Spanish hands, and again floated over the vessel which carried Ryan, Verona, Fry and their unfortunate comrades to death. The boat was then pulled away. At the same moment, we saw by aid of glasses, another boat let down from the Spanish vessel, which proved to be the Captain's gig. It brought to the *Dispatch* a young naval officer in full uniform. He was courteously met at the gangway by Captain Rodgers, and he introduced himself as Senor de la Camera, commanding the sloop-of-war *Favorita*. Camera remarked that he had received a copy of the protocol requiring the surrender of the *Virginius*, and was prepared to execute it. It was then agreed that the ceremony should take place at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning. Salutes were again exchanged and Senor de la Camera left the ship, the interview not having lasted more than five minutes. In the afternoon Capt. Whiting and Lieut. Marx returned the call and were received with proper courtesies. Tuesday morning, punctually, as the bells on the *Dispatch* struck nine o'clock, the American flag flew to the flagstaff of the *Virginius*, and at the same moment a boat containing Capt. Whiting and Lieut. Marx, put away from the *Dispatch*. As they ascended the accommodation ladder of the *Virginius*, a single man on deck, who proved to be Senor de la Camera, advanced, made a salute to the officers, and remarked that in obedience to the requirements of his Government he had the honor to turn over the steamer *Virginius* to the American authorities. Capt. Whiting accepted and ascertaining that a receipt would be acceptable, gave one. The *Virginius* was in a most filthy condition, and leaking considerably. The *Virginius* steamed about 200 yards, all going well, when the engines suddenly refused to do duty, and it became necessary for the *Dispatch* to take her in tow. The two vessels went out of the harbor briskly, the Spanish flag being displayed by the forts as they passed. In an hour we were at sea, the *Virginius* was soon aground under steam the *Dispatch* ceasing to tow her, and the two vessels steamed together toward Tortugas.

**NEW YORK, Dec. 18.**—The *Shipping List* says there is no reason why freight by railroad to or from San Francisco should be more than 14 days in transit. At present it is perhaps 30 days, and from San Francisco we hear of a still longer time being consumed. We think it not unlikely that better time, a lower tariff and more sensible classification of freights will largely increase the shipments by railroad. We want a through line and through cars, quicker time, less handling of freight, and more prompt settlement of claims for damages and over charges. Particularly are through cars desirable for teas from San

Francisco, to obviate the breaking up of invoices. Absence of this facility renders the Suez canal preferable to many shippers, particularly as of late it has been equally as expeditious as a mode of conveyance.

Complaints against the management of the Pacific roads have been both long and loud, and many people fear that present representation belong to that class of officials of whom it has been said "few die and none resign." Recent investigations have shown that the Government built the Pacific roads with the people's money, and in so doing enriched beyond measure a goodly number of individuals, some of whom retired to private life to enjoy the profits of jobbery.

**NEW YORK, Dec. 18.**—The owners of the steamer *Imalia*, from this port for Glasgow, have given up all hope of her safety. She had a crew of forty-five men.

**NEW YORK, Dec. 18.**—The steamer *Edgar Stuart*, which made a successful landing of her fifth cargo of arms and men upon the island of Cuba, is said to be fitting out at Baltimore for another run.

George A. Christian, late clerk in the Surveyor General's office, and Chas. Green, both convicted on a charge of disinterring dead bodies and selling them, were to-day sentenced to 11 years imprisonment and a fine of \$1,000 each.

**WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.**—Secretary Delano warns Territorial or other officers that absence from their post, without special permission, will be considered as resignation, and any officer asking leave of absence will accompany the request with a statement of the cause for making such a request.

**BOSTON, Dec. 18.**—The funeral of Professor Agassiz took place to-day from Appleton Chapel, Harvard University, which was profusely decorated with funeral emblems and flowers, tributes of respect from the students. The services, which were extremely simple, began with chanting a selection from the *Cerubim Mass*, by the Harvard Glee Club. The Liturgy was then said by Rev. Dr. A. Peabody, Preacher of the University, which was immediately followed by the singing of the hymn, "Go to the Grave." As the body was removed a dead march was performed on the organ. A long cortege followed the body to the burial place, in Mount Auburn Cemetery. The church was densely crowded, many being unable to gain admittance. Among those present were Vice President Wilson, Governor Washburn, ex-Governor Claflin, Oliver Wendell Holmes, Ralph W. Emerson, E. Reed and a large number of other distinguished persons. The church bells in Boston and Cambridge were tolled, and flags were at half-mast during the funeral.

**NEW YORK, Dec. 20.**—Several of the morning papers state that E. A. Woodward, who was County Auditor when the Tweed Ring ruled, has consented to turn State's evidence. He has already returned to this city and given himself up to the authorities, and is now in custody. It is asserted on trustworthy authority that Woodward is prepared to furnish all the missing links in the chain of testimony against persons accused of fraud, and that his confession will be especially valuable, as giving information regarding the division of the plunder. It is further alleged that he will implicate some persons against whom no proof of crime has heretofore been developed, including two or three now holding high office. The conviction yesterday of Prince Harry Genet was a complete surprise to the prisoner and his friends. At the conclusion of Tweed's trial he indignantly scouted his friend's advice to flee out of reach of the New York Courts. The penalty, under his conviction, of obtaining money by false pretences, is from one year in the Penitentiary to five years in the State Prison at the discretion of the Court, and a fine not exceeding \$20,000.

**WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.**—The Senate's adjournment for the holidays without acting on Williams' nomination is ominous of defeat, because the vote would certainly have been pressed if confirmation had been probable. His friends outside, however, still feel confident that the President will not withdraw the nomination, and that the Senate will ultimately confirm him. His opponents doubtless weakened themselves by specific charges which cannot be maintained, and therefore will react. Only two members of the Judiciary Committee actively support his nomination. Among the present opponents are the Connecticut Senators, who have been advised by the bar of that State that Williams' argument in the Credit Mobilier case at Hartford was so weak as to be a subject for adverse comment. If a new nomination be made, Edwards Pierpont, of New York, is the most prominent now.

**NEW YORK, Dec. 20.**—The *Times* says of Williams: Lawyers everywhere regret the nomination, and the general public think a much stronger one might have been made. We cannot, as a faithful representative of public opinion, refrain from expressing the wish that the President would reconsider his nomination and send in another name. While General Grant always has firmness to adhere to any determination which, in his opinion, is founded on right and justice, he has also shown a wise and proper regard for public opinion, and in this instance might make a graceful concession to that opinion, cer-

tainly without imperiling a public interest. At the same time we are bound to say that we utterly disbelieve the scandals and accusations which have been circulated to the disadvantage of Williams, but is he the best man for the post?

**CHICAGO, Dec. 20.**—It is now regarded as certain that if the President fails to withdraw the nomination of Williams for Chief Justice he will be rejected. If this takes place, it is the purpose of a number of Senators to have the reason for his rejection published. The expectation is that in case the rejection is voted by the Senate, Mr. Williams will resign as Attorney General.

**WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.**—The impression is gaining ground that the Spanish Minister will show that the *Virginius* had no right to carry the American flag; that she was owned in whole or in part by foreigners, and that her American papers were obtained by fraud. If so, our Government will withdraw the demand for the salute of the American flag on Christmas Day, according to the protocol.

**SALT LAKE, Dec. 18.**—There was a heavy shock of earthquake at Bear Lake valley this morning at sunrise.

Chief Justice McKean again refuses to admit polygamists to citizenship. In a case yesterday, where an applicant had left a plurality of wives to go herding for subsistence, McKean was very severe.

**NEW YORK, Dec. 21.**—Attorney General Williams has sent to the Secretary of State a lengthy written opinion to the effect that the *Virginius*, at the time of her capture, had no right to carry the American flag, and that her registration by Patterson, as an American ship, was in fraud of the United States.

**WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.**—Several reputable lawyers scout at Williams' opinion that notwithstanding the *Virginius* was fraudulently registered, that fact does not affect her right to be protected from molestation on the high seas. They hold that a fraudulent register gives to those obtaining it no right not possessed before; therefore, if the register was fraudulent, the *Virginius* had no right to the protection of the American flag.

Investigation as to the character of the *Virginius* is to be commenced in New York. Government is powerless to protect against Patterson, to whom the register for the vessel was issued on account of the statute of limitation.

**NEW YORK, Dec. 21.**—The *Times* announces the acceptance of Sickles' resignation. It says he has done his best to embroil the country in war, and adds that recent negotiations with Spain were carried on without reference to Sickles in any way, his own bad temper and worse judgment having rendered it impossible for Spanish Ministers to hold any intercourse with him at a very early day.

**CALIFORNIA.**

**SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 19.**—The U. S. steamer *Tuscarora* is about to depart on another voyage, making soundings for a Japanese cable. Her orders are to proceed to San Diego, thence to Honolulu, and then to Japan.

**SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20.**—Booth was elected in the Joint Convention to-day, on the first ballot. His vote was 60—no member absent. The election of Booth causes much rejoicing here, and dispatches from other portions of the State express the public satisfaction over the triumph. It is generally regarded as the second grand triumph of the people over the Railroad monopoly.

**SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.**—Judge Hagar was elected to-day, by joint convention in Sacramento, Senator for the short term, on second ballot.

Weather to-night, cloudy and cold.

## FOREIGN.

**LONDON, Dec. 20.**—Special dispatches from Madrid say there is great rejoicing there over the rumor that the Government of the United States has decided that the *Virginius* was not entitled to carry the American flag. The *Times*, commenting on the report, says such a decision would be consistent with truth and justice.

**MADRID, Dec. 18.**—The bombardment of Cartagena continued all day. There was a terrible magazine explosion within the insurgents' lines to-day. General Don Quixote offers pardon to all who surrender. The insurgents are still able to obtain provisions, but their communication is failing.

**ROME, Dec. 17.**—The Papal Nuncio at Paris has been notified that the Archbishops of Paris, Valencia and Cambria have been elected to the College of Cardinals.

**HAVANA, Dec. 17.**—The slavery question is now seriously discussed among slave owners. The Government is determined to bring the question before the Cortes for action, but desires slave owners to propose some plan for making the abolition of slavery a certainty, without seriously injuring the prosperity of the island.

**OLYMPIA, Dec. 21.**—The opposition stage, which left Tenino last evening with two passengers, overturned when a few miles out, killing one of the passengers, named Jamison, a resident of Tacoma, and seriously injuring the driver. The other passenger escaped.

## NEWS ITEMS.

The Columbia river below St. Helens is free from ice.

The mail carrier from Dalles to Portland passed the Cascades Sunday.

Wm. Jamison, says the *Bulletin*, is appointing postmaster at Astoria.

The Fannie Troup runs to Kalama in place of the *Rescue*.

M. T. Eddy has been arrested for the murder of an old man named Robinson at Oregon City some months ago.

Harrison Lovvick, newly appointed Agent at Malheur Reservation, goes over the Columbia trail to reach the Dalles.

Up to the present time the Oregon City Flouring Mill have ground 135,000 bushels of wheat. Collectively the two mills have purchased about 350,000 bushels this season.

A young man named Rivers died about two miles from Oregon City on Thursday last of small pox. He had been engaged for some time past in the paper mill, and it is supposed he caught the disease from handling the rags.

From the Eugene State Journal.

Patrick Doyle, a wounded soldier of the Lava Beds, was in town on Tuesday and spoke in the highest terms of the people of Junction for their liberality in giving him aid. They made him up about \$15.

As a back load of people were crossing the Willamette River, at Springfield last Saturday, by the ford, the horses or the driver—or perhaps both—became demoralized, and our esteemed fellow citizens, Mr. and Mrs. Pungra, Mrs. Joel Ware, Miss Fanny Walker, and several others were unceremoniously dumped into the water.

From the Benton Democrat:

Edward C. Kemble, Indian Inspector, accompanied by P. B. Simont, of the Grande Ronde Agency, arrived from the Siletz last night. Having inspected the agencies of Oregon, Col. Kemble is en route for California.

The Democrat claims that one hundred thousand bushels of wheat raised in Benton county has been shipped from other places and credited as the products of other counties.

The ladies of the Corvallis Presbyterian Church, last week, gave a supper in Masonic Hall to raise funds for the church.

Frank Sutherland, of Snap Creek and around Spring Hill are put to great inconvenience for want of a pastolice at or near D. H. Vanderpool's. This is a thickly settled portion of our county, yet the people are compelled to go to Albany or Buena Vista for their mail matter. With a daily line of stages on this route, from "Go to the Grave" Junction, via Albany, the extra line from Corvallis to Albany could be done away with.

At the meeting of the Building Committee of Agricultural College, held last Saturday, the plans and specifications furnished by Krumboltz & Gilbert were adopted, and the contract of building this edifice awarded to that company.

The Roseburg Plaindealer, Dec. 19, contains the following:

A brakeman on the passenger train, named W. Geary was thrown from the car platform Friday night, and killed. He was badly bruised that night, but at that place.

Myrtle Grange was organized by R. M. Guernsey at Myrtle Creek, on the 15th inst., with thirty members. B. G. Gibbs was elected Master, and P. Weaver Secretary.

We hear it rumored upon the streets that Mr. Frank Sutherland contemplates the building of a brick building in this city, to be used as a bank and brokerage office.

We learn that Henry Waters, of Looking Glass, met with a very severe accident. A team which he was driving ran away and threw him from the wagon, dislocating his shoulder.

John Barton's barn at the mouth of Looking Glass, was destroyed by fire on Friday last. Some of his children, it seems, were playing about the barn with matches. The barn was a large one, well filled with hay and grain and farm implements.

Sherrill Wright, who has just returned from Canyonville, informs us the roads south of this city are in better condition for travel than they have been known to be at this particular season of the year. The gravel road withstands the efforts of the rain to dislodge it from its secure bed.

Miss B. A. Owens, a lady well known in this country, leaves for Philadelphia to-morrow morning, where she proposes to graduate as a physician. With this end in view she has been a constant reader of the writers of the materia medica for the last two years. She will return to Roseburg as soon as her studies are completed.

The fair given by the ladies of the Presbyterian and Methodist Church last evening, was quite a success. The proceeds of the fair amounted to \$160, and there if yet about \$75 worth of articles remaining unsold, which will be disposed of at some future time.

And the following from Coos Bay:

The new steamer *Crossing* will make her trial trip on Monday.

The travel between Coos Bay and San Francisco is diminishing at present, but will increase in the Spring.

Hon. F. G. Lockhart, who has been lying seriously ill at his residence in Empire City is recovering.

A valley, 5,000 feet above sea level, and north of latitude 46 degrees, where snow never falls in Montana, Indians, trappers and old set, have seen snow; was never yet seen on the ground in "Valley Eden." While snow falls to the depth of seven inches on the surrounding mountains and valleys, never an inch falls on this favored spot.

The assessed valuation of the Territory of Montana, for the year 1873, is \$9,863,745, against \$10,247,065, last year; being a net loss during the year of \$383,320.

The Territorial papers are confident the Northern Pacific will be built to the Yellowstone Park next summer.

At Virginia City, on Thursday the 14th inst., the thermometer went twenty degrees below zero.

Andrew Mable, of Olympia, met with a heavy loss on Thursday last. The residence on his farm at Robinson's Prairie, including the furniture, was entirely destroyed by fire. Nothing was saved. Loss about \$2,000.

A young man named Lick, living near Independence, while out hunting the other day, met with a serious accident. It appears that while loading his gun it was discharged, driving the ramrod entirely through his hand between the thumb and forefinger, while the ball was lodged within an inch of where the ramrod came out.

Junction City has an excellent school house, well furnished, and comfortable church, belonging to the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, although open to every denomination, which has for its object the advancement of Christianity. There is also an energetic Sabbath School, with an average attendance of about 45 students.

A woman, Mrs. Mary Farley, living in Portland, was arrested on a charge of having killed her child, by beating his head against the floor. She was in the Insane Asylum a year and a half ago, and is no doubt not crazy.

The Coos Bay News of the 10th inst. says: "A boy living on South Slough, a son of Hiram Elliot, we believe, had his arm frightfully mangled by the bursting of a gun with which he was shooting geese. Dr. Tower is attending on the little fellow, who bears his pains with extraordinary fortitude."

Wm. Jamison, of Tacoma, was killed on last Saturday by the upsetting of Tilley's stage, between Tenino and Olympia. At the same time, the driver, Mr. W. F. Morry, was dangerously if not mortally injured.

Bees and wolves are making sad havoc with the sheep in Polk county. Mr. Barney has lost quite a number, after giving them the closest attention. Since the snow, the wolves have become exceedingly bold, coming down almost to the houses.

Morris Ball, on trial at Portland, before Judge Handy for procuring illegal voting, was acquitted on Tuesday. Three other cases, on the same charge, are yet to be disposed of by the court.

Mrs. Minnie Myrtle Miller is at present lecturing in Southern Oregon. She appeared at Coos Bay on the 9th inst.

The ice in the Columbia, opposite Vancouver, does not move yet, although it is becoming very porous. The mail carriers crossed on Friday and returned with safety. This was a twenty-four hour boat across the ice with them, to support them in case of accident.

M. Hosford has been honorably acquitted of the charge of opening a letter addressed to another man.

The Dallas Republican says: A man by the name of John McMorral was arraigned before Justice Vineyard last Tuesday on a charge of horse stealing. After a hearing he was committed to jail in default of \$150 bail.

The News says business is dull at Coos Bay in consequence of so many loggers being prosecuted in Clatsop County, for cutting timber on Government lands. It is a twenty-dollar piece is a curiosity, and silver is so scarce that nobody complains about being paid off in it.

The Ajax stopped at St. Helens on account of ice in the Columbia. Passengers, baggage, mails, and express matter were brought to Portland on river steamers.

Mrs. Mary Farley, who killed her child in Portland on Monday, has been sent to the Insane Asylum.

The second annual meeting of the State Temperance Union will be held in the city of Salem, commencing Monday, February 10th, 1874.

The Territorial Penitentiary, at Staleoson, is yet vacant, for the want of necessary furniture. It has room for forty convicts, and there are more than that number in the different county jails already.

There is a strong probability that the steamer *Zephyrus* will be put on the Seattle and Tacoma route, making semi-daily trips between the two places.

A bridge has been placed across the McKenzie at Hayden's ferry, in Lane county.

Dr. Alexander, of Linn county, the Register says, is still very ill, but his friends are hopeful of his recovery.

An effort is being made to procure funds to bridge the Willamette at Springfield, in Lane county.

The people of Shedd's vicinity propose to have a Christmas Tree in the M. E. Church on Christmas Eve.

Jasper Yeakam, of Empire City, has been arrested by the U. S. Marshal, charged with cutting timber on Government lands.

## The Wheat of Polk County.

"Northwest," correspondent of the *Oregonian*, writes as follows concerning the wheat crop of Polk county:

In my last I stated that there will be shipped from the harvest of 1873:

	Bushels
From Buena Vista	115,000
" Independence	125,000
In addition to these there will be shipped at Fols:	
From S. Bennett's warehouse	42,500
" R. Bay's warehouse	45,000
	90,500
From Lincoln there will be shipped:	
From the Farmers' warehouse	75,000
From Abner & Co.'s warehouse	25,000
" John Walling's "	15,000
" Lincoln Milling Co.'s "	4,000
	119,000
Also from Polk county:	
Wheatland will ship at least	30,000
The Eagle Mills at Dalles will ship	10,000
The Union Mills at Dalles	2,000
Hauled to system mills	15,000
Hauled to Dayton, St. Joseph, and McMinville, not less than	30,000
Total quantity to be shipped from Polk	256,000
To this is to be added the wheat reserved for seed, feeding, and domestic use	140,000
Total amount of wheat	396,000*
In addition, Polk county has raised in oats and barley 150,000 bushels.	

A large portion of this wheat is sold, but only a small quantity of it is yet shipped, owing to the low state of the Willamette river. The late rains have raised the river so that boats can now reach Corvallis. There will be ample employment for both the lines of river boats for the next three months.

## RECAPITULATION.

The wheat production of four counties:

	Raised.	Will Ship.
Linn	1,500,000	1,125,000
Lincoln	750,000	740,000
Benton	850,000	250,000
Polk	320,000	270,000

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