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WASHINGTON, December 31.—Congressman Lattrell has received letters from Gen. Townsend and other prominent citizens of his district, stating that the Hot Springs and Big Valley Indians in Siskiyou county, California, are in danger of starvation in consequence of their vegetable means of subsistence being overrun by cattle; and he therefore today requested the department authorities to take prompt action for their relief, and submitted a proposition, which was promptly approved by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, to appoint a Relief Committee, consisting of ex-Indian Agent Elijah Steele, ex-Senator Wadsworth, George Townsend, Edmund Bean and Henry J. Digges, to expend means to be furnished by the Government for the support of these Indians until further arrangements. These Indians were fed by order of General Schofield last year, and thus kept from committing depredations or joining the Modocs. They number 700 or 800.

BOSTON, December 31.—No change to report in the condition of the wool market, which remains quiet, there being no disposition on the part of either buyers or sellers to make any important movement. As holders think that all of the stock on hand will be wanted, they are indifferent about selling at present. California wool has been quiet, with sales at 18 3/4c, according to quality, including Fall and Spring.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—At a general term of the Superior Court, to-day, it was decided that where a party receives a forged check or certification of a bank, and not on trust in simple check, the bank so certifying is responsible for the amount.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 2.—The wool market has a strong advancing tendency. Stock scarce. Colorado washed, 25 3/4c; Colorado unwashed, 20 1/2c; Extra Merino pulled, 43 3/4c; No. 1 superfine pulled, 43 3/4c; Texas fine and mixed, 32 3/4c; Texas coarse, 22 1/2c; California fine and medium, 30 3/4c; California coarse, 25 3/4c.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—Regular service of the Reformed Episcopal Church will begin to-morrow. Bishop Cummins will preach. The Bishop says it would be premature to give in detail the names of well known laymen and clergymen of this city who may be expected to give in their adhesion to the new church, but there is abundant proof that the spirit of a considerable portion of the Protestant Episcopal Church in New York is ripe for this departure. The accession of Rev. Dr. Goddard, rector of one of the largest and most important churches on Staten Island, is a good sign. Numerous offers from clergymen of other denominations, expressing a readiness to take part in the work, have been received. Presbyterian, Methodist and Baptist ministers have expressed a desire to take charge of the new organizations in this movement.

CHICAGO, Jan. 3.—A Washington special says Colonel Scott was addressed recently on the subject of the affairs of the Texas Pacific Railroad, by citizens of San Diego, through their agents in this city. The people of San Diego were alarmed lest extension of time should be asked for the completion of the work now in progress at the Pacific terminus. They were also anxious to learn the prospect for legislation by Congress in interest of the Company. Col. Scott authorized the sending in his name yesterday of the following dispatch: "Prospects for legislation are good. No extension will be asked for." It is understood no definite form of action has yet been agreed on, but a number of bills are in course of preparation, to be submitted to him for approval. The main object in the East is to provide means to obtain government aid in disposing of the railroad bonds, and to secure the government for all disbursements. It is authoritatively stated that the Northern Pacific has agreed to leave the field to the Southern Pacific, at least for the present session.

The same dispatch says a letter was received this evening from a gentleman now a resident of Baltimore, but formerly a clerk in the employ of General George W. Bullock, Chief Disbursing Officer of the Freedman's Bureau, under Howard. The writer of the letter says it was his duty while in the service of the Bureau to examine vouchers each and every month and to make out pay-rolls. He avers that horses and carriages for the private use of General Howard and members of his staff, and Summer vacations for favorite clerks, including their traveling expenses, were provided and paid for with money belonging to the Government; that the wife of Captain Staden, a member of Howard's staff, was put on the pay-rolls under her maiden name; that Howard's coachman was put on the pay-rolls, as was also the wife of Captain Girard, while she had no appointment and did no duty whatever. In conclusion he states that there are many other irregularities which ought to be made public, and he volunteers to give his testimony before the Commission at any time.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—The public debt increased \$3,453,273 during December. Increase of debt since June 30, 1873, \$11,466,672.

CHICAGO, Jan. 3.—The strike of the

railroad engineers appears to be broken. Men are resuming work at most points and trains are again running regularly. Columbus, Ohio, is the only place where any trouble still exists, and it is said it is on account of the indisposition of the railroads to employ the leaders of the strike.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Judge Williams still seems confident of confirmation, notwithstanding the lawyers in the Senate almost unanimously protest against his candidacy, and urge an exchange of his nomination to the Supreme Bench for some foreign appointment. Meantime there seems to be no room to doubt that the Department of Justice paid \$1,000 for a landulet used exclusively by Mr. Williams' family, besides several hundred dollars for repairs on the same, and \$500 for horses to draw it.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—The House Committee on Roads and Canals propose to report a bill authorizing the President to appoint nine Railroad Commissioners, one for each judicial district, and also a bureau of railroad statistics, with a view of establishing regulations governing the principal through railroad routes of the country, and fixing maximum rates thereon. The Committee think that Congress is incompetent to solve hastily the railroad problem, and favor the plan above stated, as the best method of investigating the facilities of each, and its means of operation, before fixing limits of transportation.

Gen. Kibbe, formerly of California, is one of the active promoters of the proposed Continental Railroad Company, now seeking Congressional aid, for the construction of an air line railroad from New York to Omaha. The House Committee on Roads and Canals are disposed to favor the project, as a necessary means to the promotion of the interest of commerce.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—The House Committee on Appropriations despairs of cutting the estimates down more than \$20,000,000, even by withholding many items asked for by the Supervising Architect and those recommended for the river and harbor improvements, and nearly all those for fortifications. Accordingly, increased taxation to meet the necessary expenditures seems inevitable unless a temporary Government loan is authorized. The inflationists urge bonds at 3 1/2-100 per cent. interest, believing that in these times of money pressure they would pass readily from hand to hand, and thus practically expand the currency for a temporary occasion.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—Rufus H. Hatch, Managing Director of the P. M. S. Co., states that all relations between his company and the Pacific Railroad are at an end. Negotiations looking to a renewal of the former contracts are off, and each route will act henceforth independently of the other.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—The entire number of railroads in default is more than one hundred and fifteen, representing an indebtedness on interest account of more than \$27,000,000.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—At a meeting of the Directors of the Yorkville Savings Bank yesterday, a communication was received from Henry Genet, the fugitive, resigning the Presidency. No one would admit that he knew where Genet could be found.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—The United States and Mexican Commission has resumed business and will doubtless dispose of all cases on the docket by the expiration of its extended time. Within the last two months the Commissioners have decided at least two hundred cases, among the adverse decisions the case of Daniel E. Woodhouse against Mexico, known as the Tehuantepec claim, in which the petitioner states the damages at over \$50,000,000. The claim of Mexico for \$37,000,000 on account of damages from Indian incursions is now in the hands of Sir Edward Thornton, umpire, the American and Mexican Commissions being divided in opinion, Mexico claims that under the treaty of Guadalupe the United States pledged themselves to forcibly restrain Indian incursions into her territory, and that whenever such raids could not be prevented the Indians should be punished by our Government and satisfaction for the same exacted.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—In preparing the Army Bill, General Sherman and the Secretary of War were consulted in regard to the cost of the forces in Texas, New Mexico and Arizona frontier. It was found impracticable to reduce this much at present, though General Sherman expressed an opinion that if the railroads were through on that line at out \$5,000,000 may be saved in the military estimates, besides a reduction of appropriations for the military establishment proper. The committee decided to give only \$1,200,000 for the fortifications, instead of \$36,000,000 asked, and also to reduce the river and harbor appropriation from the \$16,000,000 asked to less than \$3,000,000, making the total reduction on the estimates under the War Department about \$30,000,000. The committee also ascertained that the Treasury, under the construction of the law in regard to the unexpired balances, fixing the limit of two years to the last warrant drawn against the Quartermaster's Department, has accumulated a surplus of \$3,000,000, which has not been reported to Congress, and regarding which the law required no report. This will be converted into the

Treasury through an amendment in the law in regard to such balances.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—About a thousand unemployed workmen met this morning in Union Square, in response to a call issued by one Patrick A. Dunn, to denounce an Assistant Alderman for failing to order his departments to have all work done by day labor instead of by contract. Theodore H. Banks, who appears at all similar meetings, was made temporary Chairman, and in the course of his short address urged the workmen to come to the front, that they might hold their own against the swindling politicians who wanted to keep them in starvation. Dunn, who issued the call, now appeared, and was made permanent Chairman. He advised workmen not to be hasty, but at the same time urged them to organize on the spot, march to the City Hall, and wait the reply of the Mayor, Comptroller and Aldermen to their demands. One Maguire followed, saying that if their demands were not acceded to by fair means, then force must be used to prevent the heads of departments from having their own way. A Committee of Five was appointed to visit the Mayor and Comptroller, after which all started for the City Hall. On reaching the City Hall the committee attempted to see the Mayor and different heads of departments, but failed. The crowd that accompanied them then listened to more speeches, and, after resolving to hold a grand demonstration on Thursday next, dispersed.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—The President sent to the Senate the nomination of Caleb Cushing as Minister to Spain; Edward L. Baker, of Springfield, Illinois, Consul to Buenos Ayres. Cushing is designated as from Virginia.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 6.—The Republican's special from Topeka says the case of the state vs. Pomeroy, for bribing Senator York, was called in the County Court today. As defendant was not present, his counsel asked for a continuance, which was refused, and Pomeroy's bail, \$20,000, ordered forfeited, with the understanding, however, that if defendant appears for trial during this month the order for forfeiture will be rescinded. It is believed here that Pomeroy will never be tried, but as the case now stands it puts him in the position of a criminal at large, without bail, and liable to arrest at any time.

COLEMBUS, Jan. 6.—In the House, this morning, the resolutions offered by McLean (Republican) yesterday, to ensure Congress for passing the salary grab act, were reported back so as include President Grant for not vetoing the bill. The Republicans sought to get a division on the question, so as to vote first on censuring Congress, and failing, voted solidly against the resolutions, which were adopted by a unanimous Democratic vote.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 6.—A dispatch to the Merchants' Exchange to-day announces that the ship River of Krishna, which sailed from this port for Liverpool, September 10th, with a cargo of wheat, valued at \$70,000, has gone ashore on the banks off Tuscar Light, coast of Ireland, and will prove a total loss. This is the same place where the British steamer Tripoli went ashore about two years since.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—Mr. Kelly, of Oregon, introduced a bill to donate the Steilacoom Military Reservation to Washington Territory, for the use of the insane; also, a bill to authorize Thurston county, Washington Territory, to issue bonds for the construction of a railroad from Burrard Inlet, Puget Sound, to intersect the Northern Pacific Railroad at Tenino. Referred to the Committee on Territories.

CHICAGO, Jan. 7.—A terrible storm of sleet and snow is prevailing over the middle and eastern States, prostrating telegraph wires in all directions and completely cutting off communication between the East and West. Nothing of any kind was received here to-day from any point east of Toledo.

The proposed Continental Railway, for which a charter is to be asked of Congress, is, as marked out on the map in the room of the Railroad Committee, almost an air-line from New York to Omaha. It starts from Jersey City; runs due west across New Jersey, crossing the Delaware at Belvedere; traverses Pennsylvania without deviating from a straight line, passing through Bloomsburg, Milton and Newcastle; enters Ohio near Youngstown, and runs through Akron, London and Lima; takes Fort Wayne in its route through Indiana; thence to a point half way across Illinois; thence to the northward, crossing the Mississippi at Muscatine, and reaching Omaha by a bee-line of the Chicago and Rock Island, Pacific and Chicago and Chicago, Burlington and Missouri railways. A road never goes out of its way to reach a town or city.

DISORGANIZED.—The Farmers' Union, which met at Legislative Hall yesterday afternoon, passed a resolution dissolving the organization and instructing the Secretary, after all accounts shall have been straightened, to turn over the records of the Association to the Master Organizer of the State. The reason for this action, is that most of the members of the Union have already joined the Farmers of Hubbard, and as the two orders could not be supported, it was thought best to reconstitute the organization and place its Journal in the hands of the Grangers as an article of record.

News Items.

Greenbacks on the 5th acre 89629c at Portland; gold in N. Y. being 111 1/4.

Since November 24th, 37 1/2 inches of snow have fallen at the Dalles.

John Furman, of Baker City, has a colt about six months old which weighs 707 pounds.

J. L. Cook's livery stable, Lewiston, was burned Dec. 11. Loss \$1,500.

Walls Walla Grange elected Frank Shelton Master, J. Simonton Secretary.

The flouring mills of Walls Walla were stopped for a while by the cold weather.

C. W. Jaynes, formerly of La Grande, was accidentally killed by a discharge of a gun in his own hand.

J. W. Snodgrass, of Union county, has fattened 120 hogs, which will weigh 400 pounds on an average. They are half-breed Berkshires.

Doc Barns, a Lewiston blacksmith, will have his feet amputated because they were badly frozen while traveling to the Yakima.

Cattle and horses are wintering well in Walls Walla valley. Farmers about there are selling cattle and buying sheep.

The Lewiston Sentinel says the Northern counties of Idaho are anxious to be annexed to Washington Territory.

An enterprise is on foot at La Grande to bring Lead Creek into that town by a ditch, by which an immense water power will be furnished.

The steamer Mollie, on the Yaquina, is to be beached, cut in two and enlarged to be more serviceable.

The Register states that thirteen thousand bushels of wheat per day is now being shipped from Albany.

Lebanon Grange has elected officers for 1874 as follows: R. A. Irvin, Master; G. F. Burkhart Secretary. Irvin was re-elected Master. A. S. Powell, agent for the Astorian Farmers' Company, is collecting sums due that Company in Linn county.

The burning of a locomotive flue, caused the Saturday morning train from Salem to have to wait for the regular mail train at Brooks.

Samuel Dow, living near Corvallis, has received a patent for a grain separator.

Mr. Case has got the hull of the wrecked schooner John Hunter, on the South Beach, Yaquina Bay, and will save from her all he can use in building a house.

The Northern Pacific trains are running through to Tacoma, in connection with steamboats from Portland.

Smith Brothers have backed out from the purchase of the Oregon Iron Works, for which offered \$40,000. Some defect in the title is the alleged cause.

Mrs. J. B. Woods, wife of a tailor residing in Brownville, is reported to have lately attempted suicide, but it was prevented. Her husband died suddenly the next day. A post-mortem examination was being held.

Charles Roberts, a seaman on board the ship Akbar, has sued Captain Lamson and his mate Samuel for \$1,000 damages for ill-treatment sustained at their hands while on the voyage to this port.

The Oneonta made a successful trip to the Cascades and brought back through passengers and freight from the Dalles, so the Columbia is again open.

Hon. H. H. Gilroy has visited Eugene and secured a deed to the State of the University ground and building. The latter was inspected and the Journal declares it a credit to the State.

H. F. Farhart, of Portland, has been appointed by Governor E. F. Perry as Commissioner of Deeds for Washington Territory, to reside in this State.

George Duncan was bound over by Judge Denny, on the charge of taking \$2,000 currency from Joseph Galliot. He proved the receipt of some means from his friends, and not as much as he had been spending.

James Mitchell, of Union county, this last season harvested and threshed 2 1/2 acres of wheat, a volunteer crop, which averaged, as measured from the machine, 40 bushels and one peck to the acre.

The Mountaineer is informed that Mrs. J. C. Wilson resigned the appointment of Postmaster at the Dalles, in place of Mr. J. H. Waldron, resigned, to take charge of the office on the first of April next.

Sear Faced Charley writes back from the Indian Territory that he is all right, getting the best kind of a new heart and doing well generally. Sear Face was the best of the bad Modocs.

A son of James A. Stewart of Jacksonville, so the Times says, was kicked by a horse and one eye knocked out of the socket. Dr. Jewell attended him and was successful in saving the eye.

The bentined learns that the winter about the Klamath and Modoc country, east of the mountains, has been unusually severe. Sheep died but cattle did not suffer much although in the Tule Lake valley the snow fell deep and the mercury went below zero.

The Walls Walla and Umatilla County Association of Grangers of P. H. has been organized, with the following officers: Frank Shelton, President; J. S. White, Vice President; T. K. McCoy, Treasurer; W. H. Shelton, Secretary; J. H. Fruit, Business Agent.

The Union says the Commission of the General Land office having given a decision concerning the Catholic mission claim of Santa Rosa, which was appealed, the same has been affirmed by the Secretary of the Interior. It is decided in favor of the settlers who claim the land after seven years litigation.

A man named George Bayhouse stopped at Silver City, I. T. left orders to be called early, and the next morning was missing, but his clothes and baggage were left behind. A search was made and he was found dead on a mountain peak half a mile off. Supposed to have wandered off naked in a somnolent fit, or was insane.

Several times at Warren's are said to have yielded good results after crushing 1,500 tons of ore.

A San Francisco expert, after visiting a famous discovery made last Summer at the Northern Lakes, Idaho, has pronounced it a swindle. Silver proves to be lead.

for land sold for 504 acres: 1 Agricultural College scrip location for 100 acres; 1 entry of mining land for 40 acres. Total amount of land entered, 5,784 acres.

The colored people of Portland celebrated the Emancipation Anniversary at Armory of the City Rifles, which was decorated for the occasion. The proclamation was read, speeches were made by Rev. J. F. Devore, Hon. J. F. Caples and Rev. Isaac Dillon. There was excellent music, a very bountiful supper, and after there was a dance, at which, however, the speakers are not said to have participated.

The Bulletin tells of the arrest of Geo. Duncan for robbing Joseph Galliot of \$2,000. Duncan came with their family from California together, were friends and kept house together. Duncan had money, Galliot had none, and the fact that Galliot has been spending money freely, in large sums, confirmed the suspicion against him and led to his arrest.

The stages have been taken off between Coos Bay and Roseburg, on account of the bad roads, and the mails are carried on horseback.

Capt. Merritt, of the schooner Clara Light, reports finding a vessel nearly bottom up, Cape Gregory bearing 100 miles N. E. Only a portion of the stern was visible and nothing was learned as to what vessel it was.

As the tug Brenham was towing the brig Orient over the bar, a sea swept over him, washing Capt. Hill from the wheel and washing overboard Capt. Henry Elliott, and James Daley, the Mate. Capt. Hill was saved by the Engineer. The Orient was cut loose and took care of herself. Capt. Elliott leaves a wife and child. He was universally esteemed.

The New Route to Eastern Oregon.

A meeting of citizens was held in Salem last Monday evening to take some action toward opening a road to eastern Oregon by way of the North Santiam pass recently discovered.—We copy the following from the report in the Daily Statesman:

The meeting was organized by the appointment of Mr. Geo. H. Jones Chairman, and J. Henry Brown Secretary. Mr. Jones stated the object of the meeting, and Mr. Minto was called upon to make some remarks, which he did, stating minutely the estimates and calculations of distance between different points on the line of the proposed route, and showing the advantages of such a route to the people of Western Oregon and of this route over all others. Mr. Minto was followed by Messrs. Malloy, Shiel, Scott, Lawson, and Mr. Durkhardt of Linn; all speaking in favor of the project, and all being able to point out without difficulty, the advantages of such a movement successfully carried out, not only to our immediate communities, but to the State at large. Mr. Scott offered a resolution asking the County Commissioners for an appropriation to aid in surveying a route through the Cascade range of mountains by way of the North Santiam river to Eastern Oregon, which was adopted; as was also a similar resolution asking aid of the City Council. Mr. G. E. Durkhardt of Linn, informed the meeting that his county would do her part to assist in carrying the project to a successful end; and Judge Haley of that county stated that he would himself bring the matter to the notice of their County Commissioners at their next meeting. A committee was then appointed, consisting of Messrs. John Minto, L. B. Scott, R. H. White, Geo. H. Jones and A. A. McCully, to present to the Board of County Commissioners, at its coming meeting, the resolution asking an appropriation by them. Also, a committee consisting of Messrs. G. W. Lawson, Geo. K. Shiel, A. J. Monroe, John Hughes, H. Malloy, and John Minto, to present the resolution asking aid of the City Council. After further appointing Messrs. Minto, Scott, Frank Cooper, C. P. Burkhart and Judge Haley of Linn county a committee of correspondence, the meeting adjourned, to meet at the same place on the Thursday evening after the first Monday in February.

The Co. Commissioners, on the presentation of the resolution referred to above, accompanied by a petition numerously signed, on Wednesday appointed A. Gesner surveyor, and John Minto, T. P. Jack, and Geo. S. Downing viewers, to survey and lay out the road.

A LIVELY "SHAKE UP."—The Oregonian of Jan. 7th says: Yesterday we were shown a private letter written by a gentleman now residing in Yakima City to a person living here. The letter stated that a few days previous to its date the people residing in the Wenatche country about 80 miles north of Yakima City, had experienced a succession of heavy shocks of earthquake. The shocks lasted for sometime, and were quite violent. Persons were shaken almost out of their beds, the earth, in many places, was torn up, and fissures opened. Stock ran wildly about, and the inhabitants in that section of the country were considerably frightened. No shock was felt at Yakima City.

ALBANY, Jan. 5.—A child of Mr. Fike, of this city, aged about two years, received a very painful and dangerous wound on the head just above the temple to-day. Mr. Fike threw a hammer at a spider on the wall, but missed his mark and accidentally struck his child. A physician was called in to dress the wound, and at present the child is resting very easy.

HIGHLAND CLUB.—At the regular meeting of the Highland Farmers' Club, held at the house of W. King on the 31st inst., the following were chosen officers for ensuing year: Henry Warren, President; H. L. Hibbard and Henry Allen, Vice Presidents; T. W. Davinport, Sec.; T. E. Hibbard, Treas. Committee on Finance, W. H. Dunbar, T. H. Hibbard and F. Wilbur. On Motion Reported, H. C. Geer, W. Cranston and L. S. Hamblin. On Ways and Means, Henry Allen, A. Thompson and Wilbur King.

Caleb Cushing has been confirmed as Minister to Spain.

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