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NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—The Senate today confirmed the nomination of George Crook as Brigadier General.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—President Grant has withdrawn the nomination of Cushing for Chief Justice.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—Justice was done the President by the statement that he hesitated to withdraw Cushing's name after his letter of 1861 was discovered, and that he considered the letter unimportant.

discriminations against places which are not competing points, and a law obligating all companies to transport ours of other companies or of individuals, for a just and impartial compensation, with the same dispatch as for cars belonging exclusively to said roads, etc.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—M. R. Waite, of Toledo, Ohio, has been nominated for Chief Justice.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—The nomination of Mr. Waite appeared to be a surprise, but it was referred to the Judiciary Committee, and will doubtless be confirmed to-morrow.

prices have been obtained for small lots of superior. The condition of Fall wool is such that buyers will purchase only at low figures.
MARTINSVILLE, Jan. 15.—The heaviest rain of the season commenced at 3 o'clock this afternoon, and it has continued pouring ever since, with no prospect of abatement.
MERCER, Jan. 15.—It commenced raining at 10 o'clock this morning and continued till 11 A. M.
SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 16.—A heavy gale here all night, with much rain. Considerable damage was done to houses, fences and gardens in the western portion of the city.

NEWS ITEMS.

The Eugene Guard says: Business is dull on the railroad, grain nearly all gone forward and travel light.
The Portland Evening News says the gale of Saturday was very severe on the river, and steamboats were retarded by it, and the passenger trains on the C. & P. N. were stopped by fallen trees.
The Astoria Evening News says there is now a good market for fat cattle East of the mountains, and Robert May has sold 15 head at \$30 per head.

The New Route through the Cascades.

The people of Marion county having realized the cheapness and excellence of the beef made on the bunch grass of Eastern Oregon, have determined to open a road through the Cascade mountains, and place themselves in free communication with the stock raisers of this side of the Cascades.
Mr. John Minto and other gentlemen have explored the route, and claim they have found a low valley which so effectually bisects the Cascade mountains that a road can be made to literally pass between the two ends of the severed mountains and reach the bunch grass region without obtaining an elevation where snow will obstruct the level at any time of the year.

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