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TELEGRAPHIC.

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Another Grand Railroad Project.

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THE ST. PAUL DISPATCH prints some astounding statements relative to the contracts on postal routes in the far West, held by C. C. Huntley. The Dispatch claims that at the outset Huntley, by the aid of some Washington confederates, procure from the files several petitions from Montana, cut off the names and attached them to a petition for a postal route from Missoula, Montana, to Walla Walla, Washington Territory, 450 miles, through a wilderness without settlers, and got a contract at \$20,744 a year, which was subsequently increased to \$62,233 per annum. Huntley immediately sub-contracted at \$14,000, and pocketed \$48,000 a year for six years. The mail matter sent over the road did not exceed eight letters and papers each mail; that he also obtained the route for \$11,131 from Kelton, Utah, to Dalles, Oregon, 750 miles, daily trips, at \$234,000 per year, and his last operation was getting a route from Boise City to Winnemucca, Nevada, 280 miles, at \$77,000, of which \$50,000 is clear profit.

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THE STEAMSHIP Sedra, from Newcastle to Port Said, was lost in a recent gale. Thirty persons perished.

LONDON, March 5.—Don Carlos has announced that it is not his intention to impose contributions upon the population of Bilbao. When the place is taken, and on his entrance into the city, he will proceed to the cathedral and be crowned King of Spain. He will swear to support the liberties of the people, who constitute the Government, with General Ellos President of the Council, and appeal to foreign powers to recognize the belligerency of the Carlists and declare Spaniards exempt from allegiance to any other government than their own. He will draw \$5,000,000 as the first installment of the loan previously contracted.

THE BRAZILIAN mail steamer from Rio Janeiro, February 8th, has arrived. The probability of a war with the Argentine States on account of the new insurrection in Paraguay was increasing. Troops and vessels are going forward to Paraguay.

AT BUENOS AYRES the elections were progressing, and were attended with great excitement. Troops were being dispatched to various points of the frontier, and war with Brazil was looked upon as liable to break out any moment. Munitions had arrived from the United States. The cholera continued and the deaths from the disease averaged seven daily.

LONDON, March 6.—Parliament met again today and proceeded with the formalities of organization. The oath was administered to members of the House of Commons in groups of forty.

CALCUTTA accounts from Yiroot show that the distress from the famine is increasing. The relief organizations are working excellently but can hardly meet the demands that are made.

LISBON, March 6.—It is rumored here that certain inhabitants at Fayal have addressed a petition to President Grant, praying for the establishment of a Protectorate by the United States over the Azores, and that the President replied: "The era of popular will has replaced the era of conquest."

OTTAWA, Ontario, March 7.—The American Bishop of Ontario has formally excommunicated Rev. J. B. Stacy, of this city, for participating in the Reformed Church movement.

LONDON, March 7.—The fleet is moored at Gravesend and ready to receive the Duke of Edinburgh and bride, who will land at 11 A. M., and proceed without stopping to Windsor Castle, arriving there at 1 P. M. Gravesend and Windsor are profusely decorated. Business will be suspended and there will be illuminations in the evening.

HAVANA, March 7.—The report of the killing of ex-President Cespedes by the San Quintin Battalion is confirmed. On the 27th of February, the troops captured a negro, who was ordered to be shot. He promised, if his life was spared, to lead his captors to Cespedes. His proposition was accepted, and the ex-President was discovered with a few friends. His companions fled, but he could not escape and fired upon the troops, led by a Sergeant, who returned the fire, and Cespedes received several bullets in the head and breast, causing instant death. The body was brought to Santiago de Cuba, and buried on the 1st inst.

MADRID, March 7.—Sixty-five thousand troops are operating in the north against the Carlists.

THE DAILY NEWS says Gladstone has announced his final determination to relinquish the leadership of the Liberal party. It is to be hoped his intention will be modified so as only to apply to the present session of Parliament.

A transport has arrived at St. Vincent with the first detachment of troops from the Ashantee expedition, returning to England.

NEW YORK, March 8.—A special from Berlin says the German Emperor's health is such as to cause renewed uneasiness.

LONDON, March 10.—The Daily Telegraph publishes a long statement signed by Charles Orton. He confesses that he at once recognized the "Tichborne Claimant" as his brother, but that his silence was bought by £5 paid monthly for a year, with the promise of a thousand or two more at the conclusion of the trial.

THE HUNGARIAN Ministry has resigned. A serious riot occurred at Pesth. The military fired on the mob, killing four persons.

NEW YORK, March 10.—Foreign papers of the 25th ult. contain the following letter received by Lord Russell from the German Emperor:

BERLIN, February 8, 1874.

To Dear Lord Russell: I have received your letter of January 25th, with resolutions of a great meeting in London, and my Ambassador's report of the proceedings. I thank you sincerely for this communication and for the accompanying expression of your personal good will. It is incumbent on me to be the leader of my people in a struggle maintained through centuries past by German Emperors of earlier days against a power, the domination of which has in no country of the world been compatible with freedom and the welfare of nations—a power which, if victorious in our days, would imperil not in Germany alone the blessings of reformation and liberty of conscience and the authority of law. I accept the battle thus imposed upon me in fulfillment of my kingly duties and with a firm reliance on God, to whose help we look for victory; but also in a spirit of regard for the creed of others, and the evangelical forbearance which has been stamped by my forefathers on the laws and administration of my States. The latest measures of my Government do not infringe upon the Romanish Church or the free exercises of religion by her votaries. They only give to the independence of the legislation of the country some of the guarantees long possessed by other countries, and formerly possessed by Prussia, without being held by the Romanish Church incompatible with the free exercise of her religion. I rejoice at the proof afforded me by your letter that the sympathy of the people of England would not fail me in this struggle—the people of England, to whom my people and my royal house are bound by the remembrance of many a past and honorable struggle, maintained in common since the days of William of Orange. I beg you to communicate it to your letter with my hearty thanks to the gentleman who signed the resolutions, and I remain yours sincerely,

WILHELM.

MADRID, March 10.—It is reported that Gen. Coscoides will succeed Governor Ellias as Captain-General of Cuba.

Several prominent Carlists have been expelled from Madrid.

LONDON, March 10.—A dispatch from the Gold Coast reports that General Wolseley recrossed the river Prai, February 15th. Three of the Kings tributary to King Koffie have given in their submission to British supremacy. The Ashantee throne is considered

at an end, and their Kingdom hopelessly disrupted. Stanley, the New York Herald correspondent, telegraphs from Lisbon that negotiations between Sir Garnet Wolseley and the King of Ashantee are completed. The King agrees to pay fifty thousand ounces in gold, and to renounce all claim to Adansland and other territory, as specified, consents to withdraw from Apollonia and the coast provinces; to keep the road free from Commerce and the River Prai; to protect commerce, prohibit human sacrifices and to keep the peace forever.

PACIFIC COAST.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 6.—The Eureka Woman's Temperance Society have organized for a praying campaign, and designated about a dozen liquor saloons and stores on Front and Sacramento streets, where they will open war against King Alcohol, commencing on Monday next.

Active preparations are making for a mass meeting to-night to sustain Judge Stanly in the matter of the Mayor and Treasurer. An opinion is published from McAllister, S. M. Wilson, and other prominent lawyers, to the acts of the Mayor, Treasurer and Tax Collector, in depositing funds as they did, was legal.

A storekeeper on Kearney street has identified the likeness of Tuberculo Vasquez as that of a Mexican who came to his store a few nights since and bought a complete set of feminine apparel and asked for paint and a wig which could not be furnished him. Many persons believe that it was the outlaw, and that he went away on the steamer Constitution.

The Trustees of the Belcher Mining Company have declared a dividend of \$5 per share—\$520,000—payable next Friday.

YREKA, March 6.—From parties who came in from Linkville today, we learn that the weather throughout the Lake Basin has been extremely cold for a long time, snow covering the whole country to the depth of two feet. Cattle are dying in great numbers. Applegate & Carr have driven their stock (some of it being fine blooded cattle) from Clear Lake Valley to Tule Lake. The latter lake is frozen over. No hay is to be had at any price. Snow at Fort Klamath is reported four feet deep. The weather here continues cold and stormy. Reports from all quarters show that cattle, sheep and horses are dying in great numbers. If this kind of weather continues many weeks longer many of our largest stock-owners will be bankrupt.

VICTORIA, March 5.—The steamer Eliza Anderson arrived from Cassiar, at 1 P. M. yesterday and reports all the miners pushing on and not returning as yet. There is no information from those who have gone on. On the 27th ult. all those at Wrangle were to start for the interior. The Anderson made the running trip in nine days, running time. The Hudson Bay Company's steamer Otter also arrived at 6 P. M. from the same place, but brings not later intelligence.

Snow blockade on the Central Pacific.

ELKO, March 6.—This afternoon a snow plow, pushed by two engines, went west to clear the track. When they had proceeded about a mile, the snow plow jumped the track, followed by the engines. A brakeman named Bigler, riding on one of the engines, was caught in the wreck and badly injured; he survived but a few moments. The engines are said to be badly dented, and trains will be detained until the wreck is removed.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 7.—Robert Manning, convicted of murder in the second degree for killing a Chinaman, has been sentenced to the State prison for life.

The praying meeting announced for yesterday afternoon by the ladies' temperance crusaders did not come off. About 1,000 people congregated at the place were much disappointed that nothing was done.

Greenbacks, 80¢ @ 90.

The weather is stormy, with the wind blowing a gale from the southeast.

There were 82 deaths in the city during the week.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 8.—The steamer Granada, of the Pacific Mail Company, arrived from New York via Cape Horn and Panama today. She brought only two passengers. The steamer is in good condition.

The weather today has been clear and cold. There was a heavy rain last night.

YREKA, March 7.—It commenced snowing at 7:30 this morning, and has continued to come down fast ever since, and although the snow has melted considerably, there is now—1:30 P. M.—four inches.

G. W. Webb, of Shasta Valley, lost seven blooded sheep this week, valued at \$100 each.

ELKO, March 8.—The Central Pacific is again blocked today. No trains have been able to reach Humboldt Wells going East, while Western trains are lying at Toano, waiting for the road to be opened West. As there are upwards of fifty miles of road to open, and it is still snowing and blowing, it is quite probable that the trains can get through under two or three days.

ALBANY, March 7.—Last night, about a quarter past 11, an old warehouse, situated on the river bank, between Constock's and Cheadle's, was discovered to be on fire. Before an alarm was given and the Fire Department on the ground, the building was one sheet of fire. The firemen succeeded in saving over 1,000 out of 8,000 bushels of oats and 400 bushels of barley stored in the building. The cause of the fire is as yet a mystery. Losses, so far as ascertained: George Eckler, on the building, \$600; E. S. Merrill, grain, \$3,500; and two or three other parties had small lots of grain stored in the building. Insurance, \$3,000.

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Shorty Hayes, the stage robber, was started for Shasta today for another trial, having been taken from State Prison for that purpose. Saturday night himself and several others tried to break from the County Jail, but were discovered and put in irons.

Crown Point has declared a dividend of \$3 per share—\$200,000—payable on the 12th.

The San Francisco Insurance Company was incorporated today; capital stock, \$100,000. Owing to severe illness, Miss Neilson was unable to appear at California Theater to-night.

WINNEMUCA, March 9.—The passenger train due to leave here yesterday, will leave about 7:30 this evening. Weather clear and pleasant.

RENO, March 9.—9 P. M.—The road now is all clear, with the exception of a snow plow on the track near Blue Canon. The delayed train, bound west, will leave here at 7:30 and expects to go right through without difficulty.