

TELEGRAPHIC.

EASTERN NEWS.

CHICAGO, April 8.—Washington dispatches say the bill of the Military Committee reducing the army in regular order to-day. Members of the Committee are of opinion that the House will pass a bill more sweeping in its reductions. The pending bill gives to heads of various staff departments the rank and pay of brigadier-generals. It is thought the rank and pay of these officers will finally be fixed as colonels. In many other respects the rank of staff officers will be somewhat reduced.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—Gen. Butler appeared before the Ways and Means Committee. He complained that witnesses had been examined in relation to his private affairs while he was not present, and he had not received notification that such testimony would be taken. Dawes explained that all reference to him (Butler) in the testimony had been incidental. The Committee could not know in advance what witnesses would testify.

Beck informed Butler that Sanborn would be examined to-morrow, and would probably be questioned with regard to his operations during the war, when he held some commission under Butler.

Butler said he could not be present to-morrow. He said the only office Sanborn held was that of provost messenger, to keep order on a boat running between Baltimore and Fortress Monroe.

Bertholdy, the new French Minister, presented his credentials to the President to-day, with the usual formalities.

NEW YORK, April 8.—At a meeting of master mechanics and builders last evening, it was resolved to employ, after May 1st, no men who are unwilling to work ten hours.

This morning Dooney Harris, a well-known pugilist, quarrelled in Clark's saloon, in Amity street, with Wm. Clough, son of Professor Clough, and was fatally shot. Clough escaped.

The steamer Europe was valued at one and a quarter millions, and was insured in a French company at about two-thirds her value. Her cargo was very valuable chiefly silks, wines and sardines. The agents think that the value of her cargo was not less than one million; probably insured.

BOSTON, April 8.—Fifteenth ballot: Dawes, 91; Hoar, 65; Curtis, 72; Adams, 15; Sanford, 11; Washburne, 7; Colt, 2; Whittier and Phillips, 1 each. The convention took a recess of one hour.

ALBANY, April 7.—The Senate, with only three negatives, and the House unanimously, indorsed the anti-inflation message of Governor Dix, and passed resolutions instructing the New York Senators and Representatives in Congress to resist inflation, and labor for a speedy resumption of specie payment.

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the Department, which it appears was to detect smuggling between Canada and Boston.

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ALBANY, April 10.—Lowenstein, convicted of the murder of a peddler last Fall, was hanged at 2:20 this afternoon, protesting in vain.

NASHVILLE, April 10.—Bryant, the murderer of S. C. was hanged this afternoon.

NEW YORK, April 10.—A dispatch from St. Johns, Newfoundland, says the steamer Tigress, of the Polar expedition, while sailing tonight, exploded her boiler. Two officers and twenty of crew were killed.

CHICAGO, April 9.—The weather for the past three days has been extremely cold throughout the West, and as far south as Little Rock. Snow fell to-day in Southern Ohio to the depth of five inches. At Cairo the ground was white with snow. At Little Rock snow and cold rain prevailed. Great fears are entertained for the safety of the Fall crop.

WASHINGTON, April 11.—Mr. Luntrell's argument before the Pacific Railroad Committee, advocating his resolution directing an investigation into the affairs of the Central Pacific Railroad and Contract and Finance Company, was postponed until Friday next.—Sawyer, of the committee, stating that Huntington and Franchette, the Central Pacific lobby lawyers, desired to offer argument in rebuttal.

The transfer of the Anti-Chinese Bill of Luntrell, Page and Houghton, from the Committee, materially decreases the probability of action on it this session.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—On a motion to table the motion to reconsider the vote postponing the Currency Bill, Clayton, Luntrell, Page and Nesmith voted in the negative, and Houghton and Kendall in the affirmative.

The Senate has confirmed the nomination of Benjamin P. Avery as Minister to China.

WASHINGTON, April 11.—The Kansas Pacific Railroad has been awarded the contract for carrying Government supplies, Indian and military, over what is known as Route No. 2, in Colorado and New Mexico.

BOSTON, April 10.—After the second ballot for Senator to-day, the Joint Convention adjourned till noon to-morrow. The prospect of an election appears as distant as when the voting began.

ST. LOUIS, April 11.—The Democrat has information that Arthur McCoy, who has been connected with the notorious James and Younger brothers, was shot and killed in Arkansas, six weeks ago, and Frank James wounded, in a fight with a party in pursuit.

FOREIGN NEWS.

QUEENSTOWN, April 7.—The steamer Egypt, from New York, March 28th, arrived this morning, and brought the first officer and the salvage crew rescued from the French Transatlantic Co.'s steamer Europe, but were compelled to abandon her in a sinking state. The first officer of the steamer Greece reports that he encountered the Europe on the 21st of April in a sinking condition, took off passengers and crew, numbering four hundred and proceeded on the way to New York. An officer, with a crew of twenty, remained on the Europe. On the 4th the Egypt took them to-day, but a heavy sea parted the lawers, and, as the water constantly gained, they concluded to abandon the Europe, and were safely taken on board the Egypt. The Europe sailed on March 27th from Havre for New York.

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Balton having struck work, the Association of Master Cotton Spinners have resolved that unless they yield before Thursday next, notice will be given in a fortnight from that date that all the mills of that city will be closed, and 15,000 operatives locked out.

A special from Calcutta reports that the famine is everywhere under control.

ST. JOHN, April 11.—The captain of the Whaling steamer Panther gives the following account of his meeting with the Tigress on April 3d. The Panther was in long. 51° 15', lat. 56° 22' N. She reports falling in with a steamer moving under sail, with flags at half mast. Went on board, and discovered her to be the Tigress. I learned that on the day before the boiler had exploded scattering death and confusion through the vessel. When I reached the deck of the Tigress a number of men were nailing together rough pine wood boxes for receiving the bodies of the men who had been killed by the explosion. The weather was dreadfully cold, with a stiff breeze blowing and heavy squalls. A number of men had gone below after the watch, and had turned in on top of the boiler for the sake of warmth. Nineteen of the crew were reposing this way when the crash came, and some of them were literally scattered beyond recognition. The engineers on duty at the time were both killed.

PACIFIC COAST.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 8.—This morning another terrible tragedy was enacted in this city, in a boarding house, on Fourth street near Minna. Two young men, Caldwell and Maxey, were room mates in the house. About 7 o'clock reports of pistols were heard. An officer came and propped open the door and found Caldwell in bed, dead, shot through the head, and Maxey on the floor, shot through the side and mortally wounded. He was able to speak, and said that Caldwell had shot him and then shot himself, but as the pistol was near him it is believed that he first shot Caldwell and then shot himself. Maxey was still alive a few minutes ago. He had been employed in a hat store on Montgomery street, near Funa, and Caldwell was a conductor of the North Beach and Mission cars. It is not yet known what was the cause of the terrible affair.

In the Police Court to-day Rev. Father Powers was fined \$250, for beating the insane woman Bella Brown, in St. Patrick's Church. He paid the fine promptly and was released from custody.

Overland passengers.—M. C. Gerswold, Salem, Oregon.

At last account Maxey, who shot Caldwell and then himself, this morning, was still alive, but there are no hopes of his recovery. He is partially paralyzed and is sinking rapidly.

SACRAMENTO, April 8.—John Kruse, a German aged about 25, employed on the schooner Clara for 14 months past, was murdered this morning about 1 o'clock on Front street.

JACKSONVILLE, April 8.—On last Monday evening three Chinamen, working in Ben George's claim, on Farris Gulch, in this county, leading into Applegate Creek, about eighteen miles from this place, were caught by a caving bank and instantly killed. Their remains were dug out and brought to this place, and buried in the Jacksonville cemetery to-day, amidst great pomp and ceremony by their countrymen. Many whites attended, through curiosity to witness the pagan rites.

LA CONNER, April 8.—Frazier River is rising slowly.

Work on the saw mill at Rifle Rock has been completed. Work on Sisters Rock has been suspended.

The steamer Onward took down quite a number of miners en route for Cassiar.

Advices from the Canyon report the road almost impassable for teams, on account of the depth of snow.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 9.—The President has nominated Benj. P. Avery, of this city, Minister to China, Vice Lowe, resigned. Mr. Avery was recently one of the editors of the Evening Bulletin, and well known throughout this State.

James Fitz Simons has been arrested on the complaint of his daughter, aged about 17, who charges him with having attempted the crime of incest with her.

Charles Maxey was alive this afternoon and able to converse. He also took some nourishment. He still maintains that Caldwell shot him and then shot himself. He says he was asleep when the shot was fired, and that there had been no quarrel or cause of quarrel between them.

Bernard McAray has been on trial in the Municipal Court all day, for shooting John Donaldson, with intent to murder. The defence was that Donaldson seduced McAray's sister, and that in a moment of passion, following his knowledge of the fact, he met and shot Donaldson. No verdict yet.

MONTEREY, April 9.—A valuable coal mine has been recently discovered within about six miles of this town. During the past month some twenty tons have been taken out, with only a small force of workmen. A meeting of those interested in the mine was held on Monday last. A company to be known as the Monterey Coal Mining Company was organized. The coal is pronounced by experts to be equal to the best Cumberland coal, and far better than any yet discovered in this State.

ELKO, April 9.—The man found drowned in Humboldt River, four miles east of Carlin, from the description furnished by Woodworth of that place, is a sheep-herder who was drowned a few miles below here in December crossing the river on the ice.

All efforts to find the body of Deputy Sheriff John J. Ellis, who perished in the snow some fifteen miles north of here, have been unsuccessful.

SALT LAKE, April 9.—An old man, supposed to be Bender, of Kansas, was arrested in the southern portion of the Territory some weeks ago, and arrived here last night, and is now in jail. Parties here who claim to have known him, identify him as Bender, of Kansas. A young man, supposed to be his son, is also in custody at Salt Creek, and will be brought here.

Several miners who left here last Fall for French Guiana have returned, disgusted with that country, and glad to get away with their lives.

The mining prospects are excellent for the ensuing season.

Brigham Young is still at St. George, but is expected here soon.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 10.—At last accounts this morning Maxey was alive. He has added to his former statement one to the effect that he and Caldwell had a quarrel about a girl, while the latter was to marry, during which Maxey called her harsh names. They finally stopped the dispute, bade each other good night and went to sleep. The next he knew he was shot, and then Caldwell shot himself. The general belief seems to be, however, that Maxey did the shooting.

Greenbacks, 88% @ 88%.

There were slight showers of rain here last night.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 11.—At Agricultural Park, this afternoon, a walking match, five miles out, for \$500, will come off between Irwin Davis and the hairless horse Cautchoc.

Let a million of money will change hands on the result.

Greenbacks unchanged.

The news of Avery's confirmation was received with great satisfaction in this city.

Thomas Enright, a convicted forger, recently pardoned by Gov. Booth, killed himself last evening by taking morphine.

Raining hard again this evening. Reports from various portions of the interior of the State show heavy rains to-day and this evening.

SUCKER FLAT, April 12.—At 5 o'clock this morning 225 kegs of powder were exploded in the Blue Point mine, which broke a large amount of ground. The Enterprise Company are preparing to fire one of 300 kegs.

CHEYENNE, April 12.—The Cheyenne Leader has the following from a correspondent at Red Cloud Agency, under date of April 7th. The Commissioners returned from Spotted Tail to-day, having accomplished absolutely nothing. Their powowing at the Agency has rather complicated matters between the Government and the Indians at Spotted Tail, as it is stated they refuse to leave their Agency removed, and say they are tired of seeing Commissioners, and have invited the present delegation to leave in language more forcible than polite. It is understood that the Commissioners will proceed East at once and ask for a strong military escort and return within a month and remove the Agency. The visit of the Commissioners has only served to destroy the moral effect produced by the troops. The Indians, who are keen observers, have noticed that there is a hitch somewhere in the working of things relating to them. They expect one thing from the military and are led to believe something else from the Peace Commissioners. Spotted Tail accused the Commissioners in council of seeking to stir up trouble between his people and the Northern Indians, and in the language of the interpreter said he wanted them to "dry up." He says he has been moved around and pestored so much by these "flies" from the Great Father that he wants his words written down this time, to show to all of them who come begging around hereafter that he won't talk to them any more. No doubt Spotted Tail and Red Cloud are acting in accord. The former at a large council, after a few words spoken in an excited manner, waived his hand to the people, and they all left. The same scene occurred at Red Cloud.

A show of counting the Indians has been made. No far six thousand have been registered. There are probably four thousand or less. Several bands have refused to either be counted or charge the number for which they have heretofore drawn rations. Some of them, after they had handed in their numbers, came the next day and claimed they had forgotten their women and children, and wanted to register them. The Peace Commissioners arrived at Cheyenne yesterday.

LA CONNER, April 12.—It is reported from New Westminster, B. C., that the body of a man named John Powers, supposed to be from Puget Sound, in search of a saw mill site on the Frazier, was found by the Indians in the river, near Laddner's farm, on the south arm of Frazier river, on Friday last. Report says, when last seen alive, Powers had in his possession a check for \$25,000 and \$500 in greenbacks, none of which was found on the body, and foul play is suspected. An inquest is being held on the body at New Westminster.

LATER.—The verdict of the Coroner's jury in the Powers case found no evidence to show how deceased came to his death. Deceased was 35 or 40 years of age, had dark hair, was tall and dressed well. He had been drinking.

The temperance crusaders have divided the city into fifteen districts for distribution of pledges.

A young man named Johnson, residing with his parents, was fatally poisoned to-day by eating a quantity of green paint.

Capt. Lambert will sail on the Arizona to-morrow, and will proceed thence to South America to deliver to Harry Meigs the pardon granted him by the Legislature.

Since the first of January there have been, in this city, ninety-one deaths from accidents and violence. Several were sudden deaths from disease.

SACRAMENTO, April 10.—Phillip Coia and Domingo Estrada, the murderers of the sailor, John Kruse, were this morning taken before Judge Cantwell, in the Police Court. An immense crowd filled the court-room and the halls, with the hope of catching a sight of the prisoners. The defendants stated that they had no counsel, and the examination was put off till Monday morning, to enable them to obtain such.

The spirit of reform has reached the far-off town of Salem, Oregon. It has not taken the form of a temperance crusade, nor of praying and singing on the streets, but something much more practical, which, to all appearances, will prove more beneficial. The young women have formed themselves into a society, the object of which is to investigate the doings of the young men of that town.

The first meeting was held recently, and a fortunate music-teacher was discussed. One can faintly imagine the wear and tear which an average young man must suffer while under discussion by a score or two of active, healthy young women. The musical victim was not disposed of at the first sitting, but was laid upon the table for two weeks. His case, therefore, must have been a very extraordinary one. The man who can't be settled by thirty or forty young women at a sitting, but must lay over for two weeks longer, must have had some wicked antecedents in his life. The young men of Salem are not disposed, however, to submit without protest to the gridiron process, and have formed an organization and passed resolutions that they will not associate with any young lady who chews gum, wears aprons, or talks too much. These unfortunate episodes in the social history of Salem are only another proof of the fact that even the worm will turn when trodden upon.—Chicago Tribune.

A CAR LOAD.—What constitutes a car-load? As a general rule, 20,000 pounds, or 70 barrels of salt, 70 of lime, 50 of flour, 60 of whisky, 200 sacks of flour, 6 cords of hard wood, 18 to 20 head of cattle, 50 to 60 head of hogs, 80 to 100 head of sheep, 9,000 feet of solid boards, 17,000 feet of siding, 13,000 feet of flooring, 40,000 shingles, one half less of hard lumber, one fourth less of joists, scantling, and all other large timber, 300 bushels of wheat, 300 of corn, 250 of oats, 400 of barley, 250 of flaxseed, 250 of apples, 430 of Irish potatoes, 300 of sweet potatoes, 1,000 bushels of bran. The foregoing table, which we find in the St. Louis Times, may not be exactly correct, for the reason that railroads do not exactly agree in their rules and estimates, but it approximates so closely to the general average that shippers will find it a great convenience as a matter of reference.

The Professor of Natural Philosophy in a certain college recently gave the class a problem to think of during the night, and answer the next day. The question was this: "If a hole were bored through the centre of the earth, from side to side, and a ball dropped into it, what motion would the ball pass through, and where would it come to a state of rest?" The next morning a student was called up to solve the problem. "What answer have you to give to the question?" asked the professor. "Well, really," replied the student, "I have not thought of the main question, but a pre-liminary one. How are you going to get that hole bored through?"

THE TERRITORIES.

Walsburg, W. T., claims to be the most moral town on the coast.

A party of miners from Salt Lake are prospecting on Green river for placer diggings. One thousand sacks of flour were shipped from Tacoma to Victoria by the North Pacific last Monday.

Advices from Boise Valley, dated April 1st, say the spring has come in earnest, and everything looks bright and promising.

The owners of the Davenport mine in Utah, will soon set the machinery to work, some long-standing dispute being now settled.

John B. Beckius, who was last heard from in Idaho Territory, is enquired for by his sister, Caroline Beckius, No. 2528 Washington Avenue Philadelphia, Pa.

A Council of the Patrons of Husbandry is called to meet in Olympia April 18th, 1874, and delegates from seven Granges are expected to participate in the deliberations.

They had rough weather all through March in Utah. On the 31st the Tribune says: "This is the last day of howling March, which came in like a mutton and will go out like the king of beasts."

The greatest velocity of wind registered at any time on Pike's Peak, has been eighty miles an hour. This took place during a severe snow storm, however, and the frost work collected so fast upon the machine that it had to be taken down.

A considerable sum of money will be expended at Rocky Bar, Idaho, this summer in developing the mines. The sum of \$50,000 has been raised in New York by one company, and \$30,000 in London by another. Both companies are located at Rocky Bar.

There is enough iron ore of best quality out-cropping in Montana, and lying upon the surface, to make the rails of the Northern Pacific from end to end; and yet it is so worthless that no man will waste time to become its owner. So says United States Marshal Wheeler, and so says the records of the Land Office.

The citizens of Salt Lake have been so long oppressed by the heavy taxes imposed by Mormon city officials, that they are now determined to know what goes with the money. A committee has been appointed to overhaul the city books of account, and some "irregularities" of a startling character are likely to be developed. The Tribune of that city is stirring the Saints up terribly.

Fifteen criminals are awaiting the next term of Court at Walla Walla.

Walla Walla beef-eaters are growling about the azure color of their steaks.

The first boat of the season above Celilo left for Wallula on the 4th inst.

Freighting between Walla Walla and Wallula promises to be very lively in a short time.

A sale of horses took place at the garrison at Walla Walla a few days since. They brought good prices.

A Walla Walla man was arrested a few days since for stealing a horse in La Grande over a year ago.

Efforts are being made to inaugurate the woman's temperance crusade in Walla Walla.

A young lady in Washington Territory is suffering from hemorrhage of the lungs, caused by some one pulling a chair away just as she was being seated.

A Walla Walla paper says: A number of families have arrived from the Willamette Valley. They came by boat to the Dalles, and from thence here by land. They report quite a heavy emigration from Oregon to this country this season. Some of their complaint that Oregon is getting to be too old a country for them.

The local tenders of Kittitas Valley, W. T., are wheat, cows, calves, lumber, pigs and cord wood.

Some of the stock raisers near Walla Walla contemplate driving their bands of cattle to Nevada, where they expect to sell at good figures.

The Daily Independent, a recent publication, has put in an appearance at Helena, Montana.

The steamer Olympia will return, and ply upon the waters of the Sound in a short time.

An organization bearing the title, "Horton Coal Company," located at Seattle, has been effected in San Francisco.

E. W. Ryan of Portland, through the Echo of Olympia goes after A. C. McDougal the I. C. R. C. State lecturer.

Simmy Cyphers a young man well known in Deer Lodge and Helena, Montana—was recently shot and killed in Pioche, Nevada.

A large edifice will be commenced at Olympia in a short time, by the Directors of the Union Academy, to be used for educational purposes.

Various parties along the Sound, including a few Tacomaans, have made it convenient to slip off quietly for Stickeen, leaving mournful creditors behind.

A soldier was murdered on the evening of March 16th on San Juan Island.

Olympia Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, now numbers more than sixty members, and is growing rapidly.

One of the charges for which an U. S. officer was recently cashiered, specified that on a certain occasion he entered a store in Sitka, Alaska, and seating himself on the floor beside an Indian squaw, took her pipe and smoked it. Such conduct was considered unbecoming an officer and a gentleman.

Rev. Mr. Donnell, of the Episcopal Church has finally accepted of a call to Seattle. This will leave the church at Tacoma to be supplied by Bishop Morris with a new minister.

The City Fathers of Olympia refused to hearken to the petition of the Temperance ladies praying for protection from the evils of intemperance by granting no more licenses to liquor dealers.

A Library Association is to be organized at Walla Walla, in connection with which will be a library or literary society.

Wm. Green of Vancouver has been adjudged insane and sent to the asylum at Steilacoom.

Mr. H. L. Brown of Vancouver suicided at that place last Friday.