

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The Secretary of the Interior received today from the State Department official letters announcing the acceptance by the British Government of the invitation of the United States to participate in the Centennial.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—A Washington special says: "Senator Seligson being asked whether there was any truth in the story of the new paper to be issued in the city, he announced, or caused to be announced, that he would not take any nomination for re-election to the Senate from Missouri by Democrats, and that his friends were urging him for the mission to Russia, answered that he had never thought of going as minister to Russia. Both stories, so far as they referred to any declaration or intimation of aspirations on his part, were utterly unfounded."

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 22.—All the Powers having accepted the invitation to an International Code Conference, Russia has issued a circular asking them to present recommendations as to the time of meeting.

CITY OF MEXICO, Dec. 21.—It is reported that the Ministers of the United States propose to found colonies in Mexico, with the intention of emigrating en masse from Utah.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 22.—The P. M. S. S. Co.'s steamer Vasco de Gama arrived this afternoon with dates from Hongkong to Nov. 29th, Shanghai 27th and Yokohama Dec. 6th.

CHINA.—The contract for removing the Pacific Mail steamer Alaska from the rocks in Hongkong harbor has been taken by Mr. Robert, of Shanghai. Success is expected. Orders were given to destroy the wreck of the telegraph from Amoy to Foo Chow, Nov. 19th. The foreign workmen resented and continued work without interruption.

The Pekin government, it is said, is about to make great efforts to reassert the supremacy of the western provinces. It is confidently asserted that the Emperor has been ignorant of the negotiations between China and Japan.

Three officers of the Russian army have just passed through Pekin on their way to examine the state of political affairs in the western provinces.

Great inundations of the river Tongkin near Hanoi, and several hundred miles submerged. Great loss and distress.

JAPAN.—Lieutenant Commanding Caswell did not return to Furukawa as intended. He arrived at Nagasaki too late to join the Japanese fleet.

The department of education reports 8,000 public and 6,000 private schools. Pupils 1,400,000 boys and 300,000 girls.

After January 1st Yeddo will be lighted by gas.

The great banking house of Ono, second in importance in Japan, has suspended. The deficit is reported to be from \$400,000 to \$500,000.

The report of the contract made between the government and the Pacific Mail Company to carry the mails between Yokohama and Shanghai weekly, is substantially correct.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Mr. Mitchell, of Oregon, presented a petition from the citizens of his State asking for the passage of the bill granting aid to the Portland, Dalles and Salt Lake Railroad. Laid on table and considered printed.

On motion of Mr. Sherman the Senate proceeded to consider the bill to provide for the resumption of specie payment. Mr. Sherman dissipated any purpose to open the financial debate of last year, but assured the Senate that every word and line of the bill tendered toward the announcement in its title.

Indian Inspector Van Dever, on the advice of Representative Luttrell and B. J. Pengra, will recommend that the Ochoyo Indians be removed from Warner's Valley and confined on Klamath or another reservation.

The President has nominated M. C. Hollister for Chief Justice of Idaho, and John Clark as Associate Justice of Idaho; J. M. Corry as Indian agent for Papago Agency, Arizona.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Representatives of 8,000 colored men in Richmond arrived today with a petition asking Congress to take early measures to have a dividend declared to the depositors of the Freedman's Savings Bank. The Secretary of the Treasury has directed that the payment of interest due January 1st be commenced to-morrow without rebate.

No appeal has reached here from Justice Field's decision against the constitutionality of California's anti-Chinese law.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—A Washington special says Parsons, of Ohio, will appear voluntarily with the Pacific Mail Company. He will receive \$10,000 and \$15,000 chiefly for legal services. Another dispatch says Irwin has taken measures to have the room where he expects to be confined for contempt fitted up comfortably. He declares he will die in confinement before he will say anything more. Rufus Hatch says it is more probable that Jay Gould has raised \$750,000 to repeal the existing subsidy for the Pacific Mail Steamship Company than that Irwin originally spent that sum to secure it.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 22.—The father of Charles Ross offers \$5,000 reward for the boy, and no York, Dec. 22.—The New England Society of this city to-night celebrated the anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims. Speeches were delivered by Isaac B. Bailey, President of the society, H. Ward Beecher, Moderator Conkling, Gen. Hancock and others.

to make any detailed statement, but says she is from Del Norte county, where she owned a tract of land; that Cobb has robbed and ruined her and her children, and that she hopes she has killed him.

A man named Patrick Lewis was found dead in his room, No. 253 Fell street, this morning. Deceased came to this city from Missouri five months ago. Last night he purchased a quantity of strychnine, telling the apothecary he wished to poison rats.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 22.—A rumor reached this city today that a fight had taken place at Panamint a few days ago in a saloon, in which six men were killed. No particulars are given, except that the saloon-keeper was one of the killed.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Considerable business was transacted throughout this section on account of the continued drought. Grain, which is everywhere knee-high, is commencing to look very yellow and sickly.

CALSON, Dec. 23.—The jury to inquire into the sanity of John Murphy returned the following verdict to-day: "We, the jury, impaled as an inquisition to determine as to the sanity of John Murphy, now under sentence of death, find that he is sane." A stay of proceedings was granted until the 29th inst.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 23.—The returning board announce the following results of their work: Four Conservatives and two Republican Congressmen are elected; Monroe is elected State Treasurer by a large majority; there are 71 Conservatives and 37 Republicans in the Legislature. Carroll Parish is excluded from the count.

OMAHA, Dec. 23.—A telegram to Gen. Ord from Col. Bradley says an Indian came to Spotted Tail yesterday, who says a party of 21 whites are entering the eastern part of the Black Hills country. They came from Missouri. Gen. Ord telegraphed instructions that the party must be expelled by a military force to be sent from the nearest point.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The dry goods fallure reported this afternoon is of Rice, Goodwin & Walker. The firm intended to go out of business the close of the year, but went to protest yesterday. They now ask an extension.

In the Tilton Beecher case to-day Judge McCue, of the Brooklyn court, on motion of counsel for defendant, granted an order for plaintiff to show cause why an order requiring a bill of particulars should not be enforced Saturday next was appointed for argument.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Two new suits, growing out of old operations, have been begun to recover \$525,000 for the city.

KEYSER'S STAVE WORKS were burned this morning. Loss estimated at \$100,000.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—In the House, Mr. Bradley, from the Public Lands Committee, introduced a bill for the sale of timber lands in California, Oregon and the Territories at a minimum price of \$2 per acre, in limited quantities, excluding lands containing gold, silver, copper or coal.

Mr. Hayden, from the same committee, reported back the Senate bill to create an additional land district in Oregon to be called the Dalles Land District. Passed.

The finance bill after considerable filibustering, was made the special order for Jan. 7th.

A bill introduced by Senator Kelly and Representative Nesmith, provides for a U. S. guarantee of 4 per cent. on bonds issued by the Oregon Central Pacific Railroad, to the extent of \$30,000 per mile of road from Wimpasqua to Portland. The bill introduced last night in aid of this road was simply for right of way and depot grounds.

Argument before the Arkansas investigating committee was concluded today. The indications are that Representatives Poland and Ward, of Illinois, will report in favor of Brooks. The other member of the committee will support the validity of the late government.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—A Washington special says in regard to the Pacific Mail investigation that a strong sub-committee, consisting of Kasson, Niblack, Black and Burchard have been directed to sit in New York, with full powers. One of the first objects will be to discover to whom the \$500,000 check was paid.

King's evidence has been taken upon part of the missing testimony transmitted from Congress. Lang positively denied all connection with Pacific Mail affairs. He said he spoke to only one member of Congress, and that on the test that member voted against subsidy.

If the checks passed through the Park and Metropolitan Banks, such passage was irregular. The original check is here. It bears the payment stamp of no bank, which would not have been the case if it passed either of these banks, unless paid in a very irregular way. Rufus Hatch, of the Pacific Mail Co., who has the check here, doubts the payment through these, and says it was part of the Harriet & Noyes transaction.

The steamer *Atalaya*, from Valparaiso to Benicidra on the outer island, about a thousand yards from the wharf at Benicidra. At the time of the accident the fog was intensely thick and it was impossible to make any accurate calculations. The steamer *Parthenios* and *Walker* passed the island in safety, but the *Atalaya*, on her way to Benicidra, mislaid her course and came heading directly into the island in such a way as to strike the Amalia amidship and crush her. The passengers stood horror-stricken awaiting the blow, but by the skillful maneuvering of Capt. Furast, of the Amalia, the dire consequences of the blow was avoided and no serious accident occurred to either boat or passengers. The Amalia after landing her passengers at Benicidra immediately put back to the relief of the Amalia.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—King Kalakou this morning attended services in St. Thomas church, and in the afternoon held an informal reception, at which many former presidents of his kinfolk and many prominent citizens were represented. In the evening he attended Booth's theater.

The Tilton Beecher bill of particulars was sent up yesterday for argument in the Brooklyn city court. Beech, of counsel for Tilton, not being ready, the court set the case down for Monday next.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—Tweed and his friends are greatly alarmed by the appointment of new commissioners of charities and correction, whose supreme control of Blackwell's Island is certain to subject Tweed to the same discipline and restrictions as lesser rogues. There is little hope for his escape by means of future legal proceedings. It is believed that unless he is carefully guarded he will soon seek relief in flight. His family spent two hours with him yesterday.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—A *Times* London letter says Her Majesty's ship *Basilisk* returned to England under a commission of nearly four years. The brings word that a large archipelago has been discovered in the region of New Guinea. Two mountains in that vicinity which reach 11,000 feet high have been named Mount Gladstone and Mount Disraeli.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 25.—The following was received: "A large party of day: Eight warriors and 39 squaws and children, with 62 ponies, from Medicine Water's band of Cheyennes, surrendered unconditionally at Corinne agency. Two white men are now with Stoneval, who is said to have had 300 lodges, many of them the section of the tribe. From Stoneval arrived, asking passage. Word has been sent him that he can surrender unconditionally, and a demand was made for the white women."

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—The following dispatch from Governor McEnery is published here this morning:

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 25.—The wrong just perpetrated by the Returning Board against the people of Louisiana, which virtually threatens the safety and integrity of republican institutions in the United States, is more of a crowning infamy than the action of the New Returning Board. It surpasses even the midnight order of Durell, and would not be submitted to by any free people. Resistance to the national authority, represented here by a large portion of the army and naval fleet, sustaining the usurpation and stifling the voice of the people, has never been manifested.

(Signed.) JOHN McENERY.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 25.—There was a fight between Dan O. Byerly, manager of the *Bulletin*, and ex-Gov. Warmoth, on Canal street. Byerly knocked Warmoth down with a stick and jumped on him. Warmoth drew a knife, and stabbed Byerly several times in the abdomen. The wounds are dangerous. Warmoth has been arrested.

Gov. Warmoth stated today to an agent of the Associated Press that he published a card in the *Picayune* which reflected on the *Bulletin* and one of its editors, Mr. Jewett. This caused the trouble between him and Byerly. Mr. Jewett demanded an abject apology which he (Warmoth) declined to make. Jewett asked him if he would fight a duel. The matter was referred to their respective friends who arranged that a fight should take place in Alabama, Monday morning, with pistols at ten paces. Warmoth accepted the terms. He believed that he could kill Byerly, and men were a rule, and was about to go to Byerly, whom he met on a crowded street, when the latter struck him with a heavy stick, inflicting a wound on the left temple. He drew a knife, when they clinched and fell. Warmoth was at once arrested and put in prison to await the result of Byerly's wounds, which are very dangerous, being in the abdomen but not necessarily fatal.

LATER.—Byerly was aged 47 years was a printer by trade, and a native of Pennsylvania. He came to New Orleans in 1847, and served gallantly in the 32d regiment of Louisiana volunteers in the West during the war. One wound deprived him of the use of his left arm. After the war he returned to this city and was elected clerk of the Third District Court for two terms. Some months ago Byerly, in company with others, commenced the publication of the *Bulletin*.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—The detective dispatched by the Superintendent of Police, yesterday, to ascertain if the child in the possession of an aged couple there [where?] was Charles Ross, having returned this afternoon and reported as being seen the boy, who he recognized as the missing child.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—In seeking to exchange guide notes for coin at that place suspicion by the authorities, who were already apprised of the defalcation by telegraph, was aroused, and he was arrested. A detective has been dispatched to take charge of him.

On the 18th inst., Capt. Lee, of the detective force of this city, received a telegram from Geo. W. Walling, superintendent of the police force of New York, requesting him to arrest two men, Hiram Croft and Geo. Wayman, for grand larceny in New York of \$15,000 worth of diamonds and jewelry, and hold them until an officer should arrive and take them in charge. The men were at once arrested, and to-day Lee received a dispatch stating that detective G. S. Walling, brother of the superintendent of New York, was in Sacramento and had obtained requisitions for the prisoners, and would arrive here this evening when the prisoners will be turned over to him.

SAN DIEGO, Dec. 26.—It commenced raining at 9 o'clock last evening, and we have had several showers during the day. About half an inch has fallen, and it is still raining. Coming at this time, the rain almost insures a good crop.

SAN LOUIS OBISSO, Dec. 25.—At a meeting of San Louis Obispo citizens, held to-day, measures were adopted toward building Grange Hall in town. In San Louis Obispo the policy of establishing a Grange store was discussed. Further action on this subject was postponed until the next regular meeting.

VICTORIA, Dec. 25.—The *British Colonist* of this morning published an account of a fearful marine disaster on the west coast of Vancouver Island. The American bark *Edwin*, Captain Hughes, with lumber, laden at Utsalady for Adeline, sailed from that port December 1st. During a heavy gale outside of Cape Flattery it was observed that she did not obey her rudder, and the pumps being tried she was found to be filling with water. The Captain ordered the mizzenmast to be cut away, and in a few minutes the mainmast fell across the deck. The Captain's wife and two small children, who were in the hurricane house, were washed overboard and drowned. The Chinese cook was drowned in the galley. The Captain, Mrte and balance of the crew managed to climb up the rigging and reach the foretop before the mizzenmast was cut away. They remained in the rigging three nights and days, without food or water, suffering horribly from cold and hunger; when at last they drifted ashore at the identical spot where the bark John Bright was lost, and her crew murdered by savages, a few years ago. On the beach was found the body of the Captain's wife, which, it is supposed, had washed into the cabin and remained there until the vessel broke up. The survivors were brought here yesterday by the schooner *Alert*, Captain Christianson, and were well cared for by the United States Consul. Captain Hughes was sole owner of the ship and cargo, which were valued at \$28,000. He saved nothing, but a gold chronometer, inscribed: "The President of the United States to Capt. S. R. Hughes, for the rescue of the American ship *Aquilla*, 1867." Business men are taking up a collection for the immediate wants of the Captain and crew.

STATE AND TERRITORIAL.

The frame for the new flouring mills at Pendleton was raised last week.

The Good Templars of Pendleton are fitting up a fine hall in which to hold their meetings.

Baker City had an election to fill the vacancy in the recordership on Wednesday of last week.

A good deal of freight for eastern Oregon is at the Dalles and will have to be hauled in wagons to its destination or wait till spring.

There are over 1,200 land patents awaiting delivery in the U. S. land office in Olympia.

A. C. Short, L. D., writes the *Echo* that at the last meeting of Wallula Lodge, No. 50, seven candidates were initiated. This is doing pretty well for a new lodge.

A queer case is reported at Denver, Colorado. A man got drunk, stole his own trunk, and hid it. He complained of the theft, the property was recovered, and he was made the prosecuting witness. The judge being in a quandary how to treat so novel a case, decided that the thief was not accountable for his acts.

The *Dwyhoose Avalanche* of the 14th says: The stage bound for Boise City last Saturday morning captured near Gilling's toll gate, on Reynolds' creek, slightly bruising Mrs. W. B. Biggerstaff's shoulder, Dan Seaman's leg, and bruised the leg of the driver. So far as we can learn, however, nobody was seriously injured.

The *Northerner* has several jokes on the Marshal of Lewiston. One is that while locking up a prisoner the Marshal forgot which one of the boys he was, and went in himself. The Jailor could not distinguish the difference in the darkness, but as the fellow inside appeared the "thickest" he supposed it was as if should be, and fastened the door. The prisoner went off his way rejoicing, and feeling rather dignified at so sudden a promotion—from a common vagabond to City Marshal.

Wheat sells for 87 cents per bushel at Colville, W. T.

The roads in Walla Walla Valley are reported in excellent condition. This is not so here.

Walla Walla has a man who can eat a basket full of provender and then stow himself away in the basket.

The Puget Sound Telegraph Company will hold their annual meeting in Port Townsend, January 4, 1876.

They have a special election for Joint Representative in Clallam and San Juan counties, Tuesday next, December 29th.

A burglar infests Walla Walla at this time. Last week a church and a livery stable were broken into by some thievish rascal.

One Broutlett committed an assault and battery on W. I. Mayfield, editor of the *Walla Walla Spirit*, last week, and was fined \$25 and costs.

English iron for the purpose is on the way from England to complete the Walla Walla and Wallula railroad to within seven miles of the former place.

The Puget Mill Company's new steamer *Yakima* has made a highly satisfactory trial trip. She was built and fitted up by Port Gamble, and is said to be a splendid boat.

A grand masquerade ball is to be given in Port Townsend, January 23d, 1876, and two valuable prizes are promised for the best sustained lady character and gentleman character.

The *Courier* says the new barkentine *S. M. Stinson* sailed from Port Madison last Friday, carrying 880,000 feet of lumber—the most ever carried by a single deck vessel from Puget Sound.

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