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TELEGRAPHIC.

EASTERN STATES.

Pacific Fire.

TOPKAY, March 15.—A prairie fire near Abilene on the night of the 13th, came near destroying the town.

Postal Changes.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—The following postal changes have been made for the week ending Saturday last: Established—Laural, Washington county.

Burlington Treaty.

Rumor says negotiations for a modification of the Burlington treaty are making such unexpectedly rapid progress that the president will probably be able to send to the Senate during the extra session a protocol of a revised treaty with China.

Mob Law.

CINCINNATI, March 16.—There has been considerable excitement at Newport, Kentucky, all day to-day, caused by the arrest of Peter Klein, a tramp, who outraged Mrs. Truesdale a few days since.

The Great Walking Match.

NEW YORK, March 15.—The last night of the great pedestrian contest equalled, indeed exceeded the opening night in point of both numbers and enthusiasm.

Communists in New York.

NEW YORK, March 17.—The eighth anniversary of the revolution of March 18, 1871, was celebrated last night by exercises under the auspices of the French refugees in Clarendon hall.

Wheat Prospects.

The Tribune to-day on the wheat prospects says that very well informed writers and dealers on the other side of the ocean believe that the requirements of France alone will exceed 30,000,000 bushels.

Negroes on the Wing.

ST. LOUIS, March 17.—The steamer Grand Tower arrived here to-day with about 500 more plantation negroes from the south.

Tenement House Hardships.

The world to-day, on tenement house reform, which is now engaging the attention

of prominent men here, says that people who have been shocked by tales which California has sent us, of overcrowding in the Chinese quarters in San Francisco, will do well to consider the description given in this paper of one tenement region in New York in which 75 people are packed so densely that the average space occupied by the whole tenement house family is 10 feet by 11, while the average space allotted them to sleep in is 8 feet by 10.

There and Here. LOUISVILLE, March 17.—A furious sleet and snow storm has prevailed here since 6 o'clock Sunday morning.

Republican Caucus. WASHINGTON, March 17.—Republican representatives at caucus this afternoon, unanimously nominated the following candidates for elective offices of the House: For Speaker, Gen. Garfield; Clerk of the House, ex-Congressman Rainey; of South Carolina; Sergeant-at-Arms, Jeremiah M. Kusk, of Wisconsin; Doorkeeper, James Melton, of Tennessee; Postmaster, Gen. Harry Sherwood, of Michigan; Chaplain, Dr. Naylor of the M. E. church, Washington.

Democratic Caucus. In the Democratic caucus to-night the first ballot for speaker resulted as follows: Randall, 75; Blackburn, 57; McMahon, 3; Morrison, 2; Cox, 4.

Shooting Scrape. KINGSFORD, via HAVANA, March 19.—The British steamer Bolivar, Captain Doherty, plying between Liverpool and St. Thomas, came in collision with the Haytian steamer Michael. The latter sunk and 60 persons were drowned.

Shooting Scrape. KINGSFORD, via HAVANA, March 19.—Last night, a shooting affair occurred between Capt. W. P. Fitzgerald, Capt. W. H. Andrews and W. L. Greene. Andrews and Greene were almost instantly killed and Fitzgerald wounded dangerously.

Still They Bust. NEW ORLEANS, March 19.—The Mechanics' and Traders' Bank has suspended.

He Wrote It—In His Mind. NEW YORK, March 19.—The North American Review, for April, contains the first of a series of articles written by Chief Joseph reviewing the government's dealings with the Nez Percés from the days of Lewis and Clark to the present time.

FOREIGN NEWS. Six Thousand Persons Drowned. PESH, March 15.—The whole country below Szegedin and Temesvar is covered with caravans of people.

The War in Africa. LONDON, March 16.—Another mail with one week's later news has arrived at Madeira from Cape Town, the latest date being February 25th.

Countersellers Corralled. LOUISVILLE, March 18.—Twelve persons, recently convicted of counterfeiting, were to-day sentenced to various terms in the penitentiary at Joliet, Ill., by the U. S. court of this district.

Business Brightening. NEW YORK, March 18.—The Times to-morrow will publish reports of the actual condition of trades, manufactures and other industries in 14 States and from business centres in those States.

Relations With Mexico. ST. LOUIS, March 18.—Senator Zamacona, Mexican minister, was on 'change this noon and in reply to an address of welcome by President John Wahl, made a brief speech stating that Mexico desired to establish more intimate commercial relations with the United States.

Busted Bank. NEW ORLEANS, March 18.—The Southern Bank has suspended.

Simple Simon. WASHINGTON, March 18.—The Oliver-Cameron case was continued to-day.

The Fire Victim. ST. LOUIS, March 19.—A Democrat special says that the town of Hinsdale, county seat of McDonald county, was entirely destroyed by fire before daylight this morning.

Nominations. WASHINGTON, March 19.—The following nominations were sent to the Senate to-day by the president: John H. Morton, of California, consul to Honolulu; James Reilly Weaver, of West Virginia, vison; David H. Bailey, of Ohio, Shanghai.

What Our Men Are On. Among the Pacific Coast members on the Senate committee are Jones of Nevada, on finance; Grover on manufactures, chairman; Sharon and Slater on agriculture; Grover on military affairs; Farley on naval affairs; Grover on post office and railroads; Booth and Hill on public lands; Slater on Indian affairs, patents and territories; Farley

on pensions and mining; Teller on claims, railroads and civil service; Hill on mining; Sharon on education and labor; Jones to audit and control Senate contingent expenses and on engrossed bills.

and provincial exchanges has further developed business, which is marked by a gradual improving tendency. Prices of all sound qualities of home-grown wheat have steadily advanced, and values are again quoted on shilling per quarter higher.

Barley has maintained recent values, with a dull trade for both malting and grinding descriptions. The sales of English wheat are 32,384 quarters, against 29,229 quarters.

Avalanches in Tyrol. Many avalanches have recently occurred in Austria/Tyrol. At Holsberg ten houses were crushed, 40 persons killed, 18 seriously injured and 15 missing.

Figures of the Flood. PESH, March 19.—One hundred and twenty thousand persons are rendered homeless by the recent overflow.

Russia Reckoning. The Examiner learns, on good authority, that negotiations are in progress between the courts of St. Petersburg and Madrid, for cession by purchase to Russia of the Ladrona Islands.

When Turk Meets Greek. BERLIN, March 19.—The powers unanimously oppose Turkey's course with regard to the Greek frontier question.

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Soon after the Senate was called to order a recess was taken, and upon ressembling a motion to adjourn prevailed.

House. In the House this morning a great crowd was present to witness the opening session and organization. Only Representative James, of New York, was absent.

The clerk gave the Hall, Dem., of Florida a seat and allowed the Ohio delegation to come in. His ground in both cases was that a Governor's certificate and the seal of a State give the holders prima facie right to seats.

The following officers were re-elected: Adams clerk; Thompson sergeant-at-arms; Field door-keeper; Stewart postmaster; Rev. W. H. Harrison chaplain.

McMahon sent to the clerk a desk and asked to have a petition signed by 23 prominent citizens of Cincinnati against the right of Butterworth and Young of Ohio to occupy their seats.

Drawing for seats was then proceeded with. The House adjourned.

SITUATION AT ALASKA.

The commander of the British steamer Osprey, writing from Sitka, furnishes particulars of the Indian situations there, showing that the whites were in the greatest danger, and that one of the chiefs was expected, at the time of the arrival of the Osprey, with reinforcement of Indians from other tribes, with the intention of murdering the whites and robbing the town.

The State Journal speaks in the following interesting style of old Congressman: Old John wasn't allowed time to change his shirt or get a drink at S. F., and in all probability he will be hurled into Washington with the Cloverdale mud still sticking to his feet.

The breaking up of ice on Big Klamath Lake is described as a magnificent scene, actually fearful in its grandeur, as it was piled by the force of the wind in floes twenty or thirty feet thick.

A private letter from Lake county to the Sentinel brings the melancholy intelligence of the death of the wife of Capt. O. C. Applegate, late Miss Ella Anderson, nee of E. K. Anderson of Wagner creek.

The Home Guards of Walla Walla will give a grand ball on the 1st.

Diphtheria prevails at Silverton, where some deaths have occurred.

Irish citizens at Astoria celebrated St. Patrick's day in a quiet way, but pleasantly.

Sheriff Baker, of Marion county, lost a little boy 10 years old, died of congestive chill.

The First National Bank, Walla Walla, is building a new home of brick and iron work.

Robert Fagan, a young lawyer of Eugene City, lately died of typhoid fever on his 31st birthday.

Walla Walla rejoices at the excellent performance of the New Market Theatre troupe, now acting in that city.

Thomas Barnum, who was member of the Hayes Arctic expedition, was lately drowned near Port Townsend.

It is rumored that Judge Harding will resign and that Governor Thayer will appoint R. S. Strahan, of Albany, to the place.

Bullion is being shipped from the Atlanta mine, Middle Horse. That mine will astonish the world some day.

The Chinese desecrate the sabbath in Astoria by sawing cord wood. The Astorian thinks the city council ought to put a stop to it.

General Howard and Governor Ferry were at Walla Walla, on their mission to secure peace with the Indians of the whole upper country.

Workers near Walla Walla, struck in digging a bonanza, consisting of a brass kettle, which only held the head of an Indian baby.

McMinnville is happy; the West Side railroad is to go through that place, and that is a wonderful sight better than if burglars went through it. Its citizens have contributed liberally, not willing that the road should miss them, and their wishes are satisfied by knowing that their place is on the road to promotion. The building of the West Side road through Yamhill and through Polk counties will make a great improvement in the life and variety of the good people of that part of the valley. They have excellent schools over on the Sound, and schools of excellent fish.