

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

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LETTER FROM MAYOR THOMPSON.

FATAL ACCIDENT.

EASTERN. The N. P. R. R. Grant. The following statement is from the late U. S. Railroad Commissioner:

Crop reports from the Northwest are gratifying. The vacant foreign missions are to be filled this week.

He Gives an Account of His Stewardship—Prospects Favorable for a Large Appropriation for the Improvement of the Columbia River, Etc., Etc.

One Man Instantly Killed, and Several Others Injured by the Falling of a Bridge.

The Washington correspondent, as well as the editor of the New York World, in sundry articles have recently taken occasion—without notice, but with a seeming affectation of indignation and horror—to animadvert on and denounce what they choose to denominate the "Northern Pacific Job."

The following letter from Mayor Thompson was read at the meeting of the Board of Trade on Monday evening:

WASHINGTON CITY, Jan. 30, 1882. Donald Macleay, Esq., President of the Portland Board of Trade—Dear Sir: I have been here two weeks. I wrote to Mr. Arnold, the Secretary of the Board of Trade, some days ago, giving a statement of our progress here.

About 11 o'clock yesterday the employes on the line of the O. R. & N. Co.'s railroad were engaged in tearing down an old bridge in Holladay's Avenue, across Sullivan's Gulch, East Portland.

The public at large having probably more interest in the Northern Pacific than any other of the Pacific companies—Union, Central, Texas or Southern—for that reason the value of the property, no doubt, doubly concerns them.

A parliamentary report shows that 512 suspects are confined in various jails of Ireland. The 73d anniversary of Lincoln's birth was celebrated at San Francisco on Sunday evening.

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John Sherman denies that Pitney's testimony was like that ascribed to him by the telegraph. A large number of ribhat pamphlets, printed at Coburg, and found in Berlin, have been seized.

The Tennessee Supreme Court have decided the act adjusting the State debt unconstitutional. Dandy Jim, an Indian prisoner at Fort Grant, A. T., was killed while trying to escape Saturday.

On my way down the Columbia in the steamer Columbia, Capt. Biles called my attention to the necessity of "stake lights" at Walker's Island bar and Martin's Island, two at the mouth of the Willamette, one at Port Office and one at Swan Island bar.

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William Tellez shot two girls in a house of ill fame at Syracuse, N. Y., on Saturday, and then killed himself. One of the girls will die. The Republicans of Madrid celebrated the anniversary of the declaration of the Spanish republic in 1873 by a banquet on Friday.

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By section three of the charter act of July 2, 1861, Congress absolutely granted to the Northern Pacific Railroad Company twenty alternate sections of land per mile on each side of said road through the Territories, and ten through the States.

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