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The citizens of Minneapolis, Minn. have voted in favor of issuing one hundred thousand dollars in bonds to improve the falls of St. Anthony.

SAVAGE AND SMITH, who murdered Lieut. Commander Mitchell, of the United States Navy, in October last, were sentenced at San Francisco, to ten years in the State Prison.

At noon, on Thursday, Gen. Grant signed the bill strengthening the public credit. This was the last bill which he has affixed his executive signature. It was a significant and an ominous act.

It is said army officers are not well pleased with the orders consolidating U. S. Infantry Regiments, and more so with the bluff manner of Gen. Sherman, when called upon to change their assignments.

THE Pacific Steam Navigation Company's fine new steamer *San Diego*, from Valparaiso for Liverpool, ran on a rock in the Straits of Magellan, January 25th, and sank. All on board were saved except two sailors and a child.

SMYTHE AND EDMUNSON, boot and shoe manufacturers at Montreal, Canada, have failed; liabilities \$125,000. C. D. Dewey & Co., bankers in Montreal, have also suspended, one of the partners having absconded with a considerable amount of money.

LATE Arizona intelligence says: Indian depredations and murders are numerous. The people are becoming exasperated and a war of extermination is suggested, commencing with the massacre of the Indians residing on the government reservations.

LATER advice from Helena, Arkansas, states that the other five negroes—making nine in all who were in the conspiracy to burn the town of Helena, which resulted in the assassination of Gen. Hildeman, have been arrested. Charles Porter, who it is said fired the shot, is among the number.

GLoucester, Mass., papers state that the gale on the night of the 5th inst., was one of the most disastrous in its effects on the fishing fleet of Gloucester. It has been estimated that a long time ago, about 1000 boats were in the harbor, and that some of the vessels will never return, as several were seen in a disabled condition.

ABOUT two hundred and sixty dogs, already dressed, were seized at the Hudson River Depot, New York, on Saturday, by the Sanitary Inspector, and sent to the rendering dock, an examination having shown that they were all more or less diseased. Over two hundred carcasses came from the same lot, and it is believed the rest of them have been thrust upon the market.

THE latest news from Alaska states that Gen. Davis had made an expedition to Kake an Indian village to punish the murderers of two white men; but the Indians had fled, and he returned without success. It is believed the vessel was captured and the crew murdered by the Indians.

General Rawlins, as Secretary of War, is a general surprise, although his name has several times been mentioned in that connection. It is generally supposed that his appointment was only temporary, as General Grant has repeatedly declared that he should not appoint a military man at the head of the War Department. It is also thought that his feeble health will not endure the confinement and anxiety of a Cabinet office.

In the contested election case of Foster vs. Covode, in the Western Maryland Congressional District, this committee have awarded the seat pending the investigation, to Mr. Covode. This accords with the general impression, that a full and free inquiry into the facts will show that "Honest John" received between two and three hundred more legal votes than his competitor. Mr. Covode is an active, intelligent Congressman, and the country could ill afford to lose his services in the Forty-First Congress.

QUITE a ten-pot tempest has been raging in Harrisburg for some days past over the appointment of George Berger, Esq., as Postmaster in that city. Why "this is thus" we fail to comprehend. Mr. Berger is editor of the *Register*, and has done as much service for the military party as any man in the interest of the State, and the "howl" over his appointment to the position named, looks to us very much as if the Republicans of Harrisburg were not men as they should be. We are glad, however, that Mr. B. will be able to retain the office, notwithstanding the hue and cry now raised against him.

By direction of the Secretary of the Navy the sea service of officers hereafter will be for a period of three years, counting from the day they receive their orders until they are detached on the return of their vessel to the United States. Officers who have been three years at sea will, on their return, be allowed to make a year's shore station; and to make a year's shore station; and all officers will have to take their turns at the different Stations. Those who will not be ordered there again until they have performed their tour of duty on coast of Brazil, Cuba, Pacific and Home Squads, which will comprise the four of duty.

There has been a great break in the wholesale price of dry goods in the eastern market. A dispatch from New York on Friday says: "The reduction in the price of prints has become general, and there is great excitement in the market. Pacific Mills have reduced the price of their goods to 12 1/2 cents, and are selling rapidly, as are also the Annocks, which reduced to 11 1/2 cents. Commodore

and many Cashmires of desirable make have also been greatly reduced in price—selling at a low price. Printing cloths have declined to 50 cents per yard. We may safely look for a corresponding reduction in our home retail market.

The next public debt statement it is said, will show the proceeds condition of the Treasury books at the close of business on the 31st inst., instead of being withheld for several days, as was formerly the case. This is a very timely and a very wise move, and will give the public a more accurate view of the condition of the Treasury.

Secretary Boutwell is much pleased, it is said, with the condition of the Treasury as exhibited in the customs and revenue receipts, which, since the first of January, have been unusually large and steadily increasing. The income tax which will soon come in, will swell the figures largely.

There is considerable agitation now over the nomination, by President Grant, of the late rebel General Longstreet, as Surveyor of the port of New Orleans; and the unrepentant "Hotspur" of the South, and well as the North, are doing their utmost to bring about his nomination. The cause of the difficulty is not known, but the lanes were men of bad character.

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