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STATE NEWS.

THE Lehigh Valley Railroad Company reports net profits for the year to the amount of $1,000,000. The company have in contemplation extensive connections north into the State of New York. It will also, under a decision of the Supreme Court of this State, obtained on Monday, extend its road into the Wyoming valley, and be the most prolific coal region in the world.

SOME of the oil companies of Pennsylvania make a specific exhibit to the Auditor General. The law requires them to assess their stock at a valuation so that the tax can be applied. The same stock which a few months ago was represented by the directors to be effected at ten dollars per share is now valued by the same directors at five cents per share, and at this last assessment many of the taxes are computed and paid.

THE rural districts in certain parts of the State, are infested with thieves who ask for lodging at farm houses on the plea that they are discharged soldiers. The result of the hospitality on the part of kind hearted farmers is robbery on the part of those entertained, as they are only burglars in disguise.

THE barns lately been burned at Sheakleyville, in Mercer county, both in the day time, and both supposed to be the work of an incendiary. The latter one, last week, belonged to the Presbyterian clergyman. His horse was fortunately out of the barn, but his harness and buggy were consumed.

THE work of track laying on the Reno, Oil Creek and Pithole railroad is progressing finely, and all the grading on the entire route is completed, excepting on two cuts. It is expected that the Oil Creek bridge will be completed in one or twelve days. Gen. Burnside is superintending the work in person.

WE learn that $7,000 of the money stolen from Mr. William Barnart, of Hindsville, was found by a son of Mr. John Still, hid under a loose board in the stable of Mr. Alex. Graff. The 7-30 bonds and greenbacks are still missing.

WM. MILNES, Esq., an enterprising Pennsylvanian, and a citizen of Columbia county, has purchased fifty-nine thousand acres of land in the Shenandoah Valley, Va., on which are three furnaces and a forge. It is his design to put them into operation immediately.

A MAN named Adam Witter, in the employ of Mr. McClintock, at Elizabeth Furnace, in Blair county, while chopping wood, last Friday, slipped and fell upon his ax, which cut through the brain into the heart. He lived but a few minutes.

THE Titusville *Chronicle* says the oil excitement in that locality is on the increase. Speculators are flocking there from all parts of the country, and operations in property have become as vigorous as in the palmy days of 1861.

A SUBSCRIPTION of $1,242.50 has been raised in Titusville for the purchase of fire hose and hook and ladder apparatus.

FORNEY'S PRESS has come out in favor of the nomination of General John W. Geary, for Governor of the State, by the Union Convention.

BROOKS, who has been a second time on trial at Sunbury for the murder of Mrs. Chamberlain, has been acquitted.

HARRIET LANE, niece of ex-President Buchanan, was married at Wheatland on Thursday, to Edward Johnston, a banker of Baltimore.

Petroleum in Europe.

It is stated that petroleum has been discovered in Hanover, and capital is being privately subscribed in England to raise the oil from the wells, which are reported to be numerous. The constantly increasing importance of the fluids as mineral oils at Marseilles, too, attracts attention to the oil deposits of Europe. It is now considered certain that, in a period more or less short, the old continent will not be tributary to America for mineral oils for lighting. Every day new natural reservoirs of petroleum are discovered; and at the same time geologists are beginning to understand oil fields better, and the manner in which they are distributed over the globe. Among the localities which already export petroleum, are Moldo-Wallachia. Have is the principal French market for petroleum. The Marseilles *Semaphore*, however, is of opinion that Marseilles is destined to become a large market when the European resources shall be worked on a large scale, and when it can receive the mineral oils of Asia by the Isthmus of Suez. There is an latitude connection between the reservoirs of petroleum in Gallacia and Moldo-Wallachia. These two oil regions, in fact, only form one, which corresponds to the general line of the Carpathian mountains.—*London Artisan.*

DYSPEPSIA is becoming common in Iowa. The private Secretary of the Governor is said to be a defaulter to the extent of $25,000. In Scott county, Iowa, the Clerk of the Court, a German fellow-citizen, has left for unknown parts, with $20,000 belonging to the German fellow-citizens. The records of the court were found in inextricable confusion. Cause—hard drink.

GENERAL NEWS.

LAST week, as a railroad train was stopping at Gordonsville to put off the mail, quite a crowd who had assembled there made an assault upon the mail agent, who was a Northern man—as the Post-office Department appoint none who cannot take the oath. They informed him that they would not allow any Yankees to run on their roads. Words led to blows, and the train moving off the mail agent escaped with his life. On reporting this to the Post-office Department, Gov. Randall immediately struck Gordonsville from the list of post-offices, and trains now run by that point.

THE thieves have discovered a new use for chloroform in stealing pigs. The porkers near Adrian, Michigan, disappeared in a most unaccountable manner, and what was regarded as strangest, they were carried off without making any disturbance. A gentleman, however, discovered the depredators operating one night when going to the pig pen he found two fat hogs, lying helpless and unconscious, having been drugged with choloform.

THOS. J. MENZAY, formerly a member of the New York legislature and a prominent city office-holder in New York, has been sentenced to four months' imprisonment for making an indecent exposure of his person in a church. This is the second time he has been sentenced for this offense, which has been a common one with him. He urges in palliation, that he is a monomaniac on this subject, and really isn't able to control himself.

THE Atlanta (Ga.) *Intelligencer*, of the 6th inst., closes an article headed "New England scheming again," by telling the Yonkees "that in New England they have an enemy more to be feared in the future than Old England—an enemy with all the world—a ruthless, forgiveting enemy, whom no law, human or divine, ever yet restrained in her greed after gain and in her intolerance and fanaticism."

THE Columbus (Ga.) Sun, a violent rebel sheet, is fair enough to say the freedmen are generally willing to make contracts in that vicinity; that the neighboring plantation have been successful in procuring a supply of labor for the coming year, and that the number of idlers in the city has greatly diminished.

A RUNAWAY accident occurred on Tuesday at Atlanta. The wall of a building, in a course of completion on Peach Tree Creek, fell, crushing six discharged colored soldiers under it. Two were instantly killed and the other four injured so seriously that they were not expected to survive.

THOSE who like to laugh at West Point have an opportunity in a blunder lately made there by Uncle Cullom. A dock of stone costing $20,000 and a year's labor recently disappeared in a single night. "West Point engineering" had placed it upon a shelving rock, and the earth put behind it merely acted as a wedge to shove it off.

OUT in Peoria, Illinois, a noted whisky manufacturing region, they test the quality of the liquor by the distance a person can walk after testing it. The liquor called "single legs" is said to be made of diluted alcohol, nitric acid, boot legs and tobacco, and will upset a man at the distance of four hundred yards from the demijohn.

At the time of Senator Douglas' decease his estate was so incumbered that it was believed that there would be nothing left for his family. During the war, however, the price of real estate in Chicago, which belongs to him, appreciated so in value that its sale has paid all the debts and left his family a handsome competence.

A COOL PROPOSITION.—The Concord Bank robbers, who are doubtless in some foreign country, beyond the reach of extradition treaties, have offered through their counsel, to give up the stolen United States securities (amounting to some three hundred thousand dollars, upon the receipt of forty thousand dollars.

CAPT. Sargent, of the Freedman's Bureau at Murfreesboro, has published an order requiring all colored persons to provide themselves with homes by the first of January next, and colored females found without honest employment will be sent to the penitentiary.

A COTTIER in Litchfield county, Conn., lately tried to get divorced after ten years of wedded life, but in the course of the trial it appeared they had not been legally married, and they gave up the idea of a divorce, and were married in due form.

THE Cologne *Gazette* publishes a telegram from Vienna, stating that the Minister of Finance had forbidden the payment of the January dividend of Austrian credit, and that the Council of Administration had, therefore, tendered their resignation.

THE farmers throughout the whole region seeking Chicago as a centre, are agitating the question of relief from what they deem the extortionate charges of railroad managers and warehousemen. They declare that they are taxed beyond their power of endurance and that a remedy must be found.

ARLINGTON Heights still remain in possession of the Government, but it is said that the wife of Gen. Robert E. Lee has recently written to a friend that she intends to return home, even if she is "obliged to live in the black quarters."

FOURMILE we sent 50,000 loaves of rice to Europe; it all since the war, Europe sends heavily to us. The crop was otherwise lighter than usual, last year. North Carolina, whose annual product used to exceed 200,000 casks, raised but 7,000.

Major-General M. P. LOWRY, who commanded a division of rebels at the battle of Nashville and elsewhere, and who surrendered to Sherman in North Carolina, has taken to preaching. He has two Baptist churches in Tippah county, Miss.

SMALL-POX seems to be raging in all parts of the south. In most places it has been confined to the freedmen, but at Columbus, Ga., and in the towns of that vicinity, it is said to have recently broken out violently among the whites.

A MUTINY recently took place among the troops of the Third U. S. Volunteers, in Florida, the Colonel of which was shot. Six members of the regiment were tried by a military commission for his murder, and condemned and executed.

CHARLES CARROLL, a watchman at Charleston, S. C., has been sentenced by military commission to three years' imprisonment in Fort Pulaski, for pushing a negro off a wharf, by which he was drowned.

EZRA Cornell has endowed Cornell University at Ithaca, N. Y., in a refreshing fashion. It is a twenty-four inches in diameter, which will make it much larger than any similar instrument in this country.

THE new hotel at New Orleans refuses to receive guests from the South. The hotel is crowded with Southerners, who occupy themselves in denouncing the "Yankee Government" and talking treason.

AN application of a colored girl for admission to the high school in Troy, N. Y., which was refused by the principal, was taken to the Supreme Court, where it was recently decided against the applicant.

An interesting and instructive scene may be daily witnessed on the southern railroads. Reconstructed confederates refuse to sell their books to recently enfranchised contrabands.

UP to the year 1860, no less than fifty wells had been sunk in the gentle Indiana, desert by the French. The total quantity of water drawn by these wells amounts to 7,920,000 gallons per day.

COLONEL WM. P. THOMASSON, formerly of Louisville and recently of Chicago, has been appointed Superintendent of the Freedmen's Bureau for the Department of Kentucky.

OTTERS in Sweeney was shot and mortally wounded at Louisville, on Friday, by a young man named McCorkle, whom he tried to arrest.

As much nitrate of soda as can be held between the thumb and fingers, will preserve flowers for the space of a fortnight.

THE number of emigrants that arrived in the State of Ohio during 1865 was 16,583, an increase of 5,441 over the figures of 1862.

SCIO, a town of 15,000 inhabitants in Asiatic Turkey, has been leveled by an earthquake. Its two light-houses only remained standing.

THERE is unfortunate cause for fear in the principal manufacturing towns of England to make Saturday a permanent half holiday.

THE notorious sharpshooter Belle Boyd has engaged to make her appearance upon the Liverpool stage.

ON Friday evening a severe thunder-storm accompanied by heavy rain, occurred at Indianapolis.

The circulation of the *Independence Belge* is prohibited in France, till further orders.

Out of 24,000 persons married in England in 1863, only 186,68 were able to sign their names.

THE New York *Tribune* and *Herald* will soon enlarge to the size of the *Times* of that city.

LAFAYETTE, Ga., has been nearly destroyed by fire.

LIBBY PASSOS is now a grocery store.

Du Chaillu, the Explorer and Gorilla-Hunter.

A private letter from Mr. Du Chaillu, received by the last mail from London, communicates some interesting particulars of his last expedition to Central Africa, from which it was Mr. Du Chaillu's purpose to cross the continent of Africa from the West Coast, and that he had been attacked and robbed by the natives. He writes: "I have been in new countries, and penetrated much further into the heart of Africa than before. I met eight new tribes, hitherto unknown, amongst them a dwarf people who call themselves Obongoons, and who are gypsies in their habits. My prospects for getting across the continent were most promising up to the moment of the unlucky accident which ruined all and nearly caused the destruction of my life and my whole party. Again in the hands of one of my men was accidentally discharged, and the ball killed two natives. The people amongst whom we were, at once took it into their heads that we had come to kill them, immediately attacked us, and we were forced to retreat and fight our way back, part of the time under terrific difficulties. I was wounded twice with poisoned arrows, but escaped with life and limb, and am now well."

Nebraska Legislature.

OMAHA, Nebraska, Jan. 9.—The Nebraska Legislature organized to-day. The message of the Governor favors the organization of a State government, the vigorous prosecution of the Indian war, and recommends a law for the registration of voters. He also recommends a geological survey of the territory, and the organization of an Emigration Bureau, with an agency in New York.

Marine Disasters.

PORTLAND, OREGON, Jan. 9.—The steamer Oregon is still aground. Her freight has all been saved. Heavy ice in the Columbia river prevents navigation above the Cascade.

On the 27th ult., the ship William Bell, of Boston, struck a reef of rocks in the Strait of Fuca and went to pieces. The crew were saved. The ship was in ballast.

Troops Mustered Out.

FORTRESS MONROE, Jan. 13.—The 120th Illinois Regiment have left for home, and have been received here to muster out all the Volunteers in this Department.

VERY LATEST NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.

Our Special Dispatches

NEGROES IN U. S. UNIFORM IMPRISONED.

Treasury Operations for the Week.

CONDITION OF THE SOUTH.

Report of Col. Shaffer.

NORTHERN MEN AND BLACKS ALIKE UNSAFE.

Bible Society Semi-Centenary.

OUTRAGEOUS INSULT TO MR. SUMNER.

Etc., Etc., Etc.

Special Despatch to the Pittsburgh Gazette.

WASHINGTON, January 14, 1866.

NEGROES IN FEDERAL UNIFORM IMPRISONED.

A rebel Justice of the Peace, at Warrenton, Virginia, recently had the audacity to imprison several negroes, for appearing on the streets wearing the uniforms of federal soldiers. The same dignitary threatens to arrest and imprison any negro found dressed in federal blue, notwithstanding the fact that very many of this class are unable to provide themselves with less obnoxious clothing.

THE CURRENCY.

During the week ending to-day, $2,920,655 in National Bank currency, was issued by the Treasury to the Banks. Total bon in circulation, $212,990,520.

REDEMPTIONS AT THE TREASURY.

The following redemptions were made by the Treasury, last week: Demand Notes, $99,925. Legal Tender Notes, $111,200. Compound Interest Notes, $6,730,500. Fractional Currency, $157,200. Certificates of Indebtedness, $27,500. Total, $7,072,325.

STATE OF AFFAIRS AT THE SOUTH.

Col. Shaffer, formerly Gen. Butler's Chief of Staff, who has just returned from a two month's tour through Mississippi, Louisiana and Alabama, gives anything but a flattering account of the condition of affairs there. He says that nearly all of the northern men who went down south to settle since the conclusion of the war, are preparing to return to the North again, in consequence of the hostility of the Southern people toward them. Many of these settlers have purchased or leased plantations, and expended thousands of dollars in preparing them for cotton-raising, but so violent is the persecution to which members of the hands of the reconstructed rebels, they prefer to leave everything behind them to remaining in that country.

In this connection Col. Shaffer mentions the case of a northern man, who for three years past has been engaged in cotton raising in Louisiana. He had three plantations, and employed 2,800 negroes of good wages. On the first of January he called his hands together, and informed them that he could not renew his contract with them; that if he attempted to put in another crop he would not be allowed to gather it, and that if he remained his life was in peril. This gentleman had expended over half a million of dollars in permanent improvements on his plantations, all of which he had, of course, to leave behind.

This feeling of hostility toward the Yankees, Col. Shaffer says, is not confined to the sparsely populated districts of the south, but extends to the cities and towns where United States troops are stationed. The majority of the Northern merchants in New Orleans and Mobile, have sent there after the capture of those places, and opened stores, are making preparations to leave as soon as they can, after the withdrawal of the troops; and Col. s. predicts that four thirds of the Northern men now in the south will follow suit if it before the first of May.

Nearly all the Legislatures of the reconstructed Legislatures of the south are framed with the purpose of excluding and keeping the negro in a condition worse, if possible, than slavery. In Mississippi the Legislature has just passed an act transferring the negroes from hiring out to anybody but their former masters, and imposing a fine on the person hiring them, of five dollars a day for every day they so employ them. The effect of this is to strip the plantations of Northern men of their labor.

The black code and vagrant laws have also been made twice as stringent as they formerly were, thus thrown out out of work by the law prohibiting their employment except by his late owner becomes in the eyes of the law a vagrant, and as such is bound out for a term of years to anybody who wants him. The courts in the State and Federal are managed in the interests of the former rebels, and it is impossible for a Northern man even in the most trivial suits to have justice shown him; the juries are rebels, and the whole affair a mere mockery.

It is with great difficulty, Colonel Shaffer says, that a Yankee can secure the services of a lawyer to defend or prosecute a suit in any of the Courts, so intense is the hatred of everything Northern. In many places officers wearing the uniform of our army, are refused accommodations at the hotels, and so frequent are the annoyances and insults to which they are subjected, that very few who are compelled to travel on duty in the south, wear their uniforms any more.

In consequence of this state of affairs, Col. Shaffer says that the cotton crop for the coming season will fall far below the estimated amount.

Information concerning the state of affairs in North Carolina has also been received in this city. The Union sentiment scarcely manifests itself, while the bitterness of the people against Northerners and the Government is rapidly increasing.

Those best acquainted with the feelings of these people are most earnest in their opposition to the present admission of southern members. They all agree that there can be no safety either in admitting those members or in withdrawing the troops. Nearly all the business men from the North have left Raleigh, the citizens refusing to trade with them.

A DANGEROUS RIGHTEOUS PERSON.

Mr. Brooks, Richmond correspondent of the New York *Times*, who was recently assaulted in Richmond, by H. Bires Pollard, of the *Examiner*, has been instructed, by the Washington correspondent of the *Times* to provide himself with fire arms, and to draw on him, if necessary, for the expenses of Pollard's funeral.

ST. LOUIS AND SANTA FE RAILROAD.

J. S. Kalloch, Esq., of Ottawa, Kansas, is here endeavoring to secure Government assistance for the St. Louis and Santa Fe Railroad, of which he is President. He considers his prospects for success flattering.

AGENTS OF FREEDMEN'S BUREAU UNPROTECTED.

Since the withdrawal of the troops from the South, a great many volunteer officers holding positions there under the Freedmen's Bureau, have sent in their resignations to the War Department. They say they cannot stay there unless they have troops at their backs.

COTTON KEPT OUT OF MARKET.

A private letter from Mobile says there are ninety thousand bales of cotton still in the hands of planters, in the interior of Alabama, waiting to come to market. The owners of it, anticipating a short crop this year, are holding for a rise in the market.

C. C. LANGDON.

One of the members elect to Congress from Alabama, is among the latest arrivals from the South. Langdon is an uncompromising rebel, and says he will hang before taking the test oath. He accounts for his presence in Washington by saying that he has good reasons for believing that the Southern delegations will soon be admitted to Congress.

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIBLE SOCIETY.

The congregation worshipping in the Hall of the House to-day, gave way to the semi-centennial meeting of the National Bible Society. Dr. Vermilye, of New York, preached the sermon, as is usual on the Sabbath. The Hall was full, and many were unable to obtain seats. Members of the Cabinet, and a large number of Congressmen were present.

BURIAL OF STONEWALL JACKSON'S WIDOW.

General Turner, commanding the District of Henrico, has granted the managers of the Richmond Theatre, permission to give a complimentary benefit in aid of Stonewall Jackson's widow.

A MANIFESTATION OF SOUTHERN FEELING.

Senator Sumner, last evening, received a box containing the finger of a negro, accompanied with the following note:

"You old son of a b—h, I send you a piece of one of your friends, and if that bill of yours passes, I will have a piece of you."

(Signed,) A UNION MAN.

The finger, which had evidently been in alcohol for sometime, was done up in a round box, addressed in a beautiful hand and left on the door step of Senator Sumner's boarding house, where it was found by a servant girl. The note was in a boyish hand and in several instances words of it misspelled.

STEPHEN A. DOUGLAS' WIDOW TO BE MARRIED.

Mrs. Douglas, widow of the late Senator Douglas, is to be married on the 30th inst., to Brevet-Brigadier General Williams, Acting Adjutant General, United States Army, now on duty at the War Department.

CASE OF GEN. SWEENY.

Troops Withdrawn from the South.

MEXICAN QUESTION IN EUROPE.

Stephens' Letter a Forgery.

LOSS OF AN AMERICAN STEAMER.

The Reconstruction Committee.

Etc., Etc., Etc.

NEW YORK, Jan. 13.—The *Commercial's* Washington special says: A probably unsuccessful appeal has been made to the War Department, for the restoration of General Sweeny, the Fenian Commander in Chief, to his position in the regular service.

General Grant, under orders from the President, is withdrawing all the troops from the Southern states, except garrisons of United States forts at important points.

The official dispatches from United States agents abroad, received by the State Department, by the steamer from Europe, are favorable to American interest. The plans for the extension of European influence on our Continent have received a death blow by the restoration of the Union. It is expected that the Mexican difficulty will be solved by the withdrawal of the French troops, since there are grounds for believing that the State Department at Washington and the French Government have had an understanding on the subject, which is said to date previous to the termination of the Civil War.

The Judges of the Supreme Court are in consultation to day on the Constitutionality of the test oath, about which there difference of opinion.

It is certain that Secretary McCulloch's financial Bill, will be amended before its passage.

The *Post* says some of the Fenians of this city profess to believe that Stevens' letter is a forgery, and that it was designed to overthrow the opposition to O'Mahony, before the trial of Lieut. Lynch.

The Winooski is waiting for her opponent, the Adriaugne, to get ready for the sea race, she will commence on Monday next, another forty-six hour trial, which, when terminated, will be followed by a fifteen mile race, and if possible it is then supposed the Algonquin will be ready for sea, and it is confidently asserted that both vessels will start about the 20th inst.

Full particulars of the loss of the steamer Wyandotte are published. Two pilots Henry Seguire and stephen H. Jones, behaved in the most noble and heroic manner, hazarding their lives in a small rowboat to rescue the passengers.—The row-boat was two miles in rending the propeller, the sea dashing her off repeatedly. Great credit is also given to Captain Bird of the steamer Charles Chamberlain, for his noble crew and passengers of the Bostonian. By their heroic efforts, all the crew and passengers were saved.

In the case of the Mercantile Bank against Windsor, the Court has granted the motion to strike out the justifying portion of the answer in the case of Joseph H. Madox against Secretary of War Stanton.

Gold was quoted this afternoon at 1.29½.

Within the last three days twelve pickpockets have been arrested on the city railroad cars.

The examination of Robert Martin, the alleged conspirator of kennedy, was resumed before United States Commissioner Morris, both Union and rebel, testifying against him.

Nearly all the Legislatures of the reconstructed Legislatures of the south, in order to make better arrangements for mail facilities.

A circular has been issued by Brevet Major General Donaldson, Chief Quartermaster of the Military Division of Tennessee, requesting Surgeons, Chaplains, Agents, of Sanitary and Christian Commissions, Quartermasters, officers and soldiers who may have served in the army at any time during the war, in Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, or Georgia, to furnish any knowledge of the location of cemeteries, places of burial, and of the scattered graves of any of our brave soldiers in the States above named, to Major Capain E. B. Whitman, Assistant Quartermaster, at Nashville, Tennessee such information as will be useful to him in identifying and in all cases of burial wherever our armies have served.

Capt. Whitman has been assigned to the special duty of visiting the battle grounds, cemeteries and places where the Union dead have been interred in that Military Division, and to report thereon, with a view to the establishment of National Cemeteries, and the removal to them of the dead, on the plan of those already in process of completion, at Chattanooga and Stone River. The above is a part of the general plan so successfully inaugurated by Major General Meigs.

It is stated with reference to the recent dispatch to the Mobile *Advertiser*, touching the withdrawal of the troops from Alabama and Georgia, and that in acting upon the application of Gov. Parsons to withdraw the force from Selmar State and to arm the local militia, Lieut. Gen. Sheridan, made the following reply:

"For the present, and until there is full security for equitably maintaining the rights and safety of all classes of citizens in the states above referred to, I would not recommend the withdrawal of the same duration, troops from Alabama and Georgia. The number of garrisons might be reduced, with a corresponding force, sufficient to insure tranquility, should the state of affairs in Mobile, and the South, I doubt the propriety of putting arms in the hands of the militia."

THE FENIAN BROTHERHOOD.

Mail Agent Assailed in Virginia.

SUPPOSED PRIVATEERS ON THE SPANISH COAST.

London Times Thinks Napoleon will Withdraw from Mexico.

NEW YORK, Jan. 13.—The Fenian Senate has taken no action to-day in reference to the letter of Stephens recently received, and probably will not act until Monday. Mr. Roberts has not decided what course he will pursue, but the letter will have great influence upon him. Its effect on the Senate is not yet apparent.

The letter is creating great excitement among the Fenians, and it is reported that O'Rourke, Senator and Treasurer, has given up the funds in his hands, which will make the total amount in the Fenian treasury thirty thousand dollars.

Arrangements are now being made to effect the sale of the bonds of the Irish Republic, which have remained idle since the recent dissensions of the Brotherhood.

A dispatch from Washington says last week as the railroad train was stopping at Gordonsville, Virginia, to put off the mail, a crowd assaulted the mail agent, who was a Northern man, and informed him that they would not allow any Yankees to run on their roads. The train moving off the mail agent escaped with his life. When the act was reported to the Postmaster General the Postmaster General immediately struck Gordonsville from the list of postoffices, and trains now run by that point.

In the details of the news by the Scotia, the Madrid correspondence to the London *Times* says the report is current that emigration from Spanish colonies is to be discouraged, and that the Spanish Government is about to issue a decree, prohibiting the enrollment of Spanish subjects in all the ports of the Chinese, Lucayan, Chickasaw, Cawa and Miami tribes, which are to be made in this city. The last delegation, consisting of five members of the Miami tribe, arrived in town today.

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IMPROVED CONDITION OF FREEDMEN

Convention of Customs Collectors.

VESSEL FOUNDERED AT SEA.

Hon. Jas. Harlan, Senator from Iowa.

JUAREZ AT CHIHUAHUA.

California and Australia Advices.

COLD DISCOVERIES IN NEW ZEALAND.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 10.—The Consul of the Republic of Mexico at this point has received official communication from his Government, dated November 8, at Chihuahua, where President Juarez arrived on the 20th of that month. Immediately on his arrival he organized the Government there, and due notice of the fact was given to the Mexican people through a circular issued by the Secretary of Foreign Relations. President Juarez was the object of the most flattering public demonstrations during his trip to Chihuahua, and upon his arrival there Governor Juarez gave a grand banquet in his honor, on which occasion the President of the Republic of Mexico was most enthusiastically cheered, and earnest expression was given to the sentiment that the time Hattie Morrison, were rescued from the wreck of that vessel, Capt. Wylie, of the Dutch yacht, Cornelia and Susana: The Hattie Morrison was shattered to pieces by the severe gales of 17th to 20th, in latitude North 45 degrees, longitude West 20 degrees, and was in a sinking condition when discovered. One man, Edward Brown, had been washed overboard, and the master and two other men were drowned.

Advices from Mobile state that the Tennessee Congressional delegates is slight, if private advices are true that the Tennessee Legislature will immediately confer equal civil rights upon the freedmen.

The trial of the Alexandria rioters is progressing to-day. Colored witnesses are admitted to the same privileges as whites in giving their testimony.

Lieutenant Swan committed suicide on board the receiving ship Vermont, this morning, by shooting himself with a pistol.

The *Tribune's* Paris correspondent says: A complimentary dinner was given at the great Scholefield, on the Anniversary of the battle at Nashville. The American Minister and a number of American officers and citizens sojourning in Paris, were present.

All the papers have been warned beforehand that to publish the letter of the Count De Paris, in the *Tribune's* Legislation.

The *Tribune's* special says: The Government is at present extending its sympathy to several developments of Indian war, the Cherokee, Lincoln, Chickasaw, Cawa and Miami tribes, about twenty in all, who are now in this city. The last delegation, consisting of five members of the Miami tribe, arrived in town today.

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Governor Curtin Recovering.

HARRISBURG, Jan. 13.—Governor Curtin is expected to leave Havana on the 15th for New York. His health has steadily improved. The alarming symptoms have almost entirely disappeared, although not perfectly restored to health, he is constrained to return home by a sense of duty.

OFFICIAL NEWS FROM MEXICO.

French Moving on President Juarez's Headquarters.

CEMETERIES ON BATTLE FIELDS.

Important Declaration of Gen. Grant.

HE FAVORS RETAINING TROOPS IN THE SOUTH.

WASHINGTON, January 14.—Official intelligence from the city of Chihuahua up to the 8th of December has been received in this city. President Juarez instead of being at San Antonio, Texas, as has been represented, was resting quiet at Chihuahua. He writes to a friend of his as follows: "The commanding officer of these States—the frontier States—and political leaders, have all expressed their approval of the extension of my term, and I have reason to believe that the same will happen in the other States of the republic."

The French, it seems, had sent another expedition to Chihuahua. Should this be in great force the Mexican Government will again abandon that city and go to some other convenient point of the republic.

While the woolen manufacturing of the country has doubled since the commencement of the war, it is shown by official figures that the wool, shoddy and woolens imported make an aggregate of $130,000,000, of which the unmanufactured wool amounted to 20,000,000 pounds, and cost $15,000,000. Nearly all the imports of wool under the late tariff came at averaging less than five cents per pound; the duty upon them was about one cent. The wools of Australia and South Africa, which are duty-free, are invoiced at less than twenty-four cents per pound.

Second Assistant Post Master General Terrell will leave Washington tomorrow for various parts of the South, in order to make better arrangements for mail facilities.

A circular has been issued by Brevet Major General Donaldson, Chief Quartermaster of the Military Division of Tennessee, requesting Surgeons, Chaplains, Agents, of Sanitary and Christian Commissions, Quartermasters, officers and soldiers who may have served in the army at any time during the war, in Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, or Georgia, to furnish any knowledge of the location of cemeteries, places of burial, and of the scattered graves of any of our brave soldiers in the States above named, to Major Capain E. B. Whitman, Assistant Quartermaster, at Nashville, Tennessee such information as will be useful to him in identifying and in all cases of burial wherever our armies have served.

Capt. Whitman has been assigned to the special duty of visiting the battle grounds, cemeteries and places where the Union dead have been interred in that Military Division, and to report thereon, with a view to the establishment of National Cemeteries, and the removal to them of the dead, on the plan of those already in process of completion, at Chattanooga and Stone River. The above is a part of the general plan so successfully inaugurated by Major General Meigs.

It is stated with reference to the recent dispatch to the Mobile *Advertiser*, touching the withdrawal of the troops from Alabama and Georgia, and that in acting upon the application of Gov. Parsons to withdraw the force from Selmar State and to arm the local militia, Lieut. Gen. Sheridan, made the following reply:

"For the present, and until there is full security for equitably maintaining the rights and safety of all classes of citizens in the states above referred to, I would not recommend the withdrawal of the United States troops from that state. The number of interior garrisons might be reduced, with a corresponding force, sufficient to insure tranquility, should the state of affairs in Mobile, and the South, I doubt the propriety of putting arms in the hands of the militia."

FROM WASHINGTON.

Soldiers' Commutation Ceased.

THE REBEL BOAT BURNERS.

Three Dollar National Note Design.

THE OFFICE OF GENERAL.

Etc., Etc., Etc.

NEW YORK, January 13.—The *Herald's* Washington dispatch says: All payment of commutation of soldiers' rations has ceased for the present at the office of the Commissary General of Prisoners in anticipation of the Congressional legislation securing to the heirs of soldiers to whom such commutation was due at the time of the decease or transfer of these claims.

The *Tribune's* Washington special says: The Secretary of War, in conversation yesterday, stated that whenever the habeas corpus reached him for the delivery of the bodies of rebel boat burners, now on trial by court martial at St. Louis, he shall immediately turn them over to the civil authorities.

The President of the American Bank Note Company submitted several designs yesterday for the forthcoming three-dollar national bank note. Carpenter's picture of President Lincoln reading his Emancipation Proclamation will form the back decoration of the note.

The list of awards to the captors of the conspiracy assassins is still in the hands of Judge Holt, but will be delivered to the Secretary of War for his approval or disapproval on Monday next.

Of the nine thousand postoffices in the disloyal states, about two thousand have been reopened. Nearly three hundred of these have been found where could take the oath that he had not borne arms against his country.

The *Tribune's* Washington special says the resignation of Brevet Major General H. A. Barnum was accepted yesterday, to date in the 5th inst.

The *Times'* Washington special says the military committee will report favorably upon a proposition to create the office of General in the army, and when the office is created by law the position will be tendered to Gen. Grant.

There has been no opposition to the proposition by any member of the committee.

The President had an overwhelming visit yesterday afternoon, from a Committee of ladies headed by Mrs. Senator Trumbull; in all about two hundred and fifty, who presented a petition and vehemently urged him to reject the application for pardon of B. S. Cox, of Georgetown, and late of the rebel army. These ladies are of a society entitled the "National Colored Home Association." They state that Cox is a large landholder in this District, and that he only has rented on his lands, buildings, in which are housed a large number of helpless colored people, and they ask that if Cox be pardoned at all, it shall be on condition that he give to their Association ten acres of land, and the buildings thereon, now occupied by the Association.

Hon. Thomas N. Stillwell on Saturday obtained an order from Lieut. Gen. Grant ordering the 9th and 10th Indiana Legislament, now at Brownsville, Texas, and which regiment Mr. Stillwell was formerly connected.

Orders have been issued for the release of the rebel quartermaster, R. Winder. He is not the Winder associated with Wirz in the cabal of Andersonville.

The *World's* Washington dispatch says acting commissioners for the Freedmen's Bureau in Georgia on Monday next, another forty-six hours trial, which, when terminated, will be followed by a fifteen mile race, and if possible it is then