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THE CAPITAL.

Interviewing Grant—Members Arriving—Official Reports—Appointments—Counterfeits—Mr. Burlingame's Statement—Dispatch from Minister Sickles—Binckly Again—The Supreme Judgeship—Reciprocity with Canada—Revenue and Tariff Modifications—Postal Treaty with France to Cease.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

WASHINGTON, November 29, 1869.

REVENUE AND TARIFF MODIFICATION.

From conversations with members of the Ways and Means Committee it is evident that there will be an effort made at the coming session of Congress to modify both the internal revenue and tariff laws, notwithstanding the announced purpose of Secretary Boutwell and Commissioner Delano to advise that the former law be permitted to remain intact, in all material features, for one year more. As to the tariff laws, there will certainly be some important modifications, as it is understood that one of the Committee, Judge Kelley, has submitted propositions that are approved by his colleagues generally, whereby provision is to be made for the remission of duties from a large number of articles we do not produce in this country; in the aggregate making a reduction of tariff income of about seventy millions of dollars in this direction.

MR. BURLINGAME'S STATEMENT.

Mr. Burlingame several weeks ago authorized a gentleman who had just returned from Europe to make the statement, that the constant reports of the dissatisfaction of the Chinese government with his mission originate in China among those who are opposed, on commercial and other grounds, to the policy of that government. His diplomatic conduct has been in entire accord with it, and has therefore received its entire approval. His mission will be extended beyond two years. In February he will probably proceed from Berlin to St. Petersburg. He also stated that the results of his mission would be a complete international triumph for China, and place her among the first commercial nations of the world.

APPOINTMENTS.

Edward R. Ryan has been appointed Assistant Assessor of Internal Revenue for the Second district of New York, *vice* D. McFarland, the person who recently shot Mr. Richardson. The following Assistant Assessors have also been appointed: Wm. H. Herr, Fourth district of Pennsylvania, and Wm. A. Herron, Twenty-second district of Pennsylvania.

Acting Commissioner Douglass to-day appointed Joseph W. Dwyer, Supervisor of Internal Revenue for the northern district of Ohio in place of Hedges, deceased. Mr. Dwyer has been on duty several months in the Internal Revenue office in this city.

DISPATCH FROM MINISTER SICKLES.

Minister Sickles, under date of Nov. 26th, telegraphs Secretary Fish as follows: "I am authorized by the Minister of the Colonies to inform you that the Government measures for Porto Rico will include local self-government, free press, public schools, impartial suffrage, the gradual but speedy abolition of slavery, and civil political rights without distinction of color; domiciliated foreigners to vote after six months residence. These reforms are in good faith to be extended to Cuba when hostilities cease, and deputies are chosen in accordance with the provisions of Article 18th of the Spanish Constitution."

MR. BINCKLEY AGAIN.

The irrepressible Binckley, now claiming residence in Baltimore, caused the arrest of Ex-Revenue Commissioner Rollins in that city, on Saturday, for libel, laying his damages at $50,000, for injury to character. Mr. Rollins declined to withdraw a certain letter he had written, in which Binckley was spoken of unfavorably. Mr. Rollins promptly gave bail.

COUNTERFEITS.

Counterfeit three dollar coupons of bonds of '81, the first 5-20 notes, was received at the Treasury to-day, having been paid in Boston and forwarded to Washington. A fifteen cent note and two twenty-five cent notes were also received, which were not stamped with the seal required to be put on at the Department.

ATTORNEY GENERAL HOAR.

It is stated that Attorney General Hoar will resign his office soon after the meeting of Congress, and his name will forewith be sent to the Senate for the vacant Supreme Court Judgeship.

B. H. Brewster, of Pennsylvania, is a prominent candidate for the Attorney Generalship.

MEMBERS ARRIVING.

The members of Congress who have arrived here have considerable business to attend to at the various departments. A large proportion have already had interviews with Secretary Boutwell, the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Treasurer Spinner, and other prominent treasury officials.

MAIL CONTRACT TO CEASE.

On and after January 1st, 1870, the exchange of mails between the United States and France will cease in consequence of the abrogation of the present Postal Convention between the two countries.

INTERVIEWING GRANT.

Senator Edmonds of Vermont had an interview with the President this morning. Subsequently Secretaries Fish and Belknap and Attorney General Hoar were in consultation with the President.

RECIPROCITY WITH CANADA.

It is ascertained, from Congressman who have already arrived, that the proposed reciprocity treaty with Canada will find but little favor in the House at the coming session.

FOLDING OF CURRENCY.

There is a general inclination to increase the volume of currency in the North and West, probably through the establishment of additional National Banks in these sections.

THE OFFICIAL REPORTS.

The Secretary of the Navy is still engaged in the preparation of his report. Commissioner Delano's report will be handed to Secretary Boutwell to-morrow.

NEW OWNER.

Alexander Delmar has purchased the *National Intelligencer*.

TORONTO.

Latest News from the Red River County—The Immigrants to its State a Council.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

TORONTO, November 29.—A special dispatch from St. Paul says: A letter from Pembina, received Saturday night, states that the insurgents are arranging to hold a council of representatives from the different districts, to consider the state of the country, and determine their future action.

Governor McDougal is still at Pembina.

Gilbert J. Ondit, the New York forger, has been committed for extradition.

UPPER RIVERS.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

OIL CITY, Nov. 29.—The river is rising slowly, with twenty-four feet water in the channel. Raining. Thermometer forty-eight degrees at 4 P. M.

MONONGAHELA, Nov. 29.—The river is rising slowly, with four feet water in the channel. Weather cloudy. Thermometer forty-eight degrees at 4 P. M.

CINCINNATI, Nov. 29.—The river is falling slowly, with five feet water in the channel. Weather cloudy. Thermometer forty-eight degrees at 4 P. M.

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LOST.—Yesterday afternoon, a GENTLEMAN'S FUR COLLAR, in driving from Allegheny to Pittsburgh. Liberal reward will be given if left at 142 Grant street.

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NEW YORK CITY.

The Drawback Rascality—New Set of Culprits—"Times" on the Alabama Claims, and the "Tribune" on the Spanish War Fleet—Laborers Swindled by Sharpers—French Request Positively Declined—A Shocking Murder—The Erie Railway-Vanderbilt Suit—Honorably Discharged—Sea Serpents—Railroad Accidents—Death of a Comedian—Situation of Mr. Richardson, &c., &c.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

NEW YORK, November 29, 1869.

Another phase of the drawback rascality in the Custom House is now under investigation by the District Attorney. These new frauds differ from those previously discovered. In fact the goods on which the drawback were claimed were ostensibly shipped, although the packages were in reality bogus, barrels of water, for instance, being substituted for barrels of oil. The culprits seem to be a different set of offenders from those concerned in previous frauds, and so far as is known no officials are implicated. Their extent has not been fully ascertained. No arrests have yet been made.

The *Times* urges the transfer of the negotiations relative to the Alabama claims to Washington. It doubts the report that negotiations have been reopened by Minister Motley, is sure, however, that we have reason to believe that the British Government was ready to receive any new proposition which the British Cabinet might choose to submit. This was a mere formal notification, but certainly not a re-opening of it. It was simply a necessary formality in any event.

The *Tribune* says that in spite of the representations of the Captain-General, a questionable organ, it is remarked that, the Spanish Admiral Malcompo did intend to make a reprisal of the whole American commerce in the event that Minister Roberts has not changed the denunciative tone of his diplomacy. Both Admiral Malcompo and Minister Roberts will now perforce await the issue of the gunboat litigation and the action of Congress. If by that time they wish to sell out or make war they will be in order.

A set of sharpers calling themselves Totten & Co., having an office in Wall, near Broadway, succeeded in swindling about one hundred and fifty laborers out of five dollars each under pretense of furnishing them passage to New Orleans, at which place they were to be set to work at $3.75 per day. On Saturday they called, but their office was closed, and Totten & Co. failed to put in an appearance.

It is stated that the French government, which refused to negotiate a new postal treaty with Senator Ramsey on a more liberal basis, has asked that the present treaty, which expires the first of February, 1870, be renewed for one year. This request our government has positively declined.

Early yesterday morning, Cornelius Stahl, a German, was murdered in a shocking manner at Newark, N. J. Five persons are in custody. It is supposed the real murderer has escaped. The affair is a mystery.

The suit of the Erie Railway Company vs. Commodore Vanderbilt was resumed before Judge Barnard to-day. Mr. Alais, paying teller of the Manhattan Company, testified that $400,000 and $540,000 checks were paid out of the Erie moneys. Judge Beach moved to dismiss the complaint on the ground that no cause of action was made out, no proof of fraud and conspiracy given, and if, in fact, the Erie Railway had fraudulently paid out money, it could not sue to recover back its money. He could not see where there was any evidence to support the claim.

Mr. Field, for the Erie Company, replied that the defendant had, with remarkable fulsomeness persisted in saying that the Erie Railway owed him nothing; that he had no claim on them; he got from Drew, $500,000 more than the stock was worth, and $200,000 of the payment for it, from the funds of the Company. What plaintiff now insisted on, was that their money, unlawfully paid out, should be returned to them. After further argument, Judge Barnard said the only ground on which the case could be maintained was that of fraud and collusion between Vanderbilt and the officers of the company. It seemed to him the company's case was against Drew. If they had no further evidence, the complaint must be dismissed. Mr. Field then called David Drew, who testified that in July, 1868, he was a director and Treasurer of the Erie Railroad Company. At that time there were a series of litigations against the Company. He had no negotiations with Vanderbilt relative to compromising the suits brought for 50,000 from the Commodore in June. He told the Commodore he would buy 50,000 shares of his stock if he would consent to hold the other shares of stock he had, and he did consent. He agreed to pay him (Vanderbilt) $4,000,000 for the 50,000 shares of stock. Mr. Eldridge at that time had been suspended from the Board, and he (Drew) made up his mind to buy the Commodore's stock for the purpose of obtaining control of the Erie Road. At that time he was residing in Jersey City. The Commodore always told him that he acted wrongly in going to Jersey City. Drew further testified that Eldridge, on being restored to his position as director, called upon him and asked him if he would be satisfied to have him (Eldridge) and Gould buy the stock from the Commodore, and he said he would, provided the Commodore could be satisfied. All the arrangements were accordingly effected between Eldridge and Gould and the Commodore. The further hearing was adjourned until to-morrow.

The complaint against H. A. Smalley, son of Judge Smalley, of the U. S. District Court of Vermont, who has been charged with complicity in the Custom House weigher frauds, has been honorably discharged.

On Thursday afternoon a motion to discharge the Spanish gunboats from the custody of the Marshal, on the grounds that no war existed between Spain and Peru, and that no proceeds of the gunboats being intended to act offensive against Peru, will be argued before Judge Hitchcock. District Attorney Pierrepont gave it as his opinion the motion will be denied.

The bark Scottish Bride, from Bordeaux, at this port, reports that in latitude thirty-eight degrees sixteen minutes longitude seventy four degrees eight minutes, she saw two sea serpents one about fifteen to twenty feet long and six or eight in thickness. The other about five feet long. They looked about the color of a lead lead sinker.

The cases against train No. 10 of the Erie Railroad, through the carelessness of the Engineer and Conductor, ran into the extra freight train No. 54, at Mud Hope station, on Saturday, and twenty cars were smashed.

The through train from Philadelphia, on the New Jersey Railroad, collided with a freight train standing on the track at Princeton, yesterday afternoon. Considerable damage was done, but only one person, a brakeman, was injured.

James B. Browne, the popular comedian, died yesterday, aged eighty years.

Mr. William Hosmer, Chairman of the Central Committee appointed by the Chicago National Temperance Convention, has called a State Convention at Syracuse on the 22d of December, with the object of forming a political organization of temperance men in this State.

The new low Mississippi has arrived from Philadelphia.

Mr. Richardson is decidly better to-night, and his physicians feel greatly encouraged. The crisis has not yet passed, but symptoms are favorable, and his friends have more hope than ever before.

James W. Marshall, of Mound Brook, N. J., has been appointed First Assistant Postmaster General, and has left for Washington. He enters upon his duties on Wednesday.

Two Scotchmen and Shackles, of Jersey City, were burned to-day by the explosion of camphene, the former fatally.

SECOND EDITION.

FOUR O'CLOCK, A. M.

NEWS BY CABLE.

Opening of the French Chambers—Speech of the Emperor Napoleon—Outline of Intended Reforms—London "Times" on the Situation in France—Death of an Italian Songstress—Parliamentary Candidates—Pastoral Letter—How the Emperor's Speech was Received—Quiet in Paris—Markets, Marine News, &c.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

FRANCE.

PARIS, November 29.—The session of the Senate and Corps Legislatif was reopened to-day with great ceremony by the Emperor, who delivered a speech from the throne.

It was hoped the Empress might possibly return in time to take part in the ceremonies, but she has not yet reached Paris.

The Emperor said, "It is not easy to establish a regular and peaceful liberty in France. For months past society seemed to be menaced by subversive passions, and freedom was compromised by excesses of the press and of public assemblages; but common sense has already properly judged these culpable exaggerations, which, after all, have served but to prove the solidity of the edifice founded by popular suffrage. But this uncertainty and trouble must last no longer. The will of the people must be made known. France wants liberty, with order. Order, I answer, for help me Messieurs to secure liberty between those who would change all, and those who would grant nothing, a glorious course lies before us."

The Emperor then referred to the Senatus Consultum of September last, which, he said, had been misinterpreted, the purpose of inaugurating a new era of conciliation and progress. It was the task of the Chambers to aid him in carrying out the plan. He proceeded to enumerate the municipal reforms which were to be made. He pronounced the situation of the country satisfactory, and declared that the more he was ready, however, to grant reforms, the more decided he was to maintain the principles of the Constitution.

The relations of France with foreign powers were friendly. Sovereigns and people desired peace. The Emperor continued as follows:

We have reason to be proud of our epoch. The New World suppresses slavery. Russia frees the serf. England renders justice to Ireland; the Bishops are meeting at Rome for wise and conciliatory purposes; the progress of science draws nations closer to each other, while America united Atlantic and Pacific. Everywhere capital and intelligence combine to connect, by the electric wire, all nations. France and Italy will soon be joined by a tunnel through the Alps, and the Suez canal has already united the Mediterranean and Red Sea. The Empress is not present to-day, but she joins with me to testify the sympathy of France with the wonderful genius and perseverance of a Frenchman.

The Emperor concluded in the following words:

Messieurs—You resume your labors after an interval extended by the session. I hope both bodies of the State will apply loyalty to the modifications lately made in the constitution. There is to be a more direct participation of the nation in its own affairs. This will be a new force for the Empire. May the Chambers prove that without falling into regrettable excesses France can support free institutions which honor civilized nations.

PARIS, November 29, 8 o'clock P. M.—Large crowds were collected around the Hall of the Corps Legislatif to day, but the Chamber was not crowded. In the Chamber the scene was one of great interest. The Emperor's address was listened to with the deepest attention, and received only moderate applause. At one point where the Emperor declared he would answer for the preservation of order, the applause became enthusiastic. Rochefort was not present. His name, when called was received with hisses. The official journals this evening praise the speech. Ultra protest, you will discover that the Emperor does not promise the reforms which France needs.

GREAT BRITAIN.

LONDON, November 29.—The *Times*, in an article on French politics, says: Whatever divergence of opinion may weaken the members of the opposition in the corps legislatif, they should work together to overthrow the men who have brought the Government into disrepute. There ought to be no compromise with the passive instruments of the present rule. Possibly the present ministers may still be at the head, but the Emperor is accustomed to look upon his power as built on odds of a hundred to one. For many years the opposition in the chamber was composed of Fauvre and Ferothers. In the face of one hundred and sixteen opposition votes, the Emperor's position is already untenable.

PRUSSIA.

BERLIN, November 29.—Giulia Grisi, the eminent Italian singer, died to-day aged fifty years.

DUBLIN, November 29.—Mr. Kickbaw is a candidate for Parliament for the Mallow and Mr. Mackay from county Longford.

Arch Bishop Cullen has issued a pastoral letter against Fenianism, in the course of which he says the alliance of Orangemen and Land Agents prevent useful legislation.

MARINE NEWS.

SOUTHAMPTON, November 29.—The steamer Leipzig, from Baltimore, has arrived.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

LONDON, November 29.—Consols, 93¾ @93⅞. American Securities firm: 62s, 84¾; '65s, 83¾; '67s, 85¼; 10-40s, 79¾; Erites, 21¼; Illinois, 99¾; Atlantic and Great Western, 28. Liverpool cotton market firm: middling uplands 11½@11¾d; Orleans 12@12¼; sales of 14,000 bales. California white wheat 9s 6d; red western No. 2, 8s 4d: red winter 8s 10d. Western Flour 22s. Corn, No. 2 mixed, 28s. Oats 3s 6d. Peas 39s. Beef 80s. Lard 1s 6d. Cheese 68. Bacon 67s 4d. Spirits of Petroleum is 2d; refined is 9½d. Tallow 46s. Turpentine 28s. Linseed Oil £31. London Tallow 47s. Clover Seed 44s. Sugar 33s 3@6d and firmer. Calcutta Linseed 59s 6s. Linseed Oil £28 15s.

PARIS, November 29.—Rente fist. Rentes 71 82c.

HAVAR, November 29.—Cotton quiet; *mid stock*, 133¼ francs; afloat, 133 francs.

ANTWERP, November 29.—Petroleum firm at 59¼ francs.

FRANKFORT, November 29.—Bonds heavy at 83½@83¾.

BOSTON.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

BOSTON, November 29.—Counterfeit United States ten dollar bills have just made their appearance, and are excellent imitations.

In Peabody on Saturday evening, Nathaniel Lord, a well known citizen, was knocked down in the road and robbed. It is feared his injuries are fatal. The robbers escaped.

Early this morning the boiler in the shoe manufactory of John Curtis, at Woburn, exploded, dangerously scalding the engineer, named Barnes, and one or two other employees were somewhat burned.

The Catholic church in Weymouth was destroyed by fire Saturday. No insurance on the property.

CUBA.

Letter From Captain General De Rodas. Another Engagement—Insurgents Defeated.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

HAVANA, November 29.—A battalion of Matanzas volunteers have gone to Bolondecon, where they will remain a month, at the expiration of which they will be relieved by other volunteers. An engagement lately took place at San Jose, on the Puerto Principe and Nuevitas Railroad. The town was garrisoned by eighty Catalan volunteers. The insurgents were commanded by Benheta Quesada. The insurgents made an attack on the Spanish fort. Eighteen volunteers advanced to meet them and were captured. The insurgents numbered 1,500, but failed to capture the fort. The reported loss is thirty-four Cubans and several Catalans killed.

HAVANA, November 29.—Captain General De Rodas, in a letter to the Havana agent of the Associated Press, says, the Havana and American journals are speaking of a project of Spain, to send a fleet of war vessels to New York, and as such rumors might create ill-feeling and trouble, I hereby notify you that such a project does not, and never did exist. The report was probably caused by the fact that the Spanish frigate, Lealead, is going to Brooklyn to stop a leak, and the Victoria to clear her bottom.

One thousand soldiers arrived yesterday, by steamer, from Cadiz.

ROCHESTER.

And yet Another Railroad Muddle in Court.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

ROCHESTER, November 29.—The important action commenced by the Attorney General in behalf of the people against the Albany and Susquehanna Railroad Company and Joseph H. Ramsey, James Fisk, Jr., Jay Gould, and forty-two other persons as defendants, for the purpose of determining who were the rightful directors of said company in August last, was to-day moved for trial before Honorable E. Darwin Smith, referee, at the Monroe County Circuit Court in this city. The people were represented by Attorney General Champlain and his Deputy Hammond, and the defendants by numerous defendants being conflicting, they appeared by several different attorneys. Gould was unable to attend on account of severe illness, and Fisk because he was a necessary witness in a case on trial in the New York Tweed Court, refused a postponement, and trial commenced. The complaint and answers of the various defendants were then read and Court adjourned till to-morrow.

PHILADELPHIA.

General Synod of the Reformed Church—Fourth Day.

PHILADELPHIA, November 29.—In the General Synod of the Reformed Church to-day, the presence of Rev. Dr. Stork, Commissioner from the Lutheran General Synod, was announced. In the afternoon session much of the time was occupied in the consideration of the proper disposal of other items of the report of the Committee on Minutes of District Synods. The most important of the day's discussion was the case of a certain member who believed himself wronged by his District Synod, which was finally referred to a special committee. Rev. Dr. Stork addressed the Synod as a delegate from the Lutheran General Synod, in presenting the fraternal greetings of that body.

S. S. Cox delivered a lecture this evening at the Academy on Progress in Spain to a very large attendance.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Proceedings of the Legislature.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

COLUMBIA, Nov. 29.—A bill was introduced to-day to pay the principal and interest of the State bonds and stocks in coin.

A resolution was introduced by Mr. Elliott, colored, favoring the recognition of Cuba, and pledging the aid of this State to the General Government in case of war with Spain. The resolution was made the special order for Wednesday.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

—The Rickbie Block, in Topeka, Kansas, was burned last night. Loss about $25,000, partly insured.

—Thomas Kingsford, founder of the celebrated starch manufactory of Kingsford & Son, Oswego, died Sunday, aged 70 years.

—Judge S. S Nicholas, formerly Chancellor, and a prominent and wealthy citizen of Louisville, died on Saturday morning.

—The Bangor, Old Town and Milford Railroad Company have sold their road to the European and North American Company.

—Alexander McConnell, who was kicked in the abdomen a few days since by Lorenzo Murphy, died Sunday night. Murphy is under arrest in Albany.

—Joseph Williams was knocked down last night in St. Joseph, Mo., while going from the depot to a hotel, and robbed of $16,000. No clue to the robbers.

—Henry M. Dunn, who was bitten by a dog in August last, at Albany, N. Y., was taken with hydrophobia on Thursday, and after much suffering died Sunday.

—Joe Coburn challenges Tom Allen to fight him for ten thousand and not less than twenty-five hundred dollars, and pay Allen's travelling expenses to California.

—Paymaster W. G. Murry, of the Mare Island Navy Yard, it is estimated is a defaulter to the amount of $140,000. He turned his property over to the Government but it by no means covers his defalcation.

—Private advices state that the Columbus, Hillsboro and Maysville Railroad Company will be incorporated in a few days. A meeting will be held at the Burnett House, Cincinnati, on Wednesday, of persons there and abroad interested in the road.

Court of Common Pleas—Judges Sterrett and Stowe.

MONDAY, November 29.—The case of Patterson vs. Gillespie, previously reported, was resumed and submitted to the jury.

Allison vs. Gormley; action to recover for scrap tobacco sold and delivered. On trial.

Railroad Freight Rates.

As the result of the negotiations between the managers of the Central and Hudson River, the Erie and the Pennsylvania Central Railroad for an increase of the rates of different kinds of freights to all points West, it has been decided to advance the rates on first-class freight ten cents on the one hundred pounds, and on second-class five cents. It has also been determined to place certain kinds of goods—sugar, coffee, molasses, crockery and soda ash—which have heretofore been ranked as "special," among the fourth-class freight, as the transportation of these goods comes largely in competition with the Baltimore and Ohio Roads. The increase, if any, that shall be made on other kinds of "special" freight as well as on freight of the regular third and fourth classes, has not yet been fully agreed upon.

Notwithstanding the advance in the prices, the rates of transportation will be considerably less this winter than last. First class freight, for instance, will, under the advanced rates, be $1.50 per hundred pounds from New York to Chicago; whereas, last year, at this time, it was $2.05. This demand for an increase comes from the managers of the Central, Hudson River and the Erie Roads—the Pennsylvania Central taking no part in the negotiations further than to acquiesce in whatever arrangements may be agreed upon by the managers of the other roads, provided the rates are not fixed at a price below what it deems to be living rates.

As elegantly dressed lady recently presented herself to one of the police magistrates in Paris and politely denounced herself as the murderess of eleven children. Investigation fortunately proved that she was laboring under a fit of hallucination caused by the horrors of the Paris tragedy.

GENERAL NEWS.

THE Supreme Court at Washington is said to be two years behind in its business.

HORSE THIEVES hung by the neck are more plenty than milestones, along Texas roads.

IN Virginia, a will "written wholly by the testator," requires no subscribing witnesses.

THIEVES in New York now dress up as policemen, with excellent effect in facilitating business.

THE latest slander in Trenton is that twenty five times as much money is spent in bar rooms there as in supporting the public schools.

SOME of the Boston banks have concluded not to keep private boxes of bonds, &c, in their safes hereafter. Thieves break through and steal.

THE Episcopalians have preaching in a large hall in Salt Lake City, and a fine school with 100 scholars, some of them the children of Mormons.

CHICAGO has a mystery. In a neighboring town a mother was found dead, kneeling by the side of the bed in which lay her child, also dead.

ON the 1st of January, 1869, there were 540 miles of railroad in operation in Minnesota, distributed among different companies. During the year, 244 miles have been built, and now there are 794 in the State.

THE Coroner of San Francisco reports seventy-six cases of suicide, forty-four of drowning and thirty-five of homicide in that city since December 1, 1866. Only one of the murderers was sentenced to be hanged, and he committed suicide in his cell.

THE banks and insurance offices of Hartford, representing over $100,000,000 assets, have united in the employment of three trusty men to watch their vaults and offices during the night. Each bank and office is to be visited every ten or fifteen minutes.

HERE is the way live yankees settle in the West. A man recently arrived in a town in Minnesota, bought a lot, built a house, and set up house-keeping within the space of forty-eight hours, and had a son born within an hour before the first meal was eaten in the house.

THE largest hog in the country, it is said, is possessed by Mr. Robert Bevington, in Holmes county, Ohio. It is three years old, measures nine feet in length, four feet in height, six feet and four inches around the heart and weighs twelve hundred pounds. Mr. Bevington has refused $120 for it.

THE dangerous counterfeits of Five-twenty coupons continue to be received at the Treasury Department. It is as yet impossible to form any idea of the amount out, but it does not appear that any have been put in circulation in this country, as all those hitherto received come from Germany.

AN oil spring has been discovered in Wyoming Territory, about five miles north of Aspen Station, on the Union Pacific Railroad, and a well has been bored to the depth of 100 feet. Three small leaders of oil have already been struck, and the indications are very favorable for a rich vein.

THE Milwaukee *Wisconsin* gives a list of over seventy vessels driven ashore or lost in the last gale, and says that at least thirty other vessels were driven ashore at different points on the lakes, whose names had not been reached. Several lives were lost, and the lake marine never before suffered so severe a blow.

IN a steep rock, six miles south of Dubuque, Iowa, an eccentric Englishman has excavated a dwelling. It has three rooms with seats, couches, fire-places, ledges and all the conveniences carved in the living rock. The occupant spends his time in studying botany and etymology. His museum contains a rare collection.

PARTIES in New York, representing themselves to be authorized by the Government, are calling on the mercantile houses and examining receipt books and bills to see how many receipts they can find without the 1-cent revenue stamp canceled, for all amounts of $20 and over. The fine is supposed to be $50 for each neglect.

IN a letter written October 21, 1861, in response to a request for his autograph, Ex-President Buchanan said: "In all the various public positions which I have occupied, I have always endeavored to do my duty to my country, and upon a careful review of my conduct I am convinced it will ever long receive the approbation of my countrymen."

SEVERAL clergymen in Bucyrus, Ohio, who issued a recent manifesto against dancing, says in a subsequent card: "Our earnest protest, you will please bear in mind, is against 'promiscuous dancing,' i. e. the dancing of the sexes together, 'at any time or anywhere.' Men may dance together, if they wish; women may do the same, if so disposed. We do not protest against such dancing."

THE notorious leader of Trades Unions at Sheffield is coming to America, the authorities having refused to grant him a public house license since complicity in several "Union" outrages was proved against him. This man's name is Broadhead, which Mr. Charles Reade has translated "Grostalt" in his last story, the scene of which is laid in Sheffield or thereabout.

A LADY resident of San Francisco asks $20,000 damages from two citizens for divers grievous injuries received while witnessing a display of fireworks on the night of July 4th, in consequence, it is alleged, of the negligent and unskilful discharge of a rocket by the defendants. Her left eye was gouged out, her left cheek punctured, and her neck and feelings lacerated.

NO BRANCH of business in Boston shows more activity than the oyster trade. The price has been reduced to $1.50. The decline last year was to $1.00 per gallon. The wholesale trade is very active, and until the middle of May some forty-five oyster vessels will run between Boston and Virginia. Between three and four thousand bushels is the average amount of each cargo.

THEY manage matters in St. Petersburg rather more curiously than elsewhere. In a recent forgery trial, involving some millions of rubles, and requiring some two hundred witnesses, the testimony of a Senator was needed. He objected to going to the court when summoned. The result was that the "high" court had to proceed to his residence to take his testimony, which he graciously consented to give.

THE Feast of Dedication, which celebrates the preservation of the national existence and the liberation of Israel's race from oppression, commenced on Thursday of last week, and will continue for eight successive days. To the Jews this is a period of hilarity. Additional praise and thanksgiving are offered in the various churches, and family gatherings take place in honor of the occasion. The festival has been observed by these people for upwards of 2,000 years.

SOME time back the Brazilian Government offered a prize of $3,000 in gold for the best method of preserving meat for exportation, thirty-five competitors came forward in the shape of thirty-five tins from various parts of the world. These were