

THE DEMOCRAT

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Gold closed in New York, on Monday at 112 1/2.

Grand juries in Washington continue to find bills against important individuals for defrauding the Government.

Representative Alexander H. Stephens has written to a friend in Washington that under no circumstances will he be able to take his seat in the House of Representatives before next spring.

The Republican Senate will not permit a special committee to investigate the accounts of the Treasury at Washington.

An election officer cannot be voted for as a candidate and sit on the election board. The election law of 1874 provides that nobody can be an election officer.

The New England Farmer does not think highly of the bill introduced in Congress to secure patents for new varieties of fruits and vegetables.

"Things is working" East, South and West. McKee convicted; Babcock shaking in his shoes. The developments of the whisky frauds of New Orleans exceed those of all other cities.

AN OUTRAGE.

Another yawp is heard throughout the land because the journal clerk of the House of Representatives at Washington instantly dismissed himself from a position he has held for twenty-eight years.

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publican office-holders at Washington are raising a cry to hold their places under a Democratic Congress.

THE MONTROSE RAILWAY.

We gave our readers, last week, the message of James I. Blakeslee, President of the Montrose Railway, and we presume they have read it carefully.

The burden of his message is to the effect that the people of the borough of Montrose are the only delinquents, and are wholly in fault because the road is not completed, and out of debt and the whole right of way paid for from Tunkhannock to the plank road.

We have felt called upon at various times to give the company an inkling of public feeling upon this question, and have always held our columns open for any information or explanation the company might desire to give.

In July 1873 the Montrose Railway directors had a meeting at the Tarbell house at Montrose. Their transactions were a secret to the outside world except as divulged by their advocate and attorney, Wm. H. Jessup esq., at a public meeting at the Court House called for that purpose.

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pushed forward with vigor until it reached Jessup's side-hill when it again stopped and there it now remains.

This, in brief, is the condition of things as they now stand. The President says upon this point.

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The above statement will be a surprise to the people generally and still more so to those subscribers whose names cannot be found upon any such agreement.

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We tell them plainly, from a stand point where our information can be relied upon, that unless they complete the road at the opening of spring they must not be surprised to find their freight receipts less next year than this, whatever the condition of the "hay crop."

SING SING, N. Y., Feb. 5.—Edward S. Stokes was brought into court to-day on the writ of habeas corpus issued in his behalf and an argument heard as to the legality of his confinement.

ST. ETIENNE, February 6.—So far seventy corpses have been recovered from the Jabin Colliery. The earth is constantly falling in, and the search for the living and dead proceeds slowly and under circumstances of great danger.

The Anti-Catholic Policy.

Cardinal McQuibben was present at the quarterly meeting of the Catholic Union and some allusion having been made by those who addressed the meeting to President Grant's anti-Catholic policy, spoke as follows upon that topic:

The previous speaker has alluded to a prospect of the persecution of our faith in this country. If we are to have it in our turn, as other countries have, why, it will only be an honor and a glory; for it is a glory and an honor to suffer for the church.

Let us not be excited; let us not throw faggots upon the fire—the very thing they want us to do. Let us possess ourselves with patience; let us go on in the path as before, fearlessly, noiselessly, giving offense to no man, and rather pray for these, for many of them know not better, and we may say as our savior upon the cross, "Forgive them, O Lord, for they know not what they do."

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TELEGRAPHIC.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—A St. Louis special to the Herald says Babcock's trial will not begin until Tuesday. It is stated that General Grant will undoubtedly be called as a witness for the defense and will be a very important one; he will arrive some time this week, and will return to Washington at once, after giving his testimony.

The trial is the sensation of the hour and is attracting crowds of visitors to the city. Babcock, in conversation yesterday, reiterated his declaration of innocence and his confidence in acquittal; he says he has ten lawyers retained comprising the best legal talent in the country.

The Mining Disaster—108 Lives Lost. ST. ETIENNE, Belgium, February 5.—It has been ascertained that there were 216 men in the Jabin mine at the time of the explosion of fire-damp.

A Happy Thought. WASHINGTON, February 6.—An unusual amount of gossiping is indulged in here about the whisky ring prosecutions, and all sorts of stories are related.

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