

THE MILITARY TELEGRAPH LINE.

line, which we have always thought of, has become a public nuisance, not because the line is not just as good as it was a year ago, but because of the loose manner in which it is being managed. Whether the fault lies here at the Prescott office or with the operator at Whipple, Mr. Merrill, has the fault of the non-arrival of Press to the line being down between Yuma and Diego. This story we have doubted much in our own mind, and to satisfy us on this score, this morning we returned to the Military telegraph office at Prescott, and wrote out a message for Mr. Tyng, of the Sentinel, asking for information regarding the line being down on the California side of the Colorado.

Merrill read our dispatch to Mr. Tyng, and studied over its contents a moment, and told us that the line was down between Yuma and Diego, which we knew was the truth, as private parties are sending, daily, and receiving messages over the line. We then referred him to the Tucson papers containing late telegrams. Mr. Tyng then confirmed the bad state of the line between Maricopa Wells and Prescott. We then informed Mr. Tyng that we knew from a good reliable source that the line was in perfect working order from Maricopa Wells to Wickenburg, and that it was down at this point. This information startled us, and we left, feeling that we had been bilked, and were to be so victimized until the author of the report in rank, see that the evil is remedied by placing a competent operator at the station at Fort Whipple.

Nothing is called the Military line, and its management generally reflects on the military of this Department, which is very wrong, as it is run by a corps independent of the regular line of the Signal Service Bureau, and entirely independent from the regular line of the Government, as it does, should be under the immediate control of the military commander of the Department, and receive his direct supervision. If then, the employees are directed in their duties, as they are at present, with the exception of Mr. Storey, succeeded the present incumbent, the fault should be remedied. Not only should the general have command of the soldiers in the Department, but he should also have control of the Indians, the Military telegraph line and everything that serves in the way of Uncle Sam. We don't believe in a half-way of doing business. Let us change. We are satisfied that nothing can be done with the line, but it can be done with some one who is possessed of common sense.

Luck?—Some one remarked the other day at our hearing that "Bill A-h would get 1,000 bags of wheat this year" when another said "Bill A-h is always in luck. Is it luck? Every year, wet or dry, he comes in with his regular amount of wheat. He is farming third rate land, and situated in the driest part of the county. There is a sameness about his crop, and a sameness that denotes something more than luck. This season he averaged 23 bushels per acre—last season only 25. The coming third rate will not produce those big crops we read about, but he will get it each year all it will bring.—Sun.

Mr. POWELL is preparing for Congress a bill—national—but, it is claimed, accurate—upon the comparatively small amount of land in the Union now owned by the Government. In the humid, or arable belt, a line from the eastern point of Lake Superior to the Gulf, he says, the United States owns no land not taken up. In the arid division, 350 miles wide, to the Pacific, the United States owns a considerable amount of land, which may be cultivated by the farmer. West of that, in the immense tract extending from the Rocky Mountains to Eastern California, only two per cent of the land can be cultivated, and of such has been pre-empted.

Aggregate assessment for 1878 in all counties of Illinois, as received at the State office at Springfield, is \$892,342, about \$66,000,000 less than last year. The increase is nearly equal to 7 1/2 per cent on former valuation. In Cook county the assessment is about six per cent, below last year.

Nineteen failures occurred in New York during August; liabilities aggregated \$2,500,000.

Ned Marshall on the Chronicle.
E. C. Marshall, of Kentucky, formerly a M. C. from California, and as sarcastic a speaker as ever appeared in that State, has recently returned to San Francisco, after several years absence in the East, and entered upon the practice of the law.

As evidence that he has lost none of the snap and vim of his youth we copy the following remarks made by him in an argument before the Mint Investigating Commission having reference to the San Francisco Chronicle.

"A newspaper in the system of modern life is the glory of the age; it is the light of the people; it is the pith of Liberty. Gathering information with a great labor and vast expense, it is the very mirror and picture of the times; furnishes in its imperishable record a reliable antitype of an existing history. But the newspaper that devotes itself to the propagation of every slander that will serve its political purposes or that will augment its circulation; that deliberately panders to every vicious and purient taste in the public mind, forfeits its safe conduct and its protection from human law and human opinion, and will sink despised by the very masses whose malice it degrades itself to flatter and to feed, into the mere mass of lamp-black, rags and lies that it is."

TELEGRAPH STILL OUT OF ORDER.—This is a question which we always approach with a feeling akin to that which attaches to the superstitious wight who finds himself in a neglected graveyard, where ghosts stalk abroad at night. There is a mustiness and a gloom surrounding it that speak of something that was and is not, the body is here but the spirit has departed. Old probabilities, old mortality, or whatever old fraud has the direction of the expenditure of the people's money, that is appropriated for building and maintaining a military telegraph in Arizona, and who allows the old line to the Headquarters of Department to go into decay, thus depriving not only the army, but the people who pay for it, of all benefits that it is intended to confer, ought to be banished for ten years to some lonely island where the tick of a telegraph was never heard nor never will be. To our inquiries to-day, as in the past the answer comes "The line is down."

ANOTHER RICHMOND IN THE FIELD.—A recognition of the loyalty of the native population to the Democratic party would be a graceful act on the part of the latter in the coming election of the United States Senator. They have done us yeoman service in the past contest in Los Angeles county and in the adjoining districts, comprising Santa Barbara and San Louis Obispo, and in both instances our success has been in a great measure due to them. Never as yet has their loyal adhesion met with any adequate reward, and never before have we had so favorable an opportunity. Amongst those prominently mentioned for Senator, there is none who for commanding ability, high personal honor or distinguished record can compare with Ygnacio Sepulveda. Sitting as he does in a high place with honor and credit to himself and his constituents; linked as he is with the history and traditions of California by family ties, no more representative man could be selected as our Senator for the coming term.—[Anaheim Review.]

A TEXAS HORROR.—Last evening one of the most horrible reports that has yet been circulated on our streets became current, but it was of such a terrible nature that people talked about it in low voices and with a feeling of dread. A deep well or cistern had been found about fifteen miles from the city, to which attention had been called by a sickening stench arising from it, and an investigation disclosed the fact that the cistern was half full of the bodies of men, women and children; the mangled bodies having been thrown in all positions and conditions. Some had their throats cut; others were stabbed through the heart; others again had their brains blown out. In a house near by was found secreted about \$15,000 in money and a large lot of jewelry and other valuables, and an old hag of a woman, who when arrested, jeered at her captors and declared the money found was only a little pocket change belonging to "her boys."—[San Antonio (Texas) Express.]

Thieves broke into the room of William Cullen Bryant last week, and in love of garmenture got away with the poet's clothes, and if he could have held communion with their visible forms for about five minutes, he would have spoken a varied language to them. But they wrapped the drapery of his things around them and went off with the innumerable caravan that keeps itself shadowy in the day time.—[Hawkeye.]

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