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General News.

New York, May 4.—A fire at No. 67, Pearl street, last evening, burned the premises of...

The Cuban insurgent Government has reported from Washington that they have negotiations in progress for the purchase of the...

A detective who had charge of the house of kind, on State street, Brooklyn, one of the parties charged with robbing Wheeler's watch case manufactory, accidentally discovered some wood work, on Friday, and displayed three nuggets of gold, some watch cases and two seal rings. The whole property being worth \$5,000. Kind, when discovered, confessed the crime.

Rochester, N. Y., May 2.—This evening a fire was discovered in the tower of the First Presbyterian Church. The tower was destroyed and the interior of the church badly damaged before the flames were suppressed. The adjoining chapel was damaged by the falling of the tower. The church was in process of demolition and the organ had been removed. The fire was the work of an incendiary.

Scranton, Pa., May 2.—The miners' associations notified the coal operators of this country, yesterday, that no more coal would be sent or loaded after the 5th.

On Friday night, the safe of Schoonmaker & Son, was blown open and robbed of seven thousand dollars and government and railroad bonds to the amount of \$3,000 in currency.

New Haven, May 2.—The printers of the city are on a strike. They demand forty and forty-five cents per thousand. The employers refuse to pay the scale.

Havana, May 2.—The sugar market of the past week did a large business; prices steady and closed buoyant at \$8.95 for No. 10 to 12, 9.11 for No. 15 to 20.

The debate in the Cortes on the new Constitution, is ended. All amendments proposed were rejected.

The Cortes voted amnesty to all participants in the insurrection of Cadix, Malaga and Xeres. The motion of Castellave, to extend the amnesty to Carlists implicated in the insurrectionary movements, failed.

A serious disturbance is apprehended at Saragossa. It is reported that there are discontented and in a state of political insubordination.

London, May 2.—Advices from Paraguay, an source, represent Lopez with ten thousand men, preparing to take the offensive.

Steamer Nick Wall sunk. Omaha, May 2.—The steamer Nick Wall, from St. Louis for Ft. Benton, was snagged below Brownsville, and sunk. The cargo will be lost.

South Pacific R. R. St. Louis, May 2.—Francis B. Hays and Chas. J. Morrill, of Boston, Directors of the South Pacific railroad, are here, accompanied by Andrew Pierce, Managing Director, and will leave to-morrow for west-west Missouri, on a tour of inspection of the work already done and arrange for placing more road under contract. The iron and rolling stock for the road is arriving and the work of construction is being vigorously pushed.

English matters.—Reconstruction. It is ascertained that the instructions of the Government to Minister Motley don't suggest any mode of adjusting the pending questions between the United States and England, nor do they require him, at present, to oppose the reopening of negotiations for the settlement of the Alabama, and other claims. The Government will act with the deliberation due the important subject, and carefully avoid any cause of offence while firmly presenting the American side of the question to the British Government, when occasion requires. No one connected with the Administration, including the President, nor does the British Minister, apprehend any injurious consequences from the rejection by the Senate of the treaty, and it is stated no authority of gentlemen who were fearful of serious difficulties, has made special and private inquiry in official circles, and thus satisfied themselves of the truth of this statement.

Information is received here that prominent gentlemen of Richmond, in conversation with Gen. Canby, have received the impression that the vote on the Constitution will not take place on the fourth Thursday of May, but probably between the 1st and 10th of July, so as not to interfere with the harvest. The Gen. also desires a thorough registration and is anxious that citizens of all parties shall interest themselves in securing a full and fair vote. The probability is that the President will be governed by Canby's suggestions.

An Unhappy Colony. New York, May 2.—A Lima letter says the colony of Americans in Peru are anxiously waiting to hear the decision of Secretary Fish in the matter of their claims for damages received from Batta's troops during the revolution.

The yellow fever is raging fiercely in the cities on the southern coast, where, on an average, fifty persons die every day, though a greater portion of the population has fled to healthier regions, and the bodies are thrown without coffins or shrouds into the trenches.

Sumner on Alabama Claims. New York, May 3.—The storm yesterday was the severest in many years. The rain fell in torrents. The gale was quite damaging to street awnings, &c. Hoboken flats are completely inundated. Many occupants of buildings had to be removed in small boats.

A correspondent has had an interview with Senator Sumner on the Alabama claims and the opinions of the British press. Sumner thinks the assertions of the British press should be received with much caution, for the reason that England never likes to see the truth, particularly when in the wrong. He did not express any surprise at the irritation and even alarm which now exists in that country, as the British people have seen the unanimity with which the Senate supported his views and rejected the Johnston-Stanley treaty, to which state of facts they will soon have added, despite the shifts of the London Times, the disagreeable alternative that President Grant coincides completely with his views. Sumner thinks the difficulty will not lead to war, as he appears fully convinced England will pay the amount of the bill in preference to fighting. Hoping for an amicable arrangement, the Senator declares there shall be no yielding on the part of the American people, after Motley has made known their wishes to the English Cabinet.

Small-pox at Sea.—Cuban Expedition. New York, May 4.—The passenger steamer Alaska states the small-pox broke out on the trip from Aspinwall. There were seven deaths in two days. The bodies were thrown overboard.

The Danish Minister, Debel, married to-day a daughter of Chancellor Scharbky, of Jersey City.

The Express says there is information that a steamer left this port last night for Cuba, with 300 men, each provided with a rifle and uniform. The vessel also took a large quantity of light clothing, and provisions for a month or two. The Express adds another expedition is preparing.

Methodist Church South—St. Louis Grain Trade Movement.

St. Louis, May 3.—The Convention of Bishops of the Methodist Church South, will be held here this week. About 100 ministers will be present. The proceedings of the Convention will be private, but there will be various public exercises and addresses to the Y. M. C. A. and Convention, and a celebration of the anniversary of the Board of Missions will take place during the week.

A tow boat arrived last night with 3,000 tons of grain from the Upper Mississippi. 30,000 bushels of wheat is for shipment to New Orleans. The St. Louis Grain Association is making up a cargo of 40,000 bushels.

Cincinnati. Cincinnati, May 3.—Heavy frost in this vicinity this morning. The fruit escaped unharmed.

Yesterday Chris Halton, government detective, and Fred Miller, constable, were indicted for counterfeiting a metallic plate to be used in printing revenue stamps. They gave bail.

Gotham. New York, May 3.—The charge of fraud against a number of so-called spirit photographers was dismissed to-day. A member of the "phantom" club, stating involuntarily he had been taking spirit photographs, which he could not explain, the Justice decided the prosecution had failed to establish the case.

Two men jumped into the money wagon of the American Express, at the corner of Broadway and Pearl streets, to-day, and knocked down the messenger, but were arrested before they could drive off the team.

Washington Items. Washington, May 3.—The President has appointed Giles Boverton of Pennsylvania, receiver of public moneys for the Utah Land District, and Capt. Daniel Ammon for Chief of the Bureau of Yards and Docks in the Navy Yard.

Dispatches received from Admiral Craven, dated Mare Island, March 31, giving account of the operations in Alaska, and the destruction of Indian villages by Commodore Meade. He considers the security of the Bay rendered the best rendezvous possible for the whaling fleet. It is superior to Sitka and a better harbor for a military post than Kootzai.

Harkey W. Perry is appointed superintendent of Internal Revenue for North and South Carolina, vice Bonnet, and J. Conkling for the district of Mississippi, Louisiana and Arkansas, vice Cady.

Washington, May 3.—Baron Gerolt, being about to return to Prussia, took an informal leave of the Secretary of State, to-day. He has been continuously representing Prussia here, for twenty-two years.

General Banks reiterates the denial of the statement that the Committee on Foreign Relations intend to visit San Domingo, officially. No authority having been granted, consequently no money can be drawn from the contingent fund for that purpose.

The lawful money reserve of the national banks of New York, April 17th, was nearly \$100,000,000. This exceeds the amount required by law to be kept in reserve, seven millions.

The Government will not reply to General Rosecrans' dispatches on Mexican affairs. There is official authority for the statements that these don't include the purchase of Sonora or any other territory from Mexico. Whatever the Administration may have to say, will be through Minister Nelson, who it is expected, will reach Mexico before June.

Young America—Liquor Law Excitement in Boston. Boston, May 4.—Frank F. Canby, aged fifteen, a son of highly respected parents, of North Andover, shot himself dead yesterday morning. His father had required him to apologize to his school teacher for truancy, which he refused to do.

The old liquor license law expired on Saturday. The officers of the State constabulary went around and informed all liquor dealers they must close their places forthwith. Some of them complied with the order, however, and the bar rooms are open to-day as usual. The prosecution will probably be commenced early to-day, and the result will be that all public drinking saloons will be closed, and the club rooms of a few years since be revived.

Thomas Norton, who carried on a small drinking place at Highland, was so excited when informed that he must cease business, that he went crazy and hung himself.

The liquor dealers and hotel proprietors to the number of 500 or 600, held a meeting at the Parker House to consider what action to take in reference to the enforcement of the prohibitory law. The question was freely discussed and very uncompromising allusions were made to the Legislature. It was decided not to resist the law as a body, but as individuals. It is likely that nearly every dealer will evade the law or attempt it. A resolution passed in favor of the formation of a new political party at once. Its purpose will be to secure more liberal legislation on liquor and other questions. A committee was appointed to take preliminary steps in the matter.

Items. New York, May 3.—The Prospect Park Association of Brooklyn will hold a race meeting under the stewardship of the American Jockey Club, to follow the meeting at Jerome Park.

The great trot between American Girl and Lady Thorne is postponed on account of the bad track.

St. Petersburg, May 3.—The recall of Baron Stockel, Russian Minister at Washington, is officially announced.

Chicago, May 3.—The Times' special says Grant declines to remove Ashley, Governor of Montana.

Notable Deaths. Chicago, May 3.—John J. Haywood, an old and wealthy citizen, and one of the largest landholders in Illinois, died at his residence in Hillsboro, to-day.

Boston, May 3.—James Haneswell, a leading merchant of this city, and identified with the Sandwich Islands and California trade for over half a century, died yesterday at the age of 70.

Items. London, May 4.—In the House of Commons Sir John Hay required what action the Government had taken in regard to the seizure of the brig Mary Lowell by the Spanish Secretary of Foreign Affairs. He replied it was inadvisable to make known the nature of the communications which had been exchanged with the Government of Spain on the subject.

Albany, May 4.—A bill passed the Assembly in regard to the Central, Harlem, Hudson and Erie roads, which authorizes the classification of Erie Directors so that only fifty shall go out each year.

The resolutions to submit the proposition to enlarge the canal, to the next Legislature, was lost.

Along the Potomac. Washington, May 4.—E. J. Curtis is appointed Secretary of Idaho, vice J. R. Hewitt resigned Superintendent.

Mrs. Grant's reception to-day, probably the last of the season, was largely attended. Gen. Geo. H. Thomas leaves for California on Thursday, with Col. Willard and other members of his staff.

Richmond, May 4.—Pilkington's tobacco factory was burned to-day, loss \$50,000. Joseph Holmes, a colored member of the late Constitutional Convention, was killed at Charlotte Court House, yesterday in a personal difficulty with Jno. Marshall, son of Judge Marshall, in whose family Holmes formerly was a body servant.

Alexandria, Va., May 5.—General Lee arrived to-day, on a route for home. A large number of citizens called on him.

Riot in Tennessee.

Memphis, May 3.—There were 17 deaths during the past week.

The Appeal bears a riot occurred at Brownsville, Tenn., last night, in which one white man and two negroes were killed. Another white man named Tom Grant, was fatally wounded, several negroes were also wounded. The affair grew out of threatening to kill a white man named Sherman, who approached a negro in a crowd and asked him out, when another negro took up the quarrel, which soon became a general melee. At eleven o'clock last night fighting was still going on. Further particulars are anxiously looked for.

Washington Affairs.

Washington, May 5.—Advices by way of Florida indicate the same arrival within the patriot lines of a vessel from New York loaded with arms, etc., supposed to be the Grays Shot.

It is stated Motley's written instructions are being prepared at the State Department, although he will be allowed a large discretion in matters that may come before him. His instructions relative to the Alabama claims are known to be based on Senator Semmer's speech, which seems to have been made our ultimatum. Motley is directed to be in no hurry, but await a favorable opportunity for opening negotiations on the subject.

The Government has given Minister Rosecrans' messenger, Dr. Brink, no encouragement whatsoever.

It has been ascertained from authoritative sources that the Justice government does not countenance the proposition relative to the sale of Mexican territory.

The Cuban Expedition—Non-interference of the Government.

New York, May 5th.—It appears the expedition which left for Cuba on Monday, was longer than at first stated. The World says the steamship Arago was the vessel which sailed, having nearly a thousand men on board. Everything was done openly. The volunteers went on board the steamship with muskets over their shoulders, after having partaken of dinner at a public hotel. There was an attempt made by the United States authorities to put a stop to the expedition, although the Administration must have been aware of it, as a telegram from Secretary Fish to board telegraphed to Secretary Fish to have the vessel stopped. The United States authorities here excuse themselves on the ground that as President Grant has yet issued no neutrality proclamation, they were not supposed to take any action.

Sixty thousand rounds of ammunition, several pieces of light artillery and a large quantity of small arms, one thousand brooch loaders, uniforms, and a small quantity of marine stores were on board. They have good reason for their fear, for if Lopez fails he cannot make his useful, or from any reason should suspect him as he has suspected everybody else, he will shoot him with as little compunction as he has threatened and shot his brothers and sisters and cabinet ministers.

Fears for Minister McMahon.

New York, May 5.—A long letter appears from Minister Washburne and Mr. Webb, reaffirming former statements relative to the treachery and murderous ferocity of Lopez in Paraguay. Washburne says: "Since the great battle that took place soon after McMahon entered the camp of Lopez, nothing has been heard of McMahon. Three months past dates from Bamos Ayers said word from him had been received by his friends, but they feared he too had lately been deprived of liberty. They have good reason for their fear, for if Lopez fails he cannot make his useful, or from any reason should suspect him as he has suspected everybody else, he will shoot him with as little compunction as he has threatened and shot his brothers and sisters and cabinet ministers."

FIRE FLAKES.

Ignorance—raw happiness. Lame conclusion—a sore foot. Fancy—the flirtation of truth. Dexter is to be done in bronze. Georgia has 16,000 Masons. John Brougham is going to California.

Charles Lever has two new novels out. Massachusetts has 700 colored Free Masons. Gen. H. W. Halleck threatens to resign. Mayor Hall, of New York, owns a \$600 dog.

Over 500,000 men are employed on the railways in the United States. The rivers of Maine are free from ice a week earlier this year than last. The Mayor of Portland, Maine, asks reduction of his salary. Astonishing. Dallas county, Wis., has taken a new name—Barron.

Gold has been discovered in Wirt county, West Virginia. A large immigration to America, from Sweden, is announced. There are 700 Masonic lodges in the vast wilderness of Illinois. Cambric suits, striped, are announced for spring fashions.

What do travelers visit Egypt for? To peer amid the pyramids. The Ohio Female College was sold at Sheriff's sale on the 23d ult. Maine has fourteen convicts waiting the convenience of the hangman. England came out fifteen million dollars behind, last year.

And now Frank Blair proposes to cast his lot with the much suffering South. The Boston Transcript prints a list of the rich "men" of Brookline. Mrs. N. J. Bowditch heads it.

A Philadelphia reporter correctly predicted a storm by "the cereal barometer in his left boot."

The old-fashioned gold handkerchief rings and chains are in vogue once more. Minnesota is described by Prof. Maury as the "best watered State in the Union."

A patient statistician reports there are 20,640 stitches in a well made shirt with a stitched collar.

The Clerk of the Massachusetts House says the statute book is made of public acts and private axes.

Franklin Pierce's Cabinet is the only one in our history which remained unchanged throughout its existence.

Mrs. Kelly, of Black Brook, Vt., has had nineteen children in twenty-one years.

Gentlemen's fashionable spring pants are to have a stripe or cord down the leg.

Don Carlos has contracted for 14,000 Belgian rifles, which look like a fresh row in Spain.

President Grant will occupy Lester Wallace's cottage at Long Branch, next summer.

A lady who writes in the Independent says that the Judges of the Supreme Court are chiefly remarkable for their grave faces and immense stomachs.

A Chicago paper speaks of the narrow escape of two negroes from roasting to death in the jail fire, as a case of "smoked Ham."

There were 25,000 deaths in New York City last year, seventy-six per cent. of which were in tenement rooms.

When a public clerk is removed from his position in Washington, he is now said to be "retrenched."

During the last year, 4,400 new books were published in England, and 2,169 in the United States.

In nearly every European lunatic asylum, there is said to be a lunatic who imagines himself Abraham Lincoln.

A photograph of the first colored voter in Minnesota has been taken, framed and presented to the State Historical Society.

A hermit who has lived near Davenport, Iowa, in seclusion for about thirty years, died lately, aged seventy-five years.

"Just before the battle, Mother," one of our war songs, long since dead, is now meeting with great success at the London Minstrel Halls.

The first newspaper printed in America was issued in Boston, April 4, 1704. Only one complete copy of it is preserved.

The London Telegraph says that the new English court dress is a copy of the favorite costume worn by George Washington.

The question of the proper "court costume" for the American Minister at London is settled, "Motley's the only wear."

Mr. Higgins, the British astronomer, has demonstrated by experiment, that heat from the principal fixed stars reaches the earth.

General Spinner, the Treasurer of the United States, is said to handle more money annually than the banks of England and France combined.

The highest permanent human habitation on the surface of the globe, is the Buddhist monastery of Hanle, in Tibet, at a height of 13,117 feet above the sea.

General Robert Anderson, of Fort Sumpter fame, is peculiarly distressed, having to sell his library. He will remove to Europe, as his half pay will not support his family in America.

The Independence Belge is the most profitable paper on the European Continent. Its principal stockholder is a young girl of seventeen years, who, besides owning in her own right an estate worth over 1,000,000 francs.

Ambergris is found in despicuous whales or those who have the liver complaint. A New Bedford whaler recently captured a whale containing 286 pounds of ambergris, worth \$97 a pound.

An ingenious Frenchman in Philadelphia skins frogs by drawing all their interior parts through the mouth, and then stuffs and mounts them in a variety of curious attitudes—as billiardists, velocipedists, dentists, &c.

A Southern paper says a box of cigars has been made for General Grant which "light up of their own accord with indignation whenever the Tenure-of-Office Law is mentioned."

The wickedest woman in Missouri resides at Linneus. She drinks whisky, swears, breaks windows, and threatens to cut the throat of her husband, besides screaming murder at night in the streets.

A Mississippi editor and Justice of the Peace married a couple in 1858, divorced them in 1860, married the man to another woman in 1861, ditto the woman to another man in 1862, and last week remarried the original couple.

A veteran toper has been reading a series of articles on liquor adulteration in New York—the analysis of the liquors showing an average of about sixty-five parts of water to thirty-five of spirits. "They don't give the spirits a fair chance," said the aged bacchanal; "they'll keep on fooling with water till it depopulates the earth again."

The Governor of Colorado.

Hon. Edward M. McCook, of Ohio, nominated for the gubernatorial chair of Colorado Territory, belongs in Ohio, and served with distinction in the army during the late war, rising to the rank of brigadier general. For a year or two he has represented the United States at the Sandwich Islands, but returned to this country several months ago. Gen. McCook is the third Ohioan who has been nominated as governor of a Territory.—Washington Chronicle.

Ed. McCook, our newly announced Governor, was a Colorado pioneer in 1859. He lived at Mountain City, and practiced law in addition to the care of various mining interests. In the fall of that year he was elected as a lobby delegate to the Kansas Legislature, to advocate and represent the interests of this region, then known as Arapahoe county, Kansas. When the war began he went into the army and won distinction and rank finishing his military career, if we remember rightly, as Brigadier General. Subsequently he was appointed U. S. Commissioner, resident at Honolulu, Sandwich Islands, from which place he returned last fall and resigned. He belongs to the family of "Fighting McCooks of Ohio," an appellation they won during the war. He has claimed his residence in Colorado since he first came here in the spring of 1859, and has been credited to Colorado in all his commissions and Federal appointments.—Denver News.

There is a healthy lot of boys in the Western Union Telegraph Company's Office at Salt Lake. Brown weighs 172, Wild, formerly of Virginia, 160; Lewis, 138; Pratt, 140; Clowes, 144, and our old Helenian, S. A. Willey, does the old Helenian business on 188. You ought to see the lightnings around lively down there, you jovial Joves.

A miner writing back from White Pine, says: "There have been several sales made since my arrival here. I have handed one ledge for \$10,000 and hope to sell before the crash. Speaking of the crash I mean that this camp is over done, and by the time all the rush gets in from Idaho, California, Montana, Virginia City, and other places, we will see a second Frazier river."

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