

BY TELEGRAPH.

CAPITAL NEWS.

FRED. DOUGLASS.

The Petition Praying for His Removal Mysteriously Missing.

[Special to N. O. Democrat.] WASHINGTON, May 30.—It is said that some one has taken away petitions numerous signed, asking for the removal of Fred. Douglass, United States Marshal, and has failed to return them. Consequently they will probably never be presented to the President, as was the original design.

The Custom-House Investigation. The investigating committee to examine into New Orleans Custom-House affairs has been ordered to leave at once. Special Treasury Agent Barney will be the chairman of the committee. The Collector of the Port, King, will select two additional members.

A Colored Applicant for the Haytian Mission. Alfred C. Anderson, a colored man, of Hamilton, Ohio, has filed an application for the position of United States Minister to Hayti. He is endorsed by most of the prominent colored men of the country.

The Debt Statement. It is stated that the debt statement will show \$5,000,000 decrease.

The Kemper County Massacre. A special house says: The British government has asked information regarding the death of McClelland, in Kemper county, Miss. McClelland is claimed as a British subject. Secretary Everts has promised due inquiry.

DECORATION DAY.

IN NEW YORK.

The Largest and Most Elaborate Celebration Ever Held in that City. [Special to N. O. Democrat.]

NEW YORK, May 30.—The observance of Decoration Day in this city to-day was more general and on a larger and more elaborate scale than has heretofore characterized this anniversary. The weather was delightful and the streets crowded with sight-seers. All the public buildings, banks, insurance companies, etc., were closed, and business almost entirely suspended. The national colors were displayed at half mast from hundreds of private residences and from all newspaper offices and hotels. The shipping of all nations in the harbor displayed the insignia of mourning from their masts.

The procession in honor of the event was large, and the floral features were especially noticeable. The different military organizations of the city generally participated and made an imposing appearance. The celebration throughout was very impressive. At Brooklyn, also, there was a general observance of the day. Memorial services were held at both the Brooklyn and New York Academies of Music to-night.

IN WASHINGTON.

A Grand Turnout and General Celebration. [Special to N. O. Democrat.]

WASHINGTON, May 30.—To-day was a general holiday in the District. All the Executive Departments, the District offices and public schools were closed. Decoration services were held at all the cemeteries in the neighborhood, where the Union soldiers who were killed in the late war were buried. Many persons went to Charles county, Md., Richmond, Harper's Ferry, Gettysburg and other places, to decorate Union graves. The decoration of the graves of the Confederate dead who were buried in this vicinity will take place on June 7. Dispatches from Philadelphia, Boston and other cities report that the day was appropriately observed.

THE PRESBYTERIAN GENERAL ASSEMBLY. [Special to N. O. Democrat.]

After Deciding Several Matters It Adjourns sine die. [Special to N. O. Democrat.]

CHICAGO, May 30.—At the last day's session of the Presbyterian General Assembly the first business was the final report of the committee on church polity, which declares that closing any session without prayer is inharmonious with the forms of church government.

A resolution was tabled for a committee of eleven to investigate and report to the next General Assembly on the Skinner-West-McCune case.

A long protest, in behalf of S. Kenner and West, against the action of the assembly in refusing to entertain an appeal from the Presbytery of Cincinnati, was read, but will be withheld from publication. The committee on Dr. R. J. Wilder's resolutions, demanding an investigation of the Board of Foreign Missions, and making some serious charges against its members, reported that, in the absence of records and secretaries, the whole matter should be referred to the board, and that Wilder be ordered to appear before the board and substantiate his charges.

The usual business of ordering the payment of bills and the publication of the minutes, thanks, etc., was transacted, and after roll call the General Assembly adjourned sine die.

A San Francisco Stock Canard. [Special to N. O. Democrat.]

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., May 30.—In confirmation of the theory broached among the directors of the Pacific Mail, that the loss of the City of San Francisco is a stock-jobbing canard, the fact is noted that the wife of Capt. Waddell, residing here, has received no communication from him.

The Insane Asylum Convention. [Special to N. O. Democrat.]

ST. LOUIS, May 30.—The evening session of the convention of the superintendents of insane asylums was consumed in reading reports on the condition of asylums in various States, all of which are favorable.

Pacific Mail Steamship Company. [Special to N. O. Democrat.]

NEW YORK, May 30.—The election for directors of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company took place to-day, and the following gentlemen were elected, viz: Wm. F. Clyde, An-

drow Boardman, Chas. H. Mount, Henry Hart, Edward A. Quintard, Chas. G. Frooklyn, Samuel C. Thompson, Geo. A. Hoyt and Thos. J. Owen.

THE SOUTH CAROLINA LEGISLATURE.

Seventeen Members of the Mackey House Counted Out. [Special to N. O. Democrat.]

NEW YORK, May 30.—A Charleston, S. C., special says that the House last night, by a vote of 66 to 29, refused to admit the entire Charleston delegation of seventeen members, fifteen colored and two whites, including Mackey, Speaker of the Chamberlain House. The resignation of Senator Whitmore, who left here on an indefinite leave of absence a week ago, has been received and accepted.

FOREIGN NEWS.

THE CIRCASSIAN INSURRECTION.

It May Compel the Russians to Retreat. [Special to N. O. Democrat.]

MANCHESTER, May 30.—A special from Vienna to the *Guardian* says that the message from St. Petersburg, denying that the Circassian insurrection has any influence on the campaign, should not be accepted as representing the real situation. When the Circassian chief, Schamyl, in 1854, with 10,000 Tschetchens, descended into the Koor Valley the Russians were compelled to evacuate Bayazid and all their positions, and retire to Tiflis; and they abandoned the expedition against Afghanistan. The present rebellion at least blocks their sole communication between Wladikavkaz and Tiflis.

The Porte Levying Christian Troops. [Special to N. O. Democrat.]

LONDON, May 30.—A London dispatch from Constantinople states that the Porte has made levies upon Christians for two hundred thousand troops.

A New Austrian Minister of War. [Special to N. O. Democrat.]

LONDON, May 30.—A special from Vienna to the *Daily Telegraph* says that it is rumored here that the present Austrian Minister of War is about to be replaced by A. Malinary, Governor of Croatia, and a leading member of the Sclava military party, that advocates the annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina to Austria.

Reinforcements for Alsace-Lorraine. [Special to N. O. Democrat.]

BERLIN, May 30.—An order was issued to-day designating three battalions of infantry and four batteries of artillery to reinforce Metz and Strasbourg, while a battalion of rifles will be stationed at Severn.

Russian War Contribution. [Special to N. O. Democrat.]

VIENNA, May 30.—Over five million rubles have been raised in Russia for war purposes by voluntary contributions.

Rains in the Caucasus. [Special to N. O. Democrat.]

ST. PETERSBURG, May 30.—Heavy rains, both on the Danube and in the Caucasus, delay the Russian operations.

A Few Cavalry Engagements. [Special to N. O. Democrat.]

LONDON, May 30.—Advices from Tiflis to the 29th inst. mention only reconnaissance and unimportant cavalry encounters.

Peace Rumors. [Special to N. O. Democrat.]

LONDON, May 30.—The *Times* and *Daily News* Bucharest correspondents both reiterate the statement that peace rumors are again in circulation.

The Reported Capture of Ardahan. [Special to N. O. Democrat.]

CONSTANTINOPLE, May 30.—No confirmation has been received here of the reported capture of Ardahan.

Another Railroad Accident. [Special to N. O. Democrat.]

VIENNA, May 30.—Another railroad accident occurred near Ploesti to-day. Several persons were killed and injured.

The Portion of Armenia Now Occupied by the Russians. [Special to N. O. Democrat.]

LONDON, May 30.—The country now dominated by the Russians in Armenia is about 3000 square miles.

The Egyptian Contingent. [Special to N. O. Democrat.]

LONDON, May 30.—The Alexandria Egyptian contingent for Turkey has not gone yet. The reasons of this detention are unknown.

A Personal Arrangement Possible. [Special to N. O. Democrat.]

LONDON, May 30.—The *Telegraph's* dispatch from Bucharest says: Rumors are current here in political and diplomatic circles respecting the possibility of an arrangement through the mediation of Germany. The fact that Prince Gortschakoff will accompany the Czar is asserted to be a pacific symptom. The impression gains daily that Russia more than ever desires a speedy solution of the present complications.

The Treasures of Sahometan-vm. [Special to N. O. Democrat.]

LONDON, May 30.—The Scheriff of Mecca has placed the treasures of the holy shrine (the accumulated money gifts from pilgrims) at the Sultan's disposal. The treasures aggregate 200,000,000 piastres.

Corabia Shelled. [Special to N. O. Democrat.]

LONDON, May 30.—The *Daily News* Vienna dispatch says: Corabia was shelled for eight hours on Monday. Nine sailing ships were destroyed, and also a steamer of the Austrian Danube Navigation Company.

The Turks Retire from Nikopolis. [Special to N. O. Democrat.]

LONDON, May 30.—The *Times* Bucharest dispatches contain the following: The Turkish camps at Nikopolis have been removed behind the hills. This is believed to be a prelude to the bombardment of Turnumagureli.

GRANT'S MARCH.

THE MANNER IN WHICH HE IS RECEIVED IN ENGLAND.

The Innumerable Dinners, Suppers, Concerts and Races He is to Visit. [Special to N. O. Democrat.]

LONDON, May 30.—It is stated here that Gen. Grant has promised the Mayor of Liverpool to return to that town, probably on the 28th of June, to accept a banquet proffered in his honor.

The General and party will arrive at the London Road station at Manchester to-day, where he will be received by the Mayor and other members of the corporation, and after visiting several places of interest, will proceed to the Town Hall, where addresses will be presented by the City Council.

Gen. and Mrs. Grant will remain as guests of the Mayor at the Mayoral apartments in the Town Hall, this evening, and proceed to London to-morrow at noon by special train.

He and his wife will dine with the Duke of Wellington on June 2d. A reception will be given to him at United States Minister Pierpont's residence on the 5th of June, and a dinner and reception at Lord Houghton's on the 7th.

He will attend the Ascot races on the 12th. On the 16th he will dine at Kensington Palace with the Princess Louise and the Marquis of Lorne. On the 21st at Minister Pierpont's with the Prince of Wales, and on the 26th at Pierpont's with the Duke of Cambridge.

Several other invitations to dinner by distinguished persons have not been accepted on account of previous engagements. The following invitations have been accepted, but the time not fixed: to dine with Earl Derby, to dine with the Queen and attend the Queen's concert and ball at Buckingham Palace, and to dine with the Lord Mayor at Guildhall.

The Prince of Wales has arranged to receive Gen. Grant at Marlborough House immediately after his arrival. It is understood that the Prince will also give a dinner in his honor, but no day has been fixed.

Thiers to Lead the French Republicans. [Special to N. O. Democrat.]

PARIS, May 30.—The Paris Republicans, under the advice of Gambetta, will accept Thiers as their leader. They propose to have the next electoral canvass made under Thiers' name, to which Thiers himself consents.

The Derby—Sivia the Winner. [Special to N. O. Democrat.]

LONDON, May 30.—The Derby race was won by Silvia, Glen Arthur second, Rob Roy third. There were seventeen starters. The latest betting was five to two against Charmant, nine to two against Rob Roy, seven to one against Altira, eight to one against Brown Prince. The last betting against the winner was twelve to one.

Another Montreal Conflagration. [Special to N. O. Democrat.]

MONTREAL, May 30.—Another disastrous fire occurred here at 10 o'clock this morning, by which about sixty houses were destroyed, and about the same number of families rendered homeless. The buildings were located on William, Duke, Dalhousie, Ottawa and Nazareth streets. The loss is estimated at \$150,000. Many of the people burnt out are in poor circumstances and mostly uninsured.

The Pope and Victor Emmanuel. [Special to N. O. Democrat.]

LONDON, May 30.—The *Times* special from Rome states that King Victor Emmanuel has written to the Pope congratulating him on his approaching anniversary. The Pope has sent a reply, thanking the King, and taking occasion to thank him not to permit the Italian government to despoil the churches and confraternities of their property, stating that otherwise he should be constrained to protest. The King has made no reply to the Pope's missive.

The Italian Republicans Alarmed. [Special to N. O. Democrat.]

LONDON, May 30.—In consequence of President MacMahon's recent action, Italian Republicans have placarded the streets of Rome with notices of a great demonstration at the Apollo Theatre, on the 31st inst., to declare that Rome can never again become the Rome of the Popes.

Foreigners to be Admitted to the Turkish Service. [Special to N. O. Democrat.]

LONDON, May 30.—The Turkish government has decided to admit foreigners into the army. A number of English gentlemen, who have had experience in the English army, are about to join the Ottoman forces, including Hon. W. Drummond.

THE FUNDING BOARD.

Inquiry Relative to the Five and a Half Mills Tax.

The Board of Liquidation was called to order at 12 m., by Lieutenant Governor Wiltz, a quorum present.

The experts reported that certain bonds referred to them for identification were genuine, and the report was received and ordered spread on the minutes.

The following obligations were funded:

Table with 2 columns: Description of bond and Amount. Includes items like 50 bonds, \$1000 each, six per cent, floating debt, with coupons, \$50,500 00; 4 bonds, \$500 each, six per cent, re-bond of State Treasurer, with coupons, 2,120 00; 1 bond and coupon, \$500, six per cent, red back, 515 00; 5 bonds, \$100 each, six per cent, red back, with coupons, 515 00; 50 bonds, \$1000, floating debt, with coupons, 50,500 00; 5 bonds, \$1000, seven per cent, Penitentiary, with coupons, 5,116 67; 5 bonds, \$1000, seven per cent, Penitentiary, with coupons, 5,116 67; 1 bond, \$1000, six per cent, N. O. J. and G. N. R. R., 1,600 00; 2 coupons, \$20, relief of State Treasurer, reported correct and unpaid, by experts, 60 00; LeSassier & Binder—15 bonds, \$1000, seven per cent Penitentiary and coupons, \$15,350 00; F. O. Fuzzone—3 bonds, \$1000, six per cent, red backs, with coupons, 3,000 00; Total funded, \$133,983 34; Bonds rejected under act 11 of 1875—29 bonds, \$1000, six per cent, Free School Fund, \$29,000 00; Mr. Bush offered the following resolution, which was adopted: Resolved, That in compliance with paragraph 3 of section 2 amending and re-enacting section 9 of act No. 3 of 1874, of act No. 25 of 1874, with a view of obtaining the data necessary to prepare the tables and publish the statement provided for by said paragraph 1, the board ordered that all applicants, whose bonds have been accepted for funding, be notified to appear on Thursday. The board adjourned.

collected, and what amount thereof has been disbursed, giving a detailed statement of the disbursements.

Resolved, That in compliance with the same paragraph 3, the Treasurer is hereby invited and requested to furnish this board with a detailed description of the interest coupons which have been paid out of the proceeds of the tax of each of said years 1874, 1875 and 1876.

Resolved, That a committee of this board, to be composed of the Auditor, the Treasurer, and the Secretary of State, be and is hereby appointed to make the investigations required by paragraph 1 of said section 3, amending and re-enacting section 9 of act No. 3 of 1874, with a view of obtaining the data necessary to prepare the tables and publish the statement provided for by said paragraph 1.

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RULES OF THE SUPREME COURT

FOR THE NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.

Adopted May 30, 1877.

RULE I. In preparing transcripts of records, in cases appealed to this court, clerks of lower courts must observe the following requirements:

First—Such transcripts should be written in a fair, legible hand, on good, strong paper (the latter having a double margin on each page thereof), and the various parts should be securely fastened together.

Second—The different portions of a record should be made to appear in the order of their respective filing.

Third—Provided, however, that when the records of one or more other suits are introduced as evidence in a cause, such records should appear in the transcript, distinct from and subsequent in order to the rest of the record of the principal suit.

Fourth—The transcript should show for which party to the suit each witness is sworn, and by which party each document or record is offered in evidence.

Fifth—No one document should be copied twice in the transcript.

Sixth—An accurate alphabetical index should be attached to and form part of each transcript, affording reference to particular pages of the same (and with proper designations or words of description) for the several depositions, private and orders in the case; for the depositions and testimony of each witness by name (and not by general reference to testimony); for the note of evidence; and for each document, giving the latter its correct title, or some sufficient designation showing its nature and character (and not merely by the letters, marks or figures endorsed thereon).

Seventh—Provided, that when records of other suits are included in the transcript, as stated above, the fourth requirement, as like index to each of such records should follow the general index.

Second—The party applying for the filing of a transcript of the record in a cause in this court must first tender to the clerk his bond, with satisfactory security, in the sum of fifty dollars, for the payment of such fees as may accrue to the clerk or deponent with the latter in place of such bond, the sum of fifteen dollars.

RULE III. Cases will be docketed in the order of their filing.

Second—Pursuant to act No. 17 of the laws of 1876, the clerk will keep a *Summary Docket*, but will enter causes therein only on the formal application of counsel in writing, stating the facts entitling such causes to a summary trial, and he will so enter in the order of such application.

Third—Whenever it shall be made to appear to the court that a case has been improperly caused by counsel to be placed upon the *Summary Docket*, the same shall thereupon be transferred to the *Ordinary Docket*, and entered at the foot thereof.

Fourth—Only counsel engaged in a case will be allowed to withdraw the record of the same from the clerk's office, and then not until the expiration of the three days allowed by law within which motions to dismiss may be filed.

Records shall in all cases be receipted for on withdrawal. They should be returned to the office within a reasonable time, and must be so returned upon the requisition of the clerk.

RULE V. Court will be held each alternate week of the session.

RULE VI. On Monday of each court week cases will be called and fixed for the next court week—three for Monday, and eight for every other day.

These cases shall be properly posted by the clerk by 11 o'clock of the next day, which shall be notice to all parties. (This portion containing the substance of all the material pleadings, facts and documents, referring during the pendency of which cases will be called and tried continuously in the order in which they are filed.)

Before the calling of cases opportunity will be given counsel to have any cause entitled to preference, and not to be entered in the *Summary Docket*, made subject, on motion, to be called and fixed for trial.

All cases which have not been submitted to the court, after having been twice daily called for trial, shall be removed from the *Docket* and placed upon a *Docket* to be called the *Delay Docket*, and shall not be again put upon the *Trial Docket*—except on motion and leave granted thereon.

RULE VII. Within six days after any cause shall be fixed for trial, the appellant shall file with the clerk a printed brief or abstract of the cause, containing the substance of all the material pleadings, facts and documents, referring particularly to the pages of the record where they may be found, and an accurate reference to the points of law and authorities upon which he relies.—Ten copies thereof to be furnished to the clerk, one for the opposite counsel, and the remainder for the use of the court.

Within twelve days after the fixing of a cause the appellee shall also file ten copies of a similar brief, embodying the requirements set forth in regard to the appellant's brief.

No cause shall be heard unless one at least of the parties has complied with the foregoing sections of this rule, and if neither party has so complied, the case shall be continued and go to the foot of the docket. If only one party has complied, he may argue or submit the cause, or he may decline to do either, in which last event the case shall be continued and go to the foot of the docket, and it is made the duty of the clerk to inform the court on this point when a case is called for trial.

petition filed within the legal delay, and must be accompanied by a printed statement of all the points and authorities on which the petitioner shows his application. Additional time for elaborating the argument on such points and authorities may be granted upon a proper showing, if made before the day expires.

When a rehearing is granted, the cause will be immediately called and fixed with preference, and briefs will be required as in the first and second section of Rule VII.

Oral argument may be granted in the discretion of the court, if applied for on motion, and four days' notice thereof be given to