

CAPITAL NOTES.

THE TEXAS DELEGATION GONE HOME ON ACCOUNT OF THE BORDER TROUBLES. Jefferson City Gaslight Company vs Clark—Judgment Affirmed with Costs and Interest.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—In the Supreme Court, on Monday, Justice Field delivered the opinion of the court in the case of the Jefferson City Gaslight Company vs. Freeman Clark, et al., and in the case of the city of New Orleans vs. the Board of Health, affirming the judgment below, with costs and interest.

Naval Appropriation Bill. WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The Attorney General, chairman of the sub-committee in charge of the naval appropriation bill, is engaged upon the supplementary bill, connected therewith, which will be introduced in Congress shortly after the reconvening of Congress.

Council General at Paris. WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—It is stated in well informed circles that ex-Senator P. A. Bibeaux, of Nebraska, will be appointed Council General at Paris, vice Gen. Torbert, whose commission expires in January.

The Cabinet at the Reception. WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Secretary Everts, Postmaster General, and Revenue Commissioner, of Nebraska, will be present at the Union League reception in New York on Thursday.

Going to the Hot Springs. WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Senators Blaine, Chief Justice, and Robinson, and Revenue Commissioner Hale will visit the Hot Springs, Arkansas, in a day or two.

Log Seizure in Florida. WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The General Land Office is today informed by its special agent in Florida that a seizure of 300,000 feet of lumber and 400 logs, unlawfully cut from Government lands, have been made in that State.

Cabinet Meeting—The Texas Question—No Committee—The Texas Question—No Committee—The Texas Question—No Committee.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The regular Cabinet meeting today was over before 2 p. m. Secretary Everts was the only member absent, and the State Department was represented by Assistant Secretary Everts.

Gen. Vincent Ordered to Texas. WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Affairs on the Texas frontier have assumed such a serious aspect that it is deemed necessary to have officers of high rank and of proven ability to deal with the difficulties and complications which are continually arising in connection with the Mexican raids into Texas.

Official Bulletin from El Paso. WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The following telegrams were received here this afternoon:

Gen. E. D. Townsend, Chicago, Dec. 17, 1877. The following telegram from Gen. Pope is transmitted to you for the information of the General of the Army.

Capt. Blair telegrams from El Paso, on the 16th: The mob have been in El Paso, Mexico, for a small number of days, but Judge Paulier refused to let them have it.

Major Olin has just come from the other side. All his old friends turned the cold shoulder on him today, and one of them said he would do better come into town, which he will do to-morrow. Men belonging to the mob came up to the camp yesterday, and the ammunition they could find, if a good blow is to be struck, the sooner the better.

Col. Hatch reports: Capt. Blair has been telegraphed to take charge of the two field pieces and ammunition at El Paso, Texas, and put them in the Custom House on guard duty.

Col. Hatch thinks the troops will arrive in time to prevent any serious trouble.

Brigadier General Commanding. CHICAGO, December 17, 1877. The following telegram from Gen. Pope is received from Gen. Pope.

Twenty companies of the Texas Cavalry, one company of Infantry, are en route to El Paso. The advance companies are expected to arrive to-day and to-morrow. The whole force probably numbers a little over 200 men, and is equipped for all purposes.

Haves Off for New York. WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The President will leave via the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad, at a special car, at 8:30, for New York, to attend the reception of the Union League on Friday evening. Secretary Everts left last night for New York to make preliminary arrangements.

American Goods for the Paris Exposition. WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Commander W. A. Kirkland has been designated to command the ship Supply, the first vessel to be loaded with American goods for the Paris Exposition. The supply is at New York and will be loaded at that port. The Constitution, it is thought, will be the next vessel to be designated, and will be loaded at Philadelphia.

The Metric System of Weights and Measures. WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Dr. C. P. Walters, clerk of the Committee on Weights and Measures, has procured, at his own expense, a complete set of instruments to demonstrate the metric system of weights and measures, dry and liquid. He will use them in the discharge of the sub-committee, consisting of Messrs. Aldrich, Marsh and Clark, &c., having in charge the bill providing for the introduction of this system in this country, and it is probable that the committee will pursue the investigation of the subject during the recess of Congress.

The California District Attorneyship. WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—At the Cabinet meeting today the California District Attorneyship was under consideration. The names of Sheriff Pool and J. M. Coghlan, the present incumbent, were submitted by the Attorney General, who directed the attention of his colleagues to the fact that Pool was jointly recommended by Sena-

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The sheriffs in Wisconsin are in hard luck this winter. In Brown county the sheriff is under arrest for bad conduct; in Marathon county the sheriff is in limbo for not collecting the personal tax of last year that was placed in his hands for collection, and the Taylor county sheriff is bound over for appearance for the next term of the circuit court for assisting a prisoner to effect an escape.

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