

Tribune's Special Dispatches.

Washington Affairs.

Hon. Neil Brown, Minister at Russia, has written home that he shall ask to be recalled next Summer.

The nominations for Territorial Officers in New-Mexico are to be determined upon in Cabinet to-day and sent to the Senate to-morrow.

Seawall Brinnall of New-York has been moved from his Clerkship in the Navy Department, and John Cochrin as Superintendent of Works at Fort Delaware.

James F. M. McElroy of Pa. succeeds Mr. Ewing has abandoned all hope of reelection, and says that a Free Soil Opposition man will be elected Senator from Ohio.

The Cabinet are considering and designating the papers in the different States in the Union to which the patronage of the Government is to be given.

The removals asked by the Collector of New-York in the Custom-House are again pressed by members of Congress, and contrary to what was at first expected, will, to some extent, be made.

The Naval Court Martial for the trial of Com. Jones excites great interest, and they commence taking testimony to-day. The pleadings were made up yesterday.

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SHOOTING CASE.—A case of shooting which may result fatally, occurred yesterday morning near the corner of Third-avenue and Fortieth-st. It seems that a Dutchman named Frederik Bariger, and an Irishman named Francis Kavanagh dwelt together in a small house near the said corner, and like an obstinate jury, could not agree even to disagree.

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CANADA.

Land Monopoly in British North America—Railroads.

In the Fall of 1848 the Canadian Government adopted the system of granting 50 acres of land free to every actual settler. To this grant certain conditions were attached, such as were necessary to insure actual settlement. To clear 12 acres in four years, build a house and reside on the lot, were necessary to entitle the settler to demand a title to the property.

The various points of a demand made by the inhabitants of the territory, which it holds, are: bears, foxes and wolves. In this we have England disposed of the greater part of her territory on this continent, while millions of her subjects are unable to procure a foot of land!

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COUNTY AND VILLAGE TAXES.

The books of the First District are in the hands of Mr. Ripley, Collector, and a deduction of three per cent will be allowed on all taxes paid within thirty days.

NEW-JERSEY ITEMS.

THE Sons of Temperance in New-Jersey, have, according to the Trenton True American, 117 Divisions, and 6,010 members. They have \$28,000 securely invested, and paid during the last quarter, for benefits and funeral expenses, \$1,914 25.

Notice is given of Application to the next Legislature for authorizing the Hoboken Land and Improvement Co. to construct a Railroad from some point in the town of Hoboken to some point at Weehawken, in the township of North-Bergen.

Joshua Benson, of Camden, contemplates taking to the World's Fair, at London, a large hog, three years old, lean in flesh, yet weighing over 3,000 pounds.

An apple tree about a mile from Hightstown, which bore a large crop of apples the past season, is said to have put forth full blossoms the middle of last month.

A lad named David E. Reeves had his hand and part of his fore arm dreadfully crushed and mangled by being caught in a carding machine on Friday last at Millville.

A man, supposed to be a German, was killed at the Chestnut St. Depot, Newark, on Monday afternoon, by the 2 o'clock train from New-York.

On Thursday an unknown man was found dead near Freshford, supposed to have been murdered.

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LAW COURTS.

Supreme Court—General Term.—Before Judges Edmonds, Edwards and Mitchell.

Decisions—Lewis Mackell, Henry Short and Alois Schreiner vs. The People.—Appeals on judgment rendered in the Recorder's Court. The question was the same as that in Gaidlerslove, some time since—whether judgment could be entered from the Sessions. Decided in the affirmative, as before.

Supreme Court—before Judge Oakley.—John Brower, Receiver of the Police Mutual Insurance Co. vs. John H. and Wm. H. Harbeck.—It is alleged that, in December, 1847, Messrs. H. received from the Company \$13,000 in notes, being assets of the Company, in payment of loans by them and Messrs. Belden to the Company, and including a loss of \$3,010 on the brig George—that, in February following, a petition was presented to the Supreme Court by John Peck and William Britton, declaring the said Peckan Co. to be insolvent, and asking for the appointment of a receiver, which was granted, and Mr. Brouwer, the plaintiff in this suit, appointed.

The action is to compel Messrs. H. to pay to the receiver the money collected on the said notes given to them as collateral, and also those given to Messrs. Belden, and transferred by latter to them, and also the value of those not collected.—It being contended that the Company comes under the statute as to mortgaged corporations—that the transfer to them of the notes was illegal and void, not having been done by the previous vote of the Trustees, and were so transferred as a preference, and in contemplation of insolvency.

It being contended that the notes were handed to Messrs. H. by the competent officers of the company for discount—that they did so discount them, when their claim and that of Messrs. Belden were paid—that the company at the time was solvent, and they were not aware, or had any notice of contemplation of bankruptcy, or that the previous sanction, given by the Trustees, was not binding.—It is denied that the company came within the statute of mortgaged corporations. The case is on.

U. S. DISTRICT COURT.—Before Judge Judson.

In the suit brought by the purchaser of the British bark Clarence, to void a sale of the bark to the said already referred to. The Court considered that what was said by the auctioneer, who remarked after the party in interest stated her to be copper fastened, "you hear, gentlemen, what Mr. P. says," &c. was not a warranty as to the quality of the bark. Motion denied.

The Grand Jury returned into Court with two bills against Geo. Atherton for larceny and assault with a dangerous weapon, and a bill against the Trustees of the benevolent fund of the Fire Department (whose duty it is by law to prosecute delinquents) and to that the penalty enures, each in claiming a penalty of \$1,000 under the act, on each house so erected by Mr. G., and in addition a penalty of \$100 on each house for every 24 hours since the 10th of August, it being contended that the buildings of Mr. Gale were over 35 feet high, did not have such party walls, and were not less than 12 inches thick and the ends of the beams on the two sides of the walls, but only two and three inches, &c.—that he was notified of the violation of the law, and that he neglected to remedy the same, and that he should have taken such measures, according to law, by the 10th of August, but that he wholly omitted to do so—and the penalty of \$1,000, with \$1,100 for every 24 hours after said 10th of August, according to law, on the said eleven buildings, is therefore claimed.

It was shown that the latter portion of the penalty was deducted or omitted by the department for \$1,100 and costs.

Frederica C. Bower vs. Louis Bower.—Order of reference.

Triple Term—Before Judge Woodruff—Joseph B. Henshaw vs. Wm. Loomer.—Action for alleged slander, in calling plaintiff a thief and various other names at store No. 141, Fulton-st. The parties had some difficulty about books which had been kept by Mr. H. in the store, &c. &c. It was done that the term thief was applied so as to charge Mr. H. with being one. The Jury found for defendant.

First District Court—Before Judge Green.—Important suit as to relative jurisdiction of Dock Masters and Harbor Masters.—The Mayor, &c. of New-York vs. Elbridge, a tailor on board the schooner Brilliant.—This action was brought to recover the penalty of \$25 for refusing to obey the orders of the Dock Masters of the First Ward, to remove the said Brilliant from outside of a vessel lying at pier No. 8, E. H.

The defendant contended that the Dock Master had no jurisdiction.

The Judge decided that the 3d section of the act relating to Harbor Masters of the port of New-York, passed March 16, 1848, gave the Harbor Masters "authority to regulate and station all Masters of vessels on the stream of the East and North Rivers, within the limits of the city of New-York and the wharves thereof; and to remove from time to time such ships or vessels as are not employed in receiving and discharging their cargoes, to make room for such others as require to be immediately accommodated, for the purpose of receiving or discharging their cargoes, and also for their being lifted and bona fide employed in receiving or discharging their cargoes, the said Harbor Masters, or either of them, is thereby constituted the sole judge."

This section of the act confers on the Harbor Masters exclusive authority to station vessels at the wharves in the City of New-York, and refers as well to the wharves belonging to the City as to those belonging to private individuals. The Dock Master consequently had no jurisdiction, and I therefore give judgment for the defendant, with costs.

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.—Tuesday.—Before the Recorder and Ald. Franklin and Cokin.—The Niles Conspiracy case.—This case was continued and the examination of Ellen Williams was concluded. The testimony was the main, merely a repetition of the testimony which she gave on her direct examination. It was carefully scrutinized by the Counsel for the defense, who have been most rigid throughout in cross-questioning the witness. She again detailed the scheme contrived to have Sullivan brought to "play husband," and told how he came into the room and found Mr. Havens and herself (the witness) in bed together; told how he stormed about the room and asked Mr. Havens if he was not ashamed to be in bed with his wife's mistress; told how she was to find Mr. H. in the bed. Sullivan knew that witness had been intimate with Mr. Havens, and had made an agreement to come to the house of witness that night, but did not know that he was to find his former wife and Havens in so close intimacy. The prosecutor put a few questions to her, which elicited no new facts of any importance.

NEGROES IN SOUTH CAROLINA.—In the South Carolina Legislature the Committee on Colored Population lately reported a bill to increase in the penalty for circulating abolition pamphlets on that State. They also reported a measure which recommends the removal of the free negroes from the State. The committee thought such a course contrary to the policy of the State, and that involving into effect of such a measure would involve too many difficulties.

GIVING THE CASTING VOTE.—Our readers have not forgotten the vote of Valentine Best, the "Independent Democrat" of Pennsylvania, who was last year elected President of the Senate of that State through the aid of the Whigs and his own vote, which caused so much indignation to the "regular" Leeco-Foco editors throughout the country, who were most strenuous in their denunciations of Best for his "immorality." Best is outdone by a member of the Florida State Senate, (now in session) Col. Floyd, who voted on the second ballot for himself for the Presidency of that body. A Florida Whig paper (the Maricopa Whig) finds fault with the chivalrous Colonel, (for he is a red-hot Quilteman of the South Carolina stamp) whereupon the regular "Democratic" (Disunion) State paper, the Tallahassee Florida and Sentinel, highly applauds the course of the patriotic Floyd in upholding his party, which we copy for the benefit of the Opposition press of Pennsylvania, who were so horror-stricken at the vote of Senator Best, who was surely as anxious to prevent "disorganization" as the valiant "regular" of Florida. Says the Florida Sentinel: "Now instead of being worthy of censure for that act, Col. Floyd is deserving of praise. If it falls in to those who compelled him to act as he did, as otherwise the Senate might have been without a presiding officer to this day. Col. F. before any vote was laid, rose in his seat and proposed to exchange votes with Mr. Avery, the candidate of the minority. This was done by Mr. Avery. The vote on the second ballot was 8 to 8, and the Chairman, Mr. Forward, declared Col. Floyd elected." This decision was undoubtedly correct, but a majority of the Senate thought that a majority of all the Senators elected—to wit: 10 was necessary to elect a President. Foreseeing this difficulty, the Democratic caucus had instructed Col. Floyd to vote for himself, should he become necessary, in order that there might be no delay in the organization. Col. F. yielded under the circumstances to these instructions, and thus secured the speedy organization of the Senate. He had declined, and had the minority persisted in their refusal to vote for him, the whole Legislature might have been in a state of disorganization till now.

NATIONAL LOAN FUND ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF LONDON.

NOTICE.—In pursuance of a resolution of the Board of Directors, the hitherto existing mode of loans of one-half or two-thirds of the common annual premium paid by the assured is discontinued, in preference to the plan to be hereafter granted. And the Board have introduced the following new and favorable system of loans for the future. A particular description of the same will be given at any time before one-half of annual premium, without note or security, or deposit of policy, and is entitled to division of profits.

It is hereby declared that the policy and receipt book as value thereof one-half the gross sum paid by the annual common premium.

This new form of loans applies only to policies heretofore to be issued.

A party may, at a moderate annual premium, insure for life, and if he survives to the age of 70 years, he shall be paid for each year, &c. &c. the full sum insured by him to his family or legal representative.

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NOVEMBER REPORT OF THE CONNECTICUT MUTUAL LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

On the 31st of November, 1850, the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company had on hand, in the following condition, has issued during the month of November, 1850, four hundred and nine new Policies, viz:

Table with 2 columns: Policy Type and Number. Includes Merchants and Traders, Teachers, Manufacturers, Farmers, Lawyers, Physicians, Clergymen, Ministers, Agents, Laborers, Professors.

Total Policies issued in November 409. Total new Policies in 1850 5,107. Whole number of Policies issued 12,246.