

that this condition conferred a virtual protectorate upon the United States, which we could not accept in view of being unable to defend our own frontiers against Indians and banditti.

Mr. Fessenden made an able argument this afternoon, showing the dangerous effect of the proposed departure from the settled national policy, and the hazard of investing the President with such vast discretion.

The Special Committee of the House on the Pacific Railroad will meet to-morrow to discuss the various propositions. As a majority of Congress cannot be concentrated on any single route, the inclination is to extend equal facilities to one North and another South, by the donation of lands, and a gradual advance of money for the construction, after the first fifty miles are constructed, secured by mortgage on the roads.

WASHINGTON, Friday, March 16, 1860. Mr. David A. Boker, Ex-Congressman from New-York, this morning was found dead in his room.

The Senate, in Executive Session to-day, reviewed its action of yesterday, and placed the Nicaragua treaty in a position for consideration. Three hours to-day were thus consumed. By unanimous consent, and at the suggestion of Nicaragua, the Senate struck out the paragraph by which the United States was to use all its naval and effective force to prevent hostile expeditions destined for the Republic of Nicaragua.

There were no religious exercises at the gallows, as the prisoners persisted in refusing all the kindly offers of the ministry in their last moments. They were both Spiritualists, and had a peculiar religion of their own, which enabled them to meet their fate with cheerfulness and resignation.

From Baltimore. BALTIMORE, Friday, March 16, 1860. The Committee of the National Democratic Committee are here to-day inquiring as to the capacity of having an informal meeting of the Democratic Committee at Charleston, and adjourning to this city.

Wise Delegates to Charleston. NORFOLK, Va., Friday, March 16, 1860. The Democratic Convention for this District adjourned last night. J. J. Kindred of Southampton and A. R. Smith of Portsmouth were appointed delegates to Charleston.

Mexican News. NEW-ORLEANS, Friday, March 16, 1860. Additional Mexican news from the Juarez Government have declared the Havana expedition piratical. A large amount of specie was awaiting shipment to the City of Mexico.

The Lyon Strikers, &c. BOSTON, Friday, March 16, 1860. The strikers of Lyon made a great turnout in procession to-day, numbering over 6,000. The spectators were more than double that number.

The Propeller Jersey Blue. SANDY HOOK, Friday, March 16, 1860. The propeller Jersey Blue is still ashore; the tug Stevens, Mable and Rescue have been pulling at her for a long time, but with no advantage.

Fire. NILES, Mich., Friday, March 16, 1860. A fire broke out at midnight in Colby & Co.'s flour store, destroying it and several adjoining buildings, occupied by various dealers. The contents of the buildings were mostly saved. Loss \$15,000; insurance \$4,000.

Markets. NEW-ORLEANS, March 16.—COTTON quiet; sales to-day 6,000 bales, at 10 1/2 cts. for Midding. The sales of the week add up to 32,000 bales, and the receipts 50,000 bales, against 27,000 for the same time last year.

Ship News. LONG BRANCH, Mich., March 16.—No inward bound vessels in sight. Wind S. E., light; weather clear.

ALLEGED U. S. DEFAULTER ARRESTED. Last night Captain Dowling and officer Jourdan of the Sixth Ward apprehended a man giving his name as S. C. Boyington, whom it is alleged is a defaulter to the United States Government to the amount of \$300,000.

EJECTION SUITS IN MICHIGAN. OWASSO, Mich., March 13, 1860. There was a very important law passed in 1858 by the Legislature of Michigan. The substance of it is this: "That no suit of ejection or other suit for recovery or possession shall be brought by any person claiming title in opposition to the deed given by an Auditor-General to the purchaser of lands at a sale for the redemption of a mortgage."

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LONDON FIRE ESCAPES.

At this time, when the public are clamorous for some means of saving life in cases of fire, and when hundreds of Yankee inventors are racking their brains to find some way of satisfying the demand, a brief description of the means employed in London may be of service.

The fire-escape on which they place the most reliance consists of a series of ladders, so arranged on two wheels as to be easily run to a fire—where the truck forms a firm, substantial footing for the ladders.

Having arrived at the scene of the fire, the main ladder is thrown up against the building, is mounted by the conductor, who goes up from one to five stories, as he may desire.

Being maintained entirely by the voluntary contributions of members of the Society, persistent effort was made to add new names to the list.

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gain the Fire Escape, but scarcely, however, had he descended, when the flames shot from the whole of the front windows of the building. The Conductor then scaled the roof of the adjoining house, and descended by means of his short ladder, to effect an escape at the back part of the dwelling, but the fire compelled him to retreat. The two female servants that were lost slept in the third floor back room. Upon being aroused, they evinced the most thoughtful consideration by giving the alarm to the three young men that were sleeping in the front room on the same floor. They then went back to their own room to put up some clothes, and there is no doubt became overpowered by the heated smoke and flames.

For this energetic action on the part of Wood he received from the Society a gold medal and a sum of money, from private citizens upward of £50, a gold medal, and a vote of thanks on valium.

NEW-JERSEY ITEMS.

Prof. E. L. Youmans has been repeating his lecture on the Chemistry of the Sunbeam, in Orange, N. J., with so much success that the citizens of that place have made him a very handsome acknowledgment of the pleasure which he afforded them.

NOMINATION.—LEGISLATIVE ROW.—The Governor of New-Jersey has nominated E. W. Whippley of Morris County, at present a Judge of the Supreme Court, to be Chief Justice, to fill the vacancy caused by the appointment of Chief Justice Green as Chancellor, who has assumed the duties of that office.

A personal conflict took place in the lobby of the House of Representatives on Thursday, between Messrs. Absalom Woodruff, and O. Vanderhove, both of Paterson. The Woodruffs and Delaware Railroad were under consideration at the time, on a motion made by Mr. Demson of Hunterdon to postpone it indefinitely.

Mr. Woodruff approached them, and asked Mr. Sharp if he knew anything about the motion on the Delaware River. Mr. Sharp replied that he did not. Then Mr. Woodruff said, "Well I do, and Mr. Wood is uttering falsehoods." Mr. Vanderhove said, "I don't think Wood would utter a falsehood, and I think you (Woodruff) would." Mr. W. immediately struck Mr. V. an unexpected and severe blow in the face, knocking down Mr. V. on the floor.

Mr. V. was several times when great confusion ensued, and they having clinched, went with difficulty parted. Mr. W.'s coat being badly rent in the struggle. The Speaker directed the Sergeant-at-Arms to bring the belligerents before the House. When they had been placed at the bar, each was allowed to make an explanation, and having apologized to the House they were dismissed.

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