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WASHINGTON.

THE EIGHT-HOUR QUESTION BEFORE THE CABINET—THE REPORT THAT THE CUBANS HAD DECLARED FOR ANNEXATION DISCREDITED—ARRIVAL OF THE GRAPESHOT WITH A CARGO OF ARMS AND MUNITIONS—STATE OF AFFAIRS IN GEORGIA—THE DYER COURT OF INQUIRY—PROGRESS OF THE PACIFIC RAILROAD.

It appears that the Eight Hour question has been under discussion in Cabinet meeting. Senator Wilson, Gen. Butler, and other Senators and members have called the attention of President Grant to the matter in the hope that the opinion of the Attorney-General and the order of Secretary Blair would be revised, but it is understood that thus far nothing definite has been done in the matter.

As the Cabinet meeting, to-day, it is understood that the dispatches from Minister Roscamas, in reference to the loan asked of the United States by the Mexican Government, the terms of which in effect cedes certain Mexican territory to our Government, were brought up for consideration, but that no definite action was taken.

The Associated Press dispatch relating to the Republican Congress of Cuba declaring for annexation, is discredited here. It is known that there is a strong party among the Patriots in favor of independence, and that, by general consent, the idea of annexation has not been considered an open question.

Henry M. Turner, one of the colored members driven out of the Georgia Legislature, is in town, and leaves for the North in a few days. It is his intention to speak in New-Jersey and other States, and urge the ratification of the XVth Amendment.

The Dyer Court of Inquiry has been in secret session for two days, in consultation on a final judgment. Under the convening order of the President, the Court is directed to report the facts and their opinion thereon to the Secretary of War.

A dispatch received, to-day, by the President of the Central (California) Pacific Railroad, who is now in this city, states that the roads are, to-day, within a mile of each other, and that a junction will be at once formed, and connection made through this week.

Several gentlemen who participated in the recent Conservative Convention in Virginia have arrived here, and were at the White House to-day, for the purpose of urging the President to indorse the action of that Convention.

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THE NEW DOMINION.

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THE LAST TRY FOR THE PACIFIC RAILROAD.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 4.—A railroad tie of polished California laurel, mounted on either end with solid silver, accompanied by a spike of solid gold, which cost \$250, was forwarded from here to-day to the end of the Central Pacific Railroad.

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NEW-YORK LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.—ALBANY, May 4.

For a new passenger depot for the Harlem Railroad at Forty-second-st., for a new drive from One Hundred and Twenty-third-st. to the Grand Avenue, to open a Highway from Prospect Park to Coney Island; the Annual Canal Appropriation bill, Messrs. Nichols and Mattson dissenting.

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