

NATIONAL CAPITAL TOPICS.

MR. CLEVELAND ANXIOUS FOR MATTHEWS.

THE SORT OF "OPPOSITION" TO THE NOMINEE WHICH HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN. WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The anxiety of the Administration to have Matthews as the nominee of the District of Columbia is unexpressed. When his name was sent in on December 21, it was accompanied by a special message and contrary to all precedent a copy of this message was furnished to the Associated Press. So full was the public that the publication of the message to his constituents...

THE STEAMER NEWBURG NIPPED.

STUCK FAST IN AN ICE PACK FIFTEEN FEET THICK. NEWBURG, Dec. 28 (Special).—The steamer Newburgh of the Ramsell Transportation Line, and the only boat running on Hudson, is fast in the ice between Storm King and Breakneck Mountains. She left New-York at 2 P. M. yesterday with a big cargo of freight and a few passengers. At 6 she struck an ice pack fifteen feet thick and after hours of work gave up for the night. This morning her passengers walked on the ice to the Westchester Railroad track and reached here at 10. Captain William T. Hart, of the New-York and New-England Railroad, sent down a boat to the Newburgh and Plunkett ferries to keep the ferry track open all winter. According to reports from the Newburgh it is fast here.

SUICIDE AT THE AGE OF SIXTY-SIX.

EMMA, Dec. 28 (Special).—At Canton, Penn., people were shocked by the report that Samuel Anable, one of the most respected residents of the place, had been murdered. The old man was found in a hay-loft with his throat cut and his body covered with blood. The rumor of murder was dispelled when it was learned that Mr. Anable had committed suicide. He had been suffering from a long illness and had been in a hay-loft for several days before he was found.

COMMITTING A CRIME TO HIDE HER SHAME.

COLETS, Dec. 28 (Special).—Three weeks ago Mary Welsh, an actress, was engaged in Troy to come here and act in Wilson's boarding-house. A few days after her arrival she was taken sick, and one Dr. Scully, who was called in, pronounced her case one of infanticide. The young woman confessed the crime, but refused to make further statements. Last night she died and the facts are that she had committed the crime to hide her shame. She was found in a rooming house in New York City, and the woman was arrested for breach of the peace. She was afterwards released on her own recognizance.

VACANCY IN THE REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE.

BUFFALO, Dec. 28.—Edward W. Hatch, Judge-elect of the Superior Court of Buffalo, has resigned his membership in the Republican State Committee. It is understood that Senator McMillan will be his successor.

ELECTION FRAUD CASES IN MISSOURI.

WILL THE SEVENTY-TWO INDICTED DEMOCRATS BE PROSECUTED OR NOT? ST. LOUIS, Dec. 28 (Special).—It is said to-night that the two Missouri S-nators are making arrangements to put a man in the United States District Attorney's office here who will protect the seventy-two men indicted for election frauds. A consultation was held and the removal of the present Republican officer, W. H. Bliss, decided upon. In pursuance of this decision Senators Vest and Cockrell were communicated with at Washington and urged to see the President and use their utmost endeavors to induce him to make the change in the office. From trustworthy information received from the National capital, it appears that the two Senators were good enough to Democrats to recognize the persons named in their indictment party friends, and that the lack of exertion on the part of the President to remove the indicted Attorney Bliss, Mr. Bashaw, Senator Cockrell's candidate for District Attorney, called at his office in the Custom house about daily to see the President.

TEN MILLIONS OF THREE PER CENT. CALLED.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The Secretary of the Treasury has called for ten million dollars of three per cent bonds. The call is for \$10,000,000 of the three per cent bond of 1882. Notice is given that the principal and accrued interest of the bonds herein designated will be paid at the Treasury of the United States, in the city of Washington, D. C., on February 1, 1887, and that interest on said bonds will cease on that day, namely: Three per cent bonds, and numbered as follows: 48, both inclusive, \$100,000 original No. 3 to original No. 60, both inclusive, and original No. 61 to original No. 200, both inclusive, and original No. 201 to original No. 250, both inclusive, and original No. 251 to original No. 257, both inclusive, and original No. 258 to original No. 272, both inclusive. Total, \$10,000,000.

ORANGES ABUNDANT AND CHEAP.

LESS DAMAGE BY THE COLD IN FLORIDA THIS YEAR. THAN WAS EXPECTED. The orange market in this city is excited, prices are lower than they have been for years and dealers in the fruit are in an unhappy frame of mind. Many of them, however, are not so much concerned as they appear to be. The orange market in this city is excited, prices are lower than they have been for years and dealers in the fruit are in an unhappy frame of mind. Many of them, however, are not so much concerned as they appear to be.

DEGREES OF PERNICIOUS ACTIVITY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 (Special).—The degrees of pernicious activity in Washington are of a kind as well as degree. The difference may be fairly shown by the following statement of facts. In July, 1885, T. B. Spyer, an ex-Union soldier, and a clerk in the office of Third Auditor of the Treasury, was removed by Colonel Willard to Ohio to vote for the ground, first that he had been indicted in 1884, and second that he had conducted a campaign for the Republican campaign fund of Virginia, of which State he is a resident. Mr. Spyer was able to show that his visit to Ohio in 1884 was a visit to a sick relative, and that he never voted nor attempted to vote. He admitted that he had contributed money to the Republican campaign fund of Virginia, but he said that he was not connected with the fund in any way.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

RESIGNED.—G. J. Lund, of District of Columbia, an assistant superintendent of Railway Mail Service, has resigned. CONTRACT AWARDED.—The contract for furnishing the electric lighting apparatus for the new circus Chicago has been awarded to the Edison Electric Lighting Company. REMOVAL OF ILLEGAL FENCES.—The General Land Office has received reports during the past week showing the removal, under peremptory orders from special agents, of illegal fences on the public lands in the States of Texas, Virginia, and Missouri. The removal of these fences is a necessary step in the reclamation of the public lands.

CONTRACTS TO EXPIRE.—The commissions of sixty Presidential postmasters will expire in January, 1887. Among the more prominent offices are Monterey, Cal.; Portsmouth, N. H.; Baltimore, Md.; St. Louis, Mo.; New Orleans, La.; San Francisco, Cal.; and many others.

SHEPHERD F. KNAPP BURIED.

The funeral of Stephen F. Knapp, who died at his home in Audubon Park on Christmas morning, took place at 10:30 A. M. yesterday in the Washington Heights Presbyterian Church. One hundred and fifty-five persons were present. Mr. Knapp was one of the best known and most popular men in the city, and consequently the church was crowded to its utmost capacity with sorrowing friends. Among them were many well-known trotting-horse men, politicians, and large delegations of business men and Wall Street brokers. There were no less than 150 eulogies in honor of Mr. Knapp's virtues. The Rev. Dr. Charles Stoddard, formerly pastor of the church but now with the "Observer," delivered the funeral sermon. He was assisted by the Rev. Dr. Bliss, the present pastor. The burial was at Greenwood.

THE DEATH OF PETER R. MASTERSON.

The Aldermen met yesterday to take suitable action on the death of their associate, Peter R. Masterston. Appropriate resolutions were adopted and a committee was appointed to arrange for a public funeral. The committee consists of Messrs. Morgan, O'Connell, and others. The funeral will be held at the residence of the deceased, and the body will be buried in the city.

ONE FLAG UP AT HALF-MAST.

While flags have been displayed at half-mast on most of the public buildings in honor of General Logan and Fort Office Building has been. The flag at the hall after the death of General Logan and the president was applied to the death of General Logan, and that he knew of no other flag that prevented him from paying such a mark of respect to the man who had been so recently honored.

A STORY OF GRANT AND LOGAN.

Harris, a chief in the Baltimore American, publishes a story of the friendship between General Grant and General Logan. The story is based on a letter from General Logan to General Grant, and it tells of the close friendship between the two men. It is said that General Logan was one of the few men who were true to General Grant throughout his life.

THE CONY SAYS HE WAS ASSAULTED.

A well-dressed young man, who described himself as Count Frederick Kamsky, of Polish Prussia, recently returned a furnished room from Mrs. Schaefer, at No. 49 Boerum-st., Brooklyn. He said he was a chemist and soon made a favorable impression on his landlady. The Count said that he was assaulted by a man who was in the room with him on the night of the 23rd inst. He said that he was assaulted by a man who was in the room with him on the night of the 23rd inst. He said that he was assaulted by a man who was in the room with him on the night of the 23rd inst.

CHRISTMAS EXERCISES STILL GOING ON.

The Boys' Club, the purpose of which is to keep small boys out of the street, and which has its headquarters in the Wilson Building, No. 125 St. Mark's place, had its annual Christmas entertainment last night. The entertainment was a grand success, and the boys were very happy. The program consisted of singing, dancing, and other amusements. The proceeds of the evening were used for the benefit of the club.

THROWN FROM HIS CARRIAGE AND KILLED.

BROOKLYN, Dec. 28.—Lewis Snyder, a prominent member of Class B, R. E. C. Key's team, was thrown from his carriage and killed yesterday afternoon. The accident occurred on the Brooklyn and Manhattan Railroad. Snyder was driving his carriage over a trestle when it collapsed. He was thrown from the carriage and his head struck a post. He died shortly afterwards.

WESTERN STEAMBOATS BURNED.

LOSS NEARLY HALF A MILLION DOLLARS.

THE BOAT WASHINGTON UNABLE TO ACCOUNT FOR THE ACCIDENT. CAIRO, Ill., Dec. 28 (Special).—The St. Louis and Mississippi Valley Transportation Company's towboat R. Hayes was burned at 5 A. M. today. The towboat was on the river near Cairo, Ill. The fire broke out in the engine room and spread rapidly. The towboat was completely destroyed. The loss is estimated at nearly half a million dollars.

THE RUINS OF TEMPLE TREASURY.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 28.—There was nothing left to see at the Chestnut-st. front of what was yesterday the Temple Theatre and the Egyptian Museum. The ruins were drawn at both Eighth and Seventh sts. in Chestnut-st., greatly interfering with the traffic of one of the most important blocks of the city. There are among the ruins numerous figures which have a startling likeness to humanity. Several gangs of men were at work all day yesterday in the ruins. The ruins were found to be of great value to the city.

RESTRAINING THE SALE OF BONDS.

The Farmers' Loan and Trust Company, by Turner, Lee & Co., its attorneys, has begun an action to restrain the sale of \$80 of the general mortgage bonds of the Houston and Texas Central Railway Company. These bonds are held by, or are under the control of, Morgan's Louisiana and Texas Railroad and Steamship Company, which claims that they have been sold by the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company. The Farmers' Loan and Trust Company is the trustee of the general mortgage bonds, and it is claimed that the sale of the bonds is a violation of the trust.

THE PITTSBURGH AND WESTERN BONDS.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 28 (Special).—It is reported on good authority that James Gallagher, president and receiver of the Pittsburgh and Western Railroad Company, has been authorized to sell the bonds of the company. The bonds are held by the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company. The sale of the bonds is expected to be completed in a few days.

MISCELLANEOUS RAILWAY INTELLIGENCE.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 28 (Special).—At a meeting of men today, the subject of a general increase in freight rates was discussed. One gentleman stated that he had been informed that an increase would take place on January 1. The first increase, and perhaps the greatest one, will be made in special rates. One reason for the proposed increase is the revival in business. The railroads have never done a better freight business than in the past six or seven months. There is not a road in the country that has not been better off than it was a year ago.

SUFFOCATED IN HIS SHANTY.

Patrick McCormick, age fifty-seven, lived in a shanty in the West-st. near Grove, Jersey City. He lost a leg and an arm in a railroad accident, and since then he has been an invalid. He was found dead in his shanty yesterday morning. The cause of death was suffocation. The shanty was very small and had no ventilation. The air was very stale and the temperature was very low.

MANUFACTURING GROWTH OF THE SOUTH.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 28.—In its annual review of the industrial progress of the south, "The Baltimore Manufacturers' Record" in this week's issue will say that 1880 has been the most remarkable year in the history of the south since the war. The manufacturing industry of the south has made great progress in the past few years. The production of iron, steel, and other manufactures has increased greatly. The south is now becoming a manufacturing center.

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