

NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.

INTERESTING FROM WASHINGTON.

Important Movement on the Nebraska Question.

PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE FOR THE BILL.

Soil Candidate for U. S. Senator in Connecticut.

TERRIBLE STORM AT THE SOUTH.

Very Interesting and Important from Washington.

THE NEBRASKA QUESTION—A NEW COMPROMISE ON THE TABLE—MR. CUTTING'S COMPLETED SUBSTITUTE FOR THE HOUSE BILL.

WASHINGTON, May 17, 1854.

We have been hurried to the present crisis upon the Nebraska question with the preparation for the compromise. Great difficulty has been experienced by the York held should be come up to the open repeal of Missouri restrictions, in spite of their hostility to self-administration. On the other side, the New York anti-slavery, or Van Buren free soilers, though they are the administration till they are fat and sleek in the spolia, generally oppose the bill, with here and there a dodging exception, who gives it a lift now and then upon some obscure issue not calculated to exasperate his constituents.

In view of these and other more important embarrassments connected with the present bill, Mr. Cutting had conference with Judge Douglas a few days ago, on the expediency of introducing into the House, and of adopting a substitute for Richardson's bill, a new bill for the re-organization of the Territories, as proposed by Congress in 1850. That is to say, instead of repealing the Missouri compromise, Mr. Cutting proposes to turn the question over to the people of Kansas and Nebraska, in practical accordance to the doctrine of Congressional non-interference in the domestic concerns of slavery. Mr. Cutting's bill is certainly the only one entirely consistent with the "principles of the compromise measures of 1850."

That was done for Utah and New Mexico he proposes to do for Kansas and Nebraska—leave the question of slavery entirely to the people thereof, where it properly belongs.

The Mexican local law over Utah and New Mexico, according to these writers, interested African slavery. The question between the North and South respectively, these Territories, was whether these local laws should be in force or ceased to exist with the acquisition of the country? It was compromised by turning over the problem to the decision of the people themselves. Under the authority, the Territorial Legislature of Utah has abolished the Mexican law prohibiting slavery, and has admitted into Utah. Slaves, also, have been admitted into New Mexico without any specific legislation upon the subject. Yet nobody believes that either New Mexico or Utah, in becoming a State, will become a slave State. The laws of God, as Mr. Webster pressed it, are against the establishment of slavery in those Territories, where it cannot be made to prosper.

Mr. Webster has been to New York, that, upon consultation with some of the leading national demagogues has been urged by them to bring forward his substitute in the House, as a satisfactory arrangement in a national and in a party view of the case. Before the expiration of the week, therefore, Mr. Cutting will probably introduce his proposition; and though it will be the eleventh hour, it is quite possible that it may be successful in giving a new, satisfactory and pacific shape to the whole question, in all its aspects, partisan and sectional. There will be a conference here, we understand, upon the subject to-morrow, among the friends of the bill.

THIRTY-THIRD CONGRESS.

FIRST SESSION.

Senate.

WASHINGTON, May 17, 1854.

A few petitions were presented.

PRIVATE BILL.

A bill for the relief of J. W. Kelly, Mail Contractor in Florida, was taken up, and after a debate as to the reasons why Kelly's contract was discontinued, the bill was passed.

RAILROAD RIGHT OF WAY IN MICHIGAN.

Mr. SMITH, (dem.) of Ill., reported a bill granting the Fort Huron and Lake Superior Railroad Company the right of way through the military reservation at Fort Gratiot, which was taken up and passed.

THE NAVY.

Mr. MALLOY, (dem.) of Pa., introduced a bill promoting the efficiency of the naval service.

THE BARRY EXPEDITION.

Mr. CLAYTON, (whig.) of Pa., reported a bill for the rescue of Lieutenant Barry, by a boat's crew from the British vessel Virago, and offered a joint resolution expressing the sense of Congress on their conduct. It provided for a medal to be struck in honor of the crew, and to be presented to Commander Edward Marshall, of the British Majesty's ship Virago; one to W. F. Parry, First Lieutenant of the Virago; one to Dr. William Ross; and one to Paymaster W. H. Hills, as a testimonial of national gratitude for their humane and gallant conduct and self-sacrificing efforts in extending timely relief to the surviving party on the command of Lieutenant Barry, and saving from inevitable death thirteen suffering Americans—to be paid for out of the Treasury.

The second section gives to each of the crew engaged in the rescue, as evidence of the high sense entertained by Congress of their services.

THE ORGANIZATION OF CUBA.

Mr. MALLOY's resolution of yesterday, concerning the African slave trade, was taken up. He said he had no objection now; all he wanted was to have the resolution referred.

Mr. CLAYTON did not think the more reference of the resolution to the Senate would be of any advantage.

Mr. CHASE said the resolution contained an assertion of certain facts and deductions therefrom, and to adopt it would not oppose any resolution in that course, though he would not support any resolution of the kind by directing the committee to inquire if the facts stated in the resolution were so.

FRONTIER REPORTS.

Mr. JOHNSON reported in favor of printing three thousand copies of Capt. Sibley's report of the exploration of the Colorado, and five thousand copies of Capt. Marcy's report of the exploration of the Red River. Adopted.

THE INCIDENT IN THE HOUSE.

Mr. HOWARD read a speech for an hour sustaining the constitutionality and expediency of the bill.

PRELIMINARY DEBATE—INTERESTING DISCUSSION.

The debate, opened from the Senate to publish the Senate debates, resolution from the Globe, in full, at \$4.50 per copy, was taken up, and one debate ensued, extending until after four o'clock.

Mr. HOWARD moved an amendment authorizing the Secretary of the Senate to report to the Senate on the 25th of May, in forty-eight hours after their appearance in the Globe, at \$4.50, and after for 3,022 additional copies of the same.

Mr. HOWARD accepted this in lieu of his own resolution.

Resolved, That this General Assembly hereby declare its assent to the proposed repeal of the act of 1850, and to the admission of slavery into the Territory of Missouri, as a violation of the national faith, as a destructive of mutual confidence, and as a violation of the principles of natural justice, and as a violation of the rights of the people of Missouri.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate be and he is authorized to transmit to the Senate a copy of these resolutions, together with a copy of the resolutions of the Senate of the United States, to be by them laid before the body, and the Executive of the several States in the Union.

Severe Storm in the South, and Loss of Life.

WASHINGTON, May 17, 1854.

A tremendous storm of wind and rain, accompanied by thunder and lightning, broke over the States between two and three o'clock this afternoon, during which a heavy rain fell, and the wind was killed.

REMARKABLE FIRE IN LOWER CANADA.

MONTRÉAL, May 17, 1854.

The village of St. Hyacinthe was almost wholly destroyed by fire, to-day.

Three Marine Disasters.

LOSS OF SHIP BLACK HAWK AT SEA—FOURTEEN RESCUED.

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Reception of Ex-President Fillmore in the Metropolis.

It was understood that ex-President Fillmore would pass through this city on his way home to Buffalo, a committee was appointed by the Board of Councilmen to receive him, and offer him the hospitalities of New York.

Nothing could be more gratifying to himself and his numerous friends, than the cordial and magnificent reception he met at each city through which he passed on his tour through the South. It was throughout a triumphal journey of successive ovations from point to point, including every important city or town from the beginning to the end of his tour, south of the Ohio river and Mason & Dixon's line. No Northern ex-President has ever received more flattering testimonials of public approbation in the Southern States, than Mr. Fillmore in his late excursion. And why is this? Simply because he is a chief executive officer of the country, he faithfully adhered to the constitution and the laws of the land, regardless of all the clamors of the Northern agitators.

It was not to be supposed, therefore, that the great city of New York would allow him to pass by without also testifying in some manner its high appreciation of his public services. At least the Common Council thought so; and one branch of it—the Board of Councilmen—appointed a committee to make suitable arrangements for his reception, consisting of Messrs. Fry, Kimbark and Belden. These gentlemen proceeded yesterday to Philadelphia to acquaint Mr. Fillmore with the action of the Common Council, and to request him to delay his departure for a short time, so as to give them an opportunity of completing the arrangements for his reception. His engagements, however, were so pressing, that he found it impossible to comply with their request, and his preparations were not so complete and satisfactory as they desired. After breakfasting with the President, they started for New York with the intelligence that he could not remain at Philadelphia till to-day, as they expected, and that he might be expected at South Amboy about 4 o'clock. The committee arrived here about 11 yesterday morning; and, at that late hour, having but three or four hours to complete their arrangements, set to work in making the necessary preparations for his reception. After considerable deliberation, they succeeded in chartering a small steamer called the Laura Knapp, which, according to appointment, should have been at pier No. 3 North river, at one o'clock precisely. The boat, however, was not up to time, much to the chagrin and disappointment of ten or twelve individuals, who were, including four policemen, some members of the Common Council, and a few gentlemen of the press, waiting. An hour passed away after the stated time, and each steambait that approached the pier was halted as the long wished-for vessel, but they all swept by, leaving the company in a state of painful anxiety as to whether the expected vessel would arrive at all. Some endeavored to pass away the time in talking politics, and others in telling anecdotes about the President. At length, however, the British steamer called the Laura Knapp, which, according to appointment, should have been at pier No. 3 North river, at one o'clock precisely. The boat, however, was not up to time, much to the chagrin and disappointment of ten or twelve individuals, who were, including four policemen, some members of the Common Council, and a few gentlemen of the press, waiting. 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