

CLOSING RATES

Yesterday of cotton and gold: New York, cotton, 13 1/4; Memphis, 12 1/2; New York, gold, 112 1/2; Memphis, 112.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES

For the Gulf States, Texas, Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana, falling barometer, east to southerly winds, rising temperature, clear or partly cloudy weather, with occasional snow in the last district.

THE COMMENTS OF SOME OF THE ST. LOUIS, OREGON AND CHICAGO PAPERS

Upon the conviction of crooked-whisky distillers, in the St. Louis Democrat, a savage and brutal, indicating a personal enmity pitiable and unparadiseable even under the restraint of law.

The Richmond Whig says that it is Virginia's great misfortune that she has not one man at least in her public councils who has the brain and nerve to take the lead and rally around him those disposed to minister to her necessities, when satisfied what it is that duty requires at his hands.

In the circle of the business of the day's business was the discussion of the resolution to admit P. R. S. Pritchard, from Louisiana, in whose defense Senator Morton spoke at length. No result was reached. In the house the bill to grant a pension to William R. Duncan, of Tennessee, was discussed, without result up to the hour of adjournment, both houses adjourning until Monday.

In the house of representatives of Louisiana, yesterday, the report of the Hawkins investigating committee and the joint resolution addressing him out of office were adopted by a vote of seventy-seven to ten. It is believed that the senate will adopt the joint resolution; if not, the house will impeach. The charges against Judge Hawkins include maladministration, prejudice, and incompetency.

From the public debt statement for January, we learn that the amount of coin in the treasury is \$73,001,395, and the amount of certificates outstanding against this coin is \$34,000,000. The amount of coin belonging to the government is \$39,000,000. The amount of currency in the treasury is nearly \$12,000,000. The difference between this and the balance of less than \$4,000,000 that the treasury held for some time after the panic of 1873, may be regarded as so much virtual contraction. The reduction of the debt during January is reported to have been \$1,500,000. From the smallness of the reduction it may be inferred that the surplus revenues are sufficient to provide for the sinking fund.

WASHINGTON.

Democratic Preparations for the Campaign—The Texas Pacific.

WASHINGTON, February 4.—The Democratic national committee has met at 1321 F street, and will at once proceed to the detailed organization of the party in the coming year. The committee members of the senate and house are invited to appoint an auxiliary committee in all the States.

THE PACIFIC RAILROAD COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of the sub-committee on Pacific railroads, Messrs. Tanner, O'Neill and Atkins, a majority of the committee, have agreed to report to the full committee the Texas Pacific railroad bill with the amendments proposed by Colonel Scott. Mr. Lottrell opposed the bill. Mr. Gardiner was present.

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More About the Fugitive Simmonses.

NEW YORK, February 4.—Address Fugias has been formally declared by the coroner's jury to be the murderer of W. W. Simmons. The police officers who found in the cellar where Fugias kept his wood and coal, near one of the foundations, the body of the murdered man, which was supposed had been destroyed by fire after the clothing had been removed, thus piecing the whole of the crime together, and the coroner's jury at the inquest. Fugias, who is a mother, all drank together until her mother fell on the floor, and she and Fugias pulled her to bed. Simmons was found dead in the chair. Fugias did not seem to be drunk. He took hold of the arm of Simmons and pulled him upon the floor, and then got the hatchet, and on his hands, rubbed them together, and struck Simmons on the neck.

European Markets.

LONDON, February 4.—In the London market there has been a limited trade of a dull and unsatisfactory character. Values have not varied materially, but such slight changes as have been made were in favor of buyers. The leading provincial markets on Tuesday, Wednesday and yesterday were all lower. The imports have been fairly good, say 100,000 quarters, but the exports have been moderate, 50,000 quarters. The deliveries of English are rather above the average, and include 52,000 quarters. The government has been very active in the market, and it is observed that the quantities of wheat, barley and maize now on passage to coast Britain are considerably smaller than a year ago.

The Pardon of Governor Graham Asked.

MIDDLETON, N. Y., January 31.—A petition to President Grant has been largely signed by the members of the bar a leading citizen of Orange county, asking for the pardon of Governor Graham. The governor was serving his third year in the Albany penitentiary, under a sentence of ten years, Walkin national bank, of which he was president. An effort is being made to obtain the signature of the judge of the United States district court, and of the United States district attorney for the southern district of New York. The prisoner is represented as mentally and physically infirm, and very penitent.

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