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EVENING STAR.

Washington News and Gossip.

INTERNAL REVENUE.—The receipts from this source to-day were $717,892 56.

PAYMASTER GEORGE L. MEADE, U. S. navy, died at San Francisco on Tuesday last.

SENATOR SUMNER met Senator Wilson in the *Tribune* office, New York, Wednesday, and the two had a friendly chat.

THE U. S. STEAMER WYOMING, commander F. H. Baker, arrived at Norfolk on Wednesday on her way to Key West.

THE SECOND BALLOT for United States Senator in the North Carolina legislature on Wednesday resulted in 78 votes for Vance, 20 for Merrimon and 72 for Poole.

RESIGNATION ACCEPTED.—The President has accepted the resignation of Captain W. W. Webb, 4th cavalry, to take effect on the 1st of May, 1873.

THE CAPITOL is now in readiness for the members of both Houses of Congress on Monday next. The improvements heretofore noted at length in THE STAR have all been completed, and the entire building was never before arranged in so attractive a garb.

GENERAL HORACE PORTER, of the President's staff, having been tendered the vice presidency of the Pullman Palace Car Company, has the proposition under advisement. He desires to accept the position, but will not do so against the wishes of President Grant.

MR. SUMNER.—Friends of Mr. Sumner, who have seen him in New York since his arrival, are glad to find his health really better, though his physicians insist that he must abstain from all labor possible during the coming winter. He will reach Washington to-night or to-morrow morning.

THE POSTAL TELEGRAPH SYSTEM.—Postmaster General Creswell was before the House appropriations committee on Wednesday on the postal appropriation bill, and made an argument in behalf of the postal telegraph system a bill for which is still pending before that committee.

THE MEXICAN CLAIMS COMMISSION.—Our minister to Mexico and the Mexican minister have signed a treaty extending the time for two years in which claims may be submitted to the joint commission authorized by the existing treaty. The difficulties over the referee between the two countries have also been settled.

NAVAL OFFICERS TRANSFERRED.—Lieut E. W. Bridge, ordered to the Frolic. Lieutenant George W. Coster, detached from the California and placed on waiting orders. Ensign Boynton Leach detached from the Naval Academy and ordered to the Frolic. Midshipmen H. C. Nye, M. C. Dimrock and C. H. Richman, detached from the Naval Academy and ordered to the Richmond.

CONGRESSIONAL EXAMINATION AT THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT.—Senator Edmunds, chairman of the Senate committee on appropriations, with several members of the committee, with the assistance of Secretary Boutwell, are making an examination of the accounts and vouchers of the Treasury department, for the purpose of making a report thereon at an early day of the coming session of Congress.

PERSONAL.—Major Ben. Perley Poore is back from his Newburyport home, rosy and muscular, for his winter's work here. He will occupy his old quarters, corner of 15th street and the Avenue, for his newspaper work. Major Poore is deservedly complimented by the republican managers for his services in preparing some of the most effective documents of the campaign. .....C. D. Brigham, esq., editor of that excellent paper, the Pittsburg *Commercial*, is at the Ebbitt House, accompanied by his wife. .....W. D. Gallagher, esq., of Louisville; A. C. Sands, esq., of Cincinnati, and Charles Hosmer, of the U. S. coast survey, are at the Ebbitt House. .....Hon. Thomas H. Nelson, U. S. minister resident to Mexico, left Washington for New York on Wednesday evening. .....Among the callers upon the President Wednesday was Mr. Van Vliet, member of the French institute and of the Royal Politico Economic society of Madrid. .....Gen. Horace Porter has returned to the city. .....Hon. S. B. Dutcher, of N. Y., is at the Ebbitt House.

MONUMENTS AND HEADSTONES FOR THE DEAD SOLDIERS OF THE UNION.—The Secretary of War will urge upon Congress at the approaching session the necessity of a suitable appropriation to purchase headstones to mark the graves of soldiers in the national cemeteries. At the last session $200,000 was appropriated for this purpose, but that sum is entirely inadequate, and another appropriation must be made. Proposals were invited by the quartermaster general a few weeks since, and quite a number were received, with samples accompanying them. There are over 300,000 graves in national cemeteries throughout the country, but nearly one-half of them are marked "unknown," and it is recommended that headstones be placed at those graves only which are known. For the unknown soldiers it is suggested that a handsome monument be erected in each cemetery, to cost twelve or fifteen thousand dollars each, which will be more appropriate than placing thousands of headstones at graves bearing the inscription, "Unknown." In the cemetery at Saulsbury, N. C., there are some 12,000 graves, most of which are marked unknown; and as the dead were buried in trenches, in some cases three or four deep, it would be impossible to put a headstone over each body. Suitable headstones can be purchased at $4 each for the known bodies, making a total of $600,000; and monuments for the unknown soldiers in all the cemeteries will cost probably $100,000 more.

ARRIVAL OF SENATORS AND MEMBERS.—Within a week past quite a number of Senators and members of Congress have arrived in the city and taken up quarters for the winter. The greater proportion of them, however, have not yet arrived, but are expected to do so between this and Sunday morning. Senator Patterson, Morton, and Osborne, and Hon. Horace Maynard, are at the Ebbitt House. Representatives Dawes and Buffington are expected here this evening. .....Senator Rice and Hons. J. L. Beveridge and John Lynch, are at Willard's. Hon. Wm. F. Roberts is expected to-night. .....Senators Cole, Anthony, and Stevenson, and Hons. Frank Hereford and Job Stevenson, are at the Arlington hotel. .....Hons. J. M. Coghlan, S. A. Merritt (delegate from Idaho) and J. H. Sloss are at the Imperial hotel. Hon. J. Lawrence Getz is expected to-morrow. .....Senator Hamilton, of Md., and Hon. J. B. Chaffee, of Colorado, are at Wormley's hotel. Vice President Colfax has taken a suite of rooms for himself and family at Wormley's for the winter, and will be here tomorrow. Hon. Freeman Clarke is also expected to-morrow. .....Vice President-elect Henry Wilson is at the Washington House, where he occupies his old quarters, rooms 34 and 35. Hon. John A. Bingham will have his old rooms at this house, and is expected tomorrow. Hon. D. P. Low is at the Washington. .....Hons. M. C. Kerr and W. McClelland are are at the Metropolitan Hotel. .....Senators Carpenter, of Wisconsin, and Hamilton, of Texas, and Hons. Jackson Orr and H. W. Barry are at the National Hotel. Senators Gilbert, of Florida, and Ferry, of Mich., are expected to-morrow. .....Senator Fenton has been in town for several days, and is at his residence, No. 23 Lafayette square. .....Senator Pomeroy is also in the city.

☞ Sour-krout lunches are fashionable.

☞ Wendell Phillips proposes to review Mr. Froude.

☞ Possum lunches are indulged in at church festivals in Georgia.

☞ The schools of Stoneham, Mass., have been closed on account of small pox.

☞ Three candidates for mayor have been nominated in Boston.

☞ A London clergyman has been christening children without water.

☞ Hickory nut sociables are among the institutions of the northwest.

☞ A Gotham establishment has clean shirts to hire for parties.

☞ The gentle sex are threatened with a relapse of sailor's collars.

☞ Goldsmith Maid and Lucy won $32,000 in gold during their trip to California.

☞ Cluck, who is to be hanged in Indianapolis soon, was baptized last Sunday.

☞ A Detroit man preserves his own hair by humbly dressing his wife's every morning.

☞ The rolling-mill hands in Scranton, Pa., are on a strike.

☞ The horse disease in a mild form is prevalent in Montgomery, Ala.

Society.

— It is understood that the wives of the several Cabinet officers have concluded that it will be impossible to return all the calls made on them during the winter season. To do so would leave them absolutely no time for other duties. They will give card receptions as usual, for which the invitations will be made from their visiting lists, but beyond returning cards in acknowledgement of that courtesy they cannot undertake to return the large number of formal calls made at their respective residences during the season.

— Mrs. Secretary Fish gave her second afternoon reception Wednesday. The callers were very numerous, and fashionably attired. Many of the ladies of the foreign legations called for the first time this season, which, in the society world, promises to be exceptionably gay and pleasant.

— A brilliant dinner party was given yesterday by Mr. Charles Astor Bristed, at which several of the foreign legation and a few intimate friends of the family were present.

— Miss Olive Risley Seward, adopted daughter of the late William H. Seward, and to whom he bequeathed a portion of his estate and the proceeds of his forthcoming book of travel, is to remove to Fredonia, New York, where she will henceforth live with her father.

— Cards are out for a dancing party to be given by Secretary and Mrs. Fish this evening. It is understood that on this occasion two, at least, of the new *debutantes* for this season—Miss Meigs and Miss Chevallie—will make their first appearance in society.

Condition of Our Navy.

AN EXAMINING BOARD INSPECTING THE VESSELS.

A board of naval officers, consisting of Commodore S. D. Trenchard, Chief Engineer Wood and Naval Constructor Much, has been in session here for several days past, examining into the condition of the various vessels of the navy, with a view of reporting to the Secretary as to their condition. It is a well known fact that a large number of vessels now laid up at the various navy yards are worthless, having been built during the war, of green timber, which has shrunk. The Guerriere and Albany are two of this class—the former being of 4,000 tons and the latter 3,050 tons burthen. Both of them are now advertised for sale. The Guerriere, it will be remembered, was injured by running on the rocks off the coast of Italy, but was repaired at a cost of nearly $100,000, before she came home. The Minnesota, Wabash, Niagara, Colorado, Franklin, Brooklyn, Hartford, Richmond, and Powhatan, (built before the war,) are of good live oak, and as sound as they were when first built. The Florida, Tennessee, New York, Pennsylvania, Susquehanna, Lancaster, Pensacola, Powhatan, Saranac, and about thirty or thirty-five others, though many of them small vessels, are also built of good live oak timber, and are still sound, but most of them are too small for long cruises. Such vessels as the Nevada, Connecticut, Antietam, California, Delaware, Illinois, Congress, Severn, Worcester, Vanderbilt, Lackawana, Canandaigua, Swatara, Wachusett, Nantaskett, Ressaca, Kansas, Nipsic, Saco, Nyack, Shawmut, Yantic, Tallapoosa, and the storeships Idaho, Pawnee and Supply, are of white oak timber, were hastily built during the war, and are of little service now. The board will probably recommend the sale of the white oak vessels, and thus the navy will get rid of a lot of useless ships. Nearly all of the monitors have been offered for sale, but a sufficient price not having been offered, they were not disposed of.

Another Meteoric Shower.

BRILLIANT DISPLAY ON WEDNESDAY EVENING—NEARLY 1,800 METEORS OBSERVED IN LESS THAN TWO HOURS—FULL ACCOUNT OF THE PHENOMENON BY REAR ADMIRAL SANDS—RELATIONS BETWEEN THE METEORS AND BIELA'S COMET.

Rear Admiral Sands, Superintendent of the U. S. Naval Observatory, has forwarded a report to the Secretary of the Navy, dated "U. S. Naval Observatory, Washington city, November 28, 1872," in which he says:

"I have the honor to report that last night being clear, a fine display of meteors was observed by Prof. Eastman and Mr. Horigan, of this observatory. In the early evening, Prof. Eastman being occupied in other duties, Mr. Horigan observed 485 meteors between 6 h. 15 m. and 8 h. p. m. From 8 h. to 9 h. p. m., Prof. Eastman observed part of the time, and 181 were seen. After 9 h. 100 more were seen, and at 10 p. m. the display seemed to cease.

The maximum flight appears to have been between the hours of 6 h. 15 m. and 6 h. 30 m.; reaching an hourly rate (102 in fifteen minutes) of 408. Mr. Horigan saw 10 before he commenced the above record, making the whole number observed 720. They appeared to radiate, by Prof. Eastman's observation, from a space which might be inclosed by a circle 80 degrees in diameter, having its center at *mu* Andromeda.

Prof. Harkness also observed, but differs a little as to the point of radiance, placing it about halfway between *mu* and *gamma* Andromeda. As there was but a single observer in the early evening, whose attention was confined to one portion of the heavens, there were probably four and a half times as many fell as were observed. According to Prof. Harkness' observations, the most of the meteors were about of the fourth magnitude; the color, to the naked eye, was generally faint blue, but some of the larger were reddish. The tracks were generally very short—not exceeding from 4 to 6 degrees. The average time of flight was from one to two tenths of a second.

Prof. Eastman succeeded in catching the spectra of two small ones. The first had a faint, continuous spectrum, with an excess of yellow or greenish yellow. The second had a faint green spectrum, the first glimpse of which appeared perfectly white. They were both very faint, and moved rapidly.

This display is a very remarkable one, and exceeds that ordinarily seen on the 14th and 15th of November. The radiant point seems to indicate that they are moving in the orbit of Biela's comet."

Mr. Greeley's Critical Condition.

STATEMENTS IN THE NEW YORK PAPERS OF YESTERDAY.

The New York papers generally of yesterday have announcements in reference to Mr. Horace Greeley's health, most of them indicating that his condition has now grown critical and dangerous. The New York Tribune's account is as follows: "We are deeply pained to say that in the last thirty-six hours Mr. Greeley's condition has changed greatly for the worse. Throughout Wednesday he remained nearly all the time unconscious. In a counsel of some of the most eminent physicians of the city only one was without hope, but all regarded the case as critical and alarming."

The New York Sun, ascertaining his condition on Wednesday, sent a reporter to Mr. John R. Stuart's residence, at Tarrytown, where it has been reported Mr. Greeley was staying. It was found that Mr. Greeley was not there. The reporter asked Mr. Stuart where Mr. Greeley was. He replied: "We are keeping him secluded, and do not mean to let the public know where he is." The reporter then asked about Mr. Greeley's condition. Mr. Stuart said he was very sick, and had symptoms of brain fever. "Is he dangerously ill?" asked the reporter. Mr. Stuart replied, "He may live ten days, but I doubt it." The reporter went down to the village to pursue his inquiries, and accidentally, learned just as he was about to give up the search in despair, where Mr. Greeley was staying. He hurried thither, and found the dying man surrounded by his friends. Among them were Messrs Samuel Sinclair and John F. Cleveland, Mr. Greeley's brother-in-law. His daughters were in attendance at his bedside. Dr. Brown Sequard, the great Paris physician who cured the Hon. Charles Sumner, Dr. Brown, and Dr. Choate were in consultation. They defined Mr. Greeley's disease as an organic affection of the brain, the result of physical prostration consequent upon his unremitting attendance at the bedside of his dying wife. He went weeks and weeks without sleeping more than an hour a night; oftentimes and for long periods without food. His affection for Mrs. Greeley was deep-seated and sincere, and the probability of her approaching loss kept his mind in a continual state of exhaustive excitement. Since her death the immense power of endurance which was so severely tested during her long sickness and suffering suddenly gave way, and a powerful reaction set in which left him completely enervated and prostrate. His nervous system is utterly gone. The nerves of his stomach were first affected to such a degree that he could not retain his food. Since then he has gradually failed. On the day before yesterday he lost consciousness. The physicians say that he may die within the next twelve hours, although there is a possibility that he may last for four or five days. There is little hope, however, that he will recover consciousness before he breathes his last.

Mr. Greeley's last coherent words were "The country is gone, the *Tribune* is gone, and I am gone."

☞ We hear a great deal about labor reform but there seems to be greater need of reforming some of those fellows who don't labor.

OUR ARMY.

General Sherman's Annual Report.

General Sherman, in his annual report, states that the number of enlisted men is 29,338 and of commissioned officers 2,104. He gives the names of division and department commanders (published in THE STAR on Wednesday.) Since the death of General Halleck the President has not named any successor to the military division of the south and the department commanders—Brigadier General Terry and Colonel Emory—report direct to the adjutant general of the army. In conclusion he says: "The reports of all these officers are so full and complete that they leave nothing for me but to submit them with my hearty approval of the several recommendations therein."

Inspector General's Report.

Inspector General Hardie, in his annual report, refers to the inspections of the different branches of the service in the army, and how the various officers have been employed. He suggests that an officer be assigned to superintend the system of fabricating clothing for the army, in order to have better clothing furnished. Models of every article of the uniform, properly cut and made, as well as standard cloth and other materials should be prepared and retained, and no clothing cut, made or received, that does not strictly conform to the criterion established. This can easily be accomplished when the material now on hand is consumed. "The new styles of uniform clothing are believed to be generally acceptable to the army, but great interest is felt in the introduction of better material for clothing for enlisted men. The law of March 15, 1872, with reference to the pay, &c., has already had a beneficial effect in promoting content among the enlisted men, and it is believed that it will materially lessen the number of desertions." He recommends a uniform system of tactics for the cavalry arm of the service, and also the early adoption and promulgation of the new code of army regulations, as the old ones are not adapted to the requirements of the service. The reports of the different inspectors show that through their recommendations and agency, sustained and enforced by their commanders, there has been continued improvement in the discipline, efficiency, and moral tone of the troops, as well as the promotion of a more discriminating and careful regard for the economical application of public money and property.

Paymaster General's Report.

Paymaster General Alvord reports total receipts were $16,136,319.60, and total disbursements, $12,726,515.65. Refunded to the Treasury, $675,929.90. Balance on hand, $2,733,874.05. He devotes much of his report to the system adopted to enable the men to save their means, and speaks very favorably thereof. He says: "If the Captains of companies will encourage and persuade their men to make deposits they will find that it will diminish the number of desertions, and render pay day and the sequel of it a quiet, orderly event in a garrison. He next refers to the system recently adopted of comparing the weekly statement of paymasters giving their balances remaining in the various depositories with similar statements rendered by each depository to the Treasurer of the United States. The discrepancies revealed are usually accidental, and admit of explanation. He recommends the repeal of the law interdicting promotions and appointments in the Pay department. Promotion is the life-blood of an army, and this department is already so reduced that if any exigency or additional vacancy shall occur it will be difficult to carry on its business." In conclusion he asks that Congress will not rashly tamper, as some have proposed, with the system in the Paymaster General's office, but leave undisturbed an organization of fifty years growth, which during that period brought honor upon the public service, both in time of war and in time of peace.

Report of the Ordnance Department.

The report of General A. B. Dyer, chief of the ordnance office, shows satisfactory work at the arsenals and other points where work under the bureau is going on. A few thousand stand of arms have been completed at the Springfield armory for the army and militia. The work is now ceasing at that post, as the appropriation for the current year is limited to such system of breach-loading arms as may be selected by a board now in session. Reports from the field are favorable to the use of revolvers using metalic cartridges. The bill of last session for arming and equipping the militia is recommended to the attention of Congress. The sale of such arsenals east of the Mississippi river as can be spared is recommended, and the proceeds should be applied to the establishment of a large arsenal of construction and repair on the Atlantic coast. The notes and bonds of the principal purchasers at the Harpers Ferry sale in 1869, have been placed in the hands of the department of justice for suit, the delinquents having failed to liquidate any part of their indebtedness within the time limited by law. Liberal action in regard to the promotion of ordnance officers, such as was taken in respect to the engineer department, the chief of ordnance hopes will be extended during the ensuing session.

Report of Quartermaster General Meigs.

Quartermaster General Meigs, in his annual report to the Secretary of War, states that the expenditures of his department during the past year were $12,517,621.37. All accounts for money and property prior to 1871 have been examined and transmitted to the Treasury for final settlement. During the past year 3,277 cavalry and artillery horses were purchased, and 299 mules, making 9,729 horses and 8,758 mules now in service. 701,244 bushels of corn, 886,127 bushels of oats, 170,806 bushels of barley, 54,840 tons of hay, 3,839 tons of straw, 116,000 cords of wood; 28,144 tons of coal have been furnished to the army. The expenditures on account of clothing during the year were $667,529.63, while $1,813,831.40 was realized from the sale of clothing. Railroad transportation during the year amounted to $1,390,000. Of this $890,857 was over the Pacific railroads. Water transportation has cost $626,373 52. Wagon transportation $1,100,000, and stage transportation $48,975.84. The amount paid for transportation of animals, repairs of wagons, hire of teamsters, &c., was $924,630.64. Ninety-five new buildings have been erected at military posts, at a cost of $240,853, and $15,000 has been expended upon wharves. The cost of construction and repair of military buildings has been $385,925. The balance due the United States from railroads indebted to the government is $4,754,442 43. During the year $138,152.75 has been collected from them, and accounts with them, amounting to $230,000, are now in process of settlement. Claims for quartermaster's stores taken during the war, amounting to $367,102 72, have been settled, and claims amounting to $396,100.75 have been rejected. There are claims amounting to $6,857,006.56 still on file, but a large proportion of them are unjust. He reviews at some length the condition of government buildings under his care, national cemeteries, military reservations, &c.

Report of the Judge Advocate General.

The annual report of Judge Advocate General Holt, U. S. A., shows that 17,353 records of military courts have been received and revised during the year. He says: "The examination in review by this bureau of the records of trials occurring in the different military departments of the country, brings constantly before it what is felt to be a most serious defect in the administration of justice, and a positive injury to the service—which is the inequality of sentences adjudged by different courts for identical offences. Desertion, for instance, receives in one department a punishment of two, three, four, and even five years' confinement at hard labor, while in another a sentence providing for but one year's imprisonment is deemed an ample expiation, and this in cases which from the trial records appear to be in all respects deserving of the same proportion of punishment. Prisoners thus differently treated are often brought together, when by comparison the injustice wrought is made manifest to the sufferers, and the result naturally is to harden rather than reform the culprits—one of the highest objects of punishment thus being made impossible of attainment. He recommends the adoption of a code providing specific penalties for well-defined offences, with a minimum and maximum limitation to meet first offences and the cases of persistent offenders. He also recommends the erection of military prisons for the confinement of soldiers, so as not to send them to penitentiaries to associate with felons.

☞ Charles Dickens, jr., is coming to this country in the spring.

☞ Dio Lewis says the neck should be dressed lightly.

☞ One effect of the horse disease in Wheeling, Va., is the abandonment of the stables by the rats. As soon as a horse commences to cough, the rodents make for the open air.

☞ The police made a descent upon a party of roughs in Philadelphia, yesterday, who had a prize fight in full operation. They succeeded in arresting the principals, but the spectators generally escaped.

☞ Committees of conference of various state temperance organizations met at Syracuse, New York, yesterday, and decided to press the local prohibition and civil damages law before the legislature, and ask for a repeal of all license laws.

TELEGRAMS TO THE STAR.

This Afternoon's Dispatches.

Associated Press Reports.

MR. GREELEY DYING.

His Physicians Give Him Up.

He Does Not Know His Own Daughter.

NEW YORK, Nov. 29.—Mr. Greeley's death is expected momentarily by his relatives and the physicians attending him. Yesterday false reports were current in many quarters that his disease had terminated fatally, and numbers besieged the *Tribune* office to ascertain the true state of affairs. Mr. Greeley is at Tarrytown, but his whereabouts there is kept from the public and many friends. Yesterday evening, at a medical consultation, it was said that it was doubtful if he could live more than a few days. Dr. W. A. Hammond, one of his physicians, said: "I doubt if he will live forty-eight hours longer, and I should not be surprised to hear of his death to-night." "While I was at his bedside," added the Doctor, "Mr. Weed, an old fri