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TELEGRAPH.

4 o'clock, P. M.

The Line Down.

The telegraph wire is down this afternoon near Jim river, and we have been unable to get our afternoon report.

FOREIGN.

COLLECTING RELIEF.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—A dispatch from Berlin says the empress of Germany has started an association among the ladies of Bremen, with the object of collecting and administering funds and appliances for the aid of the sufferers by the dynamite explosion at Bremen Haven, Saturday last.

VESSEL DESTROYED.

The report is current among Cubans in this city that Spanish boat Graciosa, was recently fired on from a masked battery while ascending Llama Creek, Cuba. In endeavoring to get out of range the Graciosa ran aground and was set fire to by the insurgents and totally destroyed.

Seized.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—DeGrief & Co.'s dry goods store has been seized on Broom street, on the charge that they largely undervalue 95 cases of silk fringe for dresses, worth about \$100,000. The bonds of the firm are fixed at \$400,000. Mr. Trisaca, one of the partners, says the prosecution is an attempt to blackmail the firm.—The informer is a discharged salesman in the fringe department. The firm has a house in Berlin, and a branch house in Paris.

VARIETIES.

There is no special style of engraving engagement rings. A spiders web, with a fly in it, is a very pretty device.—*Jersey City Gazette.*

Young ladies who are accustomed to read newspapers are always observed to possess winning ways, most amiable dispositions, invariably make good wives, and always select good husbands.

A Franklin (Pa.) congregation recently announced its intention to add \$200 to the pastor's salary for each child born in his family during his ministrations there. The result was—twins, and the society has recinded its resolution.

The married men in Brooklyn who come home after midnight prop themselves against the wall and warble a stave or two of "Hold the Fort," under the awful delusion that their wives will suppose they have been to a revival meeting.

Kate Fields says James Gordon Bennett will never marry. Strange, what a prejudice against that man exists among the ladies. He had better send out an expedition to discover the source of it. It is a great pity of his children.

Mr. Colfax tells a good story of President Lincoln; that when he was attacked with small pox, he said to his attendants: "Send up all the office-seekers, and tell them I've got something I can give each of them."—*Philadelphia Press.*

The Rochester Union wants to know what becomes of the alcohol. Wherein it reminds one of the cat that swallowed the polywog and then sat down in the window and looked as though it had not eaten a mouthful for six weeks.

Jeannette—Your conduct was perfectly proper in kissing the young man when he so requested in order to "assist him in discovering whether it would make the gas flicker or not." Slight deviations from strict deportment may always be made while investigating scientific operations.

A young lady from the rural districts entered a dry goods store the other day and asked for a pair of stockings. The clerk politely asked her what number she wore. "Why, two, you blasted fool; do you suppose I'm a centipede, or a wooden leg?"

Sioux Falls and Her Railroad.

From the Independent.

There is a quaint old say that "It never rains but it pours;" the truth of the adage it seems, is about to be verified in this locality on the railroad question. No sooner have we a railroad company in working order than railroads and rumors of railroads come from every imaginable direction.

Before the engineers of the Sioux Falls railroad company can get into the field to survey the route, we are informed that the iron for the Sioux City & Pembina is just arriving, and that the road will be in operation five miles this side of Portlandville before

January 1st, 1876, and be extended up the valley at once.

Along with this news comes word that a road from the Ft. Dodge coal mines will be in running order to Webster City by the same date, destined for this place.

The Southern Minnesota seems to scent something in the distance, in the reports of Gen. Sheridan, and promises to complete that line in one year from the opening of the Black Hills. As the Hills are now virtually open, if reports are to be relied on, if this company mean business, they are due in this place December, 1876.

Polygamy Judicially Pronounced Bigamy.

The Reynolds case in Utah, in which a Mormon of that name was convicted of bigamy for practicing polygamy is important, in the first place, as being the only case brought to trial under the law of '62, denouncing it as a crime. Chief Justice White charged the jury ably, but temperately, holding it to be constitutionally unlawful to practice plural marriage in the name of religion. The jury recommended Mr. Reynolds to the mercy of the court. It is noticeable that he was convicted by a jury composed partly of Mormons.—Appeal has been taken, and it is hoped this case will be carried by common consent to the supreme court of the United States. It is due to Judge White to say that he is the only man so far as we know who has had the courage to pronounce the act of 1862 good law.

We remember that during the excitement about the Mormons several years ago two clergymen in Chicago openly defended the right of the Mormon people to enjoy this odious institution of plural marriage as a right grounded in the sacred principle of religious liberty. But this does not prove the unconstitutionality of the act of the law. It only shows that there is wholesome jealousy of that kind of liberty among all religionists, and that the question is a serious one. It was so regarded when the law under Reynolds was convicted was passed by congress, and, as we remember, its doubtful constitutionality was shadowed forth in an ambiguous wording of the statute itself, or rather in a proviso which implied such a doubt. The Mormon people have always professed a desire to test the validity of that law, "and we hope the Reynold's case will furnish them the coveted opportunity. If Chief Justice White's judgment of it is consistent with the federal constitution, and this shall be affirmed by the United States supreme court there will be a speedy end put to the polygamous practices in Utah.

The full text of the indictment found by the St. Louis grand jury against Colonel Babcock, stripped of legal verbiage, charges that Babcock and Joyce, on the first day of January, 1874, conspired and combined, together with others known as the St. Louis whiskey ring, to defraud the United States of the tax on one million gallons of distilled spirits; that afterwards, on the 15th day of July, 1874, from each of five distilleries owned by the parties with whom Babcock is alleged to have confederated, 10,000 gallons of proof spirits were removed without the payment of tax. The indictments is a formidable document in length, but the above is the sum and substance of the charges in brief. After having proved the existence of the conspiracy, the government will probably attempt to show the connection of Babcock therewith through his letters and dispatches.

Representative McCrary, in conversation concerning the senatorship from Iowa, recently said that Gov. Kirkwood stands the best chance, and, in his opinion, that gentleman is the one who can command a majority. The election occurs January 10th.

It makes one a little sick to see the crowds of office-seekers in and about the house wing of the capitol. Old democrats that I saw here twenty years ago, and who I supposed were dead and buried long ago, are around, spry as crickets, and of course every one of them wants an office.—*S. B. in Springfield Republican.*

A St. Louis dispatch says a stupendous land swindle has just been unearthed in southwestern Missouri and northern Arkansas, involving over eleven million acres of land, and twenty-five or thirty millions of dollars.—It consisted in the sale of forged deeds in the United States and England, agencies being established in the principal cities for the purpose. The figures are rather loud, and may need considerable trimming; but owing to the fact that the records of the section were mostly destroyed during the civil war the ring had every facility for carrying on its operations.

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Arrive St. Paul	3:57	5:30
Bluff	8:18	6:08
Sioux	8:50	6:38
Whiting	4:12	6:58
Omaha	4:59	6:18
Madison	4:59	6:38
River Sioux	5:15	7:00
Mondamin	5:38	7:19
Madison	5:55	7:38
California Junction	6:06	7:45
Missouri Valley	6:25	8:00
Chicago	4:00	9:15 A. M.
Council Bluffs	10:30	6:15 P. M.
St. Louis	6:35	10:00 A. M.
Leave Chicago	10:15 A. M.	10:00 A. M.
St. Louis	8:00 P. M.	10:20 P. M.
Arrive Sioux City	12:00 M.	10:20 P. M.

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