



THE latest reports indicate that Santa Claus has bought a boat to make his rounds in.

THE Duke of Portland has just died. About the only thing this gentleman was, that he spent \$5,000,000 in building subterranean rooms on his estate.

A WRITER in one of the Cincinnati papers speaks of the good old days when a "lawyer studied law before he began to practice his profession," and intimates that it would be better if the old style was returned to.

INDICATIONS: For Tennessee and the Ohio Valley, rising barometer, colder northerly winds, becoming variable and generally clear weather, followed in the western portion by falling barometer, and slightly warmer southeasterly winds.

"H. C." the New York Times man, says that two years ago Col. Alston, who was murdered a few months ago at Atlanta, said, at a dinner party in Washington, that he predicted that Grant would be the next President, and that the South would be pleased to have it so.

It is a tradition among the oldest inhabitants of New York that the streets have not been cleaned for many years, and it was only done then because of the funeral procession of one of the Police Commissioners and head of the Street Cleaning Bureau; at least so says the World.

A GREAT, grand and awe-inspiring sight is that when one prominent railroad man drives the silver spike in the cross-tie, and another prominent railroad man waits until the crowd is gone, and then proceeds quickly to the place, pulls it out, sticks it in his vest pocket and walks off.

"Dr Standford's schemes for holding the Southern trade are probably the most comprehensive and far-sighted of the time. His acquisition of the Mobile and Montgomery Railroad give him access alike to the Gulf, to all the southeast and to Florida; the building of the Georgia Western would let him into Atlanta, the key of the southeast, and the completion of his Knoxville branch will give him a short line to the Carolinas via Asheville. What more could Louisville want? She would then have roads that would tap every part of the South, except northern Texas and Virginia.—Atlanta Constitution.

WASHINGTON, December 8.—Judge Edmunds, Postmaster of Washington, is dying of Bright's disease of the kidneys. He may linger a day or two longer and may die to-night, but all hope of his recovery has been given up. Judge Edmunds was one of the late Senator Chandler's nearest friends. They were boys together, and Edmunds came to Washington in 1861 to be Commissioner of Public Lands. President Johnson, however, had him, and he became Postmaster of the Senate. Then there was a vacancy in the city postoffice, and General Grant gave it to him. Edmunds was for many years Secretary of the Republican Congressional Committee, and was the originator of the Union League.—Special to the Cincinnati Commercial.

THE position of the Democrats in Congress in regard to the Marshals deficiency appropriation bill, is like that of a dog who wants to kill a coon, but is afraid to. The dog stands off about three feet and barks, but finding this doing no good, he makes a spring, but is very careful not to reach his coonship. Then he tries to get in the rear of it, but finds the same teeth grinning at him. He tries all sides, but wherever he goes is the inevitable head until he begins to think "coons don't have tails. The Democrats just now are barking at it, but the jumps will be soon. There's no use in this though, gentlemen. You must make a bold stroke, and risk the chance of striking the head. Go in and get a whip on!

In the following will be found the whole theory and practice of true finance:

"EXECUTIVE MANSION. WASHINGTON, Dec. 4, 1879. MY DEAR: You want money to be plenty, the rate of interest to be low, at the same time you want money to be good. You can't have the best state of things when there is confidence in the stability of the currency. Capital will not go where it is uncertain in what currency debts will be paid next month or next year. If the legal tender for debts depends on the uncertain action of Congress there will be a want of confidence. The only constitutional legal tender is gold and silver. Depart from that and confidence is gone. All the world now believes that investments in America are likely to be profitable. A sound financial policy will bring us money from all the commercial nations of the earth. In good times prepare for hard times; in good times pay debts. The legal tender notes are d-b's. Let them be paid by coin in the Treasury and the coin that is coming in from abroad and it will not contract; the circulation. Let our ship be headed in the right direction. It is a sound policy which has brought good times; the same policy will continue good times. Sincerely, R. B. HAYES."

Religious Unpleasantness. We are sorry to learn of an unpleasantness between our Baptist and Methodist brethren at Jones' Chapel, Sevier county, on last Sabbath. Our information is that both denominations claimed the stand, and the result was that one of the ministers was arrested on a charge of disturbing public worship. The church house is owned, and has heretofore been used by both denominations.—Dandridge Watchman.

TELEGRAPHIC.

Congress Begins to Grapple with the Indian Question.

A Resolution Looking to Having the Utes Removed from Colorado.

J. B. Swan, of Virginia, Nominated for Chief Justice of Wyoming.

Continuation of the Cold Snap Throughout the Kingdom.

Special Dispatch to the Chronicle: WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 11.

Attorney General Devens today ordered the dismissal of three of Marshal Fitzsimmons' deputies for presenting fraudulent vouchers. Detectives have been watching Fitzsimmons' office for several weeks, and the disclosures were not unexpected. The dishonest deputies are sons of well-known Georgia Democrats.

XLVI CONGRESS.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11. On motion of Mr. Bayard, it was resolved that when the Senate adjourn it be to meet on Monday next.

Mr. Plumb introduced a bill to amend the Revised Statutes relating to taxes upon banks and bankers. It provides that no association shall be liable to tax imposed by section 5254, of the Revised Statutes, upon any sum under that name.

At 1:55 the Senate went into Executive session, and when the doors reopened adjourned until Monday.

HOUSE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Mr. Baker, of Indiana, from the Committee on Appropriations, reported the Fortifications Appropriation bill, appropriating \$375,000, which was ordered printed and committed. He gave notice that he would report it back to-morrow morning, and ask its consideration.

Mr. McLeod, of Iowa, from the Committee on Manufactures, reported back the joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution relative to trade marks. Printed and recommitted.

Mr. Allison, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, reported, with two amendments, the joint resolution that the Secretary of the Interior be authorized through a commission of five persons to be appointed by the President to negotiate with the Ute Indians for their removal from Colorado. Mr. Allison stated that owing to the fact that the Utes would be in Washington during recess, it was important that the resolution be passed.

Mr. Cockrell objected to its present consideration. If there was any provision in it allowing the removal of the Indians to the Indian Territory, he gave notice that there would be bitter opposition to it. Mr. Allison explained that the committee amendments to the resolution expressly excluded such possibility, but Cockrell declined to withdraw his objections, and the resolution went over.

A bill has been introduced by Mr. Acklen, of Louisiana, and referred for appointment by the President of the Commission of Engineers to examine the surveys of the contemplated canal across the Isthmus of Panama.

A resolution was offered by Mr. Shelley, of Alabama, and referred, for the appointment of a select committee of five to investigate the causes of the negro exodus from the South, and support such measures as the exigency may require. The House is now considering a bill that was reported yesterday as to the unloading of foreign ships at ports of delivery.

After some discussion, the bill relating to the unloading of foreign vessels at ports of delivery was recommitted.

Mr. Converse, of Ohio, from the Committee on Public Lands, reported the bill amending the Act of March 3d, 1879, with reference to registry fees to be paid by homestead settlers. Passed.

The House then went into committee of the whole on the bill authorizing an allowance for the loss, by leakage or casualty, of spirits withdrawn from the distillery warehouse for exportation. Mr. Morrison, of Illinois, who originally introduced the bill, spoke in its support, and stated that it had the approval of the Commissioners of the Internal Revenue

Committee. He then rose and reported the bill to the House, whereupon it was passed.

Mr. Hubbell, of Michigan, from the Appropriations Committee, reported the Pension Appropriation bill, which was ordered printed and recommitted. The bill appropriates \$32,400,000, an increase of three million dollars over last year's appropriation. The House then adjourned.

NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—The report of the Executive Committee of the Western Union Telegraph Company for the quarter ending Dec. 31st, states that the net profits for the quarter ending Dec. 31st, based upon the official returns for October, nearly complete, and the estimates for December, reserving an amount sufficient to meet the claims of the Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph Company under the existing agreements, will be about \$1,475,841.21. The Executive Committee has recommended that the Board of Directors declare a dividend of 1 1/2 per cent. from the net earnings for the quarter, payable January 15th, and an extra dividend of 1 per cent. out of the surplus money in the treasury on that date.

The Agricultural Convention, for the formation of a National Agricultural Society, met this morning at the Metropolitan Hotel. About 150 delegates were present, representing the States of New York, Iowa, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Illinois, Georgia, South Carolina, Texas, New Hampshire, Minnesota, Vermont, Maryland, Delaware, Ohio, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Maine, Arkansas, District of Columbia and Virginia. A temporary organization was effected by the election of Gen. N. M. Curtis, of New York, as Chairman, and M. J. Lawrence, of New York, Prof. E. A. Carman, of Washington, and Prof. A. R. Ledoux, of North Carolina, as Secretaries.

Mr. J. H. Reall, Chairman of the Committee on Organization, read an address setting forth the object aimed at by the Convention.

The Committee on Organization then reported the constitution for the proposed society, providing that its name be the American Agricultural Association, and its object to protect, promote and develop agriculture in the whole country in all its branches, and to the interest of those engaged therein and closely connected therewith. The report will be acted on at the afternoon session.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Dec. 10.—By the burning of a tall-gauge near this city, this morning, Miles Tuttle, gate-keeper, and a child two years old, were burned to death. Mrs. Tuttle and two children escaped.

VIRGINIA.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 10.—In the General Assembly to-day three additional State officers were elected, viz: Carbin M. Reynolds, of Botetourt county, for Treasurer, vice R. M. T. Hunter; A. F. Walker, of Richmond, for Superintendent of Public Printing, vice R. E. Frayser; and Samuel C. Williams, of Rockingham county, for Superintendent of Penitentiary, vice Samuel A. Swann. Over three hours were consumed in the election of Superintendent of Public Printing, the nominating speeches in the Senate bringing on a partisan debate of a strong and bitter nature, which delayed the work of both houses. Three more officers remain to be filled to-morrow and then the Readjusters will have full control of the State Government.

FREDERICKSBURG, Dec. 11.—The leading Democratic citizens of Richmond county, Virginia, headed by Charles Pitts, their recently elected member of the Legislature, have just petitioned Judge Jones to include in the jury lists such of the colored citizens of the county as the Court shall think well qualified to serve as jurors. They say the step is both proper and important, as they believe this class of our fellow-citizens are entitled to such representation. Judge Jones has granted the order prayed for.

PETERSBURG, Dec. 11.—A large number of colored emigrants from Goldsboro, N. C., have passed through here during the past few days en route to Indiana. A noticeable feature is a large number of women with infants in their arms. They go without a leader and appear in good spirits.

BOSTON, Dec. 11.—Dr. Enoch Cobb Mires, whose life has been devoted to reforms in the prisons throughout the world, died at Cambridge yesterday.

COLD SNAP.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—The weather continues severe throughout the Kingdom.

PARIS, Dec. 11.—The Seine has not been completely frozen over until now since 1861.

VIENNA, Dec. 11.—So hard and continuous frosts, so early in the season, have not been experienced here since 1838.

ROME, Dec. 11.—Much snow has fallen in Sicily and Calabria, rendering communication difficult. Bread riots have occurred in the district of Rovina in consequence of the general distress.

BERLIN, Dec. 11.—The cold is still intense here and, in Upper Silesia, where the famine prevails. The thermometer marked 12° below zero, Fahrenheit, Tuesday last.

CANADA.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—An Ottawa, Ont., special says a shocking case of neglect has just come to light in Hull, near this city. A boy, seventeen years of age, was taken, down with smallpox and his family deserted him. The neighbors, hearing of it, went with food to the house where he was stopping. On entering the room they found the youth covered with blood and at the point of death. Food being placed to his lips, he ravenously swallowed it. An examination showed that he had eaten flesh from one of his arms in his agony of hunger. He died a few minutes after the arrival of the neighbors.

MASSACHUSETTS.

WORCESTER, MASS., Dec. 11.—In the case of Francis E. Hayden, on trial for the alleged poisoning of his sister, at 9:15 this morning the jury came into court, after having been out twenty hours, and rendered a verdict of not guilty. The verdict was received with loud demonstrations of joy, and the prisoner wept like a child.

THE INDIANS.

DENVER, COLO., Dec. 11.—A special from El Paso states that the Apaches, under Chief Ju, numbering one hundred, were engaged in the fight with the Mexicans in Chihuahua on the 6th inst. Ju lost 80, killed and wounded.

WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—James B. Swan, of Virginia, was nominated by the President to-day to be Chief Justice of Wyoming Territory.

FOREIGN NEWS.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—A dispatch from Cabul says that the most damaging evidence has been obtained against Yahiga Khan, father-in-law of the Ameer, Yakoub Khan, in the discovery of a mounted copy of a large map of Turkestan, defying the conqueror's name, in full, with the date 1865, hidden in a box containing clothing found in Yahiga Khan's house.

BERLIN, Dec. 11.—A dispatch says a St. Petersburg letter states that on the same day the Czar arrived at St. Petersburg, the revolutionary committee issued a most violent proclamation, which is being distributed daily, and in which they avow that the late attempt on the Czar's life was made by their Order, and though the attempt failed, they are not disheartened, but are ready to try again.

Hug Cole Still Reaching Out.

Says the Nashville American of Wednesday: The stockholders of the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis Railway have concluded the contract for the purchase of the St. Louis and Southwestern Railroad, between St. Louis and Evansville. This gives the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis Railway Company the shortest route from St. Louis and Chicago via Evansville, Owensboro, Nashville and Atlanta to the southern Atlantic seaboard. Colonel Cole is very reticent as to the objective point on the sea, but many believe that it is Savannah, that being a flourishing city, and there being but one line to pass over from Atlanta to Savannah, while the Georgia Central Railroad Company has already several fine steamers. Nashville is greatly indebted to the energy, enterprise and promptness of Colonel Cole in securing to our city another outlet to the west, north and south.

Serious Illness of Dr. J. Nat. Lyle. The many friends of Dr. Lyle will regret to hear of his serious illness. He went to press he is confined to his bed with threatened pneumonia. On last Sunday evening he was stricken down suddenly with something similar to paralysis and lay speechless from 8 to 10 hours, when he recovered, but only to a repetition of the same thing on Monday evening. His Physician, Dr. Brazelton, thinks by close care and attention that the danger is past from these attacks, but that the symptoms of pneumonia are very strong. We hope by our next issue to be able to announce his recovery or at least safety.—Dandridge Watchman, 10th.

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