

WASHINGTON NEWS.

Meeting of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

FREIGHT TARIFF DISCUSSED.

Informal Debate Regarding Civil Service Reform—Crane's Proposition.

(Associated Press Dispatches to the Herald.)

WASHINGTON, January 28.—At the opening of the day's session of the Interstate Commerce Commission, Albert Fink, Commissioner of the Trunk Line Association, was recalled and cross-examined. In the course of his examination Fink stated that he had lately made a careful computation of the cost of handling local freights, and had found, as a rule, that short hauls of certain classes of miscellaneous freight were accomplished at an actual loss, in view of the terminal expenses of loading and unloading.

In response to an inquiry Fink stated that the committee, representing the roads west of Chicago, has been for several months in communication with the committee from the Trunk Line Association, with a view of the adoption of a uniform classification of the whole territory.

He also stated that the roads south of the Ohio river had expressed themselves as anxious to join a similar movement, and that in all probability a meeting of representatives of the roads would soon be held in the interest of this movement.

OPPOSITION STATEMENTS.

At the conclusion of Fink's testimony, Peter A. Dey, chairman of the Iowa State Board of Railroad Commissioners, and appearing at the request of the Governor of Iowa, asked for and received permission to address the Commission in opposition to the petitioners' complaints. He claimed that a carload was the natural unit for freight which required carloads, and that 100 pounds was the natural unit for less than carloads. To abolish carload rates would, he said, place Western jobbers, so far as their customers were concerned, at a disadvantage of at least 10 cents per 100 pounds as compared with the New York jobbers. This difference, he thought, would enable the three complaining firms in this case to close every jobbing house in the West.

Civil Service Reform.

WASHINGTON, January 28.—The Civil Service Commissioners met with the House Committee on Reform in the Civil Service to-day, and discussed in an informal way the various questions connected with the civil service rules and the administration of the law.

Representative Crane's bill to create a retired list in the civil service was taken up in committee, and after a short debate it was decided to be inexpedient and an adverse report was ordered upon it.

ANOTHER APPEAL.

The Canyon Del Agua Case Not Settled Yet.

SANTA FE, N. M., January 28.—In the Cañon Del Agua case this morning the Territorial Supreme Court entered judgment in accordance with the previous decision. It will now be presented to the United States Supreme Court, counsel claiming that the Territorial court erred in considering a question as to whether or not precious metals pass with grants from the Mexican Government. For the reason that this question was not in the record it was not argued. Leave was granted to file a motion and petition, and the Court took them under advisement.

The San Pedro mine and adjacent mineral grounds were located some time ago by about 50 miners, who, in the event of the failure of the Cañon Del Agua Company to prove their title and their failure to make their claim good, will be left in possession.

HELD TO ANSWER.

Arrangement of the Participants in the Moosa Tragedy.

SAN DIEGO, January 28.—Doc. Breedlove, A. J. Freeman, Geo. Morris, A. H. Stone and J. M. Stone, charged with the murder of McConehy and Perey Goen, and Mrs. Burnham, Mrs. Goen and Mrs. McConehy, charged with aiding and abetting in the murder of Constable Reed, all participants in the recent Moosa cañon tragedy, arrived here to-day, and were held in \$2500 bail each. Freeman gave a promissory note to Burns for \$70,000 for collection, with instructions to collect the amounts due thereon and invest the money, and that Burns acted as agent for Judson until the latter's death in 1887. It is charged that while acting as such agent, Burns collected \$100,000 which he did not account for. When a demand for the money was made upon him he made an assignment. The executors claim \$40,000.

Smallpox Reports.

SAN FRANCISCO, January 28.—Nine cases of smallpox were reported at the health office to-day and the patients removed to the pesthouse. Four Chinamen suffering with the disease were taken from the quarantined steamer City of New York and also placed in the pesthouse.

Death of a Pioneer.

SAN LUIS OBISPO, January 28.—James Hanson Blackburn, a native of

GENERAL TOPICS.

Senator Ingalls' Opinion of the President.

ANSCHLAG'S POLICE RECORD.

The Los Angeles Base Ball Team Defeats the Pioneers at San Francisco.

(Associated Press Dispatches to the Herald.)

KANSAS CITY, January 28.—The following letter, written by Senator Ingalls, of Kansas, to a friend in this city, will be made public to-morrow by the Times for the first time:

WASHINGTON, D. C. DEAR MR. — I was glad to receive yours of the 19th. We are still waiting for the President, who moves with great deliberation, listens to everybody and does as he pleases. His principal nominations so far have surprised the Democrats as much as the Republicans, but they are generally strong men whose selection will be approved by the conservative forces of the country. He has no imagination or sentiment and his policy will not be sensational or startling; but if he keeps on the way he has begun, his administration will grow in popular favor. He is self-possessed and confident and exhibits no perturbation of mind. Good humor prevails throughout, though there is much grumbling among the Democrats at his delay in "turning the rascals out," but if Cleveland can stand the racket for the next twelve months he will bring his party to its knees and become a strong leader. He has a great opportunity and evidently intends to improve it.

OUR TEAM VICTORIOUS.

Contest Between the Los Angeles and the Pioneer Clubs.

SAN FRANCISCO, January 28.—The defeat of the Pioneers by the Los Angeles club this afternoon was due to a series of errors in the last inning whereby the latter secured two runs. The Pioneers held the lead up to the last inning. The game was not a brilliant one, as the condition of the grounds was not proper for sharp fielding. McCarthy pitched for Los Angeles, and though a little wild his box-work was good. He held the Pioneers down to five scattering hits. Whitehead carried off the honors for the visitors, batting three singles, making it 5 to 0.

More About Anschlag.

MARYSVILLE, January 28.—Police Officer Colford, of this city, says that Anschlag, the Santa Ana murderer, is a petty criminal who on several occasions made himself known in police circles here. Several months ago he was arrested here for theft and threats against life, but escaped conviction.

Utah Legislation.

SALT LAKE, January 28.—In the Legislature to-day a communication was received from the Governor, stating that he approved of the memorials for a fourth Judge and the amendments to the alien land law, and it was decided that the memorials be immediately forwarded for presentation to Congress.

Murdered by Redskins.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., January 28.—Wm. Gray, formerly United States mail carrier, but lately employed in peddling beads among the Navajo Indians, left Fort Defiance last Sunday for Navajo Springs. He was waylaid by renegade Indians, robbed and murdered. His remains were found partly devoured by coyotes.

Sensation on 'Change.

NEW YORK, January 28.—Jacob E. Shlitterlen, Secretary and Treasurer of the Breece Mining Company was arrested to-day on the Petroleum exchange, charged by President Rogge of the Company with forgeries amounting to \$15,000.

Azbell's Trial.

SALINAS, Cal., January 28.—The trial of Newton Azbell, charged with the murder of John McArdle, of San Jose, and John C. Reardon, Jr., of San Francisco, in Indian Valley, October 24th last, will commence in the Superior Court on Monday.

The Corner-Stone Laid.

SAN DIEGO, January 28.—The founding of the new San Diego College of Letters, which is to cost \$300,000, took place with the laying of the cornerstone at Pacific Beach to-day. A large number of people were present from all parts of the State.

Stockmen to Convene.

DENVER, Colo., January 28.—At a meeting of the Executive Commission of the International Range Association to-day it was decided to hold a meeting from March 28th to 31st. An official call will be issued in a few days.

Coming Here.

EL PASO, January 28.—A Raymond excursion from Boston, consisting of eleven vestibule cars with a party of 153 passengers, arrived to-day and 77 of the number left for the City of Mexico, the others for California.

Corra Lee Acquitted.

SPRINGFIELD, January 28.—The trial of Corra Lee for the murder of Sarah Graham terminated this afternoon in a verdict of acquittal by the jury, after a deliberation of about seven minutes.

Lynched.

RUSSELLVILLE, January 28.—David Dunce, the murderer of W. R. Wilson, was taken from the Beegren jail by a mob to-day and lynched.

Banking Business.

NEW YORK, January 28.—The weekly bank statement shows a reserve increase of \$2,344,000. The banks now hold \$28,258,000 in excess of the legal rate.

Death of a Noted Prelate.

CHICAGO, Ill., January 28.—The Bishop of Racine died suddenly this morning.

An Unexpected Verdict.

INDIANAPOLIS, January 28.—Contrary to expectation the jury in the

STILL RAGING.

The Storm Doing Great Damage to Commerce.

SEVERAL LINES BLOCKADED.

All the Mails Badly Delayed—A Strong Wind Blowing—Huge Snow-Drifts.

(Associated Press Dispatches to the Herald.)

OSWEGO, N. Y., January 28.—The storm raged worse than ever last night, and deep cuts on the railroads that had just been cleared of snow were once more filled up. The thermometer was ten degrees below zero, and the wind blew sixty miles an hour.

All trains on the Rome, Watertown and Ogdensburg road have been abandoned. The Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad is badly blocked, and the trains that are run are making very poor time. The passenger train due here last evening from the West spent the night about thirty miles west of here. The blockade is the worst in years, and every effort is being made to raise it, but with little effect, as the high wind fills the cuts up as soon as cleared.

MAIL SERVICE IMPROVED.

NEW YORK, January 28.—Delay in the arrival and departure of mails owing to the snow blockade continues and was worse last night than during the preceding twenty-four hours. Trains have not been so irregular for several years. The New York Central is making no attempt to send out freight trains.

INCIDENTS OF THE STORM.

Advices from the upper part of the State to-night show that hundreds of freight cars are laid up at East Syracuse and live stock is being unloaded to save it from starvation and freezing.

Fourteen trains are stalled west of Skaneateles.

Two days ago a family in the town of Shuagunk lost a child by death, and the storm has prevented any arrangements being made for the funeral.

At Ridgeport the funeral of Margaret Decker, set for Thursday, is still postponed for the want of a coffin. The undertaker lives six miles away and can not get there.

AT SEA.

The wind at Sandy Hook for the past three days has been blowing from forty to sixty miles an hour. Only two liners made port yesterday. Their captains tell stories of waves mountains high and howling gales. A large number of sailing vessels were bound in when the storm commenced, but were forced to turn round and seek the shelter of some port.

COMPLETELY SNOOWED IN.

FARMINGTON, Me., January 28.—The town is surrounded by snowdrifts fifteen feet deep, and the place has been cut off from the rest of the world for three days. Waterbury, Vermont, is similarly circumstanced, and Montpelier, St. Johnsbury and Barre not much better off. At Laconia the thermometer is ten below to-night. The first train for two days arrived to-day followed by several others including the Canadian Pacific express.

GOOD FOR THE HOTELS.

AUBURN, N. Y., January 28.—The storm shows no sign of abating in this section. The hotels here and at Canajoharie are crowded with snow-bound guests, and there is but little prospect of their being able to continue their journeys for some days.

BLOWING HARD.

CHATHAM, Mass., January 28.—The northwest gale was renewed with increasing force to-night. Attenodlock it was blowing fifty miles an hour, and it is intensely cold with blinding snow falling. The ice embargo is hourly getting worse and the position of the frozen vessels more perilous.

A MAIL CARRIER MISSING.

PHILADELPHIA, January 28.—The snow blockade in this State continues. In the neighborhood of Reading a high wind sprang up at noon; drifting on to the tracks of the railroads and unding the work of the past three days. It is the worst storm in twenty-five years. Willoughby Romero, a mail carrier between Lenhartsville and Allentown is missing, and is believed to have perished.

A SERIOUS SITUATION.

PITTSFIELD, Mass., January 28.—Miles of freight cars are side-tracked between here and Albany with much perishable property on board. Over 100 belated passengers are detained here and many of them are without money and are obliged to sleep as best they can in the railroad station. Farms are entered and the coal supply of the towns of the line of the railroads will become exhausted before the roads can be opened, and many reports of suffering among the poor are being received from various points. The losses in live stock are already considerable, the farmers in many instances being unable to reach their barns.

GENERAL REPORTS.

BOSTON, January 28.—Reports from northern New England indicate uninterrupted continuance of the cold weather. The snow is badly drifted and it will take some time to clear the tracks so that travel may be resumed.

LOW TEMPERATURES.

To-day has been the coldest day of the season. The following temperatures were reported to-night, with the mercury falling rapidly in most cases: Boston, 4 below; Gloucester 15; Marblehead 12; Montpelier 12; Cape Cod 4, the coldest for seventy years; North Adams 10; Pittsfield 20; Woodville, N. H., 20.

A CURIOUS CALAMITY.

The Binghamton Sewers Ablaze with Naphtha. BINGHAMTON, January 28.—A large quantity of naphtha escaped from a pipe line this afternoon into a sewer in the business portion of the town and caused several explosions in business blocks. The naphtha became ignited in the sewer and was

burning fiercely at the outfall. The fire department has been called out several times. All the business blocks and buildings connected with the State street sewer are filled with the odor of naphtha and other explosions are expected.

John Sullivan, an employe of the gas company, whose clothing had been saturated with naphtha accidentally, went into a flagman's station on the railroad. His clothing caught fire and he was fatally burned.

A MARMOTH MONOPOLY.

Control Almost Obtained of the Eastern Sugar Market. NEW YORK, January 28.—The Sun says: The names of the officers and managers of Sugar Trust were definitely learned yesterday for the first time since the combine has been established. The executive officers are Harry G. Havemeyer, President, and J. Searles, Jr., Secretary and Treasurer. There are ten directors to serve three years. In the trust are J. O. Mathieson and the Wiechers Co., Havemeyer & Elder, the Havemeyer Refining Co., the Oxnard Refining Company, the North River Refining Company, Decastro & Donner, the Franklin Refining Co., the Meyer Sugar Company, and two Sugar Refining companies in New Orleans. An instance of the power of the trust hereabouts was given yesterday by a broker, who related that when 200 tons of Manila sugar was offered for sale before the trust was formed, competitive bids resulted in a price of 45¢. Granulated sugar at the time was 5 11-16 cents, and crushed 5 1/2 cents a pound. During the past week, another cargo of 2100 tons of Manila sugar was arrived. A few days ago the trust had been completed there was an absence of all competition, and the sugar brought 4 1/2 cents a pound, a difference of nearly \$10,000 against the importer and at the same time granulated sugar has been advanced to 7 1/2 cents and crushed to 8 1/2 cents per pound.

ORIENTAL NEWS.

A 3000 Ton Aerolite Falls in Cochin-China.

SAN FRANCISCO, January 28.—Among the news brought by the steamer City of New York, from China and Japan, is the following: There has been a fall of red snow near Peking. An enormous aerolite fell in Cochin-China, on October 20th rebounding and probably disappearing in the China sea. It was estimated by French officers that it weighed 3000 tons and was traveling at a rate of about 1 1/2 miles a second.

There is a rumor of a plot to set fire to the nearest house to the Imperial palace at Akasaka, Japan, and to assassinate the Ministers of State as they arrived.

A special ordinance has been enacted for the preservation of peace and order in Japan, and under its provisions a number of provincial politicians hitherto residing or sojourning in Tokio have been ordered to quit the city.

A Split in the Camp.

CINCINNATI, January 28.—Howard Douglas, Supreme Chancellor of the Knights of Pythias, to-day formally suspended the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. The members of the Pennsylvania order are put under the direct supervision of the Supreme Lodge.

A Costly Conflagration.

CHATTANOOGA, January 28.—Fire this morning destroyed the block containing the Daily Chronicle, the Knights of Pythias hall and the Western Union office. Loss \$100,000.

A Lively Blaze.

SPRINGFIELD, January 28.—The Chemical Paper Company's mill at South Holyoke burned last night. Loss, \$75,000 to \$100,000; insured.

Death of Rear-Admiral Wells.

WASHINGTON, January 28.—Rear-Admiral Clark H. Wells (retired) died this morning at his residence in this city.

Undelivered Telegrams.

The following is a list of the undelivered telegrams at the Western Union Telegraph Office, January 28th: R. Turnbull, Chas. A. Austin, Ferris & Frazee, Howard J. Martin, Thos. B. Case, Augustus Castle, Otto Fehlmann, C. W. Berkeley (2), C. V. Fowler, D. D. Frazee, Mrs. Rebecca Granger, Chas. A. Gramp, Elisha M. Humphrey, Thomas Lyons.

It is justly to Mr. Randall to say that he opposes any tariff reduction. His opposition to the two Morrison bills did not prove this, but the fact that he prepared a tariff reform bill last session contradicts it. The further fact that he now stands ready to unite with Mr. Carlisle in forming such a bill as can be passed this session, and one that will effect all needed reduction and unite the Democratic party, emphatically proves that it is not true that he is an obstructionist to all tariff legislation.—(Birmingham Herald, Rep.)

It is always possible for a zealous performer like Mr. Pentacost to insist that the results desired by the founder of the faith have not been obtained. Yet, on the other hand, it could be fairly maintained that we are constantly progressing in their direction, though with slow and often imperceptible steps; that our condition even from Mr. Pentacost's standpoint is better than it was two, three or four centuries ago, and will probably be much better a hundred years hence than it is at the present time.—(Boston Herald, Ind.)

Mr. Lamar, will not be a candidate for the vice-presidency, and the South is not making any threats about rejecting him. We are in no swagging attitude. We are waiting quietly to see what the Senators are going to do. If they reject him, all right—we cannot help it; but the country will make it warm for the party which has its existence in tearing open sectional wounds, and appealing to sectional passion.—(Atlanta Constitution, Dem.)

If the Pacific railroads had used all that money to pay their just debts to the government instead of pouring it into the Washington lobbies, they would not owe as much as they do now.—(Boston Globe.)

FOREIGN FIELDS.

The European War-Cloud Thickens Again.

GALE IN GREAT BRITAIN.

Proposition to Raise the Cable Tariff to Twenty-five Cents a Word.

(Associated Press Dispatches to the Herald.)

Pestri, January 28.—In the lower house of the Hungarian diet to-day, Premier Tisza, replying to Herr Helly said that the Hungarian Government, without doubting the Czar's pacific declarations, considered it necessary to see that measures were taken to assure the safety of the frontier.

OPINION IN BERLIN.

BERLIN, January 28.—Herr Van Tisza's statements in the lower house of the Hungarian diet to-day, have confirmed the conviction that war between Austria and Russia is inevitable. Each is simply waiting for the first chance to strike. Reports received at the war office from agents on the Polish frontier intimate that the renewal of activity in the Russian troops. The Austrian war officials suspect that the real object in view is the invasion of Bulgaria. The situation of war have been obtained by the Russian treasury by a loan arranged in Amsterdam, said to be for \$4,000,000 sterling. Herr Von Tisza has concluded negotiations with the Frankfurt Rothschilds for a loan of 25,000,000 florins.

THE FRANCO-MEXICAN TREATY.

PARIS, January 28.—In the Chamber of Deputies to-day, Florens, Minister of Foreign Affairs, in a debate on the treaty of commerce between France and Mexico, said that it behooved France to preserve her markets in Mexico, which the United States are trying to take from her. At the conclusion of Florens' speech the Chamber adopted the treaty.

AFFAIRS IN IRELAND.

LONDON, January 28.—Father McFadden and Alexander Blane, members of Parliament, arrested for alleged violations of the Crimes Act, were removed from the jail at Londonderry this morning and taken to Dunlough where they will be tried. A crowd gathered outside the jail last evening and strayed all night cheering continuously. A few stones were thrown at the police as the prisoners departed, by persons in the crowd. Fears are entertained that the trouble will be serious.

NO SERIOUS DISTURBANCES.

Upon the arrival of Father McFadden and Mr. Blane at Dunlough 1000 peasants gathered on the hillsides in military order. The cheering of the prisoners by the mob was deafening.

AN UNSATISFACTORY VISIT.

BUCHAREST, January 28.—The Minister of War recently paid an unexpected visit to the arsenal and inspected the military works which are being constructed. He expressed dissatisfaction with the progress of the work, and declared that it must be carried forward more rapidly. He said: "Who knows from one hour to another what might happen?"

DURHAM'S DIVORCE.

LONDON, January 28.—Some time ago Lord Durham made an unsuccessful application to the courts for the annulment of his marriage on the ground that his wife was insane when he married her. To-day a summons was granted Lord Durham against the owner of a paper, the Mail, for libel, in stating that Lord Durham brutally drove his wife mad.

CABLE CHARGES.

LONDON, January 28.—Sir John Pinder, Chairman of the Direct United States Cable Company, has invited the cable companies to a conference for the purpose of fixing up a tariff on the basis of one shilling per word.

BANQUET AT BRUSSELS.

BRUSSELS, January 28.—King Leopold to-night gave a banquet in honor of Baron Henry DeWorms, Parliament Secretary to the British Board of Trade, who is here on important business pertaining to sugar.

STORM IN ENGLAND.

LONDON, January 28.—A heavy gale prevails throughout Great Britain to-day.

SOUTH AMERICA.

Chili Still Suffering from an Epidemic of Cholera.

LIMA, (via Galveston) January 28.—Watson's protest against the taking of the Chimbote Railroad from him and ignoring his rights as guaranteed by contract, has been returned as wanting in respect, and he has, therefore, had to present another in a modified form.

The latest cholera returns from Chili are: Valparaiso, 46 cases and thirty deaths; Santiago, 54 cases, eighteen deaths. The epidemic extends as far south as Valdivia. No more new cases have appeared at La Serena. The Peruvian Consul at Panama, advises the government authorities at that port that he will not accept mails from Chili.

Northern Notes.

VICTORIA, January 28.—No new cases of smallpox have occurred on the quarantined Umattila, and the vessel will be released after the expiration of fourteen days. The passengers are publishing a paper on the steamer.

The Legislature was opened to-day by Lieutenant-Governor Nelson.

Their Last Home.

VICTORIA, January 28.—A special train to-day conveyed the remains of the victims of the Wellington explosion to the crossing of the Wellington road, whence they were removed in hearses to the cemetery. The remains of Cross are to be sent to his home in Nova Scotia.

Looking Forward.

MONTEPELIER, January 28.—The American Horticulturists came from San Jose to-day. They were shown the attractions of this place by the citizens. They leave to-morrow for Santa Cruz.