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TELEGRAPHIC.

Queen Victoria sends a Present to the President of the United States.

Another Yarn about Garfield.

Terrible Scenes at the Burning of an Insane Asylum.

News in General.

Alaska.

CHICAGO, November 23.—The *Inter-Ocean* special says the suggestion is delicately given out at Washington that it might be well for the government to get rid of Alaska by leasing it to a commercial company.

Whittaker.

NEW YORK, November 23.—The *Herald* reporter had a conversation with officer Conrad, of West Point Academy, as to the effect of the petitions in circulation requesting the President to restore Cadet Whittaker to his former place and allow him to graduate. The officer said: "While the President can send a cadet back to West Point as often as he pleases, he can't graduate him. No member of the present board could sign Whittaker's diploma. He has failed, after repeated attempts, to pass the examination."

A Royal Present.

WASHINGTON, November 23.—A large box, received and unpacked at the White House to-day, was found to contain a massive desk and writing table, a present from Queen Victoria to the President of the United States. It is made of live oak, weighing 1,300 pounds, is elaborately carved, and altogether presents a magnificent specimen of workmanship. It is made from timbers of the Arctic exploring ship, *Resolute*, and the inscription concludes: "Presented by the Queen of Great Britain and Ireland to the President of the United States, as a memorial of the courtesy and loving kindness which dictated the offer of the gift of the *Resolute*."

General Miles Appointed Chief of the Signal Office.

NEW YORK, Nov. 19.—The *Times* and *World* Washington specials announce the appointment of General Miles as Chief Signal officer in his lineal rank. He stands number seven on the lists of Colonels of Infantry, being two numbers below Hazen, who was one of his competitors for the appointment to the vacant brigadier-generalship. General Miles would prefer active service to the duties of a signal officer, but the increased rank to which the appointment to that service gives, induced him to seek promotion to the vacancy. If one should occur among the six Brigadier Generals of the general service, it is believed that General Miles will ask to be relieved from the signal office and assigned to the vacancy. Lieut. Col. McCook, now serving on General Sherman's staff, will succeed Col. Miles as Colonel of the Fifth Infantry.

Denied as Absurd.

NEW YORK, November 22.—The *Times* Cleveland special says, speaking to-day of the newspaper talk about the so-called Conkling treaty, one of Garfield's secretaries says that the story surpassed, if possible, the Morey letter in stupidity. The idea that a nominee for the Presidency of Garfield's sagacity and political experience would sign such a paper, placing his official life in the hands of another, is too absurd for notice, moreover, during the hour that the Grant party stayed here Garfield only saw them in the presence of a crowd of people.

NEW YORK, November 23.—Garfield told a *Herald* reporter at Cleveland: "I expect to remain at Washington for a week or ten days, returning directly to Mentor. When I left the capital last June, my house at Washington needed overhauling, and it must be in a bad condition. My visit has no political significance whatever."

The Irish Ulcer.

NEW YORK, Nov. 19.—The *World's* London special says: Alarming news comes from Ireland to the effect that several flagrant attempts have recently been made to tamper with the loyalty of the soldiers stationed there, and that money has been offered them by Fenian agents, who have also promised them high commands in the Irish national army. The soldiers, nevertheless, seem to have remained loyal, and the police are on the track of the agents, who, if caught, will be liable to very severe punishment.

CHICAGO, Nov. 19.—The *Inter-Ocean's* New York special says: The news from Ireland continues to be alarming. The condition of that unhappy land instead of improving seems to grow worse every day. It is now feared on all sides that there is only too much foundation for the reports that the peasantry throughout the country are arming and only waiting for a favorable opportunity to defy the authority of the government. Alarm-

ing rumors are continually pouring in from all parts of Ireland. A dispatch from Coughwell states that a box containing six rifles belonging to a merchant of Loughres which arrived from Limerick, was robbed on Tuesday night. On the same night, according to a dispatch from Teralo, a party of men with blacked faces and long beards visited the houses at Cardel, near Castle Island, and took guns wherever they found them. One Brussels correspondent telegraphs as follows: "I have reason to place implicit faith in the statement which reached here a few days ago, that some steamers took on board at two or three Italian ports 8,000 Wetzel rifles some 2,000 or 3,000 of them being magazine rifles, and they are said to have been shipped for Greece, but really intended for Ireland and were purchased in Switzerland by some Irishmen who had come from the United States."

The Panama Canal.

PARIS, Nov. 17.—The capital of the Panama Canal Company will be 300,000,000 francs divided into 600,000 shares of 500 francs each, 10,000 reserved by statute for the civil company of original concessionees for the concession made by that company. 590,000 shares remain for public subscription, 100 on allotment, and the rest as required. The total cost is estimated at 600,000,000 francs. The sum necessary for completing the canal, over and above the capital, will be raised by the issue of obligations. Five per centum interest is to be paid on shares during the execution of the work. Of the net profits, 80 per cent. is allotted to share holders by the term of the concession. De Lesseps states that the contractors have sent in their estimate, according to which the construction of the canal will not cost 500,000,000 francs, and that it has been provided by memorandum, signed July 7, that a special American commission sitting in New York shall represent the interests of the company in the United States, as to all that relates to the observance of the neutrality of the canal and settled by the law of concession of the Republic of Columbia.

NOTES OF NEWS.

The Eureka Consolidated declares a dividend of 50 cents.

The negro exodus from Louisiana and Alabama continues unabated.

A fire at Newport, Ark., destroyed two thirds of the town. Loss \$200,000.

The State department learns that a treaty on the subject of immigration has been concluded between the United States Commissioner and the government of China.

Sitka advices, via Port Townsend, state that the town was visited by a severe cyclone and heavy shock of earthquake on the 26th of October. A wharf was destroyed and many fences and roofs were demolished.

A French Colonel, commanding a Paris battalion of pompiers, has just published an interesting work, giving the comparative fire brigade statistics of New York, Chicago and Paris, and calling for a reform of his service on the American plan.

The Duke of Argyll is about to visit America again to ascertain what credence may be placed in Goldwin Smith's assertions that Canadians as a rule are disposed in favor of annexation to the United States. His conclusions are eventually to be published.

Miller, setting as Circuit Judge, has decided that the directors of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railroad have control of their road upon the payment of the past due interest coupons, which they are ready to pay. The Union Trust Company has been receiver for six years.

Prof. Woodward, the census supervisor, has completed his work of re-enumerating the city, and announces, officially, that the population of St. Louis on the first day of last June was 350,915. This is an increase of 17,930 over the census taken by supervisor Solomon.

The Ohio Board of Agriculture reports 2,906,000 acres of wheat, with a total number of bushels of 52,000,000. This is 12,000,000 more bushels than in 1879, and a larger yield than the largest ever known in Ohio, and puts her nearly if not quite even with Illinois as a producing State.

The Director of the Mint estimates the gold coin and bullion in the country, on November 1st, at \$528,000,000, and the bullion at the mints at \$85,000,000. This does not include the bullion held by miners and private parties. The total silver coinage to Nov. 1st, is \$73,000,000.

Paymaster Nelson, whose trial was proceeding at New York, and who confessed his guilt and threw himself on the mercy of the court martial, showing in his defence that he had disbursed \$7,439,984 without loss to the Government, although his duties, more particularly on the Pacific coast, were at times extremely hazardous and attended with great personal peril.

The success of Texas land holders and capitalists in attracting European immigration causes the Louisiana Commissioner of Agriculture to negotiate with steamboat

agents for cheap fares for immigrants hither. The movements from the agricultural districts of Austria and the German provinces towards Texas is steadily increasing in volume, 1,000 arriving in New Orleans in one steamer.

There has been a great falling off in the population of San Francisco. The estimated decrease is more than 60,000, and the opinion is expressed that not less than 40,000 more will be compelled to leave for want of employment. The city is overrun with young hoodlums.

ANOTHER HOLOCAUST.

A Wing of St. Peter, Man. Insane Asylum Burned—Great Loss of Life.

On the 16th inst. a fire broke out in the North wing of the Insane Asylum, at St. Peter's, and it rapidly spread until the entire wing was a sheet of flames. As soon as it was found that the fire was likely to prove serious, Dr. Bartlett, Superintendent, gave orders to have the patients all released and cared for as well as possible. The matron of the female department made all haste to get the inmates out, and many of them ran shrieking in their night clothes into the snow drifts, even burying themselves in the snow and had to be dragged into barns and sheds, while those near by wrapped blankets and shawls around them. Hence the intense suffering could not be avoided, as they had to be taken about fifteen or twenty rods through snow. The scenes at the burning of the hospital were heart-rending in the extreme. So appalling a sight has rarely been witnessed. The patients in the annexed wing were males. Many of them refused to leave the building at all. They were screaming and crying, and acting like Bedlamites. They were, of course, those that could not be coaxed nor forced out of the building, and became the unhappy victims of the flames and suffocation. Others were saved, some by ladders and some by leaping from the windows. Some were nearly nude, some shoeless and hatless, and all were exposed to the exceeding cold of the night. Many of the poor, demented and crazed inmates fled as if for their lives, and could not be overtaken or confined. Their sufferings can better be imagined than described. The whole catastrophe is fearful to contemplate and impossible to describe. The poor, dazed inmates of the asylum who had escaped the flames were at large, half clothed, and were to be seen in all directions, flying in wild fright from those who attempted to save them. The air was bitter cold, and the poor wretches, with half naked bodies and bleeding feet, were flying about hiding in the alleys and dark corners. It is a sight which once seen is never to be forgotten. For some time the capacity of the building had been tried to its utmost. There were about 600 patients, and every inch of space was utilized. What will be done with these poor creatures who have been turned out in the cold and their malady increased by the excitement of the occasion is a serious question. There are two other buildings situated in town which are used, but they are already crowded to their full capacity. The asylum at Rochester is full and will doubtless be unable to provide accommodations for any of the inmates at St. Peter.

The whole structure, which was ten years in course of erection, was only finished three years ago and cost over half a million dollars. Loss, from \$100,000 to \$150,000; no insurance, the State having neglected to take this precaution. The origin of the fire is unknown, though it is located in the basement of the north wing, which was destroyed. The reports of the loss of life are indefinite and conflicting. Different rumors place the number of victims from two or three to fifty, but no bodies have been found and no one is surely known to have been lost.

The Fight on the Musselshell.

Additional particulars come to us of the fight of General Miles with the hostiles, indefinitely referred to in our local columns last week, through our Washington dispatches, which contain the following report to General Miles:

The Indians attacked us to-day about 4 p. m. Some Indians were discovered at a distance by the lookouts coming towards our camp, and the scouts sent out were fired upon by the party in ambush, a quarter of a mile from the camp. The scouts fought them well until forced to fall back, which they did without losing any men. One of our horses was killed and three wounded at the first volley. I am making my position as strong as possible, as they are bound to come back in force. I shall do the best I can, and they shall not get our stock until they get us all.

Gen. Miles adds that Major Ilges built a log hut and stockade at the mouth of the Musselshell last summer, that will hold all of Lieut. Kisingbury's men and animals. There is also a rifle pit around their camp. I will send Major Ilges over to that point to remain for a time to wait the definite action of the remaining hostile camp near Wood mountain.

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FIRST DISTRICT—E. J. CONGER, Judge.

At VIRGINIA CITY, in Madison county, the second Monday of November, and the third Monday of March.

At JARVISBURGH, in Jefferson county, first Monday of September, and the third Tuesday of February.

At BOZEMAN, in Gallatin county, the third Monday of October, and the third Monday of April.

At MILES CITY, in Custer county, the fourth Monday of September, and the fourth Monday of May.

SECOND DISTRICT—W. J. GALBRAITH, Judge.

In Deer Lodge county, at DEER LODGE CITY, second Monday in April; first Monday in September; first Monday in December.

In Missoula county, at MISSOULA, fourth Monday in June; second Monday in November.

In Beaverhead county, at BARNACK, first Monday in June; second Monday in October.

THIRD DISTRICT—D. S. WADE, Judge.

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At FORT BENTON, in Chouteau county, the first Monday in May, and the third Monday in September.

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