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## TELEGRAPHIC.

### Important to Settlers.

WASHINGTON, December 18.—There has been and still is much well-grounded complaint of the great expense and other hardships to which settlers are frequently subjected by having to travel long distances from home and being witnesses to determine at remote places the mineral or agricultural character of their lands. Under the present practice, the registers and receivers of their respective land districts are at liberty to fix the place for taking testimony in any particular contest wherever they see fit, and the influence of wealthy speculators or powerful corporations is often exerted in such manner in this regard as to work a practical denial of justice to poor men who cannot afford to make long journeys.

Representative Page, since his arrival here a fortnight ago, has urged this evil upon the attention of the General Land Office, and at his instance Commissioner Williamson has prepared and issued to-day the following circular, addressed to all Registers and Receivers throughout the country:

"GENTLEMEN: In every case where it becomes necessary under the law and existing instructions of this office, to require a hearing to be held and testimony taken for the purpose of ascertaining the mineral or agricultural character of land, you are directed to cause such hearing to be heard before a duly qualified officer, whose office is located nearest the land in dispute, the distance to be computed by ordinary routes of travel. Whenever local land offices come within this rule, the hearing will be held before the Register and Receiver. It is intended to cause these hearings to be held, so far as practicable, in such manner as to cause the least inconvenience to the persons interested. Should it appear, therefore, by written stipulation of all the parties, that that purpose will be best subserved by the designation of any particular officer authorized to administer oaths, within the land district in which the land in controversy is situated, the instructions therein may be departed from in accordance with such stipulation. It may also happen that the officer who would otherwise be selected is an interested party, or some other good reason may appear why his designation would be improper, and in such case you will direct the hearing to be held before the next nearest officer.

### An Interesting Case.

CHICAGO, December 21.—The daily News says: The doctors are puzzled and interested by a peculiar case on the west side, 86 Seeley avenue. Willie Crawford, aged 14 years, son of Captain Crawford, of a tug boat, has for seven years been sweating blood at times, and lately has had severe attacks which alarmed his parents. His infirmity usually comes on him after taking a cold. Great black spots appear on his body from which the blood drops the size of a pin, and blood flows from his mouth, nose, eyes, stomach, and even from his bladder and kidneys. No pain accompanies these discharges, but they make his blood thin and weaken him. Sudden fright or excitement will easily check the flow. He is mentally bright, and his father, mother, brothers and sisters are strong and healthy. The physicians who have taken into question his case propose sending him to Edinburgh and London for examination by the academy of surgeons.

### Delegate Cannon.

CHICAGO, December 17.—Delegate Cannon of Utah, who has four wives and a seat in Congress, is not disturbed by the reports from Utah which represent that Gov. Murray will withhold his certificate and give it to Campbell, upon the ground that Cannon is married too much and has never been a legally naturalized citizen of the United States. Cannon says: "I think the Governor will delay as long as possible in giving me a certificate. I doubt if he will give it to Campbell. No one disputes my majority nor the fairness of the election. The Governor is only a ministerial officer. He cannot judge of my election. The House is the only body empowered to judge of the election and qualifications of its own members. Campbell will, in all probability, contest my seat. He claims that I am not a legally naturalized citizen of the United States. The question was settled by the XLIVth Congress. My seat was contested at that time, the question of citizenship being the principal one involved. While no report on that question was ever made to the House the members of the committee were unanimously of the opinion that I had been properly naturalized.

### Division of Dakota.

NEW YORK, December 20.—The Tribune's Washington special says: Delegate Bennett of Dakota, is vigorously laboring to create a sentiment among the members of the House of Representatives in favor of his bill to divide the Territory of Dakota, to admit the southern part into the Union as a State. The bill has been referred to the committee on Territories which as yet has taken no action

regarding it. Bennett proposes to divide the present Territory on the 46th parallel of north latitude, thus throwing about 60,000 square miles into the new State and 70,000 into the Territorial sub-division. The population of the new State would be about 100,000 and that of the Territory about 36,000.

### A Black Hills Railroad.

DEADWOOD, December 20.—Work on the Central City, Deadwood & Eastern Railroad begins on Monday, with Archibald McArthur, of Chicago, as contractor. The road, under the contract, is to be completed by the first of August. The road will connect Deadwood, Central and Lead cities with the coal fields and foothills. Its course is down White-wood canyon, with a tunnel through the mountain 1,500 feet in length.

### Secretary of the Navy.

CHICAGO, December 20.—The Journal's Washington special says: A mass delegation are working to secure the appointment of Governor Rice as Secretary of the Navy, to succeed Mr. Thompson. The matter has been fully discussed, and the delegation is a unit in deciding to press Governor Rice's nomination. As General Daves will be shortly transferred to the supreme bench, the members of the delegation think no objection can be raised to the Governor's appointment.

### Ireland.

DUBLIN, December 20.—The report that the government intended to prohibit all Land League meetings in Queens county was incorrect. The prohibition only applied to the meeting at Callohill, which was convened for the purpose of denouncing a landlord who sought the assistance of the bankruptcy court to recover his rents.

Two hundred hussars, 400 infantry and 100 constabulary arrived at Callohill on Saturday with ambulance wagons. The promoters of the meeting had issued notices abandoning the projected meeting at Callohill, but afterwards issued a placard convening a meeting a few miles off. The troops, however, have arrived on the ground. A resident magistrate forbade the meeting, and said he would disperse it with buckshot or whatever was necessary. The meeting was then finally abandoned.

At a meeting at Carragh two hussars, stationed close to the platform, carried on signals with the camp, which was close at hand. There were also fifty policemen in ambush.

A great diversity of opinion exists among the prominent land leagues in regard to the course to adopt if the government introduces a land bill which, although falling short of the programme of the league, would substantially benefit tenants. Some are in favor of fighting it out to the end; others say that to reject a good bill would be to incur a great responsibility. The extremists say if a partial measure is accepted the question would be dormant for ten years or more, and the work would have to be begun afresh. There are now over 500 branches of the land league.

Sullivan, M. P., speaking at the Mullingar meeting, said their fathers had faced the sword and bullet for Ireland, and the Irishmen were not now to be frightened by the suspension of the habeas corpus act or the proclamation of martial law.

LONDON, December 20.—A battalion of Scott's Guards goes to Ireland to-night.

The troop ship Himalaya is expected at Portsmouth to-day. She has been ordered to disembark a battalion of the rifle brigade at Queenstown.

## NOTES OF NEWS.

### Domestic.

More than 100 cases of typhoid fever are reported in Montreal.

The certificates of the electoral vote have been received by mail from every State in the Union.

There is a strong feeling on the stock board at New York, and stocks show a general upward tendency.

The commissioners appointed to re-count the population of South Carolina, report the census as practically correct.

The President has nominated W. B. Woods of Alabama, to succeed Justice Strong in the United States Supreme Court.

The President of the Erie railway denies the report that the company's capital stock is to be increased to twelve million dollars. Mackey, the California millionaire, and a wealthy citizen of Philadelphia have given \$50,000 each for the endowment of Bowdoin College.

The pastor of the church of Notre Dame (Roman Catholic) warned his congregation against patronizing Sara Bernhardt's performances.

The threatened opposition to the confirmation of Judge Woods as Justice Strong's successor on the Supreme bench, seems likely to dwindle to small proportions.

The electoral vote of California was delivered to Vice President Wheeler to-day by the venerable Stephen Cooper of Colusa county, a member of the special messengers of the electoral college, who, despite his 84 years, came on alone across the continent for that purpose and appeared at the capital this afternoon as hearty, hale and erect as most

men born after the close of the war of 1812 in which he participated.

The National Board of Trade adopted a resolution favoring the government telegraph service by a two-third vote. Also commending the statistical efforts of the United States Consuls.

General Terry has just received advices from Major Brotherton, at Fort Buford, indicating that scout Allison should, on the 11th inst. have left Wood mountain with the whole of Sitting Bull's camp, for Fort Buford, where they will formally surrender to the United States government.

It is reported on good authority that the vacancies on Gen. Sherman's staff caused by the death of Col. Andemyed and the promotion of Lieutenant Colonel McCook, will be filled by the appointment of Lieutenant Col. Dodge of the 23d Infantry and Major Tidball of the second artillery.

Coke announced in the Senate that on Tuesday next he would ask for the consideration of the Senate bill providing for the allotment of lands in severally to Indians, and extending the laws of the States and Territories over the Indians. He said the bill was thought to be important by the Interior Department.

The New York Tribune says: If the Isthmus canal is opened it may become the duty of this government looking to the safety of its great interests and possessions on the Pacific coast, to insist on acquiring from Colombia the territory through which it runs in order to be able to fortify its mouths and control its operations in time of war.

The letter of Wade Hampton, disclaiming that he intended to challenge Secretary Sherman when he informed Sherman that his address was Columbia, attracted much attention. This disclaimer from Hampton was published because of a severe letter from a South Carolinian living in California, who charged Hampton with causing the defeat of Hancock. After summing up the Democratic blunders the writer adds: "But these causes put together were not so potent for harm as Gen. Hampton's utterances. His speeches upon the nomination of Hancock and at Staunton, Va., told terribly against us.

Representative Erritt (Penn.) has prepared a substitute for the Re-funding bill, now pending before Congress. It provides that the Secretary of the Treasury shall be authorized to issue notes to the amount of \$400,000,000, of denominations not less than \$10, bearing interest at a rate not exceeding 3 per cent. per annum, redeemable at the pleasure of the United States after one year, and payable in ten years from date of issue; but not more of said notes shall be redeemed in any one fiscal year than the amount of the sinking fund for that year. The particular notes to be redeemed from time to time shall be determined by lot under such rules as the Secretary of the Treasury shall prescribe. This will be offered by Representative Kellock as a substitute when the Wood re-funding bill is called up.

### Foreign.

Emile De Girardin, the great journalist, retires from public life.

Parnell, Demill and Dillon have received a letter threatening them with death.

A Hague dispatch says the Second Chamber has voted to grant 1,000 guilders for the Arctic expedition next year.

The British cabinet has decided on coercive measures in the further disposition of the government on the Irish troubles.

It is stated that the British government intends to promote the emigration of Irish farmers to the northwest to aid in settling the land question.

A meeting of Orangemen was held Loughhall, Ireland, on the 17th, at which resolutions were passed favoring peasant proprietorship.

It is reported that ex-Empress Eugenie has arrived in Paris to secure the release of her god-daughter, Baroness De Friedland, who is charged with forgery.

### Fire and Loss of Life.

A serious fire, accompanied by a heavy loss of life, occurred on the evening of the 17th at Buffalo, N. Y. The fire was discovered in the third story of an immense five-story building, owned by G. W. Taft, and occupied by Birge & Sons, wall-paper manufacturers. The building is 80 feet front by about 300 in depth, and they had about 150 men and boys employed at the present time, the business demanding extra help. All of that number were at work, and in less than 20 minutes after the alarm was given the building was a mass of flames. The walls crumbled and fell, and probably buried twenty or thirty employees. The doors to the different rooms were hung to swing in; each had a heavy spring closing them, thereby retarding the egress of the occupants. The building was without fire escapes of any kind and the terrified workmen jumped from the windows, and many escaped with broken bones and bruised bodies. Those in the upper stories, unable to escape, appeared for a moment at the windows, and then sank back, suffocated in smoke and flames. Their lives are known to be lost. Loss \$300,000.