

**TELEGRAPHIC.**

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**The Postal Telegraph Bill.**

WASHINGTON, December 4.—The postal telegraph bill introduced by Edwards provides for a board, consisting of the secretary of state, secretary of war and postmaster general, who will cause to be built four trunk lines connecting the northwestern, southwestern and southern parts of the United States with the city of Washington. Along such lines offices will be established at such places as the public interests may demand, and from time to time the lines are to be extended and additional offices established as congress may provide. The rates for the use of the lines will be fixed by the aforesaid board. The lines will be constructed and kept in repair under the direction of the secretary of war and through the corps of engineers. The secretary of war is authorized and directed to acquire by purchase, subject to the approval of the president, the right of way for its construction. He is authorized to take and use such lands, tenements and hereditaments as may be necessary and pay therefor such compensation as is deemed reasonable. The clerks, operators, electricians and other employes are to be selected under the provisions of the signal service law, after examination by a board appointed for the purpose. Two million dollars is appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1885, for the purpose of perfecting the object of the bill. The working and operation of the lines will be under the direction and charge of the postmaster general. Nothing in this act will be construed to prevent individuals or corporations from carrying on the business of operating telegraph lines.

**Secretary Teller's Recommendations.**

WASHINGTON, November 30.—In the belief that the warfare between the Indians and whites can be ended by judicious measures, Secretary Teller recommends the discontinuance of the cash annuities and the establishment of manual labor schools for the young Indians. He also urges that white adventurers be imprisoned for attempts to invade the Indian territory.

**Indian Troubles Feared.**

CHICAGO, December 1.—An Ottawa, Ontario, special says: The advice received by the government from British Columbia point to the probability of early troubles with the Indians in that province. In February last the savages were in revolt at Mitlanta owing to the appointment of Bishop Ridley, whom they considered had usurped the rights of Duncan, the missionary, who had lived for years among them. The information now comes from Mitlanta that Bishop Ridley's adherents, few in number, are armed and his opponents likewise, and a collision, unless steps are taken by the Indian department, is deemed inevitable, and may have already occurred.

**Pugilistic.**

BOSTON, December 1.—A six round glove fight, Marquis of Queensbury rules, for a purse of \$200, took place here at a private club room last night between Jimmy Connelly, of Boston, and Fiddler Neary, of New York. First blood for Connelly. Both men were rather groggy in the fourth round. In the last round Connelly came up smiling, but very weak. Nevertheless he led off well and staggered Neary, winning the fight.

**Parnell Fund.**

WORCESTER, November 30.—Rev. J. T. Conaty, treasurer of the Parnell fund, has transmitted the treasurer of the fund in Ireland \$17,517. This includes contributions from thirty-five states and territories. The amount is not included in the report cabled from London.

LONDON, November 29.—An analysis of the Parnell fund shows £30,435, of which Ireland gave £25,820; America, £2,513; England, £1,045; Scotland, £276, and other places £653.

**A Good Plan.**

NEW YORK, November 30.—An illustrated paper here endorses a plan proposed by the Titusville Herald for holding the republican national convention at Chataqua. The claim is put forth that it is central, convenient and suitably placed, and has suitable hotel accommodations, besides having a hall seating 10,000 persons.

**A Challenge.**

NEW YORK, November 28.—The Clipper publishes a letter received from Prof. William Miller, of Melbourne, Australia, who challenges John L. Sullivan to box with small or ordinary sized boxing gloves for \$500 a side and the championship of the world, the match to take place in Australia or New Zealand.

**The Pacific Railroads and the Government.**

WASHINGTON, November 30.—The report of the federal commissioner of railroads shows that four Pacific companies owe the government \$102,376,812. The shiking fund is a failure for want of suitable investment. A premium of 35 per cent was paid in 1881 for currency in 6s of Union Pacific, at which the company protested. Some extended 3/4 per cents

were purchased for the Central Pacific at a premium of 2 per cent. The secretary of the interior recommends that 3 per cent. per annum be credited to the roads on all amounts covered into the treasury.

**The Trial of Young Nutt.**

UNIONTOWN, December 4.—The trial of James Nutt for the killing of Nicholas Lyman Dukes, last June, comes on to-morrow. It is expected the trial will take up the balance of the week. Senator Voorhees is counsel for the defendant. The town is full of visitors, but there is no great excitement. On all sides sympathy for the prisoner is expressed, but the feeling is generally that he will be convicted.

**Defending Her Character.**

FARIBAULT, December 4.—Milo M. Pond, an old resident of Faribault, was fatally shot this afternoon by Mrs. Geo. Swarf. The woman was recently divorced from her husband, but they continued to live together. She alleges that Pond circulated damaging reports concerning her.

**Didn't Come Off.**

SAN FRANCISCO, November 30.—The Hanlan-Stevenson boat race did not come off. The bay was too rough. The two men gave an exhibition race, Hanlan receiving \$600 and Stevenson \$100.

**Wired from the Capital.**

HELENA, December 4.—D. J. Sullivan, one of the victims of last week's terrible accident on the Wickes branch, died yesterday afternoon at St. John's hospital. On Monday both of his legs were amputated and as he seemed to bear the amputation well it was hoped that his life would be saved. The Montana improvement company has in the last month sold over one million feet of lumber in Helena.

S. T. Hauser is home from the Pacific coast, having returned by special car Sunday night.

**Suez Canal.**

LONDON, November 30.—The convention relative to the Suez canal has been concluded between English ship owners and M. DeLesseps. It provides that either the present canal be enlarged or a second canal be constructed. A committee of engineers and ship-owners, half to be English, will examine the question. Several directors, English shippers and merchants, are to be admitted as members of the board, and a consultative committee of English directors will be formed in London. The company in the future is to bear all expenses resulting from accidents on the canal, excepting collisions, or resulting from the company's property, provided the ships are not in fault. From January 1st, 1884, pilotage dues are to be abolished, and from January 1st, 1885, transit dues are to be diminished according to the rate of the dividend.

**The Panama Canal.**

PARIS, November 30.—The Panama canal company has issued a notice stating that three fresh contracts have been made for cutting portions of the canal.

**Bismarck Sick.**

BERLIN, November 29.—A dispatch says that Bismarck has had a relapse and is now suffering a rather serious attack of jaundice.

**The Tonquin Question.**

PARIS, November 29.—The pacific solution of the Tonquin question is now regarded as possible, England using her influence with France and China for a peaceable settlement.

**South Pole Expedition.**

LONDON, November 29.—Prof. Nordenskjold, the Swedish Arctic explorer, is planning an expedition to the south pole in 1885.

**Billiards.**

PARIS, November 29.—To-night Vignaux scored 600 in thirteen innings; Schaeffer 161 in twelve innings. Totals for four nights: Vignaux, 2,400; Schaeffer, 1,906.

**American Pork.**

PARIS, November 29.—The decree abolishing the prohibition of the importation of American pork states that if the pork is carefully salted there is no danger of trichinosis. The municipal authorities will seize any bacon imperfectly salted.

**Trying to Save O'Donnell.**

LONDON, December 5.—O'Donnell's solicitor is endeavoring to induce the jury to sign a memorial to the home secretary asking him to commute the death sentence of O'Donnell. Some of the jury are willing to sign the paper, but it is expected that a majority of them will decline.

**Fat Jack's Sentence.**

According to the San Francisco News Letter, Judge Toohy's sentence of "Fat Jack," a criminal in that city, recently, had a most remarkable effect upon the man's countenance. Said the judge: "Under our statute it is within the power of the court to sentence you to state prison during life for the infamous crime which you have committed. [Jack's jaw drops down to the bottom of his vest.] But though you refused mercy to your prostrate victim on the evening of Aug. 9th, the law will not deal so hardly with you. [Jaw goes up three buttons.] The law is just and beneficent. It seeks not your punishment [jaw goes up two more buttons] so much as to deter others from following your depraved example. [Jaw comes down a button.] In order that you may be encouraged to reform your conduct I shall make your term just, but not the extent which you deserve. [Jaw goes

up five buttons.] In the future it will depend wholly upon yourself, by good behavior, to earn the right, when you are restored to liberty [jaw closes up with a snap] to re-enter that society whose laws you have forfeited. It is, therefore, the sentence of the court that you be imprisoned in the state's prison for fifty years." [Jack's lower jaw falls off and is gently replaced by Sheriff Dunn, who then carries off his prey]. Jordan was a hard road to trabble for that fellow.

**Our Foreign Relations.**

The chairman of the committee on foreign affairs reported a peaceful state of relation existing between the United States and all other countries, and recommended as follows:

"An exchange of pumpkin pies between the United States and Canada, as a further bond of love and friendship.

"That a commission be appointed by England and America to re-write 'God Save the Queen' and 'The Star-spangled Banner,' and make from the two an international anthem, to be called, 'Heaven Save us Both.'

"That we import more French mustard, Dutch cheese, Holland gin, and Italian organ grinders, to show our good feeling toward those countries."—Free Press.

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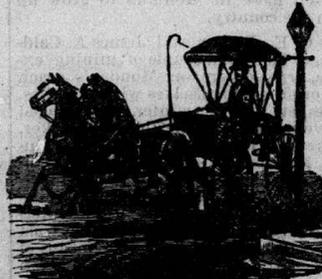
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June 1, 1883.

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