

THIRTEENTH YEAR.

THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

Several Extensive Land Grants to be Declared Forfeited.

And Now "Influencing" Congressmen Begins.

Mr. Baldwin Flies to Washington on a Little Mission.

New Year's Receptions and Other Matters of Note.

CAPITAL NOTES.

THE HOLIDAY RECEPTIONS, ETC.

Special Dispatch to THE BEE.

WASHINGTON, December 31.—Senator John W. Caldwell has returned from Nebraska.

John T. Baldwin is in the city, presumably to work on the Iowa delegation against the Missouri river bridge bill.

President Arthur's reception at the White House to-morrow will be a brilliant affair, probably surpassing in ceremony that of last year which was tragically interrupted by the death of the Hawaiian minister.

The members of the cabinet, the justices of the supreme court, the members of the diplomatic corps, senators, representatives, officers of the army, navy and marine corps and the members of the various bureaus will be received in the order of their official precedence from 10 o'clock, and at 1 o'clock the reception for citizens will begin, and will last until 3 o'clock.

Marshall McMichael, Colonel Rockwell will make the presentation, and a party of thirty-four of the wives of higher officials and their friends, have been invited to be present on the occasion.

Ladies are: Mrs. Frelinghuysen, Mrs. Misses Frelinghuysen, Mrs. Arthur T. Lincoln, Mrs. Wm. Grant, Mrs. Walter Gresham and Miss Hannah, Mrs. Henry M. Teller, Mrs. H. Brewster, Mrs. John G. Carr, Mrs. Phil Sheridan, Mrs. David D. Porter, Mrs. Morrison R. Waite, Mrs. A. Logan, Mrs. Shalby M. Cullom, Mrs. John F. Jones, Mrs. Geo. H. Jones, Mrs. Wm. W. Miller, Mrs. Wm. Frye, Mrs. Jos. A. Hawley, Mrs. Jos. Blaine, Mrs. Kinsley, Mrs. John W. Foster, Mrs. E. F. Beale, Mrs. Wm. Schreiber, Mrs. J. W. Wadsworth, Mrs. Chas. R. Skinner, Mrs. Geo. W. Cole, Mrs. Clayton McMichael, Mrs. E. Rockwell, Mrs. Geo. M. Robeson and Miss Stout.

The wife of Attorney General Brewster will receive at her residence on New York street, after the ceremonies at the White House, and will be assisted by her daughter, Mrs. Robert Koontz, and Miss Jones, of Philadelphia, by Mrs. Clayton McMichael and Miss Victoria Emory.

THE LAND GRANTS.

[General Press Dispatches.]

The committee on public lands expect to report a number of separate bills which will reconfer the forfeited lands granted certain railroad companies, the companies most interested are those of the northwest and south. The amount of land involved, as reported by the chairman of the committee, Mr. Cobb, is between 50,000,000 and 100,000,000 acres. The Texas Pacific land grant, it is expected, will be reported first. This grant alone involves 14,000,000 acres. In an interview to-night Mr. Cobb said there was no question of the right of the government to declare forfeited 25,000,000 acres of land on various railroads.

It will be given, open opportunity to be heard, but will not be given much time. The Northern Pacific has not complied with the terms of the grant. It has 48,000,000 acres which ought to be forfeited. In the judiciary committee of the last congress, a vote for its forfeiture stood 7 to 8. There are a number of railroad men here now trying to oppose any legislation of the character contemplated. They have been trying to influence members of the present congress. Some years ago they got the supreme court to declare the judiciary did not have power to declare land forfeited and now they try to take any action of that kind to avoid the question is not thoroughly understood. These same men controlled committees from the close of the year up to the forty-fourth congress and controlled the last congress. They committed packed in their favor. It is expected that every republican congress will be done the congress and the present, and over one hundred millions of land be declared forfeited. Millions of private claims will be made and will have to be settled by legislation. The government will oppose men who in good faith bought its railroads.

A PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION BILL.

Representative McCoid intends to introduce legislation for an early date of his bill provide for the election of president vice-president for an unexpired term of the removal by death, resignation or inability of both president and vice-president, and to declare what officer shall act as president ad interim. The bill was introduced December 10th and referred to the committee on judiciary which McCoid is a member. The bill provides that electors shall be named by each state for the election president and vice president, shall be acting as such electors and constitute the electoral college, representing the states. For the presidential term of years with power to fill vacancies. The removal of the president and vice-president by any cause the secretaries shall perform the ministerial duties of the president ad interim immediately issue a proclamation calling a new election to be held within a year, not less than thirty days after, upon which the college of electors shall meet and elect a president and vice president for the unexpired term.

Further provides for the same procedure to be followed in the case of the constitutionality of an ordinary year for a president, except that the electoral vote shall take place on Tuesday after the meeting of the succeeding regular session of congress be in session

FROM FOREIGN LANDS.

The Bloodshed and Wreck at Harbor Grace.

A Brawny Priest Lays Out a Party of Rioters.

The United States as the Best Friend of China.

The Insurrection in Egypt Growing More Formidable.

GENERAL FOREIGN NEWS.

THE HARBOR GRACE RIOT.

St. Johns, N. F., December 31.—The excitement of the public mind at Conception bay has somewhat abated. Of the Harbor Grace Orange and Catholic affray, the following is the latest version: The Orangemen walked out on the morning of St. Stephen's day and got as far as the turn at Paddy McGrath's house leading down from Harvey street to Water street. They had just arrived at the bridge and the band was playing "Boone Water," when they were met by a mob and told to come no further but to go back. The Roman Catholics were arranged in line, some in the front rank having pikes in their hands and it had been determined to use no other weapons unless in self-defense. They fought with these until Head Constable Doyle was shot down, as was also Patrick Callahan. Then went up the cry, "All hands look out," and in an instant went a rattling volley from several sealing guns, by which the men of the front rank were badly wounded. The rest of the Orangemen fled, abandoning their scarfs, flags and banners. Young Pat Dermody tore the flags into strips and planted green flags in their place. He was fired at by the Orangemen and wounded. When the Orangemen got down into the city they began breaking the windows in the houses of Catholics and tearing down the shutters of those whose houses were closed. They broke the shop windows of John Hennessey and attacked William Hennessey on the street. They stopped the horses of Dr. McDonald, the Roman Catholic Bishop, lacerated his face while he was visiting for men at Beach Cove, and they attempted to throw him over a precipitous cliff near Corcoran Beach, but were prevented by Father Rowe, a herculean Irish priest, who inflicted a severe blow on the head of one of the assailants with a leaden-handled whip and dispersed the rest. The bishop and Father Rowe were escorted for the remainder of the journey by mounted police. Old John Schully got a severe beating from Orangemen.

CHINA READY FOR PEACE.

LONDON, December 31.—The Times has the best authority for stating that China wants peace, and if France will return to her original position in Tonquin and abstain from further hostile action on the Red river, a pacific agreement is almost certain. China will abate some of her first pretensions if France will show a conciliatory spirit. The government of China, seeing the countries well disposed toward her, is desirous of settlement of the question and is ready to recognize accomplished facts and negotiate upon a basis of statu quo, but the establishment of this position involves cessation of further naval and military movements beyond merely defensive ones and above all an understanding that each will not be harassed. So much China is prepared to concede. If France responds to her well meant concessions she will not stop to consider how far her present attitude may tally with her original position, when she insisted upon the full letter of her rights.

Since the triumph of the anti-forgery party in Peking, China's desire for peace should be backed by the powers offering their mediation collectively. If there is any hesitation in any quarter on this point, the right of the initiative rests in a very high degree with the United States, which government is bound by the terms of the Burlingame treaty to offer her good offices whenever China requests them. Should Prime Minister Ferry, of France, respond to the wishes of the Chinese embassy, the present occasion will afford an opportunity of giving effect to this stipulation, hitherto unexecuted.

The northern bank of the main navigable branch of the Red river separates the ne plus ultra of the Chinese concession. China believes she can secure her rights as effectually with Quang Yen, Bacminh and La Kai in her possession as France with Hai Phong. The question of permanent retention of Son-tay should be submitted to the arbitration of a third party.

THE EGYPTIAN REBELLION.

LONDON, December 31.—A Suakin dispatch says El Mahdi intends to descend upon Egypt proper. The insurrectionary movement is spreading rapidly along the coast. Baker Pasha is convinced it is the most formidable religio-political character. The Abyssinian demonstration on Vassalia road renders the situation still more critical. Nothing can be done at present as an immediate advance would mean disaster. British gun-boats have gone to Massowah. One thousand women and children, together with 400 soldiers, are bravely holding out at Sinnat. Even with prompt action on the part of England there will be barely time to save those people from a terrible fate. It is believed that 20,000 rebels are between Suakin and Sinnat. Should the Egyptians attempt to march on Berber it is believed 100,000 rebels would oppose them. A general order will be issued announcing the appointment of Baker Pasha as governor general of Eastern Soudan.

Major Holroyd, a British officer, has been dismissed from the Egyptian service for striking a native officer.

STONING A PRIEST.

VIENNA, December 31.—A Jesuit missionary named Hamerle, preaching yesterday, in the church of St. John denounced the immorality of workmen, when some twenty of the latter arose, denounced the association and stoned the priest. In the rush of the congregation for the doors a number of people were injured. Several arrests were made. The congregation numbered over 2,000. Father Hamerle especially denounced socialism, when suddenly a loud

MURDER AND MYSTERY.

An Ill-Used Wife's Death on a Mountain Top.

A Maine Doctor and His Wounded Patients.

A Crank Attempts to Kill His Wife and Suicides.

Bringing the Emma Bond Case to a Close.

CRIME AND CRIMINALS.

A GUILTY PAIR.

GLENS FALLS, N. Y., December 31.—Great excitement prevails over the mysterious death of the wife of Frank Colts on top of Luzerne mountain, where Colts occupied a rough structure in the woods. A woman of bad character has been an inmate of the place, and she and Colts lived together in idleness while the wife was compelled to work to support them. The pair are suspected of poisoning Mrs. Colts. Deceased frequently expressed the fear that her husband would kill her. The coroner is investigating.

A MAINE MYSTERY.

BROOKFIELD, Me., December 31.—Several pools of blood on the snow Sunday morning led to the belief that a murder had been committed the previous night. In this connection Dr. Graton says he was called Saturday night by two men who wanted him to go with them. They refused to give their names, and when they reached Franklin street they bandaged the doctor's eyes. After traversing several streets they entered a house and the doctor was led to an uncarpeted room where he was locked in, the men leaving him. Here he found a young woman with a deep gash extending from the right ear down. She was extremely low from loss of blood and said: "Doctor, for God's sake save my life." He feared she would die while there and doesn't think she could have lived five minutes longer without care. After bandaging the wound the doctor knocked at the door, which was opened. He was immediately taken to another room where he found a man with a cut from the nostril to the mouth. After treating his patient he was taken back to Franklin street blindfolded, when the men left him. They were out of sight before he could unbandage his eyes.

AN EXPRESS ROBBER NABBED.

COLUMBUS, O., December 31.—Big Kelly, one of a notorious gang of express robbers, was captured on the Bee Line road, eight miles north, this morning. Three of the party escaped. An officer here had been taken into a combination to rob a Cleveland express and a number of officers went out with him with the result stated.

CONFESSED HIS GUILT.

NEW YORK, December 31.—Charles H. Prentice, formerly book-keeper for Abraham Burlingame, an iron dealer of Worcester, Mass., was arrested here to-day for embezzling \$1,400 from his employer in June last. He confessed his guilt and will be taken to Worcester.

THE END OF A GRUDGE.

CHICAGO, December 31.—The Journal's Little Rock (Ark.) special says: Friday last, at a point fifty miles beyond Fort Smith, in the Choctaw nation, Rev. Samuel Andrews, on his way to hold a religious appointment, was shot and killed by unknown parties, supposed to be the result of an old grudge.

THAT SETTLES IT.

SAN ANTONIO, TEX., December 31.—Henry Hane, a well-to-do German, in a drunken jealous frenzy last night attempted to brain his wife with an ax. He cut two fearful gashes in her cheek and neck. After being shot and obtaining from her a promise never to speak of the affair, he went into the kitchen and blew his own brains out with a pistol.

NEW YORK ROBBERY.

NEW YORK, December 31.—Mr. Church, cashier and superintendent of John Dwight & Co.'s soda factory, was assaulted to-day as he was leaving the depot at the Second avenue elevated station on 11th street by two masked men, who knocked him down and robbed him of a satchel containing \$2,500 in bank notes which he had drawn to pay employees. Church was stunned but recovered in time to see the men leap into a wagon and drive off rapidly.

IN SELF DEFENSE.

ELEMERT, Ind., December 31.—Four roughs of Gosden, Saturday night, after being driven from an attack on a house of ill fame, met Michael Self, private watchman at the chair factory, and after some abuse of the man shot him in the abdomen. Self, after being shot, fired on his assailants and shot Frank Grippe and Ben Bose. All will probably die.

Closing up the Bond Case.

St. Louis, December 31.—The Post Dispatch Hillsboro special says: Argument in the Bond trial progressed to-day. J. J. McBride for the defense, continued his speech on Saturday night and was followed by Judge Taylor for the prosecution, and he by Judge McCaskey for the defense. None of the speeches so far have been specially notable. The argument continued all day and a night session is now in progress, with Judge Vanhook, of the prosecution, as speaker. Although the matter is a holiday there will be no adjournment, the day's desire being to give the case to the jury as speedily as possible.

Non-Negotiable Bonds.

TRENTON, N. J., December 31.—In the suit of the Midland railway against Anna T. Hitchcock and others, the court of errors and appeals held that coupon railroad bonds were non-negotiable after a suit was begun to foreclose a mortgage upon which the bonds were issued.

Bouncing the Parson.

NEW HAVEN, December 31.—Rev. Mr. Stansbury, the new pastor of the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal church, was yesterday forcibly ejected from the pulpit by two deacons, who have secured a minister more to their liking. Prosecutions for assault will follow.

Baltimore Killed Him.

BALTIMORE, Md., December 31.—Jocko, the well known Orang-Outang, died this morning at the dime museum, of congestion of the lungs. The animal arrived Saturday from Chicago.

PEACE OR WAR?

The Solemn Gathering at the Pool in Chicago.

But the Burlington Does Not Leap in at Once.

Waiting to Know What the Divy Will Be.

The Funeral Day of the Iowa Pool Appointed.

RAILROAD MATTERS.

THE IOWA POOL MEETING.

CHICAGO, December 31.—Representatives of the Iowa railroad pool met here at 11:30 to-day. The roads represented were as follows: Rock Island, General Manager Cable; Northwestern, Vice President Hught; Milwaukee & St. Paul, General Manager Morrill; Wabash, Vice President Hayes; C. B. & Q., General Manager Potter. The general freight agents of all roads were also present.

As a result of an all day consultation the formal dissolution of the Iowa Railway association, better known as the Iowa pool, was decided upon, to take effect to-day. During the conference it was ascertained that what is known as the "eight point pool," covering certain points in Nebraska and Colorado traffic, the association covering Utah business originating east of the Missouri river, and which are both included in the Iowa pool, had not been mentioned in the notices given by the roads of their intention to withdraw from the pool, and that thirty days' notice was necessary in the case of those also, which was also given at the meeting. It was then decided by all the roads present to maintain existing rates until Thursday of the present week, when another meeting will be held in this city at which the Burlington will be represented, and when the terms upon which that road can enter the new western railway alliance will be stated.

Burlington officials are absolutely non-committed as to the course they will pursue and simply state that they are waiting to know the terms of the arrangement proposed by their rivals. It is tacitly admitted that on the result of Thursday's meeting hinges peace or war. The report telegraphed that the Southwestern Railway association would be abolished as well as the Iowa pool, by reason of the present complications, is declared to be untrue.

INCREASE OF DEBT.

PHILADELPHIA, December 31.—The stockholders of the Buffalo, New York & Philadelphia railroad company approved the directors' proposition to increase the funded indebtedness of the company. The total authorized issued is \$25,000,000. The increase, amounting to \$2,000,000 is to be devoted to additional equipment and facilities.

TRUNK LINE RATES.

NEW YORK, December 31.—At a meeting of representatives of the trunk lines to-day there was a long discussion on the subject of further reduction on through freight rates, where proof existed that roads have been cutting rates. No final decision was arrived at and the matter was laid over until the joint executive committee could be called. Commissioner Fink announced for the present that no further reductions of existing rates on through freight is contemplated.

VILLARD'S RESIGNATION.

NEW YORK, December 31.—Villard is somewhat better, but still suffering from nervous prostration. His resignation as president of the Northern Pacific railroad will be presented at the annual meeting of the directors, January 4. The probable successor of Villard is being freely discussed on the street. It is thought Frederick Billings, of Boston, will be pushed by the New England stockholders and A. J. Cassett, of Pennsylvania, by other parties in their interest.

Samuel Wilkinson, secretary of the Northern Pacific Railroad company, states that he knows nothing of the reported resignation of President Villard. Other officials state that although no official papers have yet passed between the parties in interest, Villard's resignation is considered certain. It is stated that his resignation will be made public Thursday.

THE U. F. TUMBLING.

NEW YORK, December 31.—The Union Pacific was lower to-day on the report that the annual statement makes a poor showing.

The Bishops at Baltimore.

PITTSBURG, December 31.—A prominent gentleman of this city says that everything published concerning the object of the meeting of Catholic bishops at Baltimore is incorrect. He says the real business of the meeting is to devise a system of church government which will allow greater liberties, and that it is necessary to prevent a rebellion.

CINCINNATI, December 31.—The Wahraits-Freunds' Reine cable special says: Archbishop Gibbons, of Baltimore, will preside at the council of Catholic bishops at Baltimore in November next. Mons Dominicus Manuay, vicar apostolic of Brownsville, Texas, has been appointed bishop of Mobile, Ala.

Utah Statistics.

SALT LAKE, Utah, December 31.—The Tribune's annual report of Utah and adjoining territories shows increased prosperity and growth. The total population of the Pacific coast is placed at \$65,000,000. Utah produced \$8,000,000 the past year and in the territory since the opening of the mines by the Gentiles, \$70,000,000. Utah's population is 170,000. Salt Lake's population 28,000, an increase of 7,000 since 1880; new buildings erected in the city the past year 900, costing \$1,500,000; miles of railroad constructed, 143; Mormon emigrants for the year, 3,000; assessed valuation of the territory, \$30,000,000.

Brave Kate Shelby.

CHICAGO, December 31.—A Washington special says: Congressman A. J. Holmes, of Iowa, will introduce a bill next week appropriating a small sum for the education of "brave" Kate Shelby, the 15 year old girl who saved a Chicago & Northwestern passenger train from destruction at Moingoa, July 6, 1883. A medal is to be presented to her by the Iowa legislature, has already been prepared by Tiffany, of New York.

Suits and Counter Suits.

CHICAGO, December 31.—The "City of Paris," fancy goods store, a branch of the Philadelphia firm of Freiberg & Strouse, against whom a large amount of judgments were entered to-day, was transferred to John W. Goetz, proprietor of the glove department in the same store, for an alleged consideration of \$40,000. The sheriff however, levied on the stock to satisfy an execution and Goetz began replevin proceedings. The stock is said to be worth \$60,000.

Paddy Ryan is Mad.

CHICAGO, December 31.—Paddy Ryan, wife and mother, arrived here to-night from Toledo. He says he will pull any one's nose who calls him a coward; that Sullivan has stigmatized him as a cur for which, next time they meet in a saloon, he proposes to whip Sullivan in a rough and tumble fight.

Record of the Year.

PROBIA, December 31.—The Transcript will publish to-morrow its annual review of the trade of 1883. It will show that building improvements amounting to \$2,000,000 have been completed. The receipts of grain were 25,388,161 bushels, shipments 18,928,476 bushels, an increase of over 2,000,000 in each. The bank clearings were \$50,216,203, internal revenue collections \$13,409,441.

A Minstrel Festival.

CINCINNATI, December 31.—A minstrel festival, originated by Manager R. E. Miles, after a successful dramatic festival last year and carried into Music hall. The weather was bad but the attendance was 2,000. The stage was occupied by 300 to 400 people. The leading performers were from Callender's and Haverly's minstrels. The festival continues through the week.

Clearing House Statement.

BOSTON, December 31.—Returns from twenty-six leading clearing houses of the United States gives the total clearances for the week ending Saturday, the 29th inst., as \$340,741,829, being a decrease of three and eight-tenths per cent, as compared with the same period of last year.

Closing Rail Mills.

READING, Pa., December 31.—The Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron company's rail mill closed to-day, probably permanently, throwing 500 hands out of work. The reason is that it costs \$37 a ton to make rails, while in other parts of the country they can be made for \$35.

Some Bulletin Figures.

WASHINGTON, December 31.—Total of internal revenue for the six months of fiscal year ended to-day, \$61,121,201; receipts for December \$9,855,700; issue of silver dollars for week ended December 29, \$297,498, against \$1,041,000 the same time last year.

Died of Rabies.

JACKSON, Miss., December 31.—J. N. Weatherly, sheriff of Madison county, died yesterday, of hydrophobia. He was bitten by a rabid dog two months ago.

Buried Alive.

MALDEN, Mass., December 31.—A gang of Italian digging a tunnel at north Saugus, the earth suddenly caved in, burying nine of them. They were dug out, five of them very badly injured, the foreman fatally.

Scrofula

Probably no form of disease so generally distributed among our whole population as scrofula. Almost every individual has this latent poison coursing through his veins. The terrible sufferings endured by those afflicted with scrofulous sores cannot be understood by others, and the intensity of their pain, when they find a remedy that cures them, attests a well worn. We refer by prescription to Miss Sarah G. Whittier, of Warren, N. H., who was cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla.

The severity of which continued her to the house for two years. Six months previous to taking Hood's Sarsaparilla she could not get about her room without crutches. Her friend says: "I did not think it possible for her to live many months; she was reduced to a mere skeleton. Her cure is hardly less than a miracle. The terrible sufferings she has had been effected by this medicine. There is no doubt that in Hood's Sarsaparilla we have the most remarkable medicine that has ever been produced, and a positive cure for Scrofula in its numerous forms. Price \$1.00, six for \$5.00. Prepared only by G. L. HOOD & CO., Lowell, Mass. Sold by Druggers.

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