

WASHINGTON NEWS.

The Steamer "Alert" to be Returned to the U.S.

British Government With Thanks of Uncle Sam.

Signs of a Storm Brewing in the Democratic Camp.

The South Want Most of the Cabinet Offices.

The Senate Trying to Checkmate the Land Grabbers.

Mr. Horr's Remarks--Passage of the Army Appropriation Bill in the Senate.

SENATE.

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WESTERN NOTES.

Dr. McGillivuddy and the Indian School—The Nihiara Land Office.

Dr. McGillivuddy, "Indian agent at Pine Ridge agency arrived in the city last night and is stopping at the Parkor.

His mission hither is to superintend the opening of bids next Saturday, for building contracts, as advertised, for the erection of a new and complete industrial school on the Pine Ridge reservation.

The school for which due appropriation has already been made by congress is to be modelled after the eastern industrial schools, and is destined to furnish the Indian youth with a thorough practical knowledge of the various trades.

Dr. McGillivuddy has just been traveling on the newly-completed road-bed of the Sioux City and Pacific railroad, from Valentine to Gordon, which passes within twenty-three miles of Pine Ridge reservation.

This new road is displaying vast probabilities in that section of the state and is destined to play an important part in opening up the country for rapid settlement.

An additional section of track, ninety miles long, is now being constructed from this point to the westward.

From this point it is rumored, the road will eventually be extended to the Black Hills, for in that direction the line seems to be headed.

Sanford Parker, Esq., and Hon. S. Draper, of Nebraska, were at the Millard last night, en route home from Lincoln.

The society reported of the land office at Nihiara, Quantico by a B. Draper, as a result of the probable outcome of the contest between O'Neill and Crighton for the land office, Mr. Parker, as also Mr. Draper, were positive in their belief that the office would remain in Nebraska.

Immediately after, would not be reported, but it was stated that the office would be in the hands of the land office.

The event of the day was the closing of the season at the fair.

Positively the greatest and crowning event of the social season occurred last night at Masonic hall, in the grand masquerade carnival given by the Omaha Press Club.

Do not smile, gentle reader, for by a ripple of the incredulous passes over by face than will be relegated by the stern and inflexible mandate of the High Royal Mosaic of the Omaha Journal.

Without exaggeration, therefore, the event was rich and rare.

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CUSTER COUNTY.

Land-Seekers Already Coming—Preparations for the Spring Rush.

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Superintendent Dickinson is still engaged on the western sections of the road in settling the incipient feelings of rebellion over the new rates and code of signals which are announced to go into effect over the Union Pacific system next month.

The employees are disposed to modify their antagonistic demands, and it now appears as though the serious fears of a general strike among train employees will not be realized.

The employees at Cheyenne are being examined, but as yet none of them, with the exception of the telegraphers and station men, have a good the rules, and it is generally agreed that they will refuse to do so if it is proposed.

Superintendent Dickinson, in his private car, arrived from Denver last evening. He would only say in response to a question, "I am going to Laramie City," and when the west bound train pulled out his car was attached.

Five Men Appointed in a Chicago Sewer.

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FOREIGN NEWS.

LONDON, February 12.—General Wolsey telegraphs that Brackenbury reports from Dulka islands, about seventy miles above Merawi, that Earle's attack was well planned and gallantly executed.

The rebels had a high ridge on the river-back by hills. Six companies of the Black Watch and six companies of the Stafford regiments marched around the high hills, entirely turning the enemy's position, which was then attacked from the rear.

The enemy was not great in point of numbers, but his position was very strong and difficult of access. The fight with the most determined bravery. Earle was among the foremost in the attack, and his fall was the cause of deep lament from every officer and man in the force.

He was killed on the summit of the hills, behind which the enemy was posted. At almost the same time Lieut. Col. Eyre was killed. The camp was captured by the Nineteenth Hussars. The English success was complete. Ten standards were among the spoils of the victory, the enemy dead lying thick among the rocks and in the ditches. They found themselves surrounded, they made a desperate effort to rush through the English column which had been formed at the English position.

Col. Conyngham and nine men of the rank and file killed, four officers and twenty-one men wounded. The English killed five hundred and thirty of the enemy.

On the morning of the 12th the British advance along the river by day light Wednesday to carry out Wolsey's instructions to Earle. The above accounts are from the London Standard, which gives the date Dulka islands.

The Treaty of Gordon.

LONDON, February 12.—Lord Wolsey telegraphs again to-day from Korti to the government that no reliable particulars in regard to the Nile, Gordon, and Khartoum, is available. He assures the ministry that the press reports have all been based on rumors gathered from Col. Wilson's party upon their return down the Nile. It is understood that an attempt is being made to reach Khartoum. In addition to these statements Lord Wolsey says that the Madir of Dongola and natives throughout the Sudan are full of fear.

Col. Wilson, however, is positive that there is little or no doubt on this point. Well-to-do people in London, and the exact details of the situation at Khartoum and the fate of Gordon from trustworthy people, which is dispatched to the Nile for the purpose of ascertaining the exact facts. These messengers are expected to reach Korti on their return in a few days.

The Congo Settlement.

LONDON, February 12.—It is announced that the government of Portugal and the International African association has been enabled through mediation of England, France and Germany to reach an understanding in regard to the rights claimed by each along the river Congo. The understanding is in complete conformity with the status secured by its associate in its convention. It is understood that Portugal is preparing to sign the agreement with the association similar in essential respects to the one signed by Russia, England, Germany and France.

Germany Annexes Samoa.

LONDON, February 12.—News received today from Wellington, New Zealand, says that Germany has been notified that she is to annex Samoa.

The committee will also report that the officials of the interior department, except certain clerks, are to be transferred to the United States.

When the committee on appropriations convenes to-morrow to consider the bill, it will be interested in the fact that the committee has authorized to appoint a board of six civilians who shall be skilled in wood or iron construction, in ship building or engineering, the secretary of the navy, and a representative of the board to act as chairman.

The board shall meet in Washington and issue circulars to those portions of the army and navy who are engaged in building or repairing ships, or other matters pertaining to the naval affairs or to the construction of vessels, and shall have the right to inspect and copy the plans and drawings of such vessels, and to take possession of them.

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