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General News Summary.

FROM WASHINGTON.

The Comptroller of the Currency has called upon the National Banks for information as to the amounts of all the taxes paid by them to State, county, city, town or other municipal authorities for last year; and also as to the amount of personal taxes assessed upon the stock of the banks.

A WASHINGTON dispatch of the 13th says the aggregate of silver coin issued to that date was \$34,256,000; fractional currency, \$20,980,000, leaving \$10,622,000 currency still outstanding.

It was announced in the Cabinet meeting in Washington, on the 14th, that the Governor of Texas would demand of the Mexican authorities the culprits who crossed over from the Mexican side and committed the outrages at Rio Grande City, on the 13th. The Cabinet approved of such action by the Governor.

The Commission appointed by the Government, to treat with Canada for the return of Sitting Bull and his band of Indians, is composed of Gen. Terry and Mr. John McNeil, a St. Louis merchant. Capt. Corbin will act as Clerk of the Commission.

THE EAST.

A MEETING of workingmen was held in Philadelphia on the 11th, at which a resolution was adopted recommending the organization of the workingmen for political purposes, to be called the Protective party, and having for its objects: First, the mutual protection of labor; second, the direct representation of the working classes in municipal and State Legislatures and Congress; third, the repeal of all oppressive laws against labor; fourth, the enactment of just laws for the protection of labor. A committee was appointed to draft plans for such organization.

The Greenback party of New Jersey, on the 14th, nominated Gen. Thos. D. Hoxey for Governor, and passed resolutions demanding the immediate repeal of the Resumption act, attributing to it the contraction of the currency and the general distress of the country, and warning workingmen that it is part of a conspiracy of the money power to pauperize and then disenfranchise labor; denouncing the demonetization of silver, and demanding the repeal of the law effecting such demonetization.

The Democratic State Convention of Maine was held at Portland, on the 14th, and Joseph H. Williams, of Augusta, was nominated for Governor. Resolutions were adopted re-affirming the platform and principles of the St. Louis Convention, characterizing as a monstrous fraud the reversal of the election of Samuel J. Tilden for President, and asking an amendment to the Constitution which will make a like result in the future impossible; declaring that the restoration to the common rights of citizenship of the people of the Southern States, long kept subject to military occupation, is a just acknowledgement of the wisdom of Democratic principles, and that the Democratic party opposes only what is wrong in the administration of the Government.

The State Convention of the Independent Greenback party of Pennsylvania has been called to meet at Williamsport on the 19th of September.

TWO CHILDREN of F. M. Lavallee, of Flushing, N. Y., were burned to death on the 14th, by the explosion of a can of kerosene oil.

The New Central Coal Company of Cumberland, Md., one of the heaviest shippers, resumed work on the 15th, at five-eve cents, the rates demanded by the strikers. Another company would soon do like-wise at the same rate. A Wilkesbarre (Pa.) special of the 15th reports that the strikers in that section were engaged in forcibly stopping the pumping in several of the mines. A strike had been resolved on by the miners in the Hazelton (Pa.) region.

The New York Prohibitionists have nominated a State ticket and resolved that it is the duty of all to extirpate the crime of selling intoxicating drinks.

The New York State Central Committee has issued a call for a State Independent Convention to be held on the 25th of September. The call demands the immediate consideration of the platform adopted at Indianapolis in May, 1876; denounces the Resumption act and asks its repeal; stigmatizes the issue of the 4½ per cent. bonds as a bare-faced robbery of the people to the extent of \$18,000,000. It also calls for laws to sustain labor and control railroad and other monopolies.

The Centennial celebration at Bennington, Vt., on the 15th and 16th, in commemoration of the Revolutionary Battle of Bennington, was largely attended, many distinguished persons being present, among whom were President Hayes and members of his Cabinet. Poems by Wm. C. Bryant and Mrs. Julia C. R. Doore were read on the 16th, and short speeches were made by President Hayes, Secy. Evans and others. The procession of the day, numbering 8,000 people, passed in review before the President, Hayes, Mrs. Hayes and the Cabinet, the President, in his remarks, congratulating Vermont upon their grand and successful Centennial celebration, and referring to the evident interest taken in their 100th anniversary of two prominent events in their history by the visiting officials of sister States, the military and the thousands present. Secy. McCrary introduced Mrs. Hayes as President Hayes' Molly Stark. Great enthusiasm was kindled by their expressions. The crowd in attendance upon the celebration is estimated at 50,000 in number.

The operations in several Pennsylvania collieries struck, on the 16th, while the employees in three of the largest collieries in Maryland had resolved to resume work, having secured the rate of pay demanded by them.

GOLD closed in New York, on Aug. 17th, at 10½. The following were the closing quotations for produce: No. 3 Chicago Spring Wheat, Oct. 10—No. 2, Milwaukee Spring, Sept. 8—Oats, Western and State, 55@6c. Corn, Western Mixed, 56@6c. Pork, Mess., \$12.55@13.60. Lard, \$8.95. Flour good to choice, \$3.75@4.00; Winter Wheat, \$6.05@6.50. Cattle, \$3.60@12½ good to extra. Sheep, \$4.00@4.50. Hogs, \$3.75@4.50.

At East Liverpool, Pa., on Aug. 17th, Cattle brought: Best, \$5.75@6.00; Medium, \$3.75@4.25; Common, \$2.25@3.50. Hogs sold—Workers, \$5.50@5.40; Philadelphia, \$5.50@5.40. Sheep brought \$3.25@4.40—according to the statement of his

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Peter McGroarty; School Commissioner, Peter H. Clark. The platform adopted pledges the party in Ohio to labor unceasingly for the recognition of equal rights and duties, and the abolition of all class rule; demands the payment of wages weekly, with suitable penalties for failure to do so on the part of employers; eight hours for a day's work; employers to be liable for all accidents to employees; the employment of children under fourteen years of age to be prohibited in industrial establishments; all conspiracy laws to be abolished; the use of convict labor by private employers to be prohibited; gratuitous instruction in all educational institutions; patent and all other laws or privileges to individuals or companies to the detriment of labor to be repealed; the tariff and other acts for indirect taxation to be repealed; and direct taxation on property and incomes to be substituted therefor; railroads, telegraphs and all means of transportation to be under Government control, for the purpose of abolishing the wages system, and all industrial enterprises to be placed under the control of Government as fast as practicable, and operated by free co-operative unions for the good of the whole people.

A COURIER arrived at Deer Lodge, on the 11th, from Big Hole, Montana, bringing accounts of a desperate fight between Gen. Gibbons' command and the Nez Perces, on the Big Hole River, on the 9th, in which the former lost twenty-five killed, among whom are Capt. Logan and Lieuts. Bradley and Bostwick. The wounded numbered forty-five, including Gen. Gibbons, Capt. Williams and Lieuts. Coolidge, Woodruff and English, the latter seriously. The Indians suffered severely, forty of their dead being crowded on about one-half the battlefield.

Gen. Terry, at St. Paul, received a dispatch from Gen. Gibbons, dated the 11th, stating that he surprised the Nez Perces camp and got possession of it after a hard fight, in which both sides lost heavily. Other dispatches say that Gibbons' command numbered 181 men, including seventeen officers and thirty-two citizens, and the Indians over 1,000, and describe the battle as having been one of the fiercest on record, the Indians losing heavily.

WHILE on his return from Oregon, Senator Morton was taken quite seriously ill. He passed through Indianapolis, on the 13th, on his way to his home in Richmond, accompanied by his family and physician, the latter having been summoned to meet him at Peoria, Ill. The Senator's left arm was paralyzed, but the physician thought only temporarily. For the present he would be permitted to see no one except his family.

THREE men from Mexico entered the port of Rio Grande, Tex., on the morning of the 13th, broke open the jail, shot Judge and the wounded, up to Aug. 9. Prince Nikita had also raised the siege of the Citadel of Nisicas, because of the entry of a Turkish force into Montenegro. The whole of Bulgaria, south of Tirnova, had been substantially abandoned by the Russians.

ACCORDING to St. Petersburg dispatches of the 15th, Russia had declared that she would not be bound by the pledges made when war was first declared, but would dictate peace on her own terms when the Turks have been finally subjugated.

THE Russians have completed a second bridge across the Danube at Pyrgos, and large numbers of troops have already passed over.

THE death of Wm. Longman, the well-known English publisher, is announced.

THE British Privy Council has forbidden the landing of leaves or stalks of potatoes grown in the United States, Canada or Germany.

A REPUBLICAN conspiracy has been discovered and frustrated at Madrid. Numerous arrests were made there and throughout the provinces.

ACCORDING to London dispatches of the 16th, the Russians had virtually raised the siege of Rustchuk. They had officially acknowledged the loss of 14,459 men, killed and wounded, up to Aug. 9. Prince Nikita had also raised the siege of the Citadel of Nisicas, because of the entry of a Turkish force into Montenegro. The whole of Bulgaria, south of Tirnova, had been substantially abandoned by the Russians.

THE Sultan has issued an Imperial decree, calling to arms all hitherto exempted.

DESPITE the energetic attempts of the Government to stamp it out, the Colorado beetle has spread over a field of twenty-five acres at Langen, in Germany.

ACCORDING to Bucarest telegrams of the 17th, the fever epidemic in the Russian Army was rapidly increasing. The troops were also suffering for the want of suitable food.

THE Servian Cabinet has resigned on account of differences in respect of the foreign policy of the Government.

Sad Plight and Happy Relief of a Suffering Family.

LAST week, during the excitement of the big strike, a sad scene occurred at the State Line Depot. One of the morning trains brought in a family from New York City, consisting of a man, woman and three children. They were literally starving. Those who had all left as soon as his command came up. The Chicago Tribune of the 14th says Gen. Sheridan regarded the result of Gen. Gibbons' battle as one of the most important victories of the war.

COL. JOHN A. JOYCE, who was sentenced to the Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Mo., for complicity in the whisky conspiracy, was, on the 13th, released from confinement. The case came up on writ of habeas corpus Joyce's plea being the illegality of his cumulative sentence. The Court held that he had served the time he was given the general sentence, and that he was entitled to his discharge, but required him to furnish bonds in the sum of \$1,000, to answer any order which the higher Court, to which he case had been appealed, might make.

PRESIDENT HAYES' old regiment, the Twenty-third Ohio, will hold its annual reunion at Fremont on the 14th of September. The President, Gens. Sherman, Sheridan and other distinguished persons will be in attendance.

RALPH T. DANIEL, the Attorney-General of Virginia, and Democratic candidate for re-election, died at Richmond, on the 16th, after two days' illness, of hemorrhage of the bowels. He was seventy-two years old.

GEN. GRISWOLD, accompanied by Lieut. Jacobs, arrived at Deer Lodge, Mont., on the 15th, where he met with an enthusiastic reception by the citizens of the town. He was feeling well, but was still from his wound.

A VIRGINIA CITY (Mont.) dispatch of the 16th says all the Chinamen on Horse Prairie had been massacred by the Nez Perces Indians. The Bannock tribe of Indians are reported friendly and willing to fight against the hostiles, the Nez Perces being their natural enemies.

A FORT CLARK (Tex.) special of the 16th says that on the 14th Mexican cattle-thieves drove 150 head of cattle across the Rio Grande.

THE National Educational Association, at its recent session in Louisville, Ky., appointed a committee to memorialize Congress on behalf of a National Educational Bureau and Museum.

W. B. HIBBY, indicted for subversion of justice in the recent Grover investigation at Portland, Ore., has been held to appear for trial in the sum of \$2,500, and, in default thereof, was in jail on the 16th.

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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

—Deep colors have superseded the pale shades so long fashionable.

—Experience, like flannel, to be useful, must be worn as an under-garment.

—Russian inns are said to be very poor, but a Russian knot is worse.—*Evening Post*.

—The railroad strikers have seen that it is not the way to make board cheaper to burn flour and hams.—*Boston Advertiser*.

—INTELLIGENCE was received at New York, on the 11th, of the loss of the Pacific Steam Navigation Company's steamer Eton, on Valparaiso, on the 25th of July. Of the crew sixty-three were saved, but nearly 100 of the passengers were drowned. Among the lost was the commander of the vessel.

—The cholera has made its appearance in the Province of Eske-Saghra. All male Christian natives had been ordered to be put to death, since every Bulgarian was looked upon as a spy or an open enemy.

—The Turkish troops in the Caucasus have been withdrawn and ordered to Adrianople and Varna. The Russians have evacuated the Kain-Boghas Pass of the Balkans.

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Napoleon was. He never saved a cord of wood or did a hard day's work in his life; and yet he was never arrested for vagrancy, and no interfering policeman ever came nosing around and told him to move along or the head of the law would match him to the jug.

—Then look at Diogenes! What sort of a man was he? On the unbalanced ledger of history do we find on the credit side

“Diogenes. Cr.”

—By one day's work.....\$1.00

—Nothing of the sort. Diogenes was a man who took the world to himself. The only thing he ever did that we have any record of was roaming around the streets of Syracuse with an old lantern in his hand. He pretended to be looking for an honest man. More likely he was mapping out a free-lunch route. So much for Diogenes.

—Now turn over another page and glance at the portrait of Sir Isaac Newton. Wasn't he a thoroughbred tramp? All he did was to sit in his garden under an apple-tree, smoke his clay pipe, and build castles in the air. One day an apple fell off the tree and struck Sir Isaac square in the eye. The circumstance made him famous. Why? Because he was a genuine, philosophical tramp, and took things coolly. When the apple hit him he didn't get mad, and throw three cornered sticks around the tree. He simply picked the apple up, looked it over carefully for worm-holes, and slipped it in his pocket to eat after supper. Then he began to wonder why the apple didn't go up instead of falling down to the ground. You see, before that he had never paid any attention to the matter, and he didn't know whether it was the usual and correct thing for fruit to fly off at a tangent from the earth when it became detached from the tree, or to come down, like Col. Crockett's coon. He determined to investigate. So he hired a small boy to climb the tree and shake, and watch till every apple fell to the ground. Note of them flew up. Sir Isaac was satisfied. He had made a great discovery.

—The stage-coach drivers in the White Mountains, despairing of managing their leading horses with the whip, carry along a load of small stones, which they throw at the proper time with salutary effect.

—A recently-married Irishman received

a dispatch the other day, the Boston *Transcript* says, from an old “swathee,” inviting him to come over, and he replied by telegraph: “I am married and to me green.”

—There is complaint that innocent people occasionally get killed when the people are not mobbed off in Heaven than they are.

—“Apples are big enough now to keep a ten-year-old boy and both his parents and the nearest druggist up all night.—*Pittsburgh Telegraph*.

—Nothing like the English language. For instance, they are drafting men in India to bury the draught horses which have died from the drouth.—*Detroit Free Press*.