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## Latest News by Telegraph TO THE BALTIMORE CLIPPER FROM ALABAMA.

## THE NEW STATE CONVENTION.

Ninety Members Present—H. G. Fitzpatrick, President.

## THE ALABAMA CONVENTION.

CINCINNATI, Sept. 15.—The Gazette's Montgomery (Alabama) special says that the State Convention organized on the 12th inst. Ex-Governor Fitzpatrick was elected President by acclamation. Governor Parsons administered the oath to all the members, as requested by President Johnson. The action of the Convention will be conservative, differing but little from that of Mississippi.

A person from Texas reports everything quiet in the Red River district. The negroes generally remain with their former masters working as usual. The crops look well and promise a good yield. The Baton Rouge Advocate of the 1st inst. says that not more than one hundred citizens have taken the oath under President Johnson's proclamation.

## SECOND DISPATCH.

New Orleans, Sept. 15.—The Times' Montgomery special of the 14th inst. says: The State Convention met to day—92 members present, who were qualified by Governor Parsons. The Convention organized by electing Ex-Governor Fitzpatrick permanent President by acclamation, and adopted a resolution to appoint one member from each judicial district to report such amendments to the Constitution as may be necessary to restore the State to her relation with the Federal Government.

General Swaine, in Alabama, has ordered that all contracts with the freedmen for labor must be reduced to writing, and approved by an agent of the bureau for plantation labor. Employers will stipulate to provide sufficient food and quarters, medical attendance, and such further compensation as may be agreed upon, such contracts to be a lien upon the crops, of which not more than one-half may be withheld until payment is made and the contract released by the Agent of the Bureau. Absentees from labor without good cause shall be proceeded against as vagrants—Freedmen committed as vagrants may be set to work on roads or other labor, or turned over to the Freedmen's Bureau—Governor Parsons and General Wood have approved the order and directed its enforcement.

FROM FORT MONROE.  
FORT MONROE, Sept. 14.—An orderly named James Harrison, was drowned near Norfolk yesterday. A riot took among the colored people in Hampton last Monday night, which was quelled by a detachment from the 1st U. S. Cavalry, under Lieut. W. H. Harris. The rioters were dispersed, and captured. They were all armed with revolvers, cutlasses and cut-throats.

OUR DEAD SOLDIERS—DIMENTMENT IN VIRGINIA TO REMOVE OUTRAGED REGULATIONS FOR REMOVAL OF BODIES.  
HARRINGTON, September 14.—The time for the disinterment and removal of the dead bodies of Union soldiers, buried on the front of Virginia, will begin on the first of October next. It should be understood, by persons going to Virginia to remove bodies, that when graves are near stations of troops who are supplied with wagons, the use of such vehicles will be given for the purpose of bringing in the remains to points at which railroad or steamboat transportation can be obtained.

THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONVENTION.  
WASHINGTON, Sept. 14.—It is said a telegram has been received here from Columbia, S. C., that the State Convention assembled yesterday, one hundred members being present. It is regarded as the ablest body ever convened in that State. Resolutions of dissent were offered and received only five votes, and they were laid on the table after a refusal to print them.

THE ATLANTIC TELEGRAPH CABLE.  
HARRINGTON, Sept. 15.—Lieutenant Gault, U. S. N., is returning home, in a letter to the Express, says that the cable at the locality where the Atlantic cable boys are reported to have been placed, and with the boat lock out, officers and men, they saw none of them. He concludes that if the Great Eastern's reckoning were correct, the boys must have parted from the cable, and be drifting about in the sea.

THE CHATTAHOOCY HOLLING HILL.  
WASHINGTON, Sept. 15.—The Government has decided to accept twenty days further time for the allowance of bids for the purchase of the Chattanooga Holling Hill. The Government has decided to accept twenty days further time for the allowance of bids for the purchase of the Chattanooga Holling Hill.

THE WILMINGTON TRIAL.  
WASHINGTON, Sept. 15.—It was reported this morning that Captain Witz died during last night, but on inquiry at the Old Capitol it has been ascertained that he was not ill at all. He is now in the city, and will be discharged on Monday.

THE BUREAU OF THE TOLLETTON.  
SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 15.—The steamer Sierra Nevada arrived from Oregon and British Columbia to-day with \$400,000 in treasure.

## FROM WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15.—The Secretary of the Treasury has issued a circular letter to the Collectors of the Customs having charge of the Revenue cutters. It says, among other things, that the requirements of the law will not be satisfied by simply speaking incoming vessels. They must be boarded and actually examined, manifest certified, copy received, and the papers returned. In such examination there is just ground for suspicion that the vessel contains dutiable goods not on the manifest, and designed to be smuggled into the United States, a commissioned officer of the cutter, or if he be not available, a petty officer of the cutter, will be placed on board of the vessel, to remain with her till she arrives at her destination.

These actions are imperative, and a faithful performance of them will be rigorously exacted. The regulations are modified so as to forbid the diversion of the cutters, under any circumstances, or on any pretence whatever, from the service, except by the express authority of the Department. One of the objects of this modification is to prevent the cutters from being used for mere pleasure excursions. In addition to the duties especially devolved upon the cutters by law of boarding incoming vessels, and certifying manifests, they will be required to maintain a general surveillance of the coast lying within their respective cruising limits, with a view of preventing the unauthorized boarding of foreign merchant-men and the evasion of import duties.

When cutters are supplied with both sail and steam power, they should ordinarily rely upon the former, and use the latter as a propelling power only on emergencies when it may be necessary to increase the speed of the vessel to accomplish some important and definite object. This is required as a measure of economy.

A dangerous counterfeit was received at the Treasury to day of a hundred dollar compound interest note, bearing date May 15th, 1855. It is much better executed than any counterfeit heretofore presented, and requires some scrutiny for its detection. Both the face and back are printed in pale ink than the genuine, and on a careful examination of the lettering on the face appears defective. Brokers, bankers and others, should compare the offering with the genuine before accepting them. No other denomination than \$100 of the compound interest note has yet been counterfeited, and all the compound interest notes excepting the \$100, had therefore been taken without special examination. One of these counterfeit notes was sent from Philadelphia and another from New York.

It is proposed to hold a State Mass Convention of the original loyal people of Virginia, at Alexandria, in a short time, to the deliberations of which will be invited all loyal refugees who have not yet returned to the State. Alexandria is proposed as the point at which the Convention should assemble because of its easy access to those in the interior, both by railroad and by water, and because of its proximity to Baltimore and Washington, where large numbers of loyal Virginians, and especially of the Marylanders, wintered, and many of whom are now in the Chesapeake, the party intending to return on Monday.

THE REVENUE CUTTER LINCOLN.  
The new steam propeller Lincoln, built at Baltimore as a revenue cutter for the Pacific coast, has been ordered by the Secretary of the Treasury to start for its destination to-morrow.

THE RELATIONS BETWEEN CAPTAIN FOX AND THE SECRETARY OF WAR.  
The recently published statements of Captain Fox have led many to suppose that he and Mr. Seward are not on amicable terms, but it is understood that there is no divergence of views or feelings between the Secretary of State and the Assistant Secretary of the Navy, whose relations are as they have always been, of a friendly and cordial character.

THE CONNECTICUT RACES.  
A COLLISION BETWEEN “HENRY CITY” AND “STONEWALL JACKSON.”  
HARTFORD, Conn., Sept. 14.—The third and last day of the National Horse Fair promised to be a greater success than any previous one.

THE ATTENDANCE WAS VERY LARGE AND THE SHOW OF HORSES EXCELLENT. There were three entries for the five mile trot, viz: “Frank Vernon,” “Henry City” and “Stonewall Jackson.” The first price was for \$500. “Frank Vernon” won the first and second heats in 2:56 and 2:52.

ON THE NEXT “HENRY CITY” and “Stonewall Jackson” collided, threw their riders and ran away, the former running once, and the latter three times around the track before they could be stopped. “Frank Vernon” trotted the best he could, being obliged to keep clear of the stragglers.

THE CHATTAHOOCY HOLLING HILL.  
Several persons were injured, including Carpenter, the driver of “Stonewall Jackson.” The scene at one time was a most fearful one.

HEAVY ROBBERY—\$70,000 OF GOVERNMENT BONDS.  
NEW YORK, September 15.—Fifty thousand dollars worth of Government bonds were abstracted from the counter of a banking house in Wall street yesterday afternoon, while the attention of the clerks was diverted. Payment on the bonds has been stopped, and \$20,000 reward offered for their recovery.

OHIO STATE FAIR.  
CINCINNATI, Sept. 15.—The Ohio State fair is progressing favorably. Over 30,000 persons were in attendance yesterday.

## THE SUMMER AND PICKENS EXPEDITIONS.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15.—M. C. Maize, Braver Major General, and lately of the Engineers, has written a letter on the matter of the Summer and Pickens expeditions, and in reply to the statements in the New York Tribune and those of Capt. Fox. It is very familiar with the operations of the Pickens expedition, he does it proper that he should call attention to some of the facts in the case, making a comparison of dates and giving facts to show that the Secretary of State is liable to the charge of having deceived the President or of having caused the Powhattan to be diverted from the purpose to which the President had assigned her without his knowledge. “I myself,” he says, “suggested to the President the name of the Powhattan, and as her commander had prepared the orders in relation to her movements for his signature, and that I did so on the 21st of March or 1st of April, three or four days before the Summer expedition was resolved upon.”

The Pickens expedition was planned and ordered with the knowledge of the President, the Secretary of State, Lieut. Gen. Scott, Col. D. E. Keyes and myself. When Lieut. Porter was detailed to command the naval portion of the expedition his object was communicated to him—When Col. Harvey Brown was assigned to command the troops, his instructions made known to him in destination, and steam power, they should ordinarily rely upon the former, and use the latter as a propelling power only on emergencies when it may be necessary to increase the speed of the vessel to accomplish some important and definite object. This is required as a measure of economy.

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THE STORIES ABOUT DR. KANE—THE ORIGINAL STATEMENT RECAPITULATED.  
The following appears in the Rochester (N. Y.) Union of Wednesday evening last: “The following story, which is a translation of the Arctic explorer, and the account of his Arctic expedition, has been put forth in a sweeping denial of our statements made a few days ago, we took occasion to refer to it in our issue of the 9th inst. The circumstances of a contradictory character which have been furnished us from the most respectable authority.

Crestfallen claims much attention, the London Standard has just published, says, sums up his estimates throughout the country as follows: “Wheat will yield 30 bushels per acre, or 10,000,000 bushels; barley 30 bushels per acre, or 10,000,000 bushels; oats 30 bushels per acre, or 10,000,000 bushels; potatoes 40 bushels per acre, or 10,000,000 bushels. The average yield of wheat, barley and oats will be 30 bushels per acre, or 10,000,000 bushels; potatoes 40 bushels per acre, or 10,000,000 bushels. The average yield of wheat, barley and oats will be 30 bushels per acre, or 10,000,000 bushels; potatoes 40 bushels per acre, or 10,000,000 bushels.

THE PARIS FAIR.  
The Paris Fair has opened, and the French Emperor has received the diploma of the Emperor of Austria. He said he attached great value to seeing France and Spain advancing together, and the French Government would be highly pleased to have the Emperor of Austria visit the Exposition.

THE NEW CABINET HAS FORMED UNDER THE PRESIDENCY OF VICE-ROE DE CASTRO.  
The new Cabinet has formed under the Presidency of Vice-Roe de Castro. The War and Navy Departments are headed by the Duke of Devonshire and Lord Palmerston, respectively. The Home Department is headed by the Duke of Devonshire, the Treasury by Lord Palmerston, and the Colonies by the Duke of Devonshire.

THE DEPARTURES OF THE FRENCH SHENANDOAH.  
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## FROM CALIFORNIA.

## THE LATE ALLOCATION.

SAN FRANCISCO, September 9.—In all the principal counties in the interior of the State, Union members to the Legislature have been elected. The Union party have not lost anything. The first cotton manufacturing company organized on the Pacific coast, is now commencing operations at a mill in San Francisco, with a paid capital of \$100,000, and will employ 100 persons in November. The manufacture of the new cable has commenced, and the work is being done with the utmost care. Captain James Anderson, received an offer from the Telegraph Construction Company to command the Great Eastern for five years in laying cables, and accepted it. Mr. Cyrus W. Field calls for New York in the Australian on the 9th inst.

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Mr. Cox, from the John Baker Commission on the subject of the proposed re-arrangement of streets, reported. He presented a bill, entitled “An Act to amend the Charter of the City of Baltimore, relating to the streets, and to the mode of laying out, widening, closing, and opening streets, and to the mode of laying out, widening, closing, and opening streets, and to the mode of laying out, widening, closing, and opening streets.”

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