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TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY.

Hon. Paul C. Cameron, of Hillsboro, N. C., died yesterday, aged 82 years. The seriousness of the situation at Pine Ridge agency increases. Short Bull, in command of the hostiles, says he will take the agency if it cost every warrior he has. Half breeds of the agency have been warned by friends among the hostiles and are leaving with a rush. Plans for attacking the agency have been fully decided upon. Gen. Miles says the situation is critical. The Indian babe found upon the battlefield has been adopted by a Washington lady. Father Stephani, a Jesuit Missionary, says there will be more bloodshed and the greatest fight is yet to come. The Supreme court of New Hampshire dismisses the cases against the clerk of the Assembly on the ground of want of jurisdiction. Ex-Treasurer Archer of Maryland, was taken into court yesterday to testify against his bondsmen, but refused to testify. As he was already in prison he could not be punished for contempt of court. It is said that the Indians yesterday captured Harper's war artist, and after taking from him his tobacco and sketch book turned him loose. The London newspapers make various comments upon the status of the Behring Sea controversy between England and the United States. Some of them think Mr. Blaine is playing a game of bluster. The "St. James Gazette" wants to know why the United States Navy is being massed in the Pacific ocean. Quite a lengthy correspondence has been going on during the last few days between Gen. Miles and Gen. Schofield regarding the Indian situation; as a result Col. Forsythe has been relieved of his command. The Democratic House caucus, at a late hour last night nominated Representative Doughton of Allegheny, for Speaker. Roe has formed ten inches thick at Staunton, Va. Twenty acres of land at Skyland has been formally transferred to the southern W. C. T. U. assembly and the contract for erecting a large hall in where the next assembly will be held. Parnell and O'Brien were in conference at Bonlogne up to a very late hour last night. There is no information yet as to the result of the conference. Pennsylvania Republican Legislators will choose Senator Cameron's successor today. In the Federal court at Macon, Ga., yesterday, four of the Forsythe conspirators were sentenced to life imprisonment and one to six years in the Columbus, Ohio, prison. The South Dakota Legislature met yesterday. The Senate elected Republican officers and the House an Independent as Speaker. The Atlantic and Danville railroad has been placed in the hands of a receiver.

PISTOL-GRAPHS.

Rev. Dr. Curry will take the place of Bishop Haygood in the general agency of the Slater Fund.

The Wilmington MESSENGER is seven years old, newsy, clean, intelligent and for North Carolina every time. Asheville Citizen.

Mr. E. W. Pointer has sold his interest in the Monroe Register to his partner Mr. M. A. Underwood. The best wishes of the MESSENGER attend both.

The Indians are gathering their forces and are said to be numerous. But Gen. Miles is reported to have not less than 8,000 men in the field in the several commands. Some hard fighting may be looked for.

Mr. Walter R. Abell, youngest of the proprietors of the Baltimore Sun, whose death has been already announced, was in his 42d year, and is said to have been remarkable for his gentleness of character and his unvarying courtesy.

The Chicago Tribune, St. Paul Pioneer Press and St. Louis Globe, three of the most influential Republican papers in the great region of the country in which they are published, are strong in their open opposition to the foolish patisan Bayonet bill.

Here is a lesson that other towns might note. Last year the town of Danbury, Conn., produced more than half of the hats made in the United States—more than 6,500,000. See what a small place can do when it has a mind to do it.

The Tarboro Southerner is venerable with years. It has just begun its sixty-ninth year. That is a long time for a Southern newspaper to live. Think of the work done in those sixty-nine years. May it long live to serve its State and country.

The New York Herald gives out the following, not news but a fact:

"The young men of the country are leaving the Republican party by hundreds. Give us a few more force bills and there won't be anything left of that party except a reminiscence and a few petrifications."

The Baptists of North Carolina are moving to raise \$40,000 additional endowment for Wake Forest College. The Georgia Baptists are working to raise a similar sum for their chief institution, Mercer University. Mr. Rockefeller has promised \$10,000 if they raise \$40,000.

Mr. R. W. Covington has disposed of his interest in the Red Springs Farmer and Scottish Chief to Mr. D. W. Townsend of the Telephone. We wish him much prosperity and happiness. He made his paper useful to the community and the State. The MESSENGER wishes all success to Mr. Townsend.

PAUL C. CAMERON DEAD.

HE DIED AT HILLSBORO YESTERDAY IN HIS EIGHTY-THIRD YEAR.

Purdie Jacobs' Death Sentence Commuted—Small Proportion of Old Members in This Legislature—Death of Mrs. Morehead—Valuable Land to be Divided—The Purchase Tax to be Contested.

MESSENGER BUREAU, RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 6.

At 11:30 o'clock this morning news was received here of the death of Mr. Paul Carrington Cameron at his home at Hillsboro. His health had for some years been growing more and more feeble. He was a man of wonderful vitality and, though hearing was impaired, spoke and wrote with facility and was clear in mind to the last. He was born September 25th, 1808, at Stagville, Orange county, and was the son of Judge Duncan Cameron and his wife Rebecca Bunceman. He was a descendant of Rev. Dr. John Cameron, who was born in the village of Farintosh, in Scotland, a lineal descendant of Sir Ervan Cameron, chief of the clan of that name. In 1832 he married Miss Annie Ruffin, daughter of Chief Justice Ruffin, in Alamance county. From this union there were seven children. Mr. Cameron was educated at Chapel Hill and at Trinity College, Hartford, Conn., graduating at the latter in 1829. He read law in this city with his father, Judge Cameron. He had an immense property and this large landed interest and a great number of slaves required all his time and care of management, so he became of necessity a planter. He managed estates in North Carolina, Alabama and Mississippi. He was a studious farmer and warmly favored improved agricultural machinery. He was president of the first Agricultural Society organized in the State. He was one of the first men to engage in the construction of the North Carolina railroad and was the first to finish his section. Later he became president of the road. In 1850 he served in the State Senate. He owned 1,000 slaves; it is said that once he sent a family of negroes to Liberia, having made them free as requested a dead friend who had so desired. All the negroes returned and asked Mr. Cameron to take them back as slaves. He was a devoted friend of the State University, and always attended its commencements. Cameron avenue there is named in his honor. He was for years chairman of the University Alumni Association. He delivered the address at the dedication of Memorial Hall there in 1885.

Governor Fowle to-day commuted to life imprisonment the death sentence of Purdie Jacobs, of Robeson county. He was convicted of killing Mrs. Cardace Earp, an aged white woman, some eight months ago. Steve Jacobs, his nephew, was hanged several months since for the same crime. Very earnest appeals had for some time been made to the Governor to commute Purdie's sentence.

Nearly all the members of the Legislature arrived here to-day. To say that they were besieged by office-seekers is to put it mildly. Farmers' Alliance members and old soldiers were the principal candidates for the minor positions. One-armed and one-legged men were plentiful. Much interest was felt in the contest for the speakership, which it was known would be settled by the Democratic caucus to-night. It had for weeks been a current rumor that Col. Harry Skinner, of Pitt, was one of four candidates, but he said positively last night that he was not a candidate. This left R. A. Doughton, of Allegheny, T. H. Sutton, of Cumberland, and A. D. Jones, of Wake, in the field.

Only five members of the last Senate will sit in the Senate this term. In the House the proportion of new men is even greater. The members appear to be a quiet lot of men and nearly all of middle age.

A great deal of the most valuable real estate in Raleigh has for many years been known as the "Smith estate." It was once owned by Richard Smith of this city, and passed to his daughter, Miss Mary Smith, who became Mrs. Morehead. She was divorced after the most sensational trial in North Carolina. For many years the said estate in a private insane asylum at Philadelphia. Sunday she died. There are hosts of heirs. The property is worth anywhere between \$250,000 and \$400,000. This will be divided among many persons. Numbers of stores belong to the estate, which has for a quarter of a century been managed by administrators. The development of the property consequent upon its division, will be of benefit to the city.

For years, under the revenue act, merchants have had to pay a tax upon purchases. They claim that this is an improper tax and a great burden, and so they will make a test case to settle the question of its legality. The grocers are subscribing. A Winston merchant will bring the test case, and the suit is made to carry the matter through the courts or before the Legislature. A member of a grocery firm here tells me it is the heaviest tax that is paid.

The Biblical Recorder, the State organ of the Baptists, is out to-day in an editorial attack upon the school teachers' plans. It declares that there is a purpose to establish a guild of teachers and allow only persons who have passed through the teachers' training schools to have places in the public schools. It also attacks the suggestion or request that the school tax shall be doubled and made 25 cents instead of 12 1/2 cents on the \$100 valuation of property.

Adjutant General Glens, who is here to-day, tells me he has received the official acceptance from the First Virginia regiment of the invitation to encamp at Wrightsville next summer with the North Carolina State Guard.

THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

The Correspondence Between Gen. Miles and the Departments Made Public—The Reason for Col. Forsythe's Suspension.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—The following correspondence in regard to the Forsythe case was made public to-day. Under date of December 30th, Gen. Schofield telegraphed Gen. Miles asking that his thanks be given to the "brave Seventh Cavalry for their splendid conduct." Under date of January 1st, Gen. Miles telegraphed Gen. Schofield as follows: "Your telegram of congratulation to the Seventh Cavalry is received, but as the action of the Colonel commanding will be the subject of investigation, I thought proper to advise you. In view of the above facts do you wish your telegram transmitted as sent? It is stated that the disposition of 400 soldiers and guns of artillery was fatally defective and a large number of soldiers were killed and wounded by the fire from their own ranks and a very large number of women and children killed in addition to Indian men."

Gen. Schofield telegraphed under date of January 2: "In view of the aspect of the case presented you had better not deliver my message until I have seen your report after the investigation proposed. The President hopes the report of the killing of women and children at Wounded Knee is unfounded and directs that you cause an immediate inquiry to be made and report the result to the Department. If there was any unsoldierly conduct you will relieve the responsible officer."

Gen. Miles telegraphed Gen. Schofield under date of January 3 as follows: "Nearly all of the Sixth and Ninth Cavalry and Second and Seventh Infantry with 100 Indian scouts are practically on three sides of the hostiles along Beaver creek, White river and Porcupine with Gen. Brookes in command. This may hold them in check."

Gen. Schofield received a telegram from Gen. Miles at Pine Ridge dated January 5th, as follows: "In accordance with your telegram and the President's order, I have detailed a board of officers consisting of Col. Carr of the Sixth Cavalry, Maj. Kent of the Fourth Infantry and Capt. Baldwin of the Fifth Infantry to investigate the affair at Wounded Knee. Is this in conformity with President's directions and does he direct that it constitute a court of inquiry with power to take testimony under oath?"

Gen. Schofield replied that the purpose of the department was simply for Gen. Miles to make investigation himself at present and not now order a court of inquiry.

Doughton Nominated for Speaker.

RALEIGH, Jan. 6.—[SPECIAL]—Very great interest was shown in the contest for the caucus nomination for Speaker. The Alliance men were divided, though most of them favored Doughton. The Alliance men held a caucus this afternoon.

The following will be the officers of the Senate: Principal Clerk, R. M. Freeman; Reading clerk, George P. Pell; Engraving Clerk, Mike Bradshaw; Principal Door Keeper, J. M. Hiant; of Wayne; Assistant Door Keeper, A. M. Noble. Officers of the House will not be nominated until after midnight.

LATER—The Democratic caucus of the Legislature to-night after much balloting nominated Richard A. Doughton, of Allegheny, for Speaker of the House. His opponents were Thos. H. Sutton, of Cumberland, and A. D. Jones, of Wake.

Telegraphic Sparks.

The west bound Pan Handle passenger train yesterday evening, about one mile east of Cochocton, ran into two handcars containing twenty-two workmen. Two men were instantly killed. Silas Burgess received injuries from which he cannot possibly recover. The other men saved their lives by jumping.

The rolling mills of McSanhan, Smith & Co., of the Portage Iron company, Holidaysburg Iron company and furnaces Nos. 1 and 2 of the Cambria Iron company, of Pennsylvania, have closed down on account of the coal and coke famine.

The South Dakota Legislature.

PIERRE, S. D., Jan. 6.—The Legislature organized to-day. The Senate elected Republican subordinate officers by one majority. The House elected Seward, Independent, Speaker by one majority. The Democrats and Independents are united in both branches with the exception of one Independent and one Democrat who voted with the Republicans in the House on choice of Speaker. There are understood to be sixteen contests in the House which may result in increasing the fusion majority.

Pennsylvania Republicans to Caucus.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Jan. 6.—The Republicans have decided to-night that a joint Legislative caucus to select a candidate for United States Senator to succeed Senator Cameron shall be held to-morrow as soon after 12 o'clock as possible. There seems to be no doubt that Senator Cameron will practically be the unanimous choice of the caucus.

The Forsyth Conspirators Sentenced.

MACON, Ga., Jan. 6.—In the Federal court to-day Judge Speer sentenced the Forsyth conspirators as follows: Luther A. Hall, Charles Clements, Louis Knight and Wright Lancaster to life imprisonment and John K. Lancaster to six years—all in the Columbus, O., penitentiary.

Mr. George E. Pell, son of our old friend, Rev. William E. Pell, who was a man of ability and judgment far beyond his fellows, who has been connected editorially with the Winston Daily, has taken the place with the Raleigh Chronicle vacated by Mr. Hal Ayer. Mr. Pell is a young man of promise and we wish him success and happiness.

CONGRESS.

THE SENATE DISCUSSING THE FINANCIAL BILL.

Senators Deny the Existence of a Compact Between Silver and Anti Force Bill Senators—The House Passes Several Bills Amending Maritime Laws—The Shipping Bill Under Discussion.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—[SENATE]—Senators Edmunds, Dixon, Washburn, Hale, Gordon and Faulkner were the only Senators present this morning when the Vice President called the Senate to order at 10 o'clock. A call of the Senate was entered upon. No quorum appearing on the call, Senator Edmunds offered, and the Senate adopted a resolution requesting the Sergeant-at-Arms to invite the absent members to appear. After a lapse of three-quarters of an hour a quorum appeared and the journal of yesterday's proceedings was read and approved.

The morning business having been concluded, the Senate resumed consideration of the Financial bill and was addressed by Senator Teller, who opened his speech with a denial of the charge that the Democrats and Silver Republicans of the Senate had formed a bargain.

The bill was then discussed by Senators Morrell and Vest. Senator Vest alluded to the statement that he had received a letter from ex-President Cleveland recouping some of his views on the silver question and said that that was a mere figment of imagination coming from some newspaper source, and that it had not the slightest foundation. He had never had a letter from Mr. Cleveland on the silver question and had never had more than one conversation with him on the subject. All that he (Vest) had ever said was that he had reason to believe that Mr. Cleveland had, after further examination, modified to some extent, his opinion in regard to free coinage of silver. But that he had said that Mr. Cleveland had taken back all that he had ever stated on that subject was absolutely without foundation.

At the close of Senator Vest's remarks the Senate went into executive session, and when the doors were opened adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Mr. Spooner, from the committee on Military Affairs, reported the Military Academy Appropriation bill; placed upon the calendar.

The bill passed to limit and govern the changing of vessels' names; also the bill requiring vessels to display their names on both sides of their bows, and also the bill repealing the law authorizing the President to suspend the tonnage dues.

The House went into Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Shipping bill and Mr. Wheeler, of Alabama, was accorded the floor in opposition to the measure. Mr. Herbert, of Alabama, said that an organized lobby had been at work for ten years to press this bill through, and it was here now because it saw its last opportunity for years to come. The Republican party was about to go out of power in the House. Before it went it proposed to leave it as a legacy—as a codicil to the McKinley bill, constantly increasing the debt for the next twenty years.

He said that in 1860 the United States did 70 per cent of its foreign carrying trade; now it did but 12 1/2 per cent; but in the meantime the commerce of the country had steadily increased so that the commerce did not follow the flag. He opposed the bill on the ground that it would grant subsidies to useless vessels. Three times had the system of subsidies been tried by the United States and three times had it been abandoned.

Pending Mr. Herbert's remarks the committee rose, and the House adjourned.

BOULGNE, Jan. 6.—Parnell and his party arrived here this forenoon. O'Brien was already here. Both parties are at the hotel Du Louvre. Parnell and O'Brien held a short conference immediately after Parnell's arrival. Then an adjournment was taken for luncheon. Afterward Parnell and O'Brien resumed their talk, remaining in consultation for an hour and a half. Other members of Parliament in the party were then invited to join the conference, the whole party remained in deep consultation with closed doors until midnight, when Redmond and Gill emerged from the conference room. The two gentlemen were immediately surrounded by the waiting reporters to whom they imparted this information: "The consultation between Parnell and O'Brien is still proceeding and will be continued to-morrow." The outcome of the conference is awaited with intense interest.

A Permanent Assembly Room.

ASHVILLE, N. C., Jan. 6.—Mrs. M. S. Wells, of Chattanooga, President of the Southern W. C. T. U. assembly and training school is here, and a formal transfer to the assembly of the twenty acres of land at Skyland Springs has been made. The contract has been let for the erection of a pavilion with a seating capacity of 25,000, and the assembly will meet in this new structure July 19th and continue in session thirteen days. A large attendance is promised.

LATEST FOREIGN NEWS.

The London Press on the Behring Sea Situation—Accusing Mr. Blaine of Blatant Serious Rioting at Glasgow.

LONDON, Jan. 6.—The St. James Gazette to-day says that it accepts the official denial in regard to the Behring sea trouble, adding, however: Why is the United States Navy being massed in the Pacific ocean unless it is to make Behring sea a mare clausum? Officers of the American navy do not act upon rumors printed in American papers.

The Pall Mall Gazette says: Mr. Blaine obviously means to try more "bounce" for the sake of making political capital. We are convinced, however, that the Americans will not support Mr. Blaine. It is imperative to arbitrate the matters in dispute.

The Globe says that it attributes the fiction of Mr. Blaine's spread eagleism and is of opinion that in view of the possible, though unlikely display of force in Behring sea, Great Britain ought instantly to strengthen her Pacific squadrons. The Globe also advocates the settlement of all matters in dispute by means of arbitration. The Press Association of this city announces that Lord Salisbury is engaged in the consideration of a forty page despatch received from Mr. Blaine on December 30th—the latest despatch received from Washington. It does not contain a definite acceptance of Lord Salisbury's proposals for arbitration on the main question, but of the right of British sealers to catch seals in Behring sea, Mr. Blaine discusses only the subsidiary point viz: arbitration on the time of closing sealing. Mr. Blaine has not replied to Sir Julian Pauncefote's letter of June last, in which the latter says that his Majesty's Government must hold the Government of the United States responsible for the consequence of the trouble with British vessels contrary to the principles of international law. The Press Association also states that no preparations have been made to augment the British fleet in the North Pacific ocean, as such a step might be regarded as a menace.

GLASGOW, Jan. 6.—The disturbances, caused by the evictions of railroad strikers from the quarters provided for them by the railroad companies, have not yet ceased, in spite of the presence on the scene of evictions of large forces of police backed up by troops. Rioting was resumed to-day at Coalbridge about nine miles from here, the chief centre of iron manufacture in Scotland. The police and troops, who have now been almost continuously on duty for forty-eight hours, passed a wearisome night, as the strikers now driven to extreme desperation, are making wild-est threats. However, the strikers practically abstained from violence through the night but this morning they mustered at an early hour about the dormitory at Coalbridge occupied by non-union men, who had been employed in the place of the strikers. After pelting the building with stones, the rioters made a rush forward and stormed it. The police on duty at that spot made a gallant defence using their batons freely and charging the strikers in spite of the showers of stones hurled at them. During the conflict a number of police and a still larger number of strikers were more or less seriously injured. The rioters were finally repulsed.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—The Senate has confirmed the following postmasters: T. N. Tolbert, Abbeville, S. C.; A. G. Foster, Clifton Forge, Va.

Warsaw Items.

The festive days having passed our quiet little village has assumed an air of business and the people generally have gone to work.

The labor agents from the South have departed with the negroes, much to the delight of the farmers, who could make no permanent arrangements for the season.

Miss Nettie Cannon of South Carolina, has been visiting her sister, Mrs. J. F. Woodward of this place, during the holiday season.

The well known firm of Hines & Best, has been dissolved by mutual consent. Mr. Hines buying out the entire interest of Mr. Best.

Mr. Joe Jordan will open a "wet" and dry grocery in the Hunter store this week.

Mrs. J. S. Kennedy left on the morning of the 6th inst., for her home in Bertie county.

Miss Nell Johnson is quite sick at her home in this place.

Miss Laura Parker, the young lady from South Carolina, who has been sick so long at the Carlton house, is up and has left for her home.

Miss Hettie Watson, of Wilmington, paid her friends in this place a flying visit last week.

Ex-Treasurer Archer Refused to Testify.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 6.—Ex State Treasurer Archer was taken from prison to court to-day to testify in the suit of the State against his bondsmen. When he was called to be sworn he quietly but firmly refused to take the oath or testify. The Attorney General turned to the court and said that as Mr. Archer was already imprisoned, he could not be punished for contempt of court, and that the State would do nothing further in his case. At this Mr. Archer and the warden left the court room and returned to the penitentiary.

The New Hampshire Legislative Case.

CONCORD, N. H., Jan. 6.—The Supreme Court, Chief Justice Doe delivering the opinion, decided to-day to dismiss the case against Clerk Jewett on the ground of want of jurisdiction. This decision leaves the entire matter of making up the roll of members of the House in Clerk Jewett's hands and the admission of the "if entitled" members will result in the election of Tuttle (Rep.) for Governor and a Republican United States Senator.

THE SITUATION CRITICAL.

THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE INDIAN AFFAIRS INCREASING.

The Indians Determined to Take the Agency at All Hazards—Half Breeds Warned by Their Friends and Leaving Pine Ridge—Only Six Hundred Soldiers at the Reservation.

OMAHA, Jan. 6.—The Bee has the following from its staff correspondent at Pine Ridge agency: The announcement of the suspension of Gen. Forsythe came like a flash and created amazement in some minds. Official mouths are closed to all inquiries, later on that the unfortunate disposition of troops making it possible for them to do cross-firing with the result of killing one another constitutes part and, possibly, the greater part of the foundations for Gen. Forsythe's suspension.

The seriousness of the situation here is increasing. Snort Bull, the leading hostile chief, who has distinguished himself all along during this trouble by never for a moment considering any of the overtures looking to an amicable settlement and has now assumed command of the great body of hostiles, last night told our spies that he would take this agency if it cost every warrior he had. Half breeds here have been informed by friends and relatives, whom some of them have among the hostiles, that they had better immediately move their families a long distance from the agency, as a great raid and massacre was certain. The half breeds are showing us what they think of this information by getting their families out of here with a rush. Government herder John Dwyer, and Issue Clerk Pugh, have both discovered through their Indian friends of years standing, that the raid and massacre has been fully decided upon and maturely planned. Gen. Miles is thoroughly conversant with all the facts and himself says that our situation is exceedingly critical. There are less than 600 soldiers here now, all told.

The party sent to Wounded Knee to bury the dead Indians returned late last night. They found and buried eighty-four bucks and sixty three squaws and children, making the total number killed in that battle two hundred.

A little Indian baby girl about three months old, being one of the two miraculous survivors of the battle of the Wounded Knee who lay for three days beside the dead body of its mother has been adopted by Mrs. Allison Naylor, a wealthy lady of Washington.

Jack Red Cloud and a small party of friendlies came in from the hostile camp last evening and asked that the Indians now at the agency be sent out to help the Indians who fled from the agency on the night of the battle of Wounded Knee, to get away from the hostiles. The authorities look upon the request with distrust and reserve their decision.

Father Stephani, a Jesuit missionary has left for the East. Although he remained here but forty-eight hours or so, he is authoritatively said to have successfully drawn upon some of the best sources of information among the hostiles. As he was leaving he said to me: "I am convinced there will be more bloodshed and that the greatest fight is yet to come." Regarding the condition of Father Craft, who was stabbed in the battle of Wounded Knee, Father Stephani said: "We can now tell nothing at all about how he is coming out of it. I would give very little for his life as matters now stand with him."

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 6.—A special from the camp near Wounded Run creek, S. D., gives the particulars of another engagement what took place at that point yesterday morning. A detachment had been sent out from camp to meet a wagon train with supplies for the camp, and when ten miles out the wagons were found besieged by a band of one hundred Indians. Seeing the troops approaching the redskins scattered in all directions but immediately returned to the attack on finding the small number of men in the detachment. A courier was sent back to camp for reinforcement; but in the mean time incessant fire was kept upon both sides, resulting in wounding one soldier, killing and wounding several Indians, the exact number of which could not be ascertained as they carried their dying and wounded away. About three hours after the courier's departure troops were seen coming at a full gallop to the rescue. As the troops rode up the Indians scattered in all directions and the troops pursued them, but abandoned the chase on account of darkness. The wagon train was escorted to camp in safety.

WHITE RIVER, S. D., Jan. 6.—Fredrick Remington, Harper's war artist, was captured by a small party of hostiles yesterday. Remington was unarmed and the Indians turned him loose and told him to go home after taking his tobacco and sketch book from him.

The New York Legislature Convenes.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 6.—The Assembly was called to order at 11 o'clock this morning and immediately elected its officers. For the first time in many years the Democrats controlled the body. Willam F. Sheehan was elected Speaker, receiving sixty-six votes against fifty six cast for Milo M. Acker, the candidate of the Republicans. The Governor's message was then received and read.

Ice Ten Inches Thick.

STAUNTON, Va., Jan. 6.—The weather has been very cold here for the past forty-eight hours. Ice is from eight to ten inches thick and a large crop has been gathered.