

Postal Telegraphy.

In a late number of the Journal of the Telegraph appears a long article designed as an answer to, and refutation of the Post Master General's report in relation to the proposed postal telegraph system. We are not a telegraphist, or even familiar with its internal arrangements, though we have transacted a great deal of business with them during the past twenty years. We are unable even to say whether the writer of the article in question is correct in his estimates, or whether the Post Master General has made a fair statement. It is possible that the writer of the article has much greater facilities for correct estimates and reports than the Post Master General, but on the other hand he is interested in refuting the report to Congress. Still we do not understand how an official occupying the important position of Post Master General of the United States, could make such glaring blunders in a formal report to Congress upon so vital a subject. We have therefore, with the discrepancies of the reports, but little to do and must content ourselves with results and not with details.

The official telegraphic report, speaking for the Western Union Company, says they transmitted, exclusive of press and weather reports, 10,932,138 meses during the year, at an average cost. of 62 cents per message. The Post Master General says that messages were delivered by all the companies in the United States at an average cost of 70 cents per message.

The Western Union while omitting the press and weather reports, includes all its free and partially paid messages and deducts its losses and amounts paid other lines. If we take its bons fide paid messages and the receipts for the same after deducting the amounts refunded and lost as claimed by the Western Union, we find the cost at nearly 66 cents per message. But Mr. Creswell includes other lines betides the Western Union in his calculations and as we have shown above the falacy of figures we are inclined to believe the Post Master General is not an idiot and would not have made a palpably absurd report which he knew would meet with violent opposition from the telegraphic monopoly.

There are many arguments on both sides of this important question. As a tale we are opposed to all monopolies, firmly believing in the old saw "competition is the life of trade." We do not believe the telegraphic saytem would be any better managed as to promptness or courtesy by placing it under government control than at present. For a monopoly it is wonderfully attentive to the wants of the public, and as a rule its employees, (and we have met them in offices from Minnesota to Maine and from this city to New Orleans) are polite and courteous to their patronsmuch more so indeed than post-office clerks in most cities. For personal comfort therefore, we believe in the system as it is, but the people need cheaper rates. If the Western Union can transmit messages at an average cost of 62 cents, to take their own figures, pay in ten years over \$1,500,000 in duties to the government, and declare its fine dividends, to say nothing of its "watered" stock, we believe under government control, where no dividends are required, we might be able to transmit messages at a much cheaper rate, and that is what we want. No one supwas under private management that letters would be conveyed all over the United States for three centseach. If the rate was three cents to Washington, it would be five cents to New York and so on wherever the mail was carried. "In the good old days" when it cost 25 cents to transmit a letter through the mails, and only one sheet allowed, the post office department did not pay expenses. Now, with our wonderfully cheap system, including all the impositions under the franking privilege, the department is no more of a drain upon the government than before. We believe the same of telegraphy. Let us have a cheap postal telegraphic system. and the people would be greatly bene fitted thereby in our opinion, and the government be no loser.

Electoral College. The following is the official report of the vote cast for President and Vice I realized \$5,000.

President on Dec. 4th, ult. As Mr. | Prince Leopold, of England, disdains Greeley died on the the 29th of Novem- to advertise his nobility with the gold ber, the democratic vote was greatly tassel to his cap which young noblemen divided.

FOR PRESIDERT. Georgia voted 8 for Greeley, 6 for Brown and 2 for Jenkins, of Georgia. KENTUCKY, 4 for Brown and 8 for Hendricks. Maryland, 8 for Hendricks. Missouri, 8 for Brown, 6 for Hendricks and 1 for Davis, of Illinois. Tennessee gave 12 for Hendricks, and Texas 8 for Hendricke.

The balance of the United States voted for Grant, so that the following is the result:

Total vote 366, of which Gen. Grant received 800, Horace Greeley 3, B. Gratz Brown of Missouri 18, Thos. A. Hend ricks of Indiana 42, Chas. J. Jenkins of Georgia received 2 and David Davis of Illinois received 1 vote.

VICE PRESIDENT.

The Democratic btates as above gave scattering votes, and the Republican States voted solidly for Henry Wilson, as follows: Henry Wilson received 300 votes, B. Gratz Brown, 47; N. P. Banks, 1; Geo. W. Julian, 5; Alex. H. Colguit, 5; John M. Palmer, 3; Wm. S. Groesbech, 1, and Willis B. Machin, 1. Total vote cast, 866.

EDITORIAL BUDGET.

- Further inundations in Italy are threatened, the river Po having again

- Robert Lowles, the broken banker, has been admitted to bail by the Lord Mayor of London.

- Prince Alphones, brother of Don Carlos, is to assume command of the Carlist bands in Catalonia.

- Mr. Cardwell, Secretary of War of England, is satisfied with the result of the Geneva and San Juan dec'sions.

- America and England have taken the first important step in the crusade gainst the nefarious slave traffic in Eastern Africa

- One hundred and forty-nine witnesses have been summoned to appear before the court martial to try Bazine for treason at Metz.

WASHINGTON NOTES

Internal revenue receipts for the past month were \$8,219,371; total for the past six months, \$61,518,622.

The conscience fund was swolen to the extent of twenty dollars by a contrite New Yorker.

The new Board of Police Commissioners received their commission Monday. Their first meeding will be held at 1 o'clock, p. m., on Thursday, at the headquarters of the Metropolitan police.

Count Bernstof, the successor of Arno as the Secretary, of the German Legation has arrived iv. Washington. G. Torini will compete; for the order of the Farragut statu's.

Messrs, William H. Larner, G. N. Lauphere and J. A. Babson, having passed the probationary period of six months under the civil service rules as clerks in the office of the Secretary of the Treasury, have received their per menent appointments as clerks of class

Acting Assistant Surgeon J. R. Gregory, U. S. A., has been relieved from duty in the department of Texas, and ordered to duty in the department of California. William D. Whipple, assistant adjutact general, and Major Orlando M. Poe, corps of engineers, will be relieved from their present duties and report to the General of the array for duty on his staff January 1, 1779;

WAIFS.

John Russell Young is said to be on the staff of a London paper.

will remain in England for two years.

Eli Perkins does better as a lecturer than a writer of Fifth avenue love-talk and other sweet slush.

Miss Kellogg is going to Havana, but what we want to know is who is going to have Clara Louise?

Stanley lectures better in Boston than poses that it the post-office department in New York, but the liquor law has nothing to do with this fact.

> John Bright, who is not the myentor of "Bright's disease," as many suppose, is able to work again, but can't eat a big dinner.

Miss Vinnie Ream is one of the artists con esting for the job of doing a \$20,-000 bronze statue of Admiral Farragut, to be erected in Washington.

It is said of General John T. Croxton. the new Minister to Bolivia, that he voted for Fremont, in 1856, with a revolver in his right hand and the ballot in his left.

A negro barber and a white man finished each other up with pistol and razor ia Winchester, Ky., last week, all because the latter had to wait for his turn to be shaved.

It is estimated that Father Burke has realized \$100.000 for various benevolent institutions by means of his lectures in answer to Froude, and that Froude has

have been accustomed to wear at Oxford. He wears the usual silk pendant,

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PARKER & TAYLOR.

Schedule B Tax

ALL PERSONS who have not paid this Tax for the quarter ending

31ST DECEMBER 1872,

Are hereby notified to come forward and pay the same by the 15th day of January instant.

A. R. BLACK, Sheriff. jan 2-1w FORECLOSURE OF MORTGAGE

To Jeffrey Williams and Wife Ann, Aar on Brown and wife Mary Jane, All en J. Denton and wife Sarah A. and James Lane and wife ... Greet-

WHEREAS default has been made by the mortgagors respectively named in the martgages following, executed by the Cape Fear Building Association, viz:

A mortgage executed by Jeffrey Williams and wife Ann, bearing date the 22d day of June, 1871, and registered in the Register's office of New Hanover county, in book C.O. office of New Hanover county, in book C C

C, page.
A mortgage executed by Aaron Brown and wife Mary Jane, bearing date 10th day of July, 1870, and registered as aforesaid, in book A A A, page 29.

A mortgage executed by Allen J. Denton A mortgage executed by Allen J. Denton A mortgage executed by Allen J. Denton and wife sarah Jane, bearing date 7th Oct., 1870, and registered as aforesaid in book A A A, page 31 8.

And a mortgage executed by James Lane and wife Jane, bearing date the 9th August, 1871, and registered as aforesaid in book C C

C, page 308.

Now, therefore, notice is hereby given that by vivine of the powers of sale contained, respectively in said several mortgages, recorded as aforesaid, the said mortgages will be for reclosed by a sale of the premises there-

in re spectively described, at public auction, at the court house door in the city of Wilat the court house door in the city of Wilmin gton, on Friday the 24th day of January, 1873, at 11 o'clock A.M. The said premises are respectively described in the said mortgay res substantially as follows, viz:

'feffrey Williams' lot begins at a point in the Eastern line of Sixth street and runs northwardly from its intersection with Mulbury street and runs northwardly along sixth street 57 feet by 100 feet deep.

Aaron Brown's lot begins at a point in northern line of Princess street 66 feet, westwardly from its intersection with

westwardly from its intersection with Twelfth street, and runs thence westwardly along Princess street 33 feet by 155 feet deep.
Allen J. Denton's lot begins at a point in
the northern line of Market street 60 feet eastwardly from its intersection with Eleventh street, and runs thence eastwardly along Market street 60 feet by 150 feet deep.

James Lane's lot begins at a point in the western line of Dickinson street 66 feet northwardly from Miller street, and runs the street hand runs the stre thence northwardly along Dickinson street 38 feet by 165 feet deep. Terms of sale cash.

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F. H. CAMERON, Sec. and Treas. Wilmington, January 1,

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North Carolina Division.

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" Co. Shops	12,05 A. M	2.15 P. M	
Arrive at Greensboro'	1.80 "	3.80 **	
Leave Greensboro'		4.00 "	
" High Point		4.43 "	
" Lexington	4.03 "	5.33 "	
" Salisbury	4.57 "	6.23 "	
" Concord	6.10 "	7.28 "	
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Believing that "peace lath her victories no less renowned than war," and that the

conduct of the Southern people can be as illustrious in peace as the bravery of her soldiery was noble, grand and thrice illustrious in the late war; and that in the person of Ulysses 8. Grant, the soldier with whom our Lee crossed swords, we have a living and illustrious example of the renown of the soldier in war, and the victories of the civilian in peace, THE ERA, from a Southern stand point, has endeavored to aid the "victories" of "Peace" by aiding the re-election of the great and illustrious citi

zen-soldier-President. The first part of the mission of THE ERA is accomplished in the re-establishment of the Republican party in power for another four years from March next, and now it enters upon the work of following up that mission in gathering and preserving the great National victory—a victory significant of no North, no South, no East, no West, but of a Union restored, a people re united by the bonds of peace and good will, and each and every one in the quiet enjoyment of the blessings of LIBERTY and the boun-

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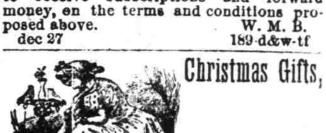
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