

Gen. Wool, after an absence of three years in command of the Department of the Pacific, arrived in the George Law, and reached his residence in Troy on Monday evening at 9 o'clock. He was received with a grand demonstration by about five thousand of his friends, including military companies and bands of music. The General's residence was illuminated for his reception, and at the windows of other residences in the vicinity, appeared ladies waving their handkerchiefs.

Mr. Butts, of the Rochester Union, now in Washington, relates an anecdote, showing the virulence of the poison with which the National Hotel has been infected for a few weeks past.—It is as follows:

A gentleman put up there last evening and went to his room at the usual hour. The chambermaid knocked at his door this forenoon several times, but received no answer. The key being in the door, the room was broken open this afternoon, when the gentleman in question was found in a state of insensibility, gasping for breath. He was at once removed to another house and placed in charge of some friends who happened to be in this city. His recovery is considered very doubtful.

The Tiffin Tribune says that R. G. PENNINGTON, the President of the Tiffin and Fort Wayne Railroad Company has contracted at Philadelphia for the iron for this road which will be received beginning June 1st. The company will lay it down, and complete the track rapidly from the time it is received. The iron was purchased without selling a single bond of the company, a thing unprecedented in the construction of Western roads. The stock will of course be greatly more valuable from this good condition of the finances of the company.

The general management of the road and its finances, both by Gibson and Mr. Pennington, has been singularly able and successful. The stocks will be worth their face in the market, if not at a premium.

The late Congress which paid itself so liberally, made no change in the outrageous mileage swindle. The bills of the members show a great discrepancy, Mr. Bowie, of Maryland, for instance, received at the late session \$16 60, and Mr. Herbert, of California, \$5,682 40. The bills of the Territorial members were as follows:—Anderson, of Washington, \$5,890; Bernheisel, Utah, \$2,557; Chapman, Nebraska, \$2,024; Gallegos, New Mexico, \$2,212; Lane, Oregon, \$5,960; Rice, Minnesota, \$1,875; Whitfield, Kansas, \$2,116.

News of the Day.

The following appointments have been made by the President:

William F. Colcock, Charleston, South Carolina, Collector of Customs, re-appointed.

Minott A. Osborn, New Haven, Connecticut, Collector of Customs, re-appointed.

George T. Wright, Tappahannock, Virginia, Collector of Customs, re-appointed.

Olivor S. Dewey, Ocracoke, North Carolina, Collector of Customs, re-appointed.

John Adair, Oregon, Oregon, Collector of Customs, re-appointed.

Arthur W. Austin, of West Roxbury, Collector of the District of Boston and Charlestown.

Charles Levi Woodbury, U. S. Attorney for the District of Massachusetts.

Watson Freeman, U. S. Marshal for the District of Massachusetts.

William Price, Postmaster at Chicago, Illinois.

It is reported by telegraph that Major Phinney has been re-appointed Collector at Barnstable; and that Col. Charles G. Greene, Naval Officer at Boston, and Fletcher Webster, Surveyor, will be retained in their respective places.

The report that Hon. Ithamar W. Beard has been removed from the office of Assistant Treasurer, requires confirmation. Mr. Beard's term does not expire for some time yet.

The rotation principle seems to have been enforced at Detroit, without much hesitation on the one hand, or remonstrance on the other.—John Harmon was the Collector, and Mr. Broadhead the Postmaster. The correspondent of Rochester Union describes the manner in which these gentlemen made a little fun out of their own misfortunes. Harmon is one of the most popular men in Detroit, and his services in the Democratic cause been constant and efficient to a degree unsurpassed by those of any man in the State of Michigan. Besides, he is a warm friend of Gen. Cass, and had strong claims upon that gentleman. But the General having recalled his son from Rome, seems disposed to sacrifice all his supporters as well. The letter writer above alluded to says:—Messrs. Harmon and Broadhead had some fun over their decapitation. They went to an ambrotypist and got several full length portraits taken; then they cut off their heads and pasted the pictures upon another piece of paper, so that their heads appeared severed from their bodies; and a little claret trickling upon their linen told at once the object of the artist! Having had several copies of the picture fixed in this way and enclosed in large envelopes, they took them to Gen. Cass, who, at their request, franked them to prominent Democrats in Michigan. The venerable Secretary was not apprised of the contents of the envelopes. And as they contained no explanation other than is conveyed by the picture itself, those who receive it *might* infer that the joke had been perpetrated by Gen. Cass himself.

The following estimate has been made, founded upon the last United States census, of the probable amount which it costs the individual members of the different churches in the United States to sustain their respective churches: A Baptist or Methodist, \$8 40; a Presbyterian, \$7; a Congregationalist, \$10; a Roman Catholic, 14; and Episcopalian, \$18; a Reformed Dutch, \$22; a Unitarian, \$23.

By the arrival of the *Tennessee* we have intelligence from Nicaragua ten or fifteen days later than previous advices, and embracing items of a good deal of interest. Its general tenor sustains what has already been published in the *Times*. Col. LOCKRIDGE has not been able to force his passage up the river, and is no nearer the lake or Walker's Camp than he was a month ago. He has made one or two attempts, however, which proved wholly unsuccessful. Col. TITUS, with a strong force, was detailed to attack Fort Castillo, but listened to the remonstrances of the allies by whom it was defended, and was completely out-generaled. Indeed, charges were rife that he had been bribed. However this may have been, he failed utterly in his attempt, and subsequently displayed anything but the courage of which he made so much boast on the plains of Kansas. Walker's position at Rivas had been attacked by a large force of the allies, but they had been repulsed with very heavy loss. He has maintained himself with his accustomed courage and obstinacy and will probably be able to hold his position for some time longer, in spite of the losses which he sustained from the skirmishes and occasional engagements in which he is compelled to engage. The reinforcements which reach him from California will probably make good his losses. The main thing now is to force a passage up the river. If this can be done by Col. Lockridge and reinforcements that may reach him within a short time, Walker may yet be saved. The prospect, it must be confessed, is not such as very greatly to encourage his friends, though we presume they are by no means prepared to give up the contest.

The *Times* correspondent at Aspinwall sends a full official list from the Adjutant-General of Gen. Walker's Army, of all the men who at various times have joined his force. This statement, which is highly interesting and important, gives the following summary:

Whole number reported.....	2,288
Whole number there.....	2,227
Aggregate deaths.....	685
Killed in action.....	131
Resigned.....	37
Discharged.....	206
Deserted.....	298
Missing.....	114
Total remaining in the Army, Feb. 24....	733

This does not include Col. Lockridge's force on the river, about 300 in all. The whole Walker force in Nicaragua at the present time is thus seen to be not far from 1,000.

Two brothers Ponso were arrested in New York a day or two since, on the charge of smuggling \$10,000 worth of diamonds. On Wednesday they were represented by a young lady at the United States District-Attorney's office as belonging to one of the wealthiest and most respectable families in Holland. The young lady pleaded hard for their release from Eldridge-street jail, but the inexorable attorney insisted on the \$5,000 bail first. It not being furnished, the young men still remain in durance vile—\$10 a week advance if the kitchen is given—to await on Tuesday next.

There are nearly six millions of acres of unsold land in Michigan.