

General Intelligence.

Abstract of Proceedings in Congress.

SECOND-DAY, JAN. 15. In the SENATE, the joint resolution in favor of sending relief to the Arctic Expedition under the command of Dr. Kane, after a short debate, was passed.

THIRD-DAY, JAN. 16. In the HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES, a question of privilege in relation to the refusal of W. B. Chase to give testimony before the Select Committee appointed at the last session to investigate the subject of bribery in the House, was the subject of considerable discussion.

FOURTH-DAY, JAN. 17. In the HOUSE, a bill appropriating \$300,000 for the extension of the General Post Office, was passed.

FIFTH-DAY, JAN. 18. In the SENATE, the robberies and murders committed by the Indians on the Western frontier were the subject of a Message from the President.

SIXTH-DAY, JAN. 19. The SENATE passed the Cape Race Light House Bill; also, the bill to pay Commodore Jones the sum of which he was deprived by the Court-Martial of 1851.

SABBATH-DAY, JAN. 20. The SENATE was not in session. In the HOUSE, the Pacific Railroad bill was the principal topic of discussion.

CALIFORNIA NEWS.—We have another week's intelligence from California, by the Northern Light, which arrived at New York, Jan. 16.

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formia, there was a rumor of revolution in Sonora and Chihuahua; and from the well-known state of opinion with regard to Santa Anna in those Departments of Mexico, many were inclined to give credence to the report.

European News.

The steamer Canada, with European dates to Jan 6th, arrived at Boston on the 19th. The following summary embodies all the news:

At Vienna, negotiations were pressed by the Western Powers, while Prince Gorchakoff asked for and obtained a fortnight's delay, to obtain instructions from his Government.

From Sevastopol comes the story that the Allies were to open a two-days' fire on the 25th, at the close of which they were to make an assault.

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Murder Will Out.

The Troy Whig of Jan 16th gives the particulars of the arrest of a man charged with murder committed ten years ago. It seems that in the summer or early fall of 1844, one Plamb Martin purchased of Mr. Van Rensselaer, the Patron, a farm in the town of Grafton, Rensselaer Co., and soon after went on the land to cut wood.

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The London Standard of the 22d of December says: "Miss S. Stewart has concluded an arrangement with her trustees by which the sum of \$10,000 is given to endow an Episcopal church at Port Glasgow, securing \$300 a year to the rector, and \$100 for a curate."

The Washington Globe says that Major Geo. Bonn, chief of the staff of the British army, who, on the 5th of November, was killed in the engagement before Sevastopol, was one of the officers severely wounded at the battle of Bladenburg in 1812.

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CURIOUS CASE.—A curious and romantic case was argued last week before the Surrogate of New York. It was that of the estate of Jeanne Dulux, formerly a French milliner in Broadway, and more recently a capitalist and money-lender in Williams-st., who died at an advanced age, leaving an estate worth not less than \$100,000, accumulated by avarice, lucky investments, and shrewd management.

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The Detroit Tribune of the 15th, says that a Miss Gibson, from Maysville, Ky., passed over the river on that day, having arrived in Toledo, by the underground railroad from Cincinnati; and adds that: "What makes this case one of unusual interest is the fact that Miss G. is as white as any of our lady readers who will condescend to read this paragraph."

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Hay—15c a 1 00 per 100 lbs. Lumber—9c a 1 50 for Eastern Spruce and Pine. Potatoes—25c a 2 75 per bushel for Western Red and Pinkies, 3 00 a 5 50 for Maine and Canada. Seeds—Clover 10c a 12c. Timothy 2 75 a 3 00 per bushel for seed. Flaxseed 1 25 for 50 lbs. Tallow—12c for Butcher's Association.

We have stated it as our opinion, that the hard times, the bankruptcies and failures, the disorganization and suspension to so great an extent of productive industry, was caused mainly by an excess of the debt-system.

The debt system prevails almost universally. It is blended and interwoven with nearly the whole business of the country, and has become so far a matter of habit and usage, that it is extremely difficult to carry on any kind of business without becoming involved in it.

One of the natural results is, that individuals and communities buy and consume faster than they produce and sell. This brings embarrasments, bankruptcies, failures, loss of confidence, stagnation of business, distress, hard times. We are now in one of these crises.

It would be the part of wisdom to provide, if possible, against the recurrence of this condition of things. How is this to be done? The only effectual—indeed, the only possible—way of preventing a recurrence of these evils, is to make a change from the universal debt-system to the "pay-as-you-go" system by all Governments, States, corporations, companies, and individuals.

At Nassau, on the 4th inst., Mr. ALFRED O. BIRCH, formerly of Berlin, in the 50th year of his age. At his residence in Stonington, Ct., on Friday, January 17th, BIRCH, aged 78 years, died. He was born in New York, and spent his early years in the study of law, and was admitted to the bar in 1810.

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Savory's Temperance Hotel. TELEGRAPH BUILDING SALOON. No. 14 Beekman Street, N. Y. KEPT ON THE EUROPEAN PLAN. MEALS AT ALL HOURS OF THE DAY.

Central Railroad Company of New Jersey. Winter Arrangement of Eastern Route. Leave New York for East on Monday, Dec. 18, 1854, at 8 A. M. 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st.

The Carol. A COLLECTION OF ORIGINAL AND SELECTED MUSIC AND HYMNS, for the use of Sabbath-Schools, Social Religious Meetings, and Families. Compiled by Lucius Crandall. Published by the Seventh-day Baptist Publishing Society, No. 9 Spruce-st., New York.

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Miscellaneous.

The Birth-Day.

There is a story told of some little girls, who, wishing to give their mother a pleasant surprise on her birth-day, decked her bed on the preceding evening with flowers, the exclamations of joy proving too powerful for her, she was found in the morning—the anticipated moment of joy—a corpse!

A Modern Slave Auction.

A recent number of the Vermont *Caledonian* contains a letter giving the following description of a slave auction in Columbia, South Carolina:— Being acquainted with men and women auctions only from reading, I determined, however painful it might be to the feelings, or revolting to the moral sense, to be a witness at this one.

at the crowd—which was responded to only by a loud, sneering, and brutal laugh. She was knocked down to— I know not who, for my eyes were too dim to discern. She descended from the Court-House steps, looked at her new master, looked at the audience, looked fondly into her sweet child's face, pressed it warmly to her bosom—with the auctioneer's hard-hearted remark ringing in her ears, that child would trouble her purchaser long!

A Slave Case in Louisiana.

The New Orleans *True Delta* gives the particulars of a "Suit for Freedom," before the First District Court, involving the fate of eighteen human beings. This case, as reported, we give in full—for the incidents are curious, and the laws, as asserted by the Judge, are worth study.

the master's control. Although he may have all the legal privileges of an emancipated slave, he is yet free, and is subject to the laws of the State alone, and may be dealt with as a free person according to the laws providing for the regulation of that class of persons.

Early Days of Silas Wright.

A friend who was an old acquaintance of the late Hon. Silas Wright, related to us an anecdote of that distinguished man, which he received from his own lips, and as we have never seen it in print, although it may have been given to our readers.

the horizon, the air suddenly becomes dark—a black pall seems drawn over the sky—it is the flock of birds—game, poultry and wild fowl, that like Mrs. Bond's ducks, are come to be killed; as they fly wing to wing and tail to tail, they form a square whose superficies is not much less than the whole enclosed portion of St. James's Park; for 51 acres. No sooner does this huge flight clear away than we behold the park at our feet inundated with hares and rabbits.

Colting Corn.

A French farmer has succeeded in giving to maize or Indian corn any color he chooses, by the following plan: "Having received from China a specimen of a pearl white color, the grains of which were very small, but very beautiful, he was desirous to obtain the same grain but of other colors." For this purpose he planted by the side of some of the 'American' maize of a red color, and the result was a crop of grain of a pink tint, with some of a bluish, and others of green color.

The Telegraph in Europe.

The Holy See and the King of Naples have just entered into a Convention of thirty-one articles, to regulate telegraphic correspondence between their respective dominions, which is published in the official journals. Like all other governmental measures in these countries, it exhibits the most jealous distrust of the people.

Mr. Adner Haven, of South Framingham, Mass., communicates to the Rural New Yorker the following experiment to test the value of carrots for milk cows.

"I have (April 15) seven cows in 'milk'—one calved in June, the rest in September and October. I raised eighty bushels rutabagas and four hundred bushels carrots, and fed them to my cows, commencing the first of December. I gave them about 2 1/2 bushels per day, at noon, the rutabagas first, and when they were all fed, out the same quantity of carrots. I found, when I had fed the latter a few days, that my cows were each giving from two to three pints of milk more per day than when fed on rutabagas. I was feeding my cows meal, with cut hay and 2 lbs. oil cake and meal, and 2 1/2 lbs. wheat screenings, ground.

Large or Small Sired Potatoes.

By an experiment carefully conducted at the North American Phalanx, the following results were obtained:— 1. Large whole seed, 29 lbs., 14 oz. produced 174 lbs. of potatoes cut in halves, 15 1/2 lbs. produced 124 lbs. 2. Large potatoes cut in halves, 15 1/2 lbs. produced 124 lbs. 3. Large potatoes cut in quarters, 12 lbs. produced 98 lbs. 4. Medium potatoes, whole, 19 lbs., 9 oz. produced 146 lbs. 5. Medium potatoes cut in halves, 9 lbs., 6 oz. produced 81 1/2 lbs. 6. Medium potatoes cut in quarters, 4 lbs., 7 oz. produced 67 lbs. 7. Small potatoes, whole, 9 1/2 lbs., produced 117 lbs. 8. Small potatoes cut in halves, 6 lbs., produced 84 lbs. The percentage of potatoes to the seed used was greatest on the quartered large potatoes.

New York and Erie Railroad.

On and after Monday, Nov. 20, and until further notice, Trains will leave the pier foot of Duane-st., New York, as follows: Buffalo Express at 7 A. M. for Buffalo. Dunkirk Express at 7 A. M. for Dunkirk. Mail at 8 A. M. for Dunkirk and Buffalo, and all intermediate stations.

Avoy's Cherry Pectoral.

TO CURE A COLD, WITH HEADACHE AND SORENESS OF THE THROAT, take the Cherry Pectoral on going to bed, and wrap up warm, to sweat during the night. For a Cold and Cough, take it morning, noon, and evening, according to directions on the bottle, and the difficulty will soon be removed. None will long suffer from this remedy, as it can be so readily cured. Persons afflicted with a cold, which breaks their rest at night, will find by taking the Cherry Pectoral on going to bed, they may be sure of sound, unbroken sleep, and consequent refreshing rest. Great relief from suffering, and an ultimate cure, is afforded to thousands who are thus afflicted, by this invaluable remedy. By the use of Avoy's Cherry Pectoral, many find their heads unwilling to forego its use when the necessity for it has ceased. To Singers and Public Speakers this remedy is invaluable, as by its application to the throat and lungs, when taken in small quantities, it removes all hoarseness in a few hours, and wonderfully increases the power and flexibility of the vocal organs. It is especially cured by Cherry Pectoral. But there are some cases so obstinate as to yield entirely to no medicine. Cherry Pectoral will cure them, if they can be cured. Bronchitis, or irritation of the throat and upper portion of the lungs, may be cured by taking Cherry Pectoral in small frequent doses. The amount of the disease is soon relieved. For Croup, give an emetic of antimony, to be followed by large and frequent doses of the Cherry Pectoral, until it subdues the disease. If taken in season, it will not fail to cure. Whooping Cough may be broken up and soon cured by the use of Avoy's Cherry Pectoral. The Influenza is speedily removed by this remedy. Numerous instances have been noticed where whole families were protected from any serious consequences, while their neighbors without the Cherry Pectoral, were entering from the disease. Repeated instances are reported here of patients who have been cured by this remedy, so many that there can be no question of its healing power on these diseases. It should be perseveringly taken until the pain in the side and other unpleasant symptoms cease. For Consumption in its earliest stages, it should be taken under the advice of a good physician if possible, and in every case with a careful regard to the printed directions on the bottle. If judiciously used, and the patient is carefully nursed meantime, it will soon lead to subdue the disease. For settled Consumption in its worst form, the Cherry Pectoral should be given in doses adapted to what the patient requires and can bear. It always affords some relief, and not unfrequently cures those who are considered past all cure. There are many thousands scattered over the country, who feel and say that they owe their lives and present health to the Cherry Pectoral. This remedy is offered to the community with the confidence we feel in an article which seldom fails to realize the happiest effects that can be desired. So wide is the field of its usefulness, and so numerous the beneficiaries of its cure, that almost every section of the country abounds in persons, publicly known, who have been restored from almost every form and degree of disease of the lungs, by its use. When once tried, its superiority over every other medicine of its kind, is too apparent to escape observation, and where its virtues are known, the public no longer hesitate vainly to employ for the distressing and dangerous affections of the pulmonary organs, which are incident to colds, and are not only profitable for colds of the lungs, but for the milder varieties of Colds, Coughs, Hoarseness, etc., for the child, it is the pleasantest and safest medicine that can be obtained. No family should be without it, and those who have used it never will.

Prepared by J. C. AYOY, Chemist, Lowell, Mass. Sold at wholesale in New York by A. B. & S. Sands, retail by Bussell, Clark & Co., and by all Drug Stores, Grocers, etc.