

General Intelligence.

Proceedings in Congress Last Week.

SECOND-DAY, DEC. 9.

In the Senate, the President's Message was referred to appropriate committees. A bill for the relief of John A. McGaw was passed, as also three other private bills.

In the House of Representatives, Standing Committees were announced, nearly the same as those of last session. Resolutions referring the several parts of the President's Message to the appropriate committees, gave occasion for a brief discussion of the subject of slavery.

In the Senate, Mr. Butler introduced a bill to refund to South Carolina the monies advanced in 1835 to support troops engaged in the Seminole war; referred to Military Committee.

In the House of Representatives, the credentials of the Delegate from New Mexico were presented, and referred to the Committee on Territories.

In the Senate, Mr. Hale presented petitions for the revision of the Military Laws. Mr. Benton introduced a bill for a Western Armory.

In the House, Mr. Potter announced the death of his late colleague, Amos E. Wood, Representative of the Sixth Congressional District of Ohio, which took place at his residence on the 19th of Nov. last.

In the House, Mr. Thurston offered a resolution, which lies over, requesting the President to communicate copies of all correspondence received from Government officers in Oregon since the organization of the Territorial Government.

districts, and I doubt not that though it is about leaving Kingston and its vicinity, it will accomplish a deadly work in other districts ere it be exhausted.

Seven Days Later from Europe. The steamship America, with one week later intelligence from all parts of Europe, arrived at Boston on the 12th inst.

The anti-papal hubbub continues unabated in England. Immense meetings have been held in various places; at one of which, in Birkenhead, there was a great riot, and the authorities were put to flight by the mob.

The latest advices from Rome state that the Propaganda affect to treat lightly the commotion in England upon the late Papal aggression, and profess to regard it as a mere question of etiquette.

A frightful colliery explosion occurred at Hirth & Son's mines, at Halifax, (Eng.), on Friday afternoon, Nov. 29. Loss of life supposed to be very great.

From Germany we have the repetition of old rumors, and nothing more, excepting riotous between Prussian and Bavarian troops in the streets of Frankfurt.

An alarming conspiracy of the old retrograde party in Constantinople, has given rise to a rumor that the Sultan had been assassinated. The report proved to be false.

Kossuth is still held in durance, and is reported to be suffering with typhoid fever.

Some of the Paris journals have annoyed the Russian Ambassador so much by the frequency and violence of their attacks on the Cabinet of St. Petersburg, that he is said to have intimated his intention to leave the country if those imputations are not suppressed.

Mr. A. Appleghar, the eminent machinist, has received a commission to erect a great printing machine, on his latest principle, for the exhibition of 1851.

According to the last return of the beet root sugar trade in France, there were, at the end of October, 263 manufactories at work, which had made about 8,268,000 kilograms of sugar, which was rather more than at the same period last year.

The Emerald, Capt. Hall, from London to Cadix, picked up a Prussian captain who, for three days and nights, had floated on a piece of cork, without tasting food or water.

Paper from tow is stated to have been invented and made at Berlin, so difficult, if not impossible, to be counterfeited, that it will supersede all other fabrics for bank notes, stamps, &c.

SINGULAR AFFAIR.—The Philadelphia correspondent of the N. Y. Tribune says that a singular and rather serious affair occurred in Spring Garden early on Friday morning, Dec. 13.

The carrier suspecting that burglars were in the house, he informed John W. Young, one of the Police Marshal's Police, of his suspicion.

By this time the inmates of the house, consisting of a number of females and two men, named Wm. Gest and Thomas Fitzpatrick, were aroused by the noise, and supposing that the house had been invaded by desperate thieves, they endeavored to escape.

The Gloucester Fishing Fleet.—The Boston Traveler says that since the 1st inst., about 12 vessels have been sold at Gloucester to go to Cape Cod and ports in Maine.

A New Issue.—In Cuba, (Angela), Allegany Co., in this State, on the 7th inst., the ticket for Corporation officers, entirely composed of Odd Fellows, was defeated by one from which the members of the Order were excluded, which was headed "People's Anti-Odd Fellows' Ticket," and carried by an average majority of 52.

Thomas Mitchell, Postmaster, at West Fowler, St. Lawrence Co., N. Y., was brought to Utica in custody of a special agent of the Department, under arrest for robbing the United States Mail.

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Letters have been received from Santa Fe, dated Nov. 1. The act establishing Territorial Government over New Mexico reached there on the 25th of October. The people were all united in favor of Territorial Government, and against organizing under their State Constitution.

A dispatch dated Louisville, Ky., Dec. 11, says that the steamer Amazonia, from New Orleans, had forty deaths by Cholera on board during her passage to Cape Girardeau. She also reports that on the day she left New Orleans, there arrived at that place 1,100 Californians, who, having exhausted all their provisions at sea, were in a starving condition.

At East Haven, Ct., Alfred Shepard and James Hotchkiss met a horrible death by fire. They were tending a coal pit, and had gone to sleep in a small shanty near by, erected for their accommodation.

A Jamaica paper says that the opinion is fast gaining ground, that the runaway slaves from the United States being, as is stated, and we think correctly, "intelligent, skillful, and industrious," a better class of immigrants could not possibly be obtained for Jamaica and the other West India Islands.

The Commandants of the Navy Yards at Boston, New York, Philadelphia, and Norfolk, have been instructed by the Navy Department to receive and store all articles intended for the exhibition in London, and to deliver the same to such revenue cutters as may be detailed to convey them to the public vessel designated to receive them.

By the brig Louis Walsh, Capt. Milliken, from Haiti, we learn that the Emperor had issued a proclamation to his subjects, recommending them not to eat salt provisions, as it was a great inducive to the Cholera.

A meeting of the inhabitants of the counties of Camden, Burlington, Ocean, and Monmouth, and all other citizens of New Jersey, friendly to a new line of communication between Philadelphia and New York, is advertised to be held at the Court House in Mount Holly, on Wednesday, 1st January, to adopt measures for the vigorous prosecution of the enterprise.

On Oct. 29, Gen. Joaquin Rea was assassinated at Ayula, in the State of Guerrero, Mexico. A mob of some 300 men were engaged in the murder, which took place at 3 in the morning.

Adonijah Maxam, supposed to be the last survivor of the band who accompanied Ethan Allen in the 1775 expedition against Montreal, in Nov. 1775, died in Sharon, on the 23d ult., aged 97. The whole party were captured, and put on board a ship, with 33 others, including Col. Allen.

Three steamboats were plying during the greater part of the last season on the waters of Lake Winnebago. The Milwaukee Sentinel learns from a friend living at Menasha that four more are on the stocks, and will be launched toward Spring.

A small boy was poisoned in Munson, Ohio, by eating a part of a worm in an apple. He dropped it, and complained it did not taste good. In a short time his mouth began to swell, and in two hours he was dead.

A person brought to our office the other day, says the Bradford (Eng.) Observer, a polished hazel nut, mounted with silver, and made to open on hinges, and close with a spring. On opening this diminutive casket, there lay upon crimson silk a silver teakettle, with hinged lid, all of the neatest and most perfect finish.

The Boston Atlas says that William G. Allen, a colored young man, law student in the office of Ellis Gray Loring, Esq., has been appointed to the Professorship of Greek and Rhetoric in Central College, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

The bark Popunnet, now or formerly of Fairhaven, was fitting for a whaling voyage at San Francisco, at latest dates. Capt. Frank Smith of New London, an old whaler and enterprising merchant, was also fitting a ship of about 3,000 bbls. capacity, for the Arctic Sea fishery.

Reuben Dunbar, charged with the murder of two children for the purpose of securing eventually an estate which he would have shared with them, was tried at Albany, N. Y., last week, found guilty, and sentenced to be hung on the 31st of January.

The Supreme Court of Louisiana has given judgment for \$4,000 against the Mexican Gulf Railroad for damages resulting from injuries done to the wife of a passenger, in consequence of the cars running off the track.

Abram Van Auker, who died in Mount Morris on the 1st inst., aged 60, of paralysis, with which he was seized in February last, had subsisted for sixty days immediately next preceding his death, entirely without food. Nothing passed his lips but pure water. So says the Livingston Union.

Porpoise Skin Leather, said to be of most excellent quality, as soft and pliant as kid, while it is strong and tough, was exhibited at a recent Industrial Exhibition in Montreal, Canada.

The State of Louisiana, through the Attorney General, has applied for the sequestration of all the real estate left by John McDonogh, and the Sheriff took formal possession, to hold until the question of ownership is decided.

The potato rot, the Trenton N. J. Gazette says, has destroyed a large portion of the potatoes raised in that neighborhood. When first dug, the potatoes generally appeared fair and sound, but shortly afterward commenced decaying.

A child, nine years of age, in Bourg d'Ain, saved up, cent by cent, until he had sufficient to buy a knife, with which he killed his cousin, for a quarrel which took place some months previous.

M. Charles Motteley, who recently died possessed of a magnificent library, has left it by will to the French nation. The British Museum offered 300,000 francs for it.

The catalogue of the great book fair at Leipzig about to open, contains the titles of 5,033 works which have been published in Germany since the Easter Fair.

The formal commencement of the enclosure for redeeming 32,000 acres of land from the Norfolk Estuary, Eng., took place on Friday, the 7th.

Governor Seabrook, in his recent message to the Legislature, says that twenty thousand persons in South Carolina are ignorant of the alphabet.

An experiment just made, for the purpose of ascertaining whether flax could be adapted to cotton machinery, has been perfectly successful.

The Pope has granted three hundred days indulgence to the faithful who pray especially for England.

The Bishop of London has appointed a Committee to consider what measures should be taken to provide foreigners and other strangers with the means of attending divine worship during the period of the approaching industrial exhibition.

MARRIED. In Sharon, Pa., on the 25th ult., by Rev. James Bailey M. E. BRYANT, son of Genesee, to Miss MARY HOWZ, of the former place.

On the 5th inst. in Genesee, by the same, Mr. J. FRANKLIN HUBBARD to Miss ELIZABETH J. GREEN, of Genesee.

DIED. At Southampton, Ill., on the 26th of November, of typhoid fever, JAMES O'BERRY, son of John R. and Louisa Butts, aged 22 years.

In Great Valley, Cattaraugus Co., N. Y., Nov. 20, of a lingering illness, Des. Ward formerly belonged to the First-day Baptist denomination. A few years since he became convinced that the seventh day of the week was the only Sabbath of the Bible, and accordingly he embraced it, and united with the first-day Baptist Church in Genesee, where he remained a worthy member until he was called to join the church triumphant.

In Berlin, Rensselaer Co., N. Y., on the 22d of Nov., 1849, of consumption, AARON GREENMAN, wife of Geo. N. Greenman, and daughter of Lodovick and Elizabeth Sanders, in the 45th year of her age.

Missionary Society.—Board Meeting. A QUARTERLY MEETING of the Executive Board of the Seventh-day Baptist Missionary Society will be held at No. 80 East Sixteenth-st., New York, on Friday, Jan. 9, 1851, at 2 o'clock P. M.

Publishing Society.—Board Meeting. A QUARTERLY MEETING of the Board of Managers of the Seventh-day Baptist Publishing Society will be held at No. 80 East Sixth-st., New York, on the evening of Friday, Jan. 12, 1851, at 7 o'clock P. M.

New York and Boston Steamboats. REGULAR MAIL LINE BETWEEN NEW YORK AND BOSTON, via Stonington and Providence.

The Illustrated Domestic Bible. NOW PUBLISHING IN NUMBERS, on the Island of Great Britain, is the authorized and corrected version, this edition contains Seven Hundred Engraving.

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WOODWORTH'S YOUTH'S CABINET will under the editorial charge of FRANCIS C. WOODWORTH, enters upon its sixth volume with the issue of the number for January, 1851.

LETTERS. Wm. C. Whitford, Joseph Mann, N. V. Hull, D. E. Maxson, T. B. Babcock, Stillman Conn (right), John Whitford, John Edwards, T. B. Greene, H. W. Stillman, G. M. Greenman, W. B. Gillett, A. C. Spicer, E. Maxson, J. Bailey, D. C. Green, S. S. Griswold (send), S. Davison, E. L. Maxson.

RECEIPTS. The Treasurer of the Seventh-day Baptist Publishing Society acknowledges the receipt of the following amounts from subscribers to the Sabbath Recorder:

Miscellaneous.

Funeral obsequies for the late Col. Richard M. Johnson were held by the Tammany Society at Tammany Hall, N. Y., on the 14th inst.

"Man dieth and wasteth away. And where is he?" "Hark! from the skies I hear a voice answer and say—

"The spirit of man never dies." His body, which came from the earth, Must mingle again with the soil;

No terror has death or the grave, To those who believe in the Lord— Who know the Redeemer can save.

Lord God Almighty! to thee We turn as our solace above; The waters may fail from the sea,

The Last Day of School.

From "The District School as it Was, by One who went to it." The district school as it was generally closed, in the winter, with what was called an "examination."

The writing-books are now examined. The mighty pile is lifted from the desk and scattered along through the hands of the visitors.

Now comes the arithmetical examination; that is, the proficient in this branch are required to say the rules. Alas! me! I had no reputation at all in this science.

But this examination was a stupid piece of business to me, as is evident enough from this stupid account of it. The expectation and preparation were somewhat exhilarating, as I trust has been perceived; but, as soon as the anticipated scene had commenced, it grew dull, and still more dull, just like this chapter.

But let us finish this examination, now we are about it. Suppose it finished then. The minister remarks to the teacher, "Your school appears very well, in general, sir;" then he makes a speech, then a prayer, and his business is done.

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spelling columns do not intimidate them. Then come the numbers, the abbreviations, and the punctuation.

The master has gone through with the several accomplishments of the class. They are about to take their seats. "Please let them stand a few moments longer; I should like to put out a few words to them, myself," says the minister.

The poor little things are confused as well as disconcerted. They hardly know what it means. The teacher is disconcerted and mortified. It dawns on him, that while he has been following the order of the book, and priding himself that so young scholars can spell such monstrous great words—

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that this was done chiefly by the instrumentality of snails! The inventors or discoverers of the alleged marvel are M. Benoit, of the Department of the Herald, and M. Biat of America. After many years' observation and experimentalization, they, it is asserted, have ascertained that certain descriptions of snails possess peculiar properties or sympathies, which cause them to feel, no matter at what distance they may be, the same sensation, or commotion, when acted on in a particular way by galvanic and magnetic influences.

Our obituary this week records the death of an individual (Anna, Duchess of Palata), the history of whose fortunes would fill no small page in romantic story. She was the daughter of John Peale, a small farmer at Corringham, near Gainsborough, who eked out a somewhat declining livelihood by dealing in horses, &c.

At this time the fortunes of her family had reduced them to be the occupants of a small cottage at Morton, and age rendering her father incapable of active exertion, he filled the humble office of rural Postman. To her honor be it recorded, that she enabled her parents to pass the remainder of their days in comfort.

The most laughable incident connected with the Queen of Song, that we have yet heard, is said to have taken place at the Irving House, on the first day of her arrival in the city of Gotham. As the gong rang for dinner, there was a perfect stampede among the female boarders of the house, to obtain the earliest possible scrutiny of the various articles of dress, ribbons, comb, or hair-pins, with which the Swedish nightgale might be pleased to adorn herself on this her first appearance before the young and blooming females of America.

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Now, be it known to our male readers, that the anxiety to ascertain the quality and quantity of Jenny's wearing *finis*, was not a fault or peculiarity belonging exclusively to the foregoing ladies; but one that is inherent in the sex, as proven by the fact that on Jenny's retiring to her room, she immediately addressed her dressing maid as follows:—"Sussey, dear, I noticed that all the ladies present at the table to-day, had their hair dressed with great taste and care, and fastened behind with a large comb—and, as I do not wish to appear odd or eccentric while sojourning among so good a people, you will please go out shopping to-day, dear, and obtain me a large comb, with which I can fasten up my hair behind, American fashion."

With a determination to be behind the fashion no longer than could possibly be helped, something over a hundred females were busily engaged during most of the day, in dressing their hair, that, without the assistance of combs, it should appear, *à la* Jenny Lind.

As Jenny entered the room, the next day, what was her surprise and mortification, on noticing that, instead of every lady having a large comb in her hair, as on the day previous, the hair in every instance was fastened up in true-rol hair-pin style.

The mortification of the female boarders, however, was still greater than that of Jenny—to think that the entire afternoon of the previous day, and some three hours previous to the ringing of the gong on the present occasion, had been devoted to the subject of hair dressing, (the Irving, in fact, having been transformed into a six-storied barber-shop), and after all, the Nightingale had made her second appearance in a large comb, of precisely the same pattern that they had cast aside as useless and unfashionable, but twenty-four hours previous. [Boston Mus.

We have before us some curious statistics in relation to Marriage. These have been gathered from various sources. According to the "Register General of England," a lady's chance of getting married is at its maximum, between the age of twenty and twenty-five.

A widower, it would seem, selects a more steady age than a bachelor, while on the contrary, a widow prefers that her second husband shall be younger than herself. It thus appears that of widows above 50, who contract a second marriage, more than three-fourths are united to men under 50.

The numbers of newspapers and periodicals now published in Russia is 154, of which 64 are published in St. Petersburg, 12 at Moscow, 5 at Odessa, 32 in the provinces of the Baltic, and 59 in the rest of the Empire.

In the United States there are probably not less than 1,600 publications of that kind for a population which may be assumed to be 20,000,000 exclusive of all colored persons, who, whether bond or free, are not much addicted to reading of any kind.

Messrs. H. Freeman and J. Patterson have invented a means of stopping Railroad Trains by Electricity, so as to dispense entirely with the services of Brakemen, and enable the Engineer to stop the train himself by a motion of the hand, and thus obviate the delay, irregularity and misunderstanding, now encountered or hazarded, as well as the disagreeable and dangerous motion now encountered in the process of 'breaking up' a train, part of the cars being held more tightly than others.

The following "last will and testament," says the Philadelphia Ledger, was filed, a day or two since, in the office of the Register of Wills of our County. It is quite a curiosity, and we give it *verbatim et literatim* et non-punctuatum. The schoolmaster was evidently abroad when it was penned:—"

"Oct. 23, 1850.—I do bequeath the middle room and garret to my wife and son William—as long as she lives; at her death it goes to William—with a free passage through the lower room each way back or front; and a row and three pigs to my wife and William; the lower room to my daughter Ann—all the wood and coal about the house to my wife and William—my wife is to have privilege in the seller for wood and coal; to of the fattening hogs to my wife and William; the kitchen part of the house to John—my wife and William is to pay five dollars of ground rent a year, and John and Ann each is to pay five dollars; I wish them all to have equal privilege in the yard; Thomas is to have five dollars a year for ten years; each of the other hers to pay their equal share of this five dollars; my title bodied and frock coats and satten west to Thomas, and my watch to Ann; the rest of the hogs to be equally divided between them

"Blessing on the man who will invent a cure for sea-sickness," must certainly be the ejaculation of every one who has traveled at sea and endured its nauseating pains and penalties. In a book upon "Jamaica in 1850," by Mr. John Bigelow, an editor of the N. Y. Evening Post, we notice an account of the method he adopted to prevent sickness, the common terror of inexperienced voyagers.

PROTECTING TENDER PLANTS AND SHRUBS.—There is one principle which should not be forgotten, whatever be the nature of the covering applied to tender plants, more especially to the woody portions or parts above ground. This is, that the exclusion of moisture is an important object without excluding air.

By Howland's patent "Bell Telegraph," a pull of the bell in any room of the house at once rings and raises into view the number of that room, through glass in a case, just by the office or attendant's room, and keeps it there until it has been observed, answered and pulled back from said office.

The Royal Lidy Contended for, by Edward Steunet. First printed in London, in 1658. 60 pp. An Appeal for the Restoration of the Lord's Sabbath, in an Address to the Baptists from the Seventh-day Baptist General Conference. 24 pp. Indication of the True Sabbath, by J. W. Morton, late Missionary of the Reformed Presbyterian Church. 64 pp.

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DeBuyer Institute. The Academic Year of this Seminary, for 1850 and '51, will commence the third Wednesday in August, and continue four weeks, including a short recess between the terms, and one of ten days for the winter holidays.

GURDON EVANS, A. M., President, and Professor of Mathematics and Natural Science. Rev. JOSEPH W. MORTON, Professor of Hebrew, Greek, Latin, French, Spanish, and Moral and Intellectual Science.

TEACHERS' CLASSES will be formed, as usual, at the beginning of the Fall and middle of the Winter Terms, and continue seven weeks. In the common Branch classes will be formed at the commencement of each term; but in the higher, the interest of the student, as well as the welfare of the Institution, demand that a more systematic course of study be pursued.

Sabbath Tracts. The American Sabbath Tract Society publishes the following tracts, which are for sale at its Depository, No. 9 Spruce-st., N. Y., viz: No. 1. Reasons for introducing the Sabbath of the Fourth Commandment to the consideration of the Christian Public. 28 pp.

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