News of the Week.

EXECUTIVE.

The Pardon of a young man named Miller, who was sentenced last January to ten years' imprisonment for alleged embezzlement of letters, was presented in Washington on Wednesday to his father as a Christmas present.

STATES AND TERRITORIES.

New York.—Judge Jones in the Supreme Court Dec. 24, delivered a decision at the instance of Mr. Forrest's former wife, the substance of which is that the alimony must be paid. The total amount now due is said to be about $100,000.—The counsel to the Board of Health, Dec. 26th, applied for, and obtained leave to institute criminal proceedings against the owners of some thirty-five or forty tenement houses in various sections of the city, for not complying with the law providing fire escapes. The prosecution will include the proprietor of the house in Second avenue, where nine persons recently lost their lives.—Mayor Hoffman gave notice that nothing stronger than water would be dispensed at his New Year's reception.

Illinois.—It is estimated that the quantity of water brought to the surface by the artesian wells in the prairies, is 53,000,000 gallons per day. This is allowing 50 gallons per minute to a well.

Alabama.—Gen. Pope and Gen. Ord have been relieved of their commands. Gen. Mead succeeds the former.

Louisiana.—Dec. 26th. the following was adopted, as the first article of the Constitution, by a vote of 57 to 17: "All men are created free and equal, and have certain inalienable rights; among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; to secure these rights governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the government." The second Article adopted, Dec. 28, declares that all persons, without regard to. race, color, or previous condition, born and naturalized in the United States, and residents of the State for one year, are citizens of the State, and that they shall enjoy the same civil, political, and public rights and privileges, and be subject to the same pains and penalties.

Seven articles have been adopted. They abolish slavery, and declare the privileges of free speech, the press, and the habeas corpus. The second article was reconsidered, and a provision setting allegiance to the United States above that due the State, was agreed to.

South Carolina.—The Convention for Reconstruction will meet January 14th in Charleston.

Marine.—The steamer Raleigh, from New York for New Orleans, was burned off Charleston on Dec. 24th. Thirteen persons, including the captain, who is a Philadelphian, are supposed to be lost, and others are missing.

City.—Twenty-five boot-blacks sat down to a Christmas dinner in the basement of the Ledger building, furnished through the liberality of Judge Allison.—The Board of Trade, on Monday evening, negatived a resolution against the further contraction of the currency, by one majority.

FOREIGN.

Mexico.—An official count of the vote for President was to be made in the capitol on December 20. The majority for Juarez is known to be very large.

Paraguay.—The end of the Paraguayan war is announced, the Paraguayans, completely exhausted, having asked for a suspension of hostilities.

London.—A letter from the English Secretary of Legation in Portugal, states that for a hundred years not a single drop of pure Port wine has been sent to London.

Berlin.—A Berlin newspaper states that that city contained in 1864, nearly 633,000 inhabitants.

Siberia appears to be the great source of the world's supply of ivory. New Siberia and the Isle of Lakon are for the most part only an agglomeration of sand, ice and elephants' teeth. At every tempest the sea casts ashore fresh heaps of mammoths' tusks, and the inhabitants are able to drive a profitable trade in the fossil ivory, thrown up by the waves.

BY CABLE.

December 22d.—*Havana.*—Mr. Savage, Consul General of the United States at Havana, has received a confidential telegram from the American Consul at Santiago de Cuba, in consequence of which he has sent a despatch to secretary Seward, advising him to defer the purchase of St. Thomas.

December 23d.—*Paris.*—The Governments of France and Italy have commenced negotiations for the abrogation of the September Convention. The Italian Parliament has refused to pay the interest on the debt of the provinces formerly belonging to the States of the Church. The French Government has sent a despatch protesting against this action. —*Rome.*—The Pope in an allocution, congratulated his hearers on the defeat of Garibaldi and the preservation of the Holy See from its great danger.—*Florence, evening.*—In consequence of the adverse vote in the House of Deputies, the members of the Cabinet have tendered their resignation to the King. —*Copenhagen.*—The question of the transfer of the Danish West Indies to the United States will be submitted to a popular vote of the inhabitants of those colonies in January next.—*Havana.*—The festivities accompanying the arrival of the Captain General Lersundi here are at their height. The whole city is illuminated to-night in his honor.

December 24th.—*London.*—The Fenians made another effort last evening to destroy the gas works at Glasgow, and the night before to destroy the gas works at Warrington, in Liverpool, which were unsuccessful. The authorities in those cities are doubly watchful, and no further trouble is apprehended. Despatches received from various parts and the kingdom report everything quiet to-day.—Accounts received at Massowah, of the condition and progress of the British expedition in Abyssinia, are all favorable. The army was steadily advancing into the interior up to date. Latest despatches say they had met with no opposition, but on the contrary were received in a friendly manner by the natives everywhere along the line of march.—Owing to the urgent remonstrances and formidable demonstrations made by foreign Powers, the Formosans have promised to treat shipwrecked sailors with humanity hereafter, and the Chinese Government has guaranteed the promise that it should be kept.—The eruption of Vesuvius is increasing.—*Florence.*—The existing Cabinet is not to be dissolved. Gen. Menabrea will remain at the head of the Government, and under his direction the reorganization of the Ministry will proceed.—*Vienna.*—The bill for the emancipation of Jews has passed the Reichsrath. —*Havana.*—The report published in the American papers that the home Government proposed to sell Cuba and Porto Rico to the United States, is pronounced false by the highest authorities of the island.

December 25th.—*London.*—The Russian Government has addressed a note to the Government of France, protesting earnestly against the shifting policy of the latter on the Eastern question.—Advices from China report that the rebels are meeting with success in their operations against the Imperial Government.

December 26th.—*Paris*—The "Patrie" confirms the report that the French Government has ordered the departure of 20,000 more troops from Civita Vecchia.—*Havana.*—The Rebellion in Yucatan was assuming large proportions. Santa Anna had been proclaimed Dictator by the revolutionists, and was expected hourly to arrive from Havana. The fort and town of Sisal were in the hands of the rebels, but the port was blockaded by two Mexican gunboats.—When the Virginia left Vera Cruz, on Dec. 29th, the Mexican steamer Tobasco was ready to sail for Sisal on next day, with an expedition to restore the authority of the Government. She had on board 500 to 600 men and several pieces of artillery.

December 28th.—*London.*—The Fenians captured the Martello tower at Dublin last night and carried off arms and ammunition in considerable quantity. They also made a vain attempt to burn the General Post-office with Greek fire.

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