

The weather during last week was extremely cold. On Tuesday the mercury stood at 5° below zero, and on Wednesday morning 19° above. A severe snow-storm prevailed on Wednesday and Thursday, and the sleighing is excellent.

COLD WEATHER.—The reports of the state of the weather at the North and East, on "Friday," show it to have been extremely cold, as it certainly was in this region.

Gov. POLLOCK has appointed Wm. B. McCLELLAN and FRANKLIN PICKENS, of this place, Aids-de-Camp, with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

APPOINTMENTS BY GOV. POLLOCK.—Gov. Pollock has made the following appointments: Thomas J. Power, of Beaver county, (American Democrat) Adjutant General of the State.

Governor Pollock has nominated Col. A. K. McClure, of Chambersburg, editor of the Repository and Whig, as superintendent of public printing, in place of F. Cornman.

PASSAGE OF THE BOUNTY LAND BILL.—The United States Senate, on Monday, after various amendments Mr. Brothhead's Bounty Land bill, passed the same finally by a vote of 30 to 15.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Bridge over the Juniata, at Lewistown, was entirely destroyed by fire on Saturday night week.

Mr. SIMPSON PLEASANTON, Fifth Auditor of the Treasury Department of the United States, died at Washington, on Wednesday week, in the 79th year of his age.

Texas papers dated the 25th ult. state that a battle had occurred between the Comanche Indians and a party of Texan Rangers, in which the Indians were defeated with a loss of seven killed and many captured.

According to a report just made by the Treasurer of the United States, the National Treasury contained, on the 29th ult., the snug sum of twenty-one million nine hundred and twelve thousand seven hundred and six dollars.

THE FEBRUARY INTEREST.—The State Treasurer, Gen. Joseph Baily, commenced the payment of the semi-annual interest on the State debt, on Thursday, at the Bank of Pennsylvania.

FIRE AND LOSS OF LIFE.—The Harrisburg Herald has informed that on Saturday night the house of John Crum, near Lingletown, Dauphin county, was destroyed by fire, and that the owner perished in the flames.

Col. KINNEY'S Central American Expedition is attracting a large share of attention. Some of the papers say it will be arrested by our government, on the ground that it is an armed expedition against a State with which the United States are at peace.

A fist fight took place in the House of Representatives, at Washington, on the 30th, between Gen. Lane, of Oregon, and Mr. Farley, of Maine.

The steamer North Star arrived at New York, on Thursday last, with 200 passengers on board, and \$1,239,000 in specie.

There are reports of the discovery of rich mines of gold and copper in the territory acquired by the United States from Mexico under the Gadsden treaty.

The Governor of Michigan has signed the Prohibitory liquor bill passed by the Legislature of that State, a few days ago. It takes effect in ninety days.

The office of the Farm Journal has been removed from West Chester to No. 33 1/2 North Seventh street, Philadelphia.

A Yankee at Panama sought shelter at the American Consul's from the earthquake; he thought even the earthquake would respect our flag.

Legislative.

On Friday week, a bill fixing the pay of members of the Legislature at \$500 for the session, with an allowance of ten cents a mile for every mile travelled, passed the Senate, 18 to 10.

In the House, a supplement to the Act relative to Pennsylvania Medical College at Philadelphia, was reported by Mr. Mengle. This is the bill which we alluded to; a week or two since, as having been secretly got up to affect the interests of the College.

Registration Act.

The Legislature has passed an act which repeals the registration law enacted during Gov. JOHNSTON'S administration. The repeal of this law was demanded by public opinion, as well as by every principle of justice and right.

HORRIBLE DEATH.—A man named John Russell, residing near Orrstown, Franklin county, came to his death on Thursday week last, in a shocking manner.

PRETTY COLD.—On Tuesday, at Gotham, on the White mountains, the mercury in the thermometer was within one degree of the point at which it becomes congealed.

Col. KINNEY.—The Norfolk Herald of Saturday says that instructions have been received by the agent in that city from Col. Kinney, authorising the stopping of enrolling men for the Central American expedition.

A DANGEROUS COUNTERFEIT.—A five dollar bill on the bank of Chester County is in circulation, altered to a twenty in so skillful a manner as to be likely to deceive any but an excellent judge.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 6.—A freight train on the Columbia Railroad ran off the track about three miles west of the Schuylkill this afternoon. All the cars rolled over the embankment and broke up, the wreck taking fire from a stove in one of the cars, when their contents, consisting of flour, wheat, domestics, &c., were mostly consumed.

AN EDITOR IN LUCK.—The New Castle Courier-man says he received a few days since, a box containing two hundred dollars worth of valuable household articles, including a complete set of silver spoons and forks.

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A STRAY BABY.—A fine hearty male child, about a month old, was left at the door of Mr. HARVEY D. SWERNY, in this place, on Saturday night last, before 9 o'clock.

There seems to be no clue to the parents of the child—but it is thought that it was brought from a distance, as a sleigh was noticed by a neighbor to stop at the door a few minutes previously.

Simon Cameron received the nomination of the Know Nothing Legislative caucus, on Friday evening, for U. S. Senator—but only after a severe struggle, and the withdrawal of a portion of the caucus.

Another arrival from Europe—the Atlantic—but no war news of the slightest moment. The Russian General, Menschikoff, is reported to have said—"Our troops may rest—General's January, February and March will fight our battles far better than we can!"

Hon. J. C. Breckenridge, in consequence of the continued illness of Mrs. Breckenridge, has declined the mission to Spain, and Hon. A. C. Dodge, U. S. Senator from Iowa, has been appointed and confirmed in his stead.

We are again under obligations to Messrs. RUSSELL and KURTZ, of the National House of Representatives, and Messrs. McCLELLAN and MILLINGER, of the State Legislature, for acceptable favors.

Mechanics and Laborers. The following act of Assembly which was passed at the last session of the Legislature is not generally known.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted, &c., That in all assignments of property, whether real or personal, which shall hereafter be made by any person or persons, or chartered companies to trustees or assigns, on account of inability at the time of the assignment, to pay his or their debts, the wages of minors, mechanics, and laborers, employed by such person or persons, or chartered company, shall be the first preferred and paid by such trustee or assignee, before any other creditor or creditors of the assignor: Provided, That any one claim thus preferred shall not exceed one hundred dollars.

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Remarks of Mr. M'Clean.

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