

Items.

Not less than seventeen bears have been killed in Lebanon county within the last month.

A Little Girl in Waterville, Ct., a year ago swallowed a needle, and on New Year's day it came out of her knee.

The editor-in-chief of the London Times has the same salary as the President of the United States—\$25,000.

In the House, January 14th, Mr. Grow, from the Committee on Territories, reported a bill providing for the admission of Minnesota as a State.

A shower of puppies is reported to have taken place somewhere west, which is supposed to have been caused by their being kicked out of the dog-star.

The Governor of Pennsylvania has vetoed bills to authorize the New-York & Erie Railroad Company to build Branches in Susquehanna county.

The Democratic caucus at Harrisburg on Friday evening last, nominated Henry S. Mawr, the present incumbent, for the office of State Treasurer, by acclamation.

The Maine Legislature, on the 16th inst., elected the Hon. Hannibal Hamlin U. S. Senator for the long term of six years from the fourth of March next, and Abner Noyes for the short term.

At the Charter election in Pittsburgh, Pa., on the 18th inst., Henry A. Weaver, Republican, was elected Mayor, by the following vote: Weaver, 2,704; White, Democrat, 2,325; McCurdy, American, 242. The Republicans have a majority in the Common Council.

The sham Democracy have been holding indignation meetings in various parts of the State, over the defeat of Farney for the United States Senate. The Keystone club of Philadelphia talk of making him President.

William Patten, Esq., of the firm of Patten and Fender, coal operators, was instantly killed, on Friday last, by falling a distance of ninety feet down the shaft of the coal mine belonging to the firm at Plymouth, Litterer Co., D.

The Missouri Legislature has elected the Hon. James S. Green, U. S. Senator from that State for the short term. He is a Democrat of the Atchison stripe, and was elected by the aid of votes from the pro-Slavery Whig and American members, in order to prevent the success of Benton.

One of the most important resolutions adopted by the Convention of Republican Editors, which met at Indianapolis, Ind., on the 25th inst., was that offered by Mr. Hiel schen, in favor of the establishment of Normal Schools as a State institution.

The Cincinnati papers state that the slaves are taking advantage of the ice-bridge across the Ohio to escape to "the other side of Jordan." Three men and one woman escaped on Thursday night of last week, both pursued, but at last accounts, not overtaken.

A bill has passed the Legislature of South Carolina to amend the State Constitution, as to require of every naturalized citizen two years in the State after being naturalized, as a condition precedent to the exercise of the right of suffrage. The object of this move is to prevent election frauds.

Kentucky is a most gallant and chivalric State. There alone in this country, or the world, is the right of suffrage expressly conceded to women. By the revised statutes, any woman having a child between the age of six and eighteen years, may vote for school-trustees. This right was exercised a year ago by several widows in the northern part of the State.

Equality of Representation in the Senate is now the hobby mounted by the Richmond Enquirer. It argues that, unless the South has as many Senators as the North, it will be unjustly treated. This is the main question always at the bottom of our sectional troubles. It would not now be brought forward openly, unless its disguised had failed to answer their purpose.

The Supreme Court of California has declared the entire State unconstitutional, excepting \$300,000, and recommends the adoption of the debt by the Legislature and that the question of repudiation be submitted to the people. No transfer of stock has been made since the decision. The people are opposed to repudiation, and meetings have been called in various parts of the State to give expression to the public opinion. At a meeting held in San Francisco, resolutions were passed, pledging the redemption of the debt by the people. The amount is over three millions.

At Conklin, Broome County, N. Y., Edward Y. York, (Republican,) has been removed from the Postoffice, and H. N. Benjamin, formerly a Silver Gray Whig, and lately one of the leaders of the Know Nothing party, has been appointed in his place. He is a correspondent of the *Douglas Reporter*.

The County Court of New Kent, Virginia is engaged in trying the negroes charged with inciting the insurrection. One of the negroes has been convicted and sentenced to death. It was supposed that another would meet the same fate.

In a few days past four United States Senators have been elected for six years from the 4th of March next, viz.: Stephen H. Mallory, Democrat, Florida; Charles Sumner, Republican, Massachusetts; James F.肾脏, Republican, Rhode Island; and Andrew Cameron, Republican, Pennsylvania.

The first two are re-elects; Mr.肾脏 succeeded Mr. James, Democrat, and Mr. Cameron takes the place of Mr. Brodhead. Lieutenant C. W. C. was formerly a Democrat, and in 1845 was elected to serve out the unexpired term of the Hon. James Buchanan, who resigned to become President. He served till 1849, when he was succeeded by Hon. James Cooper.

The *Scientific American*, which should be authority in all such matters, says that Jupiter's satellites may be seen in a clear night by the reflection of the planet in a mirror. —The satellites cannot be seen by the naked eye, by direct vision, and another curious circumstance is that neither Venus nor the moon can be seen so distinctly by reflections in the mirror as by observing them with the naked eye. The name referred to the planet of ardent young gentlemen.

In Chicago during the past year, there has been built about five thousand buildings, and during the same time the population has increased twenty-five thousand. Davenport, Iowa has doubled its population within two years. There are now 14,000 people there, and 7000 at Rock Island, on the Illinois side of the river.

Raises her in Pounds.—James Buchanan, the President elect, has just been chosen an honorary member of the Long Island Club, New York.

The Hudson's Bay Company.

The prospect of the near termination of the exclusive charter granted to the Hudson's Bay Company has given rise to considerable excitement, and has directed men's attention to those vast lands over which its power has so long extended. Public meetings have enabled enthusiastic people to give utterance to eloquent language, to ideas, which like the great continent they describe, have been too long seated and bottled up from the rest of the world. The Press has lent its powerful assistance to fan the flame, by extracting and condensing from bulky volumes all that bear upon the matter, and tend to place its merits clearly before the eyes of all classes. The subject itself is well worth of all the attention which is being bestowed upon it, for no one can doubt that when the charter of the Hudson's Bay Company does expire, a new era will open in the history of the North American continent. Public attention has not been more fully aroused to this important subject in Canada than it has been in Great Britain, where the monopolies of this description have always been the reverse of popular. The wide extent and future prospects of the regions over which the company's rights can hardly be exaggerated, yet the imagination, always too prone to indulge in hyperbole, has already begun to dream of advantages accruing, which even the energy of the British race could hardly extract from a paradise. It may safely be prophesied that the moderate wishes of reasonable people will be amply accomplished, when these vast regions, which have been so long sealed up and hidden, for the purpose of enriching a few private individuals, shall be opened to the industry, the knowledge and the enterprise of mankind. For two hundred years the privileged individuals have exercised supreme authority over countries embracing the enormous extent of three millions of square miles; and the only benefit derived from these vast territories, has been four ship loads of skins, value £500,000, annually. Such cannot be the destiny of a country abounding in mineral wealth and capable (say the best authorities) of growing corn enough to feed the whole of Europe.

Whatever minor arrangements may be made, of one thing we may be sure, that the Imperial Government will never permit, when the charter has expired, any reorganization of the monopoly of the Hudson's Bay Company. —*Quebec Chronicle*.

MORMONISM IN UTAH.—John Hyde, an Elder in the Church of the Latter Day Saints at Utah, having been sent to the Sandwich Islands on a mission to convert the people there, has renounced the Mormon faith, and is engaged in exposing its fallacies. Polygamy comes in for a share in his denunciations, and it must be confessed that it does not look remarkably well as he paints it, although there is little doubt that the picture is true in life.

Among other charges, that of falsifying the census of the Territory is made. The elder says that they are not much over half the many inhabitants in Utah as the census returns would indicate. Names of deceased persons, names of disciples who never came there, and of those who have long since gone away, have been retained, to swell the aggregate of the required seventy thousand.

He instances several places where the returns were known to be incorrect, and where the district reporters swore to their lists, and afterwards boastingly acknowledged they were extravagantly and intentionally false.

On this census, taken in such a manner, by such men, rests the claim of Utah to a place in the sisterhood of States.

Will it be admitted under the plea that every State and territory has the right to regulate its own manners, make its own laws, and act as it pleases generally, so long as it does not infringe any provision of the Constitution? No man knows, but if it should, it would be the death knell of popular sovereignty.

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