

FROM CALIFORNIA.

Meeting of the Legislature—Inauguration of the Governor—Election of United States Senators—Fire at San Francisco, &c.

The Empire City, Wilson, arrived at her dock in New York, on Thursday morning after a passage of ten days from Chagres. She brought 257 passengers, and nearly three millions in Gold Dust.

The Empire City brings most of the passengers on a freight of the Oregon, which left San Francisco on the 1st of January, and arrived at Panama on the 20th, or 18 days. Among the passengers of the Empire City, Col. John C. Frémont and Dr. Wm. G. M. Gwin, the Senator-elect from California, G. W. Wright and Edward Galt, the members-elect to Congress, the Hon. T. B. King, E. H. Harriman, Esq., late Collector of the port of San Francisco, Col. Allen the general mail agent of the United States in California, and many other notabilities, all of whom, with the exception of Messrs. Fremont and Gwin, have arrived in the empire City. Mr. Fremont was detained at the Isthmus in consequence of the dangerous illness of Mrs. Fremont, on whom the fatigues of his journey had aggravated the dangers incident to her approaching confinement. It was doubtful whether she would be able to leave the Isthmus in the Falon or the Cherokee, both of which vessels arrived at Chagres the day the Empire City left.

Dr. Gwin was to sail in the Falon, that he might visit his family in Mississippi before embarking for Washington.

Mr. Wright, the member of Congress-elect, from California, is a native of Nantucket. He went to California about a year ago, where he returned to Congress, and when he was re-elected, he started the Alta California new paper, and by the faithful and prudent management of that Journal, has acquired for it, the reputation of being the organ of the democratic party in California, and has made it already, one of the most valuable newspaper properties in the United States. Mr. Gilbert is only about 30 years of age.

Brevadier General Riley has issued a general order recognizing the supremacy of a state government under the new constitution, and establishing all the civil power which he had previously exercised.

Some two hundred of the passengers by the Empire City, bring specimens of gold from California, varying in amount, from three to thirty thousand dollars, which they have arranged according to the taste, in ways to illustrate the peculiar mineral resources of the new territory, and the modes in which they are to be developed; and will dispel all doubts about the inestimable value of the Californians, which may lurk in the minds of the most skeptical.

Almost every species of gold dust is a demerit, and it is estimated that at least three-fourths of the whole American population in California is democratic. Of the forty-four members of the legislature, forty-seven are democrats. In consequence of the election of Bondell, one of the senators, an election of Vice-Chairman of the Supreme Committee of the West, Vice-Chairman of the Assembly, to the office of Secretary of State, a new election was ordered for the 8th ultimo. David P. Broderick, of New York, was the prominent and bold New England candidate for the vacant senatorial chair.

A disastrous fire occurred at San Francisco on the 24th January, destroying about a million dollars worth of property, estimated at California prices. A fire also occurred at Stockton about the same time. Loss \$150,000.

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By a general meeting of the Delaware Bar Association, held at the Court House, on Monday evening, March 6, 1851, at Newark, P. M. An address was expected from the Rev. Wm. M. Douglass, of Boston, the public interest of which was especially manifested by the election took place during the rainy season, and the roads were in such a condition that a large number of voters could not reach the polls, which were far distant from the "digging." There is no doubt however, that California contains a population of over 100,000 persons, and is entitled to admission as a State, with two Senators and two Representatives in Congress.

Meeting of the Legislature.—The first legislature of California convened at the seat of government, the Pueblo de San Jose, at 12 o'clock, M., December 1st, but there being no quorum in either house, adjourned to 12 M., Monday the 7th. Both houses met pursuant to adjournment, most of the members being present. The Senate organized by the election of Hon. E. K. Chamberlain, of San Diego, as President pro tempore, and Hon. T. J. White, of Sacramento, was chosen Speaker of the Assembly, the first ball.

The ceremony of the inauguration of the Governor, Peter, H. Burnett, and the Lieutenant Governor, John McDougal, took place at one o'clock, P. M., on the 10th of December, the American Oath. The oath of office was administered to them by Chief Justice E. H. Dinnick, of the Superior Court. The Governor then delivered his annual address.

The message of the Governor was delivered to both Houses of the Legislature, at 8 M. on the 21st, and ten thousand copies in English, and two thousand in Spanish, were to be printed.

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The Gov. estimates the current expenses of the State for the 1st year at \$500,000. To meet this large sum, the message recommends the immediate imposition of a poll tax, and a tax up in real and personal property, in proportion to its value.

The recommendation that no action be permitted to bring a civil suit in any Court in the State, unless arrears are paid will not be a popular measure.

The Governor also, while he says nothing against Chinese, Kanakors, deloused Chinese, Solymer slaves, and other outsiders coming freely into the State, recommends the *extinction in toto of free negroes*—He thinks that it allowed to immigrate they will form contracts in the southern States for one or more years with their masters, and thus be to all intents and purposes, slaves. We think this objection may easily get over by the State's declaring all such contracts null and void.

The prospects for gold hunters for the next season were considered very flattering. It was thought that a much larger amount would be taken out than was the case last year.

Gold-digging had been mostly suspended for the season, and a great many prospectors flying into the town. Wages of miners were much lower, one from six dollars a day being paid. Men, horses, and mules, were to be had for \$12 to \$15 a day.

Money was worth from 7 to 10 per cent.

A month's wages was lower—carried home on \$200 to \$225 per M. Bricks to be had at 20¢ per piece. Lime \$16 a barrel. Flour at \$1.00 a barrel. Butter per pound \$1.50—Cheese \$1.

Cargo short-hauls were worth \$10 to \$22 per pair at retail; while long-hauls, suitable for San Francisco street navigation, brought from \$50 to \$90 per pair—Seamen's wages for the river and bay, were \$100 a month; foreign voyages, \$100 to \$100.

The Oregon brought to Panama 300 passengers, \$100,000 on her manifest, and more than that amount in the hands of passenger.

PAGE SIX.—At the recent election in Wisconsin, the question of free suffrage was voted up, and decided in the affirmative. The vote showing 4,000 for, 4,000 against it. This establishes the right of every male citizen, of whatever color, over the age of twenty-one years, to vote at all elections in the State.

SMALL BILL.—Mr. Laird, from the Bank Committee, introduced a bill to insure the bank notes of the State, and when it was withdrawn, he started the Alta California new paper, and by the faithful and prudent management of that Journal, has acquired for it, the reputation of being the organ of the democratic party in California, and has made it already, one of the most valuable newspaper properties in the United States. Mr. Gilbert is only about 30 years of age.

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BALANCES OF COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNTS FOR YEARS 1848, 1849, 1850.

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