

Miscellaneous Selections.

Character of Napoleon's Cabinet.

At the head of Napoleon's Cabinet is Odilon Barrot. He holds the portfolio of Minister of Justice. After twenty years steady pursuit of power, he is at last prime minister.

M. Drouyn de Lhuys, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, is a man of more talent but of less sincerity. He was formerly secretary of legation at the Hague and at Madrid, and director of commercial affairs in the bureau of which he is now the chief.

M. Leon Mallevalle, the Minister of the Interior, is one of the lieutenants of M. Thiers, to whose fortunes he has constantly been attached for the dozen years which he has passed in parliamentary life.

M. Falloux, Minister of Public Instruction and Worship, is a legitimist, with Jesuitical blood in his veins. If Henry V. were to be restored, he would be his Minister.

M. Leon Faucher is Minister of Public Works. He was thought of for the portfolio of commerce, but his extreme free trade opinions were an obstacle to that post being conferred to him.

M. Bixio, the Minister of Agriculture and Commerce, is the most liberal and republican man in the Cabinet. He is an Italian by birth, but has long resided in France.

The Minister of the Marine and the Colonies, M. de Tracy, is perhaps best known for his long and earnest endeavors to procure the abolition of capital punishment.

The Department of War is occupied by Gen. Rulhiere, who had the same place in the abortive Cabinet which on the 23d of February was to take the place of that of M. Guizot.

M. Hippolyte Passy takes the supreme direction of the Finances, an office which he held in 1837. He is the only one of the Ministers who does not belong to the Assembly.

Natural History of California.

The following description of California is from the pen of the distinguished traveller and ornithologist J. J. Audubon, and is the result of the personal observation and exploration of the writer, made some time since, before the recent wonderful discoveries.

Although this letter does not particularly describe the precise locality which is now the grand attraction of the gold hunters, it gives information in regard to the general characteristics of the country which is of real importance, and which is likely to be underestimated in the all-absorbing anxiety in regard to the search for the root of all evil.

California is a country of North America, extending along its coast from 22 deg. 48 min. to 42 deg. N. lat., and between 107 deg. and 124 deg. W. Having north the west territories belonging to the United States; east, Mexico and the Gulf of California; and south and west, the North Pa-

cific Ocean. It is naturally divided into Old, or Lower, and New, or Upper California: which, as they differ widely, both as to formation and products, we shall notice separately.

In Lower California, violent hurricanes are frequent, but not earthquakes. Timber is very scarce, and by far the greater portion of the country is incapable of producing a single blade of corn. Cattle feed on the leaves of the Muscheto tree, a species of acacia. Wolves, foxes, deer, goats, several species of snakes, lizards and scorpions, are among the wild animals, and the fertility of the sea, if properly taken advantage of, would make amends for the indomitable barrenness of the land.

Upper California comprises all that extensive portion of North America between latitude 32 deg. and 42 deg. North, and longitude 107 deg. and 124 deg. West. Within these limits it includes the territory discovered by Sir Francis Drake, and named by him New Albion. The part inhabited by European and other foreign settlers is merely a tract extending along the shore of the Pacific, it is about 500 miles long and 40 miles in width; area about 2000 square miles; population in 1831 was 23,000 the territory has been thus divided:

Districts. Pop. in '31. Ch. Towns, Pop. San Francisco - 6,328. San Francisco 371. Monterey - 4,143. Monterey 708. Santa Barbara - 5,293. Santa Barbara 613. San Diego - 7,361. San Diego 1,222.

The San Joaquin and Jesus Maria are both navigable streams, discharging themselves into the Bay of San Francisco. The other streams are mere rivulets, and the general infrequency of rivers and springs is the chief defect of the country, though waters may be obtained in most places, by digging. The climate of California, and indeed of all the country on the west side of the Rocky Mountains, is considerably warmer than that of the country in the East parts of America, in the same latitudes.

The mean temperature at San Francisco is 52° 2, Fahr. Gold has been found in one of the streams falling into the S. Yuba lake. Here is a profusion of forest trees, including oak, elm, ash, birch, planzy, and many varieties of pines. Limestone and clay, and its abundance of vegetable and animal life, and the fertility of some of its districts, it strikingly contrasts with Lower California. Although many fruits are easily cultivated, few are indigenous. Among the wild animals, are the American lion, the American tiger, buffaloes, stags, roes, elks, the wild mountain cat, bears, wolves, jackals, numerous herds of wild cattle, foxes, polecats, otters, beavers, hares, rabbits, and a profusion of other kinds of game. The elk and argali are domesticated. The bison is hunted for its skin, which is used in many parts of Spanish America as a bed or carpet. Birds are exceedingly abundant. The sea contains exhaustless stores.

The Indians are seldom over 5 feet high. They have a timid carriage, are indolent, and without any of the boldness, industry, and activity evinced by the Indians nearer the pole.

The potato thrives in California, as well as all other green pot herbs introduced by Europeans. The olive is produced in great perfection. Cattle, however, have been the staple of the country. Their increase is extraordinary. There are numerous herds running wild. In the neighborhood of the presidios are some ranchos, or national farms, set apart for the soldiery. In November, 1825, the people of Monterey and its vicinity rose, attacked and subdued the garrison, expelled all the Mexican functionaries and troops, declared California independent, and established a Congress of deputies for its future government.—True Sun.

From California—3 Weeks Later.

The New York Herald of Jan. 21st has the following announcement:—

We received, last night, but too late for this day's paper, an extremely interesting correspondence from our agent in California a gentleman who has been a resident there for several years—confirming, in every particular, the accounts which we have hitherto received privately, as well as officially, from this wonderful region. This intelligence is three weeks later than any received in this city. The last news we had, reached down to the 25th of October. This correspondence is dated at Monterey, on November the 16th. We shall publish it to-morrow, at length.

We cannot hesitate to declare that, from the statements made by our correspondent, there are strong reasons for believing that all the government officers now in California are digging for gold, night and day, and that when they leave that country many of them will probably be worth a million of dollars. Governor Mason and all his officers, men, mules, and wagons, with the exception of two or three men who were obliged to remain at Monterey, at headquarters, have been three times at the gold diggings, up the Sacramento, engaged in the most active manner, in collecting the metal, which was found in the greatest abundance. Our correspondent also states that lumps of gold of a pound weight have been frequently found, and pieces can be dug out of the crevices of rocks; that it is the most wonderful country ever yet discovered. In confirmation of these statements, he writes, by a private letter, under his own signature, which, if known, would command the belief of the most incredulous community the sun ever shone upon. We also learn that Col. Stevenson formerly of New York, is figuring wonderfully in California. His regiment is disbanded and the whole of them are now engaged in the gold diggings. Our correspondent is of opinion that should operations go on in the same ratio they have begun, upwards of one hundred millions of dollars will be annually collected in California. We may add that we have received this communication from Monterey, via the City of Mexico, Vera Cruz and New Orleans. The schooner W. E. Collins, Capt. Jarvis, left Vera Cruz on the 3d inst., and arrived on the 11th inst. at New Orleans, whence we received our despatches by mail.

Important from the Gold Region.

Letters to the Government.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21, 1849. The Union of this morning publishes letters from Lieut. Larkin, received at the State Department, and dated Monterey, Nov. 16th. He states that the gold is increasing in size and quality daily. Lieut. Larkin further states that he has examined several pieces of the precious metal weighing from one to two pounds each, and has heard of several lumps being found weighing sixteen pounds each, and of one lump that weighed twenty-five pounds.

Many men who were, comparatively speaking, beggars last June, are now worth twenty thousand dollars, accumulated by digging and trading with the Indians. One hundred dollars is considered an ordinary day's work. From July to October nearly one half of the diggers were sick with fevers, though there had not been many deaths. The Indians trade an ounce of gold dust for a common calico shirt. Others sell it at ten dollars per ounce for specie. The gold region is known to extend three hundred miles and the probability is that it extends to the distance of one thousand miles.

A letter from Com. Jones states that things are in a deplorable condition. Anarchy prevails. Even his officers are disposed to desert for the gold regions. Several petty officers and seamen have already deserted his ship. He says that the Indians are now selling gold dust at fifty cents per ounce.

Additional California News.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 21, 1849. A number of vessels that have arrived lately, have been deserted by captains, cooks, and all hands. The captain of the ship Isaac Walton offered discharged soldiers \$50 per month to go to Callao, but they refused to accept. The captain was finally supplied by government sailors. All the United States vessels at San Francisco and Monterey are short of hands. The United States ship-of-the-line Ohio is one hundred and fifty hands short, and sailors continue to desert at every opportunity.

The populations of Oregon and the Sandwich Islands are rapidly pouring into California. Nearly all the soldiers, and some of the officers of the Third Artillery, have deserted and set out for the gold regions. Provisions are very scarce, and almost any price is paid for them in the currency of the country—gold dust.

Board cannot be obtained for less than four dollars per day. Washing is six dollars per dozen. Merchants' clerks get from two to three thousand dollars per annum.

Exemption from Debt.—The Laws of Wisconsin exempt from execution and sale for debt about \$1,000 worth of personal property, besides a homestead of forty acres, or a town lot not exceeding half an acre, with the improvements on them, to which no value is attached. No fears are apprehended that the law will not work well; although it is said it clears three quarters of the population from all legal responsibility for debt.

MARRIED.

On the 11th of January, by the Rev. Dulis, Mr. Jonathan Knauus, of Allentown, to Miss Foyanna Schaud, of North Whitehall.

On the 18th of January, by the same, Mr. Peter S. Wenner, to Miss Maria E. Cramer, both of Allentown.

On the 13th of January, by the Rev. Mr. Kessler, Ephraim Heft, of Springfield, to Miss Christiana Ritter, of Allentown.

On the 7th of January, by the Rev. Mr. Zeller, Mr. William Hotel, to Miss Christiana Mohr, both of Upper Saucon.

By the Rev. J. W. Richard, on the 3rd instant, Mr. Gottlieb Witman, to Mrs. Catherine Whitesell, both of Bethlehem.

On the 7th of January, by the Rev. Mr. Backs, Mr. Adam Miller, to Miss Margaretha Ernst, both of Allentown.

DIED.

On Tuesday the 15th inst., in Upper-Macony township, of fever, Harriet, wife of Mr. Benjamin Rupp, aged 25 years.

On the 13th of January, in South Whitehall, of croup, Cassiana, daughter of Charles and Abalonia Resh, aged 6 years.

On the same day, in Lowhill, of croup, Owen, infant son of Owen and Susanna Knerr, aged 2 years.

On the 15th inst., in South Whitehall, of croup, James A. J. infant son of James and Anna Caroline Diehl, aged 1 year.

On the 18th inst., in South Whitehall, of inflammation in the bowels, Thomas, infant son of Peter and Dianna Butz, aged 28 days.

On the 19th in Heidelberg, of fever, Senia Matilda, infant daughter, of Elias and Maria Hoffman, aged 6 months.

On the 16th of January, in this Borough, Cettura Levina, infant daughter of Samuel Henn, aged 1 year.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that all claims due the estate of the late Samuel Rank, dec'd, not satisfied on or before the first day of April next, will be put in suit immediately after that time. Circumstances imperative upon the administrators render this course necessary.

JOHN RUNK, Administrators. C. M. RUNK, } Jan. 25. 4-4w

A Frame House For Sale.

A new and convenient one and a half story frame Dwelling House, situated in a pleasant part of the Borough of Allentown. The House is 16 by 24, on a lot 20 feet front by 230 deep.

The terms can be made very accommodating, and the property will be sold very reasonable. For particulars enquire at this Office. Jan. 25. 4-4w

Franklin Fire Insurance Company of Philadelphia.

Statement of the Assets of the Company, on January 1st, 1849, published in conformity with the provisions of the sixth section of the Act of Assembly of April 6th, 1849.

MORTGAGES. Being first Mortgages well secured on real estate, free of ground rent, and are all in the city and county of Philadelphia, except \$49,450 in Bucks, Montgomery, Schuylkill & Alleghany counties, Pennsylvania, also \$7,500 in Ohio, amply secured by real estate in Philadelphia, \$1,047,438 41

REAL ESTATE. Purchased at Sheriff's sales, under mortgage claims, viz: Eight houses and lot, 70 by 150 ft. on the south west corner of Chestnut & Schuylkill Sixth streets. A house and lot, 33 1/2 by 100 feet, No. 467 Chestnut Street. A house and lot, 27 by 81 feet, on the north side of Spruce street west of eleventh street. A house and lot, 21 1/2 by 100 feet, on west side of Penn square, south of High street. Two houses and lots, each 18 by 80 feet, on south side of Spruce street near Schuylkill seventh street. Five houses and lots, each 17 1/2 by 90 feet, Nos. 131, 133, 135, 137, and 139, Dillwyn street. Three houses and lot, 49 by 84 ft. on east side of Schuylkill sixth street, south of Pine street. Four houses and lot, 46 1/2 by 80 feet, on east side of Third street, above Catharine street. A house and lot, 18 by 106 ft. on south side of Filbert street, west of Schuylkill seventh street. A lot of ground 17 by 57 feet, on the north corner of Schuylkill Front and Spruce streets. Hotel and lot, 50 by 81 feet, on the south east corner of Chestnut and Beach streets. Five houses and lot, 42 by 86 feet, on the north side of George street, west of Ashton street. Seven houses and lots, 26 by 117 feet, on the east side of Reach street, south of Chestnut street. A house and lot, 18 by 80 feet, No. 96, Fitzwater street, east of Ninth streets.

At Cost \$94,724 83

LOANS. Temporary Loans on collateral securities, amply secured. 90,001 85

STOCKS. \$5,000 United States 5 per cent. (interest on) \$10,000 Alms' House Loan, 5 per cent. (interest on) 200 shares Bank of Kentucky. 17 do. North Bank of Penn. 10 do. Union Bk. of Tenn. 13 do. Insurance company of state of Penn. 200 do. Southwark Railroad Company. 37 do. Commercial & Rail Road Bk. of Vicksburg. 91 do. Franklin Fire Insurance Company. 6 do. Mercantile Library Company. 5 do. Union Canal Comp. 90 do. North America Coal Company. \$500 North American Coal Loan. Cash on hand, \$17,021 05. Cash in hands of Agents, 12,618 53. 29,639 58. Notes and Bills receivable, 7,481 75. Unsettled Policies, 1,270 25. Merchandise, 413 84. Total, \$1,328,492 71

By Order of the Board, CHARLES N. BANCKER, President. CHARLES G. BANCKER, Secretary. January 25. 4-1w

Public Sale.

On Thursday the 8th of February next, at 12 o'clock at noon, at the Store of the undersigned at the first Lock, on the Lehigh canal above the bridge, in Hanover township, Lehigh county, the following personal property to wit:

One Horse, one Sow, one cutting box, two hundred bundles of straw, two bedsteads and bedding, a new cooking stove for wood and coal, chairs and benches, a number of empty barrels, lamps for oil, fluid and camphine. LIKEWISE, After the above articles are disposed of, a general assortment of Store Goods consisting of calicoes, checks, gingham, pantaloons, stiffs, flannels, handkerchiefs, and a number of violins, &c.

The conditions will be made known on the day of sale, and due attendance given by WILLIAM D. RITTER. Jan. 25. 4-2w

Assignee Notice.

Notice is hereby given, that George S. Xander, and his wife Eliza, of North Whitehall township, Lehigh county, have made a voluntary assignment, of all their property, real, personal and mixed, to the undersigned for the benefit of their creditors. Such, therefore, who are in anywise indebted to the said George S. Xander, are immediately called upon to make settlement. And those who have claims, will present them well authenticated to the undersigned.

MICHAEL WOODRING, Assignee. ELIAS LEXTZ, } Jan. 25. 4-6w

Gum Shoes, Gum Shoes.

Just received a very large assortment of Ladies', Gentlemen and Children's Gum Shoes, at prices from 50 cents to \$1.37, for sale at the store of LOCHMAN & BROTHER. January 11. 4-4w

Lamps, Lamps, Lamps.

Just received a splendid lot of Candle-lamp, Lamp and Fluid Lamps, which will be sold cheap by LOCHMAN & BROTHER. January 11. 4-4w

Frederick Bohlen, In Allentown.

Respectfully informs his friends and the public in general, that he still continues the above business in all its various branches, at his stand, one door south of Dillinger & Craig's Dry Goods Store, in Allentown, where he will also manufacture to order all kinds of

SCALES for Druggists, Grocers, and other branches, warranted to be strictly accurate, finished in the most splendid manner. He also manufactures all kinds of Locks, Door-plates, Door-knockers, and every other article in his line.

Repairing of Locks, Lamps, in short every thing in Steel, Iron, Brass or Copper, can be repaired at the shortest notice and on the most reasonable terms. Mr. BOHLEN trusts through punctual attendance to business and moderate charges, he will be able to gain a large share of public patronage, for which he will ever be thankful. Allentown, December 21. 4-1m

NOTICE

Is hereby given, that the undersigned has been appointed Executor of the Estate of George Bick, dec'd., late of Upper Millford township, Lehigh county. Therefore all persons who are indebted to said estate, will please to make settlement, between now and the first day of March next, and also all persons having claims against said estate, will please to present them within said specified time. FREDERICK SIGMUND, Executor. Residing at Sally Ann Furnace, Berks county. Jan. 15. 4-6w

Blacksmith Wanted.

A sober and industrious Blacksmith—married or single, can find a good situation, by applying to the undersigned at the "Lehigh Furnace" in Washington township, Lehigh county. The situation is a permanent one. BENJAMIN S. LEVAN. Jan. 18. 4-4w

NOTICE.

The Partnership of the late firm of SEAFRIDGE & WILSON, having been dissolved, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said firm, either by note, book account or otherwise, to make payment to the undersigned, surviving partner of said firm, (who is the only person authorized to settle the accounts) between now and the first of March next, as all notes, accounts, &c. remaining unpaid after that time, will be placed in the hands of a magistrate for collection. All persons having claims against said firm will present them to the undersigned for settlement in the above specified time. The subscriber is always to be found at his residence a few doors below Stettler and George's Confectionary establishment. THOMAS E. WILSON. January 11. 4-6w

Great National Exhibition, AT FRANKLIN HALL, No. 50 North Sixth Street, Philadelphia.

For a short time only:—SHERMAN & TOUSEY'S PANORAMA OF MEXICO—THE GREATEST PAINTING IN THE WORLD, covering 19,000 feet of canvass! It shows in the most perfect manner the towns, cities, mountains, rivers, ranches, plantations, domestic animals, grain fields of Mexico, habits of the Mexicans, character and scenery of the country, together with the movements of the army under Taylor, with their marches, encampments, battles, fording of rivers, trains of pack mules, and all the interesting scenery and incidents of the campaign, from Corpus Christi to Buena Vista; the whole forming the most amusing and instructive exhibition ever in the city. The Sketches were taken from nature by one of Gen. Taylor's officers, and are correct as life. It was visited by over 100,000 persons in New York, (having been exhibited there for several months in succession) among whom were the clergy, judges, and the most fashionable people of the city. Tickets 25 cents; Children half-price. Doors open every night, until further notice, at 6 o'clock. Panorama commences moving at 7 o'clock precisely. An Explanatory Lecture is given at each exhibition. Afternoon Exhibitions at 3 o'clock. Cut this advertisement out and put it in your pocket. Remember the place, Franklin Hall, No. 50 North Sixth Street, near Arch. Jan. 18. 4-5w

Allentown Letter List.

George Acker, Henry Brobst, Solomon Butz, Mr. Bous, druggist, Miss Rebecca Beers, Lewis Bass, William Davis, John A. Erich, Angeline Egner, Frederick Eberhard, Abraham Gangwere, Anna Geho, Geo. Good, Wm. Hittle, Jr., Ann Johnson, Owen Keuper, Maria Kemmerer, Martin Kemmerer, Sarah Knauus, Polly Lautgries, Richard Lewis, J. & J. S. Miller, Paul Nonnemecher, Henry Reichard, Henrietta Smith, Charles Smith, Mers. Sensaman & Allison, John Swartz, Miss Sarah A. Timney, Samuel Wertz, Aaron Wenner, Miss Ann Wyath, Miss Esther Yoho, Charles F. Young, John Yost, August Kuhns. E. R. NEUWARD, R. M. Jan. 7. 4-1w

ENGLISH & GERMAN JOB PRINTING.

Of every description; neatly executed at the Office of the "Register." January 4. 4-4w

Prices Current.

Table with columns: ARTICLES, Per, Allentown, Easton, Philadelphia. Rows include Flour, Wheat, Rye, Corn, Oats, Buckwheat, Flaxseed, Cloverseed, Timothy-seed, Potatoes, Salt, Butter, Lard, Tallow, Beeswax, Ham, Lard, Flour, Eggs, Rye Whiskey, Apple Whiskey, Linseed Oil, Hickory Wood, Oak Wood, Egg Coal, Nut Coal, Lump Coal, Plaster.

INDEMNITY.

THE FRANKLIN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY of Philadelphia.

OFFICE, No. 163 1/2 CHESTNUT STREET, near Fifth street. Directors: Charles N. Bancker, Geo. W. Richards, Thomas Hart, Mord. L. Lewis, Tobias Wagner, Adolp. E. Borie, Samuel Grant, David S. Brown, Jacob R. Smith, Morris Patterson. CONTINUED to make Insurance, permanent and limited, on every description of property, in town and country, at rates as low as are consistent with security.

The Company have reserved a large Contingent Fund, which with their Capital and Premiums, safely invested, afford ample protection to the assured.

The assets of the company, on January 1st, 1848, as published agreeably to an Act of Assembly, were as follows, viz:

Table with columns: Real Estate, Temporary Loans, Stocks, Cash, &c., and amounts.

Since their incorporation, a period of eighteen years, they have paid upwards of one million, two hundred thousand dollars, losses by fire, thereby affording evidence of the advantages of insurance, as well as the ability and disposition to meet with promptness, all liabilities.

CHARLES N. BANCKER, President. CHARLES G. BANCKER, Sec'y.

The Subscribers are the appointed Agents of the above mentioned Institution, and are now prepared to make insurances on every description of property, at the lowest rates.

AUGUSTUS L. RUHE, Allentown. C. F. BLECK, Bethlehem. Allentown, June 13, 1848. 4-1y

New Millener & Dressmaker In Coopersburg.

Miss Susan Schaffer, Takes pleasure to inform her old customers, and the public in general, that she still continues the Milliner and Mantua-making business in all its various branches, in the village of Coopersburg, Lehigh county. She has lately returned from Philadelphia, with a beautiful assortment of the newest and most fashionable style of

LADIES BONNETS,

such as Silk, Silk Velvet, Satin, Plush, &c., of all colors, styles and prices, a large variety of Ribbons, French and American Artificials, Caps of all kinds, comprising mourning and others, made in the newest style, all of which will be disposed of at the very lowest terms. Cloaks, Dresses, and Mantillas, will be made in the latest fashionable styles and in the neatest and most expeditious manner. She has also made arrangements to receive the monthly Fashions from Philadelphia, both in the Dress-making as well as Millinery branch of the business. Repairing and shaping of old bonnets and dresses will be done at the shortest notice, and in the most fashionable style. Miss Schaffer returns her sincere thanks for the liberal patronage hitherto extended to her, and trusts her moderate charges will gain her many new customers, and a continuance of the old ones. Dec. 21. 4-2m

Now is Your Time to Buy Cheap Iron and Hardware, Barber & Young,

Respectfully inform their friends and the public in general, that they are determined to sell their large stock of Iron just received comprising among others

50 Tons English Iron, such as Squares and Round. All sizes of Wagon-tire, which will be sold at 2 1/2 cents a pound, and for Cast at 2 1/2 cents. Hammered at 4 cents, and all sizes American rolled very cheap.

25 Blacksmith Anvils, of the best kind and warranted, at 1 1/2 cents a pound. A lot of Horse Nail Rods, the best in the United States, warranted.

ALSO—Cast, Sheet, Blister and Spring Steel, will be sold at extraordinary low prices, together with a very extensive assortment of

HARDWARE, Saddlery, Coach Trimmings, &c. Mechanics Tools, such as Planes, Saws, and all other kinds of Tools, which will be sold at lower rates, than any other house in the United States.

Thankful for past favors; they have received from a generous public, they trust that through punctual attendance to business and small profits, they will be able to gain a still more extensive patronage. January 4. 4-4w