

Apportionment of Member of Congress.

This object now occupies the attention of the House of Representatives at Washington. A motion to fix the ratio at 50,123 has been adopted. This will give a house somewhat larger than the present one.

Considerable debate has arisen concerning the representation of large fractions. The principle of representing them has always been acted on in Pennsylvania. It is somewhat surprising that it has never been adopted by Congress: It seems manifestly unjust that a fraction in any state amounting to within a small number of the ratio agreed on, should go entirely unrepresented for ten years. It would be evidently more fair that any fraction exceeding half the ratio should be entitled to a member. It is difficult to make the representation perfectly equal, but this mode would render it more equal, than that of leaving the fraction unrepresented.

Another proposition which appears perfectly fair, is that if a state has a fraction of one-half the ratio, it shall be entitled to an additional member for the last five years out of the ten for which the apportionment is made, and so in proportion for any greater or less fraction.

METHODIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The annual election for officers of this Society was held in New York last week, when Bishop Roberts, was re-elected President, Rev. George Lane, Treasurer, and Francis Hall, Esq., Recording Secretary. The managers remain pretty much as they were last year. The operations of this Society from its commencement have been very extensive and eminently successful. The South American Missions have been suspended, and reductions have been made in numerous other Foreign Missions. The appropriations for the past year, amounted to \$112,000, as follows:—

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| Domestic Missions, | \$70,000 |
| Liberia Missions, | 22,000 |
| Oregon do | 10,000 |
| Buenos Ayres do | 5,000 |
| Rio Janeiro do | 2,500 |
| Montevideo do | 2,500 |

Awful Casualty.—Twenty Persons Drowned.—The Boston papers record a melancholy disaster which occurred in that city on Friday last, by which distressing circumstance twenty persons in the full vigor and buoyance of youth were hurried swiftly into eternity.

About 9 o'clock, A. M., on Friday, the day being fine, twenty-four of the Boys of the "Farin School" on Thompson's Island obtained permission of the Superintendent to go a fishing excursion down the outer harbor in the Scoot boat, accompanied by one of the teachers, in whose judgment and discretion the utmost reliance could be placed. They had a fine time of it, and remained out until about three o'clock, when they started for home, in the full glow of youthful hilarity. At about 4 o'clock, when between Thomson's Island and Fort Independence, the boat was struck by a flaw of wind, and suddenly upset.

When the boat went, a box rolled out, and four boys clung to it and kept up, until they were taken off by the schooner H. B. Foster, Capt. Foster, which happened to be beating up, and fortunately desisted them.

Captain Foster landed them at Topliff's boat house about four o'clock in the afternoon.

IMPORTANT FROM MEXICO.

By the arrival of the British mail steamer Medway, which arrived at New York on Friday, the editors of the New York Herald have received the following important intelligence from Mexico by private correspondence.

Santa Anna has at length positively procured a loan in London, to the amount of £8,000,000 sterling, for a period of fourteen years, without the payment of any annual interest, until the period of reimbursement, when the holders of the stock will receive \$140 for \$100, out and out. The agents for this loan are James Morrison & Co., of London. The British Government becomes the guarantee for its repayment to the English stockholders, and in consideration thereof, all English manufacturers are to be admitted into Vera Cruz and other ports of Mexico, at a nominal duty, for the same period at which the loan is taken.

We further learn that it is the intention of the Mexican government, as soon as they shall have received steamships, muskets, and other munitions of war from England, and brought to them under the Eng-

lish flag, the proceeds of their loan, that a terrible invasion of Texas will be both by sea and land, and that a number of British navy and army officers will be engaged to lead their troops to battle.

It is stated in some of the Baltimore papers that one of the firemen of the Medora, has confessed that he changed the weights on the safety valve of the engine, in order to show off the power of the boat.

The Steam Canal boat Black Hawk started this morning for Lockport. This boat is propelled by a paddle wheel fixed at the stern; and from all appearance will undoubtedly answer the purpose, there being scarcely any more well occasioned, than by the usual manner of towing by horses. [Buffalo dem. Economist April 22.]

At a down-cast tea-total society, composed of young ladies of 'certain ages,' it has been decided that hissing is intoxicating, and the members of that society are not allowed to indulge in that delicious amusement.

Up to the first of April, the number of applicants for the bankrupt law, in the U. States, was 6, 533, six of whom were females. The latter are said to possess five personal estates."

Hard Times.—Boston and Fashion are to run for \$20,000 at the Long Island race course, on the 16th of May.

RUM AT HIS WORK.

A fire occurred in Louisville, Kentucky on the 16th inst by which a number of houses were destroyed, and one man burned to death. A man named Patton was stabbed by another named McLaughlin, who was in liquor, and was supposed to be the incendiary.

In Albany, on Monday, a man named Burk, chopped his wife to pieces with an axe, while under the influence of rum.

The Ohio Old School Republican states that Bear the, Buckeye Blacksmith, is about to resign his Indian agency, and commence stamping it for Clay.

A petition for the pardon of Benjamin Rathbun now confined in the State Prison at Sing Sing, signed by the most respectable citizens of western New York, and majority of the members of the New York Legislature has been presented to Gov. Seward.

The amount of British manufactures annually imported from England, amount to \$50,000,000, and all of this is paid in specie.

Highway Robbery.—A. F. Clark Esq., was knocked down in one of the streets of Boston a day or two since, and robbed of a gold watch.

Has Been Rendered.—By a jury New York, a verdict against Wm. M. Price, for \$63,000, as the amount of his defalcation to the United States.

The Arena gives the following as the New York fashion:—Brides walk on the Battery in the morning—those who wish to be, in the afternoon—those who ought to be in the evening.

To be Executed.—James Rice has received his death warrant, and will be executed within the walls of the jail, in Bedford, Pa; on the 17th of June next.

Columbia Railroad.—It is stated that the expenses on the Philadelphia and Columbia Railroad, this year, will be one half less than last year.

A horse, cart and man, with thirty bushels of potatoes, went off of a wharf in Baltimore, last week, into the bay. The horse, cart and man got out, but the potatoes, poor things! sunk.

A house in Clements, N.S. was destroyed by fire on the 19th inst. and three children—the eldest 11 and the youngest 2 years of age—perished in the flames. The owner of the house was absent on business, and his wife had gone to a meeting two miles distant.

Holmes, one of crew of the ill-fated William Brown, has been found guilty of man-slaughter on the high seas, by a jury and recommended to mercy.

The Council of Wheeling, Va. have declared against licensing houses for the sale of ardent spirits.

The National Intelligencer says:—that an offer had been made to the Government, at par, and otherwise favorable terms, for a considerable part of the U. S. Loan lately authorized by an act of Congress.

THE ARFOHAN WAR.—Up to 1835, this war had cost the British Government \$60,000,000.—Since then, it has cost \$15,000,000 annually.

The Mississippi Legislature have passed a law repealing every part of law which gives to towms and villages the power to license drinking.

Rebellion.—We copy the following from an article in the Morgantown (Va.) Republican. It shows a bad state of things.

"We are told that in the adjoining county of Harrison, the deputy sheriff's house was thrown up, and gave notice to the High Sheriff that they will no longer act and that in the lower end of the same county, the people met to the number of four hundred or more, and passed resolutions that during the present state of affairs, they would resist the collection of all debts by the officer of the law. They entered into an arrangement to chastise and ride upon a rail, any man who would attend a sale of executed property for the purpose of bidding for it, and a number of other resolutions of the same import & bearing."

About to be Settled.—The Maine Boundary Question. It is proposed by the British Government to purchase the whole tract in dispute, and to pay for it according to an appraisement by competent Commissioners appointed for such a purpose. From \$1,000,000 to \$2,500,000 are named, or some sum between these, as the probable amount. This proposition has been submitted by the Secretary of State to the Governors of Maine and Massachusetts, and the negotiators at Washington are only waiting for action of the State authorities.

The Creole Negroes Set at Liberty. By an arrival at Wilmington, N. C. we have been favored with the perusal of the following letter:

NASSAU, N. P. April 13, 1842.

A special session of the Admiralty Court convened this day to hear the charge of Piracy against the 17 negroes imprisoned from the 'Creole.' The Attorney General made his motion for delay of trial on the ground that it was impossible to obtain the necessary evidence here, and offered for the perusal of the Court a number of affidavits of the captain, mate and crew and passengers of the Creole showing that sufficient evidence could be procured from the United States, if time was allowed. After examination of the testimony offered, the Court replied, that were the captain crew and passengers, as set forth in the affidavits here present to testify in this case, they should consider them as not entitled to belief or credit and should charge the jury to that effect and that no evidence could be procured to convict the prisoners, for they were perfectly justified in the course pursued on board the Creole and were now about to be set free.

The Chief Justice then addressed the negroes something in this style. It has pleased God to set you free from the bonds of slavery, may you hereafter live the life of good and faithful subjects of her Majesty's Government. They were then set at liberty by Proclamation.

The ship 'James Power' arrived here from Baltimore on the 11th inst. The vessel was the Clarion remains as first reported; the boilers and rigging have not as yet been saved.—N. Y. Express.

We find the following in the Philadelphia 'Ledger.' How amusing it must have been to see the gentleman pick his teeth after his delicious dessert:

A gentleman in New Orleans, having played an April trick upon his wife in the morning, was served up in fine style at dinner. 'He is noted for his partiality for 'fritters' as light desert, and on this occasion, after he had tried for ten minutes to chew one, nicely 'sauced over' and 'fried brown,' he found they were made of the layers of cotton that had been dipped in butter.' We call that doing him brown.

The Grain crops, all the country over are described as foretoking an abundant harvest.

The Weather.—Within a week past we have had all sorts of weather that can be found between the torrid and frigid zones. Rain, hail, snow, heat, cold and frosts, have each paid us a visit in turn. It is feared that the fruit has been injured.

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A Numerous Force.—The pocket of London numbered; on the 1st of January, 1842, four thousand, four hundred and fourteen.

Large Egg.—An eastern paper tells of an egg laid by a species of hen imported from France, and describes the egg as nine inches round in the longest way, and seven the other.

We are gratified to learn that our friend Lt. Col. NEAL McCAY, is a candidate for the office of COLONEL in the 46th Regiment. He is a good officer, and we hope he will be elected, as he well deserves to be hoisted a peg higher.

OBITUARY.

DIED.—At the residence of his son in Woodville, Luzerne county, on the 23d ult, RUFUS BENNETT, an old soldier of the Revolution and one of the relics of the fatal bloody battle that resulted so disastrously to the Wyoming colony. At the time of the massacre Mr. Bennett was 18, at his death about 82 years old. His remains were buried with military honors by the citizens soldiers of Wyoming.

BLOOMSBURG ARTILLERY. The members of this company will meet at the house of Charles Doebler in Bloomsburg on Saturday the 7th day of May inst. at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, in complete uniform for military exercise and drill. H. WEBB, Captain.

COLONEL. We have been requested to announce BENJAMIN P. FORTNER, as a candidate at the election in June, for the office of COLONEL of the 71st Regiment P. M.

We are requested to announce, that Lt. Col. MICHAEL R. HOWER, will be a candidate for the office of COLONEL of the 71st Regiment, P. M. at the ensuing June election.

We are requested to announce that Major ANDREW CRIVLING, will be a candidate for the office of LIEUTENANT COLONEL of the 71st Regiment, P. M. at the ensuing June election.

BRIGADE INSPECTOR. We are authorized to announce, Capt. JOHN FOSTER of Union County, as a Candidate for the office of BRIGADE INSPECTOR, at the June election.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

BY virtue of a writ of fieri facias to me directed, will be exposed to public sale at the Court House in Danville, on Monday, the 30th day of May next, at 10 o'clock, A. M. the following property, viz:

One Fifth Part of ten acres of land, situated in Derry township, in Columbia county, bounded by lands of Robert McCoy, Moser and others.

ALSO, The undivided One Fifth Part of two and a half acres of land in the same township, and adjoining lands of John Siddle, Frederick Switzer, and others, all cleared and in meadow. Seized, taken in execution, and to be sold as the property of Andrew B. Cummings.

JOHN FRUIT, Sheriff, Danville, April 29, 1842.

Public Sale.

IN pursuance of an order of the Orphans' Court of this county, on

Thursday the 23th day of May, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, William J. Under administrator, &c. of JACOB ALE, late of Mount Pleasant township, in said county, deceased, will expose to sale by public vendue, upon the premises

Forty Acres of the north end of a certain tract of land situate in Mount Pleasant adjoining Daniel Force, Daniel McCoy, Edward Cavence and William Isler, containing 90 acres, about 40 acres of cleared land on the premises but no buildings, late the estate of said deceased, situate in the township of Mount Pleasant and county aforesaid.

JACOB EYERLY, Clerk. Danville, May 4, 1842.

MILITARY NOTICE.

The 71st Regiment, 1st Brigade, 8th Division Pennsylvania Militia, will meet as follows for parade and inspection:—

The Volunteer Rifle Company, commanded by Captain Staley, the militia companies commanded by Captains Patterson, Stucker and Campbell, will meet at Rhoadsburg, on Friday, the 23th day of May next, at 10 o'clock, A. M., equip according to law.

The other companies of the 1st Battalion, to wit: Volunteers, Captains Swaby, Webb and Hezlet, and militia, Captains Yost, Dewitt, Bellman and Stauffer, with their respective companies, will meet at Bloomsburg, on Saturday, the 21st of May.

The 2d Battalion will meet at Cattawissa, on Monday, the 23d day of May, and the Volunteer companies attached thereto, to meet at the same time and place.

M. McDOWELL, Col. April 11, 1842.

A NEW VOLUME MAY 1st, 1842. THE SATURDAY POST A FAMILY SHEET.

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A new volume of the popular family newspaper, Saturday Evening Post, will be commenced on the 1st of May, 1842, beautifully printed on the finest white paper. The Post is the oldest and best established paper in the Union, having already got to the commencement of the

23d Volume. While scores of papers which have been started in the last twenty three years, have passed away forever, the Post still maintains its proud position in point of circulation and profit, at the head of the family newspapers of the day.

The great size of the paper, enables the proprietors to give a great variety of original and selected matter that can be found in contemporary sheets. The paper has been greatly

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- Longfellow's 'Fables,' J. Milton Sinden, author of 'The Broken Marchant' of 'The Man in Valley,' and other Temperance & American Stories.
- Lucy M. Sigourney
- Professor J. H. Ingraham E. W. Thomas, author of 'Lullaby,' 'The Children of Brackshaw,' &c. &c.
- Howard Pinkney
- James E. Dow, author of 'O. Theresa Clarke the Log of Old Iron-Mine & Estelle's tales,' &c. &c.
- John G. Whittier
- Levi Fitzgerald Passtro, M.D.
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- Lydia Jane Pierce, Mrs. Ann S. Stephens
- Theo. S. Fay, J. T. S. Sullivan
- George P. Morris, Mrs. D. C. Steadman
- Francis S. Osgood, Mrs. Caroline Fee Montz
- Alfred B. Street, William Wallace

The publishers have made an arrangement, in addition for a

Original Novel. from the pen of H. W. Herbert, Esq. author of 'Cromwell,' 'The Euthera,' &c. which they have been publishing for sometime past. The name of this novel is laid in America—the subject is the Buccaneers. Such an opportunity to subscribe should not be lost.

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Also—PAINT, SASH and HEARTH STONES. Orders for Stone can be left with D. GROSS, who will act as Agent during our absence.

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