





## NEWS DEPARTMENT.

**Fire.**—The dwelling house of Mr. John Sinclair of Waterborough, was destroyed by fire on Saturday last. The fire was communicated to the roof probably by a spark from the chimney. There were none present at the time, but Mrs. S. and her little children. She, however, with manly courage ascended the roof, and spread a wet coverlet over the fire; this did not quench the raging element. She sent her oldest child for assistance, and renewed her exertions, to "put out the fire" in the chamber. Failing in every effort to subdue her oppressive foe, she changed her plan, and commenced removing articles of value from the chamber. In this engagement she like to have continued too long, having scarcely descended the stairs when the roof fell in. When help arrived she was removing pork, &c. from the cellar, and a child, about four years old, we are informed, was seen with its little hands fast clutched hold of a feather bed, pulling with its might to secure it from the flames. The principal part of the household furniture was saved, but a loss of corn, rye, potatoes, &c. was suffered.

**State of the Atmosphere.**—The weather for several days past has been unusually warm for the season. The farmers around us are forward in their agricultural business. The spring has spread a beautiful aspect over the face of creation, but unless we are soon favored with refreshing rain, vegetation must suffer. The surface of the earth has already become very dry. Our streets have rarely been so dusty in mid-summer as they are at the present time.

### TO PATRONS:

It is proposed to publish, in a series of numbers, at opportunity and room shall be presented, an Exposition of the 24th chapter of "The Gospel according to St. Matthew, and other scriptures, which relate to the destruction of Jerusalem, and its celebrated temple. A narrative, in miniature, of the calamities which befell the Jews, so far as they tend to verify the predictions of our Saviour, relative to that event, will also be included.

The whole will be calculated, not only to furnish evidences of the fulfilment of the prophecies, but will also exhibit an incontestable proof of the divine origin of Christianity.—No. 1. will probably appear in the next paper. In this number we shall give a description of Jerusalem and the temple, at the time our Lord prophesied of their utter destruction, Mat. 24: 2.

Two or three short notices under the head *Miscellany* in the News Department, were selected and placed in the form during the absence of the Editor, which by some may be considered too crude. In managing our paper it will be our principal endeavor to "watch and be sober." We ask for all the forbearance, when such little contingencies may happen in consequence of such circumstances. Editor.

The Editor feels grateful to several correspondents for the aid which they have granted him in forwarding their respective communications. A continuance of such favors is desirable, and will be duly acknowledged. "Philanthropos" and "Observer" are received, and will probably appear in our next.

### SELECTED.

**New Article of Export.**—Five hundred Bibles have been sold in the Mexican market at wholesale for \$2,500! Five hundred Bibles sold readily at a profit of more than 400 per cent., and apparently an unlimited demand existed for more!

**Emancipation.**—The venerable David Shirrer, one of the oldest and most respectable inhabitants of Frederick county, Maryland, who died in January last, ordered by will, that all his slaves, exceeding thirty in number, should be emancipated, and that proper provisions should be made for the comfortable support of the infirm and aged, and for the instruction of the young in reading, writing, and arithmetic, and some other trade by which they might acquire, more readily, the means of support.

**Coiners/locks.**—On the 6th of April, a gang of counterfeiters were apprehended in Kentucky, in a rock house or cave. Three were taken in the cave, engaged at work, and two others were apprehended outside. Nearly a horse load of implements for coining money were found concealed in the cave, and a quantity of spurious gold and silver, such as doubloons, half eagles, and dollars. The dollars are calculated to deceive good judges. The coins and stamps are all Spanish, except the half eagles. The doubloons are dated 1820, with the letter S, and the figure 8. The half eagles dated 1807. The dollars 1816, 1820, 21 and 22. The establishment is only a branch of some other, as the money found, on comparing it with the stamps, was not made in the cave, but extensive arrangements were making to commence. The persons found in the cave were Henry D. Cook of Richmond, Ken. Sam'l Eaton, and Jeremiah Jones, of Paoli, Indiana, Elisha Harrison, and David M'Alexander, of Richmond county, taken outside the cave, were discharged by the court. Eaton and Jones were sent to prison. Cook pretended to be very sick, and from some lenity shown him, made his escape.

**Salary Regulation.**—A law has lately passed the Legislature of New York, providing that the salary of travellers, land and by water, which among other things, imposes a penalty of \$20 on any driver of a stage, coach, wagon, or carriage of any description carrying passengers for hire, who shall willfully run the horses, or cause the carriage to be upset, or who in attempting to pass any other stage, coach, &c. shall, through negligence or unskillfulness, occasion any fright to the horses, &c.—a penalty of \$10 upon any driver who shall not have obtained a license granted by justice of the peace, and the same penalty upon every owner of such stage, &c. that shall employ a driver without such license.

**Extraordinary Suicide.**—We have this week to record one of the most extraordinary instances of self-murder that ever, in the course of our editorial career, came under our observation.—Indeed we doubt whether a similar instance can be found on record. The case we allude to is that of a lad, but twelve years of age, (son of Mr. John Steel of this city,) who deliberately put a period to his existence, on Thursday last by hanging himself! The particulars of this tragical affair, as they have come to our knowledge, are briefly these.—About 11 o'clock he was observed to pass through the house and enter the chamber; but no suspicion being entertained of his designs at the time, he was suffered to remain all dinner time, when his little sister was sent to call him. Not finding him in the chamber, she went into the garret where he was discovered hanging by the neck, dead. He had secured a rope-yarn to a beam in the garret; fixed a noose around his neck, and springing from a box upon which he had stood, launched himself into eternity. When found, his knees nearly reached the floor; his neck was broken. All the circumstances of the case conspire to prove that he went deliberately to work, with the settled purpose of destroying himself.

Harford Paper.

A French slave ship lately arrived at Porto Rico, and sold her slaves to the planters for notes, payable at a future day. The notes were given at 50 per cent. discount, which led to a suspicion that there was something wrong. The master sold his notes, and went with his ship to St. Thomas. In the mean time the truth came out, and the officers and crew were arrested, and were to be executed. It appears they had murdered the original officers with the exception of the second mate, on the voyage from Africa, and when in sight of Porto Rico, they murdered the second mate and then appointed new officers.

**Military School.**—A new school has been established by Captain G. Pennock, at Rutland, Vermont, on a foundation similar to that of Captain Partridge's flourishing seminary.

**New York.**—The New York Legislature adjourned on the 18th ult. after a session of 106 days, having enacted 321 laws, chiefly of a local nature.

A nix has been presented to the Legislature of New-York, for "compelling the attendance of Witnesses, before Ecclesiastical judicatories, in certain cases."—The bill passed the Senate, but was lost in the house, by a large majority. This is as it should be.

**Expenses of Great Britain.**—The appropriations made for the support of the Military Naval establishment of Great Britain for the current year, are for the army 7,747,000; for the navy 6,195,000; for the ordnance, 1,754,000; and 2,800,000; for the half pay; making an aggregate of 19,496,000, or nearly eighty two millions of dollars. Among the miscellaneous appropriations for the year, we notice the following: For the expenses of officers of the House of Lords and Commons; for printing acts of Parliament, bills of law, 109,224; for the stationery, &c. 102,000; for printing the records of the kingdom for the present year, 7,500; for preparing an index to twenty volumes of the journals of the House of Commons, 10,180; for secret services 56,000.

We have understood that Mr. Kiso, in consequence of his ill health, has determined to resign his mission to England, and to ask leave to return to the United States. We have also understood that his request has been acceded to, and that he is expected to take his departure from England during the next month.

*Be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of Man cometh.*

On Saturday afternoon, says Zion's Herald, a boat on an excursion of pleasure, was capsized by a sudden gust of wind off Point Shirley, in this harbor, and we are sorry to state, that David Batten, Jas. Gilson, William Stacey, and Charles James were drowned.—We understand that they were all stone cutters, in the employment of the Boston Soap Stone Manufacturing Company. There were five persons in the boat; the one saved is David Hill, who was picked up by Mr. Tewksbury, who went to their relief. They were very steady and industrious men, and we understand have left many relatives and friends to mourn their loss.

The citizens of Albany have applied to have that place made a port of entry. Yesterday week although the canal was only partially opened.

Extract of a letter dated St. Jago de Cuba, April 10th: "There is a large expedition fitting out at this place, for the purpose of blockading Carthage; it consists of two line of battle ships, seven frigates, and as many more small vessels.

Mr. Barton, of Missouri, stated that between 40 and 50,000 dollars were lost or in danger of being lost to the U. States by the default of the late surveyor general of that state—that the further sum of \$102,000, the proceeds of the sale of public land, and that with the last, the people of the U. States had been defrauded of nearly \$500,000 within the limits of Missouri, by the infidelity of public officers.—Gazette of Maine.

**Steam Boat Explosion.**—The steam boat Susquehannah and Baltimore, burst her boiler on the 3d inst. in attempting to ascend the Nescopeck Falls, near Berwick, on the Susquehannah. The engineer was badly scalded as to be completely skinned. Nine others are severely scalded and three were missing, supposed to have been killed.

A Mexican Mining Company has been incorporated in New-York. Capital \$1,600,000. A subscription for \$500,000 stock, was opened in N. Y. on the 16th inst. The mines are agreed-for through our minister at Mexico.

**Shakers.**—Mrs. Dyer, so well known as a defamer of the Shakers, is preparing for the press a second edition of her portrait of Shakerism, in which she intends to introduce a new body of testimony against the morals of that sect. A circular has been sent out at New Lebanon, N. Y. exposing the character of the Shakers, in that village.—*Masonic Mirror.*

A writer in the New-York Commercial Advertiser states that the grave of Commodore Perry, at Trinidad, remains without a stone or even a stake to guide those of his countrymen who may visit that place, to a spot where their patriotic feelings would so naturally direct them; and that one only of the inhabitants can guide a stranger thither!

The plan of colonizing converted Jews in this country having failed, it is in contemplation so to alter the constitution of the American Jews, which shall permit the expenditure of the funds of the Society for other purposes than their colonization.

**The Pope alarmed.**—Our readers, says the Western Recorder, will recollect that the Roman Catholic Jubilee was mentioned last year, as being but indifferently attended; and will not be surprised to learn that the Pope has become alarmed about the inroads which are making in his spiritual dominions by the dissemination of Christian knowledge. A letter from Rome, dated January last, and published in a notice of the English Mission, contains a notice of the Pope's Bull, which was issued at the termination of the Jubilee. The following remarkable language is found in the Bull:

"Above all, use the greatest vigilance, and most persevering care, that you may expel from among your flocks, so many impious, impure, and pestiferous books, which the infernal enemy of human nature has poured forth on all sides with incredible inundation. It is extremely afflicting to all good men to see, that this pestilence of books not only perverts manners, but even saps the foundation of faith, and injures and overturns the dogmas of our holy religion."

The passage we presume, has special reference to the circulation of Bibles and tracts; and if so, we may be certain that the author of the article has well attended their distribution, are not lost, and we may see the greatest encouragement to persevere in the cause. The Pope is alarmed without a reason. His kingdom is doomed to fall; and the progress of knowledge is fast bringing about the event;

**Indian Poetry, Eloquence, &c.**—In the Olive Branch, Secretary of War, is addressed to a citizen of Chickasaw County, to answer to one on the subject of rescuing from oblivion specimens of Indian Poetry and Eloquence. The Secretary considers the subject important, and says no time is to be lost in providing for posterity, the materials upon which they may form an estimate of the character of the Aborigines of our country. Mr. Conant, of N. York; has interested himself upon this subject. Several months ago, letters were addressed by the War Department, to our Indian Agents, and to the superintendents of the Schools among the Indians; to collect and transmit to Mr. Conant whatever might be within their reach, of such materials. One difficulty lies in the way of success. "The interpreters are generally illiterate, and as such, are not prepared either the beauty or strength of the Indian utter. The language of metaphor is the language of man in his uncultivated state; and his mountains and rivers, and forests, and to his eye, the earth and the sky, with their quakes, and their lightnings, the full of mystery, which create a darkness well fitted for workings of the imagination, and strife in wonders. Such simplicity, no doubt, is not for want of proper channels for its passage to us." Connected with the same subject, the Department is engaged in preserving the exterior of our Indians—the Chiefs of the principal tribes, and in their native costume, by having their likenesses taken by a first of January. These will go down to posterity as the similes of a race of men, whose living, and expressive and interesting looks it is feared, a few generations to come will be deprived for ever of seeing.—Pittsburg Rec.

**South America.**—It appears that Calloa was the last possession of the king of Spain on the continent of America surrendered by the royal troops, to the authority of the republican states. The Island of Chiloe, surrendered to the troops of Chili, by capitulation a few days before, viz. on the 16th of January. By the articles of capitulation it was stipulated that the province of Chiloe, with all its territory, should be incorporated with the republic of Chili, as an integral part thereof, and its citizens enjoy the rights of Chilean citizens. The staff and troops of the royal army are permitted to establish themselves whenever they think proper, subjecting them to the laws of the republic, if they see fit to reside in it. The prisoners of both armies were to be immediately set at liberty. The garrisons and troops which continued to be maintained in the province, were to be received into the pay of the Chilean government.—Baltica Paper.

## CONGRESSIONAL.


In the Senate 3d inst. bills for the relief of W. and J. Montgomery, for the relief of Walker K. Armstrong, and for the regulation of the salaries of certain officers in the War Department, were passed to a third reading. About six hours were passed in secret session; and the remainder of the day was occupied in the consideration of the Panama appropriation Bill, together with the amendment offered by Mr. Berrien. Mr. Berrien, and Mr. Randolph spoke in favor of the amendment, and Mr. Holmes against it, when the question was taken on it, and it was rejected. Ayes 18. Nays 24. The bill was then ordered to be agreed for its third reading.

In the House of Representatives, 3d inst. a bill to provide for the surviving officers of the War Department, was, after an unsuccessful motion to lay it on the table, committed with instructions, on motion of Mr. Estlin, of Virginia, The House then went into Committee of the Whole on the Louisville and Portland Canal, and the Illinois Canal bills. The former was subsequently ordered to a third reading to day, and the other was recommitted.

## PROBATE NOTICE.

**A T A COURT OF PROBATE** held at Kennebunk, within and for the County of York, on the eighth day of May 1834, the Lord Edward hundred and twenty six, Lord Thomas administrator of the estate of Jonathan Thompson, late of Waterborough in said County, deceased, having presented her first account of administration of the estate of said deceased for allowance; also a petition for licence to sell so much of the real estate of said deceased, as may be necessary for the payment of his debts, and also a petition for allowance to be made out of the personal estate of said deceased. Ordered, That the said Administrator give notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Morning Star, printed at Limerick; that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Limerick in said County, on the second Tuesday of June next at ten o'clock, to show cause, why the same should not be allowed. JONAS CLARK, Judge. Copy filed, GEORGE THACHER, Reg'r.



 Cash given for rags; the better quality, the greater will be the price. Pedlars of tin ware, and others who deal in this commodity, are invited to call and exchange the same for CASH.  
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