

Mr. Ephraim Hanks, who left this place with the mail on the first of January, passed Ft. Bridger and took the south route to Laramie, consequently did not meet this mail.—There was no mail expected from Independence in January or February, the contract requiring only the passing and re-passing of ten mails per annum, starting on the first of the month; the next mail leaving on the first of March will be due here on the first of April; but if it arrives by the middle of April, it will do well, unless the travelling improves very rapidly.

ALL LETTERS designed for the mail, should be in in the post office by 6 p. m., on the last day of each month, to secure an early passage, as it takes time to prepare the mail for its departure on the following morning, or first of each month.

NEWS, by last mail, abundant, but comparatively of little interest.

At the WOMAN'S RIGHTS CONVENTION, held at Worcester, Mass., last fall, composed of abolitionists, socialists, and infidels, of all sexes and colors, the following resolutions were offered, as copied from the New York Herald.

"1. That every human being, of full age, (without regard to sex or color,) a resident, for a proper length of time, ought to have a voice in the laws.

"2. That taxes ought to go with representation to women as well as to men.

"3. That women ought to have the right to hold office, and the right of suffrage.

"4. That the exclusive enjoyment of these rights by men, is a usurpation no longer to be endured.

"5. That every party is bound to inscribe upon its banner equal rights, without regard to sex or color.

"6. That in every State constitution the word 'male' ought to be stricken out, so as to extend all political privileges to both sexes."

After several addresses by gentlemen and ladies, black and white, the object of the convention appeared as follows:

"1. To abolish the Bible.

"2. To abolish the Constitution and the laws of the land.

"3. To recognize society upon a social platform of a perfect equality, in all things, of sexes and colors.

"4. To establish the most free and miscellaneous amalgamation of sexes and colors.

"5. To elect Abby Kelly President of the United States, and Lucretia Mott Commander-in-Chief of the Army.

"6. To cut throats *AD LIBITUM*.

"7. To abolish the gallows."

What a happy state of society we shall have, when all these things shall have taken place, and every thing is brought to one grand level. There will be no Gods in heaven; in hell no devils; and on earth no women; for as the ladies preached at the convention, "THEY WOULD ALL WEAR THE BREECHES." Surely the end must be nigh.

## ANECDOTES OF THE GRAY FOX.

The following anecdotes we hope may interest our readers:—

Shortly after the railroad from Charleston to Hamburg, S. C., had been constructed, the rails for a portion of the distance having been laid upon timbers at a considerable height from the ground, supported by strong posts, we observed a fox which was hard pressed by a pack of hounds, mounting the rails, upon which he ran several hundred yards; the dogs were unable to pursue him, and he thus crossed a deep cypress swamp, over which the railroad was in this singular manner carried, and made his escape on the opposite side.

The late Benjamin C. Yancey, Esq., an eminent lawyer, who in his youth was very fond of fox hunting, relates the following:—A fox had been pursued, near his residence in Edgefield, several times; but the hounds always lost the track at a place where there was a foot-path leading down a steep hill.—He, therefore, determined to conceal himself near this decivity the next time the fox was started, in order to discover his mode of baffling the dogs at this place. The animal was accordingly put up and chased, and first led the hounds through many bayous and ponds in the woods, but at length came running over the brow of the hill along the path, stopped suddenly and spread himself out flat and motionless on the ground; the hounds came down the hill in pursuit at a dashing pace, and the whole pack passed, and did not stop until they were at the bottom of the hill. As soon as the immediate danger was over, the fox, casting a furtive glance around him, started up, and ran off at his greatest speed on his 'back track.'—[Audubon's Quadrupeds of America.

THE CHOCTAWS.—Five Choctaw chiefs have recently been imprisoned by an Indian trader for destroying a quantity of whiskey belonging to the latter, and another trader at Fort Washita. The Cherokee Advocate publishes a communication from the Indians, in which they justify their course, and ask to be discharged. The Advocate says:

"We are truly glad to see the stand they have taken in the premises—law and equity must bear them out, for ardent spirits have been the bane of them, and the U. States, knowing it to be an evil, have passed wise and wholesome laws to prevent its introduction among the Indian tribes, and it is to be regretted that the white man should so far forget his moral obligations to his country and the Indians, as to introduce it among them."

The old method of converting the Indians continued.—[Ed.

LARGE GOLD COINS.—Mr. Gwyn, senator from California, has brought forward an important measure in the Senate. It proposes that gold coins of the value of from one hundred to ten thousand dollars each shall be struck at the mint. This certainly may be taken as an evidence of the confidence Senator G. has in the ability of his young State to continue to furnish immense quantities of the precious metal.

The circular form hitherto universally followed for small coins, says the Union, which had its origin in the rude, ancient contrivance of dropping the melted metal from a

ladle, to be then struck with a punch and a hammer, adapts them to our purses, but would not be appropriate for these gigantic coins, designed for heavy transactions at home and exchanges abroad. For these purposes they should be rectangular, that they may be convenient for packing in boxes.

These huge rectangular coins are but a valuable and ingenious improvement upon the limited and already existing system of European bankers. They are to be struck of refined gold, of uniform fineness, and with appropriate legends and devices, similar to those upon our smaller coins, with their value conspicuously marked, and the inscriptions "Liberty" and "United States of America." Counterfeiting and mutilation are provided against by suitable contrivances and penal enactments.—[Mess.

CALIFORNIA.—A plan is pending before Congress, namely, the construction of a post road over the mountains, from the valley of the Mississippi to San Francisco.

A charter is applied for by W. Bayard, Esq., by which a contract is to be made with him to carry the California mail semi-weekly for \$750,000 a year, a very considerable saving on the present contracts. To enable him to do this, a right of way is to be granted him to construct a road, practicable for horses or mules, with a grant of occasional sections of land for stations and provisions for man and beast, for which he is to pay 10 cents per acre. He is to keep on each section 20 men, and 60 horses or mules permanently stationed.

The transportation of the mails is to be commenced within 12 months from the passage of the act, and the entire sum of \$750,000 annually is to be expended on the road and its appurtenances, for the first seven years. At the end of 15 years the entire road is to revert to the United States.

[Boston Atlas.

TO STOP A FIT OF COUGHING.—A correspondent of the London Medical Gazette states that to close the nostrils with the thumb during expiration, leaving them free during inspiration, will relieve a fit of coughing in a short time. In addition to the above we state, from personal knowledge, that to press the finger upon the upper lip, just below the nose, will make the severest symptoms of a sneeze pass off harmless. We have found the remedy useful many a time in creeping on game in the woods.—[N. E. Farmer.

TO MEASURE HAY IN A STACK.—More than twenty years since, I copied the following method of measuring hay, from some publication, and having verified its general accuracy, I have both bought and sold by it, and believe it may be useful to many farmers, where the means of weighing are not at hand: "Multiply the length, breadth, and height into each other, and if the hay is somewhat settled, ten solid yards will make a ton. Clover will take from ten to twelve yards per ton."

It is said that more lives have been lost, and more buildings and other property destroyed last summer, than for five years past.

ANDREW BRANDT, "the Kentucky fat boy," died recently, at Albany N. Y. He was sixteen years old and weighed 537 lbs.