

THE CONSTITUTION OF CALIFORNIA, which we publish in full this morning, does credit to the Convention by which it was framed, and augurs well for the future good government of the new State.—With the feature which is of most immediate interest on this side of the Continent, the Exclusion of Slavery, we have already expressed our profound satisfaction, and are happy to say that most of the details are worthy to go with that provision. All offices, judicial as well as administrative, are to be filled by Election, the principle of Homestead Exemption is established, to be hereafter carried out by the Legislature; the Property of Married Women is to a considerable extent secured to them independent of their husbands; and general laws are in all practicable cases to render special legislation unnecessary. Duelling, or sending or accepting a challenge, unfits a man not only to hold office, but even to vote.—The Legislature is subject to very stringent limitations against the contraction of public debts, and all issuing of paper money by corporations or individuals is forbidden. These last provisions would not seem to us the perfection of wisdom in an old State, under ordinary circumstances, but where the tendency to gambling and speculation is so enormous as in California, they will possibly be found useful.

The Eastern boundary of California is fixed by the Constitution at 120 deg. West of Greenwich; the Western boundary of Deseret has been established by the people of that country at 118 deg. 30 m. This leaves a territory a degree and a half wide between the two, with no Government. Congress will doubtless see to that, however.—[Trib. Dec. 15.]

Washington, June 4, 1850.—The "Union" states that it understands despatches have been received by Government from our Consul at the Havanas, stating he

had demanded the 105 prisoners taken by a Spanish ship-of-war, on the Island of Contoy. Contoy is a neutral territory, and the men taken there had not been engaged in open hostilities, and were actually considering the propriety of abandoning the enterprise, and returning to the United States. The Governor has made no reply to our Consul, who had transmitted dispatches to Washington, stating the facts, and calling for additional power to second his demands.—Dispatches were yesterday sent to such portions of our squadron as could be immediately collected at Havana, to assist in pressing the demand. Should the Spanish Government refuse, the Consul is instructed to inform our Government, and meantime our vessels of war are to obstruct communication of all vessels with the port.

It is reported that two vessels with reinforcements for Gen. Lopez, which were commissioned to land at different points of the Island, are still at sea, their fate and destination unknown. It is said that in the event of these vessels being captured by the Spanish, our own squadron is instructed to demand them of the Spanish commander, and if not given up, to seize them by force.

*Singular Trance.*—At the village of Farringdon, England, situated about nine miles from Bristol, on the road to Wells, a young woman named Ann Bromer, the daughter of a master mason, now lies in a complete state of catalepsy, in which extraordinary trance-like condition, should she survive till next November, she will have been no less than 13 years. During the whole of this extended portion, she has not partaken of any solid food, and the vital principle has only been sustained by the mechanical administration of fluids. Although of course reduced to almost a perfect skeleton, her countenance bears a very pallid expression. Her respiration is perceptible, her hands warm, and she

has some indication of existing consciousness. Upon one occasion, when asked if suffering from pain, to squeeze the hand of her mother, placed in hers for that purpose, a slight pressure, the mother avers, was plainly distinguishable; and frequently, when suffering from cramp, she has been heard to make slight means. About 16 weeks after the commencement of her trance, she was seized with the lock jaw, which occasions great difficulty in affording her nourishment. The unfortunate young woman is 25 years of age, and has been visited by a great number of medical gentlemen, who however hold out no hopes of her ultimate recovery.

*Monster Balloon.*—The monster balloon preparing at Valverde, half a league from Madrid, by Senor Montemayor, is a subject of conversation in the fashionable circles. A most marvellous description is given by those who have been to see it. It is said that several hundred persons have been for eight months employed in its construction. M. Montemayor proposes to take his balloon to Madrid to exhibit it to the Queen, and when her Majesty's permission is obtained, he intends to proceed in it to London, where he hopes to arrive the same day.

*ATTEMPT OF A CANON OF THE ENGLISH CHURCH TO CONVERT THE POPE.*—A letter from Rome, dated May 2, says:—"One of the most interesting occurrences of last week, was the interview of the Rev. Dr. Townsend, canon of Durham, with the Pope. I mentioned in a former letter that the Rev. Doctor's object was to endeavor to induce his Holiness to do away with the bickerings, animosities, and polemical discords which keep the various denominations of Christians separate and at enmity, and, by calling a general Council, to establish the basis of a universal creed. It was certainly a bold attempt for a Protestant