

It is reported that the Hon. Mr. Benton has made an *Attack of Foote* in the Senate Chamber.—If Mr. Benton has turned mountebank, or has been employed by the Senate as *standing, comico, tragico, Generalissimo* of the *Sanctum Sanctorum* of the Nation, to prevent the *ennui* which would naturally arise from repeated *Attacks on Foote*, and the *doing-nothing-at-all-exercise* every day common. A western editor suggests that the Colonel make his future *Attacks on Horse, or Elephant*, or on one of the recently imported *Arabian Camels*; it would doubtless amuse the Senate most admirably, and eventually the actor may become as popular as the Swedish Nightingale in New York.

DIED—On the 13th inst. Margaret, wife of Wm. W. Willis;—aged 38 years.

On the 11th inst, a son of Daniel Allen.

We understand that Mr. Allen gave his son a dose of Red Precipitate in mistake for Red Pepper. Let this be a caution to parents, never to keep any poisons in their house, within their own reach, or that of their family. When we keep Quicksilver, or any of its preparations, such as Calomel, Red Precipitate, Yellow Precipitate, &c., Antimony, Opium, or any of their compounds; for the purpose of killing rats, mice, bedbugs, fleas, rattlesnakes, or scorpions, (which is the only healthy use of all such articles,) we keep them sealed, nailed, corked, and hid up so close, that it would take a crazy man some time to find them.—Reader, if you would be wise, and save the lives of your family, do as does the writer.

CELEBRATION.—We expect to publish the celebration of the 24th in our next paper, and strike an extra number of copies for the benefit of those who wish to send to their friends.

LOWER CALIFORNIA.—It is said that considerable quantities of gold have been discovered in Lower California; and the natives of that country who went north have returned home.

REPORTS.—So many contradictory reports reach us daily, through travellers, that we don't get time to hear them all; neither do we get faith to believe all we hear to be true. It is said that California will be admitted into the Union: that New Mexico and Utah will have Territorial Governments: that the slave trade in the District of Columbia will be abolished: that Senator Foote shot Senator Benton in the street: that the cholera is travelling westward from Missouri with the emigrants: that from 7 to 10,000 Saints are on their way home: that the U. S. Mail is close upon us: that Estill & Co's. Mail is at the Pacific Springs: that the State of Deseret is annihilated? if so, we shall hear more about it.

BLACKSMITHING

Is continued, as hitherto, at the crossing of North Cottonwood, 16 miles north of the city, by A. L. Lamareaux.

Dr. Blake, of St. Louis, left this week for California.

Capt. Stansbury has closed the survey of Great Salt Lake, and returned to the city.

A writer in a foreign journal says—"The exact velocity of electricity along a copper wire is 288,000 miles in an hour; it is calculated, accordingly, that we could telegraph our antipodes in rather less than the five hundredth part of one second of time.

Harbors on the Coast of Oregon.—A letter from Judge Bryant, of Oregon, to a friend in Indiana, says that "it turns out that there are several harbors on the coast below the mouth of the Columbia river, although it has heretofore been reported an iron-bound coast."

AVOID TEMPTATION.

The rats once assembled in a large cellar to devise some method of safety to get the bait from a small trap which lay near, having seen numbers of their friends and relations snatched from them by its merciless jaws. After many long speeches, and the proposals of many elaborate but fruitless plans, a happy wit standing erect, said:

'It is my opinion, that if by one paw we keep down the spring, we can safely take the food from the trap with the other.'

All the rats present loudly squealed assent and slapped their tails in applause. The meeting adjourned and the rats retired to their homes, but the devastations of the trap being by no means diminished, the rats were forced to hold another 'convention.' The elders just assembled, had commenced their deliberations, when all were startled by a faint voice, and a poor rat with only three legs, limping into the ring, stood up to speak. All were instantly quiet, when stretching out the bleeding remains of his broken leg, he said:

'My friends, I have tried the method you proposed, and you see the result!—Now let me suggest a plan to escape the trap—*Do not touch it.*'

The Weber and Ogden are formidable.

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Passed here on the 17th. All well.

EMIGRANTS.

The following, who have passed on, paid their fare for a copy of our paper to be directed to their friends.

	Ar.	Dep
D Lyles Oquaka Ill	" 1 "	2
L P Elder Oquaka Ill	" 1 "	2
Wm Potter Payson Ill	June 28 "	5
D B wright Rome O	" 28 "	5
J C westfall Randolph Mo	July 3 "	12
D williams Florida P O Mo	" 3 "	12
N F Corbin 1-2 way p o L co Ill	" 5 "	19
J Reed Cascade Dubuque Io	June 23 "	6
James George St Louis Mo	" 29 "	5
I Wright Rockport Ia	" 29 "	2
S D Smith Rockport Ia	" 29 "	2
N Woodruff French Island Ia	" 29 "	2