

NEWS ITEMS BY MAIL.

After our mail matters received on the 25th ult., underwent a drying process, we opened and examined it, and from the broken files of papers that were readable, we selected a few items of news, not received by "pony," which tho' not of very recent date, may not be entirely devoid of interest.

The doings of Congress, of the secession conventions of the Southern Congress, and of the Peace Commissioners together with the principal transactions of the parties, which seem determined that the work of dissolution shall continue to progress, have mostly been received by Express. The details might be interesting to some, but they would not throw much additional light on the scenes that have transpired. The progress of dissolution has been thus far so rapid, that the history of events, however important, has soon become stale and uninteresting, and in truth, so many things have taken place within the last three months, that it has been nearly or quite impossible for journalists to publish very concise and minute reports of what has been said and done to hasten on the work of dissolution which has been the principal order of the day.

The distress that has been created by the movements that have been made, is great indeed. Much has been said about the sufferings of the people of Kansas, and great exertions have been made in their behalf, but as yet no reports of deaths from starvation in that ill-fated State have appeared, while in most if not all the cities of New York and New England people are dying of hunger and destitution daily, according to the brief notices that are made of such occurrences. Thousands and tens of thousands have been thrown out of employment without the means of subsistence; the winter has been unusually cold and severe throughout the country once known as the United States, now convulsed with revolution, with no prospect of a favorable termination of the difficulties that have brought distress upon the country—the laboring poor who have had the least agency in bringing about the existing order of things being among the principal sufferers.

The destruction of property, and loss of life by fires and other accidents, has not been less than usual during the winter. The following are a few of the many casualties reported:

On the 18th of January, the Massachusetts Arms Company's manufactory at Chicopee Falls, was burnt, and fifty hands are thrown out of employment. Loss \$60,000.

The American hotel at Toledo, Ohio, was destroyed by fire on the morning of the 19th of January. Loss \$20,000. The same day, the round house of the Chicago, Fort Wayne and Pittsburg railroad was burned. Two locomotives and other property were destroyed. Loss \$20,000. There was also a large fire at Ithica, N. Y. the same evening.

J. Stott & Son's flannel mill, at Stottville, N. Y., was destroyed by fire Jan. 23d. Loss \$40,000. At Racine, Wis., on the 24th, a fire destroyed the building occupied by James O. Bartlett, as a dry goods store. Nothing was saved. Loss on the building and goods \$20,000.

The same day a large woolen factory owned by the Messrs. Scott, at Stockport, Columbia Co., New York, was destroyed by fire. One man lost his life, others were injured. Loss about \$60,000. On the morning of the 27th, the First Baptist Church, in Indianapolis, was burned. Loss, \$10,000.

On January 26, a fire at Manomonee, Wisconsin, destroyed the house of Wm. Castigan, Postmaster of that village. Four of his children, aged from four to ten years, perished in the flames.

The steamer William Jenkins, was burned at Savanna, Ga., on the night of January 19th. It is said that the cost of the vessel was \$100,000. She had partly discharged her cargo. On the 2d the steamer Cora Anderson sunk at Eagle Bend, forty miles above Vicksburg. She had a cargo of 600 hhds. of sugar and 800 sacks of coffee, which was a total loss. The boat was valued at \$20,000.

The ship Hartley, from New Orleans, for Boston, went ashore on the 20th ult. on Sandy Bay, and on the 22d was burned. Fifteen hundred bales of cotton were saved.

The steamer Melroe, bound from Cincinnati, sunk near Uniontown, Ky., January 25th. The loss on the boat \$15,000, and on cargo \$40,000.

One thousand kegs of powder, and twenty

thousand pounds of shot and shell, from the Trageda works, left Richmond, Va., for Charleston, on the 19th of January, ordered by Governor Pickens.

A dispatch from New Orleans states that preference was given there to New York ships, over other northern or foreign vessels. Fifty ships cleared from that port on January 21st, with 110,000 bales of cotton.

The Catawba Indians in South Carolina, had offered themselves to Governor Pickens, to serve in a military capacity, which offer had been accepted.

Mr. Dundas, Second Assistant Postmaster General, died in Washington on the morning of January 24th, the same day that Mr. Holt retired from that department.

The Toronto Leader, the government organ in C. W., announced in its issue January 24th, that it was in a position to state, in the most positive terms, that it is the intention of the English government to acknowledge the independence of the Southern Confederacy, as soon as it was formed.

A meteoric stone fell on the morning of January 18th, about two miles from Sycamore, Illinois, with such a shock as to jar the ground like an earthquake, on a small scale, and with a noise like heavy thunder. The report was heard at a distance of many miles. The stone was judged to weigh about a ton, and is reported to look as if it was half iron. The ground about it for the space of half an acre was strewn with a substance like ashes, or cinders.

The legislature of Rhode Island having repealed the personal liberty bill of that State, one hundred guns were fired at Reading on January 25th, in manifestation of the joy for tender of the olive leaf to the south, which the people considered a harbinger of peace.

Senator Yulee of Florida, after leaving the Union, called at the post office department for the purpose of ascertaining what the order of the acting Postmaster-General meant directing all letters sent to Pensacola should be sent to the dead letter office. Mr. King, the polite head of the department, received him with dignity, but declined to show him any of the papers.

A dispatch from Independence to the Missouri Republican on January 27th, announced that Messrs. Waddell, Majors, Jones and others, representatives of their different firms, had been making an adjustment of their affairs, which had resulted in the assignment to Messrs. Finis, Ewing, Street and Allen, St. Louis, for the purpose of securing home creditors and endorsers, assets available and otherwise to the amount of \$1,500,000; liabilities unknown. Mr. Majors had given up even his household furniture. The Utah expedition has certainly been a most disastrous affair.

The legislature of South Carolina, on January 26th, agreed on a flag for that State. The ground is to be blue with a white oval in the centre and a golden palmetto thereon.—There is also to be a white inner crescent in the upper flag staff corner.

The Boston Journal states that a business firm in that city had recently received \$2,000 worth of merchandize from a trader in Charleston, who in a letter stated that he was actually obliged to remove it surreptitiously from his store in order not to excite suspicion. He had been assessed \$1,000 for the support of the military, and fearing other like impositions he had determined to pay his indebtedness with his goods and transfer what he could to a State where property was respected.

Mr. Bowers, the newly-elected mayor of Toronto, C. W., in his speech January 21, to the Council, stated that large accessions to their population might soon be expected, on account of the troubles in the United States, recommended that such a policy in regard to taxation, etc., as would especially favor such immigration, be adopted.

Information Wanted.

JAMES DOEG, left his home in St. Francisville, Clark Co., Missouri, in the year 1851, for California, since which time he has not been heard of by his friends. Any information concerning him, will be thankfully received by R. H. Kenner, of this City.

Also by Sylvester Alvord, of Homer, Cortland county, New York, of the whereabouts of TRUMAN ALVORD, brother of said Sylvester, and son of Ebenezer and Rachel.

PROBATE COURT.—The March session of the Probate Court for Great Salt Lake county, was commenced on Monday 4th inst. There was not much business ready for the action of the court and, after disposing of a few cases, an adjournment was taken till Thursday next (to-morrow), at 2 p. m.

European Mission.

By the mail on the 25th inst., we received Nos. one and two of the twenty-third volume of the *Millennial Star* from which we learn that Elder George Q. Cannon, of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, with his wife, and Elders, John Kay, W. C. Staines, C. V. Spencer, and John Needham arrived at Southampton, December 21st, per steamer *Argo*, thirteen days from New York. They were all in the enjoyment of excellent health. Elder Cannon entered upon his duties, as Editor of the *Star*, with the commencement of the current volume. His introductory address, breathes the spirit that he has possessed from our first acquaintance with him, in the days of his boyhood, to the present time—that of devotedness to the cause of truth, in the dissemination of the principles of which he has constantly been engaged.

The following appointments had been made: Elder John L. Smith to succeed Elder Jabez Woodard in the presidency of the Swiss and Italian Mission.

Elder John Brown to succeed Elder John Cook in the presidency of the District comprising the London, Kent, and Essex Conferences.

Elder Milo Andrus to succeed Elder C. W. Penrose in the presidency of the District comprising the Birmingham, Warwickshire, Staffordshire, and Shropshire Conferences.

Elder John Kay to succeed Elder William Bayliss in the presidency of the District comprising the Manchester, Liverpool, and Preston Conferences.

Elder David M. Stuart to succeed Elder George Teasdale in the presidency of the District comprising the Glasgow, Edinburgh, and Dundee Conferences.

Elder James Brown, third, to succeed Elder David John in the presidency of the District comprising the Nottingham, Leicestershire, and Derbyshire Conferences.

Elder Joseph P. Smith to succeed Elder Thomas Wallace in the presidency of the District comprising the Sheffield, Bradford, Lincolnshire, and Hull Conferences.

Elder Gibson to succeed Elder William Moss in the presidency of the District comprising the Cheltenham, Herefordshire, and Worcestershire Conferences.

Elder C. V. Spencer to succeed Elder Edward Hanham in the presidency of the District comprising the Southampton, Reading, and Dorsetshire Conferences.

Elder B. H. Blackburn to succeed Elder William Jeffries in the presidency of the District comprising the Norwich and Bedfordshire Conferences.

Elder George Halliday to succeed Elder Willet Harder in the presidency of the District comprising the South, Wiltshire, and Land's-End Conferences.

Elder John S. Gleason to succeed Elder Joseph Stanford in the presidency of the District comprising the Newcastle, Durham, and Carlisle Conferences.

Elder William H. Dame to succeed Elder James McGhie in the presidency of the Manchester Conference.

Elder Samuel Hargraves to succeed Elder Samuel Francis in the presidency of the Durham Conference.

Elder John Needham to succeed Elder William H. Kelsey in the presidency of the Kent Conference.

Elder S. H. B. Smith to succeed Elder William Halls in the presidency of the Bradford Conference.

The Elders who were released from the fields of labor they have occupied, some of them many years, were counseled, on retiring to make arrangements as fast as possible, for emigrating to Zion this season.

By the Mail on Saturday last, numbers three and four of the *Star* were received, the latter bearing date, January 26th. They are replete with counsel and instructions to the Elders and Saints throughout the mission, exhorting them to faithfulness and diligence in carrying out the principles of salvation inculcated by the First Presidency.

BELLIGERENT.—Some infamous scribbler,

writing from this city to the *Missouri Republican*, in December last, besides pouring out some little of the venom with which he was evidently surcharged, on the Legislative Assembly, then in session, pitched into Secretary Wootton without stint, having seemingly no particular choice of words in expressing his dislike to that functionary.

On seeing the communication in print, Mr. Wootton, not being used to such libellous productions, as are the Mormons, was much vexed, and suspecting the author, took occasion, as reported, the first time he saw him after, which was in the presence of several gentlemen, to pronounce the assertions false, and the writer a liar and coward, prefacing each with a specifying adjective, of which the individual in question took but little notice at the time, but subsequently when out of danger, as understood, made some belligerent expressions, which induced bystanders to believe that the Secretary's suspicions were not altogether unfounded. It is said that the matter has not ended yet, and will not be easily settled.

TABERNACLE.

Sunday morning, Feb. 24.—Elder James W. Cummings preached.

Afternoon.—Elders John Taylor, Jeter Clinton, and Levi Hancock addressed the congregation.

Sunday morning, March 3d.—Elder Thomas B. Broderick preached.

Afternoon.—President Brigham Young preached on the Kingdom of God upon the earth.

Encampment of Indians.

Bishop Miller, of Mill Creek Ward, reports that, for weeks past, there has been an encampment of Indians on his farm on Big Cottonwood, consisting of some twenty lodges. They are very troublesome and lawless, going where they please, throwing down fences which they never put up, which is a source of much annoyance to the citizens, who have to feed them to keep them from helping themselves to whatever they may want—beef in particular, for which the natives have great proclivities.

Cannot the Superintendent do something to relieve the people from such burdens?

Married:

In Union, Feb. 23, by Bishop Silas Richards, Mr. JOHN B. GRAHAM, of South Cottonwood, to Miss LOUIZA MARIAH FORBUSH, of Union.

In this city, March 1, 1861, by Elder W. C. Dunbar, Mr. ROBERT GRAY and Miss JESSIE McCOMIE, late of Edinburgh, Scotland. [Mill. Star please copy.]

New Advertisements.

CAME ESTRAY.

ONE red STEER, with a little white under the belly, with mark on the right ear, about two months ago. The owner can have it by proving property and paying expenses. Apply to Frederic Palmer, 19th Ward. 1-2

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ESTRAY NOTICE.

CAME to my premises last fall a red HEIFER, coming 2 years old next spring, branded on left hip not plain enough to be understood, square crop off the left ear, and salt in the right. The owner is requested to prove property, pay charges and take her away. Farmington, Davis County, } Feb. 22, 1861. ALMA DAVIS. 1-1

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