Foreign News by California Mail.

The schooner Alert had arrived in San Francisco from the Amoor river, by way of Japan and Honolulu, with latest intelligence from that part of the world.

FROM THE AMOOR RIVER.

A large immigration had come down the Amoor, to Ischita, and much suffering was anticipated on account of the scarcity of food-The government was about establishing a custom house at Nicolayeffsky. Four new iron steamers had been launched, and would ascend the river in the spring.

The governor general of eastern Siberia had signified his intention of giving grants of land on the banks of the Amoor, to all foreigners who would acknowledge the Emperor. The grants were to be hereditary. Foreigners not naturalized, were not allowed to settle above Morenesky port or Keyser, and could hold real estate only seven years. It would then revert to the crown, or other parties who had conformed to the naturalization laws, together with all improvements thereon. Among the immigrants this year, were a large number of Germans, The Russian merchants at Nicolayeffsky had presented a petition to Count Mouravieff that the foreign merchants might not be admitted to the same privileges as themwould be occupied by the Russians. This is an island in the Straits of Corea, and contains an excellent harbor, called Southward.

FROM JAPAN:

The U.S. Steamship Niagara, with the Japanese commissioners on board, arrived at Kanagawa on the 10th of November, all well. Off Yokohama, a courier was sent ashore to proceed overland to Jeddo. No notice whatever was taken of their arrival at Kanagawa by the Japanese; nor did they themselves exhibit any sign of curiosity or interest on their near approach to home. They appeared entirely indifferent, and Tommy-the "irrepressible Tommy"-the ladies' man, looked as dirty as though his face had not been washed since the belies of Washington had last kissed him. No notice was taken of them or the Niagara, at Jeddo, except the usual salute to the ship. The commissioners were not permitted to lay in the ship's boat, but were quietly landed in a custom house boat in a remote part of the town, without any attention paid to them. No official notice had been taken of the Niagara's arrival by the government; no thanks presented nor gratitude expressed for the courtesies extended to them in America. The Niagara was to remain at Kanagawa until the 15th-two days later than the date of the news received-to give them an opportunity should they desire to improve it. The common talk of the street was, that Uncle Sam had been "sold." It was said that none of these commissioners were men of rank, except what might have been conferred on them temporarily, but that they were merely spies te ascertain the strength and condition of the American people, and that when they had made their report, they would pass away and be heard of no more. Considerable ill feeling existed between the

American residents and the U. S. Minister,

Mr. Harris.

Prince Meto, the great opponent to foreigners, was dead, but the usual collisions still occurred. An attache of the French Legation was assaulted and seriously wounded in his own yard, by the very official whom the government had sent to protect him. The French Minister had expressed his determination to demand full reparation.

The Prussian Admiral was still at Yeddo, not being able to effect a treaty, which, it was thought, could not be brought about without coercing the Japanese. The Admiral, while riding with his aids one day, had been set upon by a large mob, and a bloody scene would have ensued, had not the old veteran placed his back against a wall, and fought at sword's point for some time until rescued by the arrival of a posse of officials, who dispersed the mob. Some of his aids, however, were pretty severely cut. The Americans were said to be the most favored people at Hakodadi.

Trade is on the decline; there were only ten ships in port, three of which were loading for London, with teas, silks and oil; the others were seeking freight. The foreign population about 250. The missionaries have obtained a chapel, and public worship is held every Sun-

Capt. Majaro, of the Japanese steamer Candinmarrun, which visited San Francisco and Honolulu, had been imprisoned for three days, because he was considered too familiar

with foreigners. A terrible typhoon raged over Japan in the beginning of September, in which the Japanese frigate Kankinmarrah (not the Candinmarrue, as previously reported) was lost, and the British frigate of war, Camilia, was mis-

Advices at Hakodadi are to the 29th of October. Affairs at that place and the intercourse with foreigners remained unsettled .-Obstacles were placed in the way of trade by the officials, and street collisions were not unfrequently showing the animosity toward foreigners. A marked difference, however, was shown to Europeans and Americans, of the better class, which was said to comprise very few in number-the other class having introduced the California practice of shooting people down in the street, which probably had der. had much to do to create said ill feeling.

The Mexican dollar was current-at 83 cents. American half dollars wese taken for

harbor dues and duties only.

Money was scarce and supplies were plenty. Wood and water had advanced by order of the government. Several men had deserted from the whaleships Marengo and Florida, but no steps were taken by the authorities to court adjourned yesterday, until the 4th Monarrest them; on the contrary, it was supposed day in April. that encouragement was held out for them to desert, in order to discourage whalers from going to Hakodadi.

port to trade, en route to Washington, as bearer of dispatches to the U. S. government, was honored with a double salute of fourteen guns, panese government vessels, the custom house, court, held at Nephi, August, 1859, was and the foreign shipping were dressed in flags.

Secession Ordinance of Alabama.

An Ordinance to Dissolve the union between ed under a Compact styled the United States of America.

Whereas the election of Abraham Lincoln and Hannibal Hamlin to the offices of President and Vice-President of the United States 2d Monday of August; 3d District, on the 2d of America, by a sectional party avowedly | Monday of April, in this city, and annually hostile to the domestic institutions and peace and security of the people of Alabama, following upon the heels of many and dangerous three weeks, and in the first and second Disselves. It was rumored that port Hamilton infractions of the Constitution of the United tricts, two weeks. States by many of the States and people of the northern section of the confederacy, is a political wrong of so insulting and menacing a character as to justify the people of the State of Alabama in the adoption of prompt | Wandell, Frederick C. Robinson, Charles B. and decided measures for their future peace Stebbins, John A. Ray, T. B. Foote and Wm. and security:

Sec. 1. Therefore be it declared and ordained by the people of the State of Alabama, in convention assembled, that the State of Ala-America, and henceforth ceases to be one of the States of the said United States; and is Benson and Evan M. Greene. and of right ought to be, a sovereign and independent State.

Sec. 2. Be it further declared and ordained, by the people of the State of Alabama, in con- have not now time to comment but intend to vention assembled, that all the powers over refer to them hereafter. the territories of said State, and over the people thereof, heretofore delegated to the government of the United States of America, be and they are hereby, withdrawn from said government, and hereby resumed and restored on the people of the State of Alabama.

And, as it is the desire and purpose of the people of Alabama to meet the slaveholding States of the South, who approve of such purpose, in order to frame a provisional, as well as a permanent government, upon the principles of the government of the United States,

And be it further

tion be, and is hereby, instructed to transmit forthwith a copy of the foregoing preamble, ordinance and resolutions to the Governors of the several States named in said resolutions. Done by the people of the State of Alabama, would permit.

in convention assembled, at Montgomery, this eleventh day of January, in the year of our Lord 1861,55

The preamble, ordinance and resolutions sire of your

were adopted by yeas, 61, nays, 39.

After the adoption of the ordinance the Hall was opened to visitors, when a splendid State flag, presented by the ladies of Alabama, was convered to the President's stand and formally presented to the convention through Mr. Yancey in the handsome and patriotic address.

Mr. Smith, a delegate from Tuscaloosa to the "Stars and Stripes," and invoked a blessing on the new flag.

Social Parties.

On Thursday evening last, the Quadrille Band, under the leadership of Mr. William Clayton, had a splendid inaugural ball at the Social Hall, at which many of their friends were present, and spent a few hours very agreeably. The music, both instrumental and vocal, was excellent, the dancing superb, and the other amusing performances, constituting a part of the series of exercises, instituted for the entertainment of those in attendance, were highly creditable to the performers.

On Friday evening there was another "number one" party at the County Court House .- 13 days. Messrs. J. S. Scofield, R. T. Burton, and H. S. Beatie, were the managers, and everything connected with the evenings' entertainment was performed in good style and excellent or-

-By a statement recently published, it appears that the Public Debt of Illinois is now 1\$10,105,394 14.

Supreme Court.

After a session of four weeks the Supreme

On Monday, the case of Thorp es. the People of Utah was reversed, and the plaintiff E. E. Rue, who had been the U. S. Consul held to bail in the sum of \$3,000, to answer at at Hakodadi, since the first opening of that the next term of the Distaict court, to be held in this District on the 2d Monday in March.

The case of David McKenzie, who was senat his embarking at Hakodadi, and the Ja- tenced to he Penitentiary in Judge Eckles' argued and judgment reversed, and an order issued to the Warden of the Penitentiary for his immediate release.

The court appointed the times of holding the State of Alabama and other States unit- the District courts, for United States business, as follows:

First District in Provo, on the 4th Monday of March; 2d District, in Carson city, on the thereafter. The term in this District to be

The following persons were appointed Unit- ed J. NEED'M. on one horn. ed States Commissioners:

1st District-Isaac Bullock, Charles W.

2d District-John C. James.

3d District-Wm. Bell, Hosea Stout, David bama now withdraw and is hereby withdrawn O. Calder, Wm. A. Carter, S. W. Richards, Aaron F. Farr, Jonathan C. Wright, Ezra T.

> Several important decisions have been made by the Court during the session on which we



MILITARY MOVEMENT.

Provo CITY, Feb. 1st, 1861.

EDITOR DESERET NEWS:-DEAR SIR:

Resolved by the people of Alabama in con- I was present at an entertainment given by vention assembled, that the people of the the officers of that portion of the Nauvoo Le- eret News of January 20, 1861. States of Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, gion comprising the Provo Military District, North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, which came off on Wednesday evening the Georgia, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Ar- 30th ult., at Cluffs hall, in this city, under the kansas, Tennessee, Kentucky and Mississippi direction and management of Col. Wm. B. be, and they are hereby, invited to meet the Pace, adjt., L. J. Nuttall, and Capt. A. P. able terms .- All wishing to send for any article should people of the State of Alabama, by their dele- Winsor. The martial and brass bands were call and make arrangements as early as possible, before gates, in convention, on the fourth day of in attendance, and the company which was the 16th of March next. February next, at Montgomery, in the State | composed of the civil and military officers and of Alabama, for the purpose of consultation prominent citizens of Provo were very agree- & BRO'S. Excelsior fire-proof safes .- (A scale of weight with each other as to the most effect al mode ably entertained with music dancing and songs and prices can be seen here. of securing concerted and harmonious action from 5 p.m., till 4 a.m., the following mornon whatever measures may be deemed most ing. The hall was somewhat crowded, but be required. desirable for the common peace and security. the utmost harmony and unanimity of feeling prevailed, and all appeared to enjoy them-Resolved, That the president of this conven- | selves satisfactorily.

> The affair was certainly a most creditable one, and reflected much honor upon the managers who were untiring in their exertions to make all present as happy as circumstances

> May they ever stand firm in the defence and protection of the innocent and oppressed, and be a terror to traitors and tyrants, is the de-

Humble serv't., J. W. CUMMINGS.

THE WEATHER .- The sun has shone brightly for several days, but the weather has not been very warm, and in the night time it has county, followed, making a feeling reference been quite cold and freezing. Yesterday the prospects of the near approach of spring were very favorable.

Married:

In this city, Feb. 31. by Elder Richard Matthews, Mr. JOSEPH S. ARNOLD, and Miss EMMA JANE SMITH, all of this city.

Died:

At Auburn. California, December 28, 1860, CATHER-INE BROOMHEAD; aged 59 years and six months.

In Tooele City, Jan. 5, WILLIAM BRITTAIN ADAMS, aged 46 years, 10 months and 22 days.

At Pleasant Grove City, Utah county, Jan. 28, 1861; ANNA, wire of William F. Reynolds, and daughter of William and Ellis Hawley; aged 31 years, 6 months and

In Great Salt Lake City, U. T., Jan. 27, 1861, ISABEL-LA SHANKS; aged I year and 11 months. [Mill. Star please copy.]

In Lehi City. Utah county, on the 29th ult., Elder WILLIAM S. CHAMPLIN; aged 66 years, 9 months and 13 days.

Elder Champlin was a native of Massachusetts, embraced the gospel in Pennsylvania, [in 1832, and has shared largely in the persecutions of the Saints. [He was present at the massacre at Haun's mills, Mo., October

1838, and the only person in the blacksmith's shop, in which refuge was taken from their murderers, who escaped unhurt. [Council Bluff and Iowa papers please

New Advertisements.

URSENBACH & REISER, WATCHMAKERS,

East Temple Street, 2 doors below Nixon's Store.

G. B. SLOAT'S IMPROVED SHUTTLE SEW-ING MACHINE,

superior article, FOR SALE low for eash. A. R. WRIGHT, on the 2d Block west of the Tabernacle.

THE LUGGAGE

FREIGHTED through last season, and now in my possession, must be settled for and taken away before the 15th of March nex'. Do not neglect it. A. R WRIGHT, 14th Ward.

ESTRAY OX.

have in my possession I red and white OX, about 6 years I old, branded T Bon the left horn, white belly, star in forehead, white spot on the rump, tail and legs part

The owner is requested to prove property, pay charges and take him away. WILLIAM CLARK, Poundkeeper, Lehi City.

STRAYED

TROM John Needam's farm, near Jordan mills, about a month since, a 4 or 5 year old brindle CoW, brand-

Any one giving information of said cow will be liberally rewarded by 49-tf] JOHN NEEDHAM, 7th Ward, G.S.L. City.

ESTRAY. have in my possession a small brindle STEER, about I 18 months old, which the owner can have by proving property and paying charges, no marks or brands vist-

ELLIS M. SANDERS, 19th Ward. 49.1 ESTRAY NOTICE.

MAME into my inclosure about the 22d ult., a red roam Durham COW, about 4 or 5 years old, some white in the face, left horn little drooping, branded on the left

bip .9. (indistinct) The owner is requested to pay charges and take her away Sald cow has now a young calf.

JOHN A. BOUCK, 16th Ward. ESTRAY. MAME into my herd on or about the 1st day of May, U 1860, one 2 year old red HEIFER, with some white

spots on her. No brands legible, a square crop off the right ear, and a half crop on the under side of the same The owner is requested to prove property, pay charges

SAMUEL C. SNYDER.

Parley's Park, Feb. 1, 1861,

UTAH PENITENTIARY TO LET. CEALED proposals to lease the Utah Penitentiary, for onot less than one nor more than three years, will be received at the Warden's office, at said Penitentiary, up to 10 o'clock a.m. of the 2d of March next. The proposals will be opened at the above-mentioned

time and place, by the Warden, in the presence of the board of directors and persons interested. For terms of contract, etc., see an act, entitled "An

act further defining the duties of the officers of the Penttentiary, and for other purposes, published in the Des-

JAMES A. LITTLE. Warden of Utah Penitentlary.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN. will start to the EAST early next spring, and purchase and freight goods of any description on reason-

I will take orders for SLOAT'S improved shuttle SEWING MACHINES, or any other make; -also BEARD

I will attend to any matters of business that may

Good reference can be given. A. R. WRIGHT,

on the 2d block west of the Tabernacle.

AN ACT

Assigning the Chief Justice and the two Associate Justices to the several judicial districts.

Be it enacted by the Governor and Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Utah, That the Hon. John F. Kinney, Chief Justice, is assigned to the Third Judicial District; he Hon. R. P. Flenniken, Associate Justice to the Second Judicial District, and the Hon, Henry Crosby, Associate Justice to the First Judicial District,-and that an act assigning the Chief Justice and the two Associate Justices to their several judicial districts," approved Jan. 21, 1859, is hereby repealed.

DANIEL H. WELLS, President of the Council. JOHN TAYLOR,

Speaker of the House of Representatives. Approved Dec. 18, 1861.

> A. CUMMING, Governor of Utah Territory.

AN ACT

Specifying the times and places of holding District Courts for the transaction of Territorial

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Governor and Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Utah, That the times and places for holding the District Courts for the transaction of Territorial business shall be as follows:-

In the first judicial district, in Manti, Sanpete county, on the first Monday in June of each year, in the second judicial district, in Carson city, on the third-Monday in April, third Monday in June, second Monday in August, and first Monday in January of each year, and in the third judicial District, in Great Salt Lake City, in Great Salt Lake county, on the second Monday in March of each year.

DANIEL H. WELLS, President of the Council. JOHN TAYLOR,

Speaker of the House of Representaives.

Approved Jan. 18, 1861. A. CUMMING.

Governor of Utah Territory.

I. Francis H. Wootton, Secretary of the Territory et Utah, do hereby certify that the foregoing are true copies of .An act assigning the Chief Justice, and the two Associate Justices to the several judicial districts? and, "An act specifying the times and places of holding District courts for the transaction of Territorial bushness," the originals of which are on file in this office.

L.S.

In testimony whereof, I hereunto set my hand and affix the seal of the Territory. Done at Great Salt Lake City, on this the fourth day of February, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and sixty one. FRANCIS H. WOOTTON,

Secretary of Utah Territory