

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 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.

FROM JAPAN:

The U. S. Steamship Niagara, with the Japanese commissioners on board, arrived at Kanagawa on the 10th of November, all well.

Considerable ill feeling existed between the American residents and the U. S. Minister, Mr. Harris.

Prince Meto, the great opponent of foreigners, was dead, but the usual collisions still occurred.

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.

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.

Capt. Majaro, of the Japanese steamer Candimarran, 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 Kankinmarran (not the Candimarran, as previously reported) was lost, and the British frigate of war, Camilla, was missing.

Advices at Hakodadi are to the 29th of October. Affairs at that place and the intercourse with foreigners remained unsettled.

The Mexican dollar was current—at 83 cents. American half dollars were 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 whalships Marengo and Florida.

E. E. Rue, who had been the U. S. Consul at Hakodadi, since the first opening of that port to trade, en route to Washington, as bearer of dispatches to the U. S. government.

Secession Ordinance of Alabama.

An Ordinance to Dissolve the union between the State of Alabama and other States united 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 of America, by a sectional party avowedly hostile to the domestic institutions and peace and security of the people of Alabama.

Sec. 1. Therefore be it declared and ordained by the people of the State of Alabama, in convention assembled, that the State of Alabama now withdraw and is hereby withdrawn from the Union known as the United States of America.

Sec. 2. Be it further declared and ordained, by the people of the State of Alabama, in convention assembled, that all the powers over 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, 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, be it also

Resolved by the people of Alabama in convention assembled, that the people of the States of Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, Tennessee, Kentucky and Mississippi be, and they are hereby, invited to meet the people of the State of Alabama, by their delegates, in convention, on the fourth day of February next, at Montgomery, in the State of Alabama, for the purpose of consultation with each other as to the most effectual mode of securing concerted and harmonious action on whatever measures may be deemed most desirable for the common peace and security.

Resolved, That the president of this convention 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, in convention assembled, at Montgomery, this eleventh day of January, in the year of our Lord 1861.

The preamble, ordinance and resolutions 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 conveyed 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 county, followed, making a feeling reference 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.

On Friday evening there was another "number one" party at the County Court House. Meers 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 order.

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

Supreme Court.

After a session of four weeks the Supreme court adjourned yesterday, until the 4th Monday in April.

On Monday, the case of Thorp vs. the People of Utah was reversed, and the plaintiff held to bail in the sum of \$3,000, to answer at the next term of the District court, to be held in this District on the 2d Monday in March.

The case of David McKenzie, who was sentenced to the Penitentiary in Judge Eckles' court, held at Nephi, August, 1859, was 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 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 2d Monday of August; 3d District, on the 2d Monday of April, in this city, and annually thereafter.

The following persons were appointed United States Commissioners:

1st District—Isaac Bullock, Charles W. Wandell, Frederick C. Robinson, Charles B. Stebbins, John A. Ray, T. B. Foote and Wm. Crosby.

2d District—John C. James.

3d District—Wm. Bell, Hosea Stout, David O. Calder, Wm. A. Carter, S. W. Richards, Aaron F. Farr, Jonathan C. Wright, Ezra T. Benson and Evan M. Greene.

Several important decisions have been made by the Court during the session on which we have not now time to comment but intend to refer to them hereafter.



MILITARY MOVEMENT.

Provo City, Feb. 1st, 1861.

EDITOR DESERET NEWS:—DEAR SIR:

I was present at an entertainment given by the officers of that portion of the Nauvoo Legion comprising the Provo Military District, which came off on Wednesday evening the 30th ult., at Cluffs hall, in this city, under the direction and management of Col. Wm. B. Pace, adjt., L. J. Nuttall, and Capt. A. P. Winsor.

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 would permit.

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 desire of your

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 been quite cold and freezing.

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, CATHERINE BROOMHEAD; aged 69 years and six months.

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

At Pleasant Grove City, Utah county, Jan. 28, 1861; ANNA, wife of William F. Reynolds, and daughter of William and Ellis Hawley; aged 31 years, 6 months and 13 days.

In Great Salt Lake City, U. T., Jan. 27, 1861, ISABELLA SHANKS; aged 1 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 copy.]

New Advertisements.

URSENBACH & REISER, WATCHMAKERS,

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

G. B. SLOAT'S IMPROVED SHUTTLESEWING MACHINE, A superior article, FOR SALE low for cash.

THE LUGGAGE FREIGHTED through last season, and now in my possession, must be settled for and taken away before the 15th of March next.

ESTRAY OX. I have in my possession 1 red and white OX, about 6 years old, branded T Bon the left horn, white belly, star in forehead, white spot on the rump, tail and legs part white.

STRAYED FROM John Needham's farm, near Jordan mills, about a month since, a 4 or 5 year old brindle COW, branded J. NEEDHAM, on one horn.

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

ESTRAY NOTICE. I came into my inclosure about the 22d ult., a red roan Durban COW, about 4 or 5 years old, some white in the face, left horn little drooping, branded on the left hip J. (Indistinct)

ESTRAY. I came into my herd on or about the 1st day of May, 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 ear.

UTAH PENITENTIARY TO LET. SEALED proposals to lease the Utah Penitentiary, for not 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.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN. I will start to the EAST early next spring, and purchase and freight goods of any description on reasonable terms.—All wishing to send for any article should call and make arrangements as early as possible, before the 15th of March next.

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 P. Kinney, Chief Justice, is assigned to the Third Judicial District; the Hon. R. P. Plenniken, 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.

AN ACT Specifying the times and places of holding District Courts for the transaction of Territorial business. 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:—

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

Francis H. Wootton, Secretary of Utah Territory