

## New York Correspondence.

**Christmas—New Year—Books—Cigars and State Government—Messages—Mails—Schools—Education—Quarantine—Statutes—Douglas, Oregon—Snow—Gold, &c.**

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The Legislature convened on Monday, and Governor Morgan sent in a very sensible message, which commended with the Lord, and ended as it should with *Honest Morgan*. The founded debt of the state is thirty one million. Two million one hundred thousand dollars are recommended to be paid in principal and interest.

The whole loss by the banks of the state the past year was but \$5,000.

There are thirty-eight railroad companies in the State, with a capital of seventy-four millions, sixty-eight of which has been paid in.

\$3,702,018.79 have been paid to public schools, two-thirds of it to teachers.

The State has 388,000 militia men.

The emigration fell off last year 41 per cent.

The Governor has disbanded the soldiers at Fort Sumter, and broken up martial law, after an expense of \$60,000 to the people of that *Bloody Island*.

Stephen & Douglas, Speaker Orr and Sam Houston have all been the lions of the city the past week, and they had, in being hauled round, to see the many of the city armaments and city heroes, as a matter of political necessity. Douglas was the biggest lion.

A very elegant snow fell on Monday night, and the merry jingle of the sleigh bells were heard on all sides.

The disasters the last year were less than half the number of those the year before, so that in the white, the people have cause to rejoice, and have a right to hope for better things in days to come.

California, by every steamer, pours her treasure into our lap. May all return get their share.

Yours, J. M. E.  
January 6

Isenthal in the Free Islands, and its Punishments.

The U. S. ship *Vandalia*, Commander Sutor, from a cruise through the South Pacific, is at San Francisco. Lt. Hogan now gives information of a deed of cannibalism and its punishment. While the *Vandalia* was at Orelas, in the Free Islands, information was communicated to Commander Sinclair, by the Consul at Laxa, that the inhabitants of Lomati, on the coast of Way—a tribe of ferocious cannibals—had surprised a small vessel, and murdered, cooked and eaten the crew—Terenon, an expedition, consisting of sixteen men, was later sent, placed in charge of Lt. Caldwell, with Lieut. Ramsay, of the Marines. Assistant Surgeon Frost and Master's Mate Bartlett and sent against them.

The natives refusing to give up the murderers, and taking advantage of their strong position—a town situated on the top of a high mountain, 1600 feet above the level of the sea,—to defy the party sent against them, a skirmish was effected at daylight on the morning after reaching the Island; and after a most fatiguing march of several hours over declivities, precipices, rocks, and thorn bushes, the expedition arrived opposite the town. A long halt was made to refresh the men, who were almost prostrated by their exertions.

After resting, the town was assaulted and carried by a flank movement, the natives fleeing to the rocks and fastnesses; the town was nearly destroyed, 115 houses having been fired and consumed. On the result of the expedition, they were attacked in the most furious manner in one of the ravines, by 300 warriors, who were repulsed with heavy loss, after a severe combat of about half an hour, the natives losing nearly 50 killed and wounded, including two of their principal chiefs.

The Americans had six wounded, one man very severely. The seamen and marines behaved in the most gallant manner. The fury of their exertions,—attacking a powerful and courageous mountain tribe in their fastnesses,—not moving them, except, perhaps, to more steady and daring conduct. The tribe has been taught a severe lesson, and one that will not be lost on the tribes in their vicinity. The Americans wounded and eaten were Louis Brower, a Prussian, naturalized, and Henry Horner of New York.

KILLED IN A FOX CHASE.—A young man named Rhodes was instantly killed in Homan's creek, in this county, last Monday week, under rather singular circumstances. He and some companions were engaged in a fox chase, and had run the animal into a hole in a cliff of rocks. Unable to force it out otherwise, they built a fire at the entrance, with the view, in Indian language, of "smoking it out." From the heat of the fire, or some other cause, the ledge of rock above the hole was seen to crack and give way, when in order to save themselves from the descending rocks, the whole party, consisting of three or four young men, sprang from their perilous position on the ledge to the ground below, some 25 or 30 feet. Mr. Rhodes, unfortunately, did not spring quick enough, or far enough, for a huge stone fell upon him as he struck the ground, crushing him to death instantly. Others of the party were considerably bruised, but not seriously injured. Mr. R., we learn, was a worthy young man, and his melancholy death created much sympathy.

NOTICE.

THE firm of Brown, Stitt & Co. was dissolved on the first day of January, 1850, by mutual consent. Mr. H. BROWN, will henceforth carry on the business on his own account. All persons indebted to him are requested to settle with him, or the business must be closed up immediately.

HENDERSON & AHRENS.  
January 18, 1850.

HAVING sold our entire interest in the firm of HENDERSON & AHRENS to Mr. J. P. HENDERSON, I still expect to remain for some time yet at the city and shall be happy to wait on my friends and customers, particularly on those who would seek the little change, due me, and the interests.

F. W. AHRENS.  
January 18, 1850.

NOTICE.

I WILL sell at public sale, on Tuesday, the 28th of January, being court week in Charlotte, N. C., my plantation fifteen miles west of said Town, on the Catawba River, known as the residence of the late Robert Johnson, Esq., containing 10 to 12 acres of excellent meadow land and 10 to 100 of heavy timber, and 1000 feet of water course, and all necessary out-buildings, including a gin-house. A similar piece of 400 acres cannot be found in the western part of the state. Possession given immediately. Terms made known on day of sale.

RUFUS M. JOHNSTON.  
January 18, 1850.

PLANTATION FOR SALE.

NOTICE.

WHAT'S IN A NAME.—The St. Louis Democrat is the organ of the Republican party in Missouri, and the St. Louis Republican in Illinois is Democratic.

CURIOSITIES FROM EUROPE.—Mr. Sam Meyer, of the lager beer saloon, No. 29 Mulberry street, who returned home by the steamer *Arago* from a visit to Europe, brings with him a dozen pears, picked from a tree in Switzerland, sixteen days ago today, October 9th. These pears are unlike any American specimens of that fruit, in size, color and appearance. They are large, and one which we tested, measures a foot in circumference one way, and only half an inch less the other way; it is waxen in appearance, and light colored; weighs 14 ounces within a fraction. These pears will keep, Mr. M. says for a year. He also keeps a musical clock which plays twelve different tunes. It cost him \$75, all charges included.—*Harvest Times*.

THE USE OF DR. HOOKESTER'S STOMACH BITTERS, for Hypersp. Flatulence, Indigestion, &c., &c.—*Advertiser, Philadelphia, Pa.*

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THE GREAT ENGLISH REMEDY.—*SIR JAMES CLARKE'S CELEBRATED Female Pill.*

Prepared from a prescription of Sir J. Clarke, M. D., Physician Extraordinary to Queen Victoria.

D. R. DUNLAP, C. M. E.

January 18, 1850.

STATE OF NORTH-CAROLINA,  
MECKLENBURG COUNTY,  
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David Williamson and wife,

J. R. Cashin.

Appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that J. R. Cashin is a non-resident of this State, it is therefore Ordered by the Court, That plaintiff be made to pay six weeks in damages to the Plaintiff in the town of Charlotte, for the sum of \$100, to be paid to the Plaintiff in the town of Mecklenburg, at the Court House in Charlotte, on the 11th Monday after the 4th Monday in February next, then and there to answer plaintiff's bill, at judgment plus expenses will be taken as to them.

Witness, D. R. Dunlap, Clerk and Master in Equity, the 11th Monday after the 4th Monday in August, A. D. 1850.

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THOS. RICHARDSON, CLERK.

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