

## The California Pony Express.

St. JOSEPH, Mo., Tuesday, April 24.

A change has been made in the time of the Pony Express leaving San Francisco and St. Joseph. It will leave San Francisco every Tuesday, at 5 P. M., and arrive here on Friday of the following week; and it will leave St. Joseph every Saturday, at 11 o'clock, P. M., and arrive at San Francisco on Tuesday of the second week. The Express going west will pass the outer telegraph station early on Tuesday morning, and the return express will pass late on the same Tuesday evening. By this arrangement, telegraphic dispatches from San Francisco and intermediate points received here on Friday will be sent promptly forward, and if desired a reply can be returned to leave here the next day, (Saturday.) Messages for San Francisco will also be received from the express at the outer station on Tuesday morning and forwarded to San Francisco, so that replies can be returned to come out the same evening. This change will enable messages to be sent from any point in the East to California and a reply got in twenty days, and answers returned to San Francisco messages in eight or ten days. The next Express will leave here on Saturday, April 23, at 11 P. M.

## Destructive Fire in New-Brunswick.

A HUNDRED AND FIFTY BUILDINGS BURNED.

BOSTON, Tuesday, April 24.

Late New-Brunswick papers contain the details of the late great fire in Woodstock. One hundred and fifty buildings were destroyed in the business centre of the town, including the Commercial and Central Banks, with all their contents; the Post-office, (important contents saved,) the printing offices of the *Sentinel* and *Journal*, the Mechanics' Institute, all the hotels in the place except one, and about sixty stores and places of business. The loss of property is from £75,000 to £100,000. Insurance from £25,000 to £30,000. Active measures have been taken in the provinces to relieve the sufferers.

## Railroad Collision.

St. LOUIS, Tuesday, April 24.

A collision occurred about 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon near Jefferson Barracks, on the Iron Mountain Railroad, between a construction train and a special train conveying a portion of the St. Louis Board of Health to Quarantine, by which Dr. KLIBER, Clerk of the Board of Health; JOHN SIMONDS, Treasurer of the Railroad Company and formerly member of the firm of LUCAS & SIMONDS, Bankers, of this city; GEORGE PITCHER, a brakeman, and a boy named JAS. MURRY, were killed.

## Later from Texas.

CORTINAS ONCE AGAIN IN THE FIELD.

NEW-ORLEANS, Tuesday, April 24.

The steamer *Arizona* brings Brownsville, Texas, advices of the 19th.

It was rumored there that CORTINAS was reorganizing his force, and had crossed the river.

A severe draught prevailed in Northern Mexico, causing much suffering among the cattle on the plantations.

## Injunctions by the Supreme Court.

ALBANY, Tuesday, April 24.

Before the Special Term of the Supreme Court this morning, on the report of the Superintendent of the Insurance Department, Judge HOGBOOM granted an order directing the World's Safe Fire Insurance Company, of Troy, to show cause why it should not be dissolved.

At the Special Term of the Supreme Court this morning, on an application made by the Attorney-General, Judge HENRY HOGBOOM directed an order to be entered dissolving the Poughkeepsie Fire Insurance Company and appointing a Receiver.

## The St. Joseph and Maysville Road.

St. JOSEPH'S, Mo., Tuesday, April 24.

The pioneer engine *Albany*, the first locomotive west of the Missouri, was put upon the St. Joseph's and Marysvill Road yesterday. The *Albany* was procured from Eastern Companies, by the first road west of Albany, and has been the first engine on each road on the chain. It has been extended westward until it now stands upon the first section of the central route to the Pacific.

## Accident at Sandy Hook.

SANDY HOOK, Tuesday, April 24.

A laboring man named JOHN GALLAGHER, employed on soot works on Sandy Hook, was accidentally killed this forenoon by being struck by the crane used on the wharf for discharging stone from vessels. He only survived about half an hour. GALLAGHER was a native of Cleveland, and has two daughters living somewhere in Massachusetts.

## The Texas Democratic State Convention.

NEW ORLEANS, Tuesday, April 24.

Advices from Texas to the 19th inst., state that the Democratic State Convention nominated Gen. SAM HOUSTON for the Presidency.

## The Slave-Yacht Wanderer.

THE CLAIM OF THE CREW ALLOWED.

From the Boston Traveller, April 23.

This forenoon, Judge SPRAGUE, of the United States District Court, gave a decision in the case heard some two weeks since, of the seamen of the bark *Wanderer*, claiming wages from the owner of that vessel. He said the seamen of the vessel had two claims—one for wages and the other for salvage. As the last claim was involved in the main question at issue, whether the vessel should be condemned because of her being fitted out by him for the Slave-trade, he only gave a decision on the question of wages, at this time.

He said there could be no doubt that the vessel left Charleston upon an illegal voyage. The defence grounded the claim for wages on two grounds: 1st, That the crew knowingly and willfully sailed, having full knowledge of the purpose of the voyage; and 2d, That the owner, Mr. LAMAR, did not confer upon the master of the bark, Mr. MARTIN, such authority as to give the seamen a lien for wages. The Court held that LAMAR's connection with MARTIN was such as to give the seamen a claim, reserving for further consideration a full definition of LAMAR's connection with the Captain.

The question whether the crew were ignorant and innocent of the purpose of the voyage, was considered at some length by the Court. It held that WELTON, the first mate, must have known that the voyage was to the Coast of Africa, and that he did not take the first opportunity that offered to redeem the vessel. The libel as regards him was therefore dismissed.

No knowledge of the purpose of the voyage, as regards the other claimants, had been shown. The story that they were carried off unwillingly was not improbable, and such occurrences had been brought to his notice before. It was not strange that they did not revolt at the first opportunity, because they were strangers to each other, and did not know whom to trust. Neither was it strange that they did not make complaints to the United States Consul, at the port where the vessel stopped, because the Consul appeared to be a friend of the captain, and was a Portuguese, not understanding our language. Seamen had but little confidence in Consuls who are not Americans, and to show that they had reason for their distrust, he related several instances of hardships suffered by our sailors at their hands. As soon as the proposition was made to them to take the vessel to Boston, all heartily agreed to it.

The Court then decreed wages to all except the first mate from the time the vessel sailed till she reached Boston. The claims amount to about \$800 and costs. All except those of the carpenter, the second mate, and the acting mate home, were for less than \$50 each, and no appeal can be taken. The other claims being above \$50 each, the respondent may take an appeal. If salvage should hereafter be allowed the crew, a portion of the wages now received will be deducted therefrom.

This case has been conducted by W. H. JUDSON, for the crew; J. A. ANDREWS and A. G. BROWN, Jr., for owner.

## Resignation of Capt. Pillsbury.

HIS REASONS FOR REMOVING TO ALBANY.

From the Albany Evening Journal, April 24.

The NEW-YORK TIMES of this morning says: "It is rumored that General-Superintendent PILSBURY has resigned his Commissionership, and that his resignation has been accepted by the Governor. Possibly the General's resignation may be accompanied, as before, with a letter of explanation."

This rumor is well-founded. Among the reasons which have induced this resignation is the fact that one of the sections of the new Police act precludes the Commissioners from holding any other office. As Capt. P., during all his sojourn in New-York, has kept up a general supervision of our Penitentiary, by appointment of the Supervisors of this County, the alternative of Police Commissioner of the Metropolitan District or Superintendent of the Albany Penitentiary was presented him. The former was far the more lucrative and influential office; but he chose the latter. He deems our Penitentiary a child of his own, from which he will not permit himself to be voluntarily separated.

We rejoice, in common with all our citizens, that the Captain has made this selection; and, while it may not result to his pecuniary advantage, it will, we have no doubt, result in his personal comfort and happiness. In now returning among us, he does so with the expectation of "going no more out" until his reformatory and beneficent labors shall have ceased altogether. We welcome him home again!

## EARTHQUAKE AT SEA.

The brig *African* which arrived at this port yesterday from Port au Prince, with a cargo of coffee and logwood, consigned to Messrs. MILLER & HOUGHTON, reports having experienced a violent shock of an earthquake at midnight on the 9th inst., when 30 miles from Port au Prince, in 30 fathoms of water. On the night of the 10th she experienced a similar shock. The crew were aroused by the violence of the concussion, believing that the vessel was on a reef or in collision.