

Island, also in connection with a certain promissory note for the sum of \$9,000, purporting to be made by Mr. James Foster, one of the *beau monde* of the Astor Place Opera House: of which he is said to be part owner. There is also in the business a universal genius called "one-eyed Thompson," who was a short time since a tenant on the premises of James Arlington Bennett. This Thompson is the same person to whom the public are indebted for the disclosures and developments about to be brought to light on the recent arrest of the two Drury's. The officer conveyed Mr. Bennett before the Court of Sessions, the proceedings of which will be found under the proper head in another column. Bail to the enormous amount of \$20,000 was demanded—failing in which, Mr. Arlington Bennett was committed to prison. it is said there is a mystery behind.

— *Guardian*.

Boston, Jan. 19—5 P. M.

The Grand Jury has found a true bill against Dr. Webster, for the murder of Dr. Parkman.

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WASHINGTON, Tues. Jan. 8, 1850.

Mr. Underwood presented a memorial from citizens of Kentucky, setting forth the evils of war and asking a Congress of Nations, who shall arbitrate disputed matters between different powers.

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When Peter the Great visited Westminster Hall, he asked who were all those men in wigs and gowns. He was told that they were lawyers. "There are but two lawyers in all my dominions, and I am going to hang one of them as soon as I get home."

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FROM THE NEW YORK TRIBUNE.

The Mormons in the Valley of the Great Salt Lake held a Convention on the 5th of March last, and formally organized a State Government, for which they propose to claim admittance into the Union at the approaching session of Congress. They give to their new dominions the name of "The

State of Deseret," a mystical appellation derived from their religious dialect and signifying the land of the honey-bee or of industry and all kindred virtues; within its boundaries, as they have laid them down, is included the whole of California that lies east of the dividing ridge of the Sierra Nevada, a territory some six hundred miles wide by eight hundred long, only a speck of which is occupied by the 10,000 Mormons who compose almost its only civilized population. The Government is of course on the model generally followed in this country; a Governor, Lieut. Governor, Secretary of State, Auditor of Public Accounts, and Treasurer, compose the Executive; the Legislature consists of a Senate of 17 members and House of Representatives 35; the Judiciary is composed of a Supreme Court and such inferior tribunals as shall be established by the Legislature. The Declaration of Rights guarantees absolute religious liberty. Not a word is said about Slavery. The Constitution was adopted by a vote of the people, and the machinery of the Government put in operation. The Legislature met on July 2d, appointed a Delegate to Congress and adopted a memorial to that body setting forth the reasons for the new organization and asking that it be sanctioned, or, if that be impossible, a territorial government established. Their great reason for the recognition of the State is the ability of the people to pay the cost of administering their affairs, which will save the General Treasury the cost of a territorial establishment. The objection to granting their request will be the smallness of their numbers, but as that deficiency is disappearing every day, it will probably not be conclusive against them. They have, however, marked out a more extensive country for their own than they are sure of getting.

This movement affords a striking illustration of the practical, organizing instinct of the Anglo-Saxon race and of its inbred attachment to law and order.

From the New York Herald.

THE NEW STATE OF DESERET.—We publish, in another part of to-day's Herald, the Constitution of the New State of Deseret, which has been founded by the Mormons, in the Great Basin of Upper California. It is a very liberal document, and will compare favorably with the constitution of any of the old States.

By a letter from Wales to Capt. Dan Jones, dated Sept. 4, 1849, we read that 1357, have been baptized within 6 months from Jan. to July, making in Wales last July 15 Conferences, 92 Branches, 325 Elders, 208 Priests, 189 Teachers, 107 Deacons, total Saints, 4529. Their monthly Periodical circulation is over 2,000. Love and union is characteristic of the Saints throughout Wales. The Power of God is visible among the saints in gifts, blessings, healings, and miracles to their joy and edification. The cholera has made great ravages in Wales but proved fatal to only 30 of the Saints. A numerous company intends emigrating here this season, from Wales. Wm. Howels H. P. is sent on a mission from Wales to the Britons in France, and has baptized some with cheering prospects, &c.

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ANOTHER FIRE—A destructive fire also took place at Stockton, on the morning of the 24th of December, a few hours only prior to the fire in San Francisco. By this calamity, about \$150,000 worth of property has been consumed.

Since the above date, it is reported that a flood has destroyed more than a million of property on the Sacramento.

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AN IRISH LETTER.

Tallymaclesrag, Parish of Ballyragget,
Near Ballyslueghuthey, Jan. 22, 1839.

MY DEAR NEPHEW:—I haven't sent you a letter since the last time I wrote to you, because we have moved from our former place of living, and didn't know where a letter would find you; but I now with pleasure take up my pen to