

Congressional.

The House has been engaged the greater part of the week in discussing the Oregon bill. The bill under consideration is reported by Mr. A. V. Brown, Secretary of the bill reported by Mr. A. V. Brown. The first section is as follows: "That from and after the date of the passage of this act, all the territory lying west of the Rocky Mountains and east of the 120th meridian and north of the 54th degree and 49 minutes latitude, shall constitute and be organized into a temporary government to be called the Oregon Territory."

The Senate was engaged in the consideration of the Oregon bill. The committee then rose, reported progress. After receiving the report of the Commission on Patents, on motion by Mr. McKay, the Senate again resolved itself into a committee of the Whole on the state of the Union. (Mr. F. B. Pickens, of Kentucky, in the chair) took up and considered three general appropriation bills, viz: Making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department for the year ending 30th June, 1846; the bill making appropriations for the ordinary and other purposes of the Government for the year ending 30th June, 1846; and the bill making appropriations for certain purposes of the United States for the same year. These bills, after being passed up by the Committee of the Whole, were referred to the third time and passed.

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FOREIGN NEWS.

HIGHLY IMPORTANT FROM MEXICO. Defeat and Capture of Santa Anna—Loss of Five Hundred Lives in Battle.

By the arrival at New Orleans, of the schooner Sarah Ann, papers have been received to the 4th, and private advices to the 9th inst. We copy the following from the Tropic: Santa Anna has met another San Jacinto defeat, and now a miserable captive in the hands of those over whom he has so long tyrannized. The 'Napoleon of the South' has at last found a fate as unenviable as was that of his Waterloo. His star has shot from its zenith, and he whose lightest word was law, a brief period since, has fallen so low that there are none so poor to do him reverence.

The following letter from a correspondent at Tampico, furnishes us with the intelligence of the defeat and capture of Santa Anna. Tampico, Jan. 14th, 1845. Dear Sir:—Dates from Mexico to the 9th instant arrived here last night by express. A desperate battle had been fought on the plains of Appan, between Santa Anna, on the one side, and Bravo and Paredes, on the other, which ended in the total rout of the former who was captured in trying to make his escape. Five hundred men are reported to have been killed, and General Paredes had been despatched by Bravo, in pursuit of the routed troops of Santa Anna. Bravo, himself, was on his march back to Mexico with his august prisoner! This is all I have time to write.

The Tropic contains some additional news; but as it is not so late as the above we omit it. The officers who attacked Santa Anna had 10,000 men under their command. In a single march Santa Anna lost 2000 men by desertion, and subsequently 600 deserted in a body. We presume that the sentence of the Dictator will be death.

ARRIVAL OF THE STEAMER CAMBRIA.

Advance in the Cotton Market maintained—Religious Excitement in England—Return of Mr. Everett—Interesting News.

The new steam ship Cambria arrived at Boston on Friday morning, 21st ult., having sailed from Liverpool on the 4th ult. She encountered tremendous weather during her passage. Two of her best boats were swept off during the gale. She brought 90 passengers.

The political intelligence is not important. The discussions in the Anglican Church continue. Between theology and politics, the writers of the daily press have their hands full.

In consequence of the excitement prevailing among the laity of his diocese with regard to the Bishop of Exeter's Pastoral Letter, he has withdrawn his mandate in relation to the use of the surplice. Petitions are being sent into the Queen requesting her interference at this supposed crisis of the Church.

Dr. Pusey has published a letter, intimating that he could not sign the Thirty-nine Articles with their new restriction, even should his refusal result in his removal from the University.

The hebdomadal board of Oxford have determined to stip, at the convocation in February, Mr. Ward of his gown, on account of the doctrines put forth in his "Ideal of a Christian Church."

Opposed to the See of Exeter is that of Worcester, whose Bishop, in a pastoral letter to his clergy, has recommended a course of discipline, as respects forms and observances, the antipodes of Exeter.

The cotton manufacture is very prosperous, and a large number of new mills has been erected. Movements for the repeal of the duty on cotton are continuing, and the Anti-Corn Law League has recommended agitation.

Mr. Everett, the present Minister of the United States in England, is expected to leave the country early in the spring for Washington.

The British press teems with attacks upon Mr. Tyler—his message—Mr. Calhoun's letter, and all the correspondence connected with the annexation question. The Times says Mr. Calhoun's letter will not only irritate the Minister, but the whole British people. It impugns their honesty and sincerity in a cause—the abolition of slavery—upon which, if upon any subject, the public mind is not merely unanimous, but fixed and unalterably made up.

One is by the letter of the Comptroller of the Bank of Albany, New York, A. Lovett, who has been engaged in litigation for ten years. The defendant commenced five years since; and out of speculation, in four, lotteries and other operations of the kind, the amount of the defalcation is \$15,000. Mr. Lovett was handed over to a pistol ready loaded and capped, as taken from him for fear of escape.

SEARCH FOR LOST TREASURE.—A vessel belonging to a company of gentlemen in Baltimore, fully equipped with a diving bell, submarine armor, and efficient hands to work it, under the superintendence of a practical engineer, recently left for the island of Margarita, near Cumana, for the purpose of recovering the military chest and other treasures and stores lost by the foundering of the Spanish eighty gun ship, "San Pedro de Alcantara."

The loss of the ship occurred in April 1815, at noon day, within a league of the island, and in 10 fathoms of water. To this severe calamity, is to be attributed the failure of the Spanish arms under Morillo, and the subsequent independence of the South American Republics.

For an interesting account of this, see Niles' Register of June, 1815, 5th vol., page 33—and lately in the Albion of the 23d Nov., in a review of a work entitled "Memories of the War of South American Independence."

Since 1815 the wreck has quietly slumbered at the bottom of the sea, its whereabouts known only to the fisherman of the coast. The hull lies in ten and a half fathoms of water, on a hard and sandy bottom between the island of Margarita and the main land. The neighboring sea is ordinarily smooth and seldom violently agitated. Authentic accounts state that she remains in the same position in which she went down. Her decks are partially fallen in, owing, it is supposed, to the weight of her armament and action of the worms on her wood work.

The present expedition has a permit from the Venezuelan Government to recover all the lost treasure and stores, with the sole condition of paying into the Treasury of the Republic five per cent. on all recovered.

THE CASE OF MISS WEBSTER.—The Louisville Journal contains what appears to be a full summary of the testimony taken upon the trial of Miss Delia Webster, for negro stealing, at Lexington, Ky. Difficult as it is to come to a harsh conclusion in a case in which a delicate and educated female is concerned, and as much as we had hoped to see this young woman exonerate herself from the worst part of the charges against her, it is impossible to peruse the evidence in the case without coming at once to the conclusion that the jury could have found no other verdict than that of guilty. If the witnesses swore truly, as there is nothing before us to raise a suspicion that they did not, Miss Webster was not only undoubtedly guilty of the crime charged in the indictment, but of the grossest improprieties of a different character. It appears by the testimony that she joined Fairbanks in stealing and carrying off the slaves, by previous concert—that she went off with him in a carriage hired for the purpose—that she spent a long time with him night and day, and a portion of it in so equivocal a position as to lead the landlord of a house where they stopped to suppose that they were a couple of runaway lovers, which they neither denied nor admitted upon being called to that effect. No evidence of any consequence was adduced by the prisoner's counsel, and the jury, after hearing able arguments on both sides, returned at night, and next morning brought their verdict of guilty. Fairbanks will be tried at the next term.—Spirit of the Times.

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