

## MISCELLANY.

The Hon. Thomas H. Benton has been re-elected by the Legislature, a Senator in Congress, from the state of Missouri, for six years, from the 3d of March next, when his present term of service will expire.

Abbin K. Paris, has been elected to the Senate of the United States, by the legislature of Maine. He will fill the seat now occupied by Mr. Holmes.

From the "London Mechanics' Magazine."

## GROUND SWELL IN THE POLAR REGIONS.

The ice in the Polar regions accommodates itself to the surface by bending, but when several yards in thickness, it refuses to yield beyond a certain extent, and is broken in pieces with dreadful explosions—The best account that we know of the appearances presented on such occasions is given by a party of Moravian missionaries, who were engaged in a coasting expedition on the ice along the northern shore of Labrador, with sledges drawn by dogs. They narrowly escaped destruction from one of those occurrences, and were near enough to witness all its grandeur. We extract it from the recent interesting compilation of the Rev. Dr. Brown, on the history of the Propagation of Christianity. The missionaries met a sledge with Esquimaux, turning in from the sea, who threw out some hints that it might be well for them to return; after some time, their own Esquimaux hinted that there was a ground swell under the ice; it was then scarcely perceptible, except on lying down and applying the ear close to the ice, when a hollow, disagreeable, grating noise was heard ascending from the abyss. As the motion of the sea under the ice had grown more perceptible, they became alarmed, and began to think it prudent to keep close to the shore; the ice also had fissures in many places, some of which formed chasms of one or two feet, but as these are not uncommon even in its best state, and the dogs easily leap over them, they are frightful only to strangers; as the wind rose to a storm, the swell had now increased so much that its effects on the ice were extraordinary and really alarming. The sledges, instead of gliding smoothly along on an even surface, sometimes ran with violence after the dogs, and sometimes seemed with difficulty to ascend a rising hill; noises, too, were now distinctly heard in many directions like the report of cannon, from the bursting of the ice at a distance;—alarmed at these frightful phenomena, our travellers drove with all haste towards the shore, and as they approached it the prospect before them was tremendous; the ice having burst loose from the rocks, was torn to and fro, and broken in a thousand pieces against the precipices, with a dreadful noise; which, added to the raging of the sea, the roaring of the wind, and the driving of the snow, so completely overpowered them as almost to deprive them of the one, or both their eyes and ears. To make the land now was the only source that remained; but it was with the utmost difficulty that the frightened dogs could be driven forward, and as the whole body of the ice frequently sank below the summits of the rocks and then rose above them, the only time for landing was at the moment it gained the level of the coast, a circumstance which rendered the attempt extremely nice and hazardous; both sledges, however, succeeded in gaining the shore, & were drawn up on the beach, though not without great difficulty; scarcely had they reached it when the part of the ice from which they had just descended burst asunder, and the water rushing from beneath instantly precipitated it into the ocean in a moment, as by a signal, the whole mass of ice for several miles along the coast, and extending as far as the eye could reach, began to break, and to be overwhelmed with waves; the spectacle was awfully grand; the immense fields of ice rising out of the ocean, clashing against one another, and then plunging into the deep with a violence which no language can describe, and a noise like the discharge of ten thousand canons, was a sight which must have struck the most unfeeling mind with solemn awe. The listeners were overwhelmed with amazement at their magnificence as it passed, and even the pagan Esquimaux expressed gratitude to God for their deliverance.

## DESCRIPTION OF THE CITY OF MEXICO.

The city of Mexico is about 80 leagues in circumference, and is enclosed on all sides by mountains, clad with cedar, rare shrubs and medicinal plants. These mountains also contain in their bosoms mines of the precious metals, and gems. They are covered with romantic villages and farms, which are watered by limpid streams. The centre of this great plain is occupied by lakes, one of which, that formerly extended to the city, is now drawn off to such a degree, that it does not reach within a league of it.

Mexico was founded in 1317, and is continually increasing and becoming more beautiful every year. The inhabitants, whose number has been growing since the establishment of independence, dwell in very high houses; and the finest part of the city is only of small extent. The streets are straight and well paved. In spite of the harsh nature of the soil, art has laid strong foundations for the buildings. The oil is good, and the streets are kept very clean, so that the city is a favourite place of residence; it is the largest, the finest, and the most sumptuous of all the cities which the Spanish monarchy has lost in America.

The Cathedral is a master piece, it was ninety four years in building, and contains two statues of the Virgin—one of silver, weighing 50 pounds, and one of gold, which weighs 6084 cast llanos ornamented with precious stones.

There are an hundred other churches, all very beautiful and richly decorated; a great number of numeraries, one of which has been the residence of a celebrated Mexican poetess, Juana Inas de la Cruz.

The city also contains a multitude of other public edifices, amongst which is remarkable that of the Mountain of Piety, endowed with a fund of 315,000 dollars, presented by Count Regla; and the old Tribunal of the King and the descendants of Cortes. The number of hospitals is thirteen; and there are asylums for married women, the poor mendicants and foundlings.

The edifice which belonged to the Inquisition, has a most sumptuous appearance. It contained three inquisitors, two judges and a fiscal; four robed councillors, two ecclesiastical, an alguacil, four secretaries and a treasurer. The regular manufacture employs 5000 persons.

The Government Palace contains, among other establishments, the Mint, where in 1742, four millions one hundred and twelve thousand dollars were coined, besides five thousand nine hundred and twenty marks in gold. The city is abundantly supplied with grain, as well as fruit, and other products of the garden, from the country in its environs, which is fertile, with the exception of the part which lies west of the great lake, where the salt water and saline vapours injure the vegetation.

Mexico is not enclosed by walls, but is surrounded by a broad ditch, which is sufficient to secure the payment of the duties, and to prevent frauds, in articles passing the gates, which are numerous, the principal ones being those of Guadalupe, St. Antonio, St. Lazarus, Chapultepec, and the Angels of Transposa. In the middle of the great square is a lofty ornamental with a bronze equestrian statue—N. Y. Daily Ady.

**A HAPPY ILLUSTRATION.**

Conceive a man to be standing on the margin of this green world; and that, when he looked towards it, he saw abundance smiling upon every field, and all the blessings which earth can afford, scattered in profusion throughout every family, and the light of the sun sweetly resting upon all the pleasant habitations, and the joys of human companionship brightening many a happy circle of society—conceive this to be the general character of the scene upon one side of his contemplation; and that on the other beyond the verge of the gondly plain, on which he was situated, he could discern nothing but a dark and fathomless unknown. Think you that he would bid a voluntary adieu to all the brightness, and all the beauty that were before him, upon earth, and commit himself to the frightful solitude away from it; would he leave its peopled dwelling places, and become a solitary wanderer through the fields of nothingness? If space pleased him nothing but a wilderness, would he for it abandon the honest, simple, life and of cheerfulness, that lay so

near, and exerted such a power of urgency to detain him? Would no clinging to the regions of sense, and of life, and of society,—and shrinking away from the desolation that was beyond it, would not be glad to keep his firm hold on the territory of this world, and to take shelter under the silver canopy that was stretched over it?

But is during the time of his contemplation, some happy island of the blest had floated by, & there had burst upon his sense, the light of its surpassing glories, and its sounds of sweeter melody, and he clearly saw, that there, a pure beauty rested upon every field, and a more heartfelt joy spread itself among all the families; and he could discern there, peace, and a piety, and a benevolence, which put mortal gladness into every bosom, and united the whole society in one rejoicing sympathy with each other, and with the beneficent Father of them all. Could he further see, that pain and mortality were there unknown; and above all that signals of welcome were hung out, and an avenue of communication was made for him; perceive you not, that what was before the wilderness, would become the land of creation; and that now the world would be the wilderness? What unoccupied space could not do, can be done by space teeming with beatific scenes and beatific society. And let the existing tendencies of the heart be what they may to the scene that is near and visible around us, still, if another stand revealed in the prospect of man, either thro' the channel of faith, or through the channel of his senses, then, without violence done to the constitution of his mortal nature, may he be wanted on his part to give satisfaction in the execution of the duties of that office.

June 3.

CHALMERS.

Notice.

The Commissioners of the Tax, for Anne Arundel county, will meet at the court house in the city of Annapolis on Thursday the 15th day of February next for the purpose of hearing appeals and making transfers. All persons having appeals to make to the board, and those having transfers to be made, are hereby notified, that at the time of meeting the books of the Commissioners will be closed for the year 1827.

By order, R. L. C. Jan. 18.

Notice.

In pursuance of a commission which was heretofore issued from Worcester county court, authorising, and requiring the subscribers to divide the real estate, lying and being situate in Worcester county, whereof Bersheby, Walston, late of said county, died seized, without having disposed thereof by will, among the several parties entitled to the same by the laws of this State, the subscribers will meet on the said real estate on Monday the 14th day of March next, for the purpose of performing the duties, enjoined on them by the said commission.

David Howard,

Joseph Leonard,

James Fooks, sen.

Thomas Gordy, &

Sam'l. Gordy.

Worcester county, Jan. 8, 1827.

Runaway.

Was committed to my custody on the 20th of December, as a runaway, a negro man by the name of Bob, five feet, five inches high, of yellowish complexion, about 20 years of age, who says he belongs to Robert Dobbins, on the Rappahannock river, Westmoreland county, state of Virginia. Said fellow has no perceptible dark marks, his clothing consists of a tarpaulin roundabout jacket, striped Lindsey vest, blue cloth trousers, coarse shoes and stockings, and old wool hat. His owner is hereby notified to release him from jail, by proving property, paying charges, &c. he will otherwise be discharged according to law.

R. Welch of Ben.

Sh. A. A. C.

Annapolis, 3d January, 1827.

State of Maryland,

Charles County, to wit:

I hereby certify, that P. W. McPherson of said county, brought before me the subscriber, a justice of the peace for said county, a black

ORLOND, about six

years old, fourteen

hands, two inches high,

swallow tail, pages, trots

and canters. Given under my hand this 14th

of October 1826.

John F. Dunnington

The owner of the above described horse, is requested to come forward,

prove property, pay charges, and

abandon the horse.

B. W. McPherson.

January 4.

## Sheriffalty.

### John Knighton,

Respectfully notifies his Fellow Citizens of Anne Arundel county, and the City of Annapolis, that he is a Candidate for the office of Sheriff, at the election to be held in 1827, and solicits their suffrages.

April 27.

## SHERIFFALTY.

### Joseph Allein,

Respectfully informs his friends and fellow citizens of Anne Arundel and Annapolis, that at the solicitation of many voters, he is induced to offer himself as a Candidate for the Office of Sheriff at the election in 1827, and solicits their suffrages.

July 20.

## NOTICE.

### ADAM & JOHN MILLER,

Respectfully tender their thanks to their friends and the public for past favours, and particularly request their attention to their large and extensive assortment of

Dry Goods, Groceries, Queen's

Ware, Glass, Ware and

LUMBER,

all of which they will sell on the most accommodating terms, for Ass't They are compelled to call on all those that are in any way indebted to them, for a payment of their accounts, on or before the 15th of September next, otherwise they shall bring suit on all accounts that have been standing over twelve months without any discrimination. They therefore hope this notice will be attended to, and relieved them from the disagreeable necessity of doing what is very unpleasant.

June 3.

## Hirelings Wanted.

Wanted at the Alum and Copper Works on the Magoffy River, for the year 1827, TWELVE good HANDS, for whom liberal wages will be given payable half yearly. Apply at the Works, or to Mr. Joseph Sands, at Annapolis.

Nov. 1.

## Cabinet Making.

The subscriber, at his shop in Francis Street, one door above Mr. N. J. Watkins, and just below Mrs. Gambrill's Boarding House, respectfully tenders his thanks for the patronage afforded him. Having laid in a large assortment of Mahogany, and procured good workmen, he is prepared to execute work in the best and most fashionable style. He solicits a share of public favour.

He will likewise furnish and superintend

## FUNERALS.

On the shortest notice, and most reasonable terms. He will also attend to the business of

UPHOLSTERER.

Jonathan Weedon

Jan. 12.

## Sheriffalty.

The subscriber notifies his fellow citizens of Anne Arundel county and the city of Annapolis, that he is again a candidate for the office of Sheriff, and respectfully solicits their suffrages.

Benjamin T. Pindle.

Sept. 15, 1825.

## 150 Dollars Reward.

Ranaway from the subscriber, living on Kent Island, Queen Anne's County, on the 7th inst. the following Negro, to wit:

SOPHIA ROBERTS, about five feet 3 or 4 inches high, and thirty-five years of age. She has a flat full face, with thick lips and sore eyes, one or both of them having been operated upon, and having the appearance of a fallen woman.

She is good, and has a considerate number of children.

True copy taken from the

Proceedings of the Court of

Orphans.

James Cassaway, Trustee.

Jan. 18.

## DECEMBER TERM,

Anne Arundel County, Orphans

Court, January 8th, 1827.

Ordered, That Thomas J. Hill, administrator of Jesse Leitch, late of Anne Arundel county, deceased, give notice, by advertisements to be inserted in the Maryland Gazette and Baltimore Gazette, once in each of six successive weeks, to the legal representatives of the said Jesse Leitch, of the distribution of the estate will be made under the court's direction on the second Tuesday in April next.

In testimony that the foregoing is true, copy taken from the

Proceedings of the Court of

Orphans.

John Hall, Reg. W.

A. A. County.

## DECISIONS.

By Subscription.

## THE DECISIONS.

in the COURTS OF APPEALS OF MARYLAND.

To be reported by Thomas Hart

Adair, Clerk of the Courts of

Appeals, & the Courts of

Probate, &