

Jointly recognizing the Spanish Republic.

Families are leaving Madrid; they anticipate a disturbance in the city.

PARIS, 21.

The decision of the Committee by vote on Wednesday in favour of creating a second Chamber of the Assembly has led to a complete rupture between the parties of the Right and Right centre.

NEW YORK, 21.

Heavy rain in New York. Thick snow storm and strong gale in Boston.

The noon weather report says, during the rest of Friday, the Barometer in middle Atlantic coast will move northward to Cape Cod. That over Lake Ontario will move down the St. Lawrence valley. North East winds with rain and snow will prevail over New England.

The Fur Seal Islands.—One hundred and eighty miles north of the Aleutian peninsula, and three hundred west of the main land of Alaska, are two small islands, known as the Seal Islands, (or more specifically Pribyloff Islands), which was discovered and settled by the Russians some eighty years ago.

The largest one, St. Paul, has about fifty miles of shore line; St. George's probably having twenty or twenty-five. To these islands, come every year, in the summer time, an extraordinary number of fur seals for the purpose of breeding; some four or five millions at least were, at the time of writing, hauled up on the rocky shores.

The old males come first, generally two months before the females. They take up positions on and among the rocks above the tide level, and wait patiently for the arrival of their partners in this instinctive perseverative labor. When they first come out from the sea and lie up on the shore, they are exceedingly fat and sleek, and it is well that they are so, for upon this fatness alone, they live for three, four, and even five months without taking food of any kind, or seldom leaving their stand on the rocks. The existence is not passed in a comatose condition by any means—rather one of the most incessant and violent exercises, fighting furiously among themselves for their positions on the rockery, so desperately as to frequently kill one another, and in attending the females during the breeding season. The younger males are not permitted by the older ones to take a stand on the breeding ground, or rookery; they are obliged to haul up in large droves by themselves, either to one side or far in the rare of the ground occupied by their seniors. It is from these flocks or herds of young bachelors that the selection of killable seals is made and the 'Drivo' taken. Females are never slaughtered for their skins. The females begin to land about the middle of June in large numbers, and very soon after having found their places on the rookery, give birth to their young, and stay by them till the end of September before leaving the ground, only going now and then into the water to wash and cool themselves. The females have but one pup a year, though they may, like some other animals, have occasionally twins, but Captain Bryant, who has watched them for three years, has never observed a case. Their bodies, so well enveloped in fat, are admirably adapted to the rough, sharp edged rocks, on which they lie month after month in apparent ease and comfort. The Government, after careful deliberation over and consideration of many propositions, has leased to the Alaska Commercial Company the Islands for a term of twenty years, giving the Company the exclusive right to take seal-skins, limiting it at the same time to securing a certain sum per annum, \$100,000. For this privilege the Government receives the very handsome sum of \$340,000 yearly, with scarcely any cost of collection more than the pay of one agent and three assistants, who are stationed on the two islands to see that all the conditions of the lease are faithfully carried out. By putting this limitation on the number of seals to be killed every season, and restricting the destruction to the males only, the increase and perpetuation of these valuable animals are ensured. Were this not done the seals would soon be exterminated, as have already been their cousins in the Antarctic.—United States Economist.

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Feb. 7.

The World without a Newspaper.—At a meeting of the Urban Club, Mr. G. Linnæus Banks, in the course of a most effective speech on proposing the toast of "The Press and Edward Cave," dwelt upon the debt we owe the enterprising printer of St. John's Gate, for initiating the system of parliamentary reporting, and closed his remarks with the following startling and suggestive home thrust:

"There are people—hard-headed, matter of fact people—who affect to despise both newspaper influence and newspaper writers. I should like such people to have a momentary glimpse, if it were possible, of the mere business world as it would be if all newspaper facilities were annihilated. Extinguish all the lights which the press has shed upon the wants and interests of Society; let all the information it has gathered from all parts of the world, and scattered among its readers be forgotten; let all the intelligence it has imparted, all the enterprise it has awakened, all the ingenuity and energy it has stimulated be cast into oblivion; and in what stage of advancement may we suppose the mercantile world would be found? Would not the unfortunate English trader fancy himself transported back into the dark ages? And if such the commercial, what then the social and moral aspect of society? Let any one reflect an instant upon the gigantic power for good or evil exercised by even one ably conducted journal, and then tell me, if you can, of any other human agency that is at all comparable to it!"

NEWS & TIMES.

THE New York "World" speaks of Froude's reply to Father Burke as "a Roland for an Oliver." Interpreted literally that would mean that neither was entitled to any confidence.

AN Irish editor says that, "In the absence of both editors, the publishers have succeeded in securing the services of a 'gentleman' to edit the paper this week."

A NOVELTY in journalism is promised in England. "The Good Templars" propose to issue a comic temperance newspaper weekly, which shall use the weapons of satire and ridicule against the custom of drinking and the vice which accompany it. It isn't a very good idea. The subject is too serious for fun.

THERE is a man in Waukesha, Wis., who always celebrates a rather remarkable anniversary. Thirteen years ago he was buried in a well, where he remained for seven hours when he was dug out alive. He now never fails to observe the day of his deliverance in a festive manner; and all persons who are buried for seven hours and then dug out ought to follow his example.

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NOTICE.

I GIVE NOTICE that the Co-partnership existing under the firm of Rutherford Brothers,

Between GEORGE C. RUTHERFORD and myself, has been dissolved; that I will not be responsible for any debts contracted in the name of such Co-partnership, and that the residue of the said Co-partnership Stock at present undisposed of is subject to my lien for my share of the same.

ANDREW RUTHERFORD. Harbor Grace, Feb. 8th, 1873.

MONEY!

PARTIES having MONEY TO LOAN on security of FREEHOLD PROPERTY, situated in Water Street, Harbor Grace, can obtain particulars by application at the Office of this paper.

Harbor Grace, Jan. 14, 1873. } 6i.

J. Mellis,

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CAUTION!

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LUCINDA BARTLETT. Bay Roberts, Nov. 13, 1872. }

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Medicamentum (stamped)
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Balsam of Life
Chlorodyne
Mexican Mustang Liniment
Steer's Opodilloc
Radway's Ready Relief
Arnold's Balsam
Murray's Fluid Magnesia
" Acidulated Syrup
S. A. Allen's Hair Restorer
Rossiter's "
Ayer's Hair Vigor
" Sarsaparilla
" Cherry Pectoral
Pickles, French Capers, Sauces
Soothing Syrup
Kaye's Coaguline
India Rubber Sponge
Teething Rings
Sponge, Tooth Cloths
Nail, Shoe and Stove Brushes
Widow Welch's Pills
Cockle's "
Holloway's "
Norton's "
Hunt's "
Morrison's "
Radway's "
Ayer's "
Parsons' "
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