

It is said that the United States intend to send a squadron to Japan, under Com. Perry, to compel the Japanese to open their ports to American trade. And this is highly approved by those who are horror-stricken at the idea of American intervention in European politics. You may interfere for trade—for profit—to make money—but not to raise the oppressed, establish justice, or form republican institutions!—*Boston Post.*

The receipts of tolls on the public works of Canada during the past season amount to about \$400,000, showing an increase of \$35,000 over the season of 1850. The receipts from customs amount to \$2,750,000, showing an aggregate increase of receipts from the public works and from customs of near \$500,000 over the year 1850.

COTTON CROP.—By a fabulous statement in the New Orleans Prices Current, it appears that the cotton crop of the United States of the year 1851. was worth more than \$40,000,000, more than the most valuable crop ever before raised.

VALUABLE MINES OF SILVER.—An official despatch from New Mexico states that a new and valuable silver mine had been discovered in that country. It is to be hoped that it may lead to the more plentiful distribution of silver change.

A petition signed by 35,000 persons praying the repeal of the laws permitting the sale of intoxicating drinks has been presented to the New York Legislature.

THE MAINE LIQUOR LAW.—Judge Allison of Philadelphia, in his recent charge to the Grand Jury, took ground in favour of the Maine Liquor Law.

A large American Squadron is about to sail for Japan, for the purpose, it is said, of making a favourable impression on the Emperor of that remarkable country.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 29th.—The Patriot has a reliable despatch from Washington saying that the Hon. Mr. Merrick, ex-Senator from Maryland, will succeed Mr. Cass as minister to Rome.

The Washington Correspondent of the Commercial says if any embarrassment has existed between the President and Mr. Webster, it exists no longer.

PERU.—The Panama *Echo* says that a revolution, in embryo, had been discovered, and the parties accused of fomenting it have absconded to Chili.

It is reported that the U. S. Government has given notice to the British of its desire to break up the present postal arrangements between the two countries.

The Crystal Palace is now bare of its contents, all the exhibitors having cleared away their goods.

It is said the additional grant of \$200,000 per annum to the Collins's line, will pass both branches of the Legislature.

JAMAICA.—The cholera still lingered at Savanna la Mar—six deaths between the 8th and 15th Jan. It was also prevalent at Montego Bay, and both cholera and small pox have visited St. Ann's parish. The civic and parochial elections went off quietly.

One of the greatest temperance demonstrations made for many years took place at Albany on the 28th ult.

A GREAT FIRE occurred at the Winooski Falls, 31st ult, by which property to an immense amount was destroyed.

THE OHIO STATE HOUSE was consumed by Fire at 3 A. M. 1st inst.

INDIAN CENSUS.—Efforts have been made for a year or two past by Government to obtain a census of the Indian population now inhabiting the United States. By the accounts received from the census agents, and information derived from other sources, it is ascertained that the true number of Indians, inhabiting all parts of our country, amounts to about 418,000. Of this number 30,000 is the estimated number of those inhabiting the unexplored territories; 24,100 are the Indians of Texas; 92,130 belong to the tribes living in New Mexico; 31,231 in California; 22,733 are in Oregon; 11,530 in Utah. Many of the New Mexican Indians are civilized, and have fixed habitations and towns.—*Aus. paper.*

TRADE OF THE UNITED STATES.—The estimated value of the grain, flour, and other bread-stuffs, exported from the United States, in the year 1851, was \$21,427,216. The value of the imports of 1851 was \$223,405,272; the total value of the exports \$217,523,201; and the tonnage employed, during the same period, was 3,772,439.

PAUPERISM IN MASSACHUSETTS.—The returns of the Secretary of State to the House of Representatives of Massachusetts state that the number of State paupers is 16,154, of whom 12,940 are foreigners. The total expense of the almshouses and appurtenances for the year, has been \$484,638. Of the foreign paupers, 2000 have come into the Commonwealth within a single year. The total number of persons relieved and supported as paupers during the year, has been 27,624.

U. S. TREASURY.—The receipts from October 1 to December 31 were \$10,228,242, of which \$9,901,506 were from customs. The expenditures for the same time were \$14,943,023 51—an excess over receipts of \$1,714,781.

PROVIDENCE, Jan'y 30.—The *Maine Liquor Law*, which has been under discussion in the House since Wednesday last, was defeated this evening—yeas 31, nays 37. A new bill will be offered on Monday.

About 82,000 barrels Mackerel were packed in Gloucester last year, more than double the quantity caught at any other port in the United States.