

THE EVENTS OF THE PAST YEAR.

The year which has just rolled by, has been full of events connected with our national character and destiny, and a retrospect cannot but be refreshing and instructive. We select from the New York papers, the following summary of the most important incidents. No single year of our national existence has developed more momentous results, or done more to elevate our national character and establish the great destinies of our Republic and the march of free principles to all continents.

January 1st—The Province of Yucatan declared herself independent of Mexico, on the ground that the Central Government had violated the compact. February 9th—Resolutions for terminating the Joint Occupation of Oregon, passed the U. S. House of Representatives—164 to 54.

25th—British House of Commons sanctioned, by a large majority, Sir Robert Peel's measure for reforming the Corn Laws. March 28th—Gen Taylor, with an army of 3500 men, arrived at the Rio Grande, and took possession of Matamoros.

April 10th—Resolutions to terminate the Joint Occupation of Oregon, passed the Senate—40 to 14. 24th—Captain Thornton's command taken by the Mexicans. May 3d—The Mexicans opened their batteries on Fort Brown, opposite Matamoros. The cannonade was kept up without intermission for several days.

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June 1st—Pope Gregory XVI died at Rome, having served more than fifteen years. 18th—The U. S. Senate ratified the Treaty for the division of Oregon. 21st—Cardinal Mastai Ferretti was inaugurated at Rome, under the title of Pope Pius IX. He is 54 years of age.

MASSACHUSETTS—WESTERN RAIL ROAD BUSINESS ON THE EAST AND ALBANY RAIL ROAD.

Table with columns: Station, Brs. Flour, Brs. Flour. Lists stations like Schodack, Kaushokong, Chatham Centre, etc., with corresponding flour quantities.

The amount collected on freight forwarded from East Albany from January 1st, 1843, to December 31st, 1846, is as follows: 1843, \$167,987.12; 1844, \$208,450.06; 1845, \$223,572.00; 1846, \$234,184.88.

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