

Miscellaneous Eastern Items.

A friendly correspondence has taken place between the Governors of New York and New Jersey about the famous oyster beds, at Oyster Island, near the Jersey shore. The Governor of New Jersey acknowledged the jurisdiction of New York over all the waters of the bay of New York, to the low water mark on the Jersey side.

The American trotters in England, Jack Rossiter and Mountain Boy, have been beaten at Liverpool.

A Republican meeting was held in New York on the 28th October, for the ratification of the recent State nominations. Senator Wilson repelled the assaults upon the party connected with Old Brown's raid into Virginia. He denounced Congressman Cochrane with severity, for charging the outrage upon the Republicans, showing his speeches in 1848 to have been more "insurrectionary" against the South than those of any Republican since. Brown, Mr. Wilson said, was a filibuster against slavery, and seeing Walker's filibusterism in favor tolerated by the Government, thought he might carry out his notions with equal impunity.

The Pike's Peak gold mines, though not an absolute failure during the present year, have given signs of only very moderate productiveness. The amount of territory in which gold has been found, is about fifty miles square. The gold-bearing quartz lies between sand-stone granite and mica slate, in layers from a few inches to a foot or two.

It seems probable that orders have been given to arrest Fred. Douglass, the negro abolition orator. Fred. has fled to Canada, on charges connected with Old Brown's attempt at insurrection. He may, per-

haps, be reclaimed under the extradition treaty, as an accessory to murder before the fact, which being not a political offence, is within the purview of the treaty.

Stampedes of slaves in parties of a dozen or two are becoming frequent. The last troop of twelve or fifteen escaped from Alexandria, Va., about the time of the Harper's Ferry tumult, and passed the Niagara the following week.

Brownsville, opposite Matamoras, on the Rio Grande, has been attacked by a band of armed Mexican marauders, assembled partly from Texas and in part from Mexico. They appear to have taken the town and held it for a short time. Brownsville is a trading town of some importance, on the Texan side of the river. Gen. Taylor established a fort there in 1846 composed of earthworks, and a garrison consisting of a company or two of artillery was kept there until the summer of the present year, when it was withdrawn. The American merchants in the place protested energetically to the President against the removal of the troops, as depriving them of indispensable protection.

The accident to the Hudson river steamer *New World*, on the evening of the 26th October, was a serious disaster, but fortunately produced no loss of life. She had on board more than 250 passengers. Twelve miles above New York, on her way to Albany, the engineer suddenly stopped the machinery in order to avoid a collision with a river craft. The sudden wrench brought down the frame-work supporting the walking-beam, which was found to be very rotten. The iron-work fell with a crash, and parts of it was forced through the bottom of the boat. She sank to her guards, but was kept afloat till she drifted into shallow water. The passengers were rescued by small boats.