

The "personal liberty bill," which practically nullifies the Fugitive Slave Law, has passed both branches of the Massachusetts Legislature.

It is rumored that Gov. Gardiner will veto the bill.

FIRE IN SAN FRANCISCO.—The *S. F. News* of the 14th says:

This morning, about two o'clock, a fire broke out in a frame building that leads out of Jackson street. The vicinity is one of the most disreputable in the city, and is moreover built up with the most worthless kind of houses. The flames spread rapidly, and although the Department was soon on hand, no headway could be made in stopping the spread of the conflagration, until the entire block, bounded by Stout's Alley, Jackson street, St. Louis Alley and Dupont street was completely gutted of all except the brick buildings. The centre was completely burned out, leaving the four corners standing, with a wide passage way made through the block from four directions. The losses, as they occurred, could not be obtained in full, having fallen on scores of persons, as the houses were mostly rented to persons of ill fame, and those too, of the lowest description. We give below such a summary of the loss as could be gathered in the confusion of this morning.

The total loss is estimated at \$50,000.

SURVEYING PARTY.—Lieut. Williamson is expected to arrive at Fort Reading in a few days, where he will make a short stay, previous to starting upon an expedition to survey the country lying between the head waters of the Sacramento and Columbia rivers. He is to be furnished with an escort from Fort Reading, which will probably be commanded by our gallant friend Lieut. Underwood. It is intended, if deemed necessary, to bestow upon the Indians of the region to be surveyed, a wholesome degree of chastisement.