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TELEGRAPHIC (From the Oregonian.)

By the arrival of the Anderson we have the following later telegrams from the East and California :-

Emigration to Mexico Stopped.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 27-Gen. Sheridan to-day refused to allow emigrants to leave for Mexico. He is acting under instructions from Washington.

The Paraguayan War.

NEW YORK, Jan. 30 .- The Herald's Rio Janeiro letter gives in full the letter of President Lopez of Paraguay, to Gen. Mitre, the Argentine President, heretofore alluded to in reports from that quarter. Instead of containing peace propositions it avows the most warlike demonstration and threatens to retaliate for alleged barbarities.

From Jamaica

NEW YORK, Jan. 30-Jamaica advices announce the arrival of Gov. Storks. who took the oath of office on the 9th. The counsel for Mrs. Gordon also arrived from London.

The courts would open on the 23d.

Rumors about Jeff. Davis.

The Tribune's Washington correspondent says rumors with more than ordinary foundation for sensation reports are rife thet Jeff. Davis will be specially brought to trial before a military commission. Senator Dixon, of Connecticut, is the person with whom the President had conversation as published. This conversation is creating much sensation.

Our Consulat Lieghorn, under date of December 31, informs the State Department that quarantine regulations against vessels coming form Marseilles, Naples and other ports where the cholera has prevailed have been removed. The cholera has abated somewhat at Guadaloupe though retaining full force in the interior. The total number of deaths is 11,200.

Terrible Steamboat Disasters.

CHICAGO, Jan 31. - The telegraph brings news of two shocking disasters by the explosion of steamers on the western waters.

The steamer Missouri exploded on Green river, Kentucky, yesterday morn-The wreck floated down to Evans' ing. It is supposed that 80 lives are lost.

The steamer Miami exploded on the Arkansas river on the 28th. 130 lives lost. ciples.

California News

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 1.-A New York paper announces the death at Charleston, of Captain W. C. Pease, of the U. S. Revenue steamer Kewanee. Captain Pease was for years in command of the U. S. Revenue cutter, William L. Marcy, on the Pacific coast. Violence and insurrection. They risk their lives, shed blood, and spend all to uphold the Governmeut and give protec-tion, security and value to property. It seemed but, just that property should compensate for the benefits thus conferred The Mexican Patriotic Club here has adopted a resolution that all Mexicans residing here shall wear a badge of mourn amendment the President also suggested ng during nine days from this date, as a estimony of respect to the memory of General Ortega and Salzar, executed. The Holladay steamship line will send the steamer Panama to Acapulco on the 15th inst., to take her, place in a semi monthly line between Mazatlan and Acapulco, touching at San Blas and Manzanilla. This is in compliance with a uncalled for, and calculated to do great contract with the Imperial Goverament, harm. He believed it would engender and which calls for a monthly line of enmity and strife between the races, and steamers between this port and Mazatlan, touching at Guaymas and La Paza, and a semi monthly line between Mazatlan and Acapulco. The contract is for seven tion. Precedure, he thought, should be years, and that portion of it calling for a given to more important and urgent semi-monthly line between the two last matters, legislation on which was essennamed points, takes effect on and after tial to the restoration of the Union, the the 1st of March next. peace of the country and the prosperity

Fears of a commercial crisis are freely expressed by English journals, and it is also surmised that the rate of discount mittee of the whole hearing speeches. also surmised that the rate of discount Colfax has gone forth to lecture on the will advance 15 or 20 per cent. New York, Jan. 27th .- This evening's is Speaker pro. tem. Pacific Railroad ; and Washburn, of Illinois.

Commercial says : Prices show a tendency to a reaction from the late decline. The report of the improving condition of affairs in London, has reassured branches Guadaloupe via Bermuda, report the cholera NEW YORE, Jan. 18th .- Advices from

of business depressed by previous Euro-still prevailing there, the average deaths pean news, this effect being especially being 131 per day in a population of ten apparent in government stocks and the thousand. weakness of gold.

The rumored proposal to cede the Island of St. Domingo to England is creating some comment at Bermuda. The Pirate Semmes.

WASHINGTON, January 29.-Raphael The steamer Enterprise arrived last evening Semmes, of the Pirate Alabama notoriety from New Westminster with 45 passengers has, himself, prepared an argument, which and Dietz & Nelson's Express. She brings was presented to the President on Saturbut little up country news. day evening by his counsel, Judge Hughes. In this he claims the benefit of [From the Columbian.]

Sherman's parole.

Return of Secretary Seward.

YALE, B.C.-Jan. 5-On Saturday news was brought in that one of the Hudson Bay. Seward and party returned to Washmen, named Woods, was instantly killed bengton on Saturday night, on steamer tween Lytton and Cook's ferry by a rock De Soto, having made the complete tour falling upon him. of the West Indies, visiting St. Thomas Seven miles above Savana's Ferry a French-Santa Cruz, San Domingo, Port-au-Prince man, named Nicholas Hare, was shot by another Frenchman. Particulars not known. Havana etc, spending a few days at each, being cordially received. The Secretary's The road will probably be open in a week. No snow from Karaka Bar to Cache Creek. health is now better than during the We had a slight fail of snow last night, and past year. appearances of rain. No ice moving in the river. There is one portage at Union Bar,

Policy of the President. NEW YORK, Jan. 30 .- The Washing-

ton correspondent of the Chicago Tri-

bune says : It has been difficult to

given that the curse should never again

exist in the land. Propositions to amend

which will be cut out in a day or two. EASTERN NEWS.

NEW YORK, February 1- The gunboat convince the radical members of Con-Narcissus, from Pensacola for New York, was totally lost at the mouth of Tampa Bay, with all on board.

Amtic, killing three persons, including Col. Forney, late Chief of Police, and wounding

of January 10th, passed through to-day.

and Thomas were formally introduced in the House to-day. A speech was made by the Speaker, and the Generals made lively re-States, and a National guarantee thus kerchiefs. sponses, amid applause and waving of hand-

MEXICAN NEWS.

were becoming as numerous as resolutions The Matamoras Ranchero, of January 2nd, at a town meeting, called to consider the aays the report that Juarez had arrived at most ordinary questions. All this in his San Antonio is true. The Imperial troops have occupied Bagdad, and a better condition opinion had a tendency to diminish the of affairs prevailed at Matamoras. The Imstitution of the country, and to lessen the the mouth of the Rio Grande, and English, perial gunboats have crossed from Brazos, to respect and confidence of the people in French, and Spanish war vessels were crossing their great charter of freedom. If how- [cruising?] at the mouth of that river. Al ever amendments are to be made to the is quiet along the frontier. General Wright Constitution changing the basis of reprehad arrived to investigate the Bagdad affair. sentation and taxation, though he did not

CALIFORNIA.

deem them at all necessary at the present SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 3-The bankers of time, he knew of none better than a this city have presented detective officer F. simple proposition embraced in a few P. Ellis with a gold badge in acknowledgelines making in each State the number of ment of his services for several years past in qualified voters the basis of representation detecting and bringing to conviction forgers and direct taxation upon correct prin- and counterfeiters.

In the U. S. District Court to-day, before Qualified voters were for the most part Judge Hoffman, the case of the United States vs. Eagle Distillery, whose engine, boiler, etc., were seized by the revenue officers of men who were subject to draft and enlistment when necessary to repel invasion, the Government for fraudulent returns, was suppress rebellion and quell domestic tried before a jury and a verdict rendered for violence and insurrection. They risk the Government.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

Tuesday, Feb. 6. CITY COUNCIL .- This body met last evening. Present-His Worship the Mayor, and Councillors Gowen, Jeffery sen'r, Layzell, Hebbard, and Jeffery jr. A communication was received from Mr. R. H. Austen, informing the Council that the sidewalks on Humboldt street would be laid down on the arrival of some lumber expected from the Sound. Ordered to be received and filed. Mr. M. Reynolds renewed his application for a sum of \$210 due to the firm of Matthew Bray & Reynolds for contract work. The communication was ordered to be received. The chairman of the committee for amending the rules of order obtained further time for his report. Mr. Layzell drew the attention of the Council to the dangerous condition of certain sidewalks in town. There was one place in particular in front of a black-

smith shop on Johnson street, nearly opposite Pattrick's, where a plank was out and a gentleman had, in consequence, been severely hurt. A mere trifle would mend it, and he hoped the owner or agent of the property would accept of the notice through the press. There were also places on Fort street where he had given personal notice, but nothing had yet been done. Had the Council funds. he would like to see public notice given to repair sidewalks. After some remarks from Mr. Gowen, it was agreed that the Committee on Street Nuisances should notify the Clerk of the contraventions of the by-law, and furnish the names of the owners of the property in order that they might be summoned before the Mayor.

ROUGH AND TUMBLE FIGHT-Yesterday, a man named Higgins and that redoubtable in Oriental Alley-cause unknown. After a genuine rough and tumble fight, in which the rules of the P. R. were entirely discarded, and the belligerents confined themselves to making efforts to gouge out each other's eyes, to pall out hair by the roots, or otherwise inflict cowardly and brutal injuries, Higgins gave in, although his opponent seemed to have suffered most in the conflict. Both parties were covered with blood.

CAUTION TO TRAVELLERS-Last evening, about half-past six o'clock, as a gentleman was approaching Victoria on the Esquimalt road two shots in quick succession were fired, he believes at him, from the bushes just beyond the second bridge. He distinctly saw the flash of the first shot, and drew up for a moment, when the second discharge immediately followed, the shot seeming to pass quite close to his face.

WRECK OF A SLOOP-The sloop Lady Franklin arrived last night from San Juan Island. The master reports having passed after dusk the wreck of a small sloop near Trial Island. She appeared to be at anchor and partly under water, the sea making a breach over her. She has a green deck house. Her mast and bowsprit were gone-

ROBBERY .--- On Sunday, about 3:30 p. m. the cabin of a man living near Gowen's Brewery was entered by the window during the temporary absence of the owner and about \$350 worth of property was taken, including \$50 in money. The thief, after breaking

Company, who undertake to make their fine steamer the Labouchere perform three, and if possible four trips in two months, for the Government subsidy of \$1500 a trip, carrys ing the mails, at the maximum rates of pas-sage, cabin \$40, steerage \$15. The Labouchere, though not very fast, is strongly built, and probably the safest boat on the coast, and we doubt not that the company will carry out their contract with every satisfaction to the public. She will leave for San Francisco in a few days, where she will be fitted up for passenger accommodation, and return with all possible speed. Success to her owners. COURT OF BANKRUPTCY- Re Michael Carey

-Mr. Dennes yesterday appeared for the bankrupt who did not surrender to his second examination, and the Chief Justice ordered his protection to be suspended. Mr. J. W. Carey attended in pursuance of a summons, as to bill of sale of liquor store in Yates street. After hearing Mr. Bishop for the assignees, and Mr. Dennes for Mr. Carey, and by consent a valuer was appointed of the stock, &c., and issue directed to try the right of the property.

HEAVY RAINS-The fall of rain yesterday was the heaviest we have experienced for a long time. The flood gates of Heaven seemed to have opened, causing torrents of water to descend without intermission throughout the entire day and night. An impetuous stream rushed down the side drain of Government street to James Bay and partially flooded the bridge. We expect to hear of the Leech River miners being again submerged.

WRECK OF THE MUSTANG-The consignees of this unfortunate vessel have abandoned all character Liverpool Jack had an encounter | claim to the cargo, and we believe it is the intention of Capt. Toby to sell the interests in both at public auction on Saturday. Capt. Frain, of the steamer Emily Harris, which left Port Angelos yesterday at noon, heard of the wreck over there, which warrants the supposition that the boat containing chief officer Doyle and six seamen had either boarded some vessel or reached the other side in safety.

> THE LECTURE .- Despite the inclemency of the weather about two hundred persons attended St. Andrew's Church last night to hear the lecture given by the Rev. Father Bouchard, S.J., in aid of the orphans of St. Anns. The lecture was handled in a masterly manner by the Rev. gentleman. Voluntary offerings were deposited in a box, the amount of which we did not ascertain.

FROM OLYMPIA .- The steamer Emily Harris, Capt. Frain, arrived yesterday afternoon from Olympia, with 40 head of eattle, 50 sheep, and 15 hogs. She will sail this morning with the stock for Somass, B. C., where they will be landed. She brought no passengers and no later news.

For TBIAL-Andrew Pattrick and Mattie Rossage, two Greek seamen belonging to the bark Princess Royal, were committed for trial by Mr. Pemberton yesterday, charged with committing an nnnatural offence on the high seas.

FARE TO BIG BEND .- It is said that the Hudson Bay Co. will be prepared to convey The Weekly British Tuesday, February 13, 18 "CHRONICLE" AND THE UNION PETITION. The union petition which met unanimous sanction of the recent meeting will, in all probability, be p to the House of Assembly to-day. be the largest petition ever introdu the Legislature. Yesterday it n between eight and nine hundred sig and to-day it is expected there will siderably over a thousand. This more forcibly than anything we can shows how unanimous is the public

on this political question, and how i was the opposition of our morning con rary against the action of the recent meeting. The people were told Chronicle in the most anxious tone the most desperate language that t was a "swindle," and they have re to the warning by endorsing the "s with their signatures. Our contempora to learn even at this eleventh hour public of Vancouver Island are cap thinking for themselves, and much bet to form opinions on matters affecti general interest than the few shallow scribblers who insult the intelligence community in the columns of the Ch To impute every unworthy motive to men who are arduously working for th lic good, and to denounce every proje benefitting the country as a "swindle "dodge," or a "humbug," may be good principle on which to build a set newspaper; but Victorian intellect an torian taste have not yet degener delevel of the vulgarities of the New Herald, and our contemporary will fi a dittle attention to decency, uprightne propriety is an indispensable requi popular and influential journalism of conver Island. The treatment it has n received at the hands of the peop determined rebukes it has met with sides, in the Legislature, in the publi ing, and on the public streets, all sho helpless and pitiable a journal become it identifies itself with the enemies' country, and leaves the well-defined r

THE COUNCIL AND THE H STEAD BILL.

justice and integrity.

If there is anything which shows forcibly than another the necessity change in our constitution that will the public to have a proper control o own interests, it is the antagonistic a assumed by the Legislative Council to every measure which the public de The history of last session is enough to

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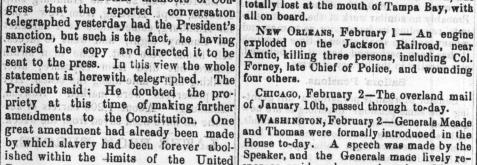
among the most narrow-minded of the

servative class in the mother country,

have the slip-slop crudities of a childli

experience. Yesterday's debate on the I

stead Bill shows these qualities stro



The French Recover Chihuahua

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28 .- Official news, dated Dec. 29, has been received here from El Paso. After the occupation of Chihuahua by the French, they sent an expedition to El Paso against President soldiers during the war. Juarez, who collected at that place Aerrigos' division and made preparations to resist the invaders with every chance of success. When the French heard of this, they marched back to Chihuahua. thus abandoning the attack.

The Dunderberg.

NEW YORK, Jan,-The statement which appeared a few days since, in reference to the proposed purchase of the ocean rain Dunderberg, proves to be an unfounded rumor. Webb has no intention of dis Times. posing of her, while our government prizes her too highly to part with her. The ship will not be ready for service for months. The steamship Cayuga, whose recent movents have been reported as suspicious, is now at Baltimore taking a cargo. She belongs to the Baltimore and New Orleans line of steamers. gots edit

Commercial Crisis in England. The Bank of England's return shows an enormous drain of specie.

tere certainly was a subscription list in cirlation on board, and he believed sufficient rea nuderwritten to effect the purpose. compensate for the benefits thus conferred per gallon, thus strengthening the belief that by depriving these persons incident to its no reduction will be made.

protection and enjoyment? Such an Alcohol, Eastern, is quoted at \$3 10 @ \$3 121/2. Coffee-A lot of 171 sacks, 135 lbs. would remove from Congress all issues in each, Java was sold on private terms. A o'clock. Surveyor General Pearse will proreference to the political equality of the telegram from New York, dated February 1st, quoted Rio 21 cents, gold. A private dispatch from New York quotes races. The President, in this connection,

expressed the opinion that the agitation an advance of \$14 per ton on pig iron in that of negro suffrage in the District of Colum market, and consignees here are advised to bia at this time, was a mere entering hold for \$65 and \$70. There is now very wedge to the agitation of the question little in first hands. throughout the States, and was ill-timed,

MARKETS.

Sales of Oregon smoked bacon and hams, per Sierra Nevada, at 20 and 221/2 cents, as in quality. A New York telegram, dated February

lead to a war between them which would lst, quotes crushed sugar at 17 cents. result in great injury to both, and in the Flour-Little trade to-day; prices certain extermination of the negro popula

nominally unchanged-Wheat-Quoted at \$2 121% and \$2 15 per 100 lbs. for No. 1, and strictly prime. Barley \$1 07 and \$1 15 per 100 lbs., and is extremely inactive. Oats-Good to prime \$1 90 and \$2.

EUROPEAN.

LONDON, Jan. 17-Consols lower; closed at 86% @87%. The steamship London, for Melbourne,

Mosby, the guerrilla, was arrested and foundered at sea, and 270 lives were lost .-taken to Washington a few days since. He Only sixteen of the crew and three passen-is charged with having hanged Federal gers were saved.

The Parliamentary session was to com-A few days since a bloody encounter took mence on the 1st February. The new Reform Bill was laid before the Cabinet on the 10th, place in Richmond, Ky., by which several lives were lost and others will probably die. lives were lost and others will probably die. The difficulty originated in a political fend. Gladstone are its authors. It will not be in-The fight occurred in front of the Courthouse,

The fight occurred in frost of the Courted to the Solution of Solu Prince Alfred will not be married before

Prim's rebellion is a failure. The soldiers H. Rives Pollard, editor of the Richmond were deceived into the belief that Espatran Examiner, has been arrested and held for an directed the revolt. Prim will take refuge attempt to murder Brooks of the New York in Portugal. The moderate party hope Cou-

cha will form a new cabinet.

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.- The Herald's Rich-UP-RIVER.-The steamer Hope returned mond correspondent says: One of the Virginia Delegation wrote from Washington on Sunday evening. She did not go further last Wednesday, that it is the intention of than Hope, owing to an ice jam at Union President Johnson to supercede the present Bar. The Onward and the Hope will both Virginia State Government by a provisional leave for up-river to-day. The people of Yale, with their usual enterprise, telegraphed one. This has obtained credence is Richmond, and causes much commotion. Speaker Colfax repeated his lecture, he would go up they would engage to remove

Across the Continent" at Cooper Institute ast evening before a very large audience. he would go, and in pursuance of that arlast evening before a very large audience. NASHVILLE, Jab. 28.-Yesterday the first rangement the Onward will sail to-day.-colored man, was introduced as a witness Messre. Dietz & Nelson have received several colored man was introduced as a witness ander the new law. The fact created some expresses from the interior since our last, but there is no news of importance.- Columbian.

sensation. harbor from stress of weather, and Saturday morning; at six o'clock, for San

of the people.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

Langa of militia companies recently organfized, directing them to disarm the negroes | Francisco.

open several trunks, ransacked them, but abstracted only the most valuable articles.

FOR NANAIMO-The steamer Sir James Douglas, Capt. Clarke, will leave for Nanaimo and way ports this morning at eight ceed in her. ..

Wednesday, Feb. 8.

ARRIVAL-The side-wheel steamer Del Norte, Capt. Fontleroy, arrived yesterday from Puget Sound, having been specially chartered by the creditors of Messrs. Amos Phinney & Co., of Port Ludlow Mills, who it is said have failed for \$300,000, to proceed to that port. The Del Norte visited this port for the purpose of coaling, and will leave for San Francisco direct to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock, carrying a mail, which will close this evening at 7 o'clock. She is a handsome vessel, the picture of order, well fitted up, and admirably adapted to this coast. She cost her owner, Ben Holladay of San Fran-

cisco, some \$140,000.

GERMANIA SING VEREIN-The semi-annual election of officers of this association took place last evening, with the following result : President, Jacob Sehl; Vice-President, Henry Rudolph ; Secretary, H. Habermehl ; Treasurer, W. Lobse, re-elected ; Librarian, O. A. Schmid; Instructor of music, Morris Grunebaum, After the election the members adjourned to the Gem Saloon and indulged in mirth and song.

THE WRECK OF THE WILLIAM TELL .- We learn from Captain Spring, of San Juan Harbor, that the large ship William Tell that went ashore about six weeks ago, three miles to the westward of San Juan Harbor, has entirely broken up, and fragments of the wreck are floating about in all directions. The Indians are recovering all that they can,

THE CORONERSHIP-The revocation of the ppointment of Dr. Dickson and the official appointment of A. F. Pemberton, Esq., Stipendiary Magistrate, to be Coroner for the Districts of Victoria and Esquimalt and adjacent districts appears in the Government Gazette of yesterday.

Thursday, Feb. 9. DIRECT STEAM CONTRACT .- Tenders for the direct mail service between this port and

in- Siwashes and a while man, and carlyin habitants at a time when they are staggering away the cook house and other tenemetris.

passengers from San Francisco to the Coumbia River for \$50. This is a cheap way of reaching the new diggings.

SALE OF A STEAMER-The capacious sternwheel steamer Alexandra was knocked down yesterday at auction by Messrs. J. P. Davies & Co. to Mr. T. Pritchard for the small sum of \$5,000.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.-The steamer Del Norte, Captain Fauntleroy, will sail this morning at 7 o'clock with a goodly number of passengers, freight, mails and express for San Francisco direct.

THE STEAMER ACTIVE will leave on Saturday for New Westminster, returning on Sunday night and leaving for San Francisco direct on Monday afternoon at 4 p.m.

H. M. S. ALERT arrived at Esquimalt yesterday morning at 9 o'clock from Nanaimo, where she had been for coal.

CUSTOMS RECEIPTS for week ending Satur day, February 3, 1866 : Duties (import) \$860 67; do (export) \$23 81; harbor dues \$39 36; headmoney, \$30 07; tonnage dues, \$117 13. Total, \$1071 04. Number of assengers entering at this port during same period, 31-Columbian.

CUSTOMS RECEIPTS for week ending Saturday, January 27, 1866 : Duties (import) \$1318 58; do (export) \$2 85; harbor dues, \$105 07 ; headmoney, \$55 29. Total, \$1478 19. Number of passengers entering at this port during same period, 57-Colum-Cariboo Fast and West we have \$1. naid

A NEW PAPER-A daily Democratic paper is to be started in Portland by Messrs. Abbott and Butler. From a personal acquaint. ance with both these gentlemen, we feel competent to dsay that the paper will be an able and substantial advocate of Democratic principles. The new paper is to be issued in the course of a few weeks. It will supply a want that has long been felt-Democratic the departments at New Westminstering

THE COLFAX PARTY We see by our teles grams that Speaker Colfax is lecturing at the East on the Overland Journey and Pacific Railroad, and Lieutenant-Governor Bross, of Illinois, is following the example. Mr. Rich-San Francisco were opened yesterday and ardson, of the Tribune, announces a book to the contract awarded to the Hudson Bay be published describing his trip. ovits needing Governor-of an additional tax on the

probably than anything that has rectaken place. We have the Chief J enunciating sentiments about debto creditor that certainly belong to an age the remote past, and we have the Trea talking infinitely more foolish than the s est boy in the Central School. The Att General we will do him the justice t showed a much better appreciation of subject. He pointed out the reverses d tune that must necessarily occur in countries like Vancouver Island, and fended the debtors who had so far take benefit of the bankruptcy laws of the co He saw no fraud when a man gave not the public that he reserved a certain po of his property. The fears express some of the speakers that men would away from other countries with \$2500 invest in a homestead, were rather amu We will not discuss the question wh the morality of the country would be in to a greater extent than its material w would be increased by this influx of with \$2500, but considering that we almost virtually surrounded by could possessing Homestead laws of their or is rather a good joke to suppose that cit of these countries will run away to o the same benefits in other lands which can possess in their own. The questi issue in the Homestead Bill is shirke nearly every speaker on the subject, and this :- Does it open out any greater av for fraud than exist at the present time ? have shown before that a person lends m on some tangible security or merely on honor. If he lends it on the former Homestead measure cannot effect him the homestead is no security ; and if o latter, the debtor can leave the colony a moment, and make another among our list of skedaddlers. So far, therefore Homestead law could not increase in