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**Confederation League.**  
A meeting was held last evening, in Smith's Hall, Government street, to organize an Association to secure the immediate admission of British Columbia into the Dominion of Canada on terms equitable and expedient, and also to obtain, without delay, representative institutions with responsible Government. His Worship the Mayor acted as Chairman, and R. Beaven, Esq., as Secretary, pro tem. An Association called the "Confederation League" was formed; a constitution was adopted and the officers elected. The following are the names of the officers: James Trimble, Esq., Mayor of Victoria, President; the Hon. Edward Stamp, J. W. Powell, M. D., and J. F. McCreight, Esq., Barrister, Vice-Presidents; R. Beaven, Esq., Recording and Corresponding Secretary, and J. G. Norris, Esq., Financial Secretary; Messrs George, Peakes, R. Wallace, Charles Gowen, M. W. Gibbs, A. DeCosmos, and George Fox, Executive Committee, and J. M. Thain, Sergeant-at-Arms. Some business was transacted after the officers were elected. The meeting was very unanimous and enthusiastic, and concluded with three cheers for Confederation and three for the Queen. A copy of the despatch sent by the Governor-General of Canada to the Colonial Secretary, the Duke of Buckingham, in favor of the admission of British Columbia into the Dominion, was read at the meeting. We shall publish it in our next issue. The League organized last evening designs extending its branches throughout the whole Colony, so that a combined effort of the people may be made by petition and delegates to Canada and the Queen, to effect Confederation as speedily as possible and secure representative institutions for the Colony, and thus get rid of the present one-man Government, with

**Another Wreck.**—The sloop Leoneade arrived from the north last evening bringing a report in some measure authenticated, of the wreck of the *Louis Downs* on Cape Scott, and the loss of all hands on board. The *Downs* went up north some two months ago with a prospecting party from Portland, who fitted out at Port Townsend for Stekin river and called here on the way. Two men named Sullivan and Melville have been recognized, but the Indians in the neighborhood say there were thirteen bodies found together, ten whites and three Indians. Although these particulars correspond with the story on board the *Louis Downs*, we still hope they are exaggerated.

A Lot of Lord Byron's correspondence has been discovered in a curious way. A pet ape of the monks of the Armenian convent, on San Lorenzo Island, in the lagoon of Venice, so pleasantly sketched by Mr Howell in his "Venetian Life," was the agent of the discovery. This ape, escaping from its master, took refuge on top of a book case, and being pursued threw at the head of the brother a roll of yellow and dusty letters, which proved to be Lord Byron's. It is supposed that they will be published, but no hint is given as to the nature of them.

**George Robin's Revival.**—An English auctioneer, ordered to sell a herd of Scotch cattle, described them as follows: "Acclimatized from infancy to the temperature of the Obeyots, this stock may with perfect safety, be removed to the highest altitudes compatible with animal civilization, and being rich in color and elegant in contour defies all criticisms of commentators upon domestic zoology."

The brain of Mr. McGee, weighed fifty-nine ounces. The mean weight in man is forty-five ounces. That of the great Irish orator, O'Connell, weighed fifty-four ounces. That of a Lord High Chancellor of England was fifty-three and one half ounces. Depuytren's brain weighed fifty-eight ounces and Currier's fifty-nine and one half ounces.

A Sabbath school superintendent, a short time ago, asked his scholars if any of them could quote a passage of scripture which said the girls in the school cried out, "No man can serve two masters."

**Friday, May 22.**  
ADDITIONAL FROM THE SCHOONER GROWLER.—The sloop Thornton returned on Wednesday evening from the upper coast, and brings a few additional particulars of the schooner Growler. Capt Warren of the Thornton reports the Growler to be certainly wrecked on rocks off point Chaco, and he brought down a piece of her sternboard with the words "Oak Harbor" painted on it, which being the place where the Growler was built establishes her identity. The manner in which this piece was shattered shows the schooner must have gone to pieces. There is nothing left now but the keel, which is much out by the Indians. The crew of the Thornton found the skeleton of the woman Estelle with a little flesh on the ends of the fingers and toes, and the Indians say they buried the rest of the bodies at low water. This fact seems to differ with Frenchy's statement of burying the bodies. There are various rumors in the neighborhood; one of a creak in running order which had not been wet and known to belong to the Growler, and others of a similar kind, which tend to make the affair more contradictory and mysterious. It is even difficult to understand how the Growler got on these rocks, unless she were driven violently on by the wind, or drifted on while laying in a gale. The weather is reported to have been very bad at the time. It is much to be hoped the Wyanda will be able to clear up the mystery.

The London Owl furnishes the following late naval intelligence: The *Ark* was built in Messrs Shem & Japhet's yard, the foremost shipbuilders of the period. At her launch, thought from her build and size it must have been clear that she was destined for rough service, and not for mere coasting, which was then the only trade, no romance seems to have been addressed to those in authority. She was three-decker and copper-plated. She was fully provisioned; evidence was ample that she had no intention of putting into any port, but that her mission was to keep the sea for an indefinite period. At the end of her cruise nothing besides herself was left on the surface of the ocean. She held undisputed sway. Yet her owners were obliged to account for these results. There is a tradition that one of the crew on board, named Ham, wanted to hoist the black flag, but was speedily rebuked by his commanding officer.

The G. S. WARE arrived at Portland early on Wednesday morning.

laughing. There was a lady too, being in London and having a great desire to see the famous reading-room of the British Museum, was assured by the English family with which she stayed, it was unfortunately impossible, because the place was closed for a week, and she had only three days. Thereupon that lady's going, as she assured me, alone, to the gate, self-introduced as an American lady, she gave her name as if by magic. (Laughter and applause.) I am honestly bound to add she certainly was young and extremely pretty. (Laughter and applause.) Still, the porter of that institution is of an obese habit, and, to the best of my observation, not very impressive. (Laughter.) Now, gentlemen, I refer to these ladies as political assurance, you that the Englishman who shall humbly strive, as I hope to do, to be in England as faithful to America as to England herself has no previous conception to contend against. (Applause.) Points of difference there have been, points of difference there are, points of difference there probably always will be, between the two great peoples; but broadcast in England is now the sentiment that these two people are essentially one (applause), and that it rests with them to uphold the Anglo-Saxon race, to which our President has referred, and all its great achievements throughout the world. If I know anything of my countrymen, and they give me the credit of knowing something of them, (voice, "Good,") if I know anything of my countrymen, gentlemen, the English heart is stirred by the flutter of the Stars and Stripes as it is stirred by no other flag that floats, except their own. (Great applause.) Three cheers for Charles Dickens! If I know my countrymen in any and every relation towards America, they begin not, as Sir Anthony Abbot recommended, to begin with a little aversion, but with a great liking and a profound respect. (Applause.) And whatever may be the sensitiveness of the moment, on the little official, please, take my word for it, that the first enduring great, popular consideration in England is a general construction of justice. (Bravas and applause.)

Finally, gentlemen, I say this, subject to your correction, I do believe, from the great majority of honest minds on both sides cannot be absent the conviction that it would be better for the globe to be riven by an earthquake, fired by a comet, or overrun by an iceberg, abandoned to Arctic fox and bear, than that it should present the spectacle of these two great nations, each of which has, in its own way, striven so hard and so successfully for freedom, ever again being arrayed the one against the other. (Tremendous applause.)

**Central America.**  
Nicaragua dates of April 20th. The *Provenir de Nicaragua* has the following: The Nicaraguan Government will soon execute the order of Congress to appoint a Commissioner to present claims against the United States, for damages done by Walker and his fellow-raiders, and for other injuries sustained at the hands of American citizens.

The project of a union of the five Central American States, upon a plan somewhat resembling that of the United States, is again a subject of discussion. President Gomez of Nicaragua has commenced a movement toward the accomplishment of this object, by appointing a Commissioner to San Salvador, for the purpose of adopting a uniform system of weights, measures and money.

**Mr Gladstone's Resolutions on the Irish Church.**  
We have the verbatim text of Mr Gladstone's resolutions on the Irish Church question, proposed to Parliament on the 23rd March. A telegraph synopsis reached us by the cable, but it was of a very meagre character, particularly in the report of the third resolution:

**THE RESOLUTIONS.**  
In the House of Commons on the 23rd March, Mr Gladstone, who was received with opposition cheers, said: The motion which I intend to make on the Irish Church will be in the form of three resolutions, to be moved in Committee on its acts relating to the Established Church in Ireland, and the terms of these resolutions will be these:

1.—That, in the opinion of this House, it is necessary that the Established Church of Ireland should cease to exist as an establishment—opposition cheers—due regard being had to all personal interests and to all individual rights of property.—Ironical Ministerial cheers and laughter.

2.—That subject to the foregoing considerations, it is expedient to prevent the creation of new personal interests by the exercise of any public patronage—cheers—and to confine the operations of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners of Ireland to objects of immediate necessity or involving individual rights pending the final decision of Parliament.

3.—That a humble address be presented to Her Majesty, humbly to pray that, with a view to the purposes aforesaid, her Majesty would be graciously pleased to place at the disposal of Parliament her interest in the temporalities of the archbishoprics, bishoprics and other ecclesiastical dignities and benefices in Ireland and in the custody thereof.—Opposition cheers, words unheeded.

**South America.**  
THE ASSASSINATION OF GENERAL FLORES.  
LONDON, April 7.—Three days later dates have been received from Montevideo, via Rio Janeiro. The report of the assassination of General Flores, the President of Uruguay, is confirmed. He was murdered in Montevideo shortly after his return from the allied camp on the Rio Parana. His successor, Colonel Batlle, had taken his seat without opposition, and the city and State remained tranquil, notwithstanding the alarming event.

**Mexico.**  
HATANA, April 6.—Private advices from Mexico state that an act of Congress, prohibiting the British steamer *Danube* from taking aboard any specie, but the prohibition does not extend to other vessels.

The wife of the American Consul at Vera Cruz, Mr Saulnier, has arrived here by the steamer *Danube*. This vessel did not enter the port of Vera Cruz, but sent her mails ashore in a small boat, under a white flag. The authorities at Vera Cruz had received instructions from the central sea to how they should act towards the *Danube*.

Amador, uncle of the *Orizaba* conspirator, declared against his nephew and was assassinated.

Several of the districts of Jalisco have declared against incorporation with the State of Aguascalientes.

General Jimenez and Olives are co-operating with Arce, and are marching on Mescala, where Alvarez has still some forces.

The State of Durango has proposed to government the levying of a duty of ten cents per pound on cotton.

The Prefect of Lower California is a foreigner. This makes it necessary to hold a new election there.

The State of Zacatecas has passed a law prohibiting ball fights.

Gen. Quiroga has passed the Rio Bravo (Grande) via Laredo. The war on the Indians in that section still continues.

A British gunboat has arrived at the mouth of the Rio Grande, and was making soundings. At Matamoros fears are entertained that a blockade of the river is contemplated. No communication has as yet been held with the gunboat. The Congressional sessions were closed March 30th.

**It is very well known by gentlemen in this city who are thoroughly acquainted with the fact, that a considerable number of people would have come to British Columbia this spring if they could have secured a reasonable passage from San Francisco. It is also known that many enquired at the office in that city for information about the dates of sailing, and were told in reply that it was quite uncertain when another vessel would leave for Victoria. There has certainly not been a period for some time past when labor was more in demand than at present. From Yale along the road it is impossible to obtain men required on the ranches and other works, while at Cariboo it is stated there is not an idle man. It is much feared that throughout the principal mining and agricultural districts, especially at the harvest time, and before the close of the mining season labor will be very high and scarce. An unusual activity prevails**

**of the supply.** By the last accounts from Cariboo, it appears there are now forty-five claims at work on William creek alone, with some twenty more almost ready to commence; which with the new territory around Mosquito and Canadian, and the revival of several abandoned creeks, will create a demand for labor we have no possible means of supplying. This is much to be regretted, for in the early part of the year the labor market of California was overlooked as to be oppressive to the community. Thus in consequence of this old vexed question of steam communication many who would now form a portion of our industrial population have sought and found employment for themselves and means elsewhere. It is necessary these facts should be pressed upon the attention of the Government. It is not yet too late to remedy the evil partially. With the amount pledged by the Imperial Government, even if that includes the Navy proportion, an additional small sum over and above that hitherto paid in subsidy, will only be required to sustain an active opposition. To subsidize the old line will not reach the evil complained of, because though that may ensure a certain periodical regularity, it will not bring the fares within the limits required. The present fares are as great a curse to the country as the irregularity of the boats. To remove much of the evil complained of in this respect, opposition is required; the outside advantages if it is sustained would be so numerous and so general, that they form the strongest argument in favor of an extra liberality of expenditure. If the Government required assistance to sustain an opposition which would ensure regularity and cheapness, until such time that a more just and liberal spirit was shown by the steamboat authorities, we are confident from the nature of public feeling at present, that such assistance would be readily given by those who would be so much benefited by the expenditure.

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