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Tuesday, August 29, 1865.

THE CITY COUNCIL

The proceedings of the City Council last evening were more than usually interesting, and attracted the largest audience we have yet seen in the Council Chamber. The most important business was that in reference to the course the Mayor intended to pursue on the question of the Church Reserve, and the " want of confidence " motion of Mr. Thorne. With regard to the first subject we cannot, der the circumstances, uphold Mr. Harris. ave shown before that the most effective

deal with the question is to deal with to treat the fences as obstructions rights-of way and remove them. wants to go through all the forsimmoning the Trusteer of erve, but we are of opinion of process will end in formality.

One of the trustees is in England, and therefore cannot be reached another is the Governor of it colony, and is equally beyond the Mayor's jurisdiction, and the third is Bishop Hills. The latter gentleman may possibly have powers of persuasion suf-Sciently strong to convince the Mayor that he has a right to do what he pleases with the reserve, and that therefore the fences are not nuisances. It is true this would be placing Mr. Harris in a rather anomalous position; for the very act of summoning the trustees for a breach of the by-laws of the City Council ignores all legal title to the exclusive control of the reserve by the Church, and implies that the fences are nuisances. Still there is unfortunately a want of confidence in the Mayor on this matter, and the public have a dread cent tax, which the Mayor said he was unable that any course but the prompt and decisive one of removing the obstructions will at the best be attended with delays and procrastinations that can only defeat the object, Had Mr. Harris adopted, after the public meeting, the course he marked out for himself last night, we believe no one would have doubted his intentions, and the of the opinion. He should like to see the public would have rested satisfied with the mode of procedure. But there has been from the first, so ill concealed a dislike on the part of the Mayor to move in the Church Reserve matter, that the Council and the inhabitants generally must in the natural course of things be led to the conclusion that the plan which Mr. Harris prescribes is merely adopted to stave off the real action. It is as unfortunate for the Mayor as for the inhabitants that the "want of confidence" spoken of exists; for the suspicion of insin- go in for the whole batch. If any doubts spoken of exists; for the suspicion of insinexisted as to the latter there could be none one. This was an answer to Mr. Thorne, on the former. Mr. Fell referred to the city and he should now retire leaving the Council may tend to postpone, by calling for another map quoting a legal opinion given to to appoint another chairman as he did not election, the ultimate settlement of the question. If the Mayor really intends to have the fences removed, although in his own peculiar way, we should be sorry to the property was situated in his ward, alsee his intentions misunderstood; but he though he was not with the Councillor on must thank himself for occupying the suspicious attitude in which he is placed. To have shown the public clearly that he was sincere and earnest in the matter, he should have resorted to the boldest, not the most timid course. He had, by his decision, already implied that the fences were nuisances, and he acknowledged that he had the legal power to remove them summarily; it was, therefore, exceedingly imprudent on his part ifhe was desirous that the obstructions should be removed, to have undertaken the slow and what was expected to prove ineffectual process. The selection of this course has only given a good ground for the vote that was taken last night. As we have said before this vote may be an injustice to Mr. Harris, and that gentleman may be really and removed. If he is we hope he will give the Council the opportunity, rather naively suggested last night, of "scratching the want of gested last night, of "scr earnestly desirous that the fences should be confidence motion from the Council's books." If he is, on the other hand, not determined to have the obstructions removed the sooner he

A New Town SITE IN OREGON-A DEW town has been laid out five miles below Ports land, called St. John. A wealthy and experienced company have commenced building a barrel factory which will turn out 800 bar- lay down a proper sidewalk on Quadra rels per day. The principal business will consist of making flour and half barrels and sugar kegs for the Sandwich Islands trade, after the proper grade is laid out for their also pork, fish and liquor barrels.

resigns the better, and the sooner will the

city obtain a Mayor who is not afraid to

carry out to the letter the instructions of the

Comox.-From Mr. Cave, who arrived from Comox during the past week, we learn that harvesting operations are being carried out with vigor, and that a more than average yield is calculated upon. The Indians had become very troublesome, owing, no doubt, to the superabundant supply of "fire-water" at the settlement, and the easy mode of obtaining it .- Nanaimo Gazette.

THE CYCLONE-The Alta says that the Portlaw spoke the Cyclone off Cape Horn. She experienced strong westerly gales in the first on the board, was not taken up first. South Pacific, and subsequently strong N. E. winds, without any S.E. trades. This promade by the Cyclone.

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CITY COUNCIL.

MONDAY, Aug. 21. The Council met at 7, p. m. Present—the thing done properly [applause]. CORPORATION POWERS.

The following communication was read:

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE, August 15th, 1865.

I duly received and laid before the Governor your communication of the 1st instant, submitting for the opinion of the Attorney General two questions as to the powers of the

2. His Excellency having forwarded the same to the Acting Attorney General and that efficer having given the matter careful consideration I have to acquaint you in reply to the query as to the powers of the Council to collect Trade Licenses and levy rates, that the Acting Attorney General regrets

to say he does not see any way in which the Corporation of Victoria can raise a revenue for Municipal purposes.

2. In respect of the second query, I am instructed to inform you that the Attorney General thinks the Corporation have powers to enforce the By-laws passed in accordance with the powers given by the Act.

I have the honor to be,

Your most obedient servant, WILLIAM A. G. YOUNG.

Mr. Fell thought it extraordinary that the legal opinion gave them the power to enforce by-laws, while the Attorney General could not see the way to give them power to raise a revenue. According to section 24 of the Charter it was clear to him (Mr. F.) that if the Council had the power to do the cne they had the power to do the other. Mr. Fell quoted the section in question.

The Mayor thought the opinion very con-

Mr. Carey thought the learned gentleman had not looked much of late into corporation authorities and his opinion was therefore rather slim. Mr. C. put a question to the chair in reference to the one half of one per to answer. The proper form would be to address a communication to His Excellency

on the subject asking for information. Mr. Thorne said the reason why the tax had not been paid was because it was legis-lating for the past and not the future. The Government had seen the error and had not enforced it.

Mr. Smith could not understand the tenor matter taken up, and moved that the com-munication be received and placed on file, which was agreed to.

CITY PROPERTY. Mr. Fell introduced his motion that steps show that the landing belonged to the city,

and moved that His Worship appoint a Committee to wait upon His Excellency. Mr. Jeffrey would second this resolution as the subject of the Church Reserve. He did not see the same obstacles in the way of this. Mr. Carey differed; he thought the obstacles were greater. There was a pile

wharf at the end of the property.

The Mayor said it would produce revenue. The city could not claim the water rights which belonged to the Admiralty : the Council had no water rights except to the offen-

sive stuff in the streets. Mr. Carey in the course of his remarks alluded to the ferryman's residence, which had been shifted to the other side of the stream to avoid a tax. He believed the owner was as rich as any man in Victoria.

Mr. Hibbard did not agree with a deputation waiting upon the Governor to obtain what already belonged to the city. The Council had a right of way over or under

the water Mr. Thorne did not see the use of going to the Governor about this property any more than going to him about the Church satisfactory answer from him.

The motion was put and carried.

GRADING SIDEWALKE The prayer of the following petition was

Victoria, V. I., August 21, 1865. To His Worship the Mayor and Councillors of the City of Victoria.

GENTLEMEN,- We, the undersigned, being more then seven-tenths of the property on Quadra street, between Fort and Rae, beg most respectfully to ask permission of your honorable body to grade the street and own cost and expense, and will perform the same to the satisfaction of the City Surveyor guidance by that gentleman, or any other

person you may appoint.

Trusting that this application may mee with your consent, We have the honor to be.

Gentlemen, Your most obedient servants, HENRY WOOTON, BISHOP DEMERS, CAPT. E. HOWARD, per Mrs. Howard, Thos. Spelde.

POINT OF ORDER.

Mr. Thorne rose to a point of order and wished to know why his motion, which was The Mayor-Your motion will come up

in due time Councillor Thorne. Mr. Thorne—You admit that it is wrong bably accounts for the long passage being to take other motions first that were posted a week after before mine?

The Mayor—No I don't. You shall have plenty of time to speak to your motion.

Mr. Thorne—Oh that's not it. I want The motion on being put was carried by

102 PUBLIC LANDING. Mr. Smith introduced his notice of motion for the appointment of a Committee to open up the public landing on Wharf street at foot of Yates street, which was seconded by

Mr. Thorne and carried.

His Worship said the same Committee would do in both cases, and appointed Messrs. Fell, Thorne and Smith.

CORPORATION SOLICITOR.

Mr. Smith moved that Mr. Robert Bishop be appointed legal adviser to the Council. Mr. Thorne was opposed to any such appointment. It was only to shift responsibility from His Worship's shoulders on to those of a lawyer, who would play a right and left handed game and could always put the thing off by saying that he had a Fideliters or some other case to attend to. He could say a good deal more about this lawyer busis' ness it peccesary. (Lagater and applause.)

A. Well was in lay of the Council having

ssional gentiaman to consult. Mr. Carey was surprised at Mr. Fell's recommandation, considering the appointment
premature and unnecessary. Let the Conncil get through with Mr. Ring, who was as
competent as any gentleman on the island.
The Council would not vote a salary for the services of a valuable officer, and yet they wanted now to employ a solicitor who was not wanted. There was somothing rotten in

it (applause) had I shill that IA .earnes ym Mr. Fell replied, asserting that the two gentlemen who had spoken were throwing every obstacle in the way of getting what they wanted carried out. He repudiated the insinuations conveyed; he was as anxious as any man to see the fences on the reserve re-

moved. Mr. Thorne said it was a case of "once bit twice shy." It was not the appointment of a solicitor he objected to but the crooked way in which it was to be done (applause). Give the Mayor a lawyer and that was all he wanted. They need say nothing more to him (laughter). He did not ask the Mayor to do anything he would not do himself. He would be glad of the opportunity (laughter). He wanted the Mayor to have the fences on the reserve knocked down the same as any other obstruction. But no, the Mayor sai there thinking how cleverly he had out-

generalled them (laughter).

Mr. Thorne moved in amendment that no solicitor be appointed until decided action had been taken and necessity demanded it. The amendment was lost, but the original motion, through inadvertence, was not put,

and consequently fell through.

The Mayor then remarked that certain machinery was necessary to enable him to carry out the resolution of the Council, which they had now furnished, and he was prepared to take action to-morrow. There three ways of proceeding: 1st. By employing persons to take down the fences. 2nd. proceeding under section 9 against the Trustees to remove the nuisance. 3rd. By

action for ejectment.

He, the Mayor, would pursue the second course as the most proper and legitimate wish to remain there to hurt Mr. Thorne' feelings (hisses).

Mr. Hibbard-Will your Worship proceed against the whole of the Trustees? The Mayor-Certainly.

Mr. Hibbard-Then how are you going to get at the Archbishop of Canterbury? The Mayor-We can't go to Canterbury, of course [laughter].

Mr. Smith having been requested to take

the chair, Mr. Thorne's motion was read and received by the audience behind with ap-Mr. Carey said he would second the mo-

tion if the Councillor would consent to add to it a request that the Council unite in asking the Mayor to resign. (Loud applause).
The Chairman said notice of motion was required by such an amendment, but the Council insisted that the amendment was in order as forming part of the original resolu-

Mr. Thorne explained his reasons for bringing his motion forward. He did so in consequence of the conduct of the Mayor who had been endeavoring all the time to stave this matter off by absenting himself from time to time. But it was evident to him [Mr. Thorne] that the Mayor never in-(Laughter.) He saw through this lawyer business. Take the power out of the Mayor's hands and put it into a lawyer's hands and you're gone in. (Laughter.) The Mayor don't intend to do it, he never did mean and never will tackle it. He [Mr. T] did not like this lawyer business at all, and was sorry to see his brother Councillors a party

Mr. Hibbard spoke at some length on the subject of the reserve, the obstructions there on, and the right of way through it. Mr Hibbard pointed out especially the danger of allowing the Trustees to dispose of about ninety town lots on the reserve, and thereby throwing ninety additional votes into the list of the people's opponents.

Mr. Fell said the question was one of vote of censure, and they were not going over the whole question again of the Church Reserve. He thought that by the resignation of the Mayor no good could be accom-plished, and it would only delay action in the matter of the reserve.

Mr. Carey spoke in favor of passing the vote of censure, and expunging the vote next meeting if the Mayor acted in a manner satisfactory to the Council. He took occasion at the same time to express sentiments of respect for the Mayor. Mr. Hibbard concurred in the views of Mr.

Mr. Fell drew attention to the unreasonable positi n in which the Councillors deding.
Mr. Jeffery was opposed to the vote. He

thought it the wrong way to go to work-after what the Mayor had said.

The motion on being put was carried by three to two, the result being followed by

loud cheering from behind. Mr. Carey remarked that the Council were not perhaps aware of the fact that about \$700 of public money had been expended in macadamizing the roads over the reserve by the chaingang under Mr. Colquhoun.

On motion of Mr. Thorne the Council adjourned till the usual hour on Monday evening next.

REORGANIZATION OF SOUTHERN STATES.

[From the N. Y. "Post" of 19th June.]

The Fresident has issued two proclamations identical in terms with that which proernment in North Carolina, appointing Judge James Johnson as Provisional Governor of Georgia, and General A. J. Hamilton to a "Martha." On the occasion of Miss. vided for the reorganization of the civil govsimilar office in Texas. Four Southern States are now reorganized under the uniform line of policy adopted by the President—Provisional Governors having been appointed as follows:

North Carolina-Wm. W. Holden. Mississippi—William L. Sharkey. Georgia—James Johnson. Texas—Andrew J. Hamilton.

Governor Johnson, of Georgia, represente a district of that State in Congress in 1851-52, and has opposed the secession movement from the beginning. His loyal sentiments were well known in his own State, and throughout the war he kept aloof from all

the schemes of the rebels.

Governor Hamilton of Texas is a native of Alabama, but removed to Texas in 1846, and occapied prominent positions in that State until the beginning of the war, when his strenuous opposition to the rebellion compelled him to leave his home. He is familiar with the duties of public life, having been successively Attorney General of Texas, a member of her Legislature, a Presidential elector, and a representative in Congress. He is a man of the very highest ability and of excellent character, and his earnest loyalty during the war deserves every honor that

the nation can bestow.

The President has wisely selected for the office of Provisional Governor men who represent the true loyal sentiment of the States they are sent to govern. Holden, Sharkey, Johnson and Hamilton are alike sustained by the loyal men who desire a speedy restoration of their States to the blessings of the Union, and each of them may be depended upon to falil the liberal policy of reorganization which the President had chosen.

LATER FROM NEW ZEALAND.

By the arrival yesterday of the ship Dablin we, S. F. Call 12th, have files of papers from Auckland, N. Z., to the 3rd June.

A movement is on foot to divide the New Zealand Colonial Government into two-one for each of the principal islands.

Emigrants from the mother country were ouring into Auckland, a vessel having arrived on the 2nd with the largest human cargo ever known in that port-490.

The work of "reconstruction" and harmonizing with the recently hostile natives were going on smoothly.

tion of Parliament. More rain was needed, but farmers were olowing.

Discoveries of petroleum are chronicled.

AUSTRALIA.

Squires and Escott were performing at Sydney, and drawing fine houses.

Great crops of Indian corn had been raised

n Queensland, The trade relations between the severa colonies are conflicting .- Alta, 11th.

SONORA AND DUKE GWINN.

The New York Times publishes an extract from the Diora Del Imperior, the official organ of the Mexican Government, published in the capital, dated June 26th, which after quoting some of the statements relative to the cession of Sonors to France and the appointment of Gwinn, says: The Emperor has not in the least endangered the province of Sonora, but will remain faithful to the oath taken when he ascended the throne at Miramar, and will preserve and protect the entire of the national treaty with all the inflexibility of his will confiding in the support and patriotism of his subjects.

Dr. Gwin has obtained from his Majesty none of the powers or titles which have been attributed to him. He has no connection with the government in fact. We understand that his very features are unknown to the members of the Administration. His presence in Mexico has no significance whatever Inasmuch as the posts of the Empire are open to all the accusations levelled at the monarch with the perfidious design of making malcontents within the kingdom and enemies without, they should be hurled back at their euthor.

The London Times alludes to the recent discussions in the French Corps Legislatif, and says the French minister in justifying Bateman in "Leah." the policy of the Imperial Government on this question, was at the pains of repudiating Olympic. as a calumny the assertion that France had the shape of a lien upon the province of Sonora. We do not see why the Emperor Dan Leeson as "Old Pete." Maximilian should not have offered such a remuneration to his patron. His own predecessor, Juarez, offered the very same territory to President Lucoln for £3,000,000 sterling, and the French have spent at least four times this sum in their attempt to regenerate the

"MY FRIEND FROM VICTORIA."-In the theatrical gossip of the Californian of the 12th, we find an announcement that " the from Victoria, The well known ability of cable has been speedily repaired and comthe author is sufficient guarantee that the sired to place the Mayor. They would first dialogue will be sharp and lively. He has whip him and then ask him to do their bid-doubtless displayed sufficient skill in the laying out of scenes and construction of the plot to make it act well and ensure its success, as he has gone through a short but earnest course of study in those matters." We won-The Chairman before putting the motion | der if O-|-|| and other notable characters made a few observations in opposition to it will figure in the comedy!

THEATRICAL

At Maguire's, San Francisco, "The Works men of San Francisco," adapted by Laura Keene from "The Workmen of Paris." is running to large audiences, with the fellowing actors in the principal parts : Messrs. Pauncefort, Leman, Thorne, Aldrich, Franks, Mrs. Sophie Edwin and Mrs. Saune ders. A new spectacular scenic play, with the novel title of "Knights of the Fog," in which numerous auxiliary young ladies are to appear, is in preparation. The mauagement assert that the scenic settings of the Kaights will fairly surpass those of any drama which has ever been presented to a San Francisco audience.

At the Academy of Music, the Italian

Opera Troupe are taking benefits, the operas Adelaide Phillips' benefit, Signora Scondia

and Miss Phillips' benefit, Signora Sconcia and Miss Phillips sang the Spanish duet.

"La Jota de los Torreros," the beneficiary taking the part of the dashing "Torrero."

Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" had a run of a week at Wheatleigh's Eureka, the character of "Malvolio," the saturnine steward, as rendered by Mr. Wheatleigh, giving setting satisfaction to large andiences. J. R. entire satisfaction to large audiences. J. E. Myers made an agreeable impression as "Si

Wilson's " mastodon" Circus is still draws ng crowds. Gottschalk had announced his last Concert in San Francisco, on which occasion ten

plance were to be used.

Miss Angela Starr King gave readings at the Congregational Church, in Sacramento. The Union says that the lady has talent

enough to command public favor.

The new Melodeon Combination opened at Maguire's Opera House, Virginia City. The "combination" consists of Senorita Maria, Della Sager, Miss Carrie Chapman, Mrs. Sam Wells, Miss Flora Bray, Walter Bray, Collins, Rhoades, Stephenson, Talbot, Rattler, DeAngelis, Mat. Kelley, and Murphy.

Dan. Setchell is "starring" the interior of California. He is supported by Alicia Mandeville Thorne, Mrs. E. F. Stewart, Miss Frances Gass, Miss Belle Land, Miss Jessie Weaver, D. C. Anderson, Harry Courtaine, Geo. Mitchell, Fred. Woodhull, Ned Thayer, Sinclair, Prescott, and J. Griffiths.

The Chapman Family appeared at the Salt-Lake Theatre on the 25th July. J. S. Potter, Mrs. Julia Dean Hayne, and the Irwins, are

also at Salt Lake.

Charles Campbell, a young artist of Sacramento, has just completed a panorama embracing some forty scenes of California and Washoe scenery.

Rowens Granice Steele and her son were

giving comic song and legerdemain performances at Aurora. Lee & Ryland's Circus was expected at the

Dalles August 1st.

Madame Anna Bishop is expected to arrive in San Francisco early in September. She will be accompanied by Charles Lascelles, a distinguished pianist.

Adah Isaacs Menkin - Heenan - Newell Davenport, says the Clipper, will not reach New York as early as she anticipated doing, Manager Smith having induced her to give a series of farewell performances at Astley's, sation-crowds even assembling to see her emerge from and enter her hotel

Mrs. Emily Jordan has joined her fortunes with the young character actor, Frank Law-

Miss Lotta terminated her performances at the New Chesnut, Philadelphia, June 24. Mrs. W. H. Leighton and Yankee Locke have been playing an engagement at Mc Vicker's Theatre, Chicago.

Junius Brutus Booth was released from

confinement in the Old Capitol Prison at Washington, June 23d. The Keans commenced an engagement at Mc Vicker's, Chicago, June 26.

Miss Anna Dickinson, the feminine politis cal lecturer, is fitting herself for the dramatic A London critic says that little Patti still sings like a bird, but is not the pink of beauty she was three years ago. Her expression of

passionate emotion grows stronger and her chin grows longer.

Jenny Lind Goldschmidt gave a concert in London for the benefit of a blind pianist, and those who were present declare her voice to be as charming as ever. The voice of charity is ever sweet.

Louisa Pyne's embodiment of the character of "Kaled," in Maillart's opera of "Lara," at her Majesty's Theatre, is spoken of as having been admirable, both in a dramatic and musical sense.

Emma Stanley was at the Standard Theatre with her " Seven Ages of Woman."

At the Haymarket Sothern was playing in Brother Sam."

"Arrah na Pogue" was filling the Princess Theatre, with the Bourcicaults and John Brougham in the cast. At the St. James, "Eleanor's Victory, dramatized from Miss Braddon's novel, was

the attraction. The Adelpha had been playing Miss Kate "The Hidden Hand" was the card at the

"The Octoroon" was brought out at Sadreceived a recompense for her intervention in ler's Wells, with Morton Price as "Salem Scudder," Catherine Lucette as " Zoe," and

> Madame Celeste was at the Victoria, and playing in " The Tale of Two Cities" and The French Spy."
> Professor Anderson is at the Standard.

The Effingham is doing the " Streets of London." A new drama called the " Victim of Delusion" was produced at the Britannia, and was successful.

THE ATLANTIC CABLE-Our readers will next novelty to be produced at the Eureka is be pleased to learn from our special despatch. a comedy by 'Inigo,' entitled 'My Friend that the damage to the Atlantic telegraph munication so far as the Great Eastern had reached was perfect.

> THE Hon. Schuyler Colfax and party have been entertained at a complimentary dinner given by the Six Chinese Companies in California.