The Weekly British Colonist.

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TELEGRAPHIC.

The following additional Eastern despatches to the *Oregonian*, were received yesterday by the Eliza Anderson.

A PROPOSITION TO REDUCE TAXATION.

The committee on ways and means will report an internal revenue bill next week, on the basis of reducing taxation $50,000,000. In making the reduction the committee has as much as possible made exemptions of raw materials entering into general consumption.

SECRETARY M'CULLOCH ON THE TEST OATH.

Secretary McCulloch, in a letter accompanying the President's message, recommending a modification of the test oath, says: When the appointments were made it was difficult to find competent officers in many of the Southern revolutionary districts who could take the oath; but so important did it seem to the President and cabinet for the purpose of equalizing the public burdens, that the revenue should be established throughout the late rebellious States with as little delay as possible, and that the unpleasant duty of collecting taxes from an exhausted and rebellious people should be performed by their own citizens, that the Secretary of the Treasury did not hesitate to recommend for appointment persons of whose personality there was no question, but who might either willingly or unwillingly, during the progress of the rebellion, having been so connected with the insurgents and the Confederate Government as to be unable to take the oath of office. No one could have regretted more than the President and cabinet the necessity which existed for this course, but there seemed to be no alternative, and it was confidently hoped that under the circumstances of the case, it would be approved by Congress.

The Postmaster General says the test oath has been the greatest hindrance to his duties, and suggests that the word "voluntarily" be inserted in the oath. This would enlarge the class of persons who could qualify, and would be in harmony with the general provisions and purposes of the oath. He says it may be interesting to know that of 2,259 mail routes in operation in the disloyal States at the breaking out of the rebellion, only 757 have been restored, and out of 892 post offices in these States, only 204 appointments of postmasters have been made. Of the whole, 177 only have been qualified for office being males and 43 being females.

AID TO AN OREGON ROAD.

CHICAGO, April 7.—The United States Senate, Tuesday, passed the bill to supply the deficiency of land granted to the State of Oregon, to aid the construction of the millitary road from Eugene City to the eastern boundary of the State.

CELEBRATIONS IN THE NORTH.

BUFFALO, April 7.—Dispatches from Boston, Philadelphia, and other cities, report the firing of salutes by the Republicans in commemoration of the passage of the Civil Rights bill by the senate.

STEAMBOATS BURNED.

ST. LOUIS, April 7—The steamers Majors, Effie Deans, Nevada, Fannie Ogden, and Frank Bates were burned at the levee this morning. Loss, $225,000 on the boats, and $300,000 on cargoes.

The boats belonged to the Northwestern Fur Company, and were heavily laden with supplies for trading posts.

SEMMES TURNED LOOSE.

Raphael Semmes, of pirate Alabama notoriety, was released yesterday by order of the President, on his original parole under the Sherman-Johnson arrangement.

DISCHARGED SOLDIERS TO BE EMPLOYED AS CLERKS.

WASHINGTON, April 9—The President instructs the heads of departments to give preference to discharged soldiers in all clerical appointments or promotion.

THE NATIONAL TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

Senator Sherman last Thursday offered a bill to incorporate the National Telegraph Company, with power to construct lines over any post routes in the States or Territories, the Government to use the lines at such rates as the Post Master General may prescribe. The bill was referred to a select committee of five.

REDUCTION OF OFFICERS' RATIONS.

Since the President's peace proclamation the price of officers' rations have been reduced to 30 cents.

DESTITUTION AT THE SOUTH.

CHICAGO, April 9—Much suffering and destitution is reported in Georgia and Alabama. Gov. Jenkins has issued a proclamation calling on capitalists to come forward or the people will starve. The Huntsville (Ala.) *Independent* says several cases of actual starvation have occurred in that county, and publishes a statement of the Probate Judge of Marshall county, that a careful census shows that there are 2180 persons, whites and blacks, absolutely helpless from age, sickness or infirmity, and families, representing in all 2,000 persons, are dependent for their living upon work, but unable to earn it, and are living off the residue of the people. In Marshall county, there were not more than twenty with means more than adequate for their wants.

DOOLITTLE TO BE ASKED TO RESIGN.

The Wisconsin Senate last Saturday instructed its Commi tee on Federal Relations to report a resolution requesting Senator Doolittle to resign.

THE TENNESSEE LEGISLATURE.

NASHVILLE, April 8—The Tennessee Legislature assembles to-morrow with a radical majority of six members, being four more than a working quorum. The radical caucus voted to refer all credentials, and admit only those elected as new members and exclude bolters that are re-elected, on the ground that the latter came back under a pledge to bolt again, and are therefore in rebellion against the State Government. Exciting questions will therefore claim the immediate attention of the House.

Mr. Maynard, when stumping the State of Connecticut lately, said that Tennessee would give the negro suffrage before Connecticut, and the prospects are in favor of its being done.

THE ANNIVERSARY OF LINCOLN'S DEATH.

CHICAGO, April 9—Governor Oglesby has issued his proclamation for the observance of the 15th of April, being the anniversary of President Lincoln's death, as a day of fasting and prayer. The anniversary falls on Sunday, but it is a precedent for its annual observance hereafter.

NEW STEAMSHIP CORPORATION.

ALBANY, N. Y., April 9—Mr. Littlejohn introduced a bill in the Assembly incorporating Wm. H. Webb, M. O. Roberts, and others, forming the North American Steamship Company, with a capital of three millions, to operate a line of steamers on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts and the Mediterranean Sea.

Overland Mail Service.

WASHINGTON, April 11.—The postoffice department has given a contract to Holliday to run another overland mail io California via the Smoky Hill route and Denver, services to be commenced on the 15th inst.

The First Suit Under Civil Rights Law.

The first suit under the civil rights bill was instituted at Lafayette, Indiana, yesterday, a negro claiming to enforce a contract under it, while the defendant claims the benefit of the State constitution and black laws. Judge Gest, of the State Circuit Court has the case under advisement and will probably send it to the State Supreme Court, now in session.

More Fenian Excitement.

Dispatches from Eastport, Maine, represent that there is much excitement on the border owing to the presence of a large number of Fenians and the fears of hostilities. Three British war ships are on the look out. The garrison at Campbell Island has been increased, earthworks have been thrown up, and vigilant preparations have been made to prevent a raid.

Confirmations by the Senate.

The Senate has confirmed the nominations of David W. Ballard, of Oregon, for Governor of Idaho; Richard C. McCormick, for Governor of Arizona; James P. L. Carter, of Tennessee, for Secretary of Arizona; Moses Hallet, Chief Justice of Utah; D. Halloway, Marshall, and Frank Halley, Secretary of Colorado.

Circular Relating to Shipping Petroleum.

Secretary McCullough has issued a circular declaring Petroleum, benzine etc., explosive burning fluids, under point of the stamp act of August 3d, 1865, and requiring all steam vessels carrying passengers, to procure special permit before taking such articles on board.

The Scope of the Peace Proclamation.

The President, in conversation with General Howard, says the peace proclamation has only reference to the States named therein, as his proclamation of last August had with reference to Tennesse. It does not suspend the operation of military law in any of the States, and the Freedmen's Bureau will continue to exercise its accustomed functions. The officers will remain on duty, and its agents will see that justice continues to be administered between freedmen and whites by the existing semi military courts, until the various States give the former the right to be heard in their civil courts in the same manner as the latter. The scope of the proclamation with respect to trials by court martial or commission, does not seem to be well understood, even by officers high in authority, here and elsewhere. The department commissioners of Georgia and Alabama have telegraphed for information on the subject, and it is understood the matter was brought before the cabinet to-day. The action taken is not known, but there is good reasons for believing that the War Department will soon issue a circular of instruction.

The President Coming to his Senses.

Prominent friends of the President say he will enforce the Civil Rights bill in good faith, quoting the remark that "he having exercised his constitutional prerogative in vetoing the bill, and Congress having exercised its prerogative in passing it, he shall feel bound by their action." These gentlemen also express the belief that having seen the power of Congress, and with what unanimity it is sustained by the people, he will now endeavor to conform his action so that there may be harmony between them. Gen. Howard will, under verbal instructions from the President, issue a circular to his subordinates apprising them of the passage of the Civil Rights bill, and instructing them to inform them of its provisions and to assist in maintaining them.

Congressional.

The House passed the bill this afternoon for coining new five cent. pieces composed of copper and nickel a trifle larger than three cent pieces issued last year.

NEW YORK, April 11.—The *Tribune's* Washington special dispatch says the Senate yesterday failed to confirm Louis D. Campbell, of Ohio, as Minister to Mexico.

A Reported Case of Cholera.

Considerable excitement was caused by the death of a woman last Monday, 9th, of Asiatic cholera. The Sanitary Superintendent of the Board of Health declares the case was not cholera, but the coroner declares it was, and there is much excitement throughout the city.

[FROM THE BRITISH COLUMBIAN.]

Fearful Explosion in San Francisco.

TWO BUILDINGS BLOWN TO ATOMS.

Other Property Badly Injured.

SEVERAL LIVES LOST.

Many Seriously Injured.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 16.—At about a quarter past one this afternoon a terrible explosion occurred in the Assay Office of G. W. Bell, on California street, adjoining Wells, Fargo & Co's. Captain Samuel Knight, Superintendent of Wells, Fargo & Co's. Express, and G. W. Bell were instantly killed. Several others whose names are as yet unknown, were also killed. Many of the employés of Wells, Fargo & Co. were more or less injured; but it is thought none of them were killed except Mr. Knight. The nature of the explosion is not yet known, but it is supposed to have been a barrel of nitroglycerine oil, one of the most powerful explosive chemicals known to modern science.

The concussion was felt with terrible force throughout the entire city. The Assay Office and a portion of the Express Building were demolished. Window sashes and glass were shattered in buildings in adjoining blocks. The most intense excitement exists throughout the city, and a posse of policemen have been stationed about the Express Office to keep the crowd back. It is supposed that some workmen are still buried beneath the ruins of the Assay Office. The bodies of two have already been recovered.

SECOND DISPATCH.

L. E. Webster, head of the New York Express Department, is missing. The dead bodies of four persons, in addition to those named, have been found.

THIRD DISPATCH.

W. S. Havens, of the P. M. S. S. Co., is among the missing. Messrs. Sanders & Stacy, of the Express Office, are badly injured, the latter very seriously. From six to twelve other persons are supposed to have been killed.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 16.—The Hudson Bay Co's. steamer Labouchere, hence for Victoria, struck the reef at Point Reyes at 10:30 p.m., Saturday. The vessel is a total loss. She had on board about 100 passengers, all of whom, with the exception of two, were saved.

THE LOSS OF THE LABOUCHERE.

The interest manifested by the public on the arrival of the Enterprise yesterday to learn further particulars regarding the loss of this steamer was intense, and no sooner had the whistle, heralding her approach, sounded than the Company's wharf was thronged with people.

The carrier of the *Columbian* and the reporters of the press were besieged with esquirers, but were unable to throw further light upon the disaster, as the wires were down, and the only dispatch published in the *Columbian* was the same as had previously reached us from Seattle.

We are indebted to the Chief Factors of the Hudson Bay Company for a copy of the following terse telegram from the British Consul at San Francisco to Administrator Birch of New Westminster:

SAN FRANCISCO, April 17, 1866. 5:20 P. M. Received 5:50 P. M., 17th.

TO GOV. BIRCH—Labouchère struck a rock at Point Reyes Saturday night, and sank in 60 fathoms water Sunday morning—all hands saved. W. L. BOOKER.

From the above we may infer that the Labouchere struck the reef of rocks lying some distance off Point Reyes, as previously stated, and remained there all Saturday night. On Sunday morning (probably at high water) she got off but soon after foundered in deep water. The most satisfactory part of the telegram (if anything cheering can be found in it) is the announcement that "*all hands were saved.*"

There is little doubt now that no portion of the cargo can have been saved. Of the manner in which the passengers and crew effected their escape and what became of the colonial mails we are still in the dark. Our New Westminster contemporary asserts that several bags of British Columbian mails were lost, but the authority is not given for the statement.

We are informed that the amount for which the Labouchere was insured was very much less than that stated in our issue of yesterday; and that the cost of the recent improvements at San Francisco is yet unknown, the work not having been done under contract.

BRITISH COLUMBIA IMPORTS—The total imports into the port of New Westminster for the quarter ending 25th March, 1866, amounted to $243,602 50, the largest items being dry goods $37,293, machinery $36,219, flour $9,791, blankets $9,311, boots and shoes $8,859, butter $8,524, spirits $8,450, tobacco $8,285, hardware $8,184, bacon and hams $8,002, beef cattle $6,645, sugar $5,370.

The rush for the Blackfoot, Idaho and Eastern Oregon is beginning in good earnest from the Willamette counties. Great numbers are daily arriving bound for those lands of promise. (*? ! Poor Devils!*)

SPEAKER COLFAX'S LETTER.—The correspondent of the *Union* from New York, writes that "Schuyler Colfax's lecture on the Overland journey is the popular entertainment of the winter. He has given it twice, a few weeks apart in New York, to audiences which bubbled over the brim of the immense Cooper Institute, and filtered into all the anterooms, and even into the street. He has declined one hundred and seventy-three invitations to enlighten with it the people of cities and hamlets from Maine to Iowa, and New York to Virginia. One wonders if his gavel so fills his honest hand that he can refuse without a sigh to open that white palm for $20,000. The sum has a comfortable sound. —*Oregonian.*

PACIFIC WATER CO.—The Pacific Water Company has filed its articles of incorporation for the purpose, according to their certificate, of introducing fresh water in San Francisco, and supplying the people at a reasonable price. Capital stock $3,000,000, divided into 3,000 shares of $100 each. Trustees, Wm. H. Parks, R. F. Parks, John Satterlee, C. J. Hutchinson and Henry Williams.

FARO.—Judge Cowles of San Francisco has fined a man named Edwin H. Whipple $500 for dealing a game of faro.

DEAD IN HIS BED.—An Englishman, named John Martin, was recently found dead in his bed at Stewart House, San Francisco.

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