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The Congress. The latest telegrams point to an amicable solution of the difficulties that have arisen between France and Prussia. The Congress is assembled in the identical room in which the Schleswig Holstein question was settled (or unsettled) in 1854. We trust the deliberations now in progress will result more to the benefit of the powers most interested than did the deliberations over the poor little Duchy that has since been converted into a Prussian province. In the case of Luxemburg, the Great Powers (England included) have agreed to renew the treaty guaranteeing Luxemburg to the King of Holland. But the guarantee will not prevent a dreaded eatastrophe-it simply postpones it for a few months, or years, at most. The treaty and guarantees of 1815 did not prevent the present Emperor of the French from ascending the throne of that nation in 1852, notwithstanding he did so in the face of a clause which pledged the Great Carnarvon having resigned on learning Powers to oppose by force of arms, if necessary, the elevation of another Bonaparte to the throne of France. The guarantee of the Congress in the case of Schleswig and Holstein did not deter Prussia and Austria from wresting that Duchy from Denmark in 1864; Bismarck only last summer wiped from the map any number of duchies whose independence had been guaranteed; and France, without a moment's warning, at any fu- broken up. Disraeli, a few weeks ago, ture time, may do the same with the when the House lowered the rate new "bone of contention." To dismantle the fortress of Luxemburg pocketed the reverse, and remained in will be to open a road for the passage office to defeat, three days after, by an of French troops into the very heart overwhelming majority, his oppos of Germany. It would, in fact, be nents. virtually placing a prize within the grasp of Napoleon that Prussia is de sirous, for her own safety, should be as far removed from his reach as possible. Dismantle its fortress and party of five Dutch dancing girls, popularly Luxemburg can be of no real value to known as "hurdies," while on their way to Cermany. Preserve its fortress in-tact and its guns are a standing the Boise mines, where they had been engaged to "trip the light fantastic" in a lager bier cellar, were captured by Blackfoot Inmenace to France. By the treaty of dians and conveyed to their village. It ap-1830, Luxemburg became a political pears, from the statement of a mountaineer part of the Kingdom of Holland. It (published in the British Columbian), that is isolated, however, from that king- the lives of these wretched creatures have dom, and access to it can only be been spared by their dusky captors, and that obtained by the Dutch through as the daughter of Herodias danced before Belgium or Rhenish Prussia. Its

State. The right of Holland to sell

province. This guarantee has been furnished, and Lord Stanley announced on Friday, in Parliament that " an amicable settlement was already practically realized." An amicable settle. ment! If Lord Stanley had announceed that a patched up peace had been arranged, we are persuaded he would have come nearer the mark.

the disconnected telegrams that reach us from day to day the extent of the victory that has been gained by the Derby Ministry over the Liberals. The success of "Disraeli's Amendment" (whatever that is) appears to have been quité a triumph, no less than 355 members voting with the Government, to 256 who cast their votes against it. The John Bright faction have failed to carry their point from an eagerness to carry too much-but the moderate Liberals, headed by Gladstone, certainly gained important concessions from the Derbyites, when they compelled the acceptance of a lower franchise rate than was at first provided in the Derby Reform Bill. Another disension has occurred in the Cabinet -Home Secretary Walpole having resigned, no doubt because Govern. ment permitted the Reform gathering to take place within the railings of Hyde Park. Mr Walpole has shown but little capacity for the position just vacated by him, and his management of affairs during the crisis last summer was so imbecile as to call forth the censure of his own party organs, and provoke the ridicule of those of the opposite party. Mr Gathorne Hardy, from the Poor Law Board, succeeds Mr Walpole, and Earl Devon takes the place of Mr Hardy. This is the second change that has occurthe decision of the Cabinet to introduce a Reform bill. Disraeli is less of a statesman than a politician; he is not so great or clever a man as Gladstone, but he has twice the policy and diplomatic tact. Gladstone resigned when the House of Commons last summer sought to raise the franchise above the rate proposed in the Reform Bill brought in by the Russell Ministry, and that Government was proposed in his Reform Bill, smilingly

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

Monday, May 13th. A DANCE FOR LIFE.-Last summer, a her royal uncle and pleased him, so these importance to the nation to which poor captives dance before the hoary-headed monarch of the Blackfeet, and not only it owes allegiance, is therefore more please him but have so wrought upon his imaginary than real, and it is not a superstitious feelings that they are treated matter of surprise that when France with a kindness and respect amounting aloffered a large sum of money for most to veneration. Carefully guarded and the duchy, Holland accepted the attentively waited upon, they spend their offer. Prussia forbade the sale on the days in sewing and chatting at the foot of ground that the duchy is a German some shady old oak tree, watching the warriors cleaning and repairing their arms, the and the right of France to purchase ducking and diving in the clear limpid stream women tanning deer skins and the papooses the duchy was the question we sup- that flows past the camp. But as night ap- Rifles had a trial of skill at the Butts, which, posed, from the tenor of previous des. proaches and the dew settles on the stream, the telegraph informed us, yesterday resulted patches, that the Congress assembled thick as fog, the scraping of "cat-gut" is to decide. The telegrams of Satur, heard and wearily they retrace their steps 59 points. Our Victorian Ten must look builtday, however, indicate that the dise to perform the nightly toil of "dancing for well to their laurels when next they make a armament of the duchy is all that life." Will these poor girls ever regain the liberty, or will they live shut out from the life." Will these poor girls ever regain their match with their Westminster rivals. Napoleon aims at in the present con-world until civilization by them be forgotten? troversy, and that Prussia is willing is a question which time alone can answer.

"THE PAST"-THE "SCRAPBOOK" VS. the well-thumbed "scrapbook," from which Mr James Moorhead—and a good freight. he shortly emerged with two columns of rubbish purporting to be extracts from former leaders" of his own writing. These extracts he published to establish that he did not support the Unconditional Union candidates for the Assembly in 1865. But "our

a habit of recording the votes of electors for the different candidates, and upon reference to the polibook used at that memorable election, we find the name of the late editor of the News recorded as having voted for the Unconditional Union candidates. Perhaps the 'scrapbook" is right, and the unfortunate ex-editor's name was accidentally placed on the wrong side of the page; but from our experience of the choice titbits of literature that have lately cozed from that repository of "ourcotemporary's" brains, we are inclined to regard his statement as anything but a correct record of "The Past."

MARRIED VS. SINGLE : OR, OLD VS. YOUNG-A rowing match of a novel character came off vesterday, up the Arm. The Dart, manned by four elderly gentlemen, three of whom are married, and the Glance, manned by four single men, started from the dredger at three o'clock to row to Curtis' Point this side the Gorge. The start was made in good style, and the old men, on whom the Colonist's 'quarter' was invested, passed the boat-house several lengths in advance of their competitors. The old men kept the lead throughout. arriving at the winning flag in 19 minutes. several lengths ahead of the youngsters. The crew of the Dart were Hon. T. L. Wood, Mr. Bacon, Capt. Layton, Mr. Stahlschmidt; coxe swain-Mr. Clark. The crew of the Glance were Messrs. Johnson, Wigham, Macrea and Englehardt, with J. W. C. Rhind as coxswain. The toss for choice of boats was won by the first mentioned crew, who chose the lighter boat-the Dart. A challenge has been made by the vanquished party, provided that a change of boats can be effected .- Islander.

REPAIRS NEEDED-We learn from Mr. Baxter, who has just come down the country. and who of course speaks from personal observation, that the greater portion of the road between Clinton and Soda Creek is in a very bad condition and stands very much in need of repairs. From Deep Creek to the 150 mile post, a distance of about 26 miles the mud is in many places axle deep, while through the Green Timber it is full of bouldders, which seriously impede the progress of vehicles. The condition of the road may be imagined when we state that Mr Parsons, of the firm of U. Nelson & Co., was obliged to leave half the freight at the 126 mile post .-

AN IMPORTANT SAVING .- Capt. Fleming; of the Fraser river steamer Lillooet, has made arrangements with the up-river steamer Enerprise, running from Soda Creek to Quesnellemouth, by which freight shipped on board the Lillooet at New Westminster will be charged \$30 per ton, which includes charges on the steamer from Soda Creek to Quesnellemouth. By this arrangement a saving of \$10 per ton will be effected over freight carried by any other line.

LATER FROM CARIBOO .- By the arrival of be Enterprise, on Saturday, we have several days' later news from the Cariboo mines. The snow was all off the road to a point within twelve miles of William Creek. On the creek there were three feet of snow. The thaw had not fairly set in, and but little water was running in the creek. Few companies were at work in consequence. "Great expectations" are formed as to the result of the summer's work.

Masonic-The brethern of the Masonic Lodges will meet on board the steamer Sir James Douglas te-morrow morning at 7 o'clock, and proceed to? Nanaimo, for the purpose of assisting at the ceremony of the Dedication and Installation of the officers of the Nanaimo Lodge, No. 1090, on the Registry of the United Grand Lodge of

THE RIFLE MATCH AT NEW WESTMIN-STER-On Saturday Ten of the Sparrows hawk and Ten of the New Westminster in favor of the New Westminster Ten by

MINERS' MEETINGS .- The colliers, at Nanaimo, are holding secret meetings to consider the Chinese labor question.

NANAIMO POST OFFICE .- T. Cunningham has declined to act as Postmaster at Nanaimo, " because the Government declined to pay the expense of fitting up a window in his store," and the office bas accordingly been

yesterday. Other parties met with varied success. About forty amateur fishermen visited the lake during the day.

ECCLESIASTICAL—Yesterday the Rev. Mr. Simpson, of Olympia, who interchanged pulpits with the Rev. Mr Somerville, preached two eloquent sermons to a full congregation in St Andrew's Church,

permission of Capt Pearse the effective band being prospected on the bench had to be of the Volunteer Corps will accompany the stopped for want of water, the diggings beexcursion to San Juan. New music for the ing too deep to be worked by hand. In one, ecasion is in course of rehearsal.

TRINITY CHURCH. - Tenders are asked, hrough our columns, for the construction of rubble stone church at New Westminster. Plans may be seen at Mr. Tiedeman's, Vic-

ed to Burrard Inlet by the Isabel to-day mild winter and altogether a jolly time: She will take in a cargo of spars for the The great drawback has been the want of French Government.

THE Dutch Government have ordered number of our famous Burrard Inlet spars to be taken to Java in a ship that will shortly

THE ACTIVE-This steamship sailed at 11 o'clock on Saturday morning for Victo-

DECLINED-The Victoria Cricketers have declined to accept the challenge of the Westminster Club.

THE BARK SCOTLAND sailed yesterday for San Francisco, she having been detained one day by the captain, who was getting 'spliced.' RELEASED-John Holder was on Saturday

Later from Big Bend.

(From the British Columbian.)

released by order of the Governor.

T. E. Ladner, Esq., of this city, who left Seymour on the 2d instant, arriving here on Thursday, has kindly supplied the following information :- An Indian had arrived at Seymour with an express from French Creek. By this express the Robertsons who were on their way in received a letter. from their partners in the Bluenose Claim stating that a rich lead had been struck. From one wheelbarrow full of dirt they took \$150. Mr Dietz, a packer who has a claim on McCulloch's Creek, was also out at Sey-Quite a number of people were pushing forward, although travelling between Seymour and the Columbia River was far from good. although navigation was quite open.

The Scotch Creek boys had started out to commence operations. On Tranquille Creek, a stream falling into Kamloops Lake, traffic which has never yet failed to enrich good prospects had been struck. T. Bright's the nations which enjoy it. Many now livpay-dirt 30 feet in thickness. This informa. Pacific coast will be covered with commertion was brought to Seymour by Mr Wood- cial fleets, exchanging between the Asiatic side well known in New Westminster. He and American Continents the productions of

The winter in the Kamloops and Thompson River country had been very severe and lie duty will constrain its ratification proved fatal to stock. The Indians has los section kept considerable droves of cattle is 650 feet in length, and 150 in breadth

FOR PORTLAND.—The steamer Fideliter, and horses. On Monte Creek Duck & Co. THE "Pollbook."—The "Ourcotemporary Erskine, left at 9 o'clock Saturday morning brought their stock through safely by proper phobia" of the late editor of the News, on for Portland, Oregon. She carried ten pas- feeding and housing. Victor Guilauma and Saturday, assumed a new type. He dropped sengers—among who were Mrs J. P. Couch Hugh Campbell, near the same place, sufferand three children, Mrs John Dickson and ed severely: The Harpers lost between 200 and 300 head. The Hudson Bay Co., at Kamloops lost heavily. At Savana's Ferry, out of 700 sheep one half perished. John, Wilson lost 50 head of cattle. Many others are understood to have been equally unfortu-

The farmers were everywhere busy put

ADDITIONAL

A gentleman in this city received a letter by the last Express from Mr J. A. Mara, French Creek, dated April 13th, from which we have been permitted to make the following ing extract :- " The weather is fine and the snow is going off rapidly. The season is at least'two weeks earlier than last. Most of the miners on the river claims are at work San Juan Excursion-Through the kind or about commencing. Claims that were the 'Scotch Canadian," we are down 96 feet. We had to work 15 men 4 hour shifts to keep the water down. As soon as we can get water we will put on machinery and hoisting gear and test the bench. The Blue Nose Company, in front of us, have good ground. Last week they took out over \$150 THE ASTARTE-This fine ship will be tow- in one barrowful of dirt. We have had a mails. We had only one all winter."

From Peace River.

Mr Suteliff Baxter, who left Fort Duncegan, Peace River, on the 27th March, and strived in this city yesterday, has kindly furnished as with the following items :-- Mr Baxter has been engaged in the fur trade ria, and should arrive here on Wednesday during the winter. He travelled out to Fort George on snow shoes with dog sleds, and FROM THE OTHER SIDE—The schooner thence to Quesnelle in a canoe. The winter Growler arrived from the American side on was very severe, the snow lying 3 feet deep,

as 35 to 45 degrees below zero for days to-PORTS OF ENTRY.—A proclamation in the Government Gazette declares Victoria, Esquimalt, Nanaimo, New Westminster and Burrard at work on Peace River last fall. He was working bar diggings with a rocker on the Findlay Branch, and making from \$6 to \$12 WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.—Thomas West-garth has been appointed Inspector of Weights No news had reached the Fort from the Red and Measures for New Westminster and disa River or Saskatchewan settlements. Mr Baxter intends returning to Peace River in the course of two or three weeks.

Summary Court.

SATURDAY, May 11, 1867; Nathan v. Rudlin-Defendant not appea

ng. case postponed till 27th inst. Anderson v. Wims-Ditto.

Sproat & Johnston v. Mason & Balls-Drake & Jackson for plaintiffs; Copland and Bishop for defendants. Judgment by consent for \$169 and costs.

Anderson v. McBride-Copland for plaintiff; Drake & Jackson for defendant. Adv journed until next court day to allow defendant to obtain evidence from Oregon.

Aarons v. Elford-Copland for plaintiff defendant absent. Evidence of plaintiff taken and cause adjourned till 27th May. Babbitt & Pidwell v. Heal-Bishop for plaintiffs: Copland for defendants. Judgment for defendants with costs.

Babbitt & Pidwell v. Anthony-Bishop for plaintiffs. Judgment for defendant with

THE RUSSIAN TREATY-The New York Times, speaking of the Russian cession, mour. He speaks with the greatest enthusi-asm about the prospects in these diggings. held by Great Britain. Our coast line on the western side of the continent is nearly twice that we hold on the eastern. T main importance of this acquisition grows There was no word of the steamer Forty-nine out of its bearing upon our future trade with Japan, China and the other countries of Eastern Asia. The time must come, and that ere long, when this country will control and carry on the great body of that enormous good prospects had been struck. T. Bright's the hattons which will see the day when the Pacific Ocean will be as thickly studded with ports and cities as the Atlantic is now, and side well known in New Westminster. He each. And it seems inevitable that all that commerce should be American. The country cannot fail to appreciate at its full mag-The Twelve-mile house on the trail between nitude the importance of this accession. Seymour and the Columbia Rrive was burn. Seymour and the Columbia Krive was burned we cannot, of course, know its details. Reseluctant as that body may be to accept even so great a boon as this from the hands of the President, and Mr Seward, the sense of pubs

St Petersburg, Russia, boasts fhe largest almost every animal they possessed; and it room in the world, a single roof, and una should be recollected that the Indians of that broken by pillars or other obstructions. It