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WEEKLY BRITISH COLONIST claim to the island it would have been DAVID W. HIGGINS.

DES COLOW B TERMS:

THE United States Senate Committee on Foreign Relations-the same Committee that reported adversely to the treaty arranged by the American Minister with Lords Stanley and Clarendon for the settlement of the Alabama claims-has recommended the adoption of the San Juan Island the selection of the President of the Swiss Republic as arbitrator. It is highly probable that this recommendation will be ratified by the Senate and the protocol accepted, notwith. standing the declaration (published

yesterday) of the Pacific Coast Senators, who assert that they would er go to war than be bound by Though emarating from Pacific members, this declaration is anything but pacific in sentiment, and reminds one of the old saw of "children playing". The channel on the side nearpacific in sentiment, and reminds one of the old saw of "children playing with edged tools." When a party to a dispute commences to bluster and threaten instead of discussing the point calmly and appealing to his opponent's reason or sense of justice, it is a nevertailing sign that he has a weak case, and is affaid to aubmit it to the judgment of an impartial person. So the world will judge these pacifically inclined Senators, who may bluster, bully and storm as they please, yet their words will create no feeling in British hearts save that of contempt.

be and are navigated by sea-going same advocates that the case should at adjurned till the next Court with a viaw and appealing to his opponent's calmly and the mainland exist an archipelago of small and valuable islands. Should Rosario Strait be the channel meant by the treaty, all these islands, with Sam Juan, will belong to and become judgment of an impartial person. So the world will judge these pacifically inclined Senators, who may bluster, bully and storm as they please, yet their words will create no feeling in British hearts save that of contempt. British hearts save that of contempt. Iand so effectually that in case of parties to order refreshments in his name of the San Juan Island dispute is a question. The ground upon which evidence was offered by the doctor, and the tion that requires but little argument, the American Government disputes Judge, after impartially considering the evidence was offered by the doctor, and the contempt of and to an unprejudiced mind admits the title of our Government to San dence, gave a verdict for plaintiff for \$7 50 and of but one construction. Few old res. Juan's that the Canal de Haro was Some little episodes and incidents come idents but can call to mind the origin the only channel known to exist at with the "financial arrangements" of the time the Treaty was framed; but federate League came out in evidence, but fdents but can call to mind the origin the only channel known to exist at the dispute, which arose in 1859, they wilfully close their eyes to the when San Juan Island, which up to remainder of the clause, which states that time had remained in the undis that the middle of the channel which

side of the Americans; how a large force of Americans soldiers was poured into San Juan Island, and entrements thrown up, while a British ments thrown up, while a British fleet ornised threateningly off the peace of two nations that by the ties of nature and consanguinity, ought to be island; and how for many weeks the prospect of an engagement that might have set the world ablaze, appeared imminent. The fears of a war were imminent. The fears of a war were immented to in the Treaty Island; and support to the standard conductions and the peace of two nations of the case to arrespond to the who agreed to a joint occupation of the Island until such time as the case could be submitted to arbitration. The year following that on which the Island was invaded was fixed for the appointment of a commission to decide the points; but the civil war broke out. and the United States Government having since had its attention engrossed by recepient of much deserved applause water springs, has been found in mid-channel the bloody events which have added Mr. J. J. Jacobs (mine host of the St. George) many mournful pages to its history, read a passage from "Otbello" in a style paid but little attention to the that evinced a thorough conception of the matter, to settle which the "grave and tragedy; and when vociferousely encored reverend seignors' from the Pacific read the love scene from the "Lady of Lyons" advise a policy which must surely with wonderful pathes and effect. Hon, provoke a war; for Great Britain will Mr. Bushby was the leading spirits of the peaceably, except through the decision Messrs. Redfere, Austin and Wilson assist-

surrendered to her, and the world would have heard the last of the misunderstanding; but British statesmen scorned to take advantage of the necessities of a natural ally, and the question slumbered all through that the present time, when, we parnestly mission granted. and sincerely hope it is in fair The claim of Mr Titus against the Corpor and speedy train for an amigable settlement that shall be honorable to orthor of W. P. Sayward.

side. The dispute arose in th

to the forty-second parallel of latitude which would have given us San Francisco. The American Government claimed to the line of the then Russian Possessions, latitude 54° 40'. After forty years spent in negotiations, Great Britain consented to make the forty-ninth parallel the boundary tained in their efforts to improve the line. This line would cut off the of the City, by the Legislative Council, in granting them increased powers to enable southerly portion of Vancouver Island on which Victoria is situated; but the with, that the said works be stopp Boundary Treaty, which provides for United States agreed to abandon all Saturday the 27th inst. right and title to any part of our Is- at 7 o'clock p. m. land in these words:

"The line of boundary between the terri-The line of boundary between the territories of the United States and those of her Britanic Majesty chall be continued westward along the said forty-ointh parallel of north latitude, to the middle of the channel which separates the continent from Vancouver Island, and thence southerly through the middle of the channel, and of Fuez Straits to the Pacific Ocean."

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MECHANICS' LITERARY INSTITUTE. The est part bearing N. by S., distant 4 cables from Defeat point at the castern entrance. The entertainment on Tuesday evening was of a patch libs cast and west, about 11 cables in very interesting character. A recitation by length, with 18 feet on its western edge, and a length, with only 6 feet at low water on the eastern extreme; there are 8 fathoms between these shoal heads, and deep water and he only requires practice to insure entire succers, As it was, however, he was the the Imperial Government pressed its antly and profitably.

Tuesday, Feb. 23d, 1869. Coqueil met at 7 o'elook p. m. Pre The Mayor, and Councillors Citbs, Allatt, McKay, Russett, Gerow, Allsop.

An application from Mr. McCormick for the permission to construct an owning isastrous and fratricidal contest until front of property on Fisgard street, Per-

ion for \$500, was transferred to the gredit An account from George Stevens for to

have reason to believe that they will be susgranting them increased powers to them to meet the expenses connected there-

Council adjourned till Tuesday next

County Court.

and swore that he had not given authority parties to order refreshments in his name on account of the election. Much conflict

the case was decided as above, we presume a further notice will be taken of the matter. Bishop, for plaintiff; Green, for defendants. After the trial, plaintiff, through his atter-ncy, presented the \$7.50, amount of verdic

Seaforth Channel (Variation 28 9 10 m Basterly in 1868). Dall Patch. A rocky patch with the shoat of the Thursday, Feb 25 has been found off hypumpt harbor, the shoat

> Hodges Reef-A rock that dries 2 feet at low f the group of Islands at the junction of the Seaforth chaenel and the Lama passage. It lies midway between the west point of Deer Island, and the small Tree Island; bearing East 21 cables from the latter.

Hydographic Office, Admiralty, 16th December, 1868.

DEPARTURES.—The George S. Wright fo Sitks, and the Wilson G. Hunt and Eliza provoke a war; for Great Brite in Will entertainment, and both vocally and instru-never consent to give up the Island mentally rendered his valuable sid. Anderson for Puget Sound, sailed yesterday. The Hunt carried Clympia passengers for of a competent arbitrator. While the ed in the quartettes and glees. The room \$5 each, and the Anderson for \$4, The civil struggle raged in the States, had was crowded and the evening passed pleas- opposition on the Sound promises to be

BEAUTIFUL VIEWS -Mr. F. Daily, of Fort street, has lately taken several charming photographic views of Government House and surroundings; the Admiral's House at Esquimalt; H.M. ship Zealous, with a number of the officers grouped on deck. The views are the finest we have seen produced in the colony. The value of several of the pictures is enhanced by the fact that they contain faithful full-length likenesses of the Governor and Mrs Seymour, the Admiral and Mrs Hastings, and other persons

f this society, on Tuesday night, the following officers were elected-President. A. F. Keyser : Vice-President, Joshua Davies : Secretary, Robert Lowenberg; Treasurer, Charles Lombard. The society resolved not to disband, and we understand that it is their intention to remove the Gymnasium apparatus to a central part of the city. The Albambra, it is believed, will be the spot.

FAREWELL SALE-Mr McCrea's sale was largely attended and very satisfactory prices were obtained. The bidding was spirited, and when the last lot was reached with an emphasis upon the words "Going, going," few present but felt a keen pang of regret when they remembered that the worthy Knight of the Hammer, who for many years has enjoyed the confidence and esteem of his

A Comox Grievance.

EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST: - I observe

gentleman must remember being in Comox last autumn in company with Mr. Pearse and Rev. Mr. Garrett, when he was told by two or Rev. Mr. Garrett, when he was told by two or three different parties of the irregularity Schuyler Colfax, of Indiana. Vice President

If she came in the next day or the next week was invaded by a detachment of American soldiers under Capte. Pickett and Pleasanton, who laid claim to it as a portion of the territory of the United States; and none have forgotten how sharply and rapidly the paper missisfant further north Rosario Streit siles flew between Gov. Douglas, who represented the British Government, and Gen. Harney and Colonel Casey De the Side of the Americans; how a large force of American soldiers was poured into San Juan Island, and entrenches in the organization of the united street of the same into continuous series of the same into a single weight in the same interest of the same interest in the same interest of the same interest in the same interest. The same interest in the same interest in the same interest. The same interest in the same interest in the same interest. The same interest in the same interest. The same interest in the same interest in the same interest. The same interest in the same interest in the same interest. The same interest in the same interest in the same interest. The same interest in the same interest in the same interest. The same interest in the same interest in the s

> our mite to the treasury from which their sal-aries are paid; and the Douglas has caused more loss to the settlement during the past year than her withdrawal would entail for the

Public feeling on the subject has been very strong, and manifested itself in a public meeting held an the 15th inst. at which resolutions ing held an the loth last, at which resolutions were passed conveying the thanks of the settlement to the Hon. J. S. Helmcken for bringing the irregularity of the steamer Douglas before the Council, and appointing Mr. James McNish a delegate to Victoria to lay the grievances of the settlers before his Excellency the Governor. The meeting was then adjourned to

ROBERT C. COLEMAN. Comox, Feb. 16, 1869.

THE bark Cyane is receiving coal at Brodrick's wharl for Sitka,

CHICAGO, Feb. 10.-It will be remember

should declare what the result would be without Georgia. The Senate had adopted this rule, that the objection to counting the votes of Georgia was not in order, but the House had voted not to count the vote of Georgia. When the Senate returned to the hall Mr. Wade announced that the joint resolution had been sustained. Mr. Butler snapped back with angry slurs at the Senate and its President, insisting upon his objection. Mr. Wade said the vote could be counted. Mr. Katler at the ton of his voice, cried out. Butler, at the top of his voice, cried out.
I appeal from your decision." Mr. Wade
said, "there is no appeal." The excitemen
became intense. There was the wildest conthe thoroughly excited body. Mr. Butler, again, at the top of his voice, appealed from the decision without avail. Messrs Saulsbury and Doollitle sprang to their feet and burled invectives at Buller. Mr. Butler ourled them back. Half the members and pectators were on their feet swinging their with rage. Mr. Wade was cool and obsti nate, but incapable of preserving order.

"Let us have peace," came from the Demeratic side. Mr. Butter, with his sleeves rolled up, shouted that the Senate ought to have leave to go home; that the House could take care of itself, intimating that the Senate and its President were interlopera. The excitement at this point described. It extended through

others were in a plot to abduct Mr Li oln: He declares that assassination was n ver spoken of to him, and was not agreed on by nocence of his mother, maintains that every from ber knowledge, and says she was sim man, whose evidence, it will be remen caused Mrs Surrati's conviction. Sprat proposes to tell everything he knews, the good, bad and indifferent, and make oath to it. He feels, it is said, that it will be so

impartial and straightforward that it will be