

The Colonist. FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1893.

THE WOMEN'S PETITION.

The movement in favor of clean journalism in California is evidently an earnest one, and it is likely to produce results beneficial to the inhabitants of the State.

TO THE NEWSREADERS OF SAN FRANCISCO. We, the women of California, present you this petition, which we believe represents the convictions of many times the number of those whose names are subscribed.

We approve of your papers in their energy and enterprise, but we believe that the time has come for them to take a deeper, and more serious, interest in the question of public morals.

We believe that it is a minority of your readers who demand sensational and immoral details rather than the clean statement of facts and truth.

There is nothing hysterical or goody-goody about this petition; it is an earnest and womanly appeal of women who have heard the moral warfare not only of their own families, but of the community in which they live.

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The ladies are right in concluding that the majority of newspaper readers do not approve of the highly spiced news which editors imagine they relish.

We trust that the petitioning ladies and those who approve of the movement they have set on foot will carry their principles into practice, and resolutely discontinue papers which habitually and systematically pander to the tastes of the vicious minority of the population.

SOME OF THE ONTARIO POLITICIANS are trying to raise a religious scare. They affect to believe that the Protestant religion is in danger, and that an Association should be formed with a strong representation in Parliament to secure to Protestants their rights.

Two by-elections are pending in Ontario, in both of which the Mowat nominee is opposed by a candidate having the endorsement of the Patrons of Industry.

According to the report of the Postmaster General of the United States, the finances of his Department are not in a very flourishing condition.

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NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

The New American Tariff and its Effect on British Columbia's Coal Output.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND is admitted to be the soundest financial institution in the world. Its stability and firmness have become proverbial. It is remarkable, too, for its prudence and its caution.

Among the fiscal tributes at J. McLeod's funeral was one from the Vancouver Laborers' Club, for the purpose of erecting a monument to the memory of the late member.

There was another immense house to hear Dickson in Insoy last night. The Burrard Inlet Literary Club will be in charge "for an indefinite period."

There is a short article in the Popular Science Monthly for November on vertical handwriting, by Joseph B. Whitherbee. Mr. Whitherbee contends that straight up and down writing is more legible, more easily learned, and better from a hygienic point of view.

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Highest of all in Leavening Power.—U. S. Gov't Report.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER ABSOLUTELY PURE

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EXPLODER MACKENZIE.

His Overland Trip to the Pacific Coast One Hundred Years Ago.

Interesting Account of What He Saw on His Way Through British Columbia.

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FROM THE DAILY THE

It is estimated the holders have qualified during the month just past.

PRIVATE bills will next session of the provincial assembly.

THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATION bills have been introduced.

ANOTHER party left for the South East on the 22nd of July.

VICTORIA LODGE, No. 10, following officers: President, J. H. Macdonald.

SUBSEQUENT cables in the city by local agents regarding land to hand yesterday.

WORD was received from Mrs. Kuna, lying at death's door, that the eldest daughter of the Albion Iron Works.

IN THE GAZETTE of yesterday it is stated that the Hon. Mr. G. S. Russell, H. A. G., has introduced a bill to amend the law relating to the land of the province.

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