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THE HARBOR DEBATE

The debate yesterday on the Harbor Improvement gives us a more hopeful prospect than the previous discussions. The members are gradually arriving at the wise conclusion that the harbor, like everything proportion to our means—that we cannot adopted recommending the nomination of Mr. afford to include in any more extensive loans | Lincoln. yet awhite, or increase the taxation very NEW YORK, May 25.—The Herald's corexperimental work. The petition of the at midnight on the 20th, following the road and shows that whatever grand ideas may directly south, Harcocs hailed his column have been first formed on the harbor improvement question, the merchants as a he is confident that he can stand against any described the brunt of the outlay will have to be borne by themselves, and that a yearly drain of undefined expenditure, for even so preserve the substance of the preserve that the brunt of the outlay will have to be borne by themselves, and that a yearly drain of undefined expenditure, for even so preserve the substance of the preserve that the brunt of the outlay will have to over which Lee transported all the supplies for his army.

Lee must vareate his stronghold in the prisener shading a harbor, and trees, near Spottsylvania, and the substance of the prisener out his way the ough the net in which he is line, are much discouraged and the substance of the prisener outlands of the prisener outlands of the substance of t

may be really paying. for the whistle." They are where it lies. content with the removal of the sand spit off Shoal Point, and merely ask for his position in front of Spottsylvania com an appropriation to test the thing for twelve months. The petition which was presented by the same gentleman, from the merchants | the next line of rebel defences, which is sup and tradesmen, was of a similar tenor. It posed to be on the South Anna. Lee is a prayed for an appropriation of the harbor dues for one year-about \$17000-teeling was attacked, but soon put the rebets to satisfied that the urgent requirements would flight. be met by this small outlay. Mr. DeCosmos Mitford Station that French's battery amused his previous motion and presented another, previous, in our hands. and Dr. Trimble, Mr. Franklin, and Dr. Tolmotion for himself, leaving the Chairman attack on our left, on the night of the 19th, a and May's Parliamentary Practice com- division of cavalry attacked our extreme right

possession of facts on which to base their aur supplies, failed, and they abandoned the legislative action. Since, however, the har-attempt with disgust. all intention of implicating the colony in a 13 000 men, drove them through the cavalry.

never-ending expense, we are willing to and pursued them some distance. Our loss is the cavalry.

The expedition under Sheridan arrived at head-Victoria people, for of course they, and were taken they alone should be responsible for this local improvement. Should the House agree o the proposition contain—

Were taken

A despatch dated heedquarters of the Army of the Potomac, May 22d, ten o'clock, p.m. says:

Hancock is seven miles south of Bowling the dredge is not much-Capt. Mouat, ac- is deemed important, and Richmond is considcording to Mr. Franklin, believes that one ested in greater danger than before

numbers, of \$6000 a year. The prison labor is essentially adapted to the work, and labor is essentially adapted to the work, and has in other countries.

Should, however, the House conclude to postpone action on the question till the next session, no great injury can possibly accrue; artillery, and suffered greatly, especially from via Pound Gap. Our forces are ready to mayed by the croakings of the doubting, or for, as Dr. Tolmie showed, no work of any importance will be likely to take place (on account of the weather) between October and March of the following year. The THE WEEKLY COLONIST. dredge and appliances will not, under any farnished to Subscribers for \$6 a year; 54 for six circumstances, be ready for operations before September or October, and we may, consequently, safely assert that nothing will be accomplished the present year. Whether, therefore, it is decid d that an experiment shall be made and money appropriated or that the onus of the harbor improving scheme shall be thrown upon the next House, the result will be of but little importance; because, as ambulances, under a flag of truce, have gone we have previously said, there is every pro- to Chencellorsville to collect such of our bability of the next session commencing before the machinery can be got into working their depredations.

Arrival of the G. S. Wright

Tuesday, May 31-6 a.m The steamer G. S. Wright has just arrived

from Portland, which place she left on Sat-CHICAGO, May 24.—The Union State Con-

visibly for the purpose of entering into an respondent says that Hannock's corps moved opened by cavalry, and marched to Bowling habitants, and that it is leaving less than a Chamber of Commerce, presented by Mr. Green, crossing the Mattapony at the Ford, DeCosmos, is a short and modest document, without opposition. After proceeding almost body, are determined to look the matter now force that Lee will deem it prudent to conin the face in only a practical light. They centrate in an attack. We occupy the rail-

"100 or must crush the Army of the Potomac

Another correspondent says that Lee in pletely turned, and is compelled to abandon

It is now a race ta see who will first reach trifle ahead. Our army is in good condition. On the afternoon of May 21st, Gen. Wright

withdrew his motion in favor of Dr. Powel's, the rebels while a cavalry force flat ked their who aimed at a compromise between the position, when they beat a hasty retreat, ideas of the former gentleman and the motion leaving their battery, six officers and sixty received to day. of Dr. Helmcken. Major Foster withdrew men, besides a quantity of delicacies, wearing apparel. &c., sent from Richmond the day

wlng, composed of Ferroro's colored troops. ment of this discussion, the necessity of ap- brought the rebels to a halt. They formed tions soon proaching the topic of expenditure with the but were again met with unfunching bravery, atmost caution, and have advocated the pru- and finding they could make no impression dence of leaving the Enancial part of the on our brave troops, they left the field. Next

bour improvers have come down from their Advices from the headquarters of the Army sublime conceptions of blasting sub-marine of the Potomac, dated the 22d, says the army rocks and controlling the tides, and disclaim under Hancock arrived at Milford yesterday, and met a force of the enemy said to number all intention of implicating the colony in a 13 000 men, drove them through the town

chants suggest—an experiment that will An attack was made on our headquarter throw the cause of the entire releasement that will train near Guineas Station yesterday evening. throw the onus of the entire scheme on the The rebels were repulsed. Some prisoners

Hancock is seven miles south of Bowling ed in the petition, one thing must be very Green, and occupies the bridge over the Mateconomy. The immediate work required of fighting had been done by our cavalry, who drove the enemy all the time. Our position

hundred and twenty yards will be wide The War Department had received a desenough to take from the spit-but \$17,000 patch from Grant dated 11 o'clock on Monday is soon swallowed up in dredging operations.

No thousand pound or even five hundred lound a year gentlemen can hope to obtain Jound a year gentlemen can hope to obtain matched by the way of Harris Store and Jenthe position of engineer. The whole affair nick's ford. After effecting a crossing, the ri-ked three battles to have gained the advantages will be merely experimental, and the talent 5th corps got into position without much op- secured employed must be only of that class which our means will asset the same and they handsomely repulsed the aour means will purchase. No doubt a sault without much loss to us. We captured considerable saving might be made by the some trisoners—everything looks favorabe.

THE BRITISH COLONIST Commissioner eleven of the latter class a tacked with great venemence. I have never heard more rapid fring either of artillery or muskery. The attack resulted in a destructive rether attempts at night surprise. would, no doubt, succeed as well here as it crossed the river, and they made a pertinacious resistance to his onset. Before dark he had forced them from their works, and driven them across the stream. It is said in the engagements the

> FORTRESS MONROE, May 25 .- This morning. Gen. Gilm re went out on a reconneisance, and at 3:30 a. m. met the enemy in some force. After an engagement of an hour and a half he completely routed them. Our loss slight.

> I. is reported that nearly half of Beauregard's forces left him vesterday and marched towards Richmond; probably to reinforce The rebels have made several attacks on

ovr intreachments, but have been repulsed wounded as were left in the Wilderness. The gnerillas in that neighborhood continue

PHILADELPHIA, May 25 — The Bulletin has the fellewing special dispatch, dated Wash

ington, May 25th: The Republican extra says, it gives us pleasure to announce the fact that the intelligence has reached this city, that Lee, after falling back from the North Anna, as already from Portland, which place she left on Sat-urday evening, bringing the following dis-reached a point beyond the South Anna, pursued with great vigor by Grant. The latter is is in the saddle all the time, day and night, directing the general movements of vention of Massachusetts met in Boston on the army in person. Unless Lee stops to else in the colony, must be improved just in Baltimore Convention. Resolutions were conflict for the city of Richmond, before or the 19th and appointed delegates to the fight to-day we shall next hear of the grand sacks, 200; 500 sacks, on ice, 270; Barley, in the works of that city. Prisoneri say that Jeff. Davis and Cabinet

left Richmond some days since. There is little doub! that by this time Richmond is pretty well cleaned out of its in furtress.

There are still numbers of our sick and wounded at Fredericksburg. Skirmishing occurs daily with the guerillas, but always in our favor.

Washington, May 25 .- The latest dates from Gen. Grant's headquarters, are from

Anna by nightfall. Butler, in a dispatch dated 7 o'clock. 2.m .. reports that Fitzhugh Lee, with cavulry, inson's whart, un the north side of James river, below Fort Powhattan, and were handsomely repulsed by the garrison, composed of colored troops. Before the attack was made, Lee large enough to take the place, and demanded

STANTON, Sec. of War. (Signed) A telegram from Admiral Foote to the NEW YORK, May 25 -A correspondent in that last night and Saturday night the enemie, not to be behind hand, drew out each a the 9th corps says: Simultaneously with the my attacked our army and were handsomely

responsible for the conseque ces.

pletely enveloped beneath this rather unpar. The attack was impetuous, but was met Gen. Banks' troops reached Morgan to-day, 18th, at the Mouth of Red Rive:, states that liamen ary load of legislative lucubrations. with great steadiness. Heavy volleys in better condition than had been expected, from the commence from the rifles of the colored troops soon and will be ready to assume offensive opera STANTON.

A messenger from the army of the Potomac the 24th, who left at 6 o'clock p. m., reports the enemy crossing South Anna, with our troops in close Over six hundred prisoners have been brought

duestion to another session, when the me.nbers as well as the public would be in
strategy, so often successful, of cutting off
strategy, so often successful, of cutting off
which is reported to be placed at a point 12 miles from redericksburg. One of Lee's orderlies was brought in at bead

quarters to-day, on whom was found a despat h to Ewell from Lee, ordering him to fall back to the defence of Richmond. This despatch says some days ago his brig de had been at Plymonth and Drury's Bluff. After fighting Butler he sent to

quarters 58, announcing the sale return of the nmand across the Pamuuky last night, and that they would arrive to-night. Custer's division cut the railroad 12 miles below Hanover Junction on the 21st, burning two bridges and tearing up miles of railway. The norses of the expedition are pretty well exhausted but a few days will put them in condition for

The Richmond Whig says, Brig. Gen. Gordan, evident—the necessity of the most rigid tapony river. Our cavalry had a good deal of on Thursday, from wounds received while fighting Sheridan's cavalry near Richmond NEW YORK, May 26-The Tribune's special says that revel paisoners state that Lee's whole army was moving through Hanover Junction;

but when intelligence reached them that Grant was moving toward N rth Anna, portious of Longst eet's and Hill's corps were sent to prevent the passage of the river, their resistance, hough

SAN FRANCISCO, May 27-Legal tenders 581. Gold to-day, in New York, 183

The Oregon sailed to-day for Portland and Victorial position." There is another result of

emp oyment of the chain-gang, in lieu of Another despatch giving the details of the Powell, Butler's dispatch boat, has atrived, ord n ry laborers. According to the Harbor rebel assault on Warren's position says, he was

their attempts at night surprise. They have buried their dead under a flag of truce. 3,400 wounded have been brought

James river since the army landed. NASHVILLE, May 24-The Journal is advised that Gen. John H. Morgan at the head the stream. It is said in the engagements the stream stream in the engagements the stream of the enemy was great, while our loss is inconsiderable. The rebels charged against our contemplates an immediate raid in Kentucky the Nation 1 arms. We should not be disgive him a wa m reception.

Portland.

A portion of Capt. Drake's command under Lieut. McCail and Watson, attacked the Snake Indians who were strongly entrenched behind rocks, but after a loss of four killed and 8 wounded, the troops were drawn off to await assi-tance. In the meantime the Indians fled and their camp was burned. WASHINGTON, May 27.- A Fredericksburg | Lieut. Watson was among the killed. The letter, doted yesterday, says that a number of | Indian loss is supposed to have been great.

CALIFORNIA NEWS.

San Francisco, May 25 - Gen Chipmau was released from Aletraz to-day, on taking the oath, and giving five thousand dollars

The case of Levy and McDougall, parties engaged in the shooting affray in which a lady was accidentally shot, were fined, the former \$100, and the atter \$40. The charge of attempt to murder against Levy is not yet

determined. Private telegrams say that the Excise duty on spirits will probably be \$2,000 per

gallon from the 1st of June. 26 h Flour sales-Alviso, 9; Golden Ga'e, 850(@855; Superfine, 775(@773; Wheat,1000

350@375; Outs, 2871/2325; Ligat l'enders 571/2 (0,581/2. The Pacific has arrived from Victoria.

EUROPEAN. HALIFAX, May 25-The Asia from Liverpool the 14th via Queenstown the 15th, has arrived. She met the rebel pirate Advance off Tuscan bound for L verpool.

COPENHAGEN, May 10—The Government has concluded a truce of one month, commencing the 12th; the allies are to remain in possession of Jutland and the Danes of Alsen.

HOW ABOUT QUARLES?

Hancock and Warren would reach South | tion here, the excitement was of an eph-meral nature, and the matter has now apparently lost all interest, even among those who were the greatest sufferers. Two charges of fraud fantry and artillery, attacked the post at Wil have been made against the alleged offender, upon both of which he has been committed for trial. Of these charges it is not my province to sp ak, let them rest on their merits: but while Quarles was yet at large we heard a sent a flag of truce stating that he had force good deal about another, which if substantiated, would far outweigh any other fraudua surrender; and in case the garrison should lent transaction yet revealed. I allude to a surrender, they would be turned over to the statement freely c reulated that the fugitive authorities at Richmond, as prisoners of war, had sold, or otherwise raised money upon If the proposition was rejected, he would not certain casks purporting to contain wines or spirits, and which upon subsequent exami-No other report of military operations has been | nation were found to contain water colored with molasses. Now if there were any grounds for this allegation, why, may lask. has no notice been taken of it? Is protection Secretary of the Navy, dated May 22, states to trade of so little moment that a heinous of fence of that description is to be committed with impunity and pass unnoticed? It is fat from my desire to see oppression exercised A dispatch from Gen. Canny, dated May in this case, but the interests of commerce demand a full investigation into the entire dealings of the bankrupt prisoner; and if he is innocent of so fligrant a charge, it is unfair to allow the imputation to rest upon him. and possibly to weigh prejudicially with the jury charged with his trial.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Monday, May 30. Council met at 2 30 p. m. Present: Hons. the President. Attorney General, Treasurer, and Donald Fraser.

REAL ESTATE TAX. The one per cent, tax bill was read a

second time. VICTORIA AID BILL, Was read a second time.

DANGEROUS WELLS. This bill was read a third time and passed.

REAL ESTATE TAX. The Honse want into committee on the bill to levy a tax of one per cent, on real estate in the City of Victoria, the Treasurer in the chair. After a lengthened debate the com-

mittee rose and reported progress. THE VICTORIA AID BILL. The House went mio committee on this bill, and after a short discussion the bill was

passed and ordered to be engrossed, and brought up for a third reading at next neet-Council adjourned till We loesday next,

at 2 30, p. m.

SLAVERY AND THE WAR - The Times, after two years of resistance, at last acknowledged on Thursday that the American war will, in all human probability, terminate slavery, and that " at this moment the most conspicuous result of the American war is a gradual elesvation of the black race in social and politi-

another kind which we shall one day learn to

THE WAR AND HERDES WHO

The following is an extract fron the Alta's report of the Rev. Dr. Bellows' introductory address to the peop'e of San Francis o:

The distinguished philanthropist, before of 5000 or 6000 cavalry at Abington, Va., now held out for an overwhelming victory to concluding, spoke of the cheerful prospects false reports disseminated by the enemies of liberty. These are foul mouthed auguries. The hosts of the Union soldiers now below The steamer Leviathan has been so'd to the Rapid Ann were sure to achieve a vic-Mr. W. II. Evans as agent for the Governor and will be brought to Victoria as a pleasure they are, and marshalled as they are by the able and strategic Lee. But this leader had another now to confront him who was to have his fame enhanced by defeating his

wily foe. In the midst of his apostrophe to the heroism of our gallant army, the enthusiasm of the audience could not be longer controlled. Cheers upon cheers long, loud and wild. went up for Grant, Butler, and our noble troops. The Doctor, accustomed as he is to enthusiastic assemblages in the Atlantic States, was evidently impressed with these magnificent demonstrations of loyalty, away out here, thousands of miles from the scene of strite. Silence being restored, the speaks er eulogized the brave Generals who but yesterday, as it were, laid down their precious lives on the altar of their country. The heroic Sedgwick, whose death we lament, he had seen in his tent, active, watchful, earnest-a man who for three years had uninterruptedly continued in the service of his country. The tribute he paid the dead hero brought tears to many eyes unused to weeping. It was a panegyric lofty, impassioned and sincere.

General Wadsworth, too, he knew well. A man of immense fortune, he torsook his luxurious home in the Valley of the Genesee to devote his wealth, his services, his life, for that cause so dear to him-the cause of his country. Of his benevolence and generosity the speaker gave a notable example. He one day rang the bell at the private study of the Doctor, and begged of him to transmit the sum of \$6,000 to the suffering soldiers of his division, incarcerated in rebel dangeons. The Doctor could not send any moneys other than to the general fund. He asked the General to place his check at the disposal of the Committee. The magnanimous man promptly and cheerfully complied with the

In a glowing peroration the orator pictured the dring soldier on the field of battle. To him the humblest was as dear as the highest officer. That soldier in his last moments had a consolation far greater than could be bestowed by mortal hands. He poured out his life blood for his colletry, and

THE STOUX WAR .- The St. Paul papers publish some interesting news from the law dian country. The following confirms a previous telegraphic report:

Major Hatch has informed General Sibley that his application to Governor Dallas for permission to cross the line and attack the Sloux has been granted, on condition that our forces do not interfere with the settlements. From other news which we have, it seems likel; that this permission comes too te, as the Indians have moved off toward Missouri, and Major Hatch's command is so poorly mounted that he cannot pursue. We shall be pleased if it proves otherwise, but, from our present information, attach lot little importance to this concession of Gov. ernor Dallas, though if it had been made three months earlier, it would have been of immense value. It is also stated that despatches from General Sibley's scouts at the head of the Coteau, Fort Abercrombie, confirm the reports previously received, that the different bands of Missouri Sioux are concentrating for warlike purposes at some point near Apple Creek. The Sisse ons are for the most part auxious for peace, but the other builds are bostile, and will probably be joined by the refugees from the British possessions. The scouts at the "Head of the Coteau," northwest from Lake Travers, have written to Gen. Sibley under date of the 24th ultimo, that they have neld communication with some of the Sions Indians from the upper country .-These Indians report that most of the Sissetons are, as before stated, anxious for peace. They are encamped near "Big Mound," on the Missouri Coteau, to the number of two hundred and twenty lodges. The Yanktonais are expected to arrive in the same neighbors hood shortly. The Teton Sioux are assemb ing on the bank of the Missouri river, preparatory to crossing to this side, as they say there are no buffalo in their country, and they will starve if they remain there. They will be governed by the course of the Yanktonais as to peace or war with the Americans. An attack upon Fort Union, on the Missouri, apprehended; the Sioux threatening to make an assault to secure the large amount of ammunit on stored at that post

Sporting Law .- A case in which the sporting world is supposed to take a great interest was disposed of at Cambridge before the Nisi Prius Court on the 22nd it.at. Mr. W. Willes, writer in the Morning Post, offended the Jockey Club by some comments, and they warned him off the Newmarket course. He disputed their ri ht to warn him off a place so public, and the ('lab brought an action of trespass to try the right. The judge held that the right to warn persons off a racecourse adhered to its proprietors, and the jury consequently found a verdict for the plaintiffs, with nominal damages. It would have been rather a serious matter for the turf had the decision gone the other way, as this is the only check possessed by the Club over persons of a very different character from Mr. Willes ; but the Clubeis ponder, and that is the proof afforded by the a little inclined to claim the immunities of war that democracies are not in a military a private body and the authority of a public