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The Government were defeated in the
Assembly on the motion for the secoud
reading of their ne $\boldsymbol{n}$ land bill on Oetoher reading of their ne land bill on Oetoher
2d. There was a majority of 32 to 30
against the bill. Several members ab against the biill. Se
stained from voting.
It is stated that the order of Masonry
is very popalar amongst the Chinese, and is very popalar amongst the Cinese, a
that there are many Mongolian membe
of the craft in the Braidwood district. The General Assembly of the Presby-
eriun Cluarch of New South Wales was rian Cluu
session.
Sir John and Lady Young have been so much pressed by all classes of the com-
munity to stay and receive the Duke of Ediaburgh, that they bave determined $t$ postpone
December.
A letter dated Sydney. October 25th,
says: On Monday, the 25 th inst., a de
says: On Monday, the 25 th inst., a de
putation of gantlemen waited upon the Ministers for the purpose of urging apon
the Government, through Mr. Byrnes, the Government, throngh Mr. Byrnes,
the necessity of filling in the Blackwattle

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Company at Liverpool are completed and Company at Liverpool are completed and
sre found to work satisfactorily. The sre found to work satisfattorily. Th
directors hope to be able to manuacture paper in about a fortnight.
An effort is being made to give a trea
t- the poor at Sydney in commemoration to the poor at Sydney in commemoration
of the arrival of the Duke of Edinburgh.
The news of the arrival of the, Galatea
at Adelaide on the 30 th instant, has been
received in Sydney with very great satis-
faction.
The Chinese Immigration Bill has bee
read a third time and passed in the Legia lative Council.

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The foliowing is collated from then Australian papers of Oetober 31st :
The dificalty between the two houses
of the Victorian Legislaiure with reterence to the passing of the Approprialion
Bill still continues. Tre Legislative Council have a second time rejeated the
bill, on nccount of its containing a grant of $£ 20,00$ to Lady Darling, wife of
ar C. Darling, late Governor of the colong.
The Council bave, however, intimated The Coir willingness to give earnest and
serions consideration to the grant, whenserions consideration to the grant, when-
erer the Assembly choose to send it up erer the Assembly claose to send it up
in such a manner as not to preclude their
giving effect to their opinions upon it. The works at the Graving Dock at
Williamstown, Victoria, are progressing satisfactorily.
In the early part of the month ther
were soma very heavy floods in the lowe were come very heavy floons in the lowe
districts of Gippsland, Victoria; three men were drowned and much property de stroyed.
It is intended to temporarily finish the bourne in wood, and to illuminate it o the visit of Prince Alfred.
The members of the Queensland Legis lative Assembly have passed a series of giving aid to the Agricultoral and Horticoltural Societies of that colony A terrific hurricane passed over
Doylesford, Victoria, ou the 4 th wltimo trees were uprooted and several buildings
blown down.
$\qquad$ fro rrom Rockhampton, dated September taken place to the Sugarloaf Mush had near Rosewood.
Within 16 years the two colonies of Victoria and New Sonth Wales Lave produced a supply of gold amouating in
value to $£ 150,000$ sterling, tour-sixths of which have been the produce of Victoria
alone.
Gold has been foond on the sources of
the Mary River, 60 miles frote Margbore
the Mary River, 60 miles frous Marybor-
ough, Queeesstand. Two hundred obences
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 The Nelson papers report that a large rash has occurred to a place called Monnt port. It was stated to be tarning outwell. Near Collingwood, rery rich dig-
gings have been discovered btween Bedn gings have been discovered
stead Gully and Slate River.
A new seam of coal three feet thick has been struck at Cape Patterson.
A gentleman in Ipswich received by
the last mail a letter from Mr Eckersley the last mail a letter from Mr Eckersley,
M. P., from Wigan, and proprietor of an ex'ensive cotton mill in Manchester,
which states that the staple of Queensla which states that the staple of Queenslaud
cotton is so worn and hroken in ginning as to reuder it too short to suit the machinery at present in general use, an
that therefore rery few mill owners fe
disposed to purchase it disposed to purchase it.
It has heen ascertained that the beig of Mount Cook, on the West Coast
New Zealand, is 12,262 feet. New Zealan,
An experiment is heing made to intro-
dnce trout into the New Zealand waters. The association established at Hobartown for the purpose of securing the abol-
ition of State aid to religion, has decided ition of State aid to religion, bas to pabiish a smam mon the subject, and to
pressing ite views ou the
circulate 19,000 copies uroaghout the Colony. 10, sult Speaking of the introduction of South
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the Brisbane Courier of October 22d re Marks: The core thoroughty the Soutb
mea Island labor question is ventilated Sea Island labor quession is ventilated
the more clearly does it appear tat it the more elearly does it appear that it is
nothing more nor less than a system o
slavery very similar to that which existed in America a century ago, except that a to the present time men only -have bee
brooght away from the Islands and they brooght away from the Islands and they
are under promise to be retrned after are under promise to be reymed and
serving a certinin number of ears to their
Queensland masters. "The despatche and correspondence in connection with the introduction of south Sea Islander
into this eolony," laid ou the table o into this eolony," laid on the table of
the Legislative Masembly last meek, are
singularly confirmatory of this fact, and singularly confirmatory of
A rote of want of confidence in the
Ministry (Victoria,) mored by Mr Rob Ministry (Victoria, ) moved by Mr Rob-
riteon, had, fiter three days debate in the Legislative Assembiy, been negatived
by 31 to 21 . The General Assembly of the Presby
Cerian Chureh was in session in Sjdney. The contest for the championship of
Sew South Wales between William Hickey of New castle and Richard Green Sydney-the former staking 120 the ater and resulted in Hickes finishing
nlt., at
aboat ive boats lengths ahead of his opbont ive boat's lengths ahead of his op-
ponent, The fairness of the race is disputed, but no imputalion is thrown on
Hiciky. The stakes have, however
feen handed over. A new match is arranged between the men,
The 18th Royal Irim is the only The 18th Royal Irish is the ooly regiFavorable intelligence continues to
received from the Cape Digtings, Nortin received from the OUpe Dingings, North
ern Queensland. Guld is now being ols ern Queensland. Guld is now being ob-
tained in good paying quantities, There tailed in good payng lately been plenty of rain
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sions are said to be abuidant. The loss of shorn sheep in the weste istricts of Vietoria, in consequence

The approaching departure of 8 .
George Grey from New Zealand seems
George Grey from New Zealand seems
be viewed with rery general regr
 been prosented to him froun both Houses
of Parliament of a character very far from It is stated in the New Zraland newspapers that platinam has heen discovered in the beach difginging at Jueckson's Bay
Two ounces of the metal bad bent Two ounces of the metal had been sold
dealer it Hokitika. The digger stat that he could wash out from 6 to 8 ozs
Atter day.
Ation has lately been directed to

Silence is one of the negative virtaes,
The best capital to begin with-
When is a flea like a locomotive? When will, the laundresses strike? It is the lot of bumanity to err at times,解 the drunken man said when Lord Lotton bas written two new plass dis looking for a manager. $\$ 100,000$ is to be expended in fornishg a new hotel in Portiand, Maine. In Spain, out of a population of $15,-$
73.000 , according to the last census, Painting Prince Arthar's fee with Painting Prince Arthar's face with
collodion has prevented any traces of the smallpox, with which he has been sicks. The Presse says that in the battle of Men tana the French troops began shoot.
ing when 1,000 metres distant from the ng when 1,000 metres distant from the
nemy. Russian officer has invented an inexAnsive apparatus for throwing light on
jects under water, for the use of divers, Arests have been made of the man ho was intoxicated with success and the
dividaal who was staggered by the rea traveler was indnced to go into a cook shop by this iuscription: ' Roass arses not 2 little disappoiuted by two A Wisconsin paper, describing a large
farm which the advertiser wants to sell farm which the advertiser wants to sell,
adds the following: "The surrounding conitry is most beautiful
agous and a yoke of steers.'
When Orator Hont (who was a blackg manufacturer) was in Parliament, the to tanot him with this fuct, pon Hunt sarcastically replied: "The is, the honorable member is the
gentleman in his family, and $I$ am

Temperate Habits of President John son-Letter Irow B. B. Freuch.

The following letter from B. B. Frencb pucer to in editor of which it was ad Washingron, Nov. 23, 1867 I bave just read, with exceeding regret,
statement recently made by him, spoke President Johason as a drunkard. I feei it to be a daty that I owe no ity, to say, that probably no person ha 1865, to this time, to judge of the April, of the President than I have. As Com missioerer of Public Britdings, duty re-
pired that I should visit the President' quired that I should visit the President's House almost daily, and no week passed
when I did not have personal interviews with President Johnsoa. I have seen in at qll hours of the day-in his office, in his sleeping room, in his reception room
-and never bave I seen him in the least inder the influence of strong drink, nor ad then, when in company with many pontlemen, at thess poll soin poored into a glass perhaps half a tahle-
spoouful, and drank in company with the
I was with him throughont his journey Boston, and I saw him ip places where
coxicating liquor was abundant ; but
 ouch not, taste not, bandle not, so
my observation extended. e as temperate a man in ali his habits as Hy in the United States.
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Hon Mr Price is not the only man
who has been misled by false statements
ho has been misled by false statements,
I well know from the questions that
have been pat to me when visiting New Eaje land friends.

Respectially jours,
B. B. Faench.

