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After much hurry, quick combination, and unheard of energy on the part of the slowgoing coaches of both Assembly and Council, the great bill for the relief of the unfortunate absentee land speculators has come to an untimely end, is in fact dead. The public purse will therefore not suffer the present year, because of the negligence of landed proprietors who may be "doing" the tour of Europe and depending on the industry of the inhabitants of Vancouver Island to keep up the value of their property. Our only regret is that so much eloquence, so much viger, and so much wire-pulling should have gone for naught—that rules should have been ignored in both Houses, and a regular habeas corpus suspension excitement got up to no purpose. Up till last Monday no person had heard of a bill to break public contracts by act of the Legislature, but Mr. Cochrane. on that eventful day, broached the question in the House by giving notice that he would ask leave to introduce a bill to prevent the Government fulfilling their obligations to the

asual day or so to intervene before asking

leave of the House, but Mr. Cochrane was determined to take time by the forelock, and so he asked for the suspension of the rules, in order that he might obtain leave to bring in the bill and pass it the same day on which the first intimation of the measure was given. Of course members who saw great objections in suspending the rules for the transaction of business that had received ample discussion, were only glad of an opportunity to suspend the rules on a question that had never the slightest chance of being discussed, and which aimed at nothing else than a breach of faith with the public. Hitherto the rules of the House had never been suspended on a subject that had not been introduced in the usual form, and on which the members had not had an opportunity of debating. In this instance, however, the whole question was burked, and members who chanced to be absent on the day of its introduction were astonished to find in the evening paper that the bill had passed through all its stages and had gone to the Upper House .-We bring the case forward to show the duplicity of some of those gentlemen who have on previous occasions expressed their abhorrence of suspending the rules—those choice and fastidious spirits who stumble at the gnat and swallow the camel. We are not opposed to suspending any form or ceremony oceasionally to facilitate public business-we do not go to the conservative lengths of Drs. Helmcken, Tolmie, and Ash; for we believe ere are occasions frequently in legislation there at is a benefit to remove the barriers to despatch; but we detest the wretched hypocarisy that talks in one breath of the danger of hasty legislation, and then goes in for an abrogation of every restraint down even to a notice of motion. We respect men like those we have named, who have the moral courage and moral principle to adhere to their honest convictions; but for those vaccillating members whose opinions are more variable than our winter winds, we have and the public have nothing but contempt. These are the men who, with all their mouthing a little while ago about Executive encroachments, were ready yesterday to swalfow the whole constitution of the Island at a gulp. Had the Colonial Secretary told them to suspend the habeas corpus and put the Island under martial law, they would have done it with an energy of toadyism worthy of the cause. What is the prerogative of a repre-

Mr. Dennes. We are no spologist for the member for Salt Spring, but we can safely say that his record in the House is as birght as the best of them, and infinitely brighter than the wingsing Chairman Trimble, who has been everything and nothing an entire wreck. The enal has been everything and nothing by infinitely selected. The chair and the safe of them, and infinitely brighter than the wingsing Chairman Trimble, who has been everything and nothing an entire wreck. The enal has been everything and nothing an entire wreck. The enal has been everything and nothing by infinitely brighter than the wingsing Chairman to contain the folder than the wingsing Chairman trimble, who has been everything and nothing an entire wreck. The enal has been everything and nothing an entire wreck. The enal has been everything and nothing the office from Callfornia street, was an entire wreck. The enal has been everything and nothing by infinitely brighter than the wingsing Chairman than the wingsi absurd bill is dead, and the people of Union Club, which stood Vancouver feland have reason to be thankful the rear of Wells, Fargo for it; for independent of the damaging gone entirely, only fragments of the character it would have had on all future bers lying here and there among dealings between the public and the Governdent of Bell's brick building need a

ment, it was a sleverly conceived plot to cause the supprise to be again opened and a boat of efficial reflaties raised and voted by the flunkies who are now disposed to carry the flunkies who are the flunkies who are now disposed to carry hanging down unsupported on the side out to the letter the injunctions of the Executive. Fortunately the scheme failed, and Wells, Fargo & Co,, was lying a mere fortunately the time is not far distant when heap of brick plaster and broken tim-

of Lincoln's assassination is being generally dow of the building across the street. Public offices are closed by order of Secretary Seward, and flags are at half mast, etc. At Madison, Wisconsin, by order of the agents for the Pacific Mail Steamship Governor, half-hour guns were fired from Co., received by the steamer Sacramento, sunrise till sunset. The event will be further on her late trip up from Panama, a quanobserved to-morrow by religious exercises.

PROSECUTIONS AT MEMPHIS.

THE ASTORIA CUSTOMS ROBBERY. NEW YORK, April 13—John Lambert, an Englishman, has been arrested, charged with stealing twenty thousand dollars from William L. Adams, Collector of Astoria, Oregon.

THE EXPLOSION IN SAN FRANCISCO.

FURTHER DETAILS.

Loss of the Steamer Labouchere.

sentative body to them? What the interests of the public—if a little back door Government influence is exerted on their plastic minds. And these are the men who feel suddenly contaminated by the presence of

the political refuse, which now lies like an incubes on the Assembly, will be swept from the House never more to return.

TELEGRAPHIC From the Colambian.)

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U. S. FLERT FOR THE FIGHING GROUND.

Washington, April 14. The President of the House to-day saying that the Steeper of the House to the finding counts of the House to the finding to the House to the finding counts of the House to the finding to the House to the finding to the House to the House to the finding the House to the House to the gallant McCock bors, and may building between Onlifeorials and Searaments of the House to the gallant McCock bors, and the pension which she draws doors were generally shattered to fragments of the House to the gallant McCock bors, and the pension which she draws doors were generally shattered to fragments of the House to the gallant McCock bors, and the pension which she draws doors were generally shattered to fragments of the House to the gallant McCock bors, and the pension which she draws doors were generally shattered to fragments of the House to the Hous for annuities,

The Senate yesterday passed a resolution establishing the rate of pensions at \$25 monthly in all cases of total disability requiring constant aid of another person; \$20 monthly in all cases of total disability not requiring personal aid; and \$5 when disability interferes with labor.

of Wells, Fargo & Company's establishment was almost wholly blown to fragments, and even the doors were thrown outward into the street. Fragments of human remains were found scattered in many places. A piece of skull was lying on California street, east of Leidsdorff. Other portions of human remains and a

QRIGIN OF THE DISASTER. Well's Fargo & Co., who are freight

tity of nitro-glycerine, which had reached CHICAGO, April 13—Several negroes have Bandmann, Nelson & Co., of this city; been prosecuted at Memphis under the State also two cases of the same article, but in Law for keeping bar and billiard saloons. Their counsel pleaded the Civil Rights Bill consignment. These boxes were marked in defence, and the Judge will deliver his plainly "nitro-glycerine acid." The latter two, one of which was addressed to Idaho, and the other to Los Angelos, were refused by the parties to whom they were consigned, as they arrived in a damaged condition. Capt. Cox, Super-intendent of the P. M. S. S. Co.'s wharf yesterday morning about 10 o'clock, find ing they were leaking, sent them down to Wells, Fargo & Co's office, and they were placed in the court yard in the rear of the office, where the steamer freight unclaimed San Francisco, April 16.—From the is usually kept. Webster, the freight Alta's extra the following particulars of a terrible calamity are given:—At thirteen and a-half minutes past one o'clock p. m., to-day, our city was startled by a shock gentlemen lunched at the Union Club like the explosion of some vast mine room, and afterwards went to the courtduring a siege, and for many blocks in yard; the boxes were in the yard leaking, every direction from the north-west corner and it is natural to suppose that in examof California and Montgomery streets, infng the box, which is not a very large the air was filled with dust and flying one, they either kicked or turned it over, rubbish, and glass came rattling down and striking the oil on the ground, the from every window as if the explosion concussion exploded the same. Webster had occurred in each separate building and Haven were rent to pieces, showing The consternation which seized on the passers by Wells & Fergo's was terrible; or near the explosive material; no other men, women, children, horsemen, pedes persons among the dead were so mutilated trians, dray and express teams without some having their bodies filled with drivers, came charging pell-mell down the splinters, others their clothes burned or street in inextricable confusion. As soon blown cff, and others receiving fractures. as the first panic began to subside, there was an immense rush towards Wells, remains, was evidently killed by concussion Fargo & Co.'s building, and the streets The boxes containing the nitro-glycerine were for a few seconds so blocked up that which exploded were each 21 feet high, it was almost impossible for fire engines and their superficial measurement was 14 to be brought into position to check the feet 11 inches; only one exploded, the flames, which it was thought were about other being found leaking but unexploded. to break out in the scene of the explosion. Two hours after the catastrophe search At first it was impossible to locate was made for the wounded. Lying in the exactly the scene of the explosion, so terrible was the consternation and so general was the ruin in the vicinity; but investigations made within a few minutes demonstrated the fact that it of the Board of Supervisors for the Eighth occurred in the rear of Wells, Fargo & District. Bell's features were found to be Co's buildings, on the north-west corner of California and Montgomery streets, and Bell's Assay office, in the rear of sible; he was removed to the Express Wells, Fargo & Co's, on California street, office of Wells, Fargo & Co., where he

So far as known at this time, 10 p. m., the st of killed or badly wounded is as follows: amployees of Wells, Fargo & Co.: Samuel ht, Superintendant of the Banking De-nent, he had just gone out into the ard nest me been instantly killed; F. E. er, hes of the New York Department.

and was blown to pieces; Webster was about 40 years of age and leaves a wife and 2 children; William Jesler the porter was killed; John Gallagher and Joseph Elliott, hosters, John Gallagher and Jeseph Elliott, hostlers, were in the yard or stable when the explosion occurred and were both killed; D. B. Stacy, one of the cashiers, cut and bruised about the face and neck; W. J. Taylor, cashier, cuts about the face and neck, painfully but not dangerously injured; L. E. Neander, store-keeper, received several cuts, and a number of the clerks received some scratches.

many, who were exposed to the force of the shock, is astonishing. The light yellow staff have gone to Eastport. It is supposed

city front; the bedies were all torn and mutilated by splinters, but not burned and but of the Confederation of the Provinces passed both Houses of the Nova Scotia Parliament. not entirely akin to that of an explosion of The New Brunswick Parliament have ad-

THE STEAMER LABOUCHERE.

The steamer Labouchere, belonging to the Hudson Bay Co., plying between this port and Victoria, left here at 4, p. m., on Saturday, and was wrecked the same night off Point Reyes. The fog was very dense and the vessel got on the breakers before her commander discovered the danger. All the passengers, about 100 in number, were in bed when the vessel struck; they immediately run on deck the engine was reversed and the vessel finally hauled off the rocks, when it was found that the water was coming in very fast. The pumps were started and the passengers put into boats and upon a raft which had been constructed and headed for the shore, which was some 10 miles distant, and which they finally reached, with the exception ol two mulattoes, who were in an open boat, which capsized. These two, a passenger by the name of Wilcox, and a mulatto who was employed on the vessel as steward, were lost. As soon as the intelligence reached town, the Shubrick was sent to the rescue; she reports the Labouchere a total loss, and brought back several passengers, the remainder having been taken up by the Montana, and carried towards Oregon.

CALIFORNIA.

San Francisco, April 15-There were forty-five deaths in San Francisco last

The Mechanics' Institute Association split last evening, and the factions held separate Flags are out at half-mast all over the city

to-day, and the morning papers are in mourning for the death of Lincoln. The new banking house of the California Building and Loan Society was formally in-

augurated yesterday.

Arrived—Schooner Flying Dart, fifteen days from Carmen Island; ship Peruvian, 162 days from New York. Cleared-British steamer Labouchere, for

Victoria; Orizaba, for Portland. SAN FRANCISCO, April 19-No Eastern

news to day.

The following gentlemen, who lost their lives by the disaster of Monday, were insured in the companies named below: Francis E. Webster and W. S. Haven, in the Mutual Life Insurance of New York for \$5000 each; Garrett W. Bell in Manhattan Life Insurance of New York for \$3000; Samuel Knight in the Charter Oak Life Insurance for \$10,000. An inquest was commenced by Coroner Harris this afternoon on the body of Samuel Knight, who was killed by the recent ex-

Plosion:
The steamship Continental, Capt. Wind-

Cleared, 19th—Steamer Del Norte, Eus

reka. Sailed, 18th-Bark Leoners, Puget Sound bark Denmark, whaling voyage; bark Chr. Devans, Puget Sound; brig Franklin Adam Victoria; brig Grimes, Puget Sound; be Architect, Puget Sound.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 19th.—Candles—900 bxs Grant's sold from 2d hands at 23; and 100 do Emery at 29. Molasses—Hawaiian, is firm with sales in lots from wharf of 600 bbls. at 45 cts., usual terms. Rice—sales 750 mats Batavia, at an advance on the late auction prices. Sugar yellow crashed, local refinery, 16 cents cash; the San Francisco and Pacific Refinery have fixed the price of the same grade from July the 1st to the end of the year at 16 at 150 cm. select to the end of the year at 16 ets. of raw sales of 600 hf bbls medium Kawaiian, 150 do good at about previous prices; high grades are scarce and very firm. Flour—we quote super-fine (hf-sks.) per bbl. \$5 to 5 75; extra hf sks, \$575 to \$6; qr sks, \$6 to \$6 55. Wheat—the market continues in favor of the purchaser, sales 6000 sks prime shipping grade at \$1 65; 1000 do. choice bakers \$1 70 and 1000 do. coast \$1 55 per 100 lbs. Barley and 1000 do. coast \$1 55 per 100 lbs. Barley —remains dull at 85@90 per 100 lbs. for light feed to prime brewing with sales within the range. Oats—1 85 to \$2 per 100 lbs for

peor to prime. Potatoes—sales include 700 sks. Petaluma 974@\$1 024 per 100 lbs. Special Dispatch to the "Colonist."

CLAY RELEASED.

CONFEDERATION CARRIED IN NOVA SCOTIA.

FORTRESS MONROE, April 16—Clement C. Clay was released under the President's order this morning.

gunpowder or steam. It resembled more that journed for a month to enable the new minise of a stroke of lightning. The flags in the City Hall are half-mast and the whole city seems fill vacancies caused by the resignation of

OMAHEE, April 18-The government commissioners have examined and accepted the second section of the Union Pacific railroad. The track is now being laid at the rate of a mile a day.

New York, April 18—Thirty ships left -Liverpool for this country during March with 3648 cabin and 1048 steerage passengers.— Number of passengers for the quarter 24,277. Ole Bull, the celebrated violinist, died at Quebec April 10th:

NEW YORK, April 18-The Times Washs ington special correspondent says the Post-master General is satisfied of the feasibility and practicability of the proposed national telegraph company to connect lines over all the post routes. If the estimates are correct ordinary messages can be transmitted at the rate of one cent for three words.

Sr. Louis, April 18-Brewnsville advices say the Liberals captured a wagon train between Vera Cruz and Monterey, killing and capturing 250 French seldiers. One hundred and fifty wagons were in the train.

A RICH SILVER LEAD .- A lead of silver ore, three feet wide at the outcrop, has recently been discovered in the Bonaparte district, near the Thompson river, which promises to be one of the richest and most important discoveries yet made in this colony. A specimen of the ore was brought to town on Friday last, and assayed at the government assay office, which gave the following result: \$877 per ton of silver, and 16 dwts. of gold-

FROM YALE .- The steamer Lillooet, Capt. Fleming, came down from Yale on Friddy, afternoon, about 3 o'clock. She brought a small express and a few passengers. From Mr. Barnard, who came down by her, we learn that the Shuswap Lake is clear of ice, and navigation open. The steamer Marten is rapidly approaching completion. Her boilers have reached the steamboat landing, and the balance of her machinery is being pushed through with the utmost possible dispatch. Mr. McKay, of Kamloops, arrived at Yale on Thursday. He reports favorably of the roads and the mines. Two stages left Yale yesterday morning, crowded with passengers .-

MINING AT BIG BEND-A private letter received here from some miners who went to Big Bend very early in the season, states that they had arrived at the diggings and had been taking out from \$4 to \$6 per day, while awaiting the opening of the weather so as to enable them to prospect. They spoke highly of the country.-Post.