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LAST NIGHT'S DESPATCHES. VICTORIA AND SAN PRANCISCO

Legislative Council. NEW WESTMINSTER, March 23 Council met at 3 p m. Twelve members present.

Hon DeCosmos took exception to the word declined as read in the minutes, which mittee of reply to the Governor's address.

Hon Robson thought it implied a power not existing, no member having the right to decline sitting on a committee after being nominated, the power in the President to appoint being absolute.

The President begged Hon DeCosmos to suggest another word, when the hon member suggested to be excused.

Hon DeCosmos gave notice of motions for Colony and the pre-emption sales and leases

Collector of Customs banded in the reply to the address.

Hon Smith moved and hon Crease seconded its adoption as read.

Hon DeCosmos desired to speak on the reply before it was adopted; it might contain something to which members might dissent and which the committee might regret. As there was wisdom in a multitude of counsellors, he moved the reply be taken up by sections. Lost from not being seconded ; the original motion was finally carried by show of hands, 11 to 1. Reply adopted.

Moved by hon Ker, seconded by hon Ball that the reply be presented by the House to the Governor, naming to-morrow afternoon as the time.

Hop Crease's Limitation of Actions Supreme Court and Intestate Ordinances for 1868, were read for the first time and passed Respecting the Intestate Ordinance, hon DeCosmos called for an abstract of the bill.

Hon Crease stated it was to simplify summary process and diminution of costs; in fact simply to utilize the estate for the benefit of the heirs.

Hon De Cosmos thought a wider action should be taken and an equal distribution secured to all the beirs, lineal or collateral; at present in this Colony all real estate went to the heir, which he thought wrong,

Hon Crease saw no prospect of the Imperial Government sanctioning a change which would give an equal distribution to all heirs. These measures were all read a first time.

House adjourned till to-morrow at 3 o'clock NEW WESTMINSTER, March 25-House met at 3 p m. 16 members present, the additional being the hons Pemberton, Stamp, Helmoken and Macdonald.

Minutes read and confirmed. MacYo committee to the fourteenth clause and re-ported progress; to be fically disposed of on

Monday. Naval and Victualling Stores bill was read second time, taken in committee and passed. Hon DeCosmos spoke on the question of granting drawbacks on merchandize exported he also spoke on the state of Colonial agri-

NEW NOTICES FOR TO MORROW. Hon Macdonald-Praying for returns to show the sum of money disbursed on the mainland for schools in 1867, with the arrears due to the teachers up to 31st December, 1867 also praying that the balance of the \$6000 apprepriated for school purposes in Vancouver Island to be placed at the disposal

of the Board of Education. Hon Robson-Praying for an answer to the resolution of last Council respecting the Indian reserves on the Lower Fraser

os-Whether the Gulf Georgia north of the 49th parallel of latitude and Johnson's Straits are exclusively British. waters and whether foreign vessels have any by what authority; if not whether it is the intention of the Government to assert our

Hon DeCosmos—Te move on Friday that taken on the measure. Council in making this request are impressed Adjourned till 3 to morrow.

London, March 20 .- Advices from Annesly Bay state that General Napier's forces were twenty miles South of Antala on the 25th, and had a satisfactory talk with the has been sentenced to imprisonment with Chief of the Nigre tribe.

LONDON, March 20-In the House of Commons to-day Gladstone announced that on Monday he would offer a motion that the House go into a Committee of the whole on the Irish Church establishment. He said it it was agreeable to the House he would to the rights of naturalized American submitted the auswer which they had of age, was burned to death. present the question.

In the course of the evening Mr. Forresfer member for Bradford, alluded to the state of the law in regard to the allegiance of British subjec's, saying that the matter especially demanded attention in the bearing it had on the relations of this country to the United States. He thought the time ripe for arriva ing at definite understanding; he explained the law on the right of expatriation. He showed that at the present time two millions referred to his declining to sit on the com- of the Queen's subjects are living in the United States as American citizens in practical violation of the law. It was the differ ence which arose between England and America, in regard to the rights of adopted citizens which caused the war of 1812 now it was the difference which still exists which was counted on by the Fenians as likely to again embroil the two nations, and Thursday respecting the population of the thus further their treasonable designs. He urged that Great Britain abandon her claim of Crown lands, which will be sent in full to life allegiance in the case of emigrants to foreign countries, and advised the appointnent of a mixed commission to settle the

> question forever an new nations to Sir Robert Collier supported the views of Mr Forrester.

Lord Stanley addressed the House and in peaking of the principles of which the laws were formed, admitted that the dogma of natural allegiance was now obsolete. He informed the House that the Government had already made advances for the settlement of the question at issue, and declared that they were willing to meet the Government of the United States half way. There were many difficulties in the way of adjustment, but he was happy to say they were not regarded as insuperable. He stated that the Foreign Office was now in communication with Mr Seward on the subject and concluded by approving the proposition of the member from

Sir Roundell Palmer hoped that expatriated subjects from Great Britain would not be suffered to make war on their parent country.

LONDON, March 19 .- Advices from Annesly Bay to the 6th report that General Napier was about to make a dash on Magdalla, hoping to rescue the captives.

In the House of Commons last evening Hunt, Chanceller of Exchequer, promised the appearance of the budget on the 16th of April 3 augustistat prinquist

During the debate on the Irish question, Lord Mayo said the offer of pardon to Johnson, who is accused of participating in the procession, was not held out to Sullivan that their cases were widely different.

Capt. Mackey, recently tried at Cork on charge of murder and acquitted, was to-day put on trial on a charge of treason and

PARIS, March 19 .- Evening-The much looked for Imperial pamphlet appeared to day. The writer, after giving a lengthy history of popular votes in France, proves therefrom that the French Constitution is based upon the will of the people. He then passes on to review the course of the Em peror toward the people and contends that in the decrees of 1860 and 1867, wherein certain liberal reforms were guaranteed them, the Emperor manifested that he seeks to adopt a covenant to progress and liberty.

LONDON, Mar 19-In the House of Commons to-night Earl Mayo presented a Government Bill for reform in the representation of Ireland in the House of Commons. There right to pass through Johnson's Straits, if so, is to be no alteration in the county franchise, but in boroughs the right of voting is to be exclusive right to the navigation of Johnson's given to all five pound householders instead of ten pounds as at present. No action was

His Excellency be requested to introduce VIENNA, Mar 19-Today an amendmen into the House an ordinance making at least was made by the ministry that the project for two thirds of the Conneil elective. That the pass in spite of the Concordat. While they with the conviction that at this juncture of the Concordat. While they the Colony's affairs it is prodest to after the fegretted the ill will of the people the ministration. constitution of the Council in order to meet try considered such an enactment indispensapress its adoption.

London, Mar 11-Gen. Dix has arrived here and it is understood be will remain for some weeks. It is said he comes on bus ness connected with the Alabama claims.

CORK, March 21.-Captain Mackay hard labor for 12 years.

BERLIN, March 21 .- The Council of the North German Confederation has approved of the treaty recently concluded with the United States Government as citizens abroad.

from Crete relate; that | massacres / were first Article. . 1199010 to sidnit but also committed toward the end of January of Ia response the President quotes the

A very considerable discount must taken off all American cloques will London, March 23 The imperial uk ase is promulgated from St. Petersburg which removes the few remaining distinctions between Poland and other provinces of the empire, and obliterates all traces of the Polish nationality in the Government at Warsaw. It completes the absorption of Poland as an integral portion Ilame Government, or stiging of the

VIENNA, March 22 - More enthusiastic demonstrations of joy were made over the recent action of the Reichrath on the Civil Marriage Bill, which is regarded as practically annulling the concordat Yesterday when it became known that the Upper House had rejected the clerical motion to defer the passage of the bill there was great rejoicing among the people, and last night the city was illuminated generally.

Eastern States.

CHICAGO, March 19.-The Michigan Republican Convention was held yesterday at Detroit. It favors impartial suffrage and condemns granting public lands to corporations, approves of impeachment and declares for Grant for President and Colfax for Vice-CINCINNATI, March 19. — The steamer

Magnolia burst her boilers. Full 140 passengers were on board, 80 of whom were

TRENTON, N. J. March 18 - The Republi-State Convention to-day selected delegates to the National Convention and favored Grant for President mont ero at hour

RUTLEDGE, Vt, March 17 .- The Republican Convention vesterday selected delegates to the National Convention. The resolutions favor Grant for President, endorse impeachment and declare for equal political rights CHICAGO, March 20. - The motion of the

House Committee on foreign affairs in postponing the consideration of Alaska appropriation excites considerable comment. terms of the treaty the purchase money is required to be paid at the Treasury in Washington within 10 months after ratification. Ratifications were exchanged on the twentieth of June last, and ten months ex pired April 20th, long before the Committee propose to even consider the matter. All efforts to induce the Committee to reconsider failed: one member declares they want the thing to go by default so as to give Secretary Seward a slap in the face.

NEW YORK. March 20 .- A Times despatch says, Gen. Halleck will probably be ordered to succeed Hancock in Orleans, w has ; tosmovom aid! to

CHICAGO, March 20. General Grant, by order of the President, has detailed General Halleck to the command of the fifth military district bas ; sasticians ; and toliteib

NEW YORK, March 20-The most terrific dorm known here for years commenced here last night and still continues this morning A heavy Northeast gale prevails accompanied by snow which is badly drifted.

New York, March 21-The storm contin nes unabated to night, and travel is much mpeded; considerable damage has been done by the gale. eviesery thrur eVI teaut

Philadelphia, March 21 The storm bas aged for 24 hours, snow drifts, are 15 feat deep in some places and the railroads are did not exist. What would bedood bid

A number of former army officers fiving Tenpessee, both Radical and Conservative have denounced the statements lately telethe generally expressed wishes of the people. able to the well being of society, and should graphed that a conspiracy exists to overthrow the State Government by armed force. Governor Brownlow telegraphed Grant that such a conspiracy does exist, but says he will be able to defeat it without the aid of the United States forces. The officers who signed the card mentioned above very positively deny any existing danger. sand of the one

> CHICAGO, March 23.-After organization of the Senate as a Court of Impeachment. Stanbury stated that himself and brother counsel had been engaged every hour since the Court last met preparing the answer, and he regretted that a

WASHINGTON, March 22.-Accounts Judge Curis read the answer to the

npwards of sixty Christians by the Turks, original act establishing, the office of The Grand Vizier instead of punishing Secretary of War and says, Stanton was the murderers gave them a cordial well appointed by President Lincoln and not come. The Cretans still maintain their by him. After becoming President, and becoming satisfied that said Stanton was doing the public service great injury, he removed him under the Constitution. He denies that Stanton, when he removed him. was in legal possession of the War Office. He denies that he ever contemplated any action contrary to the laws. He denies that his action in removing Stanton constituted a high crime and misdemeanor in office.

> WASHINGTON, March 23 .- The President in his answer to the articles of impeachment denies every allegation ; denies appointing Gen, Thonas to the War Office, simply authorizing him to act ad interim; denies conspiring to prevent Stanton from holding office or authorizing any force to be used; denies hindering execution of tenure of office act, and also the sufficiency of a 4 and 7; denies endeavoring to bring Congress into contempt, and asserts he always acknowledged authority and legality of Congress: claims all his speeches were delivered in the exercise of his right as an American citizen, for which he cannot be questioned. shrel) out lo gampal.

The President's counsel asked for thirty days to prepare for the trial. Not decid ed when the Court adjourned days add

BRELLIN March 25. - Wife colors ent to seerem California, aleb beise's

San Francisco, March 19. Legal tenders 713/(2721/6. In New York gold opened not aced at 138 G G 4861 ta become

San Francisco, March 20 .- The revenue officers have discovered a new smuggling device. Large quantities of piles are shipped from Puget Sound to this port, and the smuggling has been done by boring large holes through the piles, filling them with silks opium, cigare, &c, and then plugging the boles, was to the part america

Arrived-Steamer John L Stephens, from Portland; bark Charles Mitchell, from Port the army except meat and flour

Sailed March 20-Ship Winged Arrow. for Sitka; bark Glimpse, for Port Discovery; brig Constantine, for Sitka.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 21 .- Arrived Mar. 20.—Barkentine Grace Roberts, from Port

Cleared March 21 .- Ship El Dorado, Vic-

SAN FRANCISCO, March 24-Legal Tender 71 % @ 13/2 to T at Hot sew sampding

Flour-Beyond usual jobbing trade there is nothing to report. No quotations for several days. Wheat nominal; we doubt whether sales could be effected above \$2 60. at which figure a choice lot of Santa Clara was sold. Barley, \$1 90@2 05. Oats, \$2 20 @2 35.

Cleared, March 23-Live Yankee, Portand. Sailed, March 22-Bark Adelaide, Port Ludlow bark Gem of the Ocean, Port Gamble, se del to to telegate Crnz eta Combine

San Francisco, March 24 - At twenty minutes after 11 o'clock a. m., to day quite a severe shock of an earthquake was experienced in this city. No damage

bark Hattie G. Hall, Bakers Island; brig Olga, Sitka a si ti und sailvenin.

PORTLAND, OREGON, March 20. - The Democratic State Convention to-day nominated J S Smith for Congress; John Burnett, F F Chadwick and James H Slater for electors. The Convention declared for Pendle ton for President. Platform, Conservative

PORTLAND, March 20 .- Steamer Ajax arrived last evening does that auxe ; 35 T

PORTLAND, March 25.—Sailed steamer

Washington Territory.

STELLACOON, March 22 .- Last night, at 9:30 o'clock, the residence of R S Moore was longer time had not been granted, but destroyed by fire. A child, about 18 months West Indies

HAVANA, Mar 18-Jamaica dates to the 1st just, state that the Government has appropriated six thousand pounds yearly for the education of negroes.

Quarantine is enforced against vessels from St. Thomas, Porto Rico and Santa Cruz. essels are in demand.

Mr Franklin, agent of the International Telegraph, had applied for permission to land a cable to connect Cuba with Jameica and Aspinwall; also, to put a line across Jamaica and Hayti. Advices are that President Salpave and

bis army were surprised 60 leagues from Cape Haytien and defeated. He was pursued by armed peasantry in overwhelming force and sustained great loss. The French Admiral has demanded the

payment of Haytian arrears to France for three years past. In case of an unsatisfactory reply he will seize the Custombouse and

New York, Mar 19—The Herald's special says: Information is received from the American naval station at Callao, stating that a hostile expedition is preparing to descend on Oubs. The authorities appear to know and members were severe y right edito

Mexico.

The Herald's special says that the British steamer Danube, when leaving Vera Crus, was ordered to stop, having smuggled specie on board, but she escaped before the guns of the fort could be trained on her. A British corvette anchored between the fort and the

The Yucatan expedition is returning to Vera Crnz. 241 114

NEW YORK, Mar 12-The Herald's Vera Cruz special says Gen. Alamonte fears a new revolution in Yucatan. Objection having been made to Governor Capado personally. the national Government persuaded him to resign. He is coming to Vera Cruz on his way to the Capital.

: siv ,nother South America.

Dates from Callao to the 13th say a war is apprehended between Chile and

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NEW YORK, March 23 .- The Herald's Sydney correspondence gives accounts of the scandalous behaviour on the part of Prince Alfred, and five young men, who accompanied him on his recent visit to Australia. The people were very indignant, and the press don't besitate to abuse him roundly, and advises that a mentor be sent in future with this young man.

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Additional particulars of the state of affairs in Japan are received. The country was quiet. The rebellion of the Tycoon had been effectually suppressed and there was reasons to hope for a strong Government in conjunction with the Mikado or Spirit Emperor dailad

London, March 20. - Midnight - The latest advices from Shanghai state that the war in Japan has resulted in the defeat of the Tycoon, who after a disastrous battle with the combined forces of the Damios, fled to Yeddo. The Government of the Mikado had addressed a note to the foreign ministers in Japan, in which it pledges itself to a taithful observance of the treaties.

Canada.

OTTAWA, March 21.—There is a bill in the courses of preparation by the Government to enable Americans to take out patents in Canada on the same terms as Canadians do in America.

MAXIMITIAN'S PROPERTY -The settlement Sailed March 24—El Dardo, Victoria; of the estate of Maximilian is giving trouble to his executors. His chateaux of Miramar 000, but instead of yielding any profit they cost \$30,000 to keep them up, besides being morigaged for \$400,000. There is some tiffienlty about his debt at Trieste, which amounts to more than \$1,000 000. The Belgian executors, in the interests of their sisters, wish these debta to be paid by Austria; 02 the ground that they were contracted in the Austran imperial family. The unfortunate Princess, it is said, would willingly pay her husband's debts from her private purse if she was in a state to authorize such a measure : but as it is, it is probable that the valuable collection of works of art and of Experian and Mexican curiosities will be sold in order to settle the estate. The Princess Charlotte's condition does not improve, and may in fact be considered as hopeless.

A man who had filed a petition for divorce was informed by his council that his wife had filed a 'cross petition,' as lawyers call it.
'A cross petition!' exclaimed the husband, that's just like her. She never did a good natured thing in her life.'

the had 3 000 dresses. According to a fashionbe an Empress.