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The United States. Political affairs in the United States are approaching a crisis which facility with which "Judges" are made it will require almost a miracle to in this Colony reminds us of the story enable the country to pass through of a Western traveller, who reached a without sustaining another bloody small village one day and "put the Cyclops, from July, 1848 to the spring of The Occidental.—This magnificent Bilwithout sustaining another bloody conflict. No one who has observed the tone of the American press and read the speeches of American politicians of late, will have failed to notice the truculent character of the threats indulged in towards political opponents, and the language employed to describe the vices of antagonistic parties. Instead of political opponents. Instead of political opponents, should be used by the Cyclops, from July, 1848 to the spring of 1851; the Curacoa, from August, 1854 to the spring o antagonistic parties. Instead of poli- when settling his bill on the following and hoisted his flag on board the Fisgard, on business, should be ticians and statesmen relying on morning to ask the landlord how it his appointment as Commander-in-Chief in many friends around h moral sussion for the redress of their happened that there were so many the Pacific, in succession to Vice-Admiral The steamer Enterprise, from New Westmin wrongs, appeals are constantly made military men rejoicing in the grade of the Hon. Jeseph Denman. to the brute force of the nation to captain in the village? "Military this Sunday paper made its appearance yes—we observed the Hon. Messrs. Ball, Walkern this Sunday paper made its appearance yes—we observed the Hon. Messrs. Ball, Walkern and ment the peculiar dogmas of a party haint soger cap'ns: thar's a fire com- terday under the management of Meesrs. J. and Elliott, Rev. Mr White, Capt. Butler and and compel it to become the mouth- pany in this 'ere town, and the head K. Suter & Co., and may be pronounced Messrs. Aikman and McMillan. piece of an unconstitutional conclave; man's called cap'n; every month highly creditable to its proprietors. The MR John P. Couch, so favorably known while, on the other side, the Govern- thar's an 'lection for officers, and the Islander supplies a want much felt since the in this city, we understand, has been apment is boldly advised by its friends 'pointment 's been pretty near all demise of the evening paper, which published pointed Purser of the Active vice Mr Norto cut clear of the majority and trust to bayonets for a victory. In other and happier times in the Heritage aready; the title lasts and happier times in the Heritage aready; the title lasts to bayonets for a victory. In other times in the Heritage aready; the title lasts and happier times in the Heritage aready; the title lasts preserved in the display of news and general glad to learn, will become a resident in this had a six mule team hauling freight over happier times, in the United son and heir." The future traveller

been playing a game of cross purposes | Seriously, what does all this flummery on the reconstruction of the States to mean? the no small discredit of either. An appeal to the popular sentiment in the North resulted at the late elections in the defeat of the President's policy, and with a majority of three to one-which they render secure by keeping the Southern representatives out, Congress has decided to examine into the official conduct of President Johnson, and, if deemed advisable, to prepare a Bill of Impeachment. Who can say, under this state of things, that a crisis is not approaching in America which may-nay, is most likely to result in another disruption of that wonder among nations. Suppose the President were to submit to the prythat committee were to find that he had been guilty of conduct justifying impeachment? and suppose that the Mr Barnard would make a good mem-President were to quietly submit to be driven from the White House a disgraced and perjured man-all would be well with the Radicals and the Radical successor whom they might appoint in Mr. Johnson's

Congress, as now constituted, to en-

quire into his acts; that he were to

then? With two-thirds of the people

on one side, and the President, back-

ed by the remaining third and the

matters are left to the arbitrament | the male inhabitants called "Judge," of the bullet or cold steel. Since what they are judges of? The answer Johnson came to be President, the will be as plain as the nore on the Administration and Congress have face of more than one of the appointees.

The Yale Representation.

The resignation of Mr Wallace causes a vacancy in the Yale Representation, which should be filled before the assembling of the Council. It is said that Dr Black, an ex-member from Cariboo, who was lately defeated for the New Westminster District, has taken time by the forelock, and has already secured sixty pledges. Mr Barnard, of the Express, is understood to have aspirations for the vacant seat; but is said to have come too late into the field, The name of Capt. Doane, a clear-headed Colonial man, with large interests in the Colony, has an intention to stand. Should he consent, he would "whip the Doctor out of his boots." Either the Captain or ber; but the Doctor is so deep committed in favor of the lower river interests as to be a thorough Westminster man. His return would, therefore, be prejudicial to the interests of the Colony at large, and we hope that stead. But suppose that the Presis no effort will be spared by our Yale dent were to deny the right of friends to defeat him.

A LAUDABLE PROCEEDING.—Last evenresist any effort to impeach and drive disband and donate the funds in their treahim from power, and were to call on sury-amounting to some \$1100-to the the bayonets of Grant and Sherman, relief of the Jewish Synagogue property, and other generals who are friendly which is encumbered by a mortgage for committee from the Society to collect the balance-\$2100-by subscription, and then the appeal will not pass unheeded.

army on the other, who could Mr and Mrs Charles Kean appeared estimate the blood and treasure that would be poured out, who could forein Dublin on the evening of November 21st, tell the result of the fratricidal strife world. for the first time since their tour around the

matton could not energy with whole bones.

A Brigade of Justices
Governor Seymour has appointed a small brigade of Justices of the Peace. Should His Excellency make another equally numerous batch of appointments, "J. P.'s" will be more numerous than "Esqs." Nearly every primate the country will be an impromptu Court-house, and about one-half of the residents will be more number of the country will be an impromptu Court-house, and about one-half of the residents will be more number of the country will be an impromptu Court-house, and about one-half of the residents will be more tally offended if the other half irreverently call them plain Smith or Jones without the prefix of "Judge." The commander in-Chief or half commander in the Wanters Status of the Wanders and the Business of the Business of the Wanders and the Business of the Business of the Commander in-Chief or half on the prefix of "Judge." The grain of the Wanders and the Business of the Business of the Wanders and the Business of the Business of the Gordout in landing her boats in conjuncted with those of the district of the Gordout in landing her boats in conjuncted with those of the district of the Gordout in landing her boats in conjuncted with those of the district of the Gordout in landing her boats in conjuncted with those of the district of the Wanders and the Business of the Wanders an Quallo Batto, and was promoted to post sank
Jan. 31, 1845. He commanded the Endymion, 44, from August, 1847 to Jan. 1848;

not cold, but if the snowfall is succeeded
by frost, which will probably be the case,
there will be good sleighing for some days.

States political questions were decided in British Columbia may be prompted couragement, and, what is more essential, Sunday contemporary will meet with enby the ballot. Now-a-days such to ask, when he hears a majority of liberal support. The price of the weekly is only one "bit"-a mite that will meet the exigencies of the times, and enable every citizen to become a subscriber. The editor's salutory is curt and modest; he makes no loud professions, will not suffer his columns to be tainted with violent political partizanship, but will simply aim at placing before his readers a good readable family .paper. containing the best selections from other puba lications, and an epitome of the events of the week, with the latest telegraphic and local news received to the hour of publication. The chief fault in his maiden effort is a little rusty crudeness in style and phraseology

which experience will soon rub off. The Government Gazette of Saturday contains he appointment of the following gentlemen to be Justices of the Peace for the Colony of British Columbia. David Cameron, Augustus Frederick Pemberton, Chartres Brew, Peter O'Reilly, Edward Howard Sanders, Henry Maynard Ball, Andrew Charles Elliott, Warner Reeve Spalding, William George Cox, William Hales Franklyn, John Carmichael Haynes, Charles John Prichard, William Duncan, Clement Francis Cornwall; Thomas Lett Wood Charles Samuel Nicol, Alexander Caulfield Anderson, George Foster Foster, John Morley William Alexander George Young, Edward Augustus Porcher, Charles Frederick Houghton, Thomas Elwyn, D'Arcy Denny, William John Macdonald, John Sebastian Helmcken, William Fraser Tolmie, Joseph Johnson South gate, Arthur Birch, Joseph William Trutch, Arthur Thomas Bushby, Kenneth McKenzie, William James Armstrong.

THE YACHT THEMIS .- This vessel, the name of which is still in the minds of many of our readers, both in the Sandwich Islands and Valparaiso, recently arrived in England in safety, after being absent nearly two and a half years on a cruise to the West Coast of South America, the Sandwich Islands and other places in the Pacific. During the voyage, Captain Hanman had the misfortune to his policy to sustain him! What about \$3200, An effort will be made by a January, and whose remains were carefully to lose his wife who died at sea on the 6th preserved on board until the vessel reached England. Captain Hanman has made during clear off the indebtedness. We hope that his long voyage, careful surveys of the different harbors and anchorages of the Sandwich Islands and exploration of the different inlets and channels of the Magellan Straits, to which latter occupation he devoted upwards of two months .- Panama Star.

that would surely eventuate? We believe that the present Congress vill not adjourn without impeaching the President; and we do not believe that the President will vacate his chair upon the demand of a Congress that he has over and over again declared to be an illegally constituted body without a series of the president of the property of the president of the president of the president of the Congress that he has over and over again declared to be an illegally constituted body without a sweet steamers Adder and Sheetness She that he has over wheel steamers Adder and Sheetness She that he has over again declared to be an illegally constituted body without a sweet steamers Adder and Sheetness She that he has over wheel steamers Adder and Sheetness She that he has over again declared to be an illegally constituted body without a sweet steamers Adder and Sheetness She that he has over the present popular to the first present popular to the present popular

here as agent for the Keans, in 1864, has returned to Australia. Lately he was a candidate for the Legislature for the Richmond district, a suburb of Melbourne, but was defeated by a large majority. MISSIONARY SERMONS were preached yes_

terday, morning and evening, by Rev. E. White, at the Wesleyan Church. The annual meeting of the mission will be held tomorrow evening, in the Church, when several interesting addresses will be delivered. A CABLE TELEGRAM, containing [000

words and costing \$35,000, was recently sent by Secretary Seward to Minister Biges low, in Paris, concerning the Mexican ques-At a Vestry meeting held a few days ago

the Rector and Churchwardens of Holy Trinity New Westminster decided to offer a premium of \$100 for the best design for a new

Mr Yardley, the well-known Police Magistrate, for Marylebone District, is just dead at the age of 62. He had held his commission for twenty years.

Later from Cariboo. (From [the Columbian.)

Mr. Hastings, who left Williams Creek on Christmas day, arriving in this city on Thursday night, bas kindly supplied us with the following items of news :- On the night of the 23d the creek was visited by a cold snap, the coldest of the seaso: , sending the mercury down to 15 degrees below zero, and accompanied by a snow storm which partially obstructed the road over the divide. The weather moderated on the 25th. The snow was not more than 20 inches deep on the creek. Business was brisk and money plentiful. The markets had been slightly disturbed by the temporary interruption of the road, flour rising to 30c; butter \$2, etc.; but, as travel was resumed, four teams coming out on the 25th, it was presumed prices would quickly settle down to previous quotations. There was plenty of fresh beef and mutton at 40c and 45c respectively. The market was well supplied with vegetables, at moderate prices.

On Christmas Eve a man, whose name we have not learned, was badly injured by the explosion of gunpowder caused by a match carelessly thrown down, on retiring to rest. There was a gay and festive scene in Bar. kerville, on Christmas Eve. Between 800 and 900 persons were congregated there, and held carnival till 10 o'clock on the following day. Miners, bankers, doctors, merchants, lawyers all went in for a good time, and champagne and free suppers were the order of the day, or, rather, of the night.

struck on several other creeks in that locality; and it is the intention to construct a road if ollowing a along Capt. Mitchell's trail, when will permit of Cedar Creek being properly supplied. It is claimed that this road will be the shortest way to Williams Creek by about 60, miles. Ms. Washburn, formerly of the British Columbia Mills of this city, is engaged in constructing a saw-unit on Cedar Creek, which will be completed by spring. This undertaking indipleted by spring. This undertaking indi-cates the confidence felt in these mines.

The roads are in excellent condition for The roads are in excellent condition for travelling all the way between Williams Lake and Yale. Sleighs run out as far as Cottonwood, and with the exception of the Green Timber," the road is bare, between that point and Yale, but in good condition for wheeled vehicles. At Lake La Hache Mr Wm. Anderson and his men were taking white-fish and salmon trout of excell quality, and in great numbers.

Considerable quantities of float ice were passing Yale and Hope on Menday and fuesday; but with a change in the weather end a two days' rain it disappeared. No ice was met with between, Harrisonmouth and this city.

From Lillooet.

(From the Columbian.)

By the arrival of Dietz & Nelson's Express on Thursday night, we have Lillooet meagre and unimportant. A few days before the evening, and \$400 worth of clothing carried off. The burglars had effected an entrance by removing the panes of glass from the door. No clue to the robbery had been discovered.

had a six mule team hauling freight over the Portage on a sleigh. On the Douglas Portage there was very little snow, and GEORGE COPPIN, the comedian, who was mining was still being carried on. The lakes continued free from ice, and travel was excellent both by land and water

Don Miguel, Ex-King of Portugal.

Don Maria Evanst Miguel, ex-King of Portugal, whose death is announced by the Cable, was born at Lisbon, Oct. 26, 1802. de was the third son of King John VI, and when six years old followed his parents to Brazil, where, in consequence of his educaion being altogether neglected, he soon exibited signs of the worst character. He returned to Portugal in 1821, being unable to read and to write. At the instigation of his mother he placed himself at the head of the clerical and absolutist party. On June 2, 1822, he headed an unsuccessful insurrection against his father. He was pardoned, made another insurrectionary attempt in 1822, was again pardoned, and even appointed Generalssimo of the Portuguese army. Soon after the assassination of the most intimate counselor of the King, the Marquis of Soule, he started a third insurrection [April 30, 1824], imprisoned the Ministers and expelled his father, who owed the restoration of his rule nly to the vigorous interference of the oreign ambassadors. Don Miguel, banished jogether with his mother; by a decree to May 12th, withdrew to Paris, and later to Vienna, where he showed a great admiration of the policy of Metternich.

After the death of King John VI. the legitimate heir, Don Pedro, Emperor of Brazil, ceded the throne of Portugal to his daughter, Maria La Gloaia, whose hand, together with the title of Regent, he offered to Don Miguel. The latter accepted and, after long hesitation, consented to take an oath upon the Constitution. Soon, however, he dismissed the Cortes and combined to get proclaimed King of Portugal by a part of the constituent Cortes. At the same time he repudiated the plan of a marriage with his niece, who was prevented from landing and compelled to repair to England. The partisans of Donna Maria were conquered and only maintained at the Island of Terceira. The brief reign of Don Miguel was signalised by the grossest abuses, and the army and the finances were in a most deplorable condition. In 1831 the cause of Donna Maria again began to gain ground. The French allied themselves with Donna Maria and captured the entire Portuguese fleet. In 1833 England also declared against Don Miguel, and General Villaflor captured Lisbon, after a protracted struggle near the capital. Don Miguel, on the 29th of May, 1834, signed the capitulation of Evora. Being forever exiled from the kingdom, Don Miguel went to Genoa, were he issued a protest against the capitulation wrested from him by force. He subsequently repaired to Rome, where the Pope recognized him as King of Portugals Don Miguel never abandoned the title: On September 24, 1851, he married in Germany the Princess of Lowenstein Wertheim-Rosenberg, by whom he had three daughters and a son, Miguel, born September 19, 1858.