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American Politics-The Fenians The political news lately received from the United States is of a pa-

cific and conservative character. The work of Reconstruction proceeds at a very unsatisfactory rate; but as Congress has announced its intention of sitting until the fall, the members will certainly fail in their duty should they not hit upon a feasible plan for the readmission of the Southerners to all the rights and privileges of sovereign States. The latest plan proposed is in the form of an amendment to the Constitution. The first clause secures civil rights to all classes by means of a constitutional amendment. Its second M. ships Sutlej and Scout. The wickets were point is a provision basing representation substantially upon numbers, but uring the advantages to be derived aking population the basis by eclaring that whenever in any State

which the number of such male citizens thus excluded from the franchise shall bear to the whole number of her adult male population. Under the operation of this arrangement, if South Carolina, for instance, permits her negroes to vote, she will increase her present power in Congress, because all her blacks will be counted in the enumeration, instead of only three-fiths of them, as under the present system. But if she would thus get six Representatives in Congress, all told, and sees fit to exclude the blacks from voting, and her male blacks over 21 years of age shall be equal to one-third of the total adult male population; her representation would be reduced to four members of Congress. The effect of the plan now proposed is to encourage every State, North and South, to enlarge and extend the franchise, by increasing or diminishing its political power just as it shall enlarge or restrict the enjoyment of the franchise. The remaining clause of the proposed constitutional amendment simply forbids the payment of the rebel war debt, or the allowance of any claim for the loss of slaves. According to our Parliamentary rules, a measure when once disposed of cannot be again brought forward during ships from San Francisco to Hongkong and the same session of Parliament; but the rules of the American Congress appear to be more elastic and to admit of the introduction of measures at least twice during the same session, for we notice that the Freedmen's Bureau Bill-a one-sided piece of legislation-has been again passed and submitted to the President for approval or rejection. Mr Johnson hav- Company's agent.

his intention concerning it up to latest A report of the Fenian fiasco fills many of the Northern papers, and amusing accounts are given of the ad- tablishment of one is "the desire of Her We received a British Columbian by this arri-

ing been ill recently, had not expressed

miles north of the lorder. Being destricted at barns and farm-houses; but foraging parties that roamed through the country failed to produre sufficient provisions to feed the two the fourth day of campaigning finds in gupplies short, and that four thouses and British Regulars were in their front, the "army" mutined and Gen. Spear decided to retrant, which he did in good order to the low of Market and Mar

ables of the American farmers and bble on boald. We are pleased to notice merchants, who had at first welcomed that Partland shippers are becoming alive to the presence of the "army" as likely to bring them a good stroke of business. In his report, General Spear declares that he would "rather have been shot" do. But, while his espirit was willing the flesh was weak for we find that when he heard of the near approach of the British army, his legs carried him over the border, beyond the reach stated that he should leave Olympia on of harm or the enemy's bullets. The Monday, with the U S. mails, for Victoria. Fenian cause has received a deathblow from this impotent attempt at invasion, and but little more will be heard of the leaders or their dupes.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE

Monday, July 16. CRICKET.—The weather was delightful on Saturday, and a large number of persons repaired to Beacon Hill to witness the return match of the Victoria Club and Eleven of H. Olub in their first innings scored 94. After partaking of refreshments at the Park Hotel, the Fleet went in for their second innings,

Club, by Wallace, Barnett and Richardson of the Navy, and of Richardson and Bacon, and Major D. J. Williamson. on the part of the Victorians, was very effective. Lieutenant Veale and Mr E. R. Thomas acted as scorers, and Corporal Lawrence and Mr Mohun, C. E, as umpires.

ARRIVAL OF THE ONWARD .- The bark Onward, Capt, Tibbetis, 22 days from San Francisco, arrived on Saturday morning. The Onward belongs to the Collins Telegraph Company, and brings 25 passengers, a quantity of telegraph material, and some freight for our merchants. After discharging the freight intended for this place, the Onward will take on board a part of the wire brought by the Mohawk and will then sail for Petropauloski, in the Russian Possessions her final place of destination. The following is her list of officers : Captain, H. Tibbetts First Officer, Chas Gatzen; Second Officer, S. H. Clifford; Surgeon, Dr Evans; Quartermaster, B. F. Hobby. She also brings the following passengers: Lieut. J. Leet, in charge of land party; Lieuts. R. Lewis, E. L. Pearson, J. W. Wanless, Alex S. Urquhart, E. H. King, Chas. P. Pearson, Chas. Price, J. Rourke, Dr Geo. Chismore, Wm. Gardiner; J. Ijams, Hospital Steward; R. A. Fisk Foreman; E. Reynolds and 10 others.

STEAM TO CHINA.—We yesterday saw poster in Chinese, which, on being translated to us, we ascertained to be a notice from the Pacific Steamship Company, stating that the Company in New York, had chartered six occasionally to Japan. The steamers are to make one trip a month, commencing on the nal charge, in pursuance of instructions fur-1st January, 1867, with the Colorado, which will carry 3500 tons and will make the run in 25 days. The Company offer to take pasi sengers, express and freight, at a low figure, and invite the patronage of the Chinese people, who will be treated the same as white men. The Company further propose to connect with Shanghae. Mr O. E. Ridge is the

MR BIRCH'S ANSWER .- The answer of Administrator Birch to the Cariboo deputation, is a well written and statesmanlike document It recognizes the necessity of a Court of Appeal, and states that the delay in the esvance of "General" Spear and his Majesty's Government to unite British Colum- val, but it is devoid of interest and contains patriots to Pigeon Hill, half-a-dozen bia and Vancouver Island without delay." not a single local item.

THE "JOSIE MCNEAR" arrived at Port Angeles Friday evening and has gone up the than fall back as he was compelled to Sound. On the 2d instant, when some 25 miles above the mouth of the Columbia, owing to the foul state of her boilers, she put back and entered Columbia river, where she remained at Astoria till the morning of the 12th, when she steamed out. Capt. Crosby

> THE NEW ATLANTIC CABLE .- About 60 miles of cable are stowed away daily on the Great Eastern. It having been found that she will not be able to take the entire 2700 miles on board, a screw steamer will carry 900 miles of the wire. The war steamer Perrible will accompany the expedition, an announcement of the sailing of which we look for daily.

THE REPLY .- This precious document will come before the Assembly again to day Stripped of its verbiage it would, no doubt, pitched on the new ground, which is a de cided improvement on the old one. The two-ream form, would excite the ridicule and freet went in first and made 60 runs. The devicion of the Colonists. At the risk of sacrificing your well-carned reputation for verbality, Dector, prone the reply of your most prominent characteristic.

Halleck's staff is composed as follows; Dr transferred to the Bank of England for C. C. Kenney, Col. J. Mc L. Taylor, Major greater security, and the Bank drove a roar-The bowling of Thom and Hyne, on the part R. N. Scott, Lieut. Col. W. K. Smedberg, ing trade in discounting first-class bills at

MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS. - Councillor Lewis has given notice of the following monext sitting :- That a Committee be api pointed at the next meeting of the Council, for the purpose of ascertaining, examining and reporting upon the indebtedness of the City Corporation to June 30th, 1866.

FROM PORT ANGELES .- The U. S. Revenue cutter Lincoln, Capt. White, with a mail came over on Saturday afternoon. Among the passengers were Judge Darwin, of the U. S. Supreme Court, Washington Territory, and Collectoe of Customs Wilson: She returned to Port Angeles in the afternoon.

THE SIERRA N VADA returned from New Westminster yesterday, at 11 a. m., and came to anchor outside the harbor. The steamer Diana will leave Brodrick's wharf this morn ing, at half-past 8 o'clock, with her passengers and freight, and the Sierra Nevada will start at 9 o'clock for San Francisco direct.

FROM NEAH BAY.-The sloop Northern Light arrived yesterday with Messrs Edgar and Plaskitt as passengers. They report the new machinery as having been landed at the Phonix coal mine, and in a short time it is expected that a large quantity of coal will e taken out for shipment.

ARRESTED .- A young man who arrived yesterday by the Sierra Nevada from New Westminster, intending to leave the Colony, was arrested during the afternoon on a criminished by telegraph, and was lodged in jail.

THE STEAMER SIR JAMES DOUGLAS WILL leave for Nanaimo, as usual, on Tuesday morning, provided she returns in time from towing up the Riviere; otherwise, she will leave on the following morning at 8 o'clock.

CAMPING OUT .- The Volunteer Rifle Corps will assemble in full uniform at James Bay on Thursday, 19th irst., at 6 p'clock, p. m., to march to Beacon Hill, where they will go under canvas for a week.

Alexandra returned on Saturday evening.

stand on Bastion street, where he is conducts appeared to raise her stern upon the air and ing a ship agency business in all its branches, her bright copper bottom, reflecting the rays

gram of Friday last.

oic-nic, a fire broke out and destroyed twenty.

PASSED UP .- A large fleet of ships have passed up the Sound during the past two or

The Sierra Nevada will not again proceed to New Westminster, the contract with the B. C. Government having expired.

The ship Revere, from San Francisco for Nansimo, was towed up yesterday by the Sir James Douglas.

The bark Golden Gate, another teler graph vessel, is expected to arrive here

HOW THE DEPUTY GOVERNOR OF THE BANK Mail, of recent date, eave : Some qurious stories are current with reference to the late as to its accuracy, is to the following effect: "It is stated that the directors of the Bank of England were by no means desirous of a there is a great want of feed. Cattle and

very high rates of interest. But on Friday. night its reserve had been so largely drawn upon that the directors were obliged to give tion to come before the City Council at its way. The reluctance of the Bank parlor to consent to the issue of Government letter was so well known that, at the interview of the deputation from the joint-stock banks with the Chancellor of the Exchequer, it was thought necessary to remind the right hon. Bank of England, that all the London banks were in the same boat. The Deputy Governor of the Bank of England was present at their interview, and, pointedly addressing him, the director of one of the great jointstock banks is rumored to have said- We could shut you up by a couple of checques to-morrow morning!' The hint caused no small sensation. 'But you will not do it ?'

interposed the Chancellor of the Exchequer, anxious to play the part of peacemaker in the conflict of such colossal interests. The bank director said nothing, but preserved a significant and menacing silence. The no whisper of dissatisfaction at the suspension of the Act was afterwards heard from any director of the Bank of England."

The Loss of the Bark "Kent." has sent a private letter to a friend in this city, concerning the recent disaster, from which we make the following extracts: SAN FRANCISCO, 7th July, 1866.

Everything went all right with the ship and cargo of lumber at Mazatlan, and I left there on 28 h April for Carmen Island, and loaded 315 tons of salt; which port I left on the 21st of May last, bound to Portland. The cargo belonged entirely to myself, and I expected to make a little over freight on it. We had only been out about 21 hours, with very light airs and calms, when, about 3 a. m. of the 22d, a steamer was seen on the bow about three miles off, coming apparently in our direction. As we were becalmed, the sea perfectly smooth, and the weather beautifully clear, as it always is in that part, and almost day-break, I felt no uneasiness, especially as our lights were exhibited and burning brilliantly, but the steamer rapidly neared us and still appeared to take no notice. From New Westminster. The steamer I took the binnacle lamp and held it up myself and fully expected this would have drawn their attention. After waiting about five minutes longer she came within hail, and I commenced shouting as loud as I could, and

beard an order on board the steamer, whard aport." A few seconds after she struck us right amidship, going at full speed, cutting us down two planks below the water edge. Her wheels only stopped just as she struck us she then backed off. Finding my wesse making three inches per minute. I got of our boat and sent my dear wife off on boat and sent my dear wife of A match was played at New Westminster, the steamer, which proved to be the Orego, on Saturday, between the married and single players. The latter were victorious, having the Colorado river. We all went on bard the steamer after seeing the batk goo down. I can assure you the little Kent never ploked more beautiful than our old citizen, Capt Nagle, back at his old head foremost, with all her canvass set. She

ON THE BERTH.—The bark Rival has been was not of the best, though perhaps as good as we could expect under the circumstances. Francisco, by Pickett & Co. So says a tele- Of course the steamer's people deny their liability, but it is proved now that there was no FIRE WORKS .- At Walla Walla, on the bis room asleep. I have brought a suit in the Courth of July, while the people were at a Court of Admiralty for \$70,000 damages, and the Oregon is at present stopped; the case looks promising to me.

Australia.

The Hamburg barque Da Capo arrived on Friday afternoon from Mewcastle, N. S. W. By her the S. F. Alta has received the Sydney Mail of April 21st.

sydner, and vicinity.

A Royal Proclamation came out by the last mail, making the Sydney sovereign a legal tender all over the British empire. The charge for coinage, too, is reduced from 9d. to 3d. an onnce. This will reduce the profits of the Mint, but it is equivalent to a donation of 6d. an onnce to the diggers. There is, therefore, nothing now to complain of unless it should prove that under the new arrangements our Mint does not pay its expenses, and is an annual burden on the revenue of the colony.

the colony.

Orime is Sydney was rife. Constables have been murdered in the discharge of their

The northern mail has been again robbed the country that can now be deemed safe.

The cry for rain still comes from a large portion of our colony and from Queensland. On the Nurtumbidgee and to the westward abridged to them, except for partici- which they accomplished with six wickets leave Portland, Oregon, to day, for Puget end, Gurney & Co. was known), and during ious, and transactions in stock are limited to immediate necessities. There is little on no pation in rebellion or other crime, the to go down. On the side of the Navy the Sound and Victoria. The distinguished the whole of Friday, the accounts of several employment in the bush, and men are ware basis of representation in such State highest scores were made by Card, Levett visitors will arrive here about Friday. Gen. public companies and private firms were dering about seeking work. It is unfortunate about seeking work. It is unfortunate that the squatters have not more inducement to fence and improve, because just now, with improvements could be carried out to a large extent. The inquiry conducted by the Select Committee on the State of the Colony elicited the fact that improvements were kept in abeyance by the doubtful tenure of land. This is a great drawback to the prosperity of the country. Money that ought to go towards the development of fresh wealth is deposited in the banks at five per cent, interest, the owners not knowing what to do with it. In Queensland the draught is, if possible,

more severe than in this colony. Heavy gentleman, as well as the directors of the autums rains have been known to occur, and may occur again, perhaps, with floods. But even floods would be welcomed as a change to the prolonged draught.

Agricultural Fairs have been held both; in Maitland and Bathurst. Flour is pouring in from California and Chile at a rate that is astonishing the speculators. The price whas one down rapidly, and may go still lower if the importations continue.

Flour, fine (silk dressed.) £18.00 Jack VICTORIA.

Melbourne papers of the 16th of April contain the following items; The dry weather (says the Argus) seems

at last to have broken up. On Saturday the atmosphere was cloudy, and now and then a few drops of rain fell. Towards night the Deputy Governor, it was remarked, did not clouds began to thicken, and a gentle rain venture to deny the fact; and it is added that set in about 6 o'clook, and continued throughout the night until about mid-day on Suna day. The wind was then light from the northeast, and the weather cleared for an hour or two. About 4 o'clock the wind came The Loss of the Bark "Kent." in from the westward, driving up banks of heavy clouds and a light but steady rain followed, which, we hope, has not been partial, but has extended all over the country; where it is so much wanted.

Mr Ramsbottom has arrived in Melbourne from Habart Town, to await the appearance of the Lincolnshire, which has on board the Salmon ova.

The Portland Times says : A fire has been burning in the swamp for the last week or nine days, and we understand, from the heatlike nature and dryness of the soil, all attempts to extinguish it have been un-

availing:
The Prince Consort's statue was to be inaugurated on St. George's Day.

Jamaica:

The latest advices from Jamaica report that tranquility prevailed throughout the island, but that a feeling of dissatisfaction exists amongst all classes. The negro is displeased because Governor Eyre was not hanged, and the whites are equally vexed at his treatment by the Home Government. A subscription for a testimonial to Mr. Eyre was on foot, which, it was said, would reach £10,000. Three white merchants, it was reported, had put their names down for £1000 each. Mr Eyre was to leave Kingston on at last succeeded in waking them up, when the 15th inst., in Her Majesty's ship Cadmus.