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## SUMMARY OF NEWS.

**Parliament.**—Mr. Hume's long anticipated motion for the Representation of the People came on Tuesday evening, 20th June, in the House of Commons. A vast number of petitions were presented by the hon. member, and many others, to fortify his demand for a revision of the Reform Act; and his motion was supported by a long and able speech, in which all the alleged defects of representation were clearly set forth. The new charter of Mr. Hume's party embraces four points, namely, to extend the elective franchise to householders; to take the votes by ballot; to limit the duration of Parliaments; to adopt a new election arrangement in the apportionment of members, so as to divide the number of electors more equally, and to give population a greater weight relative to property. Mr. Hume, in the course of his speech, added a fifth point, namely, the abolition of the property qualification.

After one of Mr. H. Drummond's witty and philosophical speeches, in which he condemned the present agitation, Lord John Russell flatly opposed the motion, and exhorted the House to give it a steadfast and determined negative.

The conclusion of the Spanish correspondence relative to the dismissal of Sir Henry Bulwer has been published. The allegations against Sir H. Bulwer were six in number; that he kept up social intercourse with the Progressists party in Spain; that he gave an asylum to the party opponents of the government, &c.

Lord Palmerston disposes in an effective manner all the charges; and finally, with expressions of great respect to Mr. Izquierdo personally, concludes by intimating to him that it is impossible for her Britannic Majesty or the government to receive him any longer as the Minister of the Queen of Spain, and that he will probably think it expedient to return to Madrid.

**INDIA AND CHINA.**—By the Overland Mail of the 12th ultimo, we have received further particulars of the sad affair at Moultan. The governor, having been for some time disaffected towards the Lahore Government had been superseded; but by intrigue, had avoided paying up his arrears. A successor, Khan Singh, having been appointed in his stead, Mr. Vans Agnew, of the Bengal Civil Service and Lt. Anderson, of the Bombay Fusiliers; accompanied him to Moultan. They were received by the old Dewan Meobrai, who contrived to pick a quarrel with some of their escort; and both the Englishmen, as we before stated, were wounded. Perceiving their lives in danger from treachery, they retreated with Khan Singh and their followers to a small fort outside Moultan; where for 24 hours they thought themselves safe; but the troops from Moultan hastened to attack the fort. Lt. Anderson being severely wounded, could not rise from his bed; Mr. Vans Agnew shook hands with him, and the gallant fellows saw each other no more. The pistols of Vans Agnew, as he prepared to defend himself, were tampered with; and, as the soldiers entered his room and fraternised with his treacherous escort, he drew his sword to cut down the first assailant, but was instantly shot, and his body, like that of Lieut. Anderson, and their doctor, Mr. Wilkinson, hacked to pieces and treated with every indignity.

Great misery seems to prevail in the Delta of Egypt.

At Alexandria trade was dull, with very few transactions. Mehemet Ali was still alive, but bordering on imbecility.

**Reported Loss of Seventeen American Whalers.**—There is reason to hope the report by the Vishua, of the loss of seventeen American whalers, is exaggerated, and that the majority have escaped. The Vishua touched at Asoption on 11th March, where she learned from Capt. Swain, of the whale ship Potomac, who had lately arrived from the coast of Japan, having fallen in with the

Rebecca Sims, Capt. Tabor, that gentleman reported that in September last he was in company with upwards of thirty whale ships on the coast of Japan. They experienced a severe typhoon in lat 35 N; and after it had subsided sixteen of the ships were missing. There is a probability of several having been lost; but the opinion of an experienced captain of a whaling ship now in this port is, that during the gale many vessels were driven from their cruising ground and, as the season was nearly over, bore away for the neighborhood of the equator, and not having been seen by their consorts, were considered lost.—[China Mail, April 6.]

We copy the following prospective items of news from the *Carlton Sentinel*, dated Woodstock, June 27, 1848:—Such things may happen about them times. Our friend the Editor sees a long way ahead.

**Items of Local and Foreign News.**—The steamer *Scallion*, four days from Liverpool, arrived in St. John this morning, a few minutes before the new boat, *Spitfire* left for the Grand Falls.

Some of our carpenters will be gratified to learn that a supply of Pine boards arrived by the Quebec train, which are of a fair quality, and will be sold at the moderate price of £12 per M; more are expected, but at a higher rate.

We are glad to hear that our Cotton Factories in this Province, intend to import direct from India, instead of depending, as heretofore, on the New Orleans market.

Some specimens of Table Cutlery from the establishment of Bakers and Scwhart, at the mouth of the Creek, which were exhibited at the Mechanics' Fair on Saturday, are said to surpass in quality and cheapness those formerly imported from England. This is the more interesting as no steel is used by that firm, which is not manufactured in this County.

A late number of the *Fredericton Times* gives an account of a man found staggering and apparently insane, from the effects of a drug, called Brandy, of which it is supposed he swallowed three or four ounces by mistake. The physicians apply to this form of delirium, the term drunkenness—it is probably the same malady spoken of in Scripture. The editor of the *Times*, who is quite an antiquarian, states, as a fact, that this Brandy was used as a beverage not more than a century ago!

The City authorities have at length prohibited the erection of wooden buildings within a mile of the steam packet wharf at the end of King Street; we are truly astonished that such a prohibition should be required for builders.

By a recent improvement in the construction and navigation of air ships, they reach their place of destination with a certainty nearly equal to birds of passage.

Attention is directed to an advertisement which will be found in another column of a new and beautiful assortment of Bonnets at 31 Court Street; they are of the finest material, and the rims are quite three feet in diameter.

The Cars from Baltimore; yesterday, brought some of the most luscious water melons we have seen this season.

In some of our adjoining towns there are farmers who continue to plough by horse power, and reap their grain with the old fashioned sickle. When will people lay aside their old prejudices, and adopt the improvements of this age.

Owing to an accident which happened to some of the machinery connected with our steam press, we were only able to strike off 10,000 copies per hour, which has detained our paper beyond the usual hour of publication.

**NEW USE FOR ARDENT SPIRITS.**—A correspondent of the *Ohio Cultivator* says, that a little alcohol or almost any kind of ardent spirits placed on the bottom boards around

and under a hive of belligerent bees, will allay their fury and cause them to cease fighting. On this Scott's Weekly remarks:—Many article which sets the human race by the ears will produce peace and harmony in a hive of bees, the fact is certainly anomalous.

Bees, it seems, have common sense enough to leave off fighting each other and unite against the common enemy; but humans are just foolish enough to let the common enemy have a passage into their interiors where he can ravage at his leisure, while they are belaboring each other's outsides.—*N. Y. Organ.*

A newspaper in a family is equal to three months time in a school each year. Go into a family where a newspaper is taken, and into those who cannot afford it, mark the difference in the intelligence of the children, and be convinced.

**Unanimity of Juries.**—In the third report of the Common Law Commissioners, it is recommended that, after a deliberation of 12 hours, the jury are unable to agree, the verdict of the nine out of the 12 should be received.

## HINTS TO THE LOVERS OF FLOWERS.

A most beautiful and easily attained show of evergreens may be had by a simple plan, which has been found to answer remarkably well on a small scale. If geranium branches are taken from healthy and luxuriant trees, just before winter sets in, cut as for slips, and immersed in soap and water, they will, after drooping for a few days, shed their leaves, put forth fresh ones, and continue in the finest vigor all winter. By placing a number of bottles thus filled in flower baskets, with moss to conceal the bottles, a show of evergreens is easily insured for a whole season. They require no frost water.—[*Court Jour.*]

**Veracity.**—In all your intercourse with the world, strict veracity will gain respect, while prevarication and falsehood are despised. Let a strict regard for truth be a characteristic of your minds, and rest assured, under whatever circumstances you may be placed, that truth is powerful, and will ultimately prevail. It stands in bold relief, the child of heaven, and is, when "unadorned adorned the most."

**Mr. W. J. HAMMOND.**—We some time ago stated that nearly all our best comedians were emigrating to America: The new world seems to take not only a portion of our practical labour, but a large share of our artistic talent from us. We can, of course attribute this to no other cause but that they get better paid and encouraged on the other side of the Atlantic than on this side, and the difference is strong enough to induce many of those who leave us to make the United States the country of their adoption. A well-established favourite, who has, however, often met the reverses of fortune, but borne them with a light heart and cheerful countenance, Mr. W. J. Hammond, is about to follow the example of many of his contemporaries, and to embark for New York, whither his old partner, Mr. Malone Raymond, has preceded him. At his farewell benefit, which took place at the Royal Amphitheatre on Monday evening, a very numerous party had assembled to testify their high estimation of his talents, and the feeling displayed throughout was most kind. At the close of the entertainment, certainly a rich one, entitled "Heads of the People," he came forward and delivered an address which was warmly received by the whole house. In parting with Mr. Hammond, we do not conceal our opinion that we lose an actor of no ordinary power, full of versatility of talent and racy humour; and we do not scruple to predict that, in the new land to which he is proceeding, he will win fame and perhaps fortune.—[*Liverpool Mail.*]

A father is to provide for his family the necessities of life, and it is his duty to see that his children are educated.