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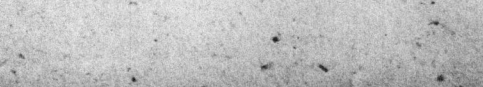
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American Politics—The Fenians.
The political news lately received from the United States is of a pacific and conservative character. The work of Reconstruction proceeds at a very unsatisfactory rate; but as Congress has announced its intention of sitting 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 point is a provision basing representation substantially upon numbers, but securing the advantages to be derived from making population the basis by declaring that whenever in any State

abridged to them, except for participation in rebellion or other crime, the basis of representation in such State shall be reduced in the proportion 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-fifths 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 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 having been ill recently, had not expressed his intention concerning it up to latest advices.

A report of the Fenian fiasco fills many of the Northern papers, and amusing accounts are given of the advance of "General" Spear and his patriots to Pigeon Hill, half-a-dozen

BRITISH COLUMBIA

ASTORIA, TUESDAY

It is expressed that the Harbor Board has decided to erect and the establishment is based upon the information. It is understood that the Board has expressed its intention of visiting Canada during the season, when it shall be prepared to give every attention to the necessary precautions which may be taken to him and about.

PORTLAND.—The steamer *Stollon*, of Astoria, arrived at 4 p. m. yesterday. Portland, having learned that the Columbia was on her way to the Columbia river, and that she would be there to-morrow, she had been ordered to leave Portland at 4 p. m. yesterday.

PORTLAND.—We are pleased to hear that the British Columbia is becoming aware of the possibility of maintaining direct steam communication between the two ports.

PORTLAND.—The steamer *John McNear*, arrived at Port Astoria Friday evening and has gone up the river. On the 2d instant, when some 25 miles above the mouth of the Columbia, one of the four state of her boilers, she put out and entered Columbia river, where she remained at Astoria till the morning of the 3d, when she steamed out. Capt. Crosby said that he should leave Olympia on Monday, with the U. S. mails, for Victoria.

THE NEW ATLANTIC CABLE.—About 60 miles of cable are allowed away daily on the Eastern. It having been found that it will not be able to take the entire 2700 miles on board, a screw steamer will carry miles of the wire. The war steamer *Albatross* will accompany the expedition, an announcement of the sailing of which we hear daily.

THE RACE.—This precious document will be before the Assembly again to-day, before its perusal it would, no doubt, sell enough. But to pass it in its present form, would excite the ridicule and derision of the Colonists. At the risk of losing your well-earned reputation for honesty, Deaton, prunes the reply of the most prominent characteristic.

THE FISHING.—Pascamanga, Corvino.

PORTLAND, OREGON.—Today for Puget Sound and Victoria. The distinguished party will arrive here about Friday. General's staff is composed as follows: Dr. Keeney, Col. J. M. Taylor, Major Scott, Lieut. Col. W. K. Smedberg, Major D. J. Williamson.

MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS.—Councillor has given notice of the following motion to come before the City Council at its next sitting:—That a Committee be appointed at the next meeting of the Council, the purpose of ascertaining, examining and reporting upon the indebtedness of the Corporation to June 30th, 1866.

FROM PORT ANGELES.—The U. S. Revenue Cutter, *Lincoln*, Capt. White, with a mail, arrived on Saturday afternoon. Among passengers were Judge Darwin, of the Supreme Court; Washington Territory, Collector of Customs Wilson. She returned to Port Angeles in the afternoon.

SIERRA NEVADA.—The steamer returned from New Westminster yesterday, at 11 a. m., and came ashore outside the harbor. The steamer will leave Brodick's wharf this morning, half-past 8 o'clock, with her passengers, eight, and the Sierra Nevada will leave at 9 o'clock for San Francisco direct.

FROM PORT ANGELES.—The sloop *Northern* arrived yesterday with Messrs Edgar, as passengers. They report the machinery as having been landed at the six coal mine, and in a short time it is expected that a large quantity of coal will be sent out for shipment.

THE SIERRA NEVADA.—A young man who arrived yesterday by the Sierra Nevada from New Westminster, intending to leave the Colony, arrested during the afternoon on a criminal charge, in pursuance of instructions furnished by telegraph, and was lodged in jail.

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

LEAVING OUT.—The Volunteer Rifle Corps assemble in full uniform at James Bay wharf, 19th inst., at 6 o'clock, p. m., to march to Beacon Hill, where they will go to canvas for a week.

THE NEW WESTMINSTER.—The steamer *David* returned on Saturday evening, received a *British Columbian* by this arrival; it is devoid of interest and contains a single local item.

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