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had they chosen to follow it; and he
opposes Radicalism today for the
reason that the members of that party
in their suggestions to reconstruct
the South have trampled under-
foot the very constitution that
they and Mr. Johnson fought to
maintain three years ago. The North
wants to war with the South to con-
vince that section that it could not
maintain its independence, and when the South
is forced to discover
that it is not a part of the
Union, and have since legislated in
accordance with that view. For a time
the Radicals carried the country with
them and won every election; but
latterly a great change has passed over
the Northern States. The constitu-
tionalists have unexpectedly triumphed.
The Fall elections resulted in the
discomfiture of the Radicals, and the
President, in his last message to Con-
gress (delivered six days ago) boldly
throws down the gauntlet before that
body. He declares their reconstruc-
tion policy a failure, advises that all
measures affecting the status of the
Southern States be repealed; boldly
vouches that negroes are unfitted for
self-government; denounces an Act
which prevents him turning out dis-
senting members; urges a return to
the payment, and definitely points
out the right of the States to secede.
The endorsement of this policy and
the denunciation of the Congress

One minority report charges
him with recreancy only to the party
that elected him, and that he is entitled
to party censure, but undeserving of im-
peachment; and the third report declares
that he has only done his duty in opposing
the usurpations of Congress. Of course, it is
difficult to determine which report will be
finally adopted. The Republicans are much
divided on the subject. They cordially dis-
like Mr. Johnson, but they dread an overt act
that may plunge the country into a state of
anarchy and confusion similar to that of
Mexico. The Conservatives of the Republi-
cans may therefore be induced to vote with
the Democrats, and thus stave off impeach-
ment during the present session. Should
impeachment fail, Mr. Johnson will quietly
clog all the Radical reconstruction measures,
declare the Southern States in the Union
with the same rights as they were before the
war (with the exception that slavery having
been abolished with the consent of two-thirds
of the States is extinct), and order new elec-
tions to be held upon the basis of white
suffrage. This course will incense the blacks
and their Radical friends, resistance on their
part will be offered and civil war may again
break out. Should impeachment be carried,
Mr. Johnson will throw himself upon the army
and navy for protection and release to recon-
stitute Congress as a constitutional body. So
let the question be decided as it may, there
is a gloomy prospect ahead for the Great
Republic.

ALARM BELL.—It is proposed that a fire
alarm bell be purchased by subscription and
presented to the Tiger Engine Company,
whose efficiency in cases of conflagration has
been well tested; and a committee, consist-
ing of Messrs G. Harris, S. Duck and J.
Vogel, has been appointed to wait upon
citizens during the present week and solicit
subscriptions. If we want our firemen to be
vigilant we must furnish them with plenty of
alarm bells.

THE DEPUTATION appointed at the "Assay
Meeting" on Tuesday night, and representing
the mining, trading and other interests of the
Colony, waited on His Excellency the Govern-
or yesterday and presented the resolutions
passed at that meeting. They were very
graciously received, and His Excellency
promised to give the matter his earliest con-
sideration.—*Examiner.*

ROBERT AT YALE.—Mr. Kimball, of the
firm of Kimball & Gladwin, a short time ago
came down to Vancouver business. He had the
key of the safe in his vest pocket at Yale.
The safe contained \$2400. The day before
yesterday Mr. Gladwin, who has another key,
had occasion to open the safe, and found that
the money was gone. They have a Chinese
man in their employ who had the safe open-
ed by permission, deposited \$1000 for safe keep-
ing, and the privilege was asked for before
though he had been long with the firm.
The Chinese man was found under the
stairs of the office, and he admitted by
Gladwin as having part of the money
struck from the safe. The Chinese man
is now in goal. Further search was made, but
up to yesterday without result. The Chinese
passengers by the Onward, yesterday, were
searched before leaving Yale, \$1100 of the
money taken from the safe belonged to a
miner who had deposited it for safe keep-
ing.—*Examiner.*

ELUCIDATION AND DEBATING CLASSES.
The second popular entertainment in con-
nection with the Education and Debating
Classes.—We are glad to hear that the Com-
mittee of these classes are up and stirring,
and in accordance with often expressed
wishes, are going to present another budget
of amendments to the public at the Rooms of
the Institute, to-morrow evening, Dec. 10th,
at 8 o'clock. Particulars of the programme
of the evening's entertainment will be pre-
sented in to-morrow's paper. Great credit is
due to the committee for their exertions in
endeavouring to promote such agreeable, social
gatherings for our citizens. Doubtless, the
influence will tend to the prosperity of the
Institute, as the programme is spoken of
as very attractive. The only attendance of
public is expected to insure their being com-
municated to the public.

THE SHIP TARBOLGAN.—This ship will sail
on Tuesday morning to load with lumber at
Stamps mill, Burrard Inlet, for Shanghai;
a cargo of 1,000,000 feet having been pur-
chased by Mr. Stewart, who has now four
lumber ships loading on this side and across
the Sound.

THE COURT.—Only one Court will
be held here under the County Court Act
that announced by Chief Justice Needham
for the 15th inst.

WITH A BAR OF IRON.—An Indian was
brought before Mr. Pemberton on Saturday
upon a charge of striking another Indian upon
the head with a bar of iron. The injured
man was suffering from severe wounds, and
the assaulter having pleaded guilty was fined
\$200. He was yesterday morning.

FROM CARIBOO.—A meeting of the
Board will be held at noon to-day, in the
Colony Building, to consider the
proposition of Mr. [Name] to [Name].

THE ERICSSON.—The Ericsson, last Sunday, washed up for
three shifts, Two Hundred and Fifty-One
Ounces and Ten Dollars, with which they
paid off a considerable debt, and divided
\$300 to the interest. This week they ex-
pected to divide at least \$1000 to the inter-
est, but they have run on high rock again.
The United, Reed, and some others give
good indications, and are expected to pay
well next season.

THE PHILADELPHIA PRESS proposes that a
newly discovered land of fire and
permeable reservation. There is kindness in
the proposition. It would be preparatory

GRATITUDE.—"Bury me," said Gen.
Butler, and put on my humble monument
the simple inscription, "Here lies one who
saved the lives of his soldiers at Fort
Fisher."
Whereupon the Louisville Journal in-
dulges in the following comments: "Don't
you know me," said a soldier to his former
commander. "No, my friend, I don't."
"Why, sir, you once saved my life." "Ah, but
how was that?" "Why, my dear sir, I
served upon you at the battle of [Name],
and when you ran away in the begin-
ning of the fight, I ran after you—else I
might have been killed. God bless you,
my preserver, my benefactor!"

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