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## This news.

 TThe steamer Orogon has brought us no being still unrepaired in the vicinity of FortLaramie, on account ot the hostilitee with the Laramie, on accoont of the hosilitities with the ablibhed between the and the United States, is oraating much ais.
atithaction along te borders. Patitiona and
depatations to Wasbington bave been the deppatations to Wasbington have been the
ordoro of the day from Detroit and other
tifies siminarl gircumatsoced, but they have Tidently no effect on Secretary Sewurd.
The Eaglish papers are not unusually beginning to be fell, poverty mokes itself nore distressingly promiars is devoted to
olumn of the Liondon Times
its representations and its claime on publio ympathy and support. As one of the thousanad he case is put of a dock laboter's widow
mho is lef with three of four ehiliden, sSte
 Weelk. If she goes into a workhouse, she
separated from them, put into bad comhope in the world. What is to bo done with her? Many other oases may be put leading Perhaps we don't know much about it, but
 Passage, and a great deal more, but very
little about the futeriors of metropolitan workhouses in which 30,000 or 40,000 people
are shut up to live and die. We don't know much more of the condition of several time
this number of 'outdoor poor,' whether the are regetating on their scanty pittances, o
eking it out with petty employments, or doitbing an
The Times suggests as one of the remedies for the destitution in London a co-operation Metropolitan Socieities. We are afraid, however, that the efforts of all the Poor Laws
and all the benerolent Societies will ac-
complish litile in reduoing the suffering. and prizations of the poor in an over-populated country. There is but one remedy for th
deêtitute unemployed, and that is-give them wprk, Since this cannot be done in Great
Britain; the most 'statesmantike policy is evidently to send the poor to those colonies that
are more urgently in want of labor. England are more urgenty in wat there is no economy
will fibd it the end that
in retaining hundreds of thousands of people se subjeats of perpetual and most trequently unavaing eharity, and that it is cheaper to
get ind of "the elephant" at almost any cost The worshippers of direct taxation are not
contined to Vancouver Island. The Liverpool Financial Reform Association are agitating
Erose duties in England. They appls to Mr. Cobden for assist ance, and that geotleinin responds by
telling them fia the worde of $A$ mioadab Sleek, thatt "it is not fin his line "-that he wages
war more againat daties when they aspume the form of protection. Mr, Cobden's idea of protection, like that of all political eeonomists, is to aserifioe one notuatr
natural to the country to another that is either nof natural or not eaby of introduction. In a country like England so fall of industries
this is the only enlightered poliog; but in this is the only enlightesed policy; but in
one like out own that has her idednatries yet one like our own that has her industries ye
to make the rule does not only pot apply, but is zatually the reverse. The Reform Associ-

| the opponents of taxation generally, have met with very much support. On all they, are looked upon as little better "fanatios." One celebrated London jou indeed applies this term, and discourse the following manner on cuatoms do "They are" it says, "the only possible fo of self taxation, - in other words, the taxes you oan avoid paying if you pla without losing your liberty,-or that ca so timed, if you do pay them, as to meet convenience and resources of the taxed. only is this a priviego worth pasing for is probably saver more than it costs. |
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|  |  | province of Assam, where the tea-plant has $n$

late been largely cultivated, and cooverting
the inkabitants into slaves. To bring these marauders to some kind of terms it will be Ambassador from Calcutta. On this gentle
man's arrival at the Bhootan Court, instea of compelling the natives to restitution,
was illowased and obliged, through menaces, to code away a portion of the Assam ferritory
Sir Jobn Lawronee, however, is not only
unwilling to give the Bhootans the country claimed, but is determined to panish them onvoy and their outrages on the peaceful equipped and sent against these bavages o the Himalaya. It is "by all acconnts a mos
hazardous expedition. A considerable portio of the journey lies through a sickly jungle
on the Assam side of the Bhootan territory. This past, the mountains make their appear
ance, and it is to vecappy their most import ant passen and add another portion
Asiaticterritory to the British Empire Sir Joho Lawrenee has fitted out this military axpedition. The difficillies to be oncoun
tered in the task are almost inconeeivable and the fatigue to be endured unparalleled,
but we doubt not that the invincible bravery Which reconquered lodia, and paralyzed the
Sepoy hosts, wrill again make the Eastern
savage bow to the dust, and submit to that despised. cruiser Sea King or Shenandoah has bee
heard of. The San Francisco Bulletin of th
 by this time se is is in the neig
the Cape of Good Hope.
Thr Bible in Rome.-It has been decreed rnment "that for the future no. Englishman's Bible is to be touched on his arrival or during
his
hojourn in Rome. The order has been officiaily commanicated to Eagland by the
British Conanal at Rome, and io ot course, ,n-
deratood to extend to the Italian translation
nd editions. Thif Cudon Bax Clatima it the Unityd stares-The Hadion Bay Treaty Commis-
ioners are in session at Washington for the purpose of adjasting matters betwoen the Cuabing represente the intereats of Oregon
and Wattington Territory. -Oregonian.

 Washington.
Arrangements bave been made for two Norfolk to take place at Sacramento in May
nd September. A woman called Callaban had a two h
dred dollar sit of false eeth stolen from
mouth while she was asleen in her hous he Stsford street, last week.
The Colifornia State Telegraph Company
vill, during this week, lay another sabmarine vill, during this week, lay another sabmarine
cabbe across the Golden Gate. Thiin oable
has four condcting wires, and weigh sbot six tons per mile, being the largest ever lai
in the United Sototes. Arrived-Guaysquil, seventy days from
Valparaiso, with a a cargo of flour isportsman
forty-ihree days from Val paraiso, with
 Foo Chow.
Yrike, Feb. 12-Last night about eight
o'olookk the prisoners in the county jail hgre,


 tant. This forenoon King was foond in the
chapparal, aboun a mile, room lown. Foste
and the other man are till at liberty.
The weather is cold and cloudy. It ho

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As Thy Whir.-The brig Sheet
is now lying at the Oompany's wharf, where
she will commenoe diecharging this moraing.

