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now to the estimated of enditure transmited for d they find that the revd to produce £153,615. ous nature of the esti-Lords would have been it the prudence of an alculated on a rise from nal receipts of 1864, to

however, in the Return Disbursements of the companied the Colonial Ith January last, that regular revenue from or the second quarter of 39,511. It is possible, though the return for ter appeared to be so expectations as regards n that year have been ch should be the case, admit that it would be st satisfactory justificapolicy which has been ards this Colony.

refore, though with conthe correctness of the ue, the amount applica-s of the year 1865 will

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to the abstract of the diture for the year, it apount to be expended by within the Colony, as per clusive, and item No 15, ers £160,000; and if to he liabilities as stated pear that the charges for £267,369 as against reg, under the most favores, to only £262.255

aware that the estimates framed previous to any actual produce of the 65: and they hope, from Governor's despatch of that some portion of the liture on roads, &c., will n postponed until inforved as to the produce of

that loan is now ex financial affairs of the ring the current year. bich has of late years

year, my Lords would bey could sauction for the ther extension of the los y think that the Governor cted that the expenditure at not be based on the supis again at liberty to inf it on the prospect of any he should be warned as sible against that hasty and naidered expenditure which apt to encourage, but the which on the cessation of seldom prevented without

nary care. refer to deal thus generally diture of British Columbia years in question, partly its being at this time a past, and partly because at that of the current year ter material for an opinion will condition of the Colony. ips, however, request that ive as early as possible as from the Governor of the and disbursements within 5. together with a full acabilities of the Colony at at period.

n, &c., Hugh C. E. Childers. ers. Bart.

STORY,-An English paper -"A year or two ago, there raordinary scene at a wedding should be said that the officies an was an intimate friend of which may, perhaps, extend-f caution and compliance with ngh the oversight committed by incident was sufficiently rewe freely make it over to the esinaids asked the clergypened to have with him the nse, as she had a great desire to er budily eyes, that sacred and ent. All at once the thought the mind of the unhappy man erformed the marriage without at once explained the unacreight which he and the bride-mmitted. A scene of terror ensued. The parents caught lady from the embrace of the and carried her off to a place licence was promptly procured, ies were married afresh next the unbappy clergyman was ole by the threat of a criminal The Weekly British Galanist. AND CHRONICLE.

Tuesday, January 28 1868;

Milan, to sail for Port Townsend on the 12th A few days ago we gave room to inst, the bark Buena Vista, discharging an article taken from the London stores, and three Russian vessels lying at anchor in the harbor. The weather had been Times based upon the projected Honcold and clear, and there had been no gales duras railway, which is intended to connect the Atlantic with the Pacific since November last. The officers and sol-Ocean, thus saving some eleven diers of the garrison and the citizens were all in good health. The Indians were quiet hundred miles of travel by water, The market is well supplied by the natives and reducing by five days the time now consumed in making the trip market has been established by the Corporafrom San Francisco to the East. tion, where all game must be brought for The loan when put on the London sale. The Alert took up a cargo of vegetamoney market met with remarkable success. The applications exceeded ed on the 5th January, after a passage of 18 days. The captain reported foggy weather. the amount, and the lists were filled up in two days. The original comarrived at New Archangel. pany, under whose supervision the first surveys of this route across Henduras were initiated, was an American deceased intestate, will be argued. The incorporation, but the rights and frame chises of the roadwere subsequently transferred to an Haglish company, which was strongly backed by the English Government, for political considerations, until the failure of the English claims in Honduras, in 1859 when there was a change in the Ministry, and the succeeding Cabinet looked coldly upon an enterprise which no longer had any political value to Great Britain. Accordingly, in 1860, the company went into liquidation, and the project was abandoned until the indomitable Alvarado, Minister at Paris from Hondaras, has succeeded in bringing the matter favorably before European capitalists, should have their supplies stopped. and a loan has been put on the market by the new company with the result above stated. Upon the completion of this road the Australian and New Zealand line of steamers, which now future pay no postage after arrival in this send their passengers and freight Colony. The custom that has obtained here across the Isthmus of Darien, will transfer their business to the Honduras route, and new steamship companies will be formed to compete with the lines now in existence for the California carrying trade. The building of the Honduras railway will be one of he next steps in the international Royal Arch sprons and badges, and sets of be opened by the Japanese on the 1st of Jan. struggle for the trade of the Far East, and although it will be five years at least before the road can be built, and there will be then two other railroads between the queans, it will be still be a very important commercial route, and The saving of five days' steamer travel from San Francisco and New York will be a matter of vast

The able and exhaustive letter upon the Ordinance regulating the County Courts of this Colony, which appeared yesterday, is worthy the considerstion of the members of the Council at the approaching session. The writer shows that the Ordinance is both contradictory and cumbersome in the latter respect semewhat resembling its author. The absurdity of the clause in the Ordinance which provides that so much of five tremendously long Imperial statutes as are applicable to this Colony shall apply here, must be apparent at a glance to even an unprofessional mind; and the clause which places it at the discretion of a Stipendiary Magistrate, who may never have looked within a Statute book before receiving his appointment, to time. grant or refuse an appeal, is monstrous, and likely to inflict great injury upon unfortunate litigants. All that is required for this Colony is a short Act, complete initself, and so comprehensive as to convey its full meaning at a glance. The present Ordinance is a legal abortion. It does not answer the requirements in any respect, and should be repealed or amended as soon as possible after the first sitting of the Council orred redio

importance in this hurrying age, when

trade and commerce seek to annihi-

late time and space.

Friday, January 24; THE Enterprise yesterday morning carried away a few passengers and a small quantity of freight for Burrard Inlet.

WE telegraphed to Quesnelmouth last evening for mining news, but the Cariboo stage bad not arrived.

CENTRAL SCHOOL-This school opened on Wednesday with 53 pupils-20 girls and 33 China and Japan.

LATER FROM ALASKA .- I he schooner Alert,

Capt, McKay, from New Archangel on the

6th of January, arrived yesterday morning.

The Alert touched at Fort Rupert and found

Capt. Monat and family well. The Resaca

The steamer Emms, of Victoria, arriv-

SUPREME COURT—At the Supreme Court

to-day the matter of Isase Humphreys,

important case, which involves many thous

and dollars and in which the Crown has

heavy interest, but for some unassigned

reason he declines to appear and conduct the

case in an Island Court. We de not say

that the case for the Crown will be jeopard-

ised by the absence of the learned Attorney

General-in fact, we believe its chances are

better without than with him -but we do

think it a great hardship that our tax-ridden

Colony should be called on to pay the salary

of an official who employs another gentleman

THE NEW POSTAL ARBANGEMENT-Through

an omission in the Government Gazette we

Colony. The abolition of these charges will

be an additional advantage to our citizens.

All matter mailed within the Colony must be

MASONIC INSIGNIA-At London House

have just been received beautifully wrought

procure the appropriate emblems.

and the case was remanded.

Year dawns to-day, and the Johns are

making preparations to receive and entertain

guests. The festivities will be kept up for

several days amid the enapping of fire-

MECHANICS INSTITUTE A spacious box

has been placed at the foot of the stairs of

the Mechanics' Institute building for the re-

ception of prize writings On the Scenery of

Beacon Hill, and for the original conumdram-

his pockets among some boys who were play-

ing at the foot of Vallejo street, San Fran-

ciero, on the 6th inst., filled his pockets

with stones, and, wading into the water be-

HARRIS' POND-A fire-engine flooded the

ice at Harris' pend last night, and grand

skating is anticipated to day. Thomas of the

Bee Hive will be on hand as usual, and

nothing will be lacking to insure a pleasant

Col. F. McGabey, of San Francisco,

his room on the following morning.

tendance of 'Scotia's Sons' will be large.

A TELEGRAM to this office last evening from

Portland states Libas Columbia River is

blocked with ice from the mouth to Vancou-

ver. The Portland mails are sent overland

between Vancouver and Monticello.

yond his depth, was drowned.

An unknown men divided the contents of

trackers and the discharge of small arms.

prepaid at former rates.

(FROM THE SAN PRANCISCO ALTA) By the P. M. S. S. Company's steamer

China we have Shanghai dates to November 27th and Yokohama dates of December 6th. and Jamestown (U.S. men of war) the bark The news from Japan is meagre, and will be ound in our Kanagawa correspondence Nagasaki is to be the rendezvous of the British squadron. The rumor of Stotsbaski's owneds siCHINAds Jads bra ;

The Hongkong papers congratulate their readers on the fact that news had been receive ed at that place in 18 days from London, having been sent from the latter place to Calcatta by telegraph and thence carried by steamer to Hongkong in sixteen days. The with venison, ducks and geese. A public Press says it is the best time ever made; mail time is thirty-six days from London.

The Yellow River had burst its banks again and was creating great devastation in the province of Shantung. The population of the province of Takes were in a famishing conlition, and the Government supplies of rice, it was feared, would be cut off by the closing of navigation, as ice was forming in the principal rivers. The U.S. Consul at Feechew The schooner Growler, of Victoria, had also

The Shanghai News Letter of the 27th Norember says that a band of robbers climbed over the city wall a short time ago, and dur-ing the night looted some jewelry and pawn shope and got away at clear, much to the dis-comiture of Ying, Taeutac.

The East India Telegraph Company have, it is said, on the way out from England the Attorney General has been notified of this

cable for a sabmarine line between Hongkong and Shanghai, and in the course of an-The News Letter learns with regret that Wells, Fargo & Co. have decided to close up their business in China. The necessity for an American backing and express house in

Shanghai is said to be increasing.

At Hankow, on Wednesday, Nov. 20th, at 10 a. m., three tremendous shocks were telt; caused by explosions of guapowder on the opposite side of the river. Windows, lamps and crockery in almost all the foreign houses at an additional expense to the Government on the Bund were damaged or smashed to to perform the duty he was appointed pieces; and the consternation of everyone to do. These are not the times for 'putting was inconceivable. The scene of disaster proved to be Wuchang, and beyond Shav on airs,' and officials have got to work as Shan, or 'Serpent Ridge,' For some diswell as other people for their bread or they tance around the powder factory, named Paogau-Keuh, or 'Rest-Securing Depot,' and the magazine called Yung Gan Koo, or Eternal Rest Store,' the streets were impassable, and dead bodies of hundreds of Chinese were prevented from stating on Monday last were seen lying about among the ruins of the that incoming letters and papers will in houses. It is impossible to conjecture the loss of life and destruction of property. The Viceroy was on the spot early, giving all the relief in his power, and the mandarins, as in was to charge five cents on each letter and duty bound, were belping him to relieve the two cents on each paper coming into the

wounded and houseless. The Snanghai News Letter of the 27th of November says: We are advised that the United States squadron will rendezvous st Nagasaki within the coming month, to make preparations to proceed, in connection with the English and French fleets, to Osacca and Nagata, the new treaty ports gnaranteed to

jewels pertaining to the Order, of The News Letter has the following in reexquisite workmenship and finish. A Royal gard to an alleged discovery of gold in Rus-Arch Chapter having just been established

We are informed by a gestleman now in here, the Brethren will, no doubt, avail town, and lately from Passiett, that extensive themselves of the opportunity thus offered to nation Island, about twenty miles from Port May in Russian Siberis. Our informant has Police Court. - Yesterday Wm. Struthers. seen specimens of the ore, and pronounces the Pacific, and especially to that of larely from Fort Hope, Fraser River, was the whole country particularly rich in gold brought before Mr. Pemberton upon a charge The Russians, however, are very jealous, and had driven away a party of some 600 Chinawoman with whom he had cohabited. Struthsaid to be found in rotten quartz, and also ers' gave bail to appear again in one week, surface diggings.

CURIOUS STORY.

(From the Montreal Telegraph, December 12th.) The Post Office is not a place that would be suspected as a source of fun, far less as the field for the acting of a seriocomic drama. It appears that phrenological qualification is now necessary to retain a position in that office. For some time past the Postmaster was not satisfied that all was right, and being a firm believer in the development of certain bumps, the significance of which is explained by a class of men distinguished as phrenologists, he had the heads of the clerks of the establishment examined, and the result was most unsatisfactory in the case of three of those employed in the office. The moral and intellectual bumps were found deficient, so much so that it was impossible to retain these gentlemen any longer as public servants. The interests of the public must all times be protected, and it will be a delightful satisfaction that a science so much abused by some, can be applied with such conclusive results. It is not known whether the committed spicide at the Occidental Hotel in city on the 9th inst. by thrusting a dagger same experiment will be made in the other branches of the public service.

to the hilt in his neck The unfortunate man was found lying dead on the floor of A correspondent of the Freeman states that there are at present only three Irishmen in the Pontifical service Lieuten-CALEDONIAN BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION ant Darcy, Lieutenant Delahoyde, and Dr O'Flynn, of the Zonaves; while there are upwards of twenty Englishmen in the DINNER. - The annual dinner of the Caledopian Benevolent Association will be given at the St. George Hotel this evening. The at-No Police Court was held . Kmrs lagar

A colored barrister, Mr Rainy, of Sierra Leone, appeared as one of the counsel in a case before the Court of Queen's Bench. recently. The learned gentleman, whose appearance excited some interest at the bar, stated the case with considerable

ability. THANKS-Our thanks are due Col. Bulk-We hear that a 'strict Baptist preachley, of the W. U. Telegraph Company, and er' went into a hall in Camberwell the Captain Maraden, of the clipper ship Nightingale, for files of late San Francisco papers. other Sunday evening where Divine service is held, and was horrified to hear great generally. No mention is made of loss THE Sir James Douglas, from Nanaimo, a hymn character sung to the tune of London, January 18—Immediately upon arrived yesterday afternoon at half-past four. that well known song, Am I not fondly the arrival of the steamer Scotia at Queens-The cold spell continues on the East Coast. thine own?"

discovered, writes the New York Tribune, in a small desert island in the Bay of Morbihan, France, a very fine Cromlech, containing more than sixty obelisks of granite, forming a regular circle of 180 metres in circumference. A curious fact is that only one-half of this Cromlech, which is supposed to have been a Druidiresignation as Tycoon or Shogoon is desied. cal altar, is now on dry land, owing to the encroachment of the sea. M. de Closmadeuc has made large excavations in the neighborhood, and discovered an enormous quantity of pottery, similar to that found in Celtic monuments; several hundred flints worked by man, as well as a large number of stone hatchets.

> A very important movement has been initiated by the Rev. F. C. Simmons, rector of the High School of Otago, who petitioned the House of Representative to take steps to institute scholarships, "to bill for a railroad loan of forty million be open to all young men resident within the colony of New Zealand, to be obtained by public competition, and tenable during good conduct, at one of the universities of the United Kingdom." The movement has been warmly taken up in Dunedin, and a public meeting was held, at which it was proposed to take steps to found a college in New Zevland, the proposed scholarships to be regarded only as an interim measure; and, from the increasing interest taken in the subject by all classes, there is every probability of this course being adopted.

The "Fat Contributor" on Farm

Being invited recently to deliver an gricultural address before a Harvest Iome Association in Central New York. on the occasion of their annual festival. the "Fat Contributor" consented. We make the following eloquent extract from

his address :- "Although fortune (or perhaps the want of it) cast my lot amid the struggling multitude of a great city, where you wouldn't see a farm in a walk of several squares, where there are no meadows with heir waving potato tops, or wheat fields ripe for the woodman's axe, yet I have always felt a deep interest in the farming classes, and I flatter myself that I know something of the noble pursuit you follow. will say here that it has been the ambition of my whole life to be an honest old farmer-to earn my bread by the sweat of a hired man's brow. How delightful life on a farm must be. I can imagine what vigor is imparted to the frame, and what strength to the muscles, by reclining in the shade and watching the mowers as they gaily swing their threshing machines; and then what an appetite one must acquire for the noon-tide lunch by observing the merry respers at work dig-ging their wheat, and their falling apples. How often, in imagination, I have followed you as you went forth of a summer's morning when the dew was on the grass seed, neatly attired in white linen suits with patent leather boots, with your corn shellers swung lightly over your shoulders to cut your winter's wood. I have seemed to hear meadows, as you gathered your water melons and turnips into your — corn houses, while mingled with the busy hum CHINESE NEW YEAR-The Chinese New Phrenelegy in the Mentreal Post Office of your sorghum evaporators, came the musical bleating of your cattle, and the lowing of your sheep and poultry. I can imagine nogreater delight than to gather around the blazing fire-place, regardless of the fascinations of the storm without,

> knitting, base ball, seven up, and other athletic games.

and amuse yourselves with apple paring

. inno Rurencanan Paris, Jan 20-The Patrie, in an editorial on the Eastern question. comments on certain mischievous articles, on Russian journals. It declares that it is dene to create discord and rupture of friendly relations between Prussia and France.

The Lpoque says the Emporor is preparing manifesto assuring Europe of the desire and policy of the French Government to maintain

Berlin, Jan 20-The American Minister is pegotiating for the establishment of a new commercial treaty between the United States

and the North German Confederation. London, Jan 20-Information with regard to Dr Livingston is believed to confirm previous accounts of his safety.

Advices from Japan announce that the new ru er will maintain the stipulation of the commercial treaties made by his predecessor. COPENHAGEN, Jan 20-The bill for the ratification of the transfer of St Thomas is now before the Popular Brance of the Danish

London, Jan 20. The press correspondent at Paris says a feeling of uncasiness exists is political financial circles, owing to the great activity, in the arsenals and dockyards. This setivity, together with the pressure brought to bear on the Corps Legislatif for the passage of the bill for the recognization of the army, impairs confidence in the

stability of peace.

FLORENCE, Jan 15—A large class of the Catholic population who have heretofore refused to recognize Victor Emmanuel's Government by voting, have resolved to take an active part in the next Parliamentary elec-

London, Jan 17-A violent hurricane recently prevailed at Tenerific and vicinity. Ships were driven to sea, houses blown down and unroufed, and the damage was very

CROMLECH. -M. de Closmadeuc has town the police came aboard and quietly arrested George Francis Train, Grinnell and Gee, three passengers, charged with being active members of the American wing of the Fenian organization. These proceedings caused considerable excitement.

Conk, Jan 19-Strict search of the person and baggage of George Francis Train disclosed no proof of his complicity in the Fenian movement justifying his arrest. Train firmally protested through the American

Consul against his detention.

Paris, Jan 18—The Duke De Persigny objects to the bill for the Government press. He thinks the press should not be allowed too much latitude in assailing public and private characters, but favors a bill giving

more treedom to the press.

Shockholm, Jan 18—Parliament was opened yesterday. The King, in his opening speech, favored a formation of all the male population into militis organizations, and the purchase of the most improved arms for the

BERLIN, Jan 18-The Diet has passed a

thalers. FLORENCE, Jan 18-The Party of the Left, has been defeated in the Italian Parliament on a metion to adjourn the debate on the

Budget.
LIMBRICK, Jan 19—The police seized the the arms and ammunition found in the shope of this city to keep them from the Feniane. VIENNA, Jan 19-Kull has been appointed. Minister of War.

The remains of Maximilian arrived from Trieste in charge of a military escort.

Eastern States.

NEW YORK, January 8th.—The Herald's Washington special has the best authority for the statement that the decision of the major-ity of the Supreme Court in the cases of Mis-sissippi and Georgia testing the constitutionality of the Reconstruction Act, will be ad-verse thereto, and that it is likely that the minority of the Court will be smaller than has been supposed. It is even hinted that the Chief Justice may not care to place a dissenting opinion on record. Such a decision will strike down all reconstruction work thus far done, and leave the decision of the next Presidential election in the hands of the

Mr. Ward, in the House, presented a communication calling attention to the Fenians, representing that they had been unjustly arrested while visiting Ireland. Mr. Ward thought it time to take up this subject earns eatly, and offered a resolution directing the Committee on Foreign Affairs to investigate the matter. Adopted.

New York, Jan 8th-The Santiago de Cuba, of the Opposition California line, arrived to-day.

NEW YORK, Jan. 20-Washington specials say the State Department will demand the instant surrender of Train and all American citizens who have not absolutely violated English law. It is believed that the English Government will make immediate reparation. Negotiations for a lease of the Bay of Samana are completed, and will be laid be

fore the Senate.

It is reperted in diplomatic circles that the British Legation has positive information that Train went to Ireland for the purpose of being arrested to make a test question as to the right of England to arrest citizens of the United States for language not used on the light and fore the Senate. English soil.

Bosron, Jan 16-Four hundred inmates of the Deck Island Correctional Institution were suddenly taken ill from the effects of poison, supposed to be arsenic, administered by unknown parties in the food or water. is believed that all will recover except one

mairon. can says there is neither meat nor breadstuffs in Wilkinson County to feed whitee or blacks for three months longer, nor money to buy

MARINGTON, Jau 20—The Senate has ratified the commercial treaties with Made-gasear and Venezuela. The Sandwich islands treaty is not yet taken up.

Augusta, Ga. Dec 28—A negro who raped a white girl on the public road near Louisville, Jefferson County, Saturday just, was arrested on Monday, tied to a stake and burned, by a mixed drowd of whites and blacks. Naw York, Jan 10-The British war steamer has arrived, with the British Minis-

ter and suite as passengers. West Indies.

HEVANA, Jan 19-Jamaica advices of the Ilth state that, the Government has been notified by the British Colonial Office that the responsible offices of the island should be filled by the appointment of persons from England, so as to avoid political prejudice and party influence.

Canada.

MONTREAL, Jan 3d-Several heavy failures of Canadian houses have been reported within few days, in this and other cities.

Toronto, Jan 20-Attempts have been made to blow up the magazine at the garaison here. The sentries have been doubled.

A curious ittustration of the tondness of old Yorkshiremen for cruel field sports is remembered at Leeds. A West Riding miner had a bull pup, which he was training to bait bulls and badgers. Going down to the mine one morning, he strictly enjoined on his son the duty of teaching the pup some bailing accomplishment. The boy was dili-gent in his vocation, and, when his father came up in the evening, exclaimed with triumph, Noo, feyther, you just go doon on your hands and knees in front of t' pup, and snarl and say, Blatherum, blatherum, blatherum, and see what t' pup'll do.' The man obeyed, and in an instant the pup flew at him and fastened on his nose. He quivered with agony, when the boy shouted out, Don't make him let go, feyther! it'll be t' making of t' pup.'

A 'converted burglar' is preaching sensational sermons at Wilton, in Wiltshire.

COMMODORE J. T. WAIKINS, a veteras mail steam-hip captain, and well known on this coast, was killed near Nagasaki, Japan, by falling down the hold of his own steamer.