

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

The Behring Sea Seizures in Violation of International Law.

Thinking as the Existing Laws—Higher Official Salaries—Revolutions in the House of Representatives.

WASHINGTON, D. C. Feb. 23.

One of the most important questions under consideration in Washington today is undoubtedly the fisheries question. Upon it hangs a very large measure of the maintenance of international law between Great Britain and the United States, as well as the welfare and prosperity of the people on either side.

BEHRING SEA SEIZURES.

There seems however, to be good reason to believe that while the United States will adhere to its announced policy in respect to the fisheries, it is prepared to admit that the seizures of British ships were in violation of international law.

WRECKED OFF CAPE FLATTERY.

The German ship Salisburg becomes wrecked off Cape Flattery and is abandoned by the crew who are saved.

POOR TOWNSHIP, FEB. 17.

The British bark Seiruii was wrecked on the morning of the 17th inst. off Cape Flattery.

THE MEETING OF MR. WHITE OF INDIANA.

On the ground of his not being a naturalized citizen of the United States Mr. White will naturally be ineligible to the position of Speaker of the House.

THE ABSORBING QUESTION.

In political circles, and every other congressional session to think it his duty to introduce a tariff or other measure.

AMERICAN NEWS.

Disaster at Panama.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 18.—The steamer Granada, which arrived from Panama late this afternoon, brings further details of the trouble in Guayaquil.

CHICAGO, Feb. 18.

The prospect for the speedy capture of Young Jackson, the murderer of Millionaire Smith, is stated to be good.

CABLE NEWS.

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A Package of Gunpowder Thrown Into a House Explodes, Wrecking the Building.

Legislation Restricting Students' Clubs—Earthquake in France—Crisis in Sweden.

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CAPITAL NOTES.

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Terms of Treaty Not Yet Known—The Alaska-British Columbia Boundary—Ottawa Correspondent.

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