

The Colonist.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1893.

A CHALLENGE.

The News-Advertiser continues its vain attempts to divert attention from its own want of loyalty to the Province by falsely asserting that the Premier "in his recent tour through the Mainland did his best to arouse a feeling of sectionalism."

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What we challenge the News-Advertiser to do is to produce from a reliable reporter of any speech delivered by the Premier while he was on the Mainland a single passage favoring secession or intended to arouse a feeling of sectionalism.

He was, we understand, not long in finding out that it was not necessary to warn the people of the Mainland against the pernicious teachings of the secessionists. He found that the idea of separation was so deeply seated in the minds of the people that he would have to do his best to discountenance sectionalism and to show that to attempt to carry it out into practice would be ruinous to the whole Province.

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CHINESE EXCLUSION. The McGreevy bill which is to take the place of the Geary Act has passed the House of Representatives by a very large majority.

By the passage of this law the American Government get out of a very unpleasant and embarrassing position. The Geary Act was, without doubt, an open and a glaring violation of the treaty between the United States and China.

It is his duty, they contended, to carry out the law, no matter what his opinion of its nature may be. He is bound by his oath to administer the law as he finds it on the statute book. He cannot override it or set it aside.

China and he would embroil the United States with that country; if he did not carry it out in good faith he would render himself liable to impeachment.

A SIGNIFICANT DEMONSTRATION. The visit of the British Mediterranean squadron to Italy may have had nothing to do with the visit of the Russian fleet to France, but it will be very hard to convince the world that there is no connection between the two demonstrations.

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It has been thought that Germany, Austria and Italy are of themselves a match for Russia and France combined. It would appear, however, that the German Emperor has not felt quite secure and that he has recently directed Great Britain would join the triple alliance.

It will be indeed singular if a dissolution is precipitated, not by the action of the House of Lords, but by a dissolution within the ranks of the Irish section of the Home Rule party.

A BORN CANADIAN. Lord Elgin, who has been appointed Governor-General of India, is by birth a Canadian.

A WOMAN INFIDEL AND ANARCHIST. A woman infidel or a woman anarchist is fortunately a rare creature, happily so rare that when she is seen she is looked upon as a kind of curiosity.

MOORS VS. SPANISH. PARIS, Oct. 21.—A dispatch received from Tangier by the Spanish ambassador in this city states that it is believed that the reply of the Sultan of Morocco to the first of the Spanish notes will be given before the Spanish operations at Melilla begin.

OUTSIDE THE PALE. CINCINNATI, Oct. 21.—A private despatch received in this city yesterday, states that the New York Synod of the Presbyterian Church has not only refused to open the church to Rev. Briggs, but declined to send a visiting committee to Union Seminary, thereby ignoring the institution altogether and placing it outside the pale of the church.

A HEAVY CORONATION. There is other misery or combination of miseries, as does Burdock's Blood Purifier, in its wide range of power over such chronic ailments as dyspepsia, liver and kidney complaint, neuralgia and all humors of the blood.

BATTLE STORIES TO ORDER. The San Francisco Call Reculles Its Boy Readers Into Paths of Literature.

A Novel Contest Ended and the Prize Story Presented.

Recently invited its boy readers to enter into a literary competition, offering a prize for the best short battle story written under the stipulated conditions. The boys were asked to imagine themselves in command of U.S.S. Oregon, take her into battle and write about it.

At 2 o'clock on the morning of a certain day in 1893 the United States steamer Oregon, myself commanding, arrived in the Straits of Juan de Fuca, about twelve miles off the city of Victoria.

THREATENED DEFECTION. Mr Redmond, the chief of the Parnellite section of the Home Rule party, is not pleased with the course of the Home Rule party.

There are now 600 political prisoners in the jail at Rio de Janeiro who have been arrested under orders from Paizoto. Barbosa's friends tell him there are some of cruelty and tyranny daily witnessed in Rio.

MICHIGAN'S RAILWAY HORROR. BATTLE CREEK, Mich., Oct. 20.—Twenty-six heaps of charred, blackened bones, all that remains of what, less than twenty-four hours ago, were men, women and children, in the enjoyment of life, health and happiness, rest upon the floor of an improvised morgue in the basement of a furniture store in this city.

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A STEAMER "DEAL." An Alleged Confidence Game Worked in an Unusual but Successful Manner.

Ole Johnson Chartered His Steamer to Strangers and Fears He Has Lost Her.

A swindling game through which Ole Johnson, of Chico, was cheated out of his little steamer La Poloma was perpetrated a few days ago by a couple of confidence men, working in an unusual manner.

But the alleged Seymour and his partner persuaded Johnson that they were all right; that they were going to Everett to carry the mail, and offered to take along any man Johnson would select to represent him.

BOUNDARY SURVEYORS. Mr. Ogilvie Brings Back the Last Party After a Hard Season's Work.

The last of the boundary survey parties arrived down from Alaska last night, and the members are now in Victoria. This party was in charge of William Ogilvie, one of the most noted of the Dominion surveyors, who had with him William Mackenzie, the assistant in charge.

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FINANCE AND WALL STREET OPERATIONS. Early Settlements. New York, Oct. 20.—Source of the stock market...

DRY GOODS TRADE SHOWS A HEALTHY STREET'S. The great value of it...

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