

THE SEMI-WEEKLY COLONIAL EMPIRE.

para a Constitution for the Society on the model of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia...

A committee was then formed consisting of the Chairman and Secretary, Messrs. Jack, Lawrence, Dole, Burtis, Perley, Starr and Frith.

The meeting broke up, and then the committee had a preliminary meeting, and put their business in train.

The cordiality which prevailed, and the excellent manner in which the business was managed...

We have hardly ever been more of the learning, talent, and mechanical ability of this City...

County of Kent. A correspondent of the "Gleaner," writing from Richibucto, states that the population of the town is 1,115, and of the whole Parish, 3,088.

There was another fall of snow, three last Wednesday of about nine inches. On Thursday there was a blinding drift from North West...

Money Market tight; Provisions easy; Dry Goods a drug in the Market; Liquors brisk with a steady demand; Tobacco, good; Limited demand (tobacco) had in great request.

Address of Condolence to the Queen. The following is the Address of the Corporation of Halifax, to her Majesty Queen Victoria...

To Her Most Gracious Majesty Victoria, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c.

We, the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Halifax, in the Province of Nova Scotia, on behalf of our fellow citizens, venture to approach your Majesty with sincere and respectful confidence...

The removal of a Prince so excellent in all relations of life, who so largely benefited the social institutions of the kingdom, and who was ever in our minds, is felt by all your subjects to be a grievous public loss.

We most fervently supplicate our Heavenly Father to comfort your Majesty, and to bestow that consolation which He alone can afford under this mournful affliction.

Removal of the City Council. (Signed) P. CARLETT BILL, Mayor of City of Halifax.

Halifax, 9th Jan. A. D. 1862. Halifax and I have been forwarded from the various cities of Canada, and St. John is almost by itself in its neglect to send the customary address on this melancholy occasion.

THE FIRE AT PORTLAND. A fire broke out between 11 and 12 o'clock last night in a house in Sheriff Street, Portland, owned by Frank Crawford, which with the manufactory and owned by David Walsh, were destroyed.

Resumption of the Route between Boston and St. John. The following gratifying piece of information we find in the St. Croix Herald:—

It is gratifying to learn that the Steamer Forest of the International line, will in a few weeks be placed on the route from Boston to Eastport and St. John.

Colonel Favor's Adventures. The following notice of the late mishap of Col. Favor, appears in the Herald:—

It is a narrow escape. We are glad to find that our excellent and most obliging friend the Colonel has sustained no damage, although he had a narrow escape.

FROM CALIFORNIA. CONTINUATION OF THE EXTENSION.—REMOVAL OF THE LEGISLATURE TO SAN FRANCISCO.—SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 21.—The weather is serene. Money is universally tight.

The State Legislature reassembled at Sacramento yesterday. Most of the city of Sacramento is still under water.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 22.—The rainy weather continues. The members of the Legislature at Sacramento pass to and from the Capitol building in small boats.

The steamer St. Louis sailed yesterday for Panama, with 90 passengers and \$800,000 in treasure, of which \$600,000 is for New York.

SUMMARY OF EUROPEAN NEWS.

We give below summaries of News from the various countries of Europe:—

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The Archbishop of Paris to the Emperor on New Year's Day in the Imperial reply to the President of the Senate, the Emperor having expressed a hope that the Constitution would assist him in perfecting the Constitution.

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It speaks volumes for the loyalty of our troops that more have not fallen into the temptations held out by these army pimps, who, no doubt, assure their victims of double pay and speedy promotion.

The 62nd are a fine body of men; they look a little seely, compared with the two splendid regiments you have in Quebec, but there was the bone and muscle which constitutes the "Ugly Customs" and the "honeycombed" bayonet. I think if some of our farmers' sons were to see the comforts with which they are provided, they would come to the conclusion that a soldier's life is not so slow after all, and beats the California and River River speculations hollow.

I was struck with the appearance of a young sergeant of this regiment left behind, with half-a-dozen men, to see the whole of his corps through. He had the manners, education and intelligence of a gentleman. His age I should judge, about twenty; and if there is any truth in the existence of that reform in the army, which is said to encourage this class to join the ranks, my lad will, I hope, some day sport the epaulet.

After all it is a masterly coup, this bringing a British Army from the extremity of the British American possessions into the heart of them. It brings home to the senses of the subject the nature of the protection afforded them. It inspires them with a feeling of nationality, nor can they be without some feeling of gratitude when they reflect that they are not called upon to contribute one penny of taxation towards the great outlay which they witness. I hear there was an abundant harvest of hay and oats between this place and New Brunswick; prices threatened to rule low. The demand for these now is brisk, and this added to the employment of some trainings along the road is enriching the farmer, and perhaps he may be forgotten if he sometimes finds himself on the point of saying "Wilkes, could boy yer a darlin'."

The Saving Banks of Boston and Federal Currency. The Boston Courier of last Monday, reviews the course pursued by the Federal Government since May last, in money matters, and after relating the course of events, states that the want of success in naval and military operations, has brought the treasury department into the empty condition in which it is now found. The Courier then says:—"And with all this experience of past failure, there is now proposed, as a plan to remedy past and prevent evils:—

"1. An issue of irredeemable paper;—

"2. A bill to provide a national currency, which with proper taxation, to which all agree, are expected to lead us to safety.

It is a great error to suppose that the men of wealth have the deepest interest in a sound currency. It is the comparatively poor man, whose whole accumulation are either in cash or in his pocket, or deposited in Savings Banks, whose interest is most seriously affected by a devalued currency. The deposits in the Savings Banks of Massachusetts in 1861 were forty-five millions of dollars. Nearly the whole of these are invested in promissory notes; when the loans were made, the amount was equivalent to coin. 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SKATING SONG.

Last week there was much skating on the ponds of the Central Park, New York, and a skating tournament is shortly to take place there...

Miscellaneous.

Army of the Potomac.

(From the special Correspondent of the New York World.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.

Across the river marshes are really in an unusual condition. The rain and mist continue with us; we have not seen the sun for a fortnight; the mud is worse than ever...

YANKEE ZOUAVES.—Philiander Doesticks, who claims to be an Ellsworth Zouave, thus narrates the experience of his regiment after receiving their uniforms from the Military Commission...

SMALL POX.—This infectious disease is very prevalent throughout the district of Columbia, and in certain sections of the city...

THE GOOD UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN ENGLAND AND FRANCE.

Some of the London papers have lately indulged in gross insinuations towards France, the Emperor, and the Ministry...

THE "ENTENTE CORDIALE."

"We wish to draw the attention of the English public, we know, sympathetic with good understanding between France and England...

AMERICAN FINANCE AND PAPER CURRENCY.

(From the New York World.)

"In the darkest days of 1812, the high-toned administration of MADISON never dreamed of resorting to this discreditable and demoralizing expedient...

MANEERS CHANGE WITH THE TIMES.—The London Review says: "Strange transformations distinguish the days in which our lot is cast."

AN ORANGE ANTICTION.—The London City Press thus describes the honors of an Orange auction in the City:—"By the time a hundred lots had been sold, the room was becoming inconveniently crowded."

hammer of his, and ever presenting his soothing smile and shrewd eye to each of the company in turn, the advice meant so many hidden boxes of oranges, Bids of sixpences, made so rapidly and incoherently that it was quite hopeless for the writer hereof to attempt to follow or track them...

CONNECTION BETWEEN WINE AND THEFT.

London says:—"One peculiarity in the 'good society' of London strikes me as worthy of remark. It is the comparatively small quantity of wine imbibed at dinners, and the entire avoidance of 'small talk' about the age, vintage, quality, etc., etc., of wines."

The Censorship at Washington and Falsification of News.

The intelligent people of the North are beginning to be weary of the deceptions practised upon them by falsified telegrams from Washington, transmitted under Government censorship...

IMPOSITION PREVENTED.

The Montreal Commercial Advertiser says:—"An attempt to impose upon the military authorities here has been promptly met and defeated. Two thousand and one hundred and twenty-five dollars were wanted for the troops, and while the contracts were pending, speculators sought to get all the money in the market suitable for the purpose, and held it for a large advance."

THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE AND THE PRESS.

Although the House passed a resolution in the early part of this session, instructing the Committee on the Judiciary to investigate the military censorship of the press now in force in the Washington telegraph office, for the purpose of seeing if it is not applied to political uses, the committee has not yet reported...

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Office, No. 4, Judge Eichel's Building Princess St. Jan 10 O. D. WEITMOLE, Secretary.

Conundrums.

A book of conundrums has just been published in London by Edmund Syer Fulcher, from which we make the following selection as specimens of its amusing power.

"Why is a kiss like a sermon? It requires two heads and an application."

"Why are teeth like verbs? They are regular, irregular and defective."

"Was Eve High or Low Church? Adam thought her Eve-angelical."

"If a bear were to get into a linen-dresser's shop, what would he want? He would want mazzin."

"Why is it impossible for a young who lops to believe in the existence of pen-penies? He takes every Miss for a Myth."

"When are words not weeds? When they become weeds."

"In what part of the Times can we find broken English? In the bankrupt list."

"What part of a fish is like the end of a book? The fin."

"Which of the English monarchs had most reason to complain of his laundress? John, when his baggage was lost in the Wash."

"When was Napoleon most shabbily dressed? When he was out at Elba (elbow)."

"What fish was most pleased by a happy wife? Her-ling."

"What part of fish weighs most? The scales."

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