

Saturday, January 9, 1869

European Mail Summary.

The election returns up to the 22d November show that the liberals have at least 150 majority in the House. It was estimated that they would have 120 majority on the amendment which will be proposed to the Parliamentary address in reply to the Queen's speech. Some people are disposed to think that such strength of numbers will be dangerous to the liberals, fearing that it will tend to produce discord in the party. This apprehension is perhaps imaginary, as nearly all the liberals who have been elected have pledged themselves to their constituents to sustain Mr Gladstone, and the fate of the Addlamites, who have all come to grief, is a warning to bolters. Two fortunate results are considered to be secured—viz., the displacement of the conservatives and the acquisition of power sufficient to exert a decisive pressure on the House of Lords for pushing through the measures for the disestablishing the Irish Church. The aristocratic section of the whig party is charged with intriguing to have the Earl Granville invited by the Queen to form a new ministry, and the radicals are indignant at this underhand course. It is anticipated that the new House of Commons will be on the whole remarkably practical and business-like in character. The exclusion of Mr Osborne, Mr Roebuck and other eccentric individuals is a matter of general congratulation; nor is the loss of the conservative lawyers, including the Attorney General and Solicitor General, much lamented. Regret is felt that none of the workingmen's candidates, who fell for want of money and organization, will be in the House to represent that element in the government. Despatches were received announcing the election of Charles Buxton, liberal, from Surry East; Mr W Johnston, conservative, for Belfast, Ireland; Sir R Bouverie, liberal, for Westbury; Hon C Horsman, for Stroud. A heavy fall of snow occurred in England Nov. 14. The Daily News has reason to believe that the Bishop of Ely, Dr Harold Browne, is to be the new Archbishop of Canterbury, but no other paper seems to know anything about the matter. It would be not the best, but we believe a very good appointment. Mr Harold Browne is learned, liberal and eminently just. Mr Bright made a most dangerous proposal at Birmingham recently. He recommended that the majority of members know little about the Balmora Committee should be appointed every year which should go into the whole question, hear opinions, and make a report on every item in the Estimates. Clearly Mr Bright intends that such a report should be asked on, and the Committee would be, in fact, a Cabinet for financial only. Public policy would be directed by one responsible set of men, and public finance by another irresponsible set, an arrangement which, besides producing utter anarchy in administration, would, we venture to say, in ten years double the expenditure of every Minister would say "yes" to every demand, and leave the Committee to protect the Treasury. There is little news of importance from Spain beyond the fact that the prolongation of the period of suspense respecting the future government excites apprehensions of coming troubles. The Carlist partisans are said to be actively agitating in the northern provinces, while in Catalonia and Andalusia Republican ideas are spreading. The Provisional Government are accused of being pledged to support the pretensions of the Duke of Montpensier. The elections to the Constituent Cortes will be by universal suffrage. The new loan is being liberally subscribed for in Spain. The Times publishes a gratifying account of the improvement of Venetia since her liberation. Her trade has increased from £3,480,000 to £9,160,000, her omage from 283,775 tons to 334,764, while associations are being formed to

organize direct communication with foreign countries, which has hitherto been mainly conducted via Trieste. A line of steamers has been opened to Alexandria, and a Technical College of Commerce is about to be opened. Mr Reverdy Johnson, warned by the Lord Mayor's hospitality, was complimentary to England and to Lord Stanley, and to London and to British institutions generally, that he seems to have been frightened when he read the next day a report of his own speech. Accordingly, he immediately sent a revised edition in sobered terms indeed to the paper, which the Daily News prints side by side with the actual oration, remarking on the great convenience of having two speeches for one occasion. The actual speech was, indeed, obviously meant for England, and the second thoughts for America. Whether the Americans will feel at all gratified by seeing what Mr Reverdy Johnson would wish to have omitted, when he read his own speech the next day, remains to be seen. Probably they will think his second thoughts best, but demur to being asked to substitute them for his first and only acts. The Gaulois announces, although in a somewhat roundabout manner, that the Empress of the French is en route. Et nos quoque tela sparsimus. "We too, have scattered arrows." Such was the motto of the Marquis of Hastings, who died on Tuesday afternoon at the age of twenty-six. So early a death, and such a career, need but a simple record. The Independence Belge says that the French Government has just made a present to the Roman Government of 20,000 muskets, 6,000 of which are Chassepot's—an act of generosity which the Belgian paper thinks will not be overgracious to Italy. It is reported that the ex-Queen of Spain wished to be invited to Compoigne—but as the French Court has never received Don Carlos, her Majesty is not likely to join the Imperial circle. It is expected that the French Chambers will open in December for their last session, as they expire by law in May, 1869. Much curiosity is felt about what the Emperor will say in his address from the throne. In affecting simplicity, accompanied to the grave by his relatives and a few personal friends of the deceased, the corpse of the late Marquis of Hastings was buried in Kensal Green Cemetery on Saturday, the 14th Dec. The late Marquis was not all bad, as those who were in such haste to denounce him were not all good. In reply to a letter from the Honorary Secretary of the National Sunday League, Mr Stuart Mill says that he has repeatedly stated at public meetings that he should vote for the opening of places of instructive recreation, such as museums and libraries, on Sundays. General Prim has addressed a circular in response to a request made by nearly all the Captains General for an increase in the provincial garrisons. The circular announces the concentration of a considerable body of troops in New Castile, which, thanks to the numerous railways and telegraphs, could be instantly despatched wherever it might be necessary. Mr Gladstone addressed a large meeting in Lancashire, on the 14th ult. In his speech he said—"The great evil of Ireland was Protestant ascendancy, as shown by the spirit of domination, the system of maintaining it by a favored minority, and relying upon that to govern a country without regard to the convictions, habits and feelings of the great mass of the people." Mr Bright spoke the same afternoon in Birmingham. He commenced by an allusion to the greatness and power of England. Yet he said—"With all our greatness and all our wealth, if we looked at home we found among our population a mass of poverty and ignorance, and a suffering of which a Christian country ought to be ashamed. He glanced at what had been done to ameliorate that condition in the space of the last thirty years, and drew a picture of how much remained to do to remove the ignorance, to check the crime, and diminish the pauperism of the people."

THE "S D BAILY" BARRETT CASE.—ASTOUNDING DEVELOPMENT OF VILLAINY.—Intelligence received from Melbourne, Australia, via San Francisco, gives a full account of the circumstances attending the capture of the schooner S D Baily, bound from San Francisco to Victoria. Capt Robbins was arrested at Melbourne, at the instance of the American Consul, upon a charge of forgery. Robbins' statement when taken into custody adds an astounding chapter of villainy to the annals of crime. As he states, a commission merchant at San Francisco, named Reinhart and he (Robbins) planned to purchase a vessel at San Francisco, to half fill her with real cargo, half with stones and rubbish, to insure her high rate on the voyage, to scuttle and sink the vessel at sea, and then to claim the insurance money. Robbins was to act as captain, and come back to San Francisco in the ship's boat, and then to receive from Reinhart \$4000 as his share of the plunder. This plan was carried out until the voyage had begun, when Robbins, thinking his schooner too nice a vessel to be destroyed as planned, altered his mind, took her to the Sandwich Islands, and sold his cargo for coconuts. He then went to New Zealand, sold his oil at £800 profit, paid off his crew with £400, and as he could not readily sell his schooner he left her at Nelson and came on himself to Melbourne. Here he lodged his remaining £400 in a bank, deposited the bank receipt in the hands of a hotel landlord, and lived at his ease on the money. The forgery of which he was arrested was said to be alterations he made at sea on the schooner's papers, and on bills of lading, &c, to enable him to sell the cargo and vessel as owner. The case was remanded for further evidence. Reinhart's private letter states he fled from San Francisco to unknown parts, he having been paid, some months ago, by the Insurance Company, \$18,000 in satisfaction of his supposed losses.

PERSONS who changed to stand upon an eminence overlooking the Straits in this vicinity on New Year's day, were treated to a strange sight. Eight large ships, with all sails set, were observed well over on the opposite side, scudding rapidly along, and sailing so closely together that at times a collision appeared inevitable, the vessels were constantly heaving to avoid each other. Before sundown the visitors had passed out of sight and caught the eye of the observer, with the broad blue expanse of smooth water, with the snow-white outline of the grand Olympic range rising like a grim sentinel in the background.

THE STEAMER FLY arrived from New Westminster on Saturday evening with a number of passengers and a mail. Among her passengers was the Hon Mr Humphreys, of Lillooet.

THE TIGER FIRE COMPANY, in the course of a fortnight, will give a ball, which they intend making a first-class affair. No doubt at the present time it will receive a liberal patronage.

THE MASONIC BALL will take place this evening.

THE CENTRAL DISTRICT FREE SCHOOLS will reopen this morning at 9 o'clock.

A GRUMBLER explains the present system of raising revenue as follows: "Now, you see in the first place, they get the amount of a feller's business. That is first taxed. Then they find out all about his profits, and on that they lay their tax. Then they manage to get some tax on what he owes. Next comes what they call income, and that's taxed. Then, if anything is left, the preacher calls around and gets it to sustain the church and convert the heathen."

WHEN Theodore Hook was asked for a donation to the Society for the Conversion of the Jews, he replied he had no money to give away, but if they would send him a Jew he would try and convert him. This was not quite what the Society required, and Hook never heard from them again.

IN the year 1867 London consumed 1,200,000 rabbits, which were mostly imported from the north of France, where the annual trade in these animals amounted to about \$210,000.

SOME years ago a young man in Berlin assisted an old man who had slipped on the pavement. A few days back he was surprised by receiving \$15,000 left him by the person whom he had so slightly benefited.

THERE are upwards of one thousand somnambulists, clairvoyants and fortune tellers in the city of St Petersburg, Russia, who realize handsome incomes by practising their ingenuity on the credulous.

ON an average there are ten patents taken out every day in Paris, making the respectable total of about 3650 annually.

An Immense Emigration.

AN immense emigration will pour down into the Southern States with the restoration of peace. Thousands of southern refugees, from all the towns and cities of the North, will return home; thousands of northern soldiers will move in the same direction, and settle in the closest bounds of union among their southern brothers; and in obedience to the laws of demand and supply, thousands of northern farmers, mechanics and laborers, will swell the mighty volume for the repopulating and rebuilding of the waste places of the sunny South. In anticipation of this grand diversion of the tide of emigration, and from the increasing demands upon them, the proprietors of HOSTETTER'S CELEBRATED STOMACH BITTERS are putting up additional thousands of boxes of their universally popular tonic and alterative.

WE have the testimony of soldiers, sailors, travelers, trappers, miners, emigrants, refugees, farmers and planters, North and South, a cloud of witnesses, that it is a safe and reliable remedial agent, and as a protection against all the complaints incident to exposure, privations, changes of climate, diet, water and habits of life, HOSTETTER'S BITTERS, used as directed, are worth their weight in gold, North or South.—Communicated.

IT is also proper to state that the Bitters are sold exclusively in glass, and seven under any circumstances by the gallon or the barrel. Importers and imitators are abroad, and the only safeguard the public has against them is to see that the Bitters bear the engraved label and note of hand of Messrs Hostetter & Smith, and the government stamp over the cork of the bottle.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS are the medicine most in repute for curing the multifarious maladies which attack humanity, when wet and cold weather gives place to more genial temperatures. In short, these Pills afford relief, if they fail of being an absolute remedy in all the distresses of indigestion, nervous energy, which at times oppress a vast portion of the population. Under the wholesome, purifying, and strengthening powers exerted by these excellent Pills the longed for consistency, the appetite improves, digestion is quickened, and assimilation rendered perfect. Holloway's medicine possesses the highly estimable property of cleansing the whole mass of blood, which, in its renovated condition, carries purity, strength and vigor to every lane of the body.

Selling Off by Auction, Peremptory sale of Cloths, Vestings, Tailors' Trimmings, Navy Serge and Flannels, from the Navy Yard, bought at Auction and for Sale at Auction Prices, at D. KAY'S, North, Yates street, Opposite Bank British North America Co.

Two of our citizens have been notified that the Builders' Insurance Company have terminated their business, and that the amount of premiums paid in for account of insurance was held to the payee's order at San Francisco.

Among the passengers by the Active were M T Johnson, Esq, [firm of Sproat & Co], and wife, who returned to dwell amongst us.

The schooner Favorite, hence, reached the Sandwich Islands about one month ago, and was up to sail for this port on the 8th ult.

THE LAST MURDER ON SALT SPRING ISLAND.—We are told that certain suspicious circumstances are supposed to indicate that the fatal murder of Mr Curtis was the deed of a white man, and that the gubnaest smelling strongly of fish, found near the scene, was placed there to induce the belief that Indians were the perpetrators. We have heard of no steps being taken by the authorities to track this crime to its author or authors. There may have been a step taken, but we have not heard of it. Is it not incumbent upon the honorable gentleman who represents the district in the Council to ask whether any effort has been made, and if not, why not? When horrid tragedies are being enacted so near to our homes in such rapid succession, it is no time for indolence on the part of the Government. We ask, on behalf of the public, for information.

THE STEAM FIRE ENGINE FUND.—In another column will be found a list of the subscriptions collected in aid of the Tiger Fire Company towards payment for the new steam fire engine. So important an auxiliary in preventing or arresting the progress of fire must be patent to all, and will undoubtedly be in some measure for the prompt relief of such a palpable advantage; but there is, nevertheless, much credit due to our citizens for the readiness in which they have come forward to lend the gallant Tiger a hand in freeing themselves from debt. We were strongly pained by the gentlemen forming the committee as a display of public gratitude, and none more so than the foreman of the Tiger, Mr T J Barnes, who has made himself conspicuous by his enthusiasm in the cause, and his untiring efforts to bring about the happy result as shown by the list of subscriptions.

MONDAY, JAN 4th.—A PERILOUS PASSAGE.—The steam yacht Leviathan, in charge of Capt Titcomb, which left New Westminster at half past ten o'clock on Thursday morning, with guests for the Governor's Ball, met with the gale of Thursday afternoon when heath across the gulf. She managed, however, to get into Plumper Pass, and struggled along until the fury of the wind became so great as to compel her to turn back after considerable difficulty, not unattended with danger. Captain Titcomb reached a sheltered spot under Moresby Island, where he anchored his vessel until the violence of the gale had subsided, and after several unsuccessful attempts to proceed, the yacht arrived here, on Saturday afternoon, having been nearly two and a half days on the trip. The blow is considered by the captain of the yacht as one of the most severe he has experienced in this locality; and the preservation of the vessel and the lives of her passengers is undoubtedly attributable to the skill and coolness of Titcomb. To entrust oneself in such a cockpit-shell at this inclement season, is to fly in the face of a good Providence.

ON the night of the 4th a number of explosive bombs were thrown at the doors of the bishop's palace and the French consulate in the city of Trieste.

THE NEW STEAMSHIP FLY to leave San Francisco for the 10th and 23d inst. is advised as to any other on the berth meanwhile.

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The guards and checks proposed to be thrown about the drawback system lately introduced into the Council, will render frauds upon the revenue scarcely possible, and even were the temptation to evasion of the law great, the penalty upon detection is made so heavy that it will serve to deter the most venturesome and reckless from engaging in illicit traffic.

THE PEACE OF EUROPE. - The editor of the way of describing his conductor of a iron the following very editing a paper in a horn. Fascination, but so difficult to

over the merits of the Drawbacks Bill it be successfully shown (as we think it can be shown) that the revenue will be a probable gainer through the constant presence of buyers from abroad among us, then, we say, it becomes the duty of every official member of the Council to yield a hearty support to the measure and put an end to the unjust and absurd practice now obtaining here of constituting our Customs officers special revenue officers for the neighboring country.

The clerk of the weather has certainly been under the influence of the good things usually so plentiful about this time of the year. We have June weather in January, with an occasional return to April. An hour or two of sunshine is followed by a shower or two of rain, then 'rude Boreas' takes an innings and kicks up a row for a short time just to keep his hand in.

INQUIRY. - The adjourned inquest on the ketchman found dead in Cormorant street, took place yesterday, before A. F. Pemberton, Esq. Coroner, and the same jury empanelled as at the first inquiry. Mr. Courtney watched the case on behalf of a klobbman now under arrest. The evidence went to show that certain violence had been used on the person of deceased, in consequence of which the body had been exhumed, and a post mortem examination made by Dr. Davis. Dr. Davis deposed to external lacerations over the vagina, and extensive internal laceration of the vagina; incipient inflammation of the right side of the womb and about twelve inches of the small intestine. The immediate cause of death, however, arose from the rupture of several blood vessels in the left lung, causing suffocation. Excitement would cause the rupture of the lungs, and it might have been produced in a great variety of ways, consequently the excitement producing death might have originated in natural causes. The deceased was not laboring under syphilitic disease; could not say whether she died drunk or not, the contents of the stomach did not smell of spirits. Several of the former witnesses were examined without eliciting anything novel. The Coroner having addressed the jury, after a short consideration, a verdict was rendered to the effect that death was produced by the rupture of the blood vessels of the lungs and other injuries, inflicted in a manner unknown to the jury.

THE MASONIC BALL on Monday night was one of the largest and most respectably attended public entertainments we can call to mind. The 'brotherhood of the mystic circle' appeared in full regalia, the bright colors of which, blending with the classic and lovely hues of the dresses worn by the fairer sex presented a pleasing appearance. Governor Seymour and Mrs. Seymour, Admiral Hastings and Mrs. Hastings; Capt. Dawkins and Lieut. Brookes of the flagship Zealous; Chief Justice Neepham, Mrs. Neepham and Miss Neepham; Chief Justice Begbie; with many other persons of distinction, added to the interest and pleasure of the participants by their presence and example. The ball was opened by District Grand Master Robert Burnaby, Esq. with Mrs. Seymour. At 12 o'clock an excellent supper was served by Driard, after which dancing was resumed and continued until an early hour yesterday morning, when the guests retired, carrying with them pleasurable recollections of the hospitable and happy manner in which they had been entertained. The committee arrangements were perfect; the decorations by Mr. Farron were very beautiful; and the music, by Messrs. Hayes, Palmer, Bushell, Gauthier and others, excellent. We congratulate the Masonic Fraternity, and particularly the officers and members of Vancouver Lodge, No. 424, upon the happy and successful results which have attended their exertions, and indulge in the hope that these agreeable reunions may be of more frequent occurrence.

ALARMING ACCIDENT AT JAMES BAY. - Yesterday, about two o'clock, one of the three massive pile-drivers in use at James Bay to drive piles for the new structure, crushed through a portion of the old bridge on which it rested and fell into the bay, carrying with it Mr. Thomas Spence, George Baker and James Evans, and burying beneath the debris a colored man named Lewis, who was at work beneath the bridge preparing a pile for the hammer. The three men carried down with the wreck sustained a few bruises, and scrambled out again. Lewis, however, was very seriously injured, and was only saved from drowning by the exertions of George Baker, who, as the unfortunate man was going down for the third time, plunged his arm into the water and pulled him out. He was conveyed into Seely's Anatomical House, and medical aid summoned. The frame of the driver is badly broken up, and the hammer, weighing 1600 pounds, together with the tools of the workmen, have descended to make a New Year's gift upon the mermaids at the bottom of the bay. The accident is said to have been caused by the rottenness of the old structure. The piling was nearly one-half completed when the accident occurred. We are informed that operations will not be delayed in consequence of the mishap. The footbridge will be closed for a day or two.

The Proposed Drawback Bill. A Bill entitled an Ordinance to entitle Exporters of Goods to certain Drawbacks and for other purposes.

Whereas it is expedient to facilitate and extend the trade of British Columbia with foreign countries, and for that purpose to enable Exporters of Goods on which Custom Duties have been paid, to receive a Drawback of the duties so paid, and to remove the restrictions on Exportation now existing; Be it enacted by the Governor of British Columbia, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows: No person shall Export any Warehouse Goods, nor enter any such Goods for Exportation from the Colony of British Columbia to parts beyond the seas, in any ship or vessel of less burden than ten tons.

St. John's Sunday School. - The Christmas festival of this church took place last night, and proved a most pleasant affair to both young and old. The Tree contained over 300 presents, many of a useful character, costing altogether between \$70 and \$80, all of which were distributed before the Tree was removed to make room for the magic lantern. The room was well filled with young folks; but owing to the inclemency of the night the members of the congregation, and friends of the church in general were unable to be present to the extent anticipated.

Who Rang the Bell? - Last evening, about 6 o'clock, the Deluge bell struck off for fire and the engines and truck were rolled out in the midst of a heavy storm of wind and rain. After proceeding a short distance through the mud, and finding no evidence of fire, the firemen returned home. So far as we could learn the alarm was false, and it would be interesting to know who rang the bell?

MASONIC INSTALLATION. - The following officers of British Columbia Lodge, No. 1187, E.T., were duly installed on Tuesday evening, January 5th, by Bro. Robert Burnaby, R.W. District Grand Master; Henry Nalban, Jr., W.M.; Eli Harrison, S.W.; Geo. Oreginton, J.W.; J. Ragazzoni, Treasurer; Richard H. Alexander, Secretary; William Harrison, S.D.; George Robinson, J.D.; J. McCarthy, Steward; James Graham, D.E.; Jno. Winger, I.G.; W. H. Thain, Tyler.

A KNOWLEDGE of the French language is now so universally looked upon as a necessary portion of a good education, that every one unacquainted with its principles should take the earliest occasion for their acquirement. An opportunity is now offered to those who desire to perfect themselves in that polite accomplishment, at the establishment of Mr. L. Lelievre, in Langley street, next door to the office of H. F. Heisterman.

ELIZON. - The Tiger Engine Company held their semi-annual election of officers last night which resulted as follows: President, T. Russell; Foreman, T. J. Barnes; 1st Assistant, A. P. Keyser; 2nd Assistant, J. Davies; Recording Secretary, E. McQuade; Financial Secretary, Wm. Buell; Treasurer, H. Mansell; J. Bramwell was also elected Engineer, and J. Madden, Asst. Engineer for the steam fire engine.

THE STEAMER WILSON G. HUNT is coming around in February to run as an opposition boat on Puget Sound. The lines were down all yesterday between Victoria and San Juan Island. The Odd Fellows have their installation of officers and a ball of the Alhambra this evening. H. M. S. OCEAN STRUCK BY LIGHTNING. - In the Japan Gazette of September 26th, we find the following: During the thunder storm yesterday morning, there was seen from the Bund a vivid flash of lightning, described by an eye-witness as the brightest by far of any he had ever seen, that, lasting some two or three seconds, seemed to play about the Ocean and the U. S. S. Shenandoah, and at last palpably burst. It was evidently quite close for the thunder clap followed instantaneously. On inquiry, it proved that the flash had gone down the lightning conductor into the water, but was apparently most unwilling to leave the iron sides of the great armor-plated Ocean. At length on reaching the water, there on board tell us, it burst with considerable noise - like a hundred hand grenades, was one account and another that it was like a case of loaded rifles all going off together, and a shower of large sparks were pelted against the side of the ship and all around. No damage was done, nor indeed was any trace of the dread visitor discernible. The value of good lightning conductors was never more conclusively proved.

office; 'Exportation' shall mean Exportation to Foreign Countries. XVI. This Ordinance may be cited for all purposes as the 'Drawback Ordinance, 1869.'

THE NEW DOMINION. [Dates by Overland Mail to 4th December.] Sir John Young, the new Governor-General, and Lady Young, reached Ottawa on the 28th November. His Excellency and Lady Young were driven in a double sleigh. It is estimated that full 10,000 people were in the line of procession. His Excellency reached the Senate Chamber about 2 o'clock, amid the firing of artillery and the ringing of bells. He at once took a position at the head of the Clerk's table; his Private Secretary, Mr. Turville, being on his right. His Excellency was dressed in the Civil Service uniform of the Empire, consisting of blue and gold; the embroidery of gold being very heavy. Down the side of the table, to the right, was seated Sir John A. Macdonald, Messrs. Tilly and Gault; and on the left, Messrs. Campbell, Langevin and Rose; and Messrs. Lee and Hemsworth, clerks of Privy Council. At the lower end of the table were Chief Justice Magarty, and Judges Wilson and Morrison. Mr. Turville read the warrant of appointment of the Governor-General and others standing. The Judges then advanced to the head of the table, and the Chief Justice administered the oaths, which were attested by his signature and those of the other Justices present.

AN ATTEMPT was made to break out of the Kingston Penitentiary in the night, one of the convicts having succeeded in making or getting keys which would open several of the cells. The principal, whose name was Christopher Murray, was discovered before he could get any of the others out of their cells. He was chased, refused to surrender, and while trying to pick a lock in one of the yards, received several shots fired by the guards and fell dead.

THE MARVEL of New York is just now an electric light, which is displayed every night from the French steamer St. Laurent, of the Generale Transatlantique Company's line at the foot of Morton street. This light is more powerful than anything of the kind ever before known. It is exhibited from the bridge of the steamer, and being set on a pivot, may be turned in a instant upon any part of the ship, aloft as well as on deck, upon buildings on shore, and upon craft passing on the river, throwing the smallest objects into a brightness clearer than noonday, an effulgence which is startling by contrast with the surrounding darkness. Directed upon a vessel halfway across the Hudson River, the light bathes her in a luminous halo, which enables the observer not only to see anything upon her decks, but also to fancy that he can detect the astonishment depicted upon the face of the crew at being thus suddenly suffused with an illumination so powerful.

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Sitka Correspondence.

Since I last wrote you many changes have taken place here. At present Sitka is comparatively depopulated. Most of the Americans who came here to make a home and prospect the country...

If Congress do not give Alaska a Civil Government she will remain a dead weight on the Treasury of the United States...

A most melancholy event occurred here on the morning of December 2nd, at two o'clock a.m. The event cast a gloom over the people of our little city...

The writer also administers a gentle reproof to the co-religionists for their former implacable bitterness and persecution...

Spain numbers 10,994,274 persons above fourteen years old, therefore to fill up the gap caused by the removal of the potato...

A FRIEND TO PHYSIC—Mr Samuel Jessup who died at Heckington, Lincolnshire, in 1817...

Mr W's Dodge has been removed as Collector of the post of Sitka...

It rained every day more or less during the month of November...

A Strange Old Story

The editor of the Pall Mall Gazette publishes the following curious letter...

THE MAN'S SPEECH—Elizabeth, my beloved wife, I am right sorry that I have so long absent myself from thee...

THE WOMAN'S SPEECH—Raphie, my beloved husband, I am right sorry that I have in thy absence taken another man to be my husband...

Remarkable Movement Among the Jews.

The Jerusalem, published at Cincinnati, has a series of articles upon the Sabbath, which take the ground that a change in the day is lawful and expedient...

The view taken by this writer is catholic and liberal. He evidently does not discriminate his sympathy...

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In twenty-one years (from 1791 to 1812) the deceased took 226,934 pills...

THE GRAND PHOTOMETERS OF HEALTH

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS FOR THE BOWELS, LIVER AND STOMACH... The grand secret of obtaining health is to secure the blood...

EXTRAORDINARY CURE OF A COUGH

The following letter has been received from WILLIAM BOARDS... 'Dear Sir, I have recently suffered much from a most violent cough...

THE FEMALE'S BEST FRIEND... For all debilitating disorders peculiar to the female...

POWELL'S BALM OF ANISEED

For Coughs, Colds, Influenza, Shortness of Breath, Asthma, Bronchitis, and for all affections of the Lungs...

LEA & PERRINS' Worcestershire Sauce. THE ONLY GOOD SAUCE. PREPARED AND SOLD BY THOMAS POWELL...

PURE CHEMICALS AND ALL NEW MEDICINES. T. MORSON & SON, 21, 23, and 122, Southampt-on Row, Russell Square, London...

American Saw Company. PERFECTED PATENT SAW. M. H. BARRETT & CO. SAWMILLS.

INSURANCE AGENCY. MARINE—Pacific Insurance Company, San Francisco... FIRE—Imperial Insurance Company, London...

AYER'S Sarsaparilla

FOR PURIFYING THE BLOOD, AND for the speedy cure of the following complaints: Scrofula, Capillary Aneurysms, such as Tumors, Ulcers, Sores, Erysipelas, Pimples, Fungus, Blotches, Boils, Itching, and all Skin Diseases.

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LEGAL TENDERS—740746. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec 29—Arrived Dec. 28th, ship Shooting Star from Nansimo...

OREGON. PORTLAND, Jan 31—No eastern or San Francisco news since Thursday. Steamer Ajax sailed for San Francisco last evening...

MICHAEL MALONE, a member of the Emmet Guards, was shot dead on the night of the 1st January by James Hayden...

JOSEPH BERNARD was stabbed by an unknown man in the room of a half-bred creole in San Francisco...

DELAYED DISPATCHES. EASTERN STATES. WASHINGTON, Dec 24—The President has issued a full pardon and amnesty to all persons engaged directly or indirectly in the rebellion...

LONDON, Dec 29—Gladstone, Bright and Lowe, and all the members of Parliament appointed to positions under the Government, have been returned, except Cardwell...

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