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The Old Continentals. The following lines of Longfellow's stir the

In their ragged regimentals, Stood the old Continentals, Yielding not: While the granadiers were lunging, And like hailstones fell the plunging Where the files

Of the Isles, From the smoky night encampment, Bore the bunner of the rampant Unicorn:

And grummer, grummer, grummer, Rolled the "roll" of the drummer, Through the morn.

Then with eyes to the front all, And with guns horizontal, And the balls whistled deadly, And in flames flashing redly, Blazed the fires; As the swift Billows drift Drove the dark battle breakers O'er the green sodded acres Of the plain; And louder, louder, loude Cracked the black gunpowder, All amain!

Then like smiths at their forges, Labored the red St. George's Cannoniers. And the villainous saltpetre Rung a fierce, discordant metro Round our cars ; Like the roar On the shore, Rose the horse-guards' clangor, As they rode in roaring anger On out flanks; And higher, higher, higher,

Through the ranks ! Then the old-fashioned Colone Gulloped through the white infernal Powder cloud, And his broad sword was swinging, And his brazen throat was ringing Trumpet loud ! And the blue Bullets flew, And the trooper jackets redden At the touch of the leaden Rifles' breath! And rounder, rounder, rounder,

Mass Meeting in Vambill.

Roared the iron six-pounder,

Hurling death !

LAFAVETTE, May 23d, 1856. Dear Argus-I propose to give you summary of the proceedings of the mass convention which assembled on yesterday at this place to make nominations for the the Whigs previously held had resulted it a call for a meeting without distinction of party, to sucet on yesterday and select men to be supported by the people.

As the meeting was for several reasons rather an extraordinary one, I hope no apol ogy will be deemed necessary for a history of its proceedings.

The house was called to order, Mr. Hen derson in the chair, and F. Henry secretary A committee on resolutions was appointed which, after retiring, through Dr. Henry reported a series of resolutions (or I might perhaps more properly say that Dr. Henry reported them alone, as upon the discuswhich followed be took the whole responsibility of getting them up upon himself, and said they lead been written out several days before,) for acceptance and adoption by the convention.

the doctrine of "popular sovereignty", the road ever crossed a mountain; and in fine, 2, p. M. "inherent right of the people of the Terri. as the Chinese say, we are only "outside issistations without the interference of Congress, ke

The Dr. accompanied his report with a to support the democratic candidates who had been nominated on last Saturday on a Nebraskaite Administration platform if of a railroad. A Pacific Railroad will be G. S. L. city. they would only assent to his; remarking | constructed out from both ends, and as it is | The convention adjourned on the 27th that several of them had seen his resolu- made, will supply the operators with all of March. tions and had accepted them.

This was, I have already said, a mass meeting of all parties, and I think the impropriety therefore of the introduction of any question of general National policy such as this should have been manifest to all-but when it was known that in all probability the Whigs were here in the majority, and when it was known that that party had no later than last year laid down appear as inconsistent as it was chimerical leay. and illusory. The Dr. went on to say that he had always believed in the dectrine of popular sovereignty, and that this position was not inconsistent with the anti-Nebraska sentiments which he was known to have

formerly held. To this I have but just to say that if a man swallows Nebraskaism so far as to admit that the people of the Territories have the inhetent right to form and regulate wrong in principle—and if the right is 'in. this is to compare the magnitude of the established by law, nor shall any religious timely end."

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The discussion of this resolution was

somewhat animated, and on the vote being

members of the committee who reported it

Dr. Henry then arose and declared that

the meeting was controlled by a factious

A vote asking the Oregonian and the

Argus to publish the proceedings, also re-

questing Dr. Henry to furnish a copy of his

resolutions for the purpose of having them

published as part of those proceedings, was

I forgot to say that when the vote re-

and the Dr. took his leave, our secretary

they are beaten it will be a greater dis-

From the Railroad Record (Cincinnati.)

We have been in no small degree aston-

the Pacific Railroad would not be soon

The Pacific Railroad---It can be Easily and Run Safely.

grace to the county than injury to them.

Yours truly,

sient party controversies.

carried, and the meeting adjourned.

not even voting in its favor.

present Nebraska democracy.

OREGON CITY, O.T., JUNE 7, 1856.

herent" it must be-and that he opposes undertaking with what has been done .- test be ever required for any office of trust the repeal of such a law as a matter of pol. Let us look at it in that way : icy only; I say if he goes this far he may 1st. The Pacific Railroad requires 2,000 just as well take the whole dose. If a thing miles of road-\$100,000,000 of money .- are divided into three departments, viz:

practice; and if the old Missouri Compro- per mile-so that we do not dodge the mise was a violation of the constitutional difficulty.

rights of the people of the Territories, why the sooner it was repealed the better, and years, it will be 400 miles per annum, and sions of the Assembly are to be annual .the true principle of popular sovereignty \$20,000,000. This will require 60,000 The Representatives are chosen biennially,

3d. Compare this work with what has taken, it was unanimously rejected, the miles of railroad were made in the United be a free white male citizen of the United States, whose cost was \$100,000,000, and States, and an inhabitant of this State one pears then that in fact the United States has at his election an actual residence in the America to be a Russian privateer, and have made, in a single year, much more the district he may be chosen to represent. that she was loaded with arms and atomucurrent of ultraism with which he had no railroad than is required for the whole Pa- Hons. Geo. A. Smith and John Taylor, nition for the Russian possessions in the putting on his hat, very politely bade us a single year. If the Pacific Railroad were elected delegates to proceed to Washington, political farewell, and walked out of the made in five years from its commencement, and lay before Congress Utah's request for convention. But one opinion is expressed, it would be more than its most sanguine admission into the Union. so far as I know, in reference to this move, friends expect. But this would be doing in and that is that it was a bold attempt to one year only one fifth of what is actually serted that there were 100,000 inhabitants, sell the opposition in this county to the done each year in the United States. For and many asserted there were as many as that men and money can easily be found, were required to form a State. The News He was perfectly willing to be searched by The meeting then proceeded to make provided Congress furnishes the inducements; and it is the duty of Congress to do "divers creeds." that. It will be a poor excuse before the people to talk of Indians, mountains, and wilderness! The people are far more sagacious and intrepid than their represent the Temple for a year, until we can prepare tatives, and will hold the latter to a strict account for any neglect of so important a subject as the means of communication and defence to our Pacific possessions.

specting the resolution was announced. Lastly, when the Pacific Railroad is made on the Southern route, it can be easily his callant relative, followed suit, and we and cheaply run. On the parallel of 32 had to elect a new one in his stead. The deg. it will be neither disturbed by Indians, men chosen are all good and true, and if nor the far more fatal danger of ice and snows. Cars running in that equable climate will be run easily and cheaply. The difference in expense alone will be equivalent to half the cost of a road on the northern routes. But let Congress move-no matter what route is taken. Let them not shrink from what, in comparison with the ished at finding some intelligent persons mighty power of this nation, is but a petty among the members of Congress affect that enterprise.

Further from Great Salt Lake.

made, or that it could not be made or run. Among this class of persons was the Hon. THE CONVENTION -The delegates of the Mr. Clayton, of Delaware, who announced convention from the various counties exin the Senate, that in his opinion, the carly cept Green River met in the Council House completion of the Pacific Railroad was a on 17th March. The event was announdelusion. For this opinion he gave no ced by the firing of cannon and music from reasons, and we are obliged to think, has Capt. Ballo's band. Throughout the day given little attention to the subject. In flags floated from the cupolas of the Governcoming election. A consultation among deed, the greatest difficulty connected with or's mansion and Council House, also from who ought to think such a national enter- in front of the Deseret and Livingston. prise as the Pacific Railroad of the highest Kinkead & Co.'s stores, from flag staffs on importance, nake it secondary to what they the roof of Gilbert & Gerrish's store, and call the "essues" and "platforms" of tran- from those on the roofs of many other publie buildings,

After this real, though not professed, At an early hour a large concourse of neglect of the subject, the next greatest dif- citizens had assembled, anxiously awaiting the Sacramento Union : ficulty is to make men of apparent intelli- the commencement of those deliberations gence comprehend the bare elements of the and acts, which have for their object the question. For example, it is now frequent- addition of another star to the brilliant ly (though by ne means so often as a short and thickly squagled consellation styled, time since,) asserted that the Pacific Rail- "E Pluribus Unum."

road cannot be made. If not, why not? The Convention organized by unani-The last objection we have heard is that it mously electing the Hon. J. M. Grant, Pres. transaction, and when another man widely cannot be made in a "wilderness," and ident; Mr, T. Bullock, Secretary; Mr. J. through "mountains," and among "In- Grimshaw, Assistant Sec'y; Mr. R. T. dians!" One would think, to hear such Burton; Sergeant-at-arms; W. C. Staines, persons talk, that we were living at least a Messenger; T. Hall, Doorkeeper; and thousand years back; that no read was Messrs. G. D. Watt and J. V. Long, Re. dividuals; that he may have gone further The first part of the resolutions affirmed ever made in a new country; that no rail- porters. At 124 o'clock, adjourned until

In the afternoon the freedom of the contories to form and regulate their domestic barbarians." Now, as to the first objection, vention was unanimously tendered to His freedom, may all be admitted without of panied with a request that a searching parthat the road will run through a wilder- Excellency the Governor, the United States ness, this is of no force, except as to the officers of the Territory, Prest. H. C. Kimsupply of provisions, fuel, &c. But, does ball, the members of the Legisislative Asspeech in which he avowed his willingness not the objector see that a railroad carries sembly, Hons. E. Snow, A. Lyman and a deliberate assassination. its provisions, fuel, &c., with it, as it is con- E. Hunter, Hon. E. Smith, Probate Judge structed? This is one of the peculiarities of G. S. L. county, and the Aldermen of his victim with a pistol cocked in his hand

The Constitution adopted does not differ Secondly, The "mountains" present no materially from the Constitutions of many other difficulties than those presented by of the States of the Union. The following less personal assaults, Mr. King has unclimate. That this is great on the northern are some of its provisions :

route, is admitted; but this is an objection BOUNDARY AND NAME.—All that part of not applicable in any degree to the Texas the Territory of the United States now route. The summit, on the parallel of 32 known as Utah Territory, and bounded as deg., is at least 3,000 feet less than on the follows: On the west by the State of middle route or northern routes. The cli- California, on the north by the Territory dependently his editorial duties, they mate is mild, and no obstruction from snow of Oregon, on the east by the summit of

under this Constitution.

The powers of government of the State is wrong in principle, it cannot be right in The money estimate is very high-\$50,000 Legislative, Executive and Judicial.

The Legislative authority is vested in a General Assembly, consisting of a Senate subject. 2d. Supposing this all to be done in five and House of Representatives. The sesand the Senators once in four years.

QUALIFICATIONS .- No person shall be been done. In the year 1855 almout 3,000 member of the General Assembly except he there also. The English Admiral on that which employed 280,000 laborers. It ap. year preceding the time of his election, and from late information received, he believed

sympathy, withdrew his resolutions, and cific Railroad. But it is not required in a editor of The Mormon, were unanimously

Several members of the Convention assays the Convention included persons of the officers of the Savannah, or the custom

THE TEMPLE. - Brigham Young in a late sermon said :

"We are going to suspend labor upon ourselves more fully for the work. We On the morning of the 12th, another have abandoned the idea of using adobes in message was received from Admiral Johnthe walls of that building, and intend to use son, who was not satisfied with Capt. Hudgranite.

March, said:

"Doubtless there are many who are suffering through want, of food, but there is no necessity of any family's suffering in this city, and when this city is supplied, the remainder of the Territory may be consider. modore to cease all communication with ed independent. I presume that we have the English, and bend all his energies to providence, which the fear of poverty and number of inhabitants, than has any other portion of the Territory, and yet we need not suffer. Here we need not be ashamed lieutenant, but the letter was returned un-to beg, when stern necessity has closed opened. At the time of writing the ship daily earnings, and bless God for the pooraround us. I do not expect to see the day when I am perfectly independent, until I am crowned in the celestial kingdom of my Father, and made as independent as my Father in heaven."

PEAS .- Peas were worth fifty cents a pint in the middle of March.

Poison Root .- In the present destitu tion of food, says the News of March 5th, many will soon be searching after greens, thistle, sego, and other roots, to eke out of the Savannah were excited by the prosso doing much care must be exercised to hopeful of victory. avoid being poisoned, as several have ing roots and other vegetables of a poison-

The Murder of King.

We find the following sensible remarks, upon the excitement in San Francisco in

"The intensity of the excitement should not be a matter of wonder. A few months touched at that port on her way from New since Gen. Richardson was shot dead by a York via Pernambuco to San Francisco, gambler, and up to this time through the law's delays and the influence of money, the perpetrator has escaped conviction.— Samuel Adams, late second mate of the The public mind has not forgotten this America, charging that she had guns conknown is added to the bloody catalogue, a fearful excitement might reasonably be an

That Mr. King may have been too re vere in his comments upon the acts of inin assailing the acts and exposing the corruptions of men and public officers; that he exposed and commented upon the pri-vate acts of Mr. Casey with an unjustifiable charge was strenuously denied, and accomfering any sufficient justification for shooting him down in the streets without giving

-calls on his opponent as he approaches within pistol shot, to draw and defend him- found. Capt. Hudson was once connected

"With all his faults and fierce and fearquestionably performed a good work in his doing the duty of that office,- Washington editorial career in San Francisco. He has Organ. met the sympathies of the laboring masses -of all classes who make an honest living by the sweat of the brow, and when shot down before their eyes for discharging inas one man to avenge his death. Had they been armed and organized, the results would have been fearful and fatal."

Cut This Out .- K correspondent of the London Literary Gazette, alluding to the Important Naval News.

We have seen a letter from one of the officers of the United States ship Savannah, under date of Feb. 11, at Rio de Janeiro, addressed to a gentleman of this city, giving some important information on this

It seems that the English squadron, of which Sir Hope Johnson is Admiral, was lying in the harbor of Rio, and that the steamer America, Capt. Hudson, belonging to and sailing from the United States, was morning sent a ligutenant on board the Savannah to inform Commodore Salter that Pacific, and that he felt it his duty to search her. To this message Commodore Salter returned answer that under no condition should be allow an English officer to search a vessel bearing an American flag.

Capt. Hudson, of the America, came on board the Savannah and denied the charge. house officers of Rio: but he would not submit to anything of the kind from the English or French, and threatened, if they sent a searching party on board, to throw them overboard.

On the morning of the 12th, another son's denial of the charge, but still insisted WANT .- Young, in a sermen on the 16th on the right to search the America. Comthe Admiral to follow, overhaul, and search the America at sea. This caused the Comwas sent him from the Admiral by a British lieutenant, but the letter was returned uned in, and the ship unmoored, and riding at single anchor.

The America was to sail the next morning, and tow the Savannah to sea with her, indurstry marching through the land, rearthat Commodore declaring that though the ing poor-houses, and augmenting taxation; English force was treble his own, he would night and day, with steepless activity, fire upon them at the first attempt to make of industry, undermining visus, sugarders a forcible search. The officers and crew

-Such was the certainty of an engagement that a number of the foreign resi- tributors to the national incom dents at Rio had chartered a steamboat to of worthless consumers. accompany the two squadrons to sea, in order that they might witness the engage-

son, of the British squadron, insisted on searching the steamship America, which was that he had received an affidavit from Samuel Adams, late second mate of the cealed under her coal, and also ammunition; that she had two sets of papers, and that while she claimed to be an American vessel she was in fact a Russian privateer.

Commodore Salter, of the American ty should be sent on board. This request aker, who led the searching party, reported "We look upon all cases where a man in writing that they had examined every vestige of the alleged ammunition was self, and then shoots him down the instant with the United States Navy. The man discharged the same day as incapable of

What the American Navy Did.

The Philadelphia Ledger, for the purpose of showing that the boasting of the English journals that the commerce and navy of this country would be swept out of existence within a year after the declaration of war between the United States and Great Britain, has prepared a list of the captures made by our little navy in the war of 1812 :

War vessels, 58 in all, carrying 866 guns; merchant ships, 254; brigs, 615; In the north also, the province of Houan schooners, \$20; sloops, 195; various is said to be in a state of insurrection but classes, recaptured, 759 -making 2,869 vessels, carrying 5,869 guns.

To the is to be added 29 vessels of war lost by wreck or otherwise, carrying 809 guns, and 'we have an aggregate of 2,398 vestels captured, carrying 9,677 guns .their skill in a game that two can play at. lengs the fullest play

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Effects of Intemperance upon National In-

The results of national industry depend on the amount of well-directed intellectual and physical power, But intemperance paralyzes and prevents both these springs of human action.

In the inventory of national loss by intemperance, may be set down the labor prevented by indolence, by debility, by sickness, by quarrels and litigations, by gambling and idleness, by mistakes and misdirected efforts, by improvidence and wastefulness, and by the shortened date of human life and activity. Little wastes in great establishments constantly occurring may defeat the energies of a mighty capital. But where the intellectual and mascular energies are raised to the working point daily by ardeat spirits, until the agriculture, and commerce, and arts of a nation nove on by the power of artificial stimulus, that moral power cannot be maintained which will guarantee fidelity, and that physical power cannot be preserved and well directed, which will insure national proserity. The nation whose immense enterprise is thrust forward by the stimulus of ardent spirits, cannot ultimately escape debility and bankruptcy.
When we behold an individual cut off in

youth or middle age, or witness the waning nergies, improvidence, and unfaithfulness of a neighbor, it is but a single instance, and we become accustomed to it; but such instances are multiplying in our land in every direction, and are to be found in every department of labor, and the amount of earnings prevented or squandered is incal-culable; to all which must be added the accumulating and frightful expense incurred for the support of those and their families whom intemperance has made paupers .-In every city and town the poor-tax, created chiefly by intemperance, is augmenting. The receptacles for the poor are becoming modore Salter sent back a warm answer, too strait for their accommodation. We which was met by a threat on the part of must pull them down and build greater to provide accommodations for the votaries of nebriation; for the frequency of going upon the town has taken away the reluctance of pride, and destroyed the motives to one-fourth less provisions in this city, to the preparing his ship for action. A letter suffering once supplied. The prespect of a destitute old age, or of a suffering family, no longer troubles the vicious portion of was ready for sea, her boats being all hoist- house, and begin to look at it as of right, the drunkard's home, and contrive to arrive thither as early as idleness and excess will give them a passport to this sinecure of vice. Thus is the insatiable destroyer of of industry, undermining vigor, engendering disease, paralyzing intellect, impairing thistle, sego, and other roots, to eke out of the Savannah were excited by the pros- moral principle, cutting short the date of their bread and meat, and sustain life. In pret of an engagement with such odds, but life, and rolling up a national debt, invisible, but real and territic as the debt of England; continually transferring larger, and larger bodies of men from the class of con-

Add to the loss sustained by the subtraction of labor and the shortened date of life, the sustaining of the poor created by intemperance, and the nation is now taxed From advices from Rio de Janeiro, we annually more than the expense which learn that the reason that Admiral John. would be requisite for the maintenance of government, and for the support of all our chools and colleges, and all the religious instruction of the nation. Already a pormortgaged for the support of drunkards .-There seems to be no other fast property in the land, but this inheritance of the intemperate; all other riches may take to themselves wings and fly away. But until the nation is bankrupt, according to the laws of the State, the drunkard and his family must have a home. Should the pauperism of crime augment in this country as it has done for a few years past, there is nothing to stop the frightful results which squadron, called Capt. Hudson of the Amer-ica on board the frigate Savannah, and is abandoned in some parishes, because the questioned him as to this statement. The poor tax exceeds the annual income. You tho are husbandmen, are accustomed to feel as if your houses and lands were wholly your own ; but if you will ascertain the per centage of annual taxation levied on your the Commodore granted. The result was property for the support of the intemperate ner in which it was done appears to us like that Lieut. Le Roy and Boatswain Whit. you will perceive how much of your capital s held by drunkards, by a tenure as surely as if held under mortgages or deeds of warranty. Your widows and children do not take by descent more certainly, than the most profligate and worthless part of community. Every intemperate and idle man whom you behold tottering about the streets and steeping himself at the store, he makes a motion to draw a weapon, as Edwards [or Adams] was shipped at Rio regards your houses and lands as pledged as second mate of the America, but was to take care of him, annually puts his hands deep into your pockets, and eats his bread in the aweat of your brows, instead of his own; and with marvellous good nature you bear it. If a robber should break loose on the highway to levy taxation an armed force would be raised to hunt him from society. But the tippler may do it fearlessly in open day, and not a voice is raised, not a finger is lifted.—Bercher.

AT The Chinese rebellion appears to be making head against the Government. In Kwangsi the rebels have been successful, and have entirely possessed themselves of three prefectures in the province of Kingsi. which threatens to interrupt the trensit from the tea and silk producing country .-no particulars of the movement have yet reached us.

SPORTING .- The editor of Young America has a feroclous poodle, which he backs to lick any plate in the neighborhood.

our transatlantic neighbors are boasting of most healthful position to sleep, is with the head on a line with the bedg, allowing the throat wall

a platform diametrically opposed to the one and ice exists on the Texas route. This the Rocky Mountains, and on the south by it was now proposed to indorse, the expectis one of the facts in relation to the south- the thirty-seventh, (37th) parallel of north tation that the meeting would do so will ern route, which is not to be got over in any latitude, is hereby formed into a free and Thirdly, As to the Indians. Does not Religion .- All men shall have a natural numerous cases of deaths from accidental every one know that the road, as it pro- and unalienable right to worship God ac- poisoning, adds: "I venture to affirm,

that they need.

creds, must have station houses and depots cording to the dictates of their own con- there is scarce even a cottage in this coun--cach one of which becomes a point d'appui, sciences; and the General Assembly shall try that does not contain an invaluable, cereasily defended? The truth is, a railroad make no law respecting an establishment tain, immedate remedy for such events-

road, except those which arise from the im-

from any power, and that any law which will resident any law which will resident any law which will resident any law which with the head from any power, and that any like which is required. Now, the way to consider or denomination to another shall ever be ving many a fellow creature from an unprevents them from exercising this right is

is the easiest thing defended on earth. So of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise nothing more than a dessert spoonful of far from the Indians attacking it,—they thereof, or to disturb any person in his re- made mustard, mixed in a tumbler of will take good care to keep out of its way. ligious worship or sentiments, and all per- warm water and drank immediately. It In truth, there are no particular objections demeaning themselves peaceably, as acts as an emetic, is always mady, and may tions to the construction of the Pacific Rail- good members of this State, shall be equally be used with sucrety in any case where one

sovereign State, and named Deseret.