

THE AFGHAN WAR CLOUD.

IT IS NOT QUITE SO BIG, NOR NEARLY SO BLACK.

The war said to be between the Afghans and the Russians, but the assurances accompanied by any removal of the Russian troops.

The relations between England and Russia are assuming a more favorable aspect. Baron de Staal has imparted to Earl Granville the contents of a dispatch from M. de Giers, the Russian minister of foreign affairs, in which it is stated that the czar earnestly desires a peace and peaceful relations with the English.

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A FATHER IN ISRAEL.

ONE OF THE OLDEST REFORMED MINISTERS GOES TO HIS REST.

Death of the Venerable John G. Fritchey in His Eighty-Fourth Year. A Sketch of His Life and Extended Pastoral Experience.

Rev. John G. Fritchey, the well-known clergyman of the Reformed church, died at his residence on West Chestnut street, this city, at 9:30 a. m., on the 8th day of his age. He was born in Dauphin county, Pa., near the city of Harrisburg, Feb. 4, 1801.

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CLEVELAND'S LIFE IN ALBANY.

His Simple Habits of Life and His Early Hours of Work.

Albany, Cor., N. Y., March 12.—Albany is very much wrapped up in the president, and regards him as its own property. While Mr. Cleveland admitted before he left here that he had grown to love Albany, "When I first came here as governor," he said, "my friends used to inquire how I liked my new home. To which I replied: 'This is no home of mine. I belong to Buffalo.'"

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COLUMBIA'S SCHOOL BOARD.

THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Deaths of Some Well-Known Persons—A Reduction in Wages—The Iron Business—Pickering Up—A Row on the Railroad and a Consequent Arrest.

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A BIG LOT OF PROPOSALS.

The Bids for Furnishing Supplies in the City Departments.

The water committee of councils met on Thursday evening and opened bids for supplies and labor for the water department. Following are the bids:

Table with columns: Bidder, Bid, and Amount. Includes names like Frank Anceup, John G. Miller, etc.

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NATIONAL CAPITAL NEWS.

THE CHAIRMAN OF SENATE COMMITTEES NAMED TO-DAY.

Secretary Manning Dispensing With Forty Special Agents—Three Nominations by President—The Senate Conference Secretary Manning's Assistant.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—In the Senate, Cameron offered a resolution naming the chairman and members of the Senate committee on the subject of the census. The committee was agreed upon at the caucus.

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THE UNDERGROUND WIRE BILL.

An Attempt to Call for a Consideration of the Bill—The Resolution Passed on Monday.

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A HUGELAND SPINDELER.

A Pittsburgh Man Duped into buying a Worthless West Virginia Tract.

DEATH OF HENRY WISE.

The Melancholy Event That Has Cast a Gloom Over Gap.

THE FUGITIVE BANKER TAKEN.

Caught in Missouri Five Years After His Crimes in New York.

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