

[From the Quebec Chronicle of March 6th.]

We have received a copy of the Victoria (Vancouver Island) Colonist of the 31st Jan., containing a long report of a meeting held in that city to promote a union of the colony with the Dominion. Several meetings with the same object had been held before with the same result—namely, a unanimous resolution in favor of the entry of Vancouver Island into the Canadian Union.

Saturday, April 18th.

A NEW SCARE IN WASHINGTON.—Washington would not be Washington if it did not have a sensation for each particular day. For this—St. Patrick's day—it is all agog with rumors of a terrible raid about to be made upon the Capital by Mosby and a thousand men in buckram, and troops have been pouring into town for two or three days, a strong guard has been placed at each end of Long Bridge, while Stanton's body guard around the War Department has been strongly reinforced.

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ARRIVAL OF THE ORIFLAMME.—The splendid steamship Oriflamme, Captain Charles Winsor, reached her wharf at Esquimaux at 11 o'clock yesterday morning, in three days and eighteen hours, from San Francisco. She brought 66 passengers and a large freight, a part of which is destined for Forts Tongas and Wrangel in Alaska, at which points the United States Government is about to establish garrisons.

THE most shameful neglect has occurred in the delivery, or rather non-delivery of the mails from the East and England, yesterday. The two arrivals from below brought a few overland papers and letters that same overland via United States, but the mails per steamer which arrived at San Francisco on the 2nd inst. are non est.

THE STORY OF Mr Dickens' cruel neglect of his sister-in-law living in Chicago, which originated in one of the journals of this city, is now denied. The Chicago Times says the lady has along been living in comfortable circumstances, a fact of which Mr. Dickens was well aware, notwithstanding which he recently generously presented her with the sum of \$5,000.

SCHMIDBERG DISCHARGED.—It would not do to allow the Cassarovitch case to pass away without having anything at all said about it. The last item is the discharge of Maximilian Schmiedberg, who has been in custody for nearly two weeks for contempt, in failing to execute a bill of sale for the ship Cassarovitch, in compliance with an order of Court.

BANQUET TO THE CHINESE EMBASSY.—Arrangements are being made by the merchants and prominent citizens of San Francisco for a grand complimentary banquet to Hon. Anson Burlingame and the Chinese Embassy. The affair will be worthy of San Francisco and the distinguished recipients of their hospitalities.

ARRIVAL OF THE ACTIVE.—The steamship Active, Capt. Floyd, 13 days from San Francisco via Portland, reached here at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. She brought about 80 passengers, a moderate freight, and a miserable apology for a mail.

OFFENING OF THE CANADIAN PARLIAMENT.—Parliament reopened March 12th. Owing to the small number of members present, it sat only fifteen minutes and adjourned until next day. The measures that will engage the attention of the House are most important, including a financial policy, a revision of the tariff, the militia and the intercolonial railway.

TREASURE ARRIVED.—\$80,000 in gold coin arrived by the Active yesterday. \$50,000 for the Bank of British Columbia, and \$30,000 for Wells, Fargo & Co.

THE cargo of goods by the Oriflamme, according to the manifest, is one of the largest we have ever known to come from San Francisco to this port at one shipment, and must reach at least \$100,000. Comparatively few goods were for ports in Washington Territory the bulk being marked Victoria, New Westminster, Yale and Cariboo.

WE ARE glad to perceive the chain-gang, recently employed on the croquet ground at Government House, engaged in cleaning up the public streets, which all must admit were in a very sad condition.

IT IS now asserted that the G. S. Wright will run as an opposition boat between this port and Portland, and that Kam m & Tarbell have bought the Antelope at San Francisco with the intention of placing her on the Sound.

THE steamer Enterprise left for New Westminster at 12 o'clock yesterday. Owing to the non-arrival of the Active up to the hour of the departure of the Enterprise, no English mail was forwarded to New Westminster.

DISAPPOINTMENT.—The Panama steamer with the English and Canadian mails, which left New York on the 21st March, had not reached San Francisco when the Oriflamme sailed, although overdue there.

THE UPPER RIVER STEAMER.—A despatch from Soda Creek, yesterday announces that the steamer Enterprise on the Upper Fraser will resume her trip to Quesnelmouth today.

THE birth of a son to the Crown Princess of Prussia increases the number of Queen Victoria's grandchildren to 12, viz.: Princess Royal, 5; Princess of Wales, 3; Princess Alice of Hesse, 3; Prince Helena, 1.

POLICE COURT.—The assault case of Ball and Bryant, caused by violently breaking into a workshop, was disposed of yesterday, each party being fined \$10.

OPENING NIGHT.—Messrs Keyser and Lowenberg will open their handsome cigar store in the Albambra building this evening. The place is stocked with the choicest brands of cigars and tobaccos received per steamer yesterday.

WE are indebted to Mr. C. A. Shively, purser of the steamer Active, and Mr. Turner, Wells, Fargo & Co., Messenger, for important favors.

Tuesday, April 21st.

THEATRE ROYAL.—Last night Miss Stone and her troupe made their first appearance before a large and intelligent audience. Miss Stone's Fanchon was a fine impersonation of the character throughout. There were many scenes in which she moved the heart of the audience and drew tears from its eyes.

WE are glad to hear that a movement is on foot to put a stop to the indiscriminate slaughter of game during the breeding season, and that a society is being formed to carry into effect the provisions of the game laws.

RESERVE.—The Government has reserved until the 31st of December next, for the uses of the Royal Columbia Anthracite Coal Mining Company (Limited), 20,000 acres of land, adjoining the Queen Charlotte Coal Company's land, on Queen Charlotte Island.

BOARD OF FIRE DELEGATES.—At the last meeting of this body a communication was read from Chief Engineer Kelly, recommending the construction of additional cisterns for the use of the Department.

THE ACTIVE sailed yesterday at 11 o'clock for Nanaimo, where she will take in 300 tons of coal for the use of the Company's steamships running to Portland. It is the intention of the company to keep the Active on the route between Portland and this port, connecting with the steamers for San Francisco. She will visit Nanaimo each trip and carry away a cargo of coals.

IT is very gratifying to learn the increased business of the Nanaimo Coal Company with the port of San Francisco. From the 1st of January to the 30th of April of the current year, they have shipped to that market 18,000 tons of coal, an amount far in excess of any previous date.

DISCOVERY.—A woman's dress, a pillow and some other articles were discovered partly covered with earth, near Harris's pond yesterday, by a boy who raised an alarm that a dead body was interred there.

THE measles are prevalent in town just now. Care should be taken to keep the patients from catching cold, and recovery is certain.

THE steamship Pacific sails for San Francisco at noon to-day for Victoria and Portland. It is thought she will come direct to Victoria and call at Portland on her way down.

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THE dead body of a white man, in an advanced state of decomposition has been found near Glides' farm, Metohosin. An inquest will be holden to-day.

FROST.—The last two mornings a heavy white frost was observed on the ground and some of the early vegetables were out down.

THE LAST OF THE MORAL WAX-WORKS. New York is to lose her Barnum. What kind of a New York it will be without a Barnum is a matter we shall shortly see; but we can scarcely accustom ourselves to the bare thought of such a state of existence.

ROYAL ARTILLERY.—Holloway's Ointment and Pills.—A sergeant in the Royal Artillery writes, on December 12th, 1862, from Poonamallee, Madras Presidency, that his right leg, from the ankle to the calf, was a quagmire of disease and corruption that he was on the hospital roll for twelve months without any improvement in his case.

The Patent Slip.

EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST.—It appears that the City Council have resolved to borrow \$35,000 for the purpose of constructing a Patent Slip. It would have been well if the City Council before taking this step had ascertained the wishes of the public in the matter.

THERE are certain matters which lie more or less clearly within the jurisdiction of a Civic Corporation, as control of highways, footpaths, bridges, regulation of ferries and markets &c.—matters in which the right, safety or convenience of citizens are concerned; but one step beyond and where the limit be fixed? If a patent slip, why not a foundry, that iron ships may be more easily repaired than at present?

BUT, apart from the general question and the undesirability of allowing the Corporation to involve us in debt in order to carry out a speculative undertaking, there is the objection that the sum to be borrowed exceeds, by fifty percent, the highest estimate for a slip capable of taking up any vessel likely to enter this harbour.

THEN again, do the Council propose to borrow on the credit of the city, and if so, at what rate do they expect to obtain the money. Or is it intended to ask the Colonial Government to guarantee repayment, and so hold the farmers of Comox, and the population from Westminster to Cariboo responsible for what would benefit none of them.

HOPING that our city fathers may see the errors of their ways, and reconsider the whole question, I am

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HORRIBLE MURDER IN MOBILE.

The Victim is Mangled by the Teeth of his Murderer.

THE citizens of Mobile, on February 23th, were thrown into a state of wild excitement by the report of the death, under horrible circumstances, of Herr Marking Burd, by a desperate character well known in that city as Thomas Katte.

MR Burd, who had for some time past been deprived of his liberty, had just succeeded in making his escape from prison by climbing through the iron bars, and finding himself on a gallery some twelve feet from the ground, determined to risk the leap, and relying on his agility, succeeded in reaching in safety a neighboring yard, where, unfortunately, an old enemy of his family, Thomas Katte, was in the habit of watching him and feasting in imagination upon his misfortune.

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PIMPLES, BLOTCHES,

and roughness of the skin generally arise from depraved or vitiated humors. Bristol's Sarsaparilla is the best of all known purifiers of the blood and humors.

Yes, Everywhere!

The Limitation of before the Council carefully remodeled features, and left in fails to challenge op noxious provision, rev the debts of the unfort of six years over him ed altogether; and the one of the limitation l in which the debt was tuted. This is a wise could be no justice or debt over a man in thi collection was barred, country he emigrated vision, as it stood, st Limitation of Foreign 1860 is repealed, pro prejudice any rights o acquired under that a are to be held and con repeal had taken pla future, in case of actio against any person res the party sued has onl piracy of the Limite country in which the d as a bar to the suit, an ends. Evidence, howe tion is demanded, b printed copy of the fo to be taken in our Cou evidence of that expir debtor, if legally libe debtors, will have proving the fact. Th stands altered and ar and just; and in its a foreign laws of the sam out full and perfect jus who may hereafter be suits. We presume so taken during the wee ment, Saving and Lo The only objection we against the necessity o measure is that the comm some s depressed, n, no one to save, no o invest. Such an obje easily disposed of. If societies are useful and populous commu can deny that fact) the city be the same in poor munities. What diffor in the benefit derive vidual, whether he in tage the small savin come or the profuse s one—whether the inve fifty or five thousand the year? The princ throughout the worl perhaps, be stated with the occasion for such a greater amongst poor amongst rich and popu ties. In the latter a m years by the means o Societies. This Colony place for their establi their happiest effect. People unacquai progress of San Fran years have no idea of which she is indebted to and Loan Society for and beautiful homes po middle and lower classe have been created w have existed by any o yet how humble and origin of this corporat owns one of the best city and controls a pal total of \$1,000,000. It, plished in a few year efforts of one man. resources been availa hour of need during the scores of families, no forever, would never l pelled to leave. Th things in life we only