

THE SPOKE PRE-EMPTION.

"Uneasy lies the head that wears a crown." Alexander, with all his conquests, had his share of human miseries and anxieties...

"IT NEVER RAINS BUT IT POURS."—Mr. Thompson, the owner of the ranch at Sooke, where the proposed town site is located...

THE SPOKE MINES.—The steamer Alexandra carried down some 30 passengers to Sooke yesterday and returned same evening...

THE SPOKE TOWN SITE.—The official decision of the Commission appointed to consider Thompson's pre-emption claim...

NARRATIVES FOR SOOKE.—The Emily Harris brought down fourteen passengers last night, all bound for Sooke. Great excitement existed in Coal-don, and a "strike" had taken place among the miners for higher wages...

THE EXPLORING PARTY.—Dr. Browne's party will leave Nanaimo to-day for Barclay Sound, crossing thence to Comox.

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LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

WEDNESDAY, August 10. STILL THEY GO.—The steamer Alexandra carried down to Sooke yesterday upwards of sixty "hardy miners," bound for the new diggings...

THE SPOKE TOWN SITE.—His Excellency the Governor has appointed the Surveyor General, Pearson, and Mr. J. Hughes, resident magistrate for Sooke. Mr. Wm. Farren and Mr. Bartholomew, both well-known Sooke men, also went down...

ARRIVED OVERLAND.—Mr. Dickinson, Mr. Carver, and a party of miners arrived in the night at 12 o'clock, having left the diggings and come through overland...

GAZETTED.—The Government Gazette of yesterday contains the appointments of Richard Geddes and Charles James Hughes, Esquires, to be Justices of the Peace in and for the Colony of Vancouver Island...

REPORTED RICH STRIKER.—A report was circulated yesterday that a rich prospect of \$10 to the pan had been struck within fifteen miles of the city. The report does not emanate so far as traced, from an authentic source.

NOR RUSSELL.—Enquiries which we made yesterday, enable us to state that the Attorney General has not sent in his resignation.

A SPORTING RACE.—A match between Williams' grey mare Fashion, and the horse Oregon Bayley, was run yesterday on the Beacon Hill course, and was witnessed by His Excellency the Governor, and a number of spectators. The distance run was only a quarter of a mile, but what created more than usual interest in the race was that the terms of the match were "horse for horse, and a stake of \$250." Fashion, which is a well bred little mare, possessing great speed for a short sprint, was ridden by the successful jockey, Fitzpatrick. The Oregon horse, a fine well built bay, possessing some excellent points, was taken to the stand by his owner. Some time elapsed before the latter horse put in an appearance, owing to his exhibiting great suborness when mounted. Finally they got away, the horse having a decided advantage at the start, but he bolted a few yards out of the course, which Fitzpatrick immediately took advantage of, and pushed the mare in a winner by about ten lengths. The horse is apparently a strong runner, and would have appeared to greater advantage in a longer race. He now belongs to Mr. Williams' stud, and will no doubt give a better account of himself on some future occasion.

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THE GRAND JURY.—The gentlemen forming the Grand Jury assembled Tuesday morning in full force at the Supreme Court, and upon the Chief Justice taking his seat upon the bench the foreman, Kenneth McKenzie, Esq., of Craigflower, handed in the following presentment, after which His Honor discharged them, thanking them for their services.

OPINIONS OF THE LONDON PRESS upon Benson's Great Clock and Watches in the Exhibition, 1862.

IRISH EMIGRATION DEGRASSING.—A Cork paper says: It gives us pleasure to be able to state that there is a considerable falling off in the number of persons seeking passage to New York by the steamers calling at Queenstown. It is known that the great rush through this port for the past few months has been for the most part, of emigrants whose passages had been prepaid by friends in America, the proportion of those who emigrated at their own expense being comparatively small.

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