## WEEKLY COLONIST AND CHRONICLE.

The Union Bill Officially Explained.

The Hon. Dr. Helmoken, M.L.C., late Speaker of the House of Assembly in this Island, has placed in our possession the following Despatch from the Right Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies, explaining the motives by which Her Majesty's Government were actuated in effecting the present Union of the Colonies. Accompanying this document is a communication from Governor Seymour, stating that His Excellency deems it "respectful to the people of Vancouver Island that the despatch should see the light first through the instrumentality of the late Speaker than through the more formal one the call of the Hon, Dr. Helmcken, to conof the Gazette, which is now only printed in New Westminster."

bly of Vancouver Island.

I have, &c. (Signed)

The Rumored Removal of the Public

A meeting was convened in the Chamber

of Commerce rooms yesterday afternoon, at

· Offices.

CARNARVON.

VANCOUVER ISLAND, No. 15.

Downing Street, 31st October, 1866.

Sin : I have received from time to time a considerable number of dispatches and other communications, as noted below, relating to the Constitutions of Vancouver Island and to the Union which has long been proposed between that Colony and British Columbia. between that Colony and British Columbia. In acknowledging them I think it advisable to place on record, in some degree, the mo-tives by which Her Majesty's Government have been actuated in taking steps for the complete Union of the Colonies. So long ago as the 15th of June, 1863, I observe that the Dake of Newcastle express d his conviction that the Colonies ought to form one government. But this course was open

one government. But this course was open to three strong objections : First.-It was opposed to the prevalent

feeling on the spot. Secondly.—The formal grant of Repre-sentative Institutions was impossible in Britsentative Institutions was impossible in Brit-ish Columbia, while they already existed in and could not be withdrawn from Vancouver reports were so current that it seemed to him Island, except by a strong exercise of Parthey might have some foundation in fact, and liamentary power, or by an intimation on the part of the Colony that it was willing to place itself in the hands of Her Majesty's Government.

Thirdly.—The commercial policy of Van-conver Island was opposed to the imposition address to His Excellency be adopted, and of Import Duties, on which the Government of British Columbia was obliged to rely for whether the reports were true or false. If

But for these objections the Duke of New- if untrue, public confidence would be speedily But for these objections the Duke of New-castle considered, and indeed to reasonable person could doubt, that the interests of the Colonies, whether in point of economy or in point of administrative efficiency, required that they should be consolidated under one Legislative and one Executive Government. Such were the views of the Home Govern-the ISS. On the 2d of March 1865 from obtaining instice ware the Courts and the Courts and one the Courts and other public insti-tutions would most seriously affect the city. ment in 1863. On the 2d of March, 1865, from obtaining justice, were the Courts carthe difficulty hitherto existing was disposed ried to the mainland, and the Land and Regisof by the Assembly of Vancouver Island de-claring by resolution that "the immediate Union of this Colony with British Colombia under such constitution as Her Majesty's A public meeting, he thought, would only may be pleased to grant is the means best increase the public alarm at present, and he adapted to prevent permanent causes of de- therefore moved that an address be passed, adapted to prevent permanent causes of de-pression as well as to stimulate trade, foster industry, develop our resources, augment our population, and increase our permanent pros-perity." therefore moved that an address be passed, therefore moved that an address be passed, the Ureek. The placer diggings on Terry creek, a tributary of Canyon, are paying \$8 to \$10 a day to the hand. There are six wintering there. On Canyon about 25 men will win-Later, on the 13th of December, 1865, the

same Assembly "endorsed" these resolutions, but while expressing their preference for re-presentative institutions, and apparently for what is called Responsible Government, re-pested their conviction that the immediate

ation for the then existing Legislature of items of news :. The weather continued Vancouver Island, or should be attributed to pleasant. Snow from 10 to 12 inches, but very little frost, not enough to impede mining any other motive than the desire to comoperations in any way. Public health was excellent. Markets unchanged, with the explete with promptitude an arrangement which I believe to be more in accordance ception of flour and butter, the former having with the main interests of the two colonies risen to \$23 per 100 lbs., and the latter to than with their wishes, and to terminate a \$1 50 per lb. There were 12 or 15 companies at work state of uncertainty of which I am convinced the mischief is not overstated by the Assem-

This creek lies between Grouse and Williams, and is attracting considerable atten- FOR AGUE AND CHILLS AND FEVER. sider a question of vital importance to the city and island at large. The meeting was tion lately. There is a company of 16 encomposed of most of the influential and solid gaged in a thorough prospecting. There is considerable prospecting going on in various minor localities, and in some instances with men of the place and the proceedings were A New and Grand Epoch in Medicine.— Dr. Mage EL is the founder of a new Medical System i The quan itarians, whose vast internal doses enfeeble the listened to with marked interest. Among the highly encouraging indications. In Conkgentlemen present we observed Dr Helmcken | lin's gulch the United Co., are still carrying and Mr DeCosmos (M.L.C.'s "select" for Dis-into the hill with a view to striking the back

Nor which they paid in Cedar Creek dus, There were only two companies washing and their average was \$40 a day to the hand Six other claims. were being prospected, and bought stillings from the claims. HORSEFILY CREEK. A company has been formed for the pur-torsefly Creek.

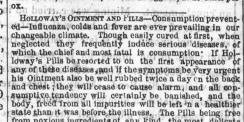
CANYON CREEK.

Works are being carried on in the Stewart Washburn and Homerstake and the ead improves as they go down. In the Stewart they had got down 40 feet, where the ledge is from 3 feet to 4 feet in thickness, and the rock is quite as rich as any got near the sur-face. In the Washburn and Homestake the ledge is 2 feet 6 inches thick, and maintains its character for richness. The Poor Man's the last ledge struck, promises to be the best defined and the richest ledge of any on

instrument for our destruction, and read the draft of an address embodying the views he had expressed. workings worth \$21 75. COLORATE, TATER AND STRATE

From Judge Cox, who left Williams creek

gentlemen present we observed. Dr Helmoker, and Mr DeCoemos (M.L.C.'s "select" for Dis-itrict No. 1), Messra Shepherd, Rhodes, Ash, Stewart, Leneven, Gochrane, Stahlschmidt, Finlay, Drake, Nicholeson, Jonnson, Langke, Main, Stewart, Hepburn, Wilkie, Ward, McCreight, Jackson, Nagle, Backus, Wal-lace, Nathan, Elliott, Plummer, Selye, David, Stuto, Trimble, Wigham, Wm. Wil-ite of the cash of the star of the sta



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There were 12 or 15 companies at work on Williams Creek, mostly averaging wages, and the majority of which purpose working all the winter. GROUSE CREEK. Prospecting is being carried on upon an extensive scale. There are 300 men on the creek. The Heron is now ranked as the richest claim in Cariboo. CANADIAN AND OTHER CREEKS.

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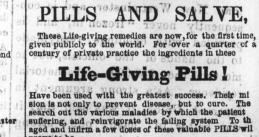
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sentative Institutions. 'And though it is true that certain of the inhabitants of Vancouver thought it should not be passed over too ful confidence. Island were evidently opposed to the imposition of import duties in that Island, yet it is

burriedly. The Chairman agreed with the Doctor, that the draft should be referred to a com-mittee, and should come before another evident that if Union was to be effected the imposition or removal of those duties must remain a question for the decision of the United Legislature. It must be supposed that the Assembly accepted this obvious consequence of their own request.

meeting for adoption. Mr DeCosmos believed that the address should be adopted by this meeting; but he believed that a public meeting would have Thus the difficulties of consolidation as far as regards Vancouver Island were wholly to be held eventually before much good removed, and on terms to which no reason-able objection could be raised on the part reading of the draft.

of British Columbia. Under these circum-The draft was then read by the Secretary. stances Her Majesty's late Government in-Mr Wallace then withdrew his motion for troduced a bill into parliament with that object, and that bill was subsequently committee.

The clauses were then read, and slightly adopted and carried on by me. When that bill was passing through Parliament some reso-

Intions (unaccompanied by any report from the Governor of the Colony) were received by telegraph, which had been passed in the The chairman on motion appointed a deputation of five gentlemen to wait, in conjunction with the city members, upon His Excel-lency and present the address; and the followmonth of June by the House of Assembly, and which, though they reasserted the vital ing gentlemen were named : Messrs. J. G. necessity of Union, praying that this Union might take place under a certain constitu-tion which would be Representative in its general character, but the terms and con-Shepherd, J. R. Stewart, Dr Trimble, J. F. McCreight, J. C. Nicholson with the Chair

ditions of which were very loosely specified. | the meeting adjourned. The Ass mbly, however, did not specifically

withdraw the original pledges of January and December, 1865, and they impressed on the Secretary of the State the isjury which was From Cariboo. edio. We have files of the Cariboo Sentinel to the inflicted on both colonies by the then state of 30th ult. The mining intelligence has been

uncertainty. Even in the absence of explanations from the Governor it was evident, that these ex-mainly anticipated by telegraph, out in the Columbian may, however, be found readable : Bitter complaint is made respecting the the Governon it was evident that these ex-pressions of opinion did not justify Her Maj-Bitter complaint is made respecting the Bitter complaint is made respecting the The weather was tery fine, and there had been no frost of any consequence. There are two fowns on Grouse Creek, about a mile apart, and both growing rapidly. A movement was on foot for organizing a Dramatic Club.

The bill therefore was carried through The bill therefore was carried through Parliament, and may perhaps have resulted of the Union of the two colonies before this despatch can reach its destination. That Union will render it unnecessary for the to enter on a variety of subjects which in ow ander acknowledgment. But I have thought to involve any want of consider. Dramatic Olub. Dramatic Olub. Dramatic Olub. Dramatic Olub. A fresh item of evidence against Barry had turned up, in the shape of a pin given to one of the "Hurdies" by the prisoner, and which has been identified as the property of the late Blassing. A farewell dinner was offered to Commis-source from the Creek, but was declined by that gentleman. The Enterp Westminster at mid will return to-day.

Initial constraints and and British Co-lambia was necessary beyond any other measure to impart confidence to the public mind and to place both Colonies on a pros-percus tooting. They also referred to the willingness which they bad already shown to accept whatever consisticution Her Majesty's Government might be pleased to grant.
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Dr Helmcken remarked that the paper he had read was only a rough draft, and he general feeling in Cariboo is one of cheer-

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 <l amended, and the address was adopted as a the threshing machine a few days since whole.

Extraordinary Murder in Algeria.
A late Algerine paper relates the follow-ing: At El-Afroun, after the conclusion of a fete, the overseer of a gang of convicts, a Zonave, and the clerk of the prison con-tractor, were drinking in a wine shop. After some conversations to wagers, the overseer suddenly said to the Zouave: "I will bet you five franes that I kill you at the first shot." The Zouave, considering the assertion a joke, accepted, and the other, drawing a revolver, fired, and the soldier fell dead, shot through the forehead. The overseer the indicate and lodged a ball in his throat. At the noise of the reports the landlord and some assistants ran in and suc-ceeded in securing the murderer. The clerk although not dead, is considered to be in a vary pecarious state.
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tor The Enterprise will leave for New Westminster this evening, returning, we pre

Shaw, Hastings, 5 Swashes, Per stmr JOSLE McNEAR from Puget Sound-Rev J C Whitworth, E Reed, J McGrarcy, M Tuite, Guppell, J Davis, G Murray, J D Spurlock, A Somes, Parkie, Nothing can be more productive of cure than these Pills-Their almost magic influence is felt at once; and the usual concomitants of this most distressing disease are removed. These remedies are made from the purest

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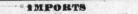
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MARRIED. In this City, on the 20th inst., by the Very Rev. Dean Cridge, Edward Dickinson, of this City, to Miss, Amanda Malvina Durant, of San Francisco, No Cards. In this City, Dec. 19th, by Rev. Mr Browning, C. John Pidwell to Miss Susan A. Jones, youngest daughter of Samuel Jones, Esq., of St. John, New Brunswick. In San Francisco, on the 5th inst., by the Rev. J. A. Benton Augustus E. Siffken, Esq., to Miss Annie J. Baillie, daughter of the late Dr Baillie. of this city. DIFT

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Westminster at midnight on Saturday. She will return to-day. Late Member of the Architectural Association, Lon