# SEMI-WEEKLY BRITISH COLONIST.

## Wednesday, September 8, 1869

-sid .2 Agrarian Reform. ict Court our town-bes a lively appearance, of all the avenues conducting the ny. What is to be done? We are colonist on to permanent wellbeing, probably none has been more neglected. perhaps we might say obstructed, than that which lies through the public lands of the Colony. In earlier times this was especially the case. We find Sir Bulwer Lytton, with all his enlightventure to think most other. Colonies. ened and liberal colonial views, admonand it has, in some instances at least ishing the Governors of that period to been successfully grappled with. A tax keep up the price of the public lands we are disposed the regard as to most and in pursuance of these permisious instructions lands were for some time non wild or improved land as well held at a pound sterling an acre; and that, too, in direct contrast with the American, free grant system in the the bands of one who will. This plan neighboring territories. Was it sur- would operate in two ways; it would prising that men in search of a home cause land so held to contribute towards evinced a disinclination to settle in these the revenueland force the speculators to

prices and absurd rest on the public lands

sono ed these remarks upon a collatorel radual and material modification since branchto attain the proportions of an the "dark ages" to which we have al- ordinary article, we shall reserve what Inded, still our land system is far be- we intended saying upon the main hind the age in which we live. Sepak- subject for a future occasion,

ing more particularly of this section of the United Colony, there were other AGRICULTURAL AND HORTICULTURAL SO. circumstances which contributed greatly cirry. A deputation, consisting of the Presito retard the settlement of the public dent, Treasurer, and Secretary of the above lands and, consequently, the building Society, waited on the Governor yesterday. up of a thrifty peasantry. Watching His Excellency consected to become Patron

their opportunity, certain knowing ones of the Society, and expressed the warmest "in the ring" pounced upon all the choice pieces of land within a radius of many miles around Nictoria, at the moment it was emerging from those restrictions under which it had previously remained Douglas free of charge ; and it is probable hermetically is sealed. . A incircumstany that the river steamers will do the same by tial account of the manœuvring by those who may come from the Mainland. which all the good land was secured We take this opportunity of again reminding and the rock and awamp thrown in the public of their duty in this matter. Nei ther the society nor the exhibition can poswould make a book, certainly could not pessibly be compressed within the scope of a single article. But what concerns us most is the fact that these about a formight, and it is of the utmost imlands are still locked up, and thus set-tlement, with the exception of a few matters without further delay. 'Many hands isolated patches, has been driven, back make light work," and where so small a sum far sinto the interior. And this very is necessary nomeacon is a dimension of the second and the mestion has much to do with the fea- desirable and praiseworthy a movement to fures in the published returns of imports which we are constantly deploring. Were all the good land contiguous to "Oh I it can surely get on without me." Victoria occupied by those who would Another and another come to a similar con-elusion, until the great bulk of the comuse it as farms and market gardens, in- munity, which is composed of individ

Semi Weekly British Galanist as by preventing settlement altogether, BRITISH the system of permitting people, to acquire and hold agricultural lands purely. for speculative purposes is a most pernicious one, and has already excited a blighting influence upon the young colos aware that when an evil of this kind has been permitted to gain a lodgement cure is most difficult ; but though difficult we are by no means disposed to regard it as impossible. The same condition has been met with in other, we

do so. Having allow-

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interest in its welfare and the success of the

approaching Exhibition. It is expected that

exhibitors as well as articles for exhibition

coming from the northeastern coast of the

Island will be carried by the str. Sir James

MBIA ANGLICAN MISSION -Although our temarks a lew days ago were confined to a historical and political paper published in the Report of the Columbia Mission of the Anglican Church, we would regret very much if our readers or any of them should run away with the idea that application to have the case stand over. there is nothing more of interest contained in a pamphlet of 134 pages. In truth ther? s much in it that is highly interesting but it was not altogether natural that we should have pounced down upon a political target so temptingly exhibited. The Beport, as we have said, comprises 134 pages and

contains a number of very good plates illustrative of Indian life) and habits, as well as some very interesting wiews of British Columbia scenery. The papers on the Indian tribes and the mission work among Indians and Whites, possess considerable interest was in plaintiff's possession. Judgment for the defendent; effective and legitimate cure, such a tax and Whites, possess considerable interest

make it the interest of the holders eise ing, if we may be permitted the expression. Show we were shift to recover the sum of there to improve it himself or place it in than some previous papers of a similar nay killed by detendant and sold. The case was ture were thought to be. The financial proceeding when the court rese. ture were thought to be. The infancial proceeding when the court tool. There is a statement appears to be presented with a degree of satisfaction which reference ito figures scatcaly explaines. The Report is, as a whole, highly interesting and indicates the states connected with the finding of the states connected with the

bis Clergy are pursuing the great work un-dertaken in this Colony, and in which they surely have a right to expect the moral if twelve days ago by a Mr. Porter, who, with not the pecuriary support of every Chris- a friend, was hunting. They were found tian person. A r maria stolias' goilevilg

the Police Court yesterday to answer a charge of drawing a pistol upon Capt. Jackson. The circumstances of the case are similar to those adduced at the examination of Jackson for drawing a pistol on Spaulding. Mr. Courtney and Mr. Pearkes appeared for the prosecution, and Mr. Bishop for the defence. The case occupied some time, and after the evidence was all in Mr. Pemberton said that as Spaulding had shown himself the most law-abiding man of the two he would only require him to enter into his own recognisances to be of good behavior. Sta

Otter ; on the 23d, saw the schooner Nanaf Davis and the revenue officer dismissed for of a self-immolated victim ; or whether they execeding his duty.

The steamer Wilson G Hunt, Capt, Waitt, may never be known ; but from the condition of the remains when found, it is in-ferred that they were instinct with life not many weeks ago. Who has lost a friend? arrived at 71% o'clock last evening from ports on the Sound. Among the passengers was Judge Bates of the U S. Bankruptey Court, from whose possession the steamer THE EXHIBITION .- We are requested to te that Capt, Waitt, of the steamer W. G Puget Sound papers condemn the seizure of Hunt, has kindly promised to bring over and the steamer by Spaulding and his friends. The steamship Moses Taylor, now at bibition from ports on the Sound. It is Portland, will not come on to Victoria, confidently expected that all duties will be On the occasion of the Taylor leaving San remitted upon such artibles. We ate also Francisco, three weeks ago, for Portland and authorized to state that the local management Victoria, a number of express packages from the Hudson Bay Company have, with their England for Victoria importers would baye usual liberality, engaged that persons and been placed on board had the steamship de- things coming from the Mainland shall be layed sailing for three hours. carried free by their steamer Enterprise. Altogether there is every prospect of our THE PASIFIC MAIL STEAMERS .- Hereafter having a very successful Exhibition. In fact there will be but two steamers per month. it only remains for subscribers and should be The sailing days will be the 14th and 30th. sebseribers to come forward promptly with except when those days fall on Sunday, when their ftwo fifties' to make it a great the day will be the Saturday preceding. success. We would desire to remind intend-ing exhibitors of the importance of punc-The steamer of the 14th will touch at Madzanillo, and will connect at Aspin wall with tuality in entering their productions, and otherwise complying with the regulations, steamers for St. Nazaire and Southampton. under, which the Exhibition will be con-The new arrangement takes effect immediately. ALASKA.-A San Francisco paper says NEWS FOR THE COLONISTS .- The Illustrated The schooner Fanny sailed some time since London News of the 10th July contains the for Alaska. She went on a big fur venture. Interested speculators calculated to clear at least \$100,000. She returned yesterday. Her cargo consisted of the Captain and one beas verskin, the mate, and a fox skin, and the steward and a helf-starved dog. A dividend of 000,000 was immediately declared.' £2,500 per annum."

Wednesday Sept 8 County Court. anter oils TUESDAY, Sept. 1st, 1869. Before A, F. Pemberton, Esq. 10w VI Dalby vs. Gaston-Mr. Drake made an

Granted. Connessa vs. E. Navaerste This was an action brought for \$5. 50, for goods sold and delivered by the plaintiff to the defendant. The defendant claimed a set-off, having supplied the plaintiff with medicine during his

sickness. Judgment for the plaintiff.

Thomas Rabson vs. John Wade-Suit brought against the defendant for the sum of \$24, for ninety-six days feed for a dog, at 25 cents per day. The defendant put in a setoff for the sam of \$68, sgainst the plaintiff;

in a pool of water, lying about half a mile, THE VERUNA CASE.—Captain Spaulding of the runaway steamer Veruna, appeared in the Police Comet Action State and distant

road. There were a few inches of water in the pool at the time. Mr. Porter returned home and the next day sent to the spot his son, who dug up a part of the skeleton ; found the remains greatly decayed, and the bones, in places, destitute of flesh. The face was quite gone. The settlers living around were notified of the hideous "find" but they appear to have been, too busily engaged in harvesting to pay any attention to the matter, until last Sunday, when Messre, Porter, with several other settlers, accom panied by Mr. Proud of this city, visited FROM FORT SIMPSON. - The sloop Native, bad formed the pool bad disappeared, and the spot and found that the water which Capt. Collins, arrived from Fort Simpson that wolves or hogs had scattered the bones yesterday. She left Fort Simpson on the 3d far and near. There were no shreds of August, when the steamer Beaver lay on the clothing or hair to be found anywhere-nobeach undergoing cleaning. On the 22d thing, in fact, to furnish the faintest clue August, in Fitzbugh Sound, saw the steamer to the identification of the remiane, and the bones were finally collected and buried. mo Packet in Queen Charlotte Sound. The Whether the remains are thuse of some Native is the sloop that was seized at Fort Tosi poor demented wretch who strayed laway gas by the American revenue-officer, but from his keepers and perished miserably was subsequently released by order of Geo. frem starvation ; whether they are those

constitute the evidence of "murder most foul."

DIRECT STEAMER. - A special from San Francisco announces that the steamship Active will sail direct for Victoria Sat-Saturday, September 11. Itzo yabu

SISTERS OF ST ANN .- Mr Lee has tendered the Sisters of St Ann a complimentary benefit, to take place on Friday evening. An appeal in aid of the generous Sisterbood always meets with a ready response from our citizens. .berbuid

FOR NEW WESTMINSTER,-His Excellency the Governor and Private Secretary, the Colonial Secretary, and Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, left for New Westminster yesterday morning! erissb yedl modw

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stead of being locked up in the close grasp. of heartless speculators we would not be sending upwards of half a million out of the colony every year to pay the any possible connection with its success, falls for the ground ; and then comes unavailing foreign producer for what could so well be raised from our own soil. We may mite would have helped it how cheerinity would it have been given." It is only when land, open; and that there is, indeed, enough held by so-called farmers to supply the entire population, if they would only display reasonable industry. This, is true in a restricted sense ; but the fact of the choicest land choicest in point of position as well as qualitybeing docked up has exerted a depressing, and discoursging influence. It has ed many a good would be settler to turn his back upon the colony, st When an come to a colony as new as this is and find the arable land for miles round the principal market has been gobbled up, not by those who would turn if to legitimate use bat by those who held it for specalative purposes, they are not content as a rule to settle beyond the radius of the speculative area; and in this way, many, very many, are prevented from settling in the colony at all. Bat there is another bad effect. Those who do settle find themselves so far from market mas stontrender bit salmost impossible to dispose of many little articles of a more perishable sort, while the time and expense attending the marketing of the more staple produce tions are each as to leave a very nar-to a bargin for profit, and produce an ed the engineer to let on steam, and as the tions are such as to leave a very narmisatisfactory balance-sheet at the end of the year. Owing to the distance of the agricultural settlements from the markets, and the absence of facile and the productions of the neighboring Terthe productions of the neighboring Ter-ritory, and even of Oregon, can be put in this market almost as cheaply as those raised from our own soil, notwithstanding that the latter enjoy all the advantages of a protective tariff. It is perfectly clear; that in this way, as well

most communities are-thoughtlessly stand aloof, and an enterprise which all wished well, and from which none would have stood sloof had they realized that they had regret." "Oh ! if I had only known that my individuals do their duty that communities dow Inregard to the subject of these remarks British Columbia "expects that every man this day will do his duty." We all profers interest in agricultural development. How much are, these professions worth Sarely not less than \$250 for each jedividual. If not, all will be members of the society and if all are members of the society its an-nual exhibitions, won't peed to go begging for funds. Who cannot offord \$2 50 a year lowards such, an important object ? A cigar or a dram less a week will far more than suffice. The slightest amount, of self-denial will enable the poorest' to become subscribing members. Reader 1 your help is needed ; and it is needed NOW 1 anddo ut assess pos setting a

THE SEIZURE OF THE VERUNA .- The Seate tle Intelligencer furnishes the following accountrief the seizure of the Veruna at Port Orchard, W. T., after Captain Glidden and Judge Bates had gone ashore [Spaulding had agreed itolige to Post Townsend to have the steamer transferred tot to the oreditors of Colman & Glidden]: "Spaulding went aboard and Capt. Jackson' asked him how long it would be before they were ready, and he answered, "Very soon." At this point Mrs Bates (who was in the saloon) asked Jackson some question, and, as he turned to answer her, Spaulding seized him bythelegs and threw him overboard, at the same time drawing his revolver, and ordering Mrs. Bates, who, in her anxiety for the safety of Capt Jackson, cried ont to save him, to "shut ea the angineer to let on steam, and, as the lines were cast off four confederates went aboard, and she started out of the barbor o Port Orchard. It seems that Mrs Bates, whose station and age should have commanded respect and decent treatment, was not allowed to go on share, but was told that they to find her way as best she could.

NANAIMO .- The ship Shooting Star will be ready for sea to-day, and the ship Cowper on Friday. Both ships are loading for San Francisco. Coor Arbings cand to say 1

following piece of information of interest to British Columbians and Newfoundlanders. Lord Musgrave, late Governor of Newfoundlands has been appointed Lientenant-Governor of Newfoundland, at a salary of

REDUCTION OF TREASBARH RATES THE Western Union Telegraph Company and ourog that the charge on messages to France from San "Francisco have been a made the same as on messages to England, COMMENDABLE -- We learn that th abiow

STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS. The steamship Portland for Victoria to-day.

THE California elections came off on the Ist September. adAta Santa Francisco cand throughout the State it is believed the Democrats were successful.

Mysterious. A human skeleton was found in a small swamp near Langford Lake on Sunday. It was buried by the finders. Will there not be an investigation ?.

GOVERNOE MUSGRAVE, accompanied, by

THE TELEGRAPH. VILLAFORDE DE MUCh. gr on to state that the land line and recently destroyed by fire have been replaced and that nothing but the laying of a short blece of cable remains to be done to refestabe viz: ten dollars and fifty cents for ten lish telegraphic communication, which was several nearly swb months ago. The line

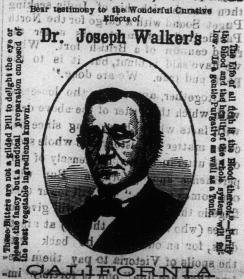
constructors have been unwearying in their ex-STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS.—The steamship Moses Taylor is advertised to sail from Port-land for San Francisco direct to-morrow ; and success. Mr Pitts went over yesterday to the Gussie Telfair is announced to leave manage a cance-express between the islands until the short piece of cable is submerged.

> Nominatione, - Last evening the Union Hook and Ladder Company non-insied John Kriemler and Frank Bichards for Chief and Assistant Engineers. Mr. Richards was formerly Chief of the New Westminster Fire Depariment. The Tigers nominated John Vogel and C. E. Bunting. .....

DROWNING OF MR. OBMANDY. The following dispatch from Yale was received at this office the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, nard's Express at Barkerville, fell from off the will depart in the Enterprise this morning guards of the steamer Lilleget at Yale yesters for New Westminster, day, and was, drowned, Particulars after, the the St. Clair River, a property appropriate

IMPORTS Per GUSSIE TELFAIR, from Portland-295 bis apples, Per GUSSIE TELFAIR, from Portind---zee ors apples, 180 sks wheat, 2 kgs butter, 4 pkgs agricultural impl'ss, 258 sks middings, 1 bx soar, 2 bis blankets, 1 kt salmon 1 bbl syruth 1 bx candies, 2 cs dry goods, 1552 sks flour, 6 pkgs cyress matter, 4 tail bags Per 8tmr E ANDERSON--66 bbls flour, 27 bxs fruit, 19 cstille, 21 sheep, 17 pkgs skins

DEATH. DEATH. In this city, on the 7th inst, Robert, only son of Mr Chomas Russell, aged 4 years and 5 months Faceral THIS, Wednesday, AFIERNOON, from St, An-irew's Church at 3 o'clock p.m. Friends and acquainton and be back with the ne and be MORE THAN 200,000 Persons



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