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Vignanzone, A Wilcox, mrs Whitemore, miss Winder, mr Williams, S Wegner, F Wilson, J Waterford, A Ward, B Williams, W C Ward, B W-3 Williams, T C Wilcox, G W Wren, JB 2 Wells, M 2 Woodhams, W Webb, H White, Jas Wilson, W S Wilford, A Wilcox, S F Wolf, J A Wilson, T Woods, A Whear, S Wearne, R Webster, H A

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HENRY WOOTTON; Postmaster. May 30th, 1864.

DRNIA ITEMS. ERCHANTS COMING TO SAN v of the heaviest merchants removing their places of rancisco. Within the past drug house and the princifectioner from that city have ere. The reasons for the axes are somewhat lighter than in Sacramento, and the ooked upon as possessing nmercial advantages as the

HTNING .- The Golden Gate Valley, was struck by lighth, slightly injuring several whom, Miss Mary Eaton, had paralysed for several hours

Dougall, the actors in the late in San Francisco, have been ge Shepherd and convicted S. Levy, fine of \$100 or 50 ent; Robert McDougal, fine s imprisonment; J. W. Lees, mprisonment for 7 days. layne and Harry Courtaine with success in the Metro-

Viggins has resigned the office lic, which he has held for San Francisco. in Sacramento 980 in the

CAL AGENT IN WARFARE .rogen will, it is said, soon be implement of war. Its emd seem likely to put an end to Isham Baggs, an English houncing his discovery, propohis composition in balloons, om the air in the midst of aresses. "The very mention of f," he goes on to say, "as a ent in modern warfare, may oke a smile among chemists, hat the most accomplished umber would scarcely dare to th it in quantities larger than stard seed, and even then at a ance, and under guard at the detonation. And yet not one sts will be bold enough to deny or three chemically clean carerrible compound present in a , however strong, the slightest hosphorus or a single drop of ng in contact with it, would, in ecide the fate of the place and Mr. Baggs then proceeds he has discovered a method of the contingent difficulties and le to manufacture this deadly

tity, and that it can be safely its destination. or of Coningsby .- In an artipecuniary windfall which Mr. received, the Philadelphia Press ing back to Mr. Disraeli, we can family certainly emigrated from nice more than a century ago, family name was Lara. Its head was a wealthy merchant, who, had vast dealings 'on the Rialto.' that time, there was a greater religious opinion than in any southern Europe. No one ever auto da-fe in Venice. Lara ved to London, where he formally a Christian; he had conformed soon after quitting Spain, but, is ancient lineage, assumed the sraeli (literally a son of Israel!) the fact of his Hebrew descent. this gentleman was the late Isaac I known as a man of letters, and representative of the family is the Benjamin Disraeli, ex Chanceller nequer - the same to whom s Willyams has bequeathed the

perfect safety, and in any re-

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CARIBOO!

\$130,000 in Treasure.

The news from the gold fields is to the 9th inst.

The steamer Alexandra arrived from New Westminster on Saturday morning with 10 passengers and \$30,000 in gold.

The steamer Otter arrived at 6 o'clock on Saturday evening with 20 passengers and \$100,000 in treasure, of which \$78,000 belonged to the Bank of British Columbia. The Alexandra brought the Cariboo express which had been left last trip at Soda

Creek. The news from Cariboo is highly encouraging. The Ericsson, Rankin, Wake-up-Jake, Caledonia, and several other well known claims are taking out large quantities of gold, varying from 25 to 400 ounces per day. Others, in Conklin's gulch, McArthur's to pay. An immense quantity of machinery will be taken out. is being put in in different parts of the creek, and the amount of work done and the quantity of gold taken out will undoubtedly far exceed any previous year.

and its beneficial effects on a number of claims, supposed to be among the richest in Cariboo, will be incalculable.

The weather on Williams' Creek has been very fine and warm; the general health so

the Bench. Hamilton, the deputy sheriff, had resigned; his place had not yet been

A tremendous fire broke out below Camerontown on June 1st, and spread rapidly among the dry brush and fallen timber, extending over to Barkerville and Richfield, doing a vast amount of damage at all three places. The towns were with difficulty saved from complete destruction. A great many cabins, with wheels, flumes, lumber, firewood, etc., were destroyed. Several miners had narrow escapes from being burnt to death. Provisions were tolerably plenty, at moderate rates. A good many idle men were on the Creek, but there would soon be work for

LETTER FROM CARIBOO.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

RICHFIELD, June 1st, 1864. The weather for the last month with the exception of a few days, has really been delightfully pleasant. At this time last year the creek presented a bleak, wintry aspectnot at all alleviated by an alternate fall of snow and rain. In a latitude 30 north of Quebec, where vast fields of ice are only beginning to move towards the ocean, it seems rather strange to the observer that the most desirable summer weather should reign. The altitude of this place is also much higher than that of the same latitude on the

Eastern side of the kemisphere. The towns of Richfield, Barkerville, and Camerontown, have been much improved. The latter especially deserves notice. New buildings are dotted all over the place, and the majority of the business men of the

creek all congregate here. Mr. O'Reilly has arrived and has resumed his duties. Mr. Cox left on the 30th ult., to take command of the party of men who are try. Without intending to make any invid- the creek. ious comparisons, I may safely say that a more popular, upright and conscientious man has never filled a public position in this colony. Some of his decisions shew remarkable ingenuity as well as justice, and great praise is due to him for the manner in which he has suppressed the dishonest tricks of jumpers. Decisions which give satisfaction to both sides are rare indeed in all countries; but I can assure your readers that Mr.

Cox has generally pleased both parties. As to the mining prospects of the creek, they were never more flattering. On Williams Creek alone, owing to the early season and fine weather, I think great results may be salely predicted.

The claims are nearly all at work.

THE CHIPPS have commenced drifting for

THE BARKER Co. are sinking a new shaft. who prefer to prowl about the creek, and country. To such persons (provided they

THE CARIBOO Co. are taking out enough to THE LILLOOET Co. will probably get into

pay in about ten days. THE CALEDONIA Co. have been paying THE GREAT FIRE AT CARIBOO. well hitherto. THE WAKE-UP JAKE Co. obtain a steady

average yield of 70 ounces per day. The lead is supposed to come from Conklin's THE BEAUREGARD Co. are taking out a

little psy. THE NEVER SWEAT Co. are sinking a new

shaft. THE STAR Co. is also sinking a new shaft with very good prospects.

accident. THE RANKIN Co. are taking out about 25

ounces a day. many of them with good encouragement.

can't be worked with any advantage.

At and above the canon the BLACK JACK Co. are taking out pay.

THE BURNS Co. are not doing much. THE BED ROCK FLUME Co. have com-menced their flume at the Cunningham claim though badly scorched, is not dangerously so. with the intention of running it up the

THE ABBOTT, GRIER AND KIRWAN CLAIMS are all being worked.

nearly half a mile. THE STEELE Co have been ground-sluic-

THE CORNISH Co. - Everything looks like work in earnest. The claim is worked by hydraulic power. The amount of labor al-

was sold yesterday for \$3,500 cash. lower end of the creek, have been rather and "Little George," They waited back again after he may have spent a season fortunate. During the winter two companies at Nanaimo three days, expecting or two working it? This last act is comof miners sunk shafts upon their ground. Of ing the war ship to call for the Indians ac- demned by every miner I have heard speak course they were ejected, and the company cording to arrangement, but as no word of paying claims. Could be framed by very liberalty paid them \$300 for their shafts either the ship or the cause of delay shaded paying claims. Could be framed by continuous the framed by co

destroyed by the timbering being taken away. Mr. McLaughlin found a piece of gold worth \$11 50 at the bottom of one of the shafts. A channel has also been discovered, which is supposed to come from McArthur's Gulch. Mr. McLaughlin bought out Mr. Walkem.

Lowhee Creek. Sage, Miller and Co have sluiced off sufficient dirt to occupy all summer in the wash-

MOORHEAD is taking out pay over ex-THE CHITTENDEN CLAIM stands high. Th ompany is ground-sluicing. Mr. Pearkes

picked up a nugget worth \$35 on the ground of the company. THE WASHBURN, PLUMBAGO, VAUGHAN,

KELLY AND IDAHO Cos. are all at work. The more this creek is prospected the richer it appears to be, and I have little doubt that it will rival Williams creek in

CONKLIN'S GULCH is a tributary of Wil estimation of miners, owing to the great suc | Kootanais mines : cess of the Ericsson Co. This claim has yielded as high as 400 ounces in one day and gives a steady average yield of over 260 ounces. At present it is the best paying claim in Cariboo. Many other companies on the Gulch are

sinking shafts and mining generally. McCullum's Gulch.—Companies are at work on this gulch, but no gold has as yet

been taken out this spring. ANTLER .- The Antler Bed Rock Flume will be obliged to whip-saw their timber, as

Lightning Creek. The Butcher, Discovery and Evans place.

claims are in great favor from the prospects obtained Provisions on Williams Creek are not very plentiful. Flour is 50e. per lb.; bacon, \$1 25;

sugar, \$1; beans, 60c.; salt, 75c.; tea, \$2; coffee, green, \$1; fresh meat, 40c. The sale of lots by the government during the winter has produced a very bad feeling. The lots were sold without any proper notice,

at work. The latter Co. got some very good honestly for a living. It is difficult to say Victoria, New Westminster, Douglas or

FROM OUR LADY CORRESPONDENT.

CAMERONTOWN, WILLIAMS CREEK, June 2nd, 1864. few lines to tell you of the greatest fire that judiciously expended—put in good order."

has occurred on the Creek, and which has proved most destructive. It began yesterday morning in Camerontown, a little below the Hospital, and the wood and brush being so dry, it spread with fearful rapidity; at one THE TINKER Co, have sunk a new shaft, time great fears were entertain d for the Hospital, but a number of men from the Cameron THE MOFFATT and CAMERON Cos' shafts and other surrounding claims, gave such vaare full of water. The former Co. intend to luable assistance, that happily that misfortune apply to have to have their claim laid over was averted. The flames darted along the till the new Bed Rock Drain is completed. | ground like fiery serpents, devouring every-THE RABY and PRINCE OF WALES Co's. thing in their way-cabins, piles of wood cut are at work. The latter Co. are likely to have ready for shafts and staves, the entire winter a law suit. Two of the unfortunate men, work of many men, all were destroyed in a drowned last fall in Fraser river (your readers very short time. The wind rising a little, may recollect the circumstances) held inter- carried it on to Barkerville, where it did ests, which are now claimed by parties who most damage. Conklin's Gulch, from Harrecorded them first immediately after the sad rison's saw mill to beyond Ericsson's claim, was one sheet of fire; not a cabin is left, and it was with difficulty the saw mill was saved. It was hoped that the upper town of Richfield would escape, but as I was leaving it at THE ELLIOTT, BRUCE, MARYSVILLE, CAR- six o'clock last evening, the fire had already GYLE, and many other claims farther down made its way through by Steel's claim, and the creek are all opening up their work- I have not heard this morning what damage it has done there. It was a truly magnificent THE BED ROCK DRAIN Co. have completed sight; the whole eastern side of the Creek was hailed with delight the Act which enabled them about 1,800 feet of their work, at a cost of one blaze, and the roaring of the flames was about \$25,000. This undertaking will prove like heavy thunder. In the afternoon, the of enormous advantage to many claims now | western side took fire also, the flames sweepso much embarrassed with water that they ing on towards Lowhee. The dense masses of smoke rolling over this way to-day, tell that it is still raging on, and the whole of the towns are enveloped in a kind of murky fog. Great destruction of property, such as blankets, provisions, etc., has taken place, but

RECEIPTS OF GOLD DURING THE PAST WEEK.—The total amount of gold received leave of absence, 10s. 6d. exch time; (leave from Cariboo during the week, as near as can of absence is when a prospecting company A continuous creek flume runs from the be ascertained, is \$305,000; viz.: on Wednes are unable to work advantageously, the whole of a mechanic deliberately laid himself down Cornish claim to the canon, a distance of day, Bank of British Columbia, \$95,000; number of men who own an interest in the Dietz & Nelson's Express. \$45,000; in company, and is usually granted for one private hands, \$47,000; on Saturday, per month only, and then has to be renewed at ing, and from all appearances, as soon as the steamer Alexandra, \$30,000; per Otter, the same rates); the next charge is one dollar gulch, and the upper creek, are beginning sluices are set a large amount of money Bank of British Columbia, \$78,000; private to see a record in the recording office, and hands, \$10,000.

" COLUMBIAN " ITEMS.

Indians were sent back to Nansino yester- ally taken out of the claims? Say that the very friendly feelings towards the few East

day in a small boat. ECCLESIASTICAL.—We are requested state that during the absence of the Rev. A. Browning, who leaves to-day for Cariboo, his place will be supplied by the Rev. E. Robson, of Yale, who will conduct the usual services in the Mary street Wesleyan Church, commencing to-morrow.

ARRIVAL OF DIETZ & NELSON'S EXPRESS. The Reliance returned from Yale yesterday, bringing Dietz & Nelson's Express, with \$5000 in treasure.

QUICK TIME. -Barnard's Egpress left Williams Creek on the 9th and arrived at Yale on the 15th inst. THE TRIBUNE.-We understand this ship

vill leave for Esquimalt to-day. THE KOOTANAIS MINES.

The following extract from correspondence to the Columbian, dated Rock creek, May 27th, confirms the exciting news lately pubiams Creek. It has risen immensely in the lished in the COLONIST in regard to the

"I arrived from Colville a few days since. During my short sojourn at that place I heard nothing spoken of but Kootani. Everybody talked, dreamed and spoke of nothing but Kootani. There were a thousand and one rumors in regard to that country of untold Island, delivered at Victoria or New Westrumors to any authentic source. Nearly | cents; for every additional half ounce, or every one that could get away from Colville main are only waiting to hear from their to and from abroad, and delivered or mailed Co. commenced work some time ago. They friends who have gone before them before at New Westminster, in addition to foreign packing up their effects to make a start. | postage, for each letter under half an ounce, the Bagley saw mill which they were to have Hundreds have left Walla Walla and the five cents; and for each additional half ounce, purchased has been decided by arbitrators to Columbia river for that country. In fact the or fractional excess, five cents. For each estimated, £150,000. It will consist, if be useless for the purposes of the company. Kootani is all the rage over this way, and I new-paper, two cents. Between a Post sanctioned as designed by Parliament, be-George Weaver has employed a number of find that many of the old stagers of Fraser to leave Alexandria for the Chilcoaten coun- | Chinese to work for him on some portions of river and Cariboo have been seized with the | Post Office at any other place in the colony, seven parallel galleries, 900 feet in length.

certainly deserve great credit for their en | eight ounces in weight. terprise in opening a trail through a foreign territory, without any assistance from the believe, affect papers carried by express. Government. Excuse me for my digression. and many persons who have erected good and but while I am on the subject of trails and valuable buildings upon some of these lots roads I have a few suggestions to make which very imprudent course adopted by the Go- town, and more particularly the inhabitants the mercy of a set of dishonest scoundrels shortest, best and most feasible route to that this that there is nothing in Goldstream?

THE BALD HEAD and Welsh Co. s are also make money by such tricks than to labor start from any point on the Sound, W. T., what the results may be in a Court of law, Yale) I would say, go to Hope, B. C., thence but under the circumstances the public should via Similkameen, Soegoos Like and Rock have been made aware of their exact Creek to Colville; thence by the new trail position, before their property was disposed from Colville to the Kootanais. The trail, with the exception of that portion which lies between Hope and Similkameen, is a good one, with plenty of grass for animals and with an abundance of good water and wood. I understand the Legislature of British Columbia have appropriated the sum of \$5,000 for the improvement of the Hope road. If such EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST,-I send you a | is the fact the road can be-if the money is

A CARIBOO GRIEVANCE.

WILLIAMS CREEK, May 28, 1864. EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST, -SIR, -After waiting anxiously for an abler pen than mine to notice one of the new Acts passed by the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia tor the purpose of raising the revenue of the colony, but having so far waited in vain, allow me the privilege of pointing out some

of its weak points, as also the cure. Contrary to the common method of new countries, who usually endeavor by all the means in their power to induce capitalists to nvest, the Legislative Assembly of this colony has placed a tax on the very vitals of mining. Not satisfied with duties on the goods necessary for life and health; not satisfied with 10 per cent. on the machinery necessary for working the mines successfully, besides toll dues equal to 213 cents on every pound of goods used by the miner, (all of which doubtless may be necessary,) they have at last put the finish on the whole by taxing the capital brought into the mines and invested in mining. Miners generally to hold more than two claims in their own name; knowing well that capital was the most essential requisite necessary to prospect thoroughly the Cariboo country; but our wise I gislators concluded, (most wisely) that the proper time to procure money, was before miners had time to spend it in prospecting; so now the list stands somewhat as follows: first license £1; secondly, for recording preemption 10s. 6d.; thirdly, for recording a bill of sale £1; and one per cent. of the amount paid for the claim besides; fourthly, for every member of a company who requires when you have paid all this, if you have any money left, you may prospect. Did our wise legislators not think we were RETURN OF MR. BREW AND PARTY. The taxed heavy enough before we reap any beneready performed is enormous. Everything little party dispatched to Bute inlet under Mr. fits from mining, without charging one per looks very favorable indeed. Half an interest Brew tast Sabbath se'nnight returned cent, on the purchase money for a claim, on Thursday evening, bringing with while the one who purchases knows not THE ARTESIAN GOLD MINING Co, at the them the two Indians, "Squint-eye" whether he shall get even the purchase money

ecretary of each claim was obliged by law to take his books to an officer and swear tothe exact amount taken out, and pay a certain percentage on that amount, and in case a fine and imprisonment be the punishment; there are not paying claims enough in the country to make it an onerous duty for one fall on those who could pay it. A smaller percentage than that now levied, would vield a larger revenue, and not be felt so much as the present one. Or, collect a certain percentage on all the gold dust exported; if the other is not practicable. Surely reasonable men will never allow such a law to be a reproach to the country they legislate for, if they do, they virtually leave the old law in force, as miners will have to form partnerships in preference to paying such an exorbitant tax on the bills of sale they would otherwise

Having occupied too much of your valuable space already, I am. sir,

Yours, &c, BRITISH COLUMBIA POSTAGE.—A notice has been put up at the city post office fixing and committees of the House of Commons. the following rates of postage in British Columbia, and between that colony and this. Between British Columbia and Vancouver wealth, &c. &c., but I could trace none of the minster, for each letter under half ounce, five fractional excess, five cents. For each news has gone to the Kootani, and those that re- | paper, two cents. On all letters and papers The people of Colville have constructed a excess. For each newspaper, twelve cents. grand hall, with columns and a lofty dome. new trail from this place to the Kootani, Packages or parcels, other than newspapers, shortening the distance some 200 miles. and not exceeding eight ounces in weight Nearly all of the new road passes through | will be charged at letter rate of twelve cents British territory. The people of Colville per ounce; no parcel can be taken exceeding

The above newspaper rate does not, we

LATEST FROM GOLDSTREAM.

EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST,-The Gold are put to the expense of law suits by the materially interest the citizens of your thriving Quartz Crushing Company have made such a good thing of it already that they are enabled very imprudent course adopted by the Groad of Fort Hope. It is a matter of very great to pay the Treasurer and Manager a salary the winter return in the spring only to find importance to persons who contemplate visitot \$100 per month, and to the Secretary the the winter return in the spring only to find the spring only the spring only to find the spring only to find the spring only the spring only to find the spring only to find the spring only the spring only to find the spring only to find the spring only the spring only to find the spring only to find the spring only t

ENGLISH AND FOREIGN ITEMS.

The vacant Garter will be bestowed upon nis Grace the Duke of Sutherland. During last week 40 wrecks were reported,

making the total for the present year 622. There are already about 10.000 attorneys on the roll, and upwards of 150 more are applying for admission and re-admission in the ensuing term.

The heir to the throne of All the Russias is said to be on his way to Copenhagen to propose for the hand of the Princess Marie Dagmar daughter of the King, and, of course, sister to the Princess of Wales.

The Post says, it appears that the new Brazilian Cabinet does not reject the mediation of the King of Portugal, but desires that it should in the first instance be accepted by the English Government.

Seven gentlemen of good station, living in Malta, have been imprisoned and fined for assaulting Mr. Webster, author of a pamphlet entitled "English Governors and Foreign Grumblers."

The letters of the Emperor Napoleon I during the latter years of his life are said to be disfigured by coarse personalities. It is this which has for a time led to the interruption of the work, and it is now doubtful if it will be resumed.

According to a statistical account of the religious belief of the Sovereigns of Europe, out of the 43 now reigning, 17 belong to the Lutheran creed, 8 Evangelical, 4 Calvinist, 1 Greek Church, 1 Mussulman, 1 Episcopal, and 11 Catholic.

THE FIRST LOCOMOTIVE IN CEYLON.-The Colombo Overland Observer of last month states that a locomotive engine had commenced running for the first time in the island

The contest for Lancaster resulted on the 13th in a substantial Liberal victory. Mr. Fenwick beat his Conservative opponent, Mr. Saunders, by a majority of 157.

CONVEYANCE OF MAILS.—The sum of £574.236 is to be voted by Parliament this session for the conveyance of the mails by railway in the United Kingdom, and the sum of £146.016 for the conveyance of mails, by mailcoaches, vans, carts, omnibuses and pneumatic tubes. A frightful case of suicide occurred near

Bradford the other day. A man in the dress before a train, and was, of course, killed im-A boy was recently walking along the

shore at Seaham when he slipped into some clayey mud knee deep and was unable to extricate himself In this position he perished from cold and exhaustion. A miserly woman who had subsisted for a long period on dry bread and water was

found dead in her house in London a few

ago. Property and documents worth £300 to £400 were found in her possession. The foundation stone of a charch has been laid in the Andaman Islands, of all places in the world. The chaplain, the Rev.

lish settlers in the islands, TWO CHILDREN MURDERED BY THEIR MO-THER -On the 14th, a woman named Mary Ann Dyson, surrendered herself at the Rashe should try to defraud the government that | trick police station near flalifax, stating that she had killed her two children. On an officer going to her house, the statement was found to be quite true. The two children man to attend to it, and then the tax would were found on the floor with their throats cut, and a razor lay beside them. The elder was a girl of two years, and the younger an infant six months old.

THE BIRKENHEAD RAMS .-- A letter dated dated April 4. from the Alexandria correspondent of the Times states that Mr. Francis. the legal Vice Consul at Constantinople, has arrived at Cairo to question the Viceroy on behalf of our Government respecting the two famous iron rams at Liverpool; Mr. Hamel, from Liverpool, had also come for the same purpose on behalf of the builders.

On the 13th, the statue of Sir Charles Barry, the late eminent architect, the only one as yet represented in a sitting posture was placed experimentally at the bottom of the grand staircase leading to the corridors but as yet it remains covered, and without any inscription. Mr. Stansfeld's constituents at Halifax are

adopting measures to express their sympator

with the hon. gentleman for the manner in which he has been recently treated in the House of Commons. At a meeting held on the 11th, a committee was appointed to determine on the means by which the feeling of the people of Halifax could be best ex-The New National Gallery will cost, it is

Office at any one place in the colony, and a fore whom it will be brought in June, of Kootani fever, as I have noticed many en in all cases to be prepaid, for each letter under and 40 feet in width, and the same in height: route for those new mines who passed this half ounce, twelve cents; and twelve cents while the vistas will be uninterrupted from for every additional half ounce or fractional | end to end. In the centre, there is to be a At the Central Criminal Court, on the 12th. a man named Gutten was sentenced to 18

months imprisonment for bigamy. The second wife admitted that she had been married to a man 26 years ago, but she had afterwards discovered that he had already three wives, and she had then left him.

At the Central Criminal Court, on the 11th. the Rev. Llewellyn Powell, a clergyman of the Church of England, who pleaded guilty to a charge of forgery, was sentenced to 18 months hard labor. The prisoner had been previously convicted of robbery, but the jary asylum he was liberated.