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SEMI-WEEKLY BR THSH COLONIST.

Setti Weekly British Culutist paraging the ability of those captains Fire at Esquimatt-The Crown Hotel who have been so unfortunate as to lose in Ashes-Praiseworthy Conduct of their ships. Indeed, in most instances H. M. Sailors. we believe we would be justified in speak-Wednesday December 8. 1869. ing of them in terms of praise. But it is contrary to the nature of things that those who are comparatively, or, as has been the case in some instances, The Canadian Pacific. The following extract from the report wholly strangers, should be as capable of a Committee of the United States of navigating our waters as are the local Pilots, whose business it is to make themselves personally farmiliar with Senate is deserving of mature consid-The line of the North Pacific Rail-road rules for 1,500 miles near the Brit-ish possessions; and when completed will drain the agricultural products of the rich Saskatchewan and Red River pa-sed and licensed; but if ship owners, will presist in the 'penny wise and pound foo'ish' course of dispensing with districts, east of the mountains and the go'd country on the Fraser, Thompson and Kootenay rivers west of the mounthe services of these Pilots, it is only right that, while they suffer the loss such conduct entails, the cause of that tains. From China (Canton) to Liverpool it is 1,500 miles nearer by the 49th parallel of latitude than by way of San Francisco and New York. This adloss ought to be distinctly understood vantage, in securing the overland trade in shipping and insurance circles, and from Asia, will not be thrown away by the fact itself should not be allowed to from Asia, will not be thrown away by the English, unless it is taken away by militate against the maratime interests of British Columbia. This is a subject our first building the North Pacific road, establishing mercantile agencies at Puwhich we conceive to be one of considerable get Sound, fixing mercantile copital importance ; and we suggest whether there, and getting possession on land and on the ocean of all the machinery of the new commerce between A-is and take it up and report upon it with a of the new commerce between Asia and Europe. The opening by us first of a North Pacific railroad seals the destiny view to such report being circulated in the proper quarter. This is essenof the British possessions west of the 91st meridian. They will be so Amertially a maritime place; and these in-terests being still in the tender bud, icanized in interests and feeling that so to speak, we cannot be too careful in

new Dominion, and the question of their annexation will be but a question of the present remarks should haply result in insurance rates being raised, very serious injury would accrede to the colo-ny; and, loasmuch as 'prevention is better than cure,' every legitimate means Such words, such admissions from such a source, carry double, treble weight. There can be no doubt that should be employed with a view to averting such consequences. the construction of a line of railway through British territory, connecting the two great oceans is a gigantic enter-prise for a new-born nation to under-

they will be in effect severed from the shielding them from injury. If the new Dominion, and the question of their c roumstances which form the basis of

DECEMBER 3d, 1869.

Queen v. Thos. E crett- This was an ac-tion on an indictment for carnely abusing Matilda Pilks, a child under ten years of age. The Attorney General appeared on behalf of the Crown, and Mr Wood, instruct-ed by Mr. Courtney, for the prisoner. The facts proven in the case went to show that Metilda was the illegitimate child of a prime mon by the name of Pilks and an

dom. The Suez Canel threatens British commerce via the Cape of Good Hope, and will lay the Indian commerce under tribute, while American railways bid with s m n by the name of Sikes for anyen years, or until May last. That on the bight of the 22d of Jone last the girl Matilds iwas is 1 500 miles aborter then that via San Francisco, and if the fails to svait herself of it, and that quickly, she will cease to be great. Her giory and her strength will assuredly denart. Referring to this sub-ject the Montreal Gazette says, 'Surely there is boldness enough amonget our statesmen to face the difficulties of this undertaking. Horthusiaam itself can

undertaking: did Hathusiakmy itself acan hardly exaggerate the advantages which. guit. The Court charged the jury at considera-

Yesterday afternoon, at a quarter to one o'clock, smoke and flame were discovered issuing from a rear room situated on the second floor of the Crown Hotel, Esquimalt The alarm was soon given and, according to the testimony of several persons who rushed in to assist, a bucket of water would have extinguished it. But molortunately neither the bucket nor the water was forth coming immediately and the smoke and firms increased and rolled from room to room. and floor to floer, and soon got beyond the control of the earliest comers. A number of sailors on liberty came valiantly forward and saved much of the furniture the two five engines were sent down from the Naval Yard by Mr. Spark, and H. M. ships fire engines were sent asbore from the Charybdis, Sparrowhawk and Bozer, with a strong working detachment of bluejackets from each ship. The blaejackets were under the command of Capt Mist, of the Sparrow-hawk, and Lient Sargeaunt of the Charybdis, and several streams of water were soon poured on the building and on surrounding property. Before this could be effected, however, the fire had gained possession of nowever, the fire had gailed possession of the building, and notwithstanding t e ener-gence efforts put forth by both officers and men, the hotel was totally destroyed. The E-quimalt-whatf and sheds and the large trame building of Mr. Rothwell were placed frame building of MP. Homwell were praced in great jeopardy, but were fimily saved by the judicious efforts of the seamen, who worked nobly and unceasingly from first to last. The building (owned by Mr Thomas Trounce) was insured in the Phones Fire Of-fice for \$3500] and the stock and furniture for \$700. The hotel was in the occupancy of Mr Logwell, who was absent at the sale of his property on Esquimalt road by Mr. Franklin when the fire broke out. The origin of the fire is clearly t aced to a defective stove-pipe. A fine piano, while being lowered to the ground, fell and was smashed. The inbabitants of E-quimait request us to return their sincere thanks to the Officers of H. M. Fleet and their crews for valuable services rendered, without which a great portion of the town would have been laid in aches.

AMERICAN RED-TAPE .-- It would appear bat destructive red-tapeism is not altogether unknown in the Great Republic. The Der troit (Michigan) Free Press waxeth furions over the sondact of the Gollector of Cus-toms at Port Huron. It appears that on the 25th October lest a party of ladies and gen-tlemen came from Montreal over the Grand Truck Railway with the intention of passing over the tallway from Port Huron to Detroit, and thence proceed to Chicaro and St Louis. Among the party were Mr Potter, from Eng-land, President of the Grand Trunk, and J C Brydges, Managiog Director of that road. The party came over in the Director's car, and wire met at Port Huron by the Collector, Mr Sanborn, who demanded, be-fore they could proceed, \$1250 in gold as duty upon the car. In win it was the constant practice on the Great Western to pass back and fortn not entry frainbut cars but also. Palman sleeping unknown in the Great Republic. The De-Great Western to pass back and forth not only freight cars but also Pulman eleeping cars, and that officers of American lines

From the Saginaw, Mich., Enterprise. On the occasion of Prof. La Mouna ain's recent balloon ascension from Bay City he mot with a terrible adventure Oity he met with a terrible adventure and very sarrowly escaped death. The balloon was filled before starting to its utmost tension, but, owing to re-cent repairs leaked badly, so that after one or two meancessful attempts Mr Headley, who was to have accompanied Prof Le Mountain, was obliged to get out of the car. Mr H. had the estables, instruments of observation and tissue paper used to ascertain the ascending and descending force of the balloon, and as he stepped out of the car, before he could transfer the articles named, those who had hold of the car let go, and the balloon shot up with a rapidity that carried it to an altitude of two miles within a few minutes. A perfect miles within a rew minutes. A perfect gale of wind was blowing at the time, and a moment after rain and sleet com-menced falling. The balloon was still ascending when lost to sight in a cloud. Prof La Mountain says it became all at once intensely cold. The cloud he entered was one swimming mass of snow flakes, interspersed with rain, which formed a frost work on the netting of the balloon. The earth was lost to view. By tearing up his handkerchief and throwing out shreds he became conscious that he was passing upward with won-derful rapidity, and along with the cwr-rent of the air eastward toward the lake. Fearful that he might be carried into the lake, and without a pound of ballast to regalate his descent, he reached for the valve rope with the intention of lowering himself gradually. To his surprise the valve would not open. The rain and sleet had frozen the valve so tight as to resist the pressure from below. Putting his whole strength to the task, he gave a strong pull on the rope, pulling out the iron staples attaching the rope to the valve, the rope falling down into the car. The balloon

A Perilous Adventure. By Istar

the ground. Clinging to the ropes with one hand, with the other and his teeth, had repeatedly passed into Canada in their after some exertion, he succeeded in own cars during the present summer, with-tearing a rent in the balloon from the hardly exaggerate the advantages which. The Court charged the jury at considera-its execution would secure.' The same ble length, instructing them that in case the for was inextraple and there was nothing for erving the opposite side the same way he descended to the car to watch the progress. For a few minutes the balto a kept ascending and then, as the gas escaped, it reached an equipoise and a moment after commenced gradually to descend to the earth. Every instant in-ereased its downward speed. The Proessor says that be thand the cloth tearing, the rents enlarging, antijowith a create that sounded tike a death knoll, a crash that sounded the a death knoll, the cloth gave way to the pressure, opening a seam on both lides from the bottom to the top. The gas escaped instantly, leaving not a thousand cubic feet, while the air rushed in filling up the vacuum, the balloon acting as a parachute. St The cloth, bellying out, formed a strong resistance to the stmos-phere and retarded the descent." He remembers disting ly passing through a cloud and the sensation on regaining sight of the earth. He has an elmost adistineto recollection a of approaching the earth's surfaceria Andull'imoasing ike the surging of the waves of Peeting his ears, the flapping of the cloth became londer and a moment after he bea came anconsciou. On reguining his senses he found himself in the woods, and his balloon was some yards distant. Several persons who had seen the balloou descend had come to the scene and were stauding near. They afterwards assisted him. His arms and ligs were badly bruised, and himself stunned, but no bones were broken or internal injury sustained. The spot where he fell is even miles from Bay City. He stopped over night at a farm bouse near by, and returned to. Bay City. The time that he was in the air was less than thirty minutes, and the reason that he was not carried further was on account of passing through different of-renis of airi ens. different of si ugen t A Summin Stonmet The Princese Elizer abeth, daughter of Charles In dies burted in St. Thomse's Newports in the Isle of Wight. A beautiful marble monument, erected by Queen Victoria, records in a touching way the manner of her death. She imagished in Oar sbrook Castle during the anhappy Commonwealth wars, a prisoner, alone and separated from all the companions of her youth until death set her free. She was tenad dead one day with ber bead learing on the Bible, open at the words-' Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you test.' The monumentin save it has associated the Line and that discuss the following propositions-kitet, a

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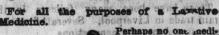
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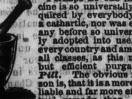
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Our Navigation,

The loss of the American ship Cown per forms but one of a series of marine disasters which have recently occurred in these waters, sufficiently numerous and important to suggest the enquiry whether or not the character of our navigation and, consequently, the maritime interests of the colony, may not suffer injury thereby. Upon inquiry we learn that in every instance excepting one these disasters occurred to vessels without Pilots on board. This is a circumstance altogether too significant to be passed over in silence. We should scarcely be justified in asserting that the presence of a Pilot would have averted disaster in every instance; yet we conceive ourselves fully warranted in assuming that these accidents are for the most part attributable to neglect of such a proper and necessary precau-tion. Of course, if the owners of valuable ships choose to entrust them to captains who, be their nautical skill and experience ever so great, are more or less unfamiliar with local navigation, it is, in a seuse, their own affair; yet where, through such a course of conduct, their loss becomes, in another and very important sense the loss of the colony it theu clearly b comes our duty to point out the fact that the frequency of marine disasters in our waters is attributable to the non-employment of local Pilots, rather, than to any dangers or defects in the navigation. In these remarks we have

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THE CITIES OF THE FUTURE.- A COITES

pondent of the Boston Journal speculates thus : 'Look at the map of the Northwest if you would see how far north that sailroad ies. Draw your finger along the sixteenth degree of latitude, to where it orostes the Mackenzie river. The Hudson Bay Com-

pan, have a fort at that point called Fort Liard. Thick of it as a city with a million inhabitants, Chaoge the name of the Mac-tenzie to Neva. Rear up on its banks regain palaces and golden-domed churches. Span its waters with magnificent arches. Bebold the residences of pobles in the surrounding country. Think of a raiway, straight and wide, tunning over the plain 400 miles with scarcely a curve, connecting the new with the old Capital of the Empire. The old Capital has a population of 1,500,000, more than in New York and Brooklyn together. We think of New York as the metropality of the New World, but Moscow surpasses in in the number of inhabitants and in gorge-

ousness of architecture. The golden domes and gilded spires of 400 charches pierce the sky above the Muscovite city. Its Kremlin is still one of the wonders of Europe. It such capitals can exist in Europe, why may not all first region possessing a fertile soil and equable clime, be the abode of a migbly face in the future ? Why may there not be great pities, towns, villages, manufactures railroads, telegraphs, school houses, churches all over this region now the home of the buffalo, and the last hunting ground of the In-The sole will take of an Onemal stait

A NEW CAPTAIN is coming up to take charge of the American schooper Petaluma. bound for Sitks-the present captain declinbound for Sitka ine present capato definations ing to continue the voyage. The new man will require as much pluck as skill to attempt the passage in the cockleabell.

THE FIREPAT SAANICH. - Are no steps to be taken to ferret out and bring the Fire Fiend of Saanich District to justice,

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it but to count down the \$1250, in gold, which Mr Brydges did under protest. The Free Press calls loudly for the instant dismissal of an officer which it declares to be as destitute of common sense as he is of common courtesy, and it deprecates the consequence to U lited States interests should the Canadian anthorities treat the American railways in a similar manner.

THE BYRON SCANDAL .- At last an end has been put to the Byron-Stowe controversy by the London Quarterly, which publishes, in its current number, several letters addressed to Mrs. Leigh by Lady Byron at the time of the separation of the latter from her husband. These letters make it clear beyond a donte that at that time Lady Byron was on the most affectionate terms with the post's half is stated towards her as well as Byron the part of a devoted and attached sister, and that, of course, the separation could not have been owing as Mrs. Stows alleger, to the discovery by Lady By-ron of a dreadful intrigue between Mrs Leigh and her brother. It now tests with Mrs Stowe to make the best answer she can to the reprovokes which must follow ber for her disgraceful strack upon the memory of the dead. It is altogether improbable that ese cas offer as thing further to josity the drick Roth cirild & Co. Sgrot

LOCAL BREVITIES .- The return match between the officers of the Volunteers against the privates, will come off to-day at Clover Point. At the first match the privates were the victors.... The new steamer Olympia from San Francisco, or the Gussie Telfair. from Portland, passed up yesterday. It is just two weeks to-day since the Telfair was advertised to sail from Portland for Victoria. and abe is not here yet. Enterprise !..... Full election returns from the Last Coast Districts are expected to-day. DeCosmcs, sure ! Who'll take the bet ? HITOTA.

FROM SAN FRANCISCO The new steamer Olympia, 3 days and 8 hours from San Fran-cisco, atrived at Port, Tawnsond, yesterday morning and several passengers for Victoria were brought over in a schooper last even-ing. A small mall and exp.e.s slao came The Oympia stilled from Sao Francisco on Monday evening last at 11 o'clock, and at Columbia Bar overtro k the steamship Modtane, for Portland, which left San Francisco. the Saintday previous. Following are the names of the passingers :--G. H. Mamioid, J. Gamble, E. M. Quade, A. Frankel, Louise Arnot and P. Cargovitch.

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