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Saturday June 5

DEFENCES.

Some steps are being taken by one or two public institutions to guard against a Fenian raid.

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White Pine.

EXTRACT OF A LETTER FROM A VICTORIAN AT HAMILTON, DATED 16th MAY, 1869.

The journey here, although of course novel to me, was very disagreeable and fatiguing; from Sacramento to Elko 400 miles per Central Pacific Railroad, thence per stage about 120 miles to this place.

THE FENIANS.

The public mind is uncommonly tranquil over the threatened Fenian raid. Most people believe that, on the principle that "threatened men live long," Victoria will enjoy an immunity from attack.

THE CAPTURE OF VANCOUVER ISLAND.

Mr Train had an animated discussion with his Fenian friends about the best plan for capturing the island. The plan proposed by Mr Train was remarkably practicable and exhibited an astonishing knowledge of all the resources of the island and of the obstacles to be overcome.

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FROM PORTLAND.—The steamer George S. Wright, Capt. Langdon, arrived at 12:30 this morning from Portland via San Juan, where she landed 16 soldiers for the American garrison.

MERCHANTS' INSTITUTE OF SAN FRANCISCO. We are favored with a report of the last Industrial Exhibition in connection with the above excellent institution.

THE FROST EXTRACT.—One of those rare treats that indicates more distinctly than all others the progress of a community in taste and refinement, is offered to our citizens on the 16th inst.

PUBLICATIONS.—By this mail we have received the North British Review, published by Messrs. Leonard Scott & Co., and sold by Hibben & Co., of this city.

THE HIGHLAND COSTUMES for children are going out of fashion in London. Of late there has been a run on naval costumes, and it is not an unusual thing to meet a five-year-old boatwain in the walk, whistle and all complete.

THE GREAT SCOTCH VOCALIST.—Mr Kennedy, is creating quite a sensation in California, and has engagements so far in advance that he will be unable to visit this city before the middle of next month.

HAZY.—The thick and sultry state of the atmosphere the past day or two indicate a return of the foggy, smoky period of last summer, and extensive fires in the forests on the American side.

ONE WHIM TOMESMAN, Mr Chas. Clarke has severed his connection with the Shanghai Evening News, and is now editor-in-chief of the Friend of China.

A FEMALE mechanic at Springfield (Mass) has invented a new sewing machine, for which wonderful merits are claimed.

VICTOR HUGO'S new work, L'Homme Qui Rit, has made its appearance in Paris and creates a sensation.

JURORS FINED.—Four jurymen were fined yesterday by the Chief Justice for non-attendance upon the Court of Assize.

A Voice from California—After the Croakers.

Gress Valley, Nevada Co., Cal. May 20, 1869.

EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST.—Having just returned from a visit to your beautiful city and country, I thought I would take my pen and give you a stranger's opinion while staying there a short time.

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the country. Now there is a class in your city who seem to think that the Government officials ought to come and pat them on the backs and patronise them so that they could make a good, easy living without soiling their hands.

A day or two ago I saw a piece taken from the British Columbian, of your city, and published in all the little country papers, on Annexation. I would ask all such why it is that Annexation will build up trade in Victoria, while we here in the most thriving part of the interior of California are suffering for want of trade far more than Victoria or its inhabitants?

The Salt Spring Island Murder.

EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST.—When the life of a fellow creature is at stake how very careful ought not men to be in the consideration of matters bearing upon the commission of a crime like that for which that poor fellow yesterday was doomed to an ignominious death.

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axe used, that a left-handed person will almost invariably swing his axe from the right side; and an axe that had been swung from the right side would have had a spring the reverse of that observable in the axe produced. This is only one item of evidence twisted to bear adversely upon the case for the defence; but it serves to explain what I mean.

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Japan and China.

By the Pacific Mail Steamship Company's steamer China, which arrived here yesterday, we (S. F. Call) have files of the Japan Gazette to April 30th, Shanghai News Letter to April 19th and Hongkong Press to April 17th.

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