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to us, and the travel as well as traffic will go entirely unsuited to the country. The thing through American territory. We can scarcely overrate such a calamity; for once let the channel of trade be opened from Portland, and all the inducements which we might ultimately spread before the California miners will be offered in vain, and the only effect of the suriferous discoveries will be to enrich the American territory at our expense.

Columbia, the prospects of the country forth cease. never looked so bright; yet we may, through mismanagement like that which has previ- BRITISH COLUMBIA. easly characterized the Government of both colonies, be no better off at the end of next year than we are at present. The chief re- day from New Westminster with seventy sponsibility under the present state of affairs passengers and a small express. rests of course with the British Columbian In the meantime, as we have stated in a previous issue, no pains should be spared to lay all necessary information before the California public. A sketch of the control of the control of the lithegraphed, with the control of the co Westminster, but it will be found nevertheless a necessary one. With all that has been said and written about British Columbia, there is still a strange ignorance of that colony in California; and it is found in this Columbian. part of the world that countries require advertising just as much as individual trades

A GOOD EXAMPLE.

much occasionally identified with reform, are Not long since the Hudson Bay Company had occasion to send a broad stallion to Their lives are so much bound up in precedure. Their lives are so much bound up in precedure the send a broad stallion to Langley. The usual head-money was Their lives are so much bound up in precedent that it is with the utmost difficulty they can get out of the fixely chiselled grooves of the past. When Chief Justice Needham expressed himself in favor of the existing law of imprisonment for debt, he was only carrying out the legal characteristic; and however much exception we might take at the attitude assumed, we could not, under the circumstances, be much surprised. The remarks, however, of the President of the Council, on Friday last, open up a new and admirable phase in the learned gentleman's character. Finding that the public mind as well as the exigencies of the country demanded the abolition of imprisonment for debt, the Chief Justice, as a legislator, sacrifices his own

peculiar views in favor of those entertained by the people. Unlike the parrow-minder ideas entertained by some of his colleagues. once the principle of abolishing imprisonment is entertained, he stops at no half-andhalf measures, but advocates the abolition of all the write. The Attorney General's bill only aims at abolishing the capias ad satiswhy the writ making him liable to arrest and mprisonment before judgment should be naintained. The inconsistency of the thing

says in substance, and we are sure every person in the colony will thank him for the New Westminster Council—"Why should I oppose as a legislator Quesnelle, B. C the legitimate wishes of the people. The inhabitants want this measure—they want a sweeping measure—why should I who am but infinitesimally interested in comparison with them use my position to thwart their efforts."

Why indeed. Why should the Council inter-THE COLONIES AND THEIR REwhich the people themselves conceive to be necessary to the welfare of the place? If Every day shows us more and more con-clusively the immediate necessity of a united representative government for these colonies. particular the constitution, we could easily At present, with the gratifying fact of newly understand a body appointed by the Crown discovered rich and extensive gold mines be standing firm in its opposition to the popular fore us, the best interests of both colonies may aggression; but when the inhabitants who be ship wrecked by the whim or captice of the surely know their own business best, demand that certain legitimate laws affecting their bian Government, through negligence or trade shall be passed, we should really like to want of capacity, fail to have a steamer on know on what grounds our Legislative Kamloops Lake by April next, all the advant Council undertakes either to set these laws tages of Big Bend and Kootenay will be lost at defiance or mangle them so that they are to us, and the travel as well as traffic will go entirely unsuited to the country. The thing

vide direct steam communication with between the Governor and the Assembly. San Francisco in March next, all the efforts. The House, with all its faults, and we do not of the Government of the neighboring colony say it is infallible, is honestly striving to carry will have been exerted in vain, for the trade out the public will, and could have no other under such circumstances is bound to go via

Portland. This shows us at once the necesaity of the two colonies acting in concert, the Executive. Let us hope, however, that Of course the American boat on the Co- the praiseworthy example set by the Chief lumbia could be prevented from running on Justice will be followed by other dis-British inland waters; but we must not rely on such a course of action. Our interests were never more important. Since the first discovery of gold in British excutive and the Lower House will hence-

The steamer Enterprise arrived on Satur-

FROM YALE .- The steamer Onward. Government. Every effort that can be made Capt, Irving, arrived from Yale last evento open up and perfect the means of coming, with 70 passengers, and a consider-munication with the Columbia River should able amount of treasure, Amongst the be carried out at the earliest possible moment. passengers was W. H. Sutton, Esq., of route should be lithegraphed, with the amongst the passengers, but they bring distances and other information appended. and published throughout California. from the Columbia River which, although Such a course may seem a little undignified later, was not the bearer of any intelleto the rather unpractical authorities at New gence beyond what was confirmatory of

SHAMEFUL AND RIDICULOUS --- We do not know upon whose interpretation the Live Stock tax act is administered here, but some absurd in tances of the way in which it is Of all men in the world lawyers, hewever enforced have been brought to eur notice.

BIG BEND DIGGINGS

THE WEEKLY BRITISH COLONIST.

GREAT RICHNESS CONFIRMED!

LATEST PARTICULARS.

The steamer Enterprise arrived last evening from New Westminster, with 73 passengers and an express.

following reliable information. Mr. Cason for left French Creek on the 19th alt. The the work of placing a steamer upon lakes weather was fine, though rather snowy. All kamloops and Shuswap not be gone on with kinds of work were suspended for the season. at once, to construct a horse-boat for the accommodation of his own business.

FRENCH CREEK. Five or six individuals were to winter on French Creek. Two men were busy making rations to put up a saw-mill for Mr.

ago by us. Mr. Cason is of opinion these new diggings will turn out rich.

Eight handred feet below the Discolaim the Hard Up Co. have sunk a feet deep from which they obtain encouraging prospects, although the not reached the bed rock.

McCULLOUGH CREEK.

Clement's Co. on the Discovery claim, conclement's Co. on the Discovery claim, consisting of four or five men, were reported to make from 20 to 40 ounces at the depth of seven or eight feet a day, although the bed rock had not been struck. They found nuggets weighing from \$15 to \$20 a piece. This is the only company who got any gold this season, but hopes are entertained of the richness of this creek. It must be home in mind that this creek was not discovered until mind that this creek was not discovered until very recently. McCollough's Company were however making the necessary preparations to work all the winter.

CARNES' CREEK.

Several companies were at work when our informant left. The Discovery Co. above all are doing very well.

The following statement of the distances to Big Bend and topography of the diggings which we have taken the trouble to compile, will at the present time be read no doubt with much interest:— From Tale to Lytton City, 57 miles; from

Lytten to Savana's Ferry, by taking the waggon road to Cache Creek, 71 miles; by the pack trail along Thompson river the distance is fifteen miles shorter. From Savana's Ferry to the end of Shuswap Lake—lake and river travel alternately—is 130 miles. From the end of Shuswap Lake to Kirby Place on the Columbia river, 38 miles, over a mountainous trail, at present in bad condition owing to fallen logs and swamps. As this trail has a good solid bottom, it would mountainous trail, at present in bad condition owing to fallen logs and swamps. As this trait has a good solid bottom, it would not be difficult making a good war, at a small cost. In order to accure the stavel as well as traffic this should be done as soon as possible. The distance then from Airby's Place to Downie Creek is one mile up the river; from Downie Creek to Dead Lapids six miles; from Dead Rapids to the south of Gold Creek, which in thus ascending empties into the Cotambia river on the right hand side, is 15 miles. Gold Creek is not navigable at its mouth on account of falls. Two miles above the mouth of Gold Creek is Wilson's Landing; from this place there is a portage to navigable waters an Gold Creek, of four miles. Intersecting the four miles of portage are two creeks, one of which is said to be rich. From this point Gold Creek is navigable for many miles.—A few miles above this point is the tributary called McCulloch's Creek, which is distant from Wilson's Landing by land eight miles. Four miles higher up is French Creek, another tributary of Gold Creek, and the most distant of the present discovered aurierous creeks. Between Kirby's Place and Gold Creek, which are are on both sides of the Columbia river numerous creeks not yet prospected, which fare annoused to be auriferous. The twaldistance are on both sides of the Columbia river pu-merous creeks not yet prospected, which are supposed to be auriferous. The total distance by way of the Columbia and Gold Creek to French Creek is 36 miles; this toute, how-ever, almost describes a right angle, and is therefore superseded by an Indian trail which exists from Downie Creek to French Olek, and is very little over half the distance. De-

(From the British Columbian.)

The steamer Onward, Capt. Irving, arrived from Yale on Monday night, with about 60 passengers. Mr. Romano, of Yale, arrived from the Big Bend on Sunday, having made the trip in five days! Mr. Romano is in ecstacies about the new gold field, declaring it to be quite as rich as Cariboo, much more extensive, the gold much nearer the surface, and, consequently, much more easily got at; while the country is less difficult of access, and possesses a much milder climate. He brought with him a large quantity of beautiful coarse gold, ranging from \$8 nuggets downwards, chiefly taken from French Creek The steamer Onward, Capt. Irving, arrived

scending the river from Kirby's Place we come at a distance of 12 miles to Carnes well as they had previously done, but they had well as they had previously done, but they had sunk a new shaft to hoist the headings and tailings should they be encumbered below, and were in expectation of doing a good deal better as they had struck a good prospect at the bottom of their new shaft. The Dead Broke Company were doing better than at any

time during the previous season.

The Prairie Flower Company were running a tunnel from the Meadows towards their old

shaft for drainage purposes.

The Forest Rose Company had abandoned their old shaft on the top of the hill and were busily engaged sinking a new one on the boundary line of the Prairie Flower. Their new shaft was already forty feet deep.

The Last Chance Company were running a new incline.

Amongst the passengers by the Onward on Monday were Mr. Low, formerly foreman of the Baldhead Co., Williams Creek, a Frenchman from French Oreek, and Mr. preparations to put up a saw mill for Mr. John Carraher, from McCulloch's Creek. Romano. The creek has been stated off for a distance of three miles in length. Out of and went to French Creek, where he took out \$3000 in less than five weeks. The last and went to French Oreek, where he took out \$3000 in less than five weeks. The last named gentleman went over to Kootensy last May, and was induced, from reports coming the past season, only five were able to teach the bed-rock, viz: The Discovery Claim, in which a pan of dirt yielded \$5 or \$6; fittle work had been done here during the past season. Francois Grivel, who worked alone on the side of the bank, had been making as high as \$500 in one day with a rocker. Dupuis & Co., adjoining Grivel's upper boundary line, had been making some big pay during the latter part of the season. Lafteur & Co., three mon in all, in thebed of the creek, had been averaging from 10 to 16 ounces per diem. Lafteur took down \$6,000 as his own sha of the profits. The Munroe Co., four mean in number, are reported to have taken \$1,000 to the interest, free from expenses.

The Brahant Co. consisting of four men who have not yet reached the bed nock bave been averaging from one to one and a tall onness to the hand per say. The cuchalor's Co. have struck an excellent prospect. They found as high as \$6 to the pun, located their claims, and by that time the season was too far advanced and suplies too scanty to justify their remaining, so laying over their chains. The work has been averaging from one to one and a tall onness to the hand per say. The cuchalor's Co. have struck an excellent prospect. They found as high as \$6 to the pun, located their claims, and by that time the season was too far advanced and suplies too scanty to justify their remaining, so laying over their chains. The work has been averaging from the one and a tall ounces to the hand per say. The cuchalor's Co. have struck an excellent prospects and the importance of the work. It is in unggets ranging from the creek before he left, and were making preparations for the work. It is in unggets ranging from the creek before he left, and were making preparations for the work. It is in unggets ranging from the creek before he work. It is in unggets ranging from the creek before

although the snow was four feet deep on the summit in crossing over to Shuswap Lake.
These parties all unite in predicting that the Big Bead country will afford far more exment the second of the same of the sam

most tensive and remunerative diggings than had Caribee.

Further from Big Bend. PREPARATIONS FOR SPRING.

From Mr. C. Phillips who arrived in this city on Saturday by the Enterprise from Okanagan Lake, we gather the following in-

Mr. Phillips on his way down met several old Caribooites who were returning from a prospecting tour on the Big Bend Diggings. They all appear to entertain the most sanguine hopes of the prospects and success of the new diggings. Some of them were coming to Lytton to obtain supplies. They left boats stationed at the head of Kamloops Lake and purposed returning so soon as the

weather would permit. Several parties were engaged in building small boats on Kamloops and Shuswap Lakes to convey them and their supplies to the head of navigation.

On the morning of the 2d instant the Thompson River was partially frozen over, but the weather having moderated it was probably open to navigation a few days after-

A private letter dated Lytton, Dec. 1st. received by a person in town from a miner who had been unsuccessful in Cariboo and had proceeded to Big Bend, says that these new diggings were, in his opinion, better than Cariboo, and that he had taken up a claim to which he intended returning in

Later from Cariboo.

To Messrs. Wm. English and Robert Brown, passengers by the Enterprise, who left Williams Creek on the 25th ult., we are indebted for the following interesting items of intelligence from the Cariboo mines. WILLIAMS CREEK.

Bed Rock Drain-The lower part of this drain was again in fine working condition.

The Marysville Company intended running their wheel by means of the water drain.

The Hart Company had stopped working.
The Oram Company were also about concluding operations till the Spring.
The Adams Company had got down with their shaft, and purposed working during the

The Prince of Wales Company making something over wages.

The Raby Company, instead of working on the surface where they would be hindered by frost, intended washing below, provided they could make necessary arrangements for getting the water from the Bed Rock Drain Co. This would probably enable them to

carry on operations during the winter.

The Dead Broke and Cameron Companies were washing on the top of the ground, and on the weather becoming very cold intended washing in similar manner to the Raby Co. The Cameron Company did well by the same

mentioned company and the
Anstralian Company, who were working a
stratum from the surface on an inclined plane
to the bed rock, and were washing out gold.
The Welsh Company were washing and
were prepared to continue doing so through-

were prepared to continue doing so throughout the winter.

The Sheepskin Company were at work
and would continue operations as long as the
weather would allow.

The Watson, Anrora, Foster (Campbell)
companies were sinking new shafts. John
Polmere and William Michael were running Polmere and William Michael were running a tunnel at the Canon under the wagon road in the Side Hill,—the ground formerly occupied by the Puerta de fierro Company.

The Black Jack Tunnel Company had completed their water flume across Williams

Creek at the head of the Canon.

The San Francisco Company were working above the Canon on the side hill.

Bed Rock Flume—Capt. Evans and his workmen were in full blast pushing this work

vigorously ahead.

A party of Frenchmen were sinking a new shaft in the bed of the creek at Richfield, above the Steele claim. The Slate Range Company were running a tunnel, and would, if they could, work all

STOUT'S GULCH.

The Alturas Company were washing out LOWHEE CREEK.

Mr. George Pearson, foreman of the Moor-head Co, was working his men and getting

good pay.

Sam Orane was working his old claim at the Canon, and said be expected to take out a gallon of gold by himself.

The old Campbell Company were rigging everything up to resume operations in the early spring.

The California Company, about a mile and a half from Van Winkle, had just struck a a most encouraging prospect in their old

About half way between the last mentioned companies another company was at work on the bed of the creek. All others had stopped

working for the season. ON LAST CHANCE CREEK The Australian Company were still at work

naking about wages. ON DAVIS CREEK

There were still one or two parties at work. BURNES CREEK.

Billy Barker & Co. were working, finding occasional large nuggets.

DeLatre & Co. were making good wages.

The Canadian Company were doing as well

The Shepherd Company, for the past two weeks had been doing well. The week before our informant left they picked up a beautiful nugget shaped like a pigeou's egg, and weighing seven ounces. There were two other companies prospecting below the Shepherd but they had not

The Wake-up-Jake had suspended opera-

MISCRELLANBOUS.

The weather on Williams Creek on the 25th was more tavorable for mining operations.

A fracas, which resulted in a regular meles, took place between some Chinamen and whitemen at Van Winkle, in which several of the Celestials were roughly handled, one of them being badly worsted. One whiteman received a stab in the thigh.

Preparations were being made for sleighing goods into the mines so soon as sufficient snow had fallen. Only two inches of snow lay on Williams Creek on the 25th.

MARKETS.

Flour at Van Winkle was ruling at 32 cents & ib, and was very scarce. Most other goods were in good supply, and remained without any material change in prices. Jawbone (credit) was, in the parlance of the country, almost "played out."

ARRIVAL FROM ENGLAND - The clipper bark Kent, 279 tons register, George Naunton. commander, arrived in Esquimalt Harbor on Saturday night, 181 days from Glasgow, with all the machinery and plant necessary for constructing the mill at Burrard Inlet for the British Columbia and Vancouver Island Spar, Lumber and Sawmill Company limited, under the management of Captain Stamp. The Kent is a fine vessel, quite new, and is intended to trade to these colonies, Captain Naunton having brought his family to settle on this Island. She experienced some very rough weather on the voyage. Her mem-oranda and list of passengers, will be found under the proper head.

Pur In-The bark Caroline Kerr from San Francisco to Puget Sound, put into Esquimalt on Friday with loss of several sails.