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THE COLONIES AND THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES.

Every day shows us more and more conclusively the immediate necessity of a united representative government for these colonies. At present, with the gratifying fact of newly discovered rich and extensive gold mines before us, the best interests of both colonies may be shipwrecked by the whim or caprice of the Executive of either. If the British Columbian Government, through negligence or want of capacity, fail to have a steamer on Kamloops Lake by April next, all the advantages of Big Bend and Kootenay will be lost to us, and the travel as well as traffic will go through American territory.

A GOOD EXAMPLE.

Of all men in the world lawyers, however much occasionally identified with reform, are perhaps the most opposed to innovation. Their lives are so much bound up in precedent that it is with the utmost difficulty they can get out of the finely chiselled grooves of the past.

peculiar views in favor of those entertained by the people. Unlike the narrow-minded ideas entertained by some of his colleagues, once the principle of abolishing imprisonment is entertained, he stops at no half-and-half measures, but advocates the abolition of all the writs.

by the Upper House. The Chief Justice says in substance, and we are sure every person in the colony will thank him for the timely rebuke to his brother nominees of the Council—"Why should I oppose as a legislator 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."

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The steamer Enterprise arrived on Saturday from New Westminster with seventy passengers and a small express. FROM YALE.—The steamer Onward, Capt. Irving, arrived from Yale last evening, with 10 passengers, and a considerable amount of treasure.

SHAMEFUL AND RIDICULOUS.

We do not know upon whose interpretation the Live Stock tax act is administered here, but some absurd instances of the way in which it is enforced have been brought to our notice. Not long since the Hudson Bay Company had occasion to send a brood stallion to Langley.

BIG BEND DIGGINGS

GREAT RICHNESS CONFIRMED! LATEST PARTICULARS.

The steamer Enterprise arrived last evening from New Westminster, with 73 passengers and an express. There is nothing of interest from Cariboo, while the most gratifying accounts continue to be received from the Big Bend.

FRENCH CREEK.

Five or six individuals were to winter on French Creek. Two men were busy making preparations to put up a saw-mill for Mr. Romano. The creek has been stated off for a distance of three miles in length.

McCULLOUGH CREEK.

Clement'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.

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.

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 information:

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.

ARRIVAL FROM ENGLAND.

The clipper bark Kent, 270 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.

Further from Big Bend.

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!

STOUT'S GULCH.

The Altora Company were washing out good pay. LOWHURST CREEK. Mr. George Pearson, foreman of the Moorhead Co., was working his men and getting good pay.

LIGHTNING CREEK.

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The weather on Williams Creek on the 25th was more favorable for mining operations. A fracas, which resulted in a regular melee, took place between some Chinamen and whitemen at Van Winkle, in which several of the Celestials were roughly handled.

MARKETS.

Flour at Van Winkle was ruling at 32 cents per bush, and was very scarce. Most other goods were in good supply, and remained without any material change in prices.

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