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Che Weekly British Colonist. Wednesday, February 22nd 1871 Criminal Labor. The question of criminal labor or the employment of the criminals of the country in a eful work is one which deserves the careful attention of the jurist and the political economist. The crimi Twenty-nine days have flown and she nal is by all civilized jurisprudence has not been heard from. Among the deprived of his liberty. The first object Commissioners was Mr Wade, an exof this is security to society—to life and property. The second is punishment will probably reach 500. A corresponof the illdoer. In so far as the first dent of the San Francisco Call, writing object is concerned there appears to be of the expedition the day before the little reason for questioning. The second is open to very gravedoubt, and it is to it that we would mere particularly address ourselves. For the two reasons stated we shut the criminal up in a public prison, where he is maintained for the most part in idleness, at great expense to the commonwealth. Thus Tennesses to-morrow, and as one hundred doubtful bodily punishment is inflicted and fifty baskets of champagne have been on the criminal, and unequivocal punishment, in the form of greatly augmented friends invited to go on a 'bender' as the taxasion, is inflicted upon the body politic. Honest, industrious men are taxed, and that right heavily, for the maintenance of lazy, ablebodied vagabonds who prefer to live a life of lawlessness rather than earn an honest living. In so far as the safety of society is concerned the object of confining the criminal is doubtless attained; but the question arises whether it is not purthe sober performances of this political circus troupe in West India waters will be a marchased too dear. That the second object is but indifferently attained, if at all, can hardly be controverted. The neervoyaguers exclaim. 'to g-g-get drunk on champagne without a d-d-darned cent of do-well is provided with comfortable quarters, warm clothing, good, wholesome food, the very best of medical attendance; and to these are often added plenty of reading, some amusements, and spiritual consolation, And our Grand Juries are careful to periodically scrutinize the prisons in order to see that the condition and treatment of the inmates are in every way unexceptionable. Virtuous poverty is left uncared for to pine in rags and equalid misery in dingy garrat or noisome cellar; while criminal legimees fares sumptuously every day. Our notions of justice involve the proved acceptable to the people of Canada most jealous solicitude for the comfort and health of the criminal; and we are clared that when they came here they were not prepared to assert that it is wrong. But where does the punishment come in? To a majority of priminals does such treatment really partake of the nature perfect confidence enter into a more intimate of punitive justice? We are not going out on v statesmen of ability but of letter to advocate the denial of healthful clean liness and comfort. Neither are we going to advocate the triangle and the cat-o'-nine tails with all the disgusting accompaniments But we are going to advocate the steady, systematic and economic employment

of criminals upon work which will pay for their maintenance and, if possible. for the expense of their prosecution and conviction. It is criminality, not virtue, that should be made to pay the expense of the administration of criminal justice. Why should the criminal to subjected to less severe toil than the good? Why should not he be made to work hard every working day -- hard enough to be self-sustaining—hard enough to make his lot one of salutary punishment? And this brings us to a wide polemical field. We have ever prenounced against the chain-gang system as practised in this country, - regarding it as calcuand demoralize the community, two results the very reverse of those true justice seeks. The question is, How shall convict labor be made effective as popishment, and remonerative to the State and, at the same time, he freed from the objections above hinted at ? Here withe orux of our subject. We are disposed to think that these objects will be best attained through the system of convict labor within four walls. The penitentiary system of Canada would appear to be not altogether illadapted to that end. The writer has not the advantage of that practical experience which can only be acquired by actual life in the pententiary; but he is led to believe that the Canadian system is susceptible of such improvements as

cal economists to perfect the system. Tur wrecked colonial schooner Nanaimo Packet was sold as she lies under water where she will commence to put out ber at the N E and of Cypress Island, by the U cargo to day. A child and the M S Marshal at Port Townsend, on the 16th

would render it capable of meeting the

wants of the country and the views we

have been enunciating. British Colum-

big will soon have her Penitentiary. Let

it be the study of our jurists and politi-

THE U S WAR STEAMER TENNE SEE .--There is scarcely room for doubt the U S war steamer Tennesse while on her way to San Domingo with the Commission appointed to examine into and report upon the value of that Island, has gone down at sea. Sue sailed from New York city on the 19th of January : was signaled two days off Cape Hatters, and should have arrived at San Damingo in five days after leaving New York President of the United States. The loss of life if loss there has been steamer sailed, says-The Presidential San Domingo Commissioners are bere, and, if gossips may be believed, are hav ing a high old time of it at the Astor House, where they have a suite of parlors, live stupendon ly, and treat a host of political friends with ambassadoral exuberance at the Government's expense. They are to leave in the laid in as 'medicine' for the party, and fully as many of the commissioners' convivia cabine and berths of the vessel will accome modate, we may naturally expect to witness on this occasion some diplomacy of the most remarkable description. It is obvious that the affair is a grand frolick; and 'freespread' for as many of the President's friends and relations as could be squeezed into the vessel. There will be few seber men in the Tennessee during her absence, depend upon it. The crew are not likely to get much is he shape of extras; but if I may judge from present appearances everything else belonging to the expedition will be half seas over before Sandy Hook is out of sight, and all

WHOSE IMAGE AND SUPER CRIPTION HATH IT? The Globe's Ottawa correspondent intimated that the Dominion Government are entitled to no eredit for extending the boundaries of the Dominion to the Pacific, whereupon the Ottawa Times very properly takes its contemporary to tack, and points out that to he Government of Canada at least a share of the credit properly belongs. It says :-British Columbia will undoubtedly soon become a portion of the Dominion, and some credit is also due to the Government for the successful results of the conference which took place last Spring between them and the British Columbian Delegates. The tarms agreed upon then were such as have generally not prepared to meet with men of such statesmanlike qualities and broad enlightened views, and after a few interviews with the Government they felt that they might with high toned patriotism; and to those statesmen the credit of establishing the Dominion will be given, not ornl yow but for all time. to come.

'It's so nice,' as I beard one of the

THAT'S RIGHT ! - In an article on British Columbia coming into the Confederated Empire the Ottawa Tines says. "The next thing to be done is to construct a railway from the shores of the Atlantic to those of the Pacific, through British territory. This is a work which must be, and, we believe, will be seecomplished speedily, although we occasionally neet with people who sneer at the idea as altogether Utopian, and declare that such a road will most certainly never be built during the life time of the present generation. But if peace external and internal be still vouchsafed to us, and if, rising superior to all narrow minded sectarian or sectional jealousies the people of the Dominion from Halifax to Victoria continue to be united in thought and feeling and to work together with a common purpose, we believe that within five years we shall see this great work well advanced, and an industrious and contented community settled upon the praries and in the valleys of the North West, where as yet the foot of & white man has scarcely ever trodden."

NANAIMO GOOD TEMPLARS .- The fellowing is the list of officers lately installed; W. C. T., Bro. J. K. Gilbert. W. V. T., Sister E. A. Richardson, W. S., Bro. S. Gough.
W. A. S., J. Gauner, W. T. Sister P. E.
Raybould, W. T. S., Bro Jas. Malpass.
W. C., Bro Rev. T. Crosby. W. M., Bro F.
C. Meaken, W. D. M., W. Hunter, W. I G., W. Cartwright. W O. G., J. Richardson. W. R. H., Sister M. E. Cartwright. W. L. H. S., Srock. C. Archer. W. L. D., Bro W. Raybould.

'Nor Guilty.'-The Post Townsend Argus charges as with having intimated that the United States was jealous of Canala, and then proceeds in doubtful-English, and with more than doubtful courtesy to lecture us for the impropriety. Our only reply is that we never intimated anything of the kind, and f our contemporary is not as incapable of reading Euglish as he appears to be of writing it, a careful persual of the ar icle to which reference is made will fully substantiate our plea of not guilty.'

THE PRINCE OF WALES,-This ship was towed around from Esquimalt yesterday morning by the Otter and took up her berth alongside the Hudson Bay Company's wharf

SECRET SERVICE .- During the past three years the Dominion of Canada has expended \$225,000 on secret service.

boast of one colitary miner, Robert up his abade in a deserted cabin, laid in a supply of firewood and hunts and mines by turne-leading a free-and-easy, independent sort of life, many miles away from the sound of any human voice save his own. The diggiogs yield three 'bits' per day ; the hunt ing, as many steer and groups sales may feel disposed to kill, they being very numerous in that locality. Who wouldn't be a bermit?

REAL ESTATE SALE .- Mr Lumley Frankliu's sale of real estate will take place to-day at 12 o'clock noon. Lets on Alfred, Store and Government streets, homesteads on Fisgard street, water lots, and lots in Victoria West and Esquimalt Town will be offered. In view of the rapid improvement in the tone of real estate, this sale is a most important one.

THE CHINESE NEW YEAR commenced yes terday and the festivities will last three days. Snapping crackers were set off last evening and the principal Chinese merchants, reneive calle to-day and to morrow. The Chickee employed by white families are quite profuse in their presents of celestial ruits and knicknacks on such occasions.

D. C. MAUNSELL, who was Governor Sey-mour's private secretary, is now a recruiting officer in London.

BERKSHIRES -By the Prince of Wales wo Berkshire hoge were brought to the Col-

The San Juan Dispute-Card from Dr Helmcken.

February 17th, 1871.

EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST. - Since the publicasion of my address in the Legislative Council, it has been brought to my notice that I said in the House of Assembly, Aug. 12th, 1859, that " I would not hold any ne gotiations with so dishonorable a man as Campbell." Mr. Campbell was, at that time, one of the Commissioners appointed to define the boundary. I must take it for granted that I said so, seeing it is printed, but I do not recollect what I did say in these exciting times. However, I now apologize for the words, as they appear in print. I have always heard that Mr Campbell acted in the most upright and honorable manner on that and every other occasion. For myself " sera nunquam est ad bonos mores via."

J. S. Helmcken.

Premature Decay of Fruit Trees.

EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST :- Your remarks in last Tuesday's issue suggesting the ! fungus evil' as the probable cause of the premature decay of the apple and cherry in this colony deserves more than a passing remark, and now snatch a few minutes from more pressing engagements to make a few random observations thereon.

As you are probably aware, the fungus theory has been largely discussed in the pages of the Gardener's Chronicle, and although th advocates of the theory have on their side that eminent veteran mycologist, Rev M J Berkely, yet the preponderance of evidence both prac-tical and theoretical is with its opponents. Fungi of many species luxuriate in decaying vegetable substances, but unless in some peculiar and decided form, never on living, healthy organisms. This view of the case has either been lost sight of or ignored altogether by the fungus theorists, for, so tar as I can not only statesmen of ability but of lofty, make out, they attribute to the mycelium of bigh toned patriolism; and to those states any ordinary fungue the power of growing into end destroying the healthy tissues of almost every kind of plant. The evidence they produce in support of this view, however, is not at all convincing, for in every instance, I believe, the fungoid growth has been found in connection with decaying portions of the roots of the diseased plants, clearly indicating its presence as a consequence and not the cause

Among the various papers on the subject which have appeared in the Gardener's Chronicle is one from myself, Sept 12th, 1870, and from which I beg to offer a few extracis-Whence come the organic matters found in all the fertile soils which clothe the present surface of the globe, but from decayed regetable substances? Look at Nature's grand workshops, our primæval forests, and beerve how she conducts her operations and how rapidly organised substances are converted into food for the living plants, and we shall look in vain for positive evidence in favor of the ' fungus theory.' * One generation of living organisms living on the decayed and decaying remains of former generations yearly adding fertility to the

Can the presence then of decaying sticks, &c,-woody fibre, in fact-be the cause of fungoid decay in living organisms as some of your correspondents assert? Or is not the presence of the mycelium of fundi in the living tisanes das to some anierior predisposing cause and which has hitherto escaped the notice of the very respectable advocates of the fungus theory? If we admit the first we set up, as I concieve, a theory against one of the grand laws of creation, by the latter we admit our own fallibility and the necessity for further and more careful bservations.

I his view of the subject is supported by the precise of numbers of French winegrowers - especially that of M Corner of Champetien, who not only invariably diges but is in the habit of burying immense quantities of taggote of oak and other woods for the purpose of supplying proper food to his vines, and such is the success which has attended this practice that the French Govern ment awarded him a gold medal for the superior excellence of his wines.

Besides, the daily practice of using decayed leaves in the culture of almost every known plant by nine hundred and aimety. nine gardeners in every thousand agems evidence enough to condemn the Fungus Theory.

The true cause of the premature decay of he apple tree from canker in this colory is, in my opinion, due, as I before stated [Jan 19th) to climatic influences on the vital functions of the plants. Everyone who has bad any dealings with young fruit trees in this colony cannot have failed to notice, John B Kay

A SOLITARY MINER. -Leech River can lafter the raise of automo have moistened the J James soil, the ground being then a perfect hot bed, the rapidity with which the plant pro-Haley by name. Haley, at the beginning of duces innumerable young; by the agency of winter, packed out a quantity of 'grub,' took | those fibres the whole system of the tree is filled to repletion with sap, crude and undi-gested, and which on account of the absence of foliage -the process of assimilation being probably carried on slowly by smilable or-gaos in the bark remains for several months pretty much in the same abnormal condi-

tion. The consequence which would not urally follow such a state of things is the entire disarrangement of the whole system of the tree, especially that of the more delicate issues of the inner bark and sapwood, read dering them susceptible to complete disor- Partrick Kelly ganization on the occurrence of sharp frosts. have noticed that this tendency to disor. Alex Cameron ganization is greatly increased by a long continuance of wat, spiness weather, accom-

panied by low temperacitie. So have been peach, and applicable sometimes afflicted with capter in almost every respect similar to has of the apple in the colony, continued to has of the apple in the colony, continued to has of the apple in the colony. me in this view of the case. And if further evidence were necessary, it is empolied in the Gardener's Chromote to like Dec. 1870, by Mr John Snott of Crewkerne Somernatshire a nurseryman in extensive business and a R P Develin writer of some note on fruits at Bis remedy, on the first appearance of the mischief, is to pare away all the frostbitten outer bark.

down to the inner. noise Supposing my view of the case to be the correct one, it points to the necessity of eare in making selection of the warmest and best sheltered site for the orchard, at the same lime not losing sight of the value of a deep. cecessary accompaniments to future success. dismer of H. MITCHELL

Victoria Nursery

PORTLAND Feb 16 NOTE Star California

To His Excellency ANTHONY MUS-GRAVE, Governor of British Columbia and its Dependenci s, &c.

The Petition of the undersigned Merchants, Miners and other inhabitants of Cariboo, HUMBLY SHOWETH-That your petit oners have been for a number of years engaged in epening up and developing the resources of this section of the country, during which time they have had great difficulties to contend with owing to the distance from the source of supply, the ficary cost of transport, together with the inevitable delay in transport.

That your petitioners have learned that a company has been formed for the purpose of applying to your Excellency for powers to enable them to iput stoad steamers on the reads of Sritish Columbia, such as have proved so cy for powers to enable them to put toad Steamers on roads of British Columbia, such as have proved so

the roads of British Columbia, such as have proved so successful in other places. And the successful in other places as a cheap and more expeditious mide of transact that any at present in use, whereby the capital required by the trader to carry on his dusiness would be bessened, and the entire community benefitted. Your petitioners hope your Excellency will give the subject your most serious consideration.

And your petitioners will ever pray, C Danielson O Gattensky Neufelder C Neufelder G W Robinson H Goldstadt Robert Brodie Hough George Steitz Robert Brod's
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YALE-LYTTON DISTRICT: 1189 The Hoperable the Legislative Council of British Columbia.

Haying heard with great satisfaction that a will is about to be introduced before your Hongable didies to secure to a carstain Spannan, the gight to use Thomson's Patent Road Steamers on the road between Yale and Barkeryille, such right to be exclusive from the fat day of October, 1871, for the three-years the satisfact would be used to be a carstained action of the your unanimous approval, believing that it will be the means of targety reducing the present high price of freight to the mines, the remarking not senior that the size greeney well are of the Columbia. British Columbia.

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