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In the discussion which the presumed imminence of Confederation has evoked, there is one subject which has not received the attention at the hands of our public men which its importance deserves. We allude to Reciprocitya commercial policy which, were it extended to this Colony, would produce could be obtained, the extraction of immediately more solid and substantial benefits to the whole country than any other change that could be devised. It would bring into immediate request our leading products and open the way for a steady and increasing trade with the American States in other articles ; and Creek 50oz. The Foster Campbell would exert a most advantageous washed up 39oz; the Barker 173oz; the meet mon every interest in the Colony, Canadian 20oz. Other Companies were

Our East Coast is one yast deposit of fossil wealth ; we have dense forests of the finest timber, and rejoice in a climate unsurpassed in the world for salubrity. We have rich and extensive gold fields and veins of the baser minerals which "crop out" on all sides. Yet this good pay, years ago Stout Gulch great wealth lies compartively untouched. Poor men come to the country; walk over their fortunes and go away again ; capitalists visit our shores, inspect our resources, pronounce themselves satisfied with their boundless extent and great richness, and then-follow the poor men out of the country. Why, we are many times asked, is "this thus?" Because, we answer, although our wealth is magnificent-our geographical position and climate unsurpassed, and the few people we have energetic, and self-reliant-we want a market. Give as the advantage of a large and increasing market for our native wealth-open to us the sealed door of San Francisco and we shall at once occupy a commanding position, because ours, in all that contributes to make a people great and prosperous, is the richest country on the Pacific. Geographically, we are so near to a great market that we almost touch it in a day's travel; commercially, we are as distant as the frozen regions of Alaska. We languish in the midst of plenty. Our case is nearly parallel with that of a company of California miners many years ago who, with "swags" of gold in their possession, starved to feet long, and four or five of the comdeath because there was no food in the country. The natural wealth of this Colony is our swag, but except we are to find an outlet for that wealth, we should be better off without it, because its existence only creates bright anticipations that are never realized. With the present Chinese-wall policy of the Americans in force against us, it is the excellence of our products alone that gains for them an entrance. Without Nanaimo coal: San Francisco nor any of the large California and Oregon cities could be lighted with gas; and with. ont Burrard Inlet or Saanich to draw upon for the finest qualities of wood the Eastern States would be required to furnish at -an enhanced cost the necessary article, which is only found on the coast in British Columbia. Throw off the prohibitive duties on coal and lumber, and the British Columbians would compete, and compete successfully, with the Americans in the articles of exportation we have named, besides building up, by the increase of mines, mills and population, large home markets for the agriculturists who, with their products grown on the spot could bid defiance to imported products even if the latter should come in free of duty. Viewed from every standpoint, we really believe that the greatest good we could possibly derive through forming a political anion with our brethren East of the mountains would be our admission to sharein a treaty of reciprocal itrade with the United States. It has been said that the United States will never consent to reopen her ports to Canadian goods; but when American Statesmen consider that that is a game two can play at, and that if they can shut Canadian goods out of their markets Canadians can drive Americon fishermen from produced. Large supplies of goods their fishing banks, we fancy they are of too practical a nature to withhold their assent to the renewal of a policy where the gain would be clearly mutual, source

We regret to learn from the Cariboo Sentinel of the 16th that the scarcity of water is beginning to be felt throughout the Mining District; the agriculturists have been suffering some time from the same cause, which will probably reduce considerably their products for the year. The mines have nevertheless vielded extremely well for the week, some of them even largely, so that, if a regular supply of water gold would reach a point hitherto unattained in this Colony, in its best days. On William Creek the Six-toed Pete washed up 33oz; the Wilson 1131 oz, and the Cornish for 3 days 55 oz; A Chinese Co. on the other side of the

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grol 15 lelat -s oy carns with the little stream of water that still was obtainable, some were putting in prospect tunnels. On Walker Gulch a company thought they had struck the lead from which the old Comet Co. took such still keeps up its repute. The Taffvale washed up 176oz, the Coombs 1701oz, the Floyd 116oz, the Mucho Oro 60oz; the other companies are prospecting. Conklin Gulch is not yet all that was hoped for it. The Felix Co. got off the lead and only washed up 16cz, the Renfrew 412oz; the other companies are prospecting. The prospectors for the Felix lead on French Creek have got down to the depth of 120 feet, but have found nothing so far. The Kelly Co. on Lowhee Creek appears to be the only one that cleaned up anything during the week, owing to the scarcity of water; they took out 120oz; the other companies are prospecting. On Mesquito Creek a great difference is perceptible. The Tabb Co. washed up 440z, the Minnehaha only 140z, and the Hocking Co. a little over expenses. the water had fallen very low that little or nothing could be done. Several Cos. were prospecting. The Tom and Jerry on Red Gulch, washed up 30oz; the other companies were stopped for want of water. The Discovery Co, on Slate Gulch were ground sluicing and expected a good wash up. The bed rock tunnel on Canadian Creek is now panies interested, will be enabled to go to work at once. The Grouse Creek Flame Co. washed up 1031-z; other companies were sinking, drifting or preparing to bring in water from Antler Creek. On Canon Ravine, Antler Creek, Anderson Creek, Little Snow Shoe Creek, Keithley Creek, Cedar Creek, Kangaroo Creek, South Fork of Quesnel River, Moorbead Creek, Little Lake Creek, Four Mile Creek, Eighteen Mile Creek, Beaver Creek, Lightning Creek, and Eagle Creek were to be found the various companies of gold seekers plying the pick and shovel, and all satisfied with their prospects; but every where the want of water was more or less the cause of limited operation or a total stoppage of such portions of the work as required the assistance of that useful element. From the Sentinel of the 19th instant, we glean the following results of the wash-ups during the 3 days subsequent to the previous issue. The Barker Co. washed up 90oz; the Foster Camps whether the arrangement is temporary or bell 5510z; Taffvale 70oz; Coombs Co. permanent. the temporary or to have a Free Port ? Is it to be located the Russian Empire. 50oz; Floyd Co: 102oz. The Barker Co, washed up again on the 18th (two days) and obtained 50oz. The scarcity of water is daily reducing operations, and the amount of gold taken out is proportionally less; Miners are gen erally looking for another year like the last one: The death of Governor Seymore has created much regret; and great sympathy was every where expressed for Mrs. Seymour. The Grand Jury had brought in a true. Bill for manslaughter against Jesse Pearce, the man who escaped from Jail. Vege etables had thriven wonderfully on the the creek and excellent crops of Radishes, lettuce, potatoes &c. had been were on the way up, and prices were generally moderate. We regret to ob serve that Mr. F. V. Lee has lost his infant daughter a few days old.

Monday June 28 WN WI THE MARKEN CONFIRMED .- The Government Gazette announces that the Queen has been pleased to confirm and allow the following Ordinances passed by the Legislative Council of this Colony : Health Ordinance ; An Act to allow the Queen Charlotte Coal Co. to change their Registered office from New Westminster to Victoria : Appointment of Commissioners to take affidavits and bail and for making statutory declarations : Conveyance of Vancouver Island to the Orown I Exten. sion of the Harewood Railway Company's act; An Ordinance respecting Stipendiary Magistrates; An Ordinance to amend the law of partnership; An Ordinance to provide for the maintenance and the construction of roads in British Columbia; An Or. diagace respecting the practice of surgery and for the encouragement of anatomy. The same are therefore declared and proclaimed to be confirmed and allowed accordingly.

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CITY COUNCIL.-This body held a short session on Saturday, the Chair. The orly business of Transacted

Water Works Co. to make excavations on Johnson and Langley streets, and the partial passage of the Sidewalk amended Ordinance The action in the latter respect comes none too soon. The sidewalks bordering the principal thoroughfares are in a dangerous state, and except early steps be taken will soon become impassable. We would urge the adoption of prompt and vigourous measures.

THE CALEDONIAN GATHERING. - Our citizens will be afforded a pleasant day's amusement on the 5th at a trifling expense. and, in the case of ladies and children, relieved from the disagreeable features of a steamboat excursion. The distance from any part of the ciry or suburbs, is not greater than may be walked without inconvenience, if so minded. At this season of leisure, with delightful weather, making outdoor exercise of the first importance, we cannot imagine any pleasanter way of turning a day to real account, for old and young, than at the Cala degree of period and meeting.

FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION AT SAN JUAN .- Independence Day is to be fittingly celebrated at the camp at San Juan on Monday 5th prox. The rapid succession of celebrations within the last few weeks must have blunted the appenites of our citizens for such matters ; but the list of amusements as displayed in the programme for the camp, is sufficiently attractive to give a new zest for such testivities. We look for the departure of a large number of visitors to the Island from this city.

DEPARTURE OF THE ACTIVE .- The steam ship Active sailed from Brodrick's wharf at one o'clock yesterday afternoon for San Francisco direct, with 30 passengers and a quantity of freight. Amongst these on board observed Capt. Irving and daughter, Mrs. J Fried, Capt. Arthur, Mr. Frankel, Mr. A. Watson, Inspector of the Bauk of British Columbia, and Mr. G. Creighton. The steamer was advertised to sail at 9 o'clock, but was detained until 1 o'clock in consequence of low water. FROM COMOX, NANAIMO, AND WAY PORTS. The Sir James Douglas, Captain Clarke, arrived on Saturday afternoon bringing abou 10 passengers and a number of cattle and hoge. She had also some grain and other farm produce. She brings all the implements from the station of the Roys , whaling adventurers which is abandoned, and the enterprise given up for the present. There were no ships at Nanaimo, but two were ex pected, one of which, the Cowper, is supposed to have passed up last night.

THE DROUGHT .- From s gentleman just down from Cariboo we learn that stock in the Upper Country is suffering severely from the existing drought, and heavy loss may to gravitate.

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result to the farmers. Copious rain would be of the utmost value to every part of the Colony. We trust, however, that the loss to in opposition to the onward march of dea our farming interests will not be so great as tiny, stated.

EARTHQUAKS .- Mother Nature is becoming impatient with our lethargic disposition, and took an opportunity last evening at 8:05 to shake us up. The peculier subterranean disturbance was distinctly perceptible to a

Messrs Moore & Co., whose shelves were ment, a number of Porcelsin lamps, being heard of, up to going to press, but several dwellings were emptied by their occupants in double quiek time.

OPT System las gentlemen comprising the Committee of the Dominion cannot do as well for us as the Upited States Masonic Order have sent Capt Delacombe, R.

M., commander of the British Garrison, San officers on the occasion of the late picnic.

IN PRESS .- The Victoria and British Columbia Directory, Mr. E. Mallandaine pubpersons wishing their addresses or occupations inserted should communicate with Mr. Mallandsine at his office, Government street, or at the Colonist office.

BAYNES SOUND COAL Co .- Mr John Trutch returned on Saturday evening from Baynes Sound, where he has been engaged in sur-to keep the National Holiday of the Unitveying the company's claim. We under- Dominiop. I wonder where is the patriotism stand Mr Trutch speaks favorably of their and true British feeling of Englishmen. prospects.

POLICE COURT .- At this Court, on Saturday, Thomas Everett, arrested for outrage, was committed for trial; and two assault

cases were disposed of by fine or imprisonment. IT is believed that the Hon. Mr. Seward ry the steamer for the trip.

BASE BALL .- A new Base Ball Club has been formed here and will shortly commence posed invincible Olympics of this city.

CORONATION DAY The public offices will be closed to-day and the banks and business houses will suspend business at noop.

The "Columbiau" and Free Port. EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST :- Your con- ily and unrelentingly pursued. tempoary hugs Himself with extreme de-burg; it is within 300 miles of the port of light in yesterday morning's issue of the Odessa, on the Black Ses ; and by the aid British Columbian, as occupying the position in relation to Free Port that of time, the whole military force of Russia Martin Luther (save the mark) held as can be concentrated, ready to march immethe great reformer. He stands up for diately upon either the Turkish or Huugarian trontier. Of course, it will speedily be made his principles quity regardless of cruel an immense depot of military stores, and in menaces, calumnies, &c, &c. Seeing the the event of a war would be both convenient fearful state of excitement that be has of military and civil government. wrought himself up to, in an imagin. The selection of the new capital is also sigary canse, (for no one grudges him the religious metropolis of Russie. Before the possession of his vagary), I now endeavor conversion of the people to Christianty, it to calm his transports, and if possible to was the seat of their heathen worship, and bring him back to his normal condition of which led to its eminence then, continue and quiescent imbecility. His clinging to maintain that eminence now. Within its Free Port reminds one of the Irishman precincts are the palace of the Greek Bishop who hung on to the anchor in a storm, ed in 1037, and numbers of other churches; the venerable cathedral of St. Sophia, toundinsisting that it was only sufficient for the famous Petcherskol menastery, the cataone. I might here suggest that the Free combs of St. Anthony and St. Theodosics, filled with the bones of Christian saints and Port idea of your contemporary will cer- martyre, and a thousand other objects of retainly be to him what the anchor would ligious respect to the devout Russian. As have been to the Irishman if the ship had the Emperor is the head of the Russian Church as well as a chief-ruler, bis taking gone down; that is, it will have the up his residence in a spot hallowed by so effect of sinking him beneath contempt, many sacred memories and attractions may because everyone knows he is not sincere intention to do everything in his power to in its advocacy, hence no one will trust strengthen that personal hold upon the effect at Victoria ? If so, how are we to collect duties from the rest of the people on the The Western Mail states that it is now quite Island. As that would be impossible, how common to see postmen in the neighborhood can we expect that the people of the of Cheltenham going their rounds upon vemainland will allow themselves to be locipedes. It is announced in most of the taxed that we may be exempt, and we French papers that the principal shops in at the same time deriving all the benefit Paris will beneforth be 'closed on Sundays. of the additional commerce (if any). This important social reform is not the re-But the people of the mainland will have sult of a religious movement, but has been But the people of the mainland will have another complaint. They can have no which, in England, has introduced the Sat-other market for their produce but this; urday half-holiday. The Pall Mall Gazette then why are they to be taxed and their says : There are very many who will regret natural market taken away? I need not to hear that Mr. Peabody will leave England, pursue the theme, Mr. Editor; the case probably for the last time, on Saturday next. is tooself evident. I trust your contem. He has been for some little time past in deporary will feel better soon ; but no one chining health, and in yielding to a very natural desite to return to bis pative O S is noodie ALFBED VERJUICE.

What an absordity for a portion of this community to mistake the direction towards which circumstances are causing this Colony

I suppose there is no absurdity in a certain eless of men setting up their puny strength

What a pitiful absurdity for individuals to allow selfish and narrow-minded considerations to hinder the well-being of the whole community.

Contrast the Government, laws, taxation education and morality of the British North number of our citizens, but particularly so to American Confederation, called the New Dominion, with those of the United States partially emptied by the unaccustomed moves and what a blundering absurdity to be in favor of ancexation.

There is a very great absurdity in having tessed on the floor produced the impression an economical Government, laws adapted to by the crash that an opening bad arrived the country, light taxation, a good education. for the Colony. No other disasters were al system, the land question in better shape. roads running through the country, a persevering steady-working population, etc. Look at the public debt, the value in the

money market of the Government Debentures of the two nations, and the will be

Supposing Annexation to have taken place: who will compose the Government? Will it Juan Island, a note acknowledging the cour- be Englishmen or Americans? I think I see tesies ex ended by that gentleman and his an infinitesimal absurdity sprouting out when Loonsider this point. Remember the antagonistic feeling toward England, etc.

I have slways understood that it was the people who caused the country to grow. What a ridiculous absurdity then for the people of lisher, is in press, and it is important that this Colony to expect the Government to do everything while they did nothing but grumble. The Government might be better, certainly, but the people have not gone to work o make it more suitable, therefore the laxaty and expensiveness connected therewith was the consequence of the want of action

and unanimity of the people. AN OBSERVER.

Removal of the Russian Capital-What it Means.

The report is current in Europe that the Emperor Alexander has decreed the removal of the capital of the Russian will arrive on the Fideliter, Huthinson, the River Dneiper. A palace is now Empire from St. Petersburg to Kiev, on Kohl & Co. having tendered the ex-Secreta- building for him at the latter place and the Empress has purchased a large estate there.

If this report is true it is one of the most important movements which Russia practice with the view of playing the sup- has made for many years. Not only is it a formal advance upon the grand system of policy devised and commenced by Peter the Great for civilizing his Empire and incorporating it into the family of European nations, but it is an announcer ment to the world that the designs of Russia on Turkey are henceforth to be stead-

By Glectric SPECIAL TO HE DAILY

Eastern NEW YORK, June 21-rested Cubans are endea Byan tried forthwith to Ryan theu for the near the violation of the near A large, expedition w Thursday has been ind but it is thought the m ready to move at a mon ready to move at a mon Jone 22-The steame pinwall, has arrived. I Minister Webb had an i Fish on the Brazilian nounced the authorities have no more respect fo Hayii, he thinks we out good thrashing in consecutive stood the President fully pursued by Webb. It a ly carrying out instru-Seward. It is presumed ernment will make an aj ment on the arrival of M

anccessor. MEMPHIS, June 23-Arkansas is called to n of July, to take measu troduction of Chinese e WASHINGTON, June signed the secre aryshi George M. Robertson, of Attorney General of the pointed in his place, a noon to day. He will Cabinet meeting to-d compelled to resign from daties.

NEW YORK, June 25. has a story that a Secr formed, having branch cities of the Union, for over to Imperialism. sworn to promote an termed the Free Empi establish an aristocra powers in the hands of man at the head, who : for life, and be designat Empire of the United Consul will be thrown peror as soon as public the change. The man already been selected by movement.

Senator Abbott, of 1 that things in his State people are generally at making good progress i Crops in this State, as y lina, Georgia and Flori

well. NEW YORK, June 23 not been the subject Cabinet; nor according is it possible that a soon be taken in regard Island. Government show that the opposing met in the open field, b has been done amounts skirmishes. Operation to a few local points w al results. The Cuba ceeded in establishing spot; therefore, as sented which calls of belligerent rights no inet has expressed a de action in that the Spanish Minister h although the Governme country sympathize w neutrality laws will be as possible the Gove them. CHICAGO, June 25.ington special says tha gencer suspecded publi first time in 69 years barrassment owing to ment patronage. The it into an evening pap The political contes in excitement, both par

BANK OF BRITISH COLUMBIA .- Mr. WC Ward, manager of the Bank of British Columbia in this city, will shortly proceed to Portland to take charge of the branch office there; Mr Francis, accountant of the Portland branch, will come here as manager and Mr Russell, manager of the branch at Portland, will go to San Francisco as manager of that branch. We have not learned

THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE .- This body will be called together in a few days by the Vice-President, Gustave Sutro, Esq. The object of the meeting is to consider the best steps to be adopted to secure Free Post with Confederation. This determination by the Chamber relieves the public mind of the apprehension that the principles involved were to be entrusted to scheming politicians for arrangement.

FROM NEW WESTMINSTER .- The Enterprise Capt. Swapson, arrived from New Westminster on Saturday afternoon. She brought twenty-five passengers, an ap-coudlry mail and express and about \$50,000 in treasure. The news from the Lower Fraser was unimportant. The mining news will be found in nother column. H 107 Tel

A FRENCH FRIGATE COMING .- The French frigate l'Astree, flagship of rear-Admiral Clone, now at San Francisco, is about to pay a visit to this station, the senior-officer of the The l'Astree carries 20 guns and 600 men. of the Bundle of Sticks.

A Bundle of Absurdities.

place, every one will hope that he will re-gain bis strength, and that the symptoms which have occasioned uneasiness will pass away. Mr. Peabody, has, recently given away additional sums of money for the ben-efft of various charitable institutions. in the EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST :-- What an abeardity for men who have common sense as United States, and has declared his intentheir guide to allow prejudice to blind tion of maintaining a free library for George-them to the advantage of forming a link in own, adjoining Washington. The statue fleet having received advice to that effect the chain of Confederation. I would recom which the merchants of London reselved to from the British Consul at San Francisco. mend to such a careful perusal of the table finished.

CHICAGO, June 96.-throughout the Northw corn crop will be entin parts of the country. NEW YORK, June have the following s in the field : Governm 27,000; volunteers ad garrisoning the princip have 36,000 white a which about 26,000 ar be increased by some groes in a short time s

before the election.

receive arms and amm ted States. WASHINGTON, June ceived to-night from Co a fight near Puerto Del bans and Spaniards. bans was complete; th sive train containing provisions, ammunition tal store, etc. Over were killed. A numb ticipated in the comba

WASHINGTON, June ally announced by th the capital that an inte the products of the wol at London in 1870. requested to make the citizens of the United when more fully advise The great aim is to de out the world.

Eur FLORENCE, June 2 have been taken by ples, Turin and Milan i break, It is feared inciting disturbances. been made at Genoa. LONDON, June 22tlemen representing trade have united in a of Argyle to obtain for the production of Colonies. They set in the trade and show had by Goxernment the growing of cotton toe United States.

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