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BRITISH COLUMBIA ON UNION.

A few days ago the New -Westminster journals gave a report of some remarks made by the Colonial Secretary of British Columbia in the Legislative Council of the neighboring colony in reference to union: Mr. Birch desired the postponement of the question until the close of the session, in order that the members might approach the debate with that calmness which the recent action of the Victoria press had done so much to disturb. While agreeing with the Colonial Secretary in the necessity of discussing all serious questions with becoming dignity and no desire to abuse the members of the British Columbia Legislature: but we think we have a right to criticise the conduct of the members of that Legislature as much as the conduct of members of our own. If the New

the officials themselves papers of Van-couver Island would have less to say about the Government of the neighboring colony; but when we find journals whose only rivalry is in obsequiousness and adulation, and whose only model is the master-echoing flunkey in the farce, it is a duty we owe to the people of British Columbia, whose interest is our own, and to the reputation of the press in a British colony, to speak against the improvidence of the Government. We are not slow to point out the extravagant demands of our own Executive when they come up for public criticism; and while we are determined to use our utmost exertions to keep our own house from fire, we feel it equally obligatory to stay the hands of incendiaries from the property of our neigh-

While agreeing with the Colonial Secretary, as we have already said, in the desirability of meeting grave topics with becoming gravity, we cannot see the wisdom of bringing up the subject of Union in the present Legislative Council, unless it is desirable to imitate the customs of the State Legislatures of the neighbouring Republic, and close the session with a little legislative burlesque. Mr. Birch must know as well as we can tell him that the result of such a debate is a foregone conclusion-that the Council, as it is at present constituted, must vote against Union ; that the official members look upon continued separation as their only hope to retain well paid, easy positions—and that they will oppose union on all and every grounds. We would ask the Colonial Secretary of what will any discussion avail in such a body-and what weight will be attached to the decision? When the honorable gentleman talked about postponing the question until the members could approach the subject with every feeling subdued, but that of an earnest desire to decide on the merits of the question, he forgot that there was a much stronger obstacle in the way than wounded sensibilities-he overlooked the important fact that self interest or self preservation in its most powerful form stood confronting impartiality.

With the five "representative" members we have little to do; if they were as independent as it is possible for men to be, the atmosphere of a two-thirds officialism would speedily overpower them, and make them as plastic as the unburnt potter's clay. Of the members who were elected last year, Mr. Walkem is probably the only one that is

though he is the representative of more wealth and a larger population than all the rest of the constituencies put together, this ernment, then the sooner the vote is given the better. It is to the inhabitants the matter must ultimately be put. The Council, composed as it is, can no more decide the question than the Legislature of Washington Territory. At present petitions to the Home Government in favor of union are being circulated over the length and breadth of the

ers of that Legislature as much as the conduct of the ensuing summer to petition her Majesty's deep property of our own. If the New directer press were not devoted so expressent appearances, is likely to be fixed by a company, who have the foot rot. If this is true it should be attached with foot rot. If this is true it should be attached with foot rot. If this is true it should be attached that down the foot rot. If this is true it should be attached that down the foot rot. If this is true it should be attached that down the foot rot. If this is true it should be attached that down the foot rot. If this is true it should be attached that down the foot rot. If this is true it should be attached that down the foot rot. If this is true it should be attached that down the foot rot. If this is true it should be attached to the foot rot. If this is true it should be attached to the foot rot. If this is true it should be attached to the foot rot. If this is true it should be attached to the foot rot. If the foot rot is a major to the foot rot is a major to the foot rot. If this is true it should be attached to the foot rot is a major to the foot rot. If the foot rot is a major to the foot rot is a major to the foot rot. If the foot rot is a major to the foot rot is a major to

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BOGUS SALES.

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alleged to have been falsely appended to the

document. A similar communication ap-

position (if it can?) in a future issue.

MARK LANE.

great question of Union never came up in his electioneering canvass. The same might be said of one or two other constituencies. But supposing the facts were otherwiseand that the representative members were sent to the Council by the various constituencies to oppose union with Vancouver Island, their opinions or representations now would not be worth a single jot. The whole state of affairs in both colonies has changed, and Vancouver Island bas at length made a proposition which even His Excellency Governor Seymour implies in a recent document might be acceptable to British Columbia. On these grounds, and in order that the vexed subject may be speedily and effectually settled, there is only one course we submit open to Governor Seymour, and that is to put the question to a vote of the whole population. If the people of British Columbia decide against uniting with us there is an end of the agitation; if on the other hand they are desirous, which we maintain they are, of putting the two colonies under the one Gov-

returned outside New Westminster. Now, we ask his Excellency Governor Seymour, and we ask him with all respect, is dispassion, we are at a loss to conceive ex. it right or judicious to allow, in the present actly the point of his remarks in reference to state of affairs, this important subject to be the abuse of the Council by the Victoria played with by the Council? It cannot be being carried on, and large numbers of Ce- was drowned. The question arises whether press. So far as we are concerned we have right, since this body does not even attempt to give an expression of popular feeling; and it cannot be judicious, for the mining and \$100 a day to the rocker. Owing to the unare caused by the wetness and coldness of a trading towns generally are determined the usually low steep of the river, rich ground is being found on many bars, which had not Northwest of London, which is

we take the merchants and traders of the

## British Columbia.

The steamer Enterprise arrived on Sature day from New Westminster, with 40 passengers, and Dietz and Nelson's river express.

(From the COLUMBIAN.)

LATER FROM THE INTERIOR. From Mr. Smithson, who arrived in this city on Tuesday evening, with Dietz and Nelson's express from Lillooet, we gleau the following items : At Lillooet the snow was rapidly melting away under the genial rays of the snn. Charles Rowentree, a packer, had left with a loaded train—the first of the season. Miners en route to Cariboo were beginning to arrive freely, and business was consequently improving. Stock on the Cariboo Correspondent of the snow is still deeper, but melting is performed with great much more solutions. Stock on the Cariboo Correspondent of the snow is still deeper, but melting is performed with great much more solutions. of the snn. Charles Rowentree, a packer, consequently improving. Stock on the Fraser above Lillooet had wintered remerkably well, scarcely an animal having perished. At Crow's Bur, where the express stock is wintering, animals were in fine condition. Below Lillooet, stock had been less fortunate. It was rumored that out of 45 head Kwong Lee had lost 40.

Considerable mining is going on between Lillooet and Canoe Creek, and in many instances good pay is obtained at low water mark. A company on Big Bear had struck ground prospecting \$10 a day to the hand. A Frenchman, who arrived at Lillooet from Williams' Creek, reported the death of Mrs. Winnard. There is no later news of interest from the Cariboo gold-fields.

Travel on the Douglas-Lillocet route has fairly set in. Kitterel's sleighs are runuing on time over the Pemberton Portage, On Douglas Portage the road is good for foot travel; and it is expected that it will be open for teams by the end of the present week. A large number of men are at work of the road and by great efforts of memory upon it. The Douglas reople are making recalling ancient waymarks, reached their great preparations for the spring trade.

neighboring colony, and public sentiment, if LATER FROM LYTTON. Mr. L. Allard, arrived in this city on various towns as an index, is unmistakably Tuesday night, having made the journey in in their favor. So much indeed is this the less than six days. The weather at Lytton was clear and cold—snow all off the flat and case that were an election to take place toabout a foot deep in the country, Mr. Allard morrow, not an anti union member would be describes the traveling as good for foot passengers, and in excellent condition for teams, with the exception of the cañons.

> MINING. and below Lytton, a good deal of mining is the quays, by mistake fell into the river and lestials are reaping a rich harvest. On these visitations are absolutely inevitable— Mormon Bar, five miles above Lytton, there things that can't be cured must therefore are a prober of white men at work, making be endured. One gentleman avers that they

suffered severely in their stock. The Indian Mr. Buie informs us that the snow at Yale is melting fast, and the road from there to Lytton is open for foot passengers. Mr. Barnard, who left here on Saturday, made the been patented for workmen, amongst which trip to Yale in two days from here, and one is the machine for weaving by compressed

THOMPSON RIVER. The snow is from three inches to one foot

LONDON, Jan. 28, 1865.

A DENSE FOG.

On Saturday London was visited by a fog such as the present generation has not known It was an exceeding horror of thick darkness." It came on about noon and was at its worst from 4 to 8 p.m. Gas was for once quite beaten, the lamps were invisible though they were all burning with their usual force; indeed the Gas companies were called upon to supply two night's consumption in one. All traffic by road, river and rail ceased; for a while the cabmen tried to take the city men home, but at last abandoned the task as hopeless. Instead of the ceaseless roar of wheels shouts and voices were projected into the thick air by belated wanderers hoping to avoid collision with their fellows in bein a masterly manner by a series of observations of the lampposts, counting the turns | the art of taking sun pictures in colors. homes about midnight to the great relief of their alarmed families. But even when mended, the fog had invaded the innermost sanctuary, and the faces of our beloved were only beheld through a dense medium while hours were needed and constant hot application, inside or out as the patient preferred, before the fog could be cleared out of the sore eyes or sorer chest. Accidents were frequent. London bridge is said to have Upon the bars of the Fraser, both above than one unhappy wight who wandered to

that one man who had 110 head, had lost the men generally resumed work. The capievery one of them, and several others had talists must look to themselves - the co-operative principle is spreading, and the workmen who was frozen to death was the Express are beginning to understand that their power Messenger between Colville and Similkameen. lies not in combining not to work, but in combining to do the work for themselves.

NEW DISCOVERIES. Some very valuable inventions have lately from Harrisonmouth—being the quickest trip air. The loom is just the same as that now in use, but the great awkward "pickers" or arms by which the shuttle is thrown backward and forward is entirely superseded and

much more culture and less breakage of closeness of texture and less breakage of thread and without the oil which now so often spoils the cloth and fills the workrooms with a close unhealthy smell. It is expected speedily to revolutionise the mills and give a new impetus to our manufactures.

The story about photographing the retina of dead men's eyes and discovering the last impression left there before death, so as if need be to discover a murderer, has been revived again at Florence. Mr. Pepper, the energetic manager of the London Polytech. nic Institution, professes to have made and other discovery quite as fanciful and odd. He says that people's breath upon a mirror resolves itself under a microscope into a variety of regular forms-like daggers, flowers, or what not-and he expects to be able to tell what is going on within a man, in his lungs if not in his soul, by an analysis of his wilderment. Gentlemen guiding themselves exhalations on a glass. A photographer at the Mauritius professes to have discovered

THE IMPERIAL AUTHOR. The Emperor of the French publishes his life of Julius Cæsar simultaneously in the English, French and German languages, at they got indoors affairs were not much the beginning of next month. It has been translated into English by Mr. Thomas Wright, the well known antiquarian. It will bear on the title page the single word " Cæsar," the imperial author being supposed to retain his incognito; it will be brought out here by Messrs. Cassell, Petter & Galpin, an enterprising publishing firm, who issue some amazingly cheap works, but who been strewn with fallen horses and more would have been about the last house we might have expected to be entrusted with a work of this kind. They have probably obtained the privilege through the mediation of Lord Brougham, who has taken the firm under his patronage because they have published many useful educational works.

a broad and comprehensive way to put the such time as the subject fairly before the inhabitante, and admit of that steam Westminster. The Alexandra accept their decision. He has already intipected here on Monday. This arrangement mated that Union is demanded by Imperial is calculated to create an important trade interests, but that the population should Puget Sound, and will prove a great conjudge of the question only as it affected them | venience to the people of this colony. locally. All that Vancouver Island asks, IMPORTANT EXPLORING EXPEDITION.-We and all that is asked by the inhabitants of British Columbia is the opportunity to give

have just learned that James Orr, Esq., has been appointed to the command of the Government Exploring Expedition, which is to expression to public sentiment on the matprospect the country lying between the Big ter. Whatever may be the verdict we are We venture to assert that a more judicious appointment could not have been made. The ces she regards as sullying her reign. party will probably set out about the 15th

To the Editor of the British Colonist. Telegraphic despatches were received at -Sir,-I am surprised to see honorable memthe office in this city yesterday from Mr. bers in the Assembly actually advocating, Haines, at a point eleven miles south, and it or excusing, the system of "bogus" or is quite probable that connection will be " mock" auction sales. I thought that all completed by Monday next. such transactions were well understood by

[From the N. P. Times.] Later from Above.

ARRIVAL OF THE RELIANCE.

There are many hundred thousand pounds The steamer Reliance, Captain Irving, arsterling in value of wool, cotton, indigo, tea, rived from Jeffrey's bar yesterday (30th) silk, coffee, hides, sugar, and other colonial afternoon, safe and sound, and her appearproduce sold annually in London, and other ance was hailed with delight by the crowd mercantile towns in England, by auction; which assembled to witness her return from and the auctioneers, or " brokers," who dissingle bogus lot knocked down in their sales. her off, and succeeded, encountering only a castic observations on "the balance of power," Would Messrs. Hogarth, George Robins, or few slight rubs in crossing the bar. The Re- he soon turned to his favorite topic of frantheir successors in the real estate line, allow liance will resume her trip next week.

persons to "bid up" at their sales ? No, sir. The steamer Hope arrived yesterday after-They would be "damned" by such a prace noon from Harrisonmouth with several pastice. The high character of the British mer- sengers, some cattle belonging to Mr. Dodge chant was not gained by such tricks, and it is and Dietz & Nelson's Yale and Lytton Exa disgrace to us to see members of our loca | press. She also brought a mail from Hope. | mons. He allowed himself opposed to sudlegislature shielding them. As far as I understand the matter any sale made at auc- The river was still very low. Mining on the trusted that the million proposed to be adtion by unfair means is not binding, and the bars is being vigorously prosecuted, and good witted by the Reform Bills already before the police bring mock auctioneers, and their wages are obtained both by whites and country would find the door at once opened bonnets," I believe they are called, before Chinamen.

A cance arrived yesterday morning with a should rush in together. passenger bringing letters for Dietz and Nelson. These gentlemen received a letter CAPT. EVANS AND THE MINERS' PETITION from Harrisonmouth stating that news had In the North Pacific Times of the 31st, ap- arrived from Kootenay to the effect that all pears a letter from Capt. Evans answering | work at the mines was stopped on account of certain unwarrantable and insulting statethe Similkameen the snow lay a foot and a-Capt. Evans challenges the Columbian to severity of the weather. furnish the names of the bogus petitioners

Mr. Buie, who arrived by the Hope last

Royal House. The Queen goes to Germany in May, and it is said that the Princess Helena will then be betrothed to the hereditary Duke of Saxe Weimar.

Law is properly administered. She is deep-Bend of the Columbia River and Cariboo, ly grieved to read of so many cases of starvation in the public prints. Such occurren-The royal family are gradually abandoning

their retirement. Las week Mr. and Mrs. A. Wigan were commanded to attend at Windsor Castle to read some Shaksperian selections.

The leaders of political parties are issuing invitations to their supporters to meet them, and greatly desiring to dine with them prior to

the meeting of Parliament; nevertheless the session is expected to open and to proceed very quickly. The business will be got through in shorter time than usual, and the last rumor is that the general election will take place in July, immediately before the harvest. Last Wednesday the members for Birmingham met their constituents, and Mr. Bright made a more energetic speech than usual-indeed he has not for a long time dewinter quarters. Captain Irving states that livered himself of an oration which had so pose of this vast mass of merchandise, would the river rose five-eighths of an inch yesters much "go" in it. Beginning with a denot only consider themselves disgraced, but day making three inches of a rise since he monstration against all meddling with the they would be disgraced and ruined, were a was up there. He resolved to try and get affairs of other nations, and some highly sarchise for the million. He warned the aristocracy that they had better make timely concessions to the working classes,, for the eves of the excluded masses were glaring furiously at the door of the House of Com-There is no news of importance from above. den and violent changes, and therefore to them, lest all the five millions who would have to be admitted at one time or other

A STRIKE IN THE BUILDING TRADE. She operatives in the building trade have gained a great triumph over their mosters. The employers resolved that they would give work to none who could not produce a "disthe cold, which was severe. In the valley of charge note" from their previous masters ments which had appeared in the New half deep, and an Indian was reported to have tended to be the master's counter-move to the Westminster papers respecting the genuine- been frozen to death. It is to be feared that tyranny of the trades unions. The men ness of the miners' petition to the Governor. the cattle in that district will suffer from the struck all over the country, and the press generally in commenting on the subject declared that the principle of the discharge night, confirms this news. He informs us note was bad, and condemned the masters. that Mr. Charles, Hudson Bay Co's. Agent | They met at Birmingham on Saturday, and pears in the same journal over the well at Yale, received a letter from Mr. McLean, after a very stormy discussion agreed to withknown initials "A. D. B." The Columbian Company's Agent at Similkameen, saying draw the "note," and to submit their differpromises to analyse the names and sustain its the winter there was the hardest ever known. ences with the men to arbitration. The sore He also said that Cattle were dying fast, and is however not yet entirely healed, nor have Lee iver did!"

state of health since the birth of her child fortable, who should come up but a little with some indications it is said of a distress. thin-faced ould man with a very small ing malady not unknown aforetimes to the quantity of fat on his hones; "that's my chair," says he, "is it," says I, "it is," says he, "plaze sir," says I, "I thought it was public property," so up I gets, and sates myself down upon a long wooden stool, where I Her Majesty is reported to have written to staid until the mimbers got up to go. way, Sir George Grey to inquire whether the Poor | so I got up myself, and jist as I was laving, up comes the little ould man, and says he to me, says he, "you have no right at all inside that fince, (pointing to a high boarded place) except by the courtesy of the Spaker." "Are you the Spaker, sir?" says I. "No," says he, standing up forninst me, and looking mighty big, "I am an attachee." "A what?" says I, "that's another name, I suppose, for the man that swapes the flure.' "No, sir," says he, "I am an attachee of this Honorable House." Now, Mister Editur. that's the word I want you to explain to me, if you plaze sir, And oblige your sarvint.

AN OULD IRISHMAN.

The ordinary acceptation of the word attaché is one who serves in an embassy, but it sometimes has a more general signification. If the "Sergeant-at-Arms," is the attaché alluded to by our Hibernian correspondent. we are inclined to uphold the course he pursued, as in accordance with parliamentary usage in the House of Commons, the Sergeant who is part and parcel of the House, is properly as tenacious of his " seat" as any member in it .- ED. Col.]

EXHORTATION TO JUSTICE.—The Columbian has the following amusing paragraph in regard to the trial of the Chilliwack Indian who lately killed his stepmother. Judging from the exhortation our contemporary deems it necessary to bestow upon the court, one would be led to imagine that justice was the exception, not the rule, "up there." Our contemporary says : " We hope that the circumstances under which the act was committed, will receive a thorough investigation. and that the culprit may be afforded the fullopportunity of showing the grounds upon which his alleged suspicion of foul play in the death of his own father were based, and that the nice question therein involved may receive the earnest consideration of the

A GREAT BOAST-An Irish cabman, who drove General Grant to his hotel during his last visit to New York, proposed the following toast to his comrades on lais return: "Here's to meself, Dennis Con andy, the biggest man in Ameriky but one; for I've dhruy Gineral Grant, and that's more than Bobby