Tuesday, March 1, 1864.

THE TELEGRAPH COMPANY

One of the most important matters that has come before our Legislature during the present session of parliament, and we may say, without exaggeration, as weighty a dust. matter as has ever been introduced before the House of Assembly of this colony, will shortly be brought before the House in the form of a private bill. We allude to the bill. form of a private bill. We allude to the bill, on the 7th inst., naving landed the miners and of which notice is given in our advertising columns this morning, to enable the President of the California State Telegraph Company to half of ore from the mine. Capt. McKay not one of the vessels for whalf of ore from the mine. lay down a line of telegraph wires to connect Victoria with Washington Territory. It is almost impossible to over estimate the great importance of this undertaking, situated as our city is on the Pacific Coast, the only British Port, and consequently the only Port free from war risks on the coast; it is of free from war risks on the coast; it is of free from war risks on the coast; it is of about two feet in six. The vain varying in Osborn's most particular attention, if he great moment to the interest of our trade and thickness from 6 or seven juckes to three feet designed to act in conformity with the recommerce that we should be in close tele-graphic communication with the Eastern drifts had been run 40 feet on one side and 25 States and with Europe. With every probability of the present war continuing for some time longer, we may very confidently expect | bad air, and it will be necessary to introduce an increase to our trade commensurate with

The working party had constructed their English and Chinese Governments, in order the safety and comparative immunity from war risks, which vessels chartered for this harbor as circumstances would permit. They were ment of an Anglo-Chinese fleet, were by no enjoy over those consigned to San Francisco, short of lumber, iron, implements, and sundry means identical. To the one, the exterminaand there is no way by which telegraphic communication can be so speedily and three men were left in charge while the of the southern capital to its former posseseffectually gained for this city as by con- supplied with what was requisite to carry on the extermination of the pirates who crowd necting with the California State Telegraph Company, which is duly incorporated, and has already constructed lines of telegraph extending through California and the adjoining States, and is connected with the telegraph systems of the Atlantic States and of
the British colonies. So soon in fact as the
the British colonies. So soon in fact as the proposed line is laid down we shall be connected by telegraph with the whole of the Atlantic States and with Cauada. The President of the California State Telegraph on Queen Charlotte Island, Mr. Enns says must run up to an amount which, when fairly has been particularly fine and pleasant; the laid before the native authorities, will make Company, has visited this colony for the express purpose, and armed with full powers from the Company, to earry this matter through, and it now rests with our Legislature to say whether or not we shall have the benefit of a telegraph in our city-and there can be little doubt that the project will meet with cordial support both in the House and outside. If the proposed Bill is passed, within five months of its passage the construction of the line is to be commenced and it must be completed within thirteen months, the Company will have exclusive privileges BELLA COOLA-FURTHER OF THE for twenty years, determinable at the end of for twenty years, determinable at the end of twelve if the Legislature think it so described by the Schooler Rose Newman, after landing gained the confidence of the English authorstrable when that time arrives. Messages her freight at Keskeeme, ran for Bentinck lives, but has not had an opportunity of distinguishing himself in the average the China. are to be conveyed at a maximum charge of one dollar for ten words from Victoria to Washington Territory, and the messages sent from Vancouver Island are to be subject to the same rates on the continent as other messages along the whole of the Company's route. It is proposed to lay the cable across the channel somewhere between Nanaimo and Sooke to a point on the opposite side of the channel and themse the line will make.

Arm, but was overtaken in a storm in Queen Charlotte Sound, losing her mainsail, and was driven on the rocks off Safety Cove, where she soon went to pieces, only about \$500 worth of cargo being saved. The crew reached Bentinck Arm, and Ben Spain, one of the men, went up with Sebastopol's party to Naas River.

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selves and San Francisco.

There is a type in the bill, which saves the rights of the prejected British Columbia and Canadian line, so that any opposition which might have been anticipated from those who are pledged to the support of that system of telegraphs will be disarmed. We presume that our Legislature will do all in their power to assist the bill through the stages, and it is to be hoped that in a matter of such public importance, a compliance with the ordinary routine of standing orders affecting private bills will not be exacted, and that this bill may be passed into law with as little delay as

ARRIVALS FROM THE NORTH

News from Sitka --- Stekin --- Queen Charlotte Island, and the North West Coast.

The schooner Surprise, Capt. McKay, Nonpareil, Capt. Goin, and Langley, Capt. , arrived on Friday from the North, bringing the following intelligence: SITKA.

river, consisting of Jas. Hogan, Richard Hughes, Campbell, a Solavonian, Collins and another, left Stekin and reached Taco River, about 60 miles north of Stekin, but had not commenced prospecting, the news of the diggings on this river had only been heard through Indians. All the miners whom the manufacture of the whole company rose and continued cheering for several minutes. captain saw had done well, making about \$1000 each clear of expenses. A Frenchman came down the river and purchased \$2000 worth of provisions, which he paid for in gold

SKIDEGATE GOOD NEWS FROM

The Surprise len Queen Charlotte Island on the 7th inst., having landed the miners and

on the other.

The miners experienced no difficulty in sinking the shaft, but are now troubled with

the work vigorously. success of the undertaking, and think the ment on this coast, seemed an object of so shareholders have got one of the best things much importance, that the notable scheme

three inches deep. The spot where they are China, Pientsin and Kiangsu—lies riding at at work is well sheltered, which makes the anchor like the Ancient Mariner's stately air peculiarly mild for those latitudes. air peculiarly mild for those latitudes.

The Indiaus who are encamped about ten

files off are troublesome during warm eather, and make use of threats towards

board the Surprise in the 10 acres 1 10

ROSE NEWMAN.

men and fired upon them killing the man whose name is not stated, and wounding Ross badly in the thigh.

THE BANQUET TO GOVERNOR DOUGLAS.

to His Excellency Sir James Donglas, the and men, and the provision of such things as following particulars from a late Australian but that, before a blow is struck at any Rebei paper in reference to the departure of Sir atronghold, before any attempt is made to in-

Departure of Sir Henry Barkley. tion on the occasion, as there otherwise would have been. His Excellency was escorted to Sandridge by a company of the Volunteer, Prince of Wales Light Cavalry, and on his departure from the pier was seen satisfactorily tested.

From the master of the sloop Langley, who has been on a trading vorage of fire menths on the North West Coast and proceeded up to the Russian possessions, we learn that at Sirts, when the Langley left, two Russian men-of-war and air rading vesses and the station to Craige? Hotte, where he was released upon the Langley left, two Russian men-of-war and air rading vesses as mile should be a west day, and the principal places of business results from mere chance, or, in case of a stement of the station to Craige? Hotte, where he was reserved by a complete the Carr, said and more posited by planting vessels mere of the Carr, and the principal planting vessels were lying at anchor. A merchant vessel named the Carr, said at the same time as the Langley bound to San Fraccisco.

Spirits.

About 24 minutes remained at the diggings. Back Choquelite's prospecting pairty, consisting of himself, Unles Jean, two Carrest, and had the good fortune to distinguish itself appeal, and the principal merchants of the bound and had the good fortune to distinguish itself appeal, and the principal merchants of the bound of parts and the consisting of himself, Unles Jean, two Carrest, and had the good fortune to distinguish itself appeal, and the principal merchants of the bound and had the good fortune to distinguish itself and had the good fort

The Anglo-Chinese Fleet. The following is an article from the North China Herald, published at Shanghai, of the 31st of October. It establishes that the peofleet were about. The Herald says : " !!

The Anglo-Chinese fleet has for some time been in a state of painful quiesence. No reports having had a very rough passage, he Government have paid so heavily put in an never experienced such severe weather in appearance. Whether we look on Wan-tapresentations made by himself and his friends in England. On the other hand, as a formidble rebel stronghold, it afforded an excellent opportunity for carrying out some of the promises made to the court of Pekin Jelland

We have before drawn attention to the

bouses and made themselves as comfortable to tempt both to look kindly on the establishrest of the men returned until they were fully sors, was the chief end in view. To the other, the Chinese waters, and the consequent All parties express great confidence in the diminution of the English naval establishaun frequently shene bright through the them quake with terror. Yet during all this winter, and they had but one fall of snew time, each one of those well appointed veswhich only lasted twenty-four hours, and was sels-the Amoy, Thule, Peking, Kwangtung,

painted ocean." There must be some reason for this. Rumor whispers that nothing will be done by the Anglo-Chinese fleet until Gordon's force the white men. A visit from a Man-of-war the Anglo-Chinese fleet until Gordon's force to the locality is desirable to keep them in is handed over to the management of Mesars. Lay and Osborn. We do not know whether this be really the case, but should it be so, no proposition could in our opinion be more absurd, or mere likely to defeat its own end. A European reputation is one thing-a Chinese a gross injustice to himself, and a vast en-

couragement to the Rebels.

Whether the rumor to which we have referred be true or not, and whatever the advantages Captain Osborn might gain by obgent, there are other considerations which may account for the inactivity of his vessels. It is, no doubt, easy to represent to the Peking Court, that with the command of the Customs Revenues at all the open ports, there can be In view of the proposed farewell banquet no question as to the payment of the officers Henry Barkley will doubtless prove interest terfere with the successes of the insurgents, a settlement of all the claims against the government on account of the fleet must be come

His Excellency Sir Henry Barkley, having been relieved from his duties as Governor of this colony, by the arrival of Sir Charles Darling, on the 9th September, left the following day by the royal mail steamer, on a visit to Sydney, prior to his departure from Australia better carried out, by allowing the Chinese to assume the office of Governor of the to see that his fleet is good for something Mauritius. It was not generally known that had is really likely to perform some of the His Excellency was to leave so suddenly, and there was consequently no public demonstration it. A stand made a month later would

heartily cheered by the spectators. During the previous month His Excellency was presented with validictory addresses by both Houses of Parliament, by the Corporation of Melbourne, and other municipal bodies; by the Royal Society, and by several religious and charitable societies.

On the 1st, he was entertained at a public banquet by the inhabitants of Ballarat. The banquet by the inhabitants of Ballarat. The not matter whether, in the case of an enter-day was observed in tewn as a general holi-prise planned in the wildest manner, success

Scene in the Tasmania House of

From a Parliamentary report, which appears in the Melbourne Age, we learn that Tasmania, or Van Dieman's Land, has a House of Assembly. A vislent scene occurred at the sitting, reported by the Age, between a Mr. Gregson and a Mr. Douglas. terrupted by Mr. Gregson, rising to a point of order. Mr. Douglas shouled "sit down 31st of October. It establishes that the people in that region were in somewhat of a
puzzle as to what Captain Osborn and his
fleet were about. The Herald says:

"The Angle Chinese fleet has for some time"

Will make you lie down." The report prowill make you lie down." The report pro
Mr. Fell reported that the subscriptions.

Mr. Gregson springs to his feet and advances to the side of Mr. Douglas, who somewhat advances to meet him. During the folowing dialogue the two honorable members stand shoulder to shoulder, noses nearly touching, arms stiffened, fists doubled, &c., the most approved pugilistic style. Mr. Gregson—You'll make we lie down? Mr. Douglas-Yes, I'll make you lie

Mr. Gregson-You will? Mr. Douglas-Yes, I will.

Mr. Gregson-Do you know anything about Mr. Douglas palid with rage, appears to about to knock the honorable Richmond down, but restrains himself. making some remark, which is untranslatable from the incoherency of his manner. Furious uproar, half the members on their ordering Mr. Douglas to his place, nor calling on the Sergeant-at-Arms to step between he threatening belligerents. Eventually Mr. Gregson again subsides into his cushioned eat at the corner of the bench nearest to the Speaker's left hand.

Mr. Douglas having passed round Mr regson, says, sotto voce, as he is passingwill get you to repeat that to me out

Mr. Gregson-I will. Mr. Douglas walks out of the House. Greg-son takes off his spectacles, folds them, places them in their case, puts them in his pocket, bundles ur his papers, and proceeds to walk leisurely towards the door, amid breathless attention, and great silence; he has got half-

way to the door when—
Mr. Maxwell Miller rises and says—Sir move that you direct the Sergeant at-Arms to request the two henorable members to appear in their places, and promise that this shall go no further.
Mr. Gregson—That is a most cowardly

proceeding. The Sergeant-at-Arms advances, confronts Mr. Gregson, points him into his place, into which Mr. Gregson backs, and once more subsides.

What! will you defend a low pettifogging

awver ? During the foregoing the door has been opened by Mr. Douglas, and as the Sergeant at-Arms is advancing to request his attendance, he brushes past him and some four or five honorable members, advances full in front of Mr. Gregson, and with his dexter fist plants a tolerably tidy one on the sinister of Gregson's head. To prevent the appearance even of partiality, he visits the right side of the old member's caput with his left, the two blows being precisely equal in weight, producing a like sound, and each causing precisely simisits and takes them. Confusion worse con-founded, every remaining vestige of order vanished, all on their legs, and gallery in an uproar. At length—
The Speaker—Take him into custody.
The Sergesst-at Arms claps his hand on

the shoulder of the hon, member, who fights a la Cribb, and leads out to the ceal-hole. Mr. Gregson-Oh! don't do that. Provok ed by what I said to him, the hon. member in a moment of excitement, forgot himself and will, to-morrow, deeply regret what he

Mr. Sherman—I move that the House adourn till geven o'clock, as it is clear that in the present state of excitement, hon." members cannot deliberate. (Various suggestions from several members
—"I meye," "I move," resounding from all

The Attorney General-I move that the House adjourn as it is evident that all present are unfit to discharge their duties. A scene has been enacted by both hon, members of so gross a character, that it has never been equalled in any colonial parliament. (Sen-

sation).

Mr. Davis, looking at the gallery—I call
your attention, sir, to the fact that there is a
stranger in the House. the gallery. Execut the public.

The Colonial Treasurer—looking at the

the reporters.

By the published "votes and proceedings," report thereon to the next general meeting t appears that the affair terminated by Mr. of the committee, but a specific and by Mr. Speaker at 3, p. m. at the bar, and making an apology to the House, and by both gentlemen declaring that they would not further prosecute the quara

The correspondent of the Age adds that the a lusion to the "Bull's Head," the name a hotel in Launceston refers to the fact of one of the nearest relatives of Mr. Douglas having at one time been connected with that establishment.

SUPREME COURT.

BEFORE HIS KONOR DAVID CAMERON, BSQ., AND

RECEPTION ARRANGEMENTS. A meeting of the managing committee for deciding and carrying out the arrangements for the reception of the new governor, was

held Thursday at the Council Chamber. The Chief and Assistant Engineer, and delegates from the Fire Companies, Hebrew Seciety, and Pioneer Rifle Corps, were present. Thos. Harris, Esq., Mayor, occupied the

Mr. Fell reported that the subscriptions eceived amounted to about \$240, but it was difficult matter to collect, until the people knew how the money was to be expended. The Prince of Wales' affair was continually brought up, (laughter).

FIRE DEPARTMENT. The chairman asked who were the delegates present representing companies or bodies. Mr. Keenan informed the meeting, and stated that the Firemen had engaged a band of nine performers, under the former band-master of the Bacchante, at a cost of \$120, not including carriages; but they had not intended to ask five cents from any one outside of the

Department, (hear). BEBREW SOCIETY. Mr. Hart on behalf of the Hebrew Society. stated that they numbered about fifty mem-bers, and would contribute their \$50 to the legs, Speaker violently gesticulating, but not fund, as soon as they knew how the money ordering Mr. Douglas to his place, nor calling was to be spent, but not before. They remembered the Prince of Wales' affair, (hear,

and laughter). PIONEER RIFLE CORPS.

Mr. — stated that he represented the Pion-eer Rifle Corps, who were as loyal as any other of HerMajesty's subjects. The corps numbered about eighty members, but they had de-cided at a meeting to send 25 of their number properly dressed and equipped, attended by a band of eight performers, to take part in the proceedings. His Excellency before leaving or British Columbia, had consented to supply them with rifles, and unless the men could muster in a manner to do credit to themselves and the proceedings, they would not take

part at all. Mr. Pidwell remarked that the other Rifle Corps would take no part, because they had lain by so long that they had become rusty, and Capt. Kennedy, being himself a military man, it was considered not advisable to give him a military reception, unless the thing could be very well done. He instanced a case in Prince Edwards Island, where the volunteers would not turn out for the same reason. He was in favor, however, of Capt. Hardinge being respectfully asked to supply a body of marines to fire a salute with small arms.

Mr. Keepan here stated that the Firemen

would place their subscription list in the hands of the committee.

COMMITTEES. A committee of five, consisting of Captain Reid, Dr. Powell, Mr. Jas. Yates, Councillo Ewing, and Mr. John Wright, was appointed to wait on Captain Hardinge, R. N., and respectfully request that in the event of Capt. Kennedy arriving by the Mail Steamer, he should remain as the guest of Capt. Hardinge and officers of H. M. S. Cameleon, until the following day, so that the citizens might be better prepared to receive him. Also to con-sult generally with Capt. Hardinge respect-

ing the proposed arrangements.

Lt. Verney, R. N. stated that Capt. Hardinge was about to leave, having been promoted, and he felt sure although he might desire to do all he could to oblige, that it would be highly inconvenient to him to entertain the Governor as a guest, a ved en esp

Linds an Finance. Messrs. Chas. Street, M. P., Fell, Munro and Gowan, with Mr. Yates as Treasurer, were appointed a Committee of Finance. PROGRAMME, PROCESSION AND INVITATION.

A committee of seven, consisting of Messrs. Wright, Keenan, Thain, Pidwell, McDonald, he gallery. Execut the public.

The Colonial Treasurer—looking at the sporters—I must also take notice, sir, that tere is still a stranger in the House. Execut to be invited to take part—the persons to be reporters. of the committee, to be held on Monday next

FUNDS AND EXPENDITURE.

On the motion of Lt. Verney, the members present agreed to make themselves responsible for \$1000. Some discussion ensued as to the probable amount of the funds which could be raised and how it should be expended. It was thought by Mr. Hart and others that \$1500 could be easily raised if the committee worked with a will.

Mr. Thain submitted a rough estimate for cost of bands, carnage and horse hire and other expenses, together with two ornamen-tal arches, amounting in all to less than FRIDAY, 26th Feb. 1864.

Kellock v Piers:—Orville Enus Kellock and provision for a reception under cover, in case

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at the close of the year anomalous. Notwithstanding abundance of money, the join and discount houses seem to inclined to transact business advanced rates which were the rise in the rate of discount h pended business in the minin during the latter part of the shares, and all other pegoti were depreciated, although not likely seriously to affect the v The imports of precious met land, have during the whole the high rates of discount, h siderable, and if we may i weekly reports of the state market, decidedly above the up to the close of the year th not so large as they had been last rise in the bank rates of spite of the advance in the the accounts from the manufact were decidedly more favor cloths and manufactured good great request at seasons of mo sion. English securities have depressed for the last few mo consequence the funds have and those who watch the mor closely have expressed a that there will not be any p until Parliament has met a the continent have become With a prospect of war in N it was utterly impossible tha prospect of improvement in could be expected, until th clearer insight into Europea ally than they had at the advices. Indeed considerable seems to have existed in man an undue pressure upon inter occur from the high rates of was only the anticipation the might be speedily surmous prices of stocks and specular going lower still. But all sion-if we may so term a rates, in the Home market, by no means an unfavorable nial securities. There can be no that many persons who forme be induced to look at any than land or funds, are now ments in other sources, and a regarded as fabulous in the which seem in colonies to be and just, are moderate for th of the individual country in ruling. Added to this, there settled belief in the steady the gold-fields in the several at present than there has bee era. Men who have skill i financial affairs have become investigate the sources of w countries, and to estimate w advantages which may arise duction of the precious meta of exchange, into the marke than in past years it was d Up to the present time, all the eries of the last twenty year a slight difference in the vali in the old country. Years a tom to say that the gold would entirely upset the ru the precious metals, but we supplanting gold in any relative positions of the two except in some parts of Asia, past, long before any of the discoveries, silver has been dium of exchange wore tha the intrinsic value of the two relative preportion as in othe the whole, we think that we pect our share of capital fro try in the present year, not pressions, and wars and rumo

HOPE SILVER CO

HOPE, EDITOR BRITISH COLONIS yeu oblige me by stating in that the Hope Silver Mining struck the quartz, containin contain silver. Nothing o yet known. My object in a to insert the information is t sent shareholders from any n design or undue excitem coveries often tend.

FATAL ACCIDENT .- We Thornton, of the schooner F melancholy accident occur week in Puget Sound, result four or five lives being lost. man with two or three men were unable to ascertain) a proceeding in a cance from Oak Harbor, to attend a sal lieved that the cance from other upset and the whole ped. Neither the cance nor a had been found, but some obeen washed up.