GON, H. J. Johnston, com-San Francisco Dec. 31st, at ortland Jan. 3d, at 11 p.m., h, at 9 p.m. Arrived at As-m. Left Astoria Jan 7th at hor in Baker's Bay at 8 a.m., h. 8th, at 2 p.m. Arrived at t 5 p.m.

SENGERS.

ERSON, Rev Reece & wife, re, C Giddy, Boran, Aldetter, on, Capt Gardner, Capt E S

ES, Mrs Richards, J Boyd.

GON, from San Francisco Goldsworthy, Walter Street, Jno T Steel, Jas Steel and diss M J Steel, Jas T Steel, Mr Roscoe and wife, Mrs
H L Alley, Jno Stafford, P
sister, Mrs A R Wright, Miss
el, M Robbins, wife and four
ll, W F Co, Murdock purser,
F Boggs, P Basquit, H CarSedgwick, Miss Kate II. W F Co, Murdock purses, F Boggs, P Basquit, H Car-Sedgwick, Miss Kate Cisti-A Holim. M Myer, E Robbs, George Slater, G Dixon, Wm or, A Went, and 36 China-

IPORTS.

INGED RACER, from Port NY JONES, from Pert An. I bags onions.

ZA ANDERSON, from Port IZA ANDERSON, from Port s, 11 hd cattle, 5 qrs beef, 71 es, 2 do dressed, 1 hog do.

FCKY, from San Francisco—

ordial, 50 do coal oil, 1 do dry ey, 122 kgs syrup, 1609 mats es, 1 do vermillion, 5 do lichce, 6 do preserved citron, 1 do e flour, 3 mats shrimps, 2 bxs er, 9 bskts rice cake, 4 bxs salt s, 2 mats beans, 1 bx melon tobacco, 130 chts tea, 4095 qr soap, 92 firs butter, 64 sks sulphuric acid, 11 bxs ship sulphuric acid, 11 bxs ship atting, 20 bales oakum, 9 bbls hila rope, 2 oars, 1 pkg clews, do glassware, 1 do crucible trays, 10 doz axes, 4 kgs lead, hay, 10 to 2 axes, 2 kgs lead, okes. 5 bdls rims, 6 cs oil, 2 do tohol, 2 do paint, 1 do brushes, rnish, 1 do axlegreese, 1 bbl s, 1 bdl scythes, 2 cs scales, 3 bilows, 2 cs handles, 4 do hard-120 cs furnitnre, 33 nests tubs, 2 cs blacking, 56 cs vermicilil, tures, 5 cs lard, 3 do gunpow-18 bbls timothy seed, 3 do clo-xs candles, 5 cs chicken and and jams, 1 do peaches, 14 do ese, 2 do bacon, 5 do coil oil, 0 doz ardesco, 10 do coffee, 1 toil, 4 bales salt, 7 es oysters, do starch, 1 do sago, 4 pkgs; 1 cs hominy, 10 sks bran, 3 do tomatoes, 10 sks cornmeal, extracts, 100 bdls iron, 1 cs ns, 9 cs Chinese provisions, 5 1 do clothing, 35 cs neaches, 2 lobsters, 10 do clives, 2 bdle cs gilt moulding, 60 bxs cil.

ESTER, from Port Angelos— ish turnips, 10 tns hay. Value

REGON, from San Francisco shoes, 2 cs stationery, 7 cs 7 cs wooden pipes, 4 cs dry al effects, 6 cs gunnies, 1 cs cs millinery goods, 8 cs eigars, 1 amp oil, 6 cs furniture, 2 cs lace, 1 cs magnesia, 1 es silk, matches, 2 cs candy, 2 kgs ink, 3 cs mdse. Value, \$8,500. REGON, from Portland-269 , 1606 sks flour, 5 cs mdse, 4 55 kgs butter, 24 cs lard, 20 dressed sheep, 14 sks bacon.

INTELLIGENCE.

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ARRIED.

the Rev. Dr. Cohen, Miss Anna t niece of A. J. Brunn, of this Davis, of the Mouth of Quesnd New York papers ples

22d ult., by Rev. G. F. Wence in Olympia, Mr. Ary L. Hannaford, of Thur

the upsetting of the schoon ale on the night of Nov. 24 ney, aged 38 years. Dec. 28th, 1864, T. W. Iron mate of the ship Coquimi ading at Port Madison. e 5th instant, William Austi Austin and Rebecca Cotteri

he 6th January, the infant so I Theresa Miller on Pando of eight months and eighte

at the residence of her un , Lorn Road, Brixton, Surret Augusta Anson, only daug der D. Bell, proprietor of a aged eight years and the

HE WEEKLY BRITISH COLONIST

VICTORIA, VANCOUVER ISLAND, TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 1865.

THE BRITISH COLONIST TOTAL PUBLISHED EVERY MORNING. O'AT VICTORIANTE OF

also owing to the expense of establish SHIPWRECK AND LOSS OF SIX ng postal facilities where the receipts will about pay for the mail bags. A daily mail to Esquimalt with a paid postmaster is rather on Saturday from a trading voyage on the an enterprising thing, but we are rather west coast, having on board the Captain and afraid it will be too expensive for either the three survivors of the crew of the American requirements or the results. The average bark Iwanowna of 205 tons register, which present correspondence with Esquimalt is, was thrown on her beam ends and subsewe believe, ten letters a day, which at five quently lost on a reef of rocks off Nootka cents a letter would give 50 cents, or about Sound during the violent gales that prevailed 150 a year. Mr. Wakeford must baye very before and after Christmas last. Captain n its way. The other day it Francis, Esq., U.S. Consul:

LIVES.

The sloop Leonede, Capt. Francis, arrived Mortage and his men furnished the following particulars of the distressing event to Aflen

8750 a year; bow it The back Iwanowna, of San

mast, and hoisted a sail on it to keep us off the land as long as possible. After drifting

four days to the northward and westward, we struck a reef on Nootka Island. We then

cluding the master. On the beach we met an Iodian who-guided us to his house, and after keeping us for two days took us in a

canoe, about 35 miles from the week to an inlet of Nootka Sound, to another Indian

ranch, where we remained thirteen days,

the Indians treating us very kindly, farnish-

ing us with some clothing. We found the Indians could neither speak Chinook or

and two Americans. The crew were all

Express. We have our Columbian and

Pacific Times' exchanges of the 7th and 11th.

MEETING ON THE FREE PORT.

A very respectable assemblage of about one hundred persons availed themselves last night of Mr. Willis Bond's kind offer of the free use of the Athenseum Hall, Quadra street, to hold a meeting to discuss the vexed question of the "Free Port." Mr. W. K. Bull was called to the chair, and Mr. Bond proceeded to state the object for which he had called the meeting. He said that his own opinions on the Free Port question were well known; he had always been opposed to it, but as he wished to hear "the popular sentiment of the people" he hoped the question would be fairly argued pro-and con. A number of gathenea, among whom were Meesrs. Downie, Huskinson, Gorin, Shapks, Bull was called to the chair, and Mr. Bond

gar. The latter gentleman said he was in favor of a measure of protective duty, as he ticles which might be produced in the country; he opposed, however, a duty on all imported merchandise, and could not see why the farmers of the island could not compete with those of the adjoining States. A resolution to the following effect, moved by Mr. Huskinson and seconded by Mr. W. B. Smith, was then almost unanimously adopted, the only dissentient being Mr. Fell:

Resolved, That in the opinion of this meetng, the condition of the population of this olony would be materially improved by the abolition of the Free Port and the substitution of a protective tariff,

After a vote of thanks to Mr. Bond for his kindness in giving the free use of the hall, with fire and lights, the meeting dispersed.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

We take the following from the Sydney Morning Herald of the 21st September :-A miner named William Williams has discovered in the neighborhood of Dunolly, a quartz reef of extraordinary richness. It is believed that the auriferous material will yield some hundreds of dunces to the ton. OUR GOLD FIELDS.

Things remain exceedingly dull at all our us a passage round to Victoria, but if he had goldfields, with the exception of Wentworth. There the yield continues to be exceedingly rich, though no regularly continuous lead of gold has yet been hit upon, the metal being found in leaders or feeders that are supposed to be tributaries to the main stream. These not met us would have gone further north Accordingly we accepted the kind offer of Captain Francis, and arrived in Victoria, Vancouver Island, on the 14th of January, 1865; being 36 days on board of his sloop, having lost all personal effects on the wreck The names, as recollected, of the lost, were Richard Sutton, of New York, James Newell, of New York, two Norwegisms.

to be tributaries to the main stream. These leaders are found at all manner of levels, appearing suddenly, and as suddenly breaking off; thus giving no clue to the whereabouts of the great deposit.

Upon most of the diggings, but more particularly upon those situate among the ridges of the high table land, the weather has been very severe. The heavy rains have been followed by extensive snow storms, accompanied by extensive and billouing minds. by severe frosts and bitterly piercing winds, minster with a few passengers and a river rendering the prosecution of work exceedingly discult. In the western district the old is said to have been more intense than it has been known to be for many years past:

THE WESTERN GOLD FIELDS. From the Wentworth we learn that the Golden Gate claim owner has been very lucky. Thirty-five tons of dirt were crushed and yielded 1,500oz. of gold. Spicer's claim has yielded 200 ozs. this month, from about 20 tons of dirt. The other claims are all Foreign Bible Society was held in the but there has been no general washing up by which to test the yield, though some of the dirt paddocked by many of them is

known to be exceedingly rich.

The Mount Pleasant Diggings, within a few miles of Bathurst, have not turned out so attractive as had been anticipated. There are now only some 40 or 50 persons on the ground.

A quartz claim has been taken up on the Camp Reserve, Forbes, only 70 or 80 yards from the Court House, and rich auriferous quartz has been obtained from the Britannia Reef. A report has also reached us by telegram that a party of miners had struck gold in shallow ground upon a hill behind the Murga Inn. It is not yet known whether the rich ground is a mere patch or whether the auriferous deposit is widely extended.

THE SOUTHERN GOLD FIELDS.

The new ground opened at Warrambucca, in the Braidwood district, is turning out our rich stuff, while from Araluen and Jembaicumbene the news is most encourageg. Already the Braidwood escort is nting up in quantity, and, as a sign of MISMANAGEMENT.—A most extraordinary the improved times, a number of men who and who were furnished with work in a

centions, a dead failure.

Kiandra has suffered fearfully this winter from show storms. Heavy snow drifts have out off all communication with it, and even evented the mail from travelling.

We are altogether without mining news from the northern goldfields this month; but the cold, frosty weather that succeeded to the

ary merchant ships find considerable diffis

SAN PRANCISCO ITEMS. . .

PAINFUL ACCIDENT -A deck hand on i steamer Antelope, whose name is report as Fulton, had his leg forn almost from body yesterday, as the boat was making landing at her pier, by becoming entangles the coil of a hawser.—Call.

RE-ARRESTED-Augustus K. Hen

event is still commemorated by observing the day as a sort of holiday. Governor Carver's old chair, and the sword worn by Miles Standish, are exhibited as relics of the earliest colonial days.—Ib.

A PASSENGER'S SUIT-Suit has been commenced by one Pietro Castelli, who was a passenger on board the Pacific Mail steamer Golden City, in January last, against the Company, to recover \$25,000 for permanent bodily injury resulting from bad accommodations, provisions, and treatment on board said vessel, at the time mentioned. The suit is brought in the Fifteenth District Court.—B.

STILL ALIVE-The woman Mrs. Shrom, who was shot by her husband at the Potrero, on Wednesday, was still alive yesterday, and comparatively easy, though somewhat weaker. A thorough search has not revealed the localities of the balls, which seem to have been diverted from a direct course after entering the body, by coming in contact with bones. Attending physicians admit a possibility of her recovery.—Ib.

MOVEMENT IN FAVOR OF THE INDIANS. A meeting was held at Sacramento on Tuess. day evening, for the purpose of devising means for the alleviation of the condition of the Indians on the Pacific Coast. It is contemplated by those who are active in this movement to urge Congress change entirely the present system of Reservations, and establish several "nations" of Indians at appropriate points on the continent .- 1b.

Mr. Lawlor, who intends leaving on the 13th of January for the Atlantic States, on a professional trip, will take his farewell benefit on Wednesday next, on which occasion Mrs. Emily Jordan will make her last appearance on the California stage.—Alia.

for damages has been commonced by John H. Still against D. O. McCarthy, editor and proprietor of the Daily American Flag, growing out of an advertisement which appeared in that peper over the signature of William Still's character for honesty, damaging his good name and fame to the amount of ten thousand dollars. The suit was first instituted against Murray, at whose instance the card was published; but he, by the power of eloquence and the "dew of soft persuasion," operated upon the kindlier feelings of Still, thus skilfully engineering himself out of it, and Mr. McCarthy in - Call.

HYMENIAL-CORRECTION.-The bridal favor which appeared in last Sunday's Call, announcing the marriage of Miss Lulu Sweet, was prematurely displayed. On the testimony of three witnesses who were there, and saw what they saw "with their own eyes," the happy event was consummated on Tuesday evening last, instead of on Sunday, as was previously stated. The bridegroom very sensibly preferred to set his own time for getting married and refuses to consider himself a Benedick at our option. We admire his independence, and transfer three days to his unmarried account. Our previous state-ment was founded upon authority which we considered beyond question and this is founded upon authority which we know is. Therefore it is not subject to retraction so long as wedding cake is inevitable and people are "married and given in marriage." PARDONED .- Governor Low has pardoned

the follwing persons, in accordance with the Act of the Legislature: Wagman Baker, for Act of the Legislature: Wagman Baker, for assault to rob, sentenced for four years; Jesus Bellestres, for grand larceny, sentenced for one year; Sircon Oliveras, for grand larceny, sentenced for one year; William James, for grand larceny, sentenced for one year; E. B. Bayer, for grand larceny, sentenced for five years; James Allen, for grand larceny, sentenced for nine years; James B. Moore, for grand larceny, sentenced for one years. grand larceny, sentenced for one year; Ah Cong, for grand larceny, sentenced for one year; Thomas Davis, for grand larceny, sentenced for three years; John Allen, for assault to rape, sentenced for two years; D. C. Batchelder, for manslaughter, sentenced for one year. The pardons are to take effect in January and February, respectively.

LEECH RIVER-A NEW CREEK STRUCK .-We learn from a gentleman who arrived from Leech River last evening, that miners are now making from two to four dollars a day on the Creek. Two men working near the forks of Sooke and Leech River on Saturday, washed out twenty-three dollars. Fresh arrivals continue to take place, and things are beginning to assume a more lively aspect. Our inform-ant travelled to town with a man who had been out prospecting, and was returning with considerable gold, of a coarse description, which he said he had taken out of a new Ureek, discovered about a mile and a half from Leech River. The locality of this Creek the fortunate prospecter would not reveal, but he described it as yielding rich pay, and the fact that he was "flush" of gold-dust gave eradibility to his assertion. credibility to his assertion.

L.P. Fisher, - - San Francisco.
F. Algar, - - Clement's Lane, London,
G. Street, - - - 30 Cornhill London, THE ESTIMATES.

There are some very remarkable features, as we pointed out on Saturday, in Mr. Wakeford's estimates. Other men in his position would have endeavored to show, before asking for so large an increase, that certain public works required urgent attention, and that the capacity of the inhabitants was fully equal to the demand made upon it. Mr. Wakeford, however, with an utter contempt for the ordinary laws of political economy, increases the number of public servants in proportion to the decrease of public work, and asks the people for an increased expenditure over that of 1864 of \$107,000, at a time when they are the least able to bear it. The excuse put forward by Mr. Wakeford's friends for this specimen of financiering is that the country clamored for having its "resources develclamored for having its "resources devel-oped," and that the Colonial Secretary was penses, \$230,000, the estimates of this year. simply taking the country at its word. Now, a made unquiry into the matter will show the incorrectness of the statement. Mr. Wakeford, with a demand upon the revenue for works and buildings, including the expense of harbor improvements, of nearly thirty thousand dollars less than the estimate last year, can only afford about \$21,000 additional to be spent from above that point, as communication is BRITISH COLUMBIA.—The steamer Entersteam communication with Panama, and \$10,000 for immigration purposes-making in all but \$56,000 to be added to works of Bar, and four to five feet deep from thence to probable utility. The other \$50,000 that is added to the estimates of last year, which were in themselves far beyond the absolute necessities of our position, is simply a gratuitous demand. Instead of curtailing the number of officials, and inaugurating an era of retrenchment more in keeping with the condition of the country, we have the staff of officials almost doubled, and, while the salaries in some important offices are reduced, the newly manufactured appointments are made inordinately high. We have an increase to the salary of the Attorney General of nearly one hundred per cent .: but as if the addition to the salary called for more dignity and less work, we have an assistant subordinate lawyer-a Crown Solicitor-created to take some of the labor off Mr. Wood's hand. Now we do not object to the increase of the pay of the Attorney General-for the salary at present attached to the office is ridiculously inadequate; but to supplement this increase, which, if it were to have any effect at all, should undoubtedly make the recipient work harder, with the appointment of an assistant is simply preposterous. Then we have the police force. This department undoubtedly required reforming, and Mr. Wakeford in a spirit of magnanimity, adds nine thousand dollars to its expenses, by creating no end of useless offices. When an energetic magistrate, with a good, working, shrewd sergeant of police for inspector was all that was really required to control and superintend the police force, we have a superintendent appointed at \$1940 and an inspector at \$1200-over \$3000 dollars virtually thrown away, The host of ill paid subordinates, with

but what a regularly appointed assistant surveyor is required for is something difficult to understand-least of all, however, threwher on her beam ends, carrying away can we understand the Government calling her masts and washing overboard three men, upon the colony to pay a department that who were drowned, and also the lumber, is almost altogether connected with the Crown Lands. The same may be said of spare rope we could find, and rigged a jury the magistrate at Sooke, who is Gold Commissioner. The mining licenses and receipts generally are carefully placed to the credit of the Crown lands, but through launched a raft overboard, divesting surselves something that seems very like an oversight of all clothing, except shirts and pantaloons, on the part of Mr. Wakeford, the official and got on the raft to go ashore. On who collects the moneys is put down as charged to the colony. Then we come to paid they were drowned, leaving only four in-Magistrates at Cowichan and Comox. The Colonial Secretary had better have taken a leaf from the North American colonies and depended on the gratuitous services of a respectable settler in each of these districts. The cases requiring magisterial adjudication in either Cowichan or Comox are as rare as economy in the present estimates. Our space will not admit of going any further into the matter. The sloop Leonede, Captain J. Francis, arrived at Nootka Sound and offered to give worthy of notice-while last year's estimates. (which we have already said were much too arge for the amount of legitimate public minus the same expenses, are \$366,000, or about \$136,000 over the regular estimates of 1864.

LATER FROM THE INTERIOR.

Mr. Dietz returned from Yale yesterday shipped in San Francisco. morning, 10th, in a canoe. There is no news express messenger, sent back his animals and proceeded as best he could on foot. The snow is three feet deep from Yale to Boston Lytton. Above that point it is reported 20 but they are unusually devoid of interest. inches. The Fraser is clear of ice between Mr. George Turner has furnished the Govthis and Yale, but the water is still too low to admit of steamers running. The Reliance still remains in winter quarters, awaiting the rising of the water.

On the Douglas Portages the snow is 5 to feet deep, and at Lillooet 3-a thing never known before. The express messenger was obliged to leave his animals at the 20-mile House, on the Douglas Portage, and take to Lillooet River, descending in a cance at great risk. At Pemberton the stock of flour as exhausted, and a supply would probably have to be brought from Lillooet. At Douglas the accumulation of snow had broken down the old stage company's buildings and Mr. Dodge's store, From every quarter we hear of the greatest depth of snow ever known in the history of the colony, and it is feared .that live stock will suffer seriously. The people of Yale and Douglas complain that the government does not open ther oads, They say that a comparatively trifling sum which would be immediately returned in the shape of road tolls; and once open, there would be sufficient traffic to keep them in good order. We hope this matter will receive prompt attention, as it is a serious matter to have all communication cut off for several months, which will be the case if we must wait for the snow to melt in the

TRADE WITH KOOTENAY .- We have several imes alluded to the necessity for prompt and energetic measures being adopted for establishing direct communication with Kootenay before the channel of commerce with those mines is diverted by our more enterprising neighbors, and we were glad to learn yester-day that Dr. Tolmie had proceeded to New Westminster for the purpose of ascertaining the views and intentions of the Government of the sister colony previous to the company's commencing to forward their goods for the spring trade via the Columbia river, which they will under the existing state of affairs be compelled to do.

Canadian paper we find a prospectus of the proposed constitution for the federation of constables at \$1 75 a day each, and another following clause providing for the admission terms and conditions as the Parliament of tish Columbia or Vancouver, as shall be agreed to by the Legislature of such Provoffice from that of the Harbormaster, but is inces.

ernment with an elaborate report of his recent explorations for a route to Kootenay via Shuswap and Columbia. The local papers designate the exploration a failure. The anniversary meeting of the British and actively engaged in work of various kinds, Hyack Hall on Wednesday evening the 4th. the hon. H. P. P. Crease presiding. A full and satisfactory report was read and some good speeches made. The sister society of Vancouver Island was ably represented by the Rev. A. C. Garrett, who, according to one of the local papers, "electrified the audience with a continuous gush of that burning Irish eloquence so peculiar to himself." The second session of the Legislative Council opened on Thursday last. The press are in future to be admitted. The sloop Random was towed from Nanaimo to New Westminster by the Leviathan, but was not considered worth the expense of removal. On Monday the Hyack Fire Company were inspected by Governor Seymor accompanied by the private Secretary, after which various experiments with the engine and hose were indulged in by the "boys," and they then returned to the hall, where a few con gratulatory words were addressed to their by the Governor. In the evening the Hyack serenaded His Excellency at Governmen

sature in the construction of the machiner of the new steam-tug, is that the engineer in perched up in a house on deck where he has no opportunity of viewing the engines, boilers, &c. nor of giving orders to his subordinates. The only portion of the machinery under his immediate observation is the steam-guage. This certainly appears to be a most unwise thing, especially in a vessel the movements of whose engines are likely to be so inconstant as those of the tug clared by miners to be, with some few expectations, a dead-failure. of a dredger. The Messrs. Blyth, the builders of the engines and who rank high as engineers, must surely have received spe-cial orders to that effect or they never would have turned out so peculiar an arrangement as the one above mentioned.

THE DREDGER .- This craft having bad everything completed, with the exception of fixing the rollers and buckets, moved out posterday into the stream. She will be ready for a trial, we understand, in the course to be so pops of a week. We have not heard who is to BLOCKADE RUNNING appears to be so popule the engineer in charge of the works. We clar with the Glasgow seamen that the ordinary be the engineer in charge of the works. We presume that a man of sufficient practical experience for the appointment can be found

the two "mounted troopers" cap the 10th, 1864, at the residence ane Ellis Olney, wife of Ca schoener Brant. climax. What the police force wanted THE CONFEDERATION SCHEME, -In a recent was not so much an increase in numbers as better pay to the subordinates who were already in the department. We find that Mr. Wakeford has half a dozen of British North America, which contains the

> half dozen at \$1 50—which, taking recent mysterious events into consideration, must be admitted into the Union, on such a strong guarantee for public security. Then we have an increase to the postal department | the Federated Provinces shall deem equitaof \$5,835—about two hundred per cent. over ble, and shall receive the assent of her Maj-the expenses of last year. This increase is eaty; and in the case of the Province of Bridue to some extent to the separation of the