adorn them. In lookmpressed with the firm many bright eyes and ound us, are inconteste ladies appreve of our sure them that it will he Victoria " Torn Veturners," and to merit one us by gracing this enign presence. erger also delivered an the German language.

AIS MINES. Lewiston. I. T.) says :

ndence from Beise we ede for Kootanais is bethe floating population correspondent asserts claims for \$200 and \$50 per day to the hand. had to work them), packr Kootanais. This, we case, as soon as the hald become known in t the people then had and what might have rush would have had would now advise a regard to Kootanais. have been made. True. were found soon after ms; yet little is known ttent of the Kootanais nty of claims lying idle nce, with an abundance which will pay from \$12 Id it not be wise to give g notice ?

a large number of miners pading for Kootanais. arrived during the last ort about the same as -good diggings, and ttensive.

ays : Mr. Dan Butler, a Wasco county, arrived untry, a few days since, most indubitable evid. of gold in that quarter. filled with Kootanais worth \$18 per ounce. esult of less than two Mr. Butler informs us ve hundred persons in his number is constantly m the Stinking Water ricts. New discoveries g made.

H ITEMS. JUNE 15TH.

Commemoration, Deneered by the Students. erston. Earl Russell is only groans. A cheer uthern Confederacy but

-Preliminaries for the est between the Ameri-Coburn and Jem Mace ne 10th June. Coburn unable to " post the perally offered to stake), and in the event of the battle ending in a re £100 out of the stakes winning he was of THE WEEK BUT BRIDE BRIDE OF OLONIST VICTORIA, VANCOUVER ISLAND, TUESDAY, AUGUST 16, 1864. VOL. 5.

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A sudden increase of wealth is sometimes ruinous. We have all heard of the poor man who, on coming unexpectedly into possession

of a legacy, was plunged in melancholy, be-The steamer Enterprise arrived from New cause it would fall a few pounds short in its Westminster on Saturday, at 4:30 p.m., with annual returns of the sum he desired to ex- 31 passengers and a small amount of treasure pend on his new establishment. While la- per Dietz & Nelson's express. menting the sourvy trick fate had thus played We have dates from Cariboo to the 4th inst. him, news came that the fortune was double with correspondence from our "special the amount first stated. This, however, in-stead of mending matters only made them ception of Governor Seymour, &c.

worse; for since he thought it necessary to live in a certain extravagant style on obtaining the former increase of wealth, he felt it now, with double the income, equally incum-

bent to double the expense; and so he had, a second time, to curse fortune for not giving him enough to meet the demands of his folly. Our Sooke mines furnish us with an equally good illustration of the same discontented characteristic of human nature. A month ago

rather disparaging accounts of the mines, al-though not one of them will dispute the fact that they afford abundant means of employ-ment for those who are content with ordinary wages. It is this circumstance lation.

above all others which gives us such Mining in its various forms, first for the hope in the Vancouver Island gold mines. precious metals, and afterwards for the baser, but more useful minerals, must continue to The diffusion of the precious metal is so absorb, in a great degree, the attention and wide in fact, that no man who works capital of the population.

need be without sufficient to cover his expen-Gold mining is peculiar, and differs from ses, while the chances of finding rich deposite all other vocations of man, requiring for its successful prosecution, wise legislation and

sing to copies. The set while the chances of finding rich deposits are just as great for the work required to be application and source accurate any by the idea of the work and who will be quice content to make great as the present time, we will renter to asy to the another of active asy to the another of active asy to the carried area by the idea of a fining may be adopted, and times and short of active asy to the carried area by the idea of a fining may be adopted, and the mining laws, the great and mining laws, the set and mining laws, the m rated because some portions of the mines may be unusually rich; and we are also anxious, for the sake of the pookets of the ad-venturers, and the reputation of the digginge-that henceforward no one will start to mine in the Sooke district unless he is prepared to work, is properly supplied with tools, and can stand the outlay of a month's provisions. BRITISH COLUMBIA. BRITISH COLUMBIA.

eelleney's obedient servants, A. H. S. BLACK, Chairman, WILLIAM 'HESELTIN GEO. DUFF, FRED. BLACK. WM. MOREHEAD, JOHN POLMEN, DAVID GRIER.

Richfield, Aug. 3rd, 1864. The following reply was made by His Excellency :

Reply. Gentlemen of the Mining Board of Cariboo

I receive with great pleasure the congratu latory address you have been kind enough to present to me on my first visit to the mining districts of the colony. I had fully intended to place myself in communication with you, and I am glad that our intercourse his com-There is rather a dearth of mining news. Nothing definite has yet been heard from the prospectors who went out in search of the

menced in a manner so gratifying to be. You may be sure that so long as I old my present office my utmost efforts shall be de-voted to the promotion of the interests of British Columbia. Though I have been here. Governor Seymour's Arrival. Paramount in importance as affecting mercantile as well as the mining interests of the \$3 a day diggings would have been a windfall Colony is the arrival of His Excellency to every able-bodied workman on the island. amonger us. He reached Richfield on Mon-

THE HAREWOOD COAL MINE The following letter from an experienced

ENGLISH MAIL SUMMARY. LONDON. Saturday Evening, July 2.

Welsh miner appears in the Columbian of The disbelief in the maintenance of peace. Sin,-The Victoria papers are too much coupied with their prodigious gold dis-

as a less experienced man might bave done, but he has followed the lead mest perseveringly and to a successful issue. Hoping that this may interest some of our present coal explorers, who I hope will meet with luck, I conclude with

-tont of singli Yours truly, sitrud-oot FROM PORTLAND

Our files of the Oregonian are to the Sth. The latest Eastern news received in Portland to that date has already appeared in the stance. His Royal Highness visited several COLONIST.

TELEGRAPHIC CABLE .- The steamship Oregon brought two very heavy coils of teles

contains about six tons weight, and one about 2,800 lbs. It is of the same character of cable as that which now lies inbedded to the Atlantic, put there when it was attempted to be united to the mother country with America We trust this under the same character of the sistoracy, attended. There are upwards of 300 animals exhibited, all of a birth stands of

says our correspondent, has never been greater in Paris. England, although she has sacrificed her honor, has not thereby removed coveries at Soeke to pay any stiention to the causes of war. Still there exists that their coal mines, which are much more im-pertant. They have certainly got a very fine coal field in Vancouver Island. As there is coal field in Vancouver Island. As there is at present a good deal of animation in this town about coal and coal mines, I beg to lay before your readers a few facts which I noted when I was at Nanaimo on Saturday

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throughout the metropolis. His Royal High-ness was attended by the Duke of Satherland, Prince Leiningen, and Lord Richard Grosvenor. The party were received at the head-quarters of the establishment in Wat-ling street, by Captain Shaw, and they rode on fire engines from one station to another. After witnessing the operations of the brigade they were returning home on a fire-engine, when one of the horses slipped in the Strand, and the distinguished party were

obliged to alight and drive home in cabs .---The visit took place at such an early hour, that few persons were aware of the circumother places in the course of the day.

The polling for the office of Sheriff closed yesterday, when the two aldermen, Besley and Bakin, were elected.

A hitch had occurred n of a referee and Bell's the matter was not amiatual armistice muse be

ATE BONDS .- The fol-

in the London Times of liscovered that a large Confederate \$100 bonds e from New York and e batch of \$72,000, sold I. I have no doubt an been put in circulation. will continue. It cersomebody to make this caution the public to g from doubtful sources. five \$100 counterfeits. July, 1852, per act of 9, 1861, and dated 7th The engraver of the is here, and pronounces ond question.

ING IN IRELAND. --- In the ds on the 9th of June, the de moved for the papers edings at Washington, mmigration; also for the enlistment of Irish im d and Boston, in March with being parties to the gof British subjects, urged rance against such prowould be a cause of war. stances would soon enrs to interpose and stop new going on in Ameriseconded the motion. ederals were inveigling a breach of law, an laints of the Americans oyed Hessians and Gereplored that his old in whose cause he susin bygone years, had to be drawn into a san-stianlike war. He sinhoped that peace would Earl Russell assented to e papers, and reiterated aduct of Lord Lyons and d that they had done all sy of remonstrance, and editable to the Ameriashingtoo, that they had ted the representations . He could not go so -attention to the remonen made was a cause of mit that the case was one tently lead to war. He d had just as much reae Confederates as of the d the House that the remade would be conwith success. But the s being conducted with sness, that all remonto be unavailing. The e said that it was notocruiting was going on in sell replied that if he of, the parties engaged uld be forthwith proseof the Marquis of Clan-

The face of the most constitutional gro would have expended with the smile of an

> e. All that, bowever, is re insulting to every one but the China-men, and owners of real estate despise so miserable a yield. If we were required to point out the cause of this strange point out the cause of this strange his visit his visit. On Friday the 5th (to-morrow) he intends to leave for New Westminster, much to the disappointment of many, who expected he nd sudden metamorphosis, we would unbesitatingly extend our finger towards that mischievous man, who startled the commuwould have remained in Cariboo a week at nity ten days ago with his seventy-three dolleast lar nugget. Up to that time \$3 a day was The necessary fatigue and hardship which His Excellency has patiently undergone in acceptable-was desirable. Since then, howhis recent journey ; and the spirit of enquiry ever, miners have become ambitious. Nugdisplayed by him in all matters gets are the end and aim of the population,

fecting in any degree the welfare of the and if they dont find nuggets, and find them community, augur well for the future of the easily, Sooke and Leech rivers will get a hard Colony. A practical knowledge of its resources and its wants, will prove invaluable, name. Three dollars a day when that fellow and future administration will no doubt asknocked out in a minute's time over seventy sume a shape that will successfully develop with his pick, surely is preposterous ! the innate vigor of this young giant offspring It is unfortunate that extravagant concep-

of the Mistress of the Seas. His Excellency has made many friends, and his visit to Williams Creek will long be tions should have been formed of the newlydiscovered gold mines; for on the first disremembered with pleasure by the miners of appointment a reaction will immediately set in, Dariboo. Lieut. Cooper, Royal Marines, and Mr. and the auriferous locality, though well

Evans, constitute his Excellency's suite. The adapted to maintain a large and steady popuformer gentleman is almost at home on the Creek, as his friends are legion. Mr. Evans ation at good wages, will be voted a humis of course a stranger, but in his short stay he has made many friends. bug. We have not arrived at this stage in the Sooke excitement yet, but we may be pre-

The following address to his Excellency, was delivered by the Mining Board through pared for numerous complaints from returned adventurers, because the river did not come their chairman Dr. Black. up to their sanguine expectations. There To His Excellency Frederick Seymour, Bequire have been a number of instances where men

Governor of British Golumbia, etc. who were making the comfortable daily The Mining Board of the District of Cari wages of \$5, left their work in Victoria and boo East, beg to welcome your Excellency

proceeded to the mines. These men would to the interior and remote district of the of course expect at the least \$10 a day, on account of the hardships of a miner's life. early acts, his interest in the country and people, whose prosperity and well-being have been entrusted to his care. They dont obtain that amount, and they return disgusted. Leaving out the folly of

persons deserting steady and lucrative employ-Widely separated from the mother country ment for the uncertain occupation of gold by an intervening continent and ocean, we mining, a few hours' work, with very impercannot feel otherwise than solicitous upon fect tools, is scarcely a proper test of a gold the arrival of any person in whom the sur

preme executive power of the colony has bearing river. There has been too much of been, for the time being, vested. the "day's excursion" about Leesh river The early tour, therefore, of your Excel-"prospecting." The place is altogether too lency to the remote interior of the colony convenient, and a large number of men the seat of its present and prospective leave Victoria with no more idea of working | wealth, while it enables your Excellency to on the river than of flying. If they find the become better acquainted with the country, seventy three dollar nuggets lying about they its resources and capabilities; with the people, their wants, and necessities, demonstrates to are determined to pick them up, and will no us your earnest desire to promote the happidoubt put themselves to the trouble of carry. ness and prosperity of the country over ing them back to Victoria, but to pitch their which you have been called to preside. The colony of British Columbia, like all tent with the determination of giving a month's labor to the creek is about the farof the American continent, is mountainous in

thest thing from their thoughts. It is, therefore, no, wonder that we hear from some persons stored with mineral wealth. While, there-•** Orders through Mercantile Houses apo feis

RICHFIELD, Aug. 4.

CARIBOO LETTER.

FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

lacer diggings.

ever, far wrong when within a few days of my arrival, I expressed, to your legislators my belief that the paramount duty of your Governor was to facilitate access to the regions you constructed in the effect that the store Governor was to facilitate access to the regions you occupy. I have seen little reason to change my early views, and I trust soon to see your wagon road completed. Un-fortunate and unforescen events have however recently made even the opening out of the mining districts inferior in importance to the assertion of the supremacy of the law, and the establishment of safety for lile and pro-perty in a large portion of our territory. I have reason to hope, however, that I shall some head to denote my whole structure

soon be able to devote my whole attention undisturbed to the purely civil duties of my

I acknowledge readily that for many years to come the prosperity, almost the existence of British Columbia, must depend upon the success of the miners. Every means, therefore, shall be used by me to promote that success. You truly describe the mode of life of these creators of our wealth, and I fully appreciate the self-dependence as well as mutual reliance which their peculiar labors are calculated to develop. I hope to be able to co-operate with you in establishing on a satisfactory basis some sort of public library and newsroom in which the inhabitants of

the three towns on this creek may be able, agreeably and intellectually, to pass their long winter evenings. Pray accept again my thanks for your very

kind address. The Bed Rock Flume Co. Have now 500 feet of flume laid. The ditch is being rapidly constructed and the portion from Jack of Clubs to Mink Guleb (about 1) miles) is nearly completed. On the 6th of the month 1000 inches 1 of water will be turned into Williams Creek by the company. Their energy has not flagged, and to the interior and remote district of the country, and to congratulate their fellow sub-jects upon the arrival of a representative of the Crown, who demonstrates, by his own of the best investments on this coast.

The Antler Co. Are progressing rapidly with their wo

They are nearly through the cañou, and have considerably extended their lead flume. Williams Creek.

THE AURORA Co, washed up 350 ounces o a little over two days work. THE BARKER Co. are taking out good pay

again. Most of the rich claims are suffering from scarcity of water on the creek. I have much pleasure in stating that the reek has received commercially a valuable ession in the person of Mr. Laumeister. Ie has opened a large store at Richfield, and his stock of goods is already finding a good market

Mr. Winkler has sold out his business and one to Victoria. The wagon road is being pushed forward with vigor benef env at lad The Hore at the second and the

The Pacific Loaden.-We learn that y telegram was received in this city on Friden to the effect that the steamer Pacific was al-ready full, and hearly 100 dray loads of freight had to be refused. The steamer would not, however, for some reason, sail until to-morrow. It is said there is an immense quantity of goods awaiting transportation-to this region lasy acoilo themm ASTORIA MARINE GAZETTE. This is the

title of a weekly paper just started at Astoria, by an association of residents. It is printed on the material of the late Portland Union, and has Lincoln and Johnson at its head. The Marine Gazette says that the bark

Almy is now descharging the heavy guns designed for the Forts at Point Adams and Cape Hancock. KOOTANAIS .- We, Oregonian, have seen a

entleman direct from the Kootanais mines. He brings with him some of the dust, and his opinion is that the Kootanais is quite as rich in gold as the Boise country.

IRISH EMIGRATION DECREASING .- A. Cork paper says: It gives us pleasure to be able to. state that there is a considerable falling off in the number of persons seeking passage to New York by the steamers calling at Queenstown. It is known that the great rush brough this port for the past few months. has been, for the most part, of emigrants whose passages had been prepaid by friends in America, the proportion of those who emigrated at their own expense being comparatively small. The thousands who are influ-enced by the former inducement, have been nearly all swept away westward, and those who have not yet departed, quietly remain at their homes in the country till the days of

sailing, for which respectively they have been booked, approach. The demand for passage by persons paying for themselves, has also the past week or two, been suffering considerable diminution, as, indeed, it was anticipated would be the case, at this season, when the crops need tending, to insure a fruitful harvest-of which latter, by the way, there is very fair promise. The consequence is that after the sailing of the Edinburgh, Olympus, and City of Washington, this week, there remains but a small number of emigrants at Queenstown. Yesterday there were but twenty awaiting the next Inman steamer, though the lists of the vessels of that line are full up to the 17th instant.

Previous to the departure of the All Eng land Eleven from New Zealand, a deputation from the tribe of Maories resident at the Heads, waited upon Captain Parr, and in the name of their chief, presented him with handsome piece of matting, and elevated him to the rank of a chief, so that the relowned captain of the All England Eleven home neither more nor less than a

nd, sloughs and the bankers and merchants in Paris of silks and other goods to the value of £30,000, were brought before Mr. Alderman Stone at the Mansion House yesterday, and further evi-dence having been adduced; the alderman committed all three for trials the salt inter the

A man named Seymour was brought up before the chief magistrate at Bow street, on a charge of enlisting men for the Confeder-ate service. From the evidence it appeared that four men were engaged by him to go as firemen in a steamer named the Rappan, but applied to the officers of the Rappahannock. Confederate steamer, who repudiated the engagement made by Seymour. The men same home, and appear to have informed against their employer. He was committed or trial. 1 20.

A Correspondent of the London Standard igning himself J. L., writes as follows:

A great deal of nonsense has been writen and talked about the "improvised armour" o the Kearsarge, and the general notion is, that the vessel was hastily protected by chain cables shortly before the late action. Now,I closely examined the Kearsarge about three

months since. I saw her in the water and I saw her on a ponison. She was then pro-tected amidships by heavy chain cables, payed with some red composition, the cable being covered with planking, a piece of which had been knocked off. Very few pecole are aware that the Kearsarge was severa days in the Victoria Dock, at Blackwall. It was there that I saw her, and there it was that the Admiralty officers obtained full par-ticulars as to ben armament and the nature of the protection given to ber engines. She is a long sloop, rather wall-sided, barque-rigg-ed, painted black, and books very much moreike an armed screw collier than a man of ware de

The bazaar in Hanoversquare Rooms in aid of the Asylum for Idiots has been opene aid of the Asylum for Idiots has been opened. to-day by her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales, who, accompanied by the Princes, ar-rived at half past twelve, attended by the. Marobioness of Castmarthen and Captain Grey, and was received by the committee, the band playing "God save the Queen." The stalls were draped in pink and, white, and were very attractively furnished with. things as beautiful as useful. A large number of ladies were present, admitted by ticket or payment, to sit in the orchestra and look at the Princess as she, with her suite, visited the various stalls, and made a few selections, beginning at the stalls on the right of the entrance facing the Royal box. After

remaining for a considerable time their Royal Highnesses took their leave, and the regular nsiness commenced

It is stated by, Mr. Alderman Mechi that a good deal of land about the Royal Exchange is now worth one million five hundred pounds per acre, and that a site in that neighborhood about the size of a nobleman's drawhad to go through the ordeal of kissing the £1000 per annum, equal to the rental of a Maori women who made the presentation. misper of issar at fight

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Maori chief. After the ceremony, Mr. Parr | ing-room, would command a ground rental of