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bes .ideir-imanet HENRY WOOTTON; Postmaster. May 30th, 1864.

RNIA ITEMS. ERCHANTS COMING TO SAN of the heaviest merchants removing their places of rancisco. Within the past drug house and the princi-fectioner from that city have re. The reasons xes are somewhat lighter than in Sacramento, and the ooked upon as possessing mercial advantages as the

Valley, was struck by lighth, slightly injuring several whom, Miss Mary Eaton, had paralysed for several hours

longall, the actors in the late in San Francisce, have been e Shepherd and convicted S. Levy, fine of \$100 or 50 ent; Robert McDougal, fine s imprisonment; J. W. Lees, mprisonment for 7 days. with success in the Metro-

Viggins has resigned the office olic, which he has held for San Francisco. in Sacramento 98- in the

CAL AGENT IN WARFARE .rogen will, it is said, soon be mplement of war. Its emd seem likely to put an end to Isham Baggs, an English his composition in balloons, the air in the midst of aresses. "The very mention of ent in modern warfare, may oke a smile among chemists at the most accomplished umber would scarcely dare to th it in quantities larger than stard seed, and even then at a ance, and under guard at the detonation. And yet not one sts will be bold enough to deny or three chemically clean carerrible compound present in a , however strong, the slightest phorus or a single drop of ng in contact with it, would, in ecide the fate of the place and s." Mr. Baggs then proceeds he has discovered a method of he contingent difficulties and to manufacture this deadly perfect safety, and in any retity, and that it can be safely its destination.

OR OF CUNINGSBY .- In an artipecuniary windfall which Mr. received, the Philadelphia Pressing back to Mr. Disraeli, we can family certainly emigrated from family name was Lara. Its head was a wealthy merchant, who, had vast dealings 'on the Rialto. that time, there was a greater religious opinion than in any southern Europe. No one ever auto da-fe in Venice. Lara ed to London, where he formally a Christian; he had conformed soon after quitting Spain, but, is ancient lineage, assumed the e the fact of his Hebrew descent. this gentleman was the late Isaac known as a man of letters, and representative of the family is the Benjamin Disraeli, ex Chanceller bequer — the same to whomes Willyams has bequeathed the fortune.

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CARIBOOL

\$130,000 in Treasure.

The news from the gold fields is to the The steamer Alexandra arrived from New Westminster on Saturday merning with 10

passengers and \$30,000 in gold. The steamer Otter arrived at 6 o'clock on Saturday evening with 20 passengers and \$100,000 in treasure, of which \$78,000 belonged to the Bank of British Columbia. The Alexandra brought the Cariboo express which had been left last trip at Soda

The news from Cariboo is highly encouraging. The Ericsson, Rankin, Wake-upnewn claims are taking out large quantities f gold, varying from 25 to 400 ounces per lay. Others, in Conklin's gulch, McArthur's wild, and the upper dreek, are beginning or pay. An immense quantity of machinery a being put in in different parts of the creek, and the amount of work done and the quantity of gold taken out will undoubtedly far

bed any previous year.

be Bed Rock Drain is nearly completed,

its beneficial effects on a number of

at work. The latter Co. got some very good pay some time ago.

The Carisoo Co, are taking out enough to pay expenses. THE LILLOCET Co. will probably get into pay in about ten days.

well hitherto. THE WAKE-UP JAKE Co. obtain a steady average yield of 70 ounces per day. The lead is supposed to come from Conklin's

THE BEAUREGARD Co. are taking out a little pay maitalitan V toota THE NEVER SWEAT Co. are sinking a new

THE STAR Co. is also sinking a new shaft THE TINKER Co. have sunk a new shaft, vith very good prospects.

about 1,800 feet of their work, at a cost of about \$25,000. This undertaking will prove of enormous advantage to many claims now western side took fire also, the flames sweep so much embarrassed with water that they ing on towards Lowhee. The dense masses of can't be worked with any advantage.

At and above the canon the BLACK JACK Co. are taking out pay.

The Burns Co. are not doing much.

The Ber Rock Fluxe Co. have commenced their flume at the Cunningham claim with the intention of running it up the with the intention of running it up the

are all being worked ARRO HILL . TYPE

position, before their property was disposed

THE CALEDONIA Co. have been paying THE GREAT FIRE AT CARIBOO. FROM OUR LADY CORRESPONDENT.

CAMERONTOWN, WILLIAMS CREEK, June 2nd, 1864.

EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST. I send you a few lines to tell you of the greatest fire that has occurred on the Creek, and which has proved most destructive. It began yesterday morning in Camerontown, a little below the Hospital, and the wood and brush being so dry, it spread with fearful rapidity; at one time great fears were entertain d for the Hospital, but a number of men from the Cameron THE MOFFATT and CAMERON Cos' shafts and other surrounding claims, gave such va-

The Moffatt and Cameron Cos' shafts are full of water. The former Co. intend to apply to have to have their claim laid over till the new Bed Rock Drain is completed.

The Raby and Prince of Wales Co's, are at work. The latter Co. are likely to have their claims laid over thing in their way—cabius, piles of wood cut ready for shafts and staves, the entire winter thing in their way—cabius, piles of wood cut ready for shafts and staves, the entire winter thing in their way—cabius, piles of wood cut ready for shafts and staves, the entire winter thing in their way—cabius, piles of wood cut ready for shafts and staves, the entire winter thing in their way—cabius, piles of wood cut ready for shafts and staves, the entire winter thing in their way—cabius, piles of wood cut ready for shafts and staves, the entire winter ready for shafts and staves, the entire winter thing in their way—cabius, piles of wood cut ready for shafts and staves, the entire winter ready for shafts and staves, the entire winter ready for shafts and staves, the entire winter ready for shafts and staves. The mind time the saw in THE BED ROCK DEATH Co. have completed sight; the whole eastern side of the Creek was smoke rolling over this, way to-day, tell that

RECEIPTS OF GOLD DURING THE PAST THE ABBOTT, GRIER AND KIRWAN CLAIMS WEEK.—The total amount of gold received from Cariboo during the week, as near as can A continuous creek flume runs from the be ascertained, is \$305,000; viz.: on Wednes Cornien claim to the canon, a distance of day, Bank of British Columbia, \$95,000;

THE BALD HEAD and Welsh Co. s are also at work. The latter Co. got some very good pay some time ago.

The Caribbo Co, are taking out enough to pay expenses.

The Lattoor Co, will probably get into with the exception of that portion which lies between Hope and Similkameen, is a good one, with plenty of grass for animals and with an abundance of good water and wood. I understand the Legislature of British Columbis have appropriated the sum of \$5,000 for the improvement of the Hope road. If such is the fact the road can be-if the money i

A CARIBOO GRIEVANCE.

WILLIAMS CREEK, May 28, 1864. WILLIAMS CREEK, May 28, 1864.

EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST,—SIR,—After waiting anxiously for an abler pen than mine to netice one of the new Acts passed by the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia for the purpose of raising the revenue of the colony, but having so far waited in vain, allow me the privilege of pointing out some of its weak points, as also the cure.

Contrary to the common methed of new countries, who usually endeaves by all the

invest, the Legislative Assembly of this culony has placed a tax on the very vitals of mining. Not satisfied with duties on the goods necessary for life and health; not satisfied with 10 per cent. on the machinery necessary for working the mines successfully, besides toll dues equal to 2½ cents on every pound of goods used by the miner, (all of which doubtless may be necessary,) they have at last put the finish on the whole by taxing the capital brought into the mines. taxing the capital brought into the mines and invested in mining. Miners generally hailed with delight the Act which enabled them to hold more than two claims in their own name; knowing well that capital was the most essential requisite necessary to prospect thoroughly the Cariboo country; but our wise legislators concluded, (most wisely) that the proper time to procure money, was before miners had time to spend it in prospecting; so now the list stands somewhat as follows first license £1; secondly, for recording preemption 10s. 6d.; thirdly, for recording a bill of sale £1; and one per cent, of the amount paid for the claim besides; fourthly, for every member of a company who requires preumatic tubes. The deep leave of absence, 10s. 6d. each time; (leave 71s A frightful case of suicide of absence is when, a prospecting company Bradford the other day. A man in the dress are unable to work advantageously, the whole of a mechanic deliberately hid himself down Counting of a mechanic deliberately hild himself down are unable to work advantageously, the whole day, Bank of British Columbia, \$95,000; in moder of men who own an interest in the number of men who one at sealing the same of the number of men who one at sealing the wholes and in the same and it is a seal in the same

ENGLISH AND POREIGN ITEMS.

The vacant Garter will be bestowed upon nis Grace the Duke of Sutherland. During last week 40 wrecks were reported, making the total for the present year 622. There are already about 10.000 attorneys on the roll, and apwards of 150 more are applying for admission and re-admission in the

ensuing term. The heir to the throne of All the Russias is said to be on his way to Copenhagen to propose for the hand of the Princess Marie Dagmar daughter of the King, and, of

course, sister to the Princess of Wales, The Post says, it appears that the new Brazilian Cabinet does not reject the mediation of the King of Portugal, but desires that it should in the first instance be accepted by the English Government.

Seven gentlemen of good station, living in Malta, have been imprisoned and fined for assaulting Mr. Webster, author of a pamph-let eptitled "English Governors and Foreign Grumblers."

Colombo Overland Observer of last month states that a locomotive engine had com-menced running for the first time in the island

The contest for Lancaster resulted on the 13th in a substantial Liberal victory. Mr. Fenwick beat his Conservative opponent, Mr. Saunders, by a majority of 157.

CONVEYANCE OF MAILS. The sum of £574.236 is to be voted by Parliament this session for the conveyance of the mails by railway in the Umted Kingdom, and the sum of £146,016 for the conveyance of mails, by mailcoaches, vans, carts, omnibuses and

A frightful case of suicide occurred near

the Bench. Hamilton, the deputy sheriff, destroyed by the impering being taken ages. Indiant were sent bank had resigned; his place had not yet been Mr. McLaughlin found a piece of gold worth day in a small boat.

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A tremendous fire broke out below Cam-erontown on June 1st, and spread rapidly among the dry brush and fallen timber, ex-tending over to Barkerville and Richfield, doing a vast amount of damage at all three places. The towns were with difficulty saved rom complete destruction. A great many cabins, with wheels, flumes, lumber, firewood, etc., were destroyed. Several miners had narrow escapes from being burnt to death. Provisions were tolerably plenty, at moderate rates. A good many idle men were on

all. was and to the second of the little LETTER FROM CARIBOO.

the Creek, but there would soon be work for

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

RICHFIELD, June 1st, 1864. The weather for the last month with the exception of a few days, has really been delightfully pleasant. At this time last year the creek presented a bleak, wintry aspectnot at all alleviated by an alternate fall of snow and rain. In a latitude 30 north of Quebec, where vast fields of ice are only beginning to move towards the ocean, it seems rather strange to the observer that the most desirable summer weather should reign. The altitude of this place is also much higher than that of the same latitude on the

Eastern side of the kemisphere.
The towns of Richfield, Barkerville, and Camerontown, have been much improved.

to leave Alexandria for the Chilcoaten coun-try. Without intending to make any invidious comparisons, I may safely say that a more popular, upright and conscientious man has never filled a rubic position in this solony. Some of his decisions shew remarkable ingenuity as well as justice, and great praise is due to him for the manner in which he has suppressed the dishonest tricks of jumpers. Decisions which give satisfaction to both sides are rare indeed in all countries; but I can assure your readers that Mr. Cox has generally pleased both parties.

As to the mining prospects of the creek, they were never more flattering. On Williams Creek alone, owing to the early sea-son and fine weather, I think great results may be salely predicted.

The claims are nearly all at work. THE CHIPPS have commenced drifting for

\$11 50 at the bottom of one of the shafts. Econustastical.—We are requested to A channel has also been discovered, which is state that during the absence of the Rev. A. supposed to come from McArthur's Gulch. Browning, who leaves to-day for Cariboo, his Mr. McLaughlin bought out Mr. Walkem.

Lowhee Creek. Sage, Miller and Co have sluiced off sufficient dirt to occupy all summer in the wash-

MOORHEAD is taking out pay over ex-THE CHITTENDEN CLAIM stands high. The company is ground-sluicing. Mr. Pearkes picked up a nugget worth \$35 on the ground of the company.

THE WASHBURN, PLUMBAGO, VAUGHAN, KELLY AND IDAHO Cos, are all at work. The more this creek is prospected the richer it appears to be, and I have little doubt that it will rival Williams creek in

liains Creek. It has risen immensely in the estimation of miners, ewing to the great success of the Ericsson Co. This claim has vielded as high as 400 ounces in one day and gives a steady average yield of over 260 ounces. At present it is the best paying elaim in Cariboo.

Many other companies on the Gulch are sinking shafts and mining generally.

been taken out this spring

Lightning Creek. The Burgher, Discovery and Evans place.
The laims are in great favor from the prospects

Provisions on Williams Creek are not very plentiful. Flour is 50c. per lb.; bacon, \$1 25;

sugar, \$1; beans, 60c.; salt, 75c.; tea, \$2; coffee, green, \$1; fresh meat, 40c.

The sale of lots by the government during the winter has produced a very bad feeling. The lots were sold without any proper notice, and many persons who have erected good and THE BARKER Co. are sinking a new shaft. who prefer to prowl about the creek, and country. To such persons (provided they

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place will be supplied by the Bev. E. Rob-son, of Yale, who will conduct the usual services in the Mary street Wesleyan

Church, commencing to-morrow. ARRIVAL OF DIETZ & NELSON'S EXPRESS. The Reliance returned from Yale yesterday, bringing Dietz & Nelson's Express, with \$5000 in treasure.

Quick Time .- Barnard's Eqpress left Williams Creek on the 9th and arrived at Yale on the 15th inst.
The Tribune.—We understand this ship

will leave for Esquimalt to-day. THE KOOTANAIS MINES.

The following extract from correspondence to the Columbian, dated Rock creek, May CONKLIN'S GULCH is a tributary of Wil 27th, confirms the exciting news lately pub-

"I arrived from Colville a few days since. During my short sojourn at that place I heard nothing spoken of but Kootani. Everybody talked, dreamed and spoke of nothing but Kootani. There were a thousand and one rumors in regard to that country of untold wealth, &c. &c., but I could trace none of the McCullum's Gulcu Companies are at rumors to any authentic source. Nearly work on this guich, but no gold has as yet every one that could get away from Colville has gone to the Kootani, and those that re-Camerontown, have been much improved. The latter especially deserves notice. New buildings are dotted all over the place, and the majority of the business men of the creek all congregate here.

Mr. O'Reilly has arrived and has resumed his duties. Mr. Cox left on the 30th ult., to take command of the party of men who are to leave Alexandria for the Chilcoaten country. Without intending to make any inviduance of the control of the creek.

Mr. Without intending to make any inviduance of the control Kootani fever, as I have noticed many en route for those new mines who passed this

> The people of Colville have constructed new trail from this place to the Kootani shortening the distance some 200 miles Nearly all of the new road passes through British territory. The people of Colville certainly deserve great credit for their en terprise in opening a trail through a foreign territory, without any assistance from the Government. Excuse me for my digression but while I am on the subject of trails and valuable buildings upon some of these lots are put to the expense of law suits by the materially interest the citizens of your thriving very imprudent course adopted by the Go-vernment. Honest men while abroad during of Fort Hope. It is a matter of very great the winter return in the spring only to find importance to persons who contemplate visittheir property in jeopardy, and themselves at the mercy of a set of dishonest scoundrels shortest, best and most feasible route to that

the exact amount taken out, and in case tain percentage on that amount, and in case he should try to defraud the government that she should try to defraud the government; she had killed her two children. On an element was the exact amount taken out, and pay a certhere are not paying claims enough in the fiver going to her house, the statement was country to make it an onerous duty for one found to be quite true. The two children man to attend to it, and then the tax would fall on those who could pay it. A smaller percentage than that now levied, would yield a larger revenue, and not be felt so much as the present one. Or, collect a certain percentage on all the gold dust exported; if the other is not practicable. Surely reasonable men will never allow such a law to be reproach to the country they legislate for, i they do, they virtually leave the old law in force, as miners will have to form partnerships in preference to paying such an exorbitant tax on the bills of sale they would otherwise

Having occupied too much of your valuable space already, 1 am, sir. Yours, &c, Pick and Shove L.

has been put up at the city post office fixing the following rates of postage in British Columbia, and between that colony and this. Between British Columbia and Vancouver Island, delivered at Victoria or New Westminster, for each letter under half ounce, five cents; for every additional half ounce, or fractional excess, five cents. For each news paper, two cents. On all letters and papers to and from abroad, and delivered or mailed at New Westminster, in addition to foreign postage, for each letter under half an ounce, five cents; and for each additional half ounce, or fractional excess, five cents. For each newspaper, two cents. Between a Post Office at any one place in the colony, and a Post Office at any other place in the colony, in all cases to be prepaid, for each letter under excess. For each newspaper, twelve cents. Puckages or parcels, other than newspapers, and not exceeding eight ounces in weight, will be charged at letter rate of twelve cents per sunce; no parcel can be taken according. per ounce; no parcel can be taken exceeding eight ounces in weight.

The above newspaper rate does not, we

believe, affect papers carried by express. LATEST FROM GOLDSTREAM.

EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST,-The Gold Quartz Crushing Company have made such a good thing of it already that they are enabled to pay the Treasurer and Manager a salary of \$100 per month, and to the Secretary the same amount. Who will dare to say after this that there is nothing in Goldstream?

Secretary of each claim was obliged by law lish settlers in the stands; to lake his books to an officer and swear to. Two CHILDREN MURDERED by Two CHILDREN MURDERED BY THEIR MO-THER -On the 14th, a woman named Mary Ann Dyson, surrendered berself at the Raswere found on the floor with their threats cut, and a razor lay beside them. The elder was a girl of two years, and the younger an infant six months old.

> THE BIRKENHEAD RAMS .- A letter dated dated April 4, from the Alexandria correspendent of the Times states that Mr. Francis. the legal Vice Consul at Constantinople, has arrived at Cairo to question the Viceroy on behalf of our Government respecting the two famous iron rams at Liverpool; Mr. Hamel. from Liverpool, had also come for the same purpose on behalf of the builders.

On the 13th, the statue of Sir Charles Barry, the late eminent architect, the only one as yet represented in a sitting posture, was placed experimentally at the bottom of BRITISH COLUMBIA POSTAGE .- A notice the grand staircase leading to the corridors and committees of the House of Commons, but as yet it remains covered, and withou any inscription.

Mr. Stansfeld's constituents at Halifax are adopting measures to express their sympator with the hon, gentleman for the manner in which he has been recently treated in the House of Commons. At a meeting held on the 11th, a committee was appointed to determine on the means by which the feeling of the people of Hulifax could be best ex-

The New National Gallery will cost, it is estimated, £150,000. It will consist, if sanctioned as designed by Parliament, before whom it will be brought in June, of seven parallel galleries, 900 feet in length, and 40 feet in width, and the same in height;

months imprisonment for bigamy. The second wife admitted that she had been married to a man 26 years ago, but she had afterwards discovered that he had already three wives, and she had then left him.

At the Central Criminal Court, on the 11th, the Rev. Liewellyn Powell, a clergyman of the Church of England, who pleaded guilty to a charge of forgery, was sentenced to 18 months hard labor. The prisoner had been previously convicted of robbery, but the jary acquitted him on the ground of insanity, and after three months incarceration in a lunatic A SHAREHOLDER. asylum he was liberated.