

The Weekly British Colonist.

Tuesday, May 22, 1866.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

Friday, May 18.

SUPREME COURT.—Assignees of Macdonald vs. Tronco.—This was a jury case, action being brought to recover \$4,000 and upwards for money alleged to have been advanced and interest. The Attorney General, instructed by Messrs. Peakes and Green, appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. Ring, instructed by Mr. Bishop, for the defendant. The case occupied the whole of the day; Mr. J. Barnett was called for the plaintiff and gave evidence as to the banking account. For the defence Dr. Powell, Mr. Sellick and the defendant were called. His Honor summed lucidly in favor of the defendant, and the jury agreeing with his Lordship returned a verdict without leaving the box.

FROM NANAIMO.—The steamer Sir James Douglas, Captain Clarke, arrived last evening from Nanaimo with a few passengers. The ship Riviero was discharging ballast. The Rev. Mr. Garrett gave an able lecture on Temperance, at the Mechanics' Institute, on Wednesday evening, which was largely attended. Mr. Cunningham presided, and at the conclusion the Rev. Mr. White proposed a vote of thanks to the lecturer. Two schooners were passed on the way down with lumber from Cowichan. The Sir James Douglas will make the next trip to Nanaimo on Monday, and will not proceed to Comox, but will return here on Wednesday.

FROM ALBERNI.—The schooner Cod-Fish, Captain Brown, arrived yesterday morning in twelve hours from Barclay Sound. She came here for salt to cure codfish, which Messrs. Sprout & Co's men, three in number, are obtaining in large quantities from the Indians, ten tons having been secured within the last three weeks. The fish, when cured will average four or five pounds. They are said to be very plentiful. The place chosen for drying the fish is Village Island, near the mouth of Barclay Sound. Indians reported quite peaceable at Alberni.

CRAZY.—Giuseppe Melius, the Maltese fisherman who is fired with martial ardor, and desires to summon a band of volunteers to proceed with him to the wars, was brought up again yesterday in the Police Court. Dr. Helmecken certified that the man was laboring under insanity, and incapable of taking care of himself. Serg't Wilmer said Melius was much better, and in another week might be well enough to take care of himself. He was remanded for one week.

MURDEROUS ATTEMPT.—Yesterday afternoon as two gentlemen were walking to town on Store street, a Siwash was seen to emerge from a cabin on Cormorant street and deliberately discharge a gun at a squaw. The shot struck the woman on her forehead but fortunately glanced off without, we believe, penetrating her skull. Information was conveyed to the police and the offender was taken care of for the rest of the evening.

DEFAULTING PUBLICANS.—Several Saloon keepers appeared yesterday in the Police Court, to answer summonses for having neglected to pay the quarterly instalment of their liquor licenses. Receipts were handed in from the Treasury in most of the cases, and lenient penalties were inflicted. Two or three cases were postponed for one day.

THE NEXT STEAMER.—In answer to an enquiry made by telegraph a message was received yesterday, dated the day before, stating that the next steamer for Victoria was not advertised on the 16th.

THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY did not meet yesterday, none of the members being present. It will assemble today at 1 p.m.

SAILED.—The steamer California, Captain Thorn, sailed yesterday afternoon at 4:15 p.m. for San Francisco direct, with a few passengers and the mails and express.

QUEEN CHARLOTTE MINING CO.—The extraordinary meeting of this company was adjourned yesterday until 11 a.m. to-day.

PARADE.—The Volunteers yesterday mustered for drill at James Bay in front of the Public Buildings.

Saturday, May 19.

FROM LERCH RIVER.—Mr. J. G. McKay, of this city, has received a letter from a correspondent at Leech River informing him that at about 10 o'clock on the night of the 14th Mr. McKay's house, on Kennedy Flat, was set on fire by some person or persons, and burned to the ground. When the fire was discovered the building was in full blaze, and nothing could have saved it. The writer of the letter adds that he expects an influx of Chinamen to the mines. It had been raining heavily, causing all work to be suspended, and the mines had quite a deserted appearance although they have not really been half prospected. Some person in authority is required to preserve order. A special constable might answer, but the writer says there ought to be a local magistrate appointed either honorary or on a small salary, as there are a queer lot at the mines.

THE MAIL STEAMER.—In our telegraphic report of the 17th, published this morning, no mention is made of the departure of the mail steamer Sierra Nevada which was supposed to have cleared on the 16th. It is thought by some that the vessel said to have cleared was the bark Nevada as another private despatch dated the 16th, to which we alluded yesterday distinctly states that the mail steamer was not advertised. The 20th was the day mentioned for her departure when the California left.

THE COAL DISCOVERIES at Sooke.—In our notice of the discoveries of coal made on Capt. Nagle's property at Sooke we omitted to mention that the three seams were accidentally found by a man named Bishop, who was in the employ of Capt. Nagle. The Douglas will leave for the spot at half-past six this morning and will take some practical men to examine the coal deposits. We look forward with anxiety for their report.

LARGE TREASURE SHIPMENT.—The two city banks shipped by the steamer California for San Francisco about \$170,000. This shipment is the largest that has been made for many months, and consisted for the most part of gold that had been accumulating at the Cariboo branches during the last few months.

POLICE COURT.—The postponed cases for arrears of liquor licenses came up in the Police Court yesterday and occupied considerable time. The Magistrate rated Mr. Bishop for occupying so much time in resisting payment and fined some of the parties \$10 and others \$5 and costs.

FOR NEW WESTMINSTER.—The steamer Enterprise left yesterday forenoon for New Westminster with passengers and freight. She took away another batch of Big Benders who were nothing discouraged by the recent questionable reports from the mines.

CAPTAIN STAMP, the member elect for Esquimalt Town in the room of J. J. Southgate, Esq., was sworn in yesterday and took his seat.

The Gunboat Forward returned from British Columbia yesterday, having replaced the boys.

SAILED.—The Russian Ship Cesarewitch, sailed from Esquimalt yesterday morning.

FOR NANAIMO.—The steamer Emily Harris, Captain Frain, will sail for the above port to-day at noon.

Monday, May 21.

NEWS FROM BIG BEND.—The cheering news from Big Bend that came by telegraph on Saturday had the effect of reviving the drooping spirits of the community. It is worse than folly to allow ourselves to be dispirited by the loose and unreliable reports furnished by men who rushed up early in the spring and rushed back again with greater speed to disparage the mines without having attempted to prospect them. We may expect for some time to come to receive good accounts from one and bad from another. The extent and richness of the mines will not be known yet awhile.

ACCIDENT.—Mr. J. S. Drummond, while out riding on the Metcoshin road with some friends on Saturday, came in contact with a protruding branch of a tree, and was thrown with some violence. He was at once taken to Peatt's hotel and Dr. Trimble was sent for, but the injuries he sustained, we are pleased to learn, are not of a serious nature, and will probably only incapacitate Mr. Drummond from business for a few days.—He still remains at Peatt's, where every attention is paid him, but he will be brought to town this evening.

LEASED.—We understand that Capt. Stamp has leased the whole of his handsome block erected on Government Street. The Free Masons have rented the Hall up stairs, the remaining portion being let into offices. Messrs. Hibben & Carswell, stationers, and Thomas Wilson & Co, drapers, have taken the stores on the ground floor.

THE COAL AT SOOKE.—The Sir James Douglas conveyed a number of gentlemen to Sooke Harbor on Saturday to inspect the coal seams discovered on Capt. Nagle's property. Specimens of the croppings were broken off and brought to town.

FROM NEW WESTMINSTER.—The steamer Enterprise arrived on Saturday from Fraser River with a few passengers and an up-country Express. Letters were received by parties in town giving information of a favorable nature from the Big Bend mines.

PICNIC EXCURSION.—The Managing Committee of the Mechanics Literary Institute contemplate making arrangements for a picnic excursion trip to San Juan Island on or about the 24th. The steamer Alexandra will probably be secured for the occasion.

A WHISKY MILL.—Two elevated nymphs of the forest became bellicose yesterday and pitched furiously into one another to the intense delight of an admiring crowd of spectators.

OUTSIDE.—A vessel was reported off the harbor last evening which may be the brig Sheet Anchor, now overdue from San Francisco.

INSPECTION.—The Volunteers will parade on the 24th at half-past 10 o'clock in marching order for inspection by His Excellency the Governor.

POPULATION OF CHIEF TOWNS IN ENGLAND.—The Registrar General makes the following estimate of the population of 13 of our great towns in the middle of the year 1866:—London, 3,067,536; Liverpool, 484,337; Manchester, 358,855; Salford, 112,904; Birmingham, 335,798; Leeds, 228,187; Sheffield, 218,257; Bristol, 163,680; Newcastle-on-Tyne, 122,277; Hull, 105,233. The estimate for Edinburgh is 175,128; for Glasgow, 432,265; for Dublin, the city and some suburbs, 318,437.

COMMERCIAL

FOR NEW WESTMINSTER.—The steamer Enterprise sails this morning at 10 a.m. FOR NANAIMO.—The steamer Sir James Douglas sails for Nanaimo and way ports this morning at 8 a.m. FROM PORT ANGELES.—The sloop Frances, Captain Stratton, arrived last evening from Port Angeles.

THE steamer Emily Harris arrived from Port Angeles last evening, having conveyed a crew over for the English ship Ageria, loaded with lumber and bound for China.

GOLD SHIPMENT.—The Bank of British North America shipped per California \$101,421 75.

VICTORIA MARKETS.

SATURDAY, May 19. FLOUR—Extra, \$9 00 @ \$9 50 per 100 lbs; Superfine, \$7 75 @ \$8 00 do. Common, \$5 50 @ \$6 00 do. WHEAT—Best Red, \$2 50 @ \$2 75 per 100 lbs. CORNMEAL—\$1 50 do. BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—\$8 00 @ \$10 00 do. RYE FLOUR—\$7 50 do do. RICE—\$6 00 @ \$7 00 per mat. SUGAR—Raw, 8c @ 9c per lb; Refined do 14c @ 15c do per case. COFFEE—\$26 @ \$27 per 50 lb sack. TEA—\$22 @ \$25 per 50 lb chest. YEAS—POWDER—\$5 50 @ \$7 75 per doz. SYRUP—\$5 per keg. CANDLES—\$5 50 @ \$6 50 per box. SOAP—\$2 @ \$2 25 do. BUTTER—Best, \$1 45 @ \$1 50 per lb; Ordinary, \$1 40 @ \$1 50 per lb. BACON AND HAMS—\$23 @ \$25 per 100 lbs; Ordinary, \$22 @ \$24 do in lots to suit. WHEAT—2 1/2 @ 2 3/4 do per bush. OATS—2 @ 2 1/2 do do. BARLEY—1 1/2 @ 2 do do. GROUNDED BAKELIE—2 1/2 @ 2 3/4 do do. MIDDLING—2 1/2 @ 2 3/4 do do. BRAN—1 1/2 @ 2 do do. POTATOES—1c do do. HAY—1 1/2 @ 1 3/4 do per bale.

CARIBOO MARKET PRICES.

(From the Sentinel.) Stocks are light considering the plethora state of the market last fall, and pack trains expected to arrive on the creek within a month with goods sufficient to supply all deficiencies. Gum Boots and Candles are the only articles nearly exhausted.

WHOLESALE. RETAIL. Flour..... \$30 00 per 100 lbs... \$30 00 per 100 lbs Bacon..... 55 per lb..... 62 per lb Sugar..... 40..... 50 Tea..... 22 @ 28..... 25 @ 35 Candles..... 1 (source)..... 1 25 Butter..... 90 @ 95..... 1 00 Tea..... 90 @ 95..... 1 00 Coffee (grd)..... 35..... 1 00 Do (green)..... 50 @ 55..... 1 00 Cheese..... 75..... 1 00 Tobacco..... 1 62 @ 1 75..... 2 00 Dried Apples..... 40..... 50 Nails..... 40 @ 45..... 50 Yeast Powder 5 00 per doz..... 6 00 per doz Gum Boots..... (source)..... 25 00 per pair

IMPORTS.

Per sloop LETITIA, from Puget Sound—7 tons hay, 40 doz eggs, 360 bus oats, 500 doz potatoes, 1 bus fern. Value \$640.

Per str ELIZA ANDERSON, from Puget Sound—12 pkgs furs, 2 horses, 2 coops chickens, 3 bxs eggs, 38 hd cattle, 190 hd sheep.—Value, \$4,340.

Per schooner A. CROSBY, from Astoria—150 bxs bacon and hams, 1600 gr sks flour, 11 bxs tea, 1000 sks flour, 2 kegs lard, 300 sks oats, 1 tool chest.

Per schr DISCOVERY, from Port Angeles 54 tons coal, to Phoenix Coal Co. Value \$324.

Per schr MATILDA, from Port Angeles—About 80 tons coal, to Phoenix Coal Co. Value, \$480.

CONSIGNEES.

Per str ELIZA ANDERSON, from Puget Sound—F O Burr, Paul Medina, Smith, F Reynolds & Co, Hutchinson & Co, Carson & Co.

Per schooner A. CROSBY, from Astoria—J P Couch, Lowe Bros., Jas Moorehead & Co., Wm Loche, G Promis, A Cassamayou, D. Lenevne, H B Co.

PASSENGERS.]

Per str ELIZA ANDERSON, from Puget Sound—Wm Pickering, F O Burr, A J Burr, J Carroll, McCoy, James, Keeler, Shilding, J McAllister, H Harman, J M Conway, 1 Chinaman.

Per schooner A. CROSBY, from Astoria—S A Rieux, Anthony Ford.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

ENTERED. May 14—Slip Letitia, Adams, Port Angeles. Schr Anne, Goin, Sooke.

Sloop W B Naylor, Dake, Elakely Island. Str Diana, Wright, Port Angeles.

May 15—Schr J K Thorndike, Thornton, San Juan.

Schr Clancey, Robinson, Port Angeles. Str Eliza Anderson, Finch, Port Angeles.

Str California, Thorne, San Francisco. May 16th—Schr A Crosby, Perkins, Astoria.

Str Emily Harris, Frain, Port Angeles. Schr Kate, Waller, N. W. Coast of V. I.

May 17—Schr Codfish, Brown, Barclay Sound. Str Enterprise, Swanson, Barclay Sound.

May 18—Schr Discovery, Rudlin, Port Angeles. May 17—Sloop W B Naylor, Dake, Lopez Island.

May 19th.—Schr Matilda, Greenwood, Port Angeles. Str Diana, Wright, Port Angeles.

Slip Ocean Queen, Watkins, San Juan CLEARED.

May 14—Schr Black Diamond, McCulloch, Nanaimo.

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Slip Ocean Queen, Watkins, San Juan. Str Eliza Anderson, Finch, Port Angeles.

Str California, Thorne, San Francisco. Sloop Letitia, Adams, Port Angeles.

Schr Surprise, Francis, N. W. Coast of V. I. Str Enterprise, Swanson, New Westminster.

May 16th—Slip Red Rover, Patton, Cowichan. Str Emily Harris, Frain, Nanaimo.

Schr Nor Wester, Whitford, Port Angeles. Schr A J Wester, Mills, Port Angeles.

Schr Codfish, Brown, Barclay Sound.

BIRTH.

In New Westminster, on the 2d inst., the wife of Mr. F. E. Howlett, of a daughter.

In this city on the 20th inst., the wife of the Rev. Frank B. Gribbell, of a daughter.

DIED.

In this city, on the 14th inst., Mrs. Margaret Langley, aged 29 years.

In New Westminster, on the 14th inst., Elizabeth, wife of Mr. F. E. Howlett.

In the Royal Columbian Hospital in New Westminster, on the 14th inst., George Rasmleigh Gompertz, aged 33 years, late Captain, Glamorgan Militia, of Titanic.

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can do so by the Government Wagon Road from Yale, over which it is easy to walk, or travellers can ride in fast Stages.

The Steamers running from San Francisco for the conveyance of passengers, by way of Victoria and the Fraser River, being under contract to the British Colonial Governments, the Rates of Fare charged are very low, and passengers are expeditionally, comfortably and cheaply conveyed from Victoria to the mines.

Miners going from San Francisco to the British Columbia Gold Mines will derive another great advantage by visiting the FREE PORT OF VICTORIA. In Victoria, Miners can supply themselves with every article they require, free of duty, and 25 to 50 per cent cheaper than they can buy similar goods in California or Oregon.

Distance from Victoria, couver Island, to Big Bend, 473 Miles. Distance from Astoria via Portland to Big Bend, 752 Miles

TABULAR STATEMENT OF DISTANCES, COMPILED FROM OFFICIAL AUTHORITIES.

From Victoria, Vancouver Island. To New Westminster, by steamer..... 80 Thence to Yale, by steamer..... 95 Thence to Savana's Ferry, by stages..... 133 Thence to head of Shuswap Lake, by steamer..... 111 Thence to Columbia River, at a point 30 miles above the supposed head of navigation, by Government Trail..... 34 Thence to Gold Creek, by boats..... 20 473

From Astoria, via Portland.

To Portland..... 95 Thence to the Dalles..... 110 Thence to Walla Walla..... 100 Thence to Colville..... 210 Thence to a point where the Trail from Shuswap Lake strikes the Columbia River..... 20 Thence to Gold Creek..... 26 752

Showing that the distance to the Big Bend Mines is 279 MILES LESS BY WAY OF VICTORIA than by way of Portland.

The following Statistics, respecting the probable Time and Expense of Travelling from VICTORIA TO BIG BEND, have been compiled by Mr. F. J. Barnard, the well known British Columbian Express Agent and Stage Proprietor: CLASS 1.—By Stage over the Wagon Road, and including Meals and Beds through.

Table with columns: Dist. Time. Rates. Meals. Victoria to Yale.....175.....24 hrs.....\$4.....\$6. Yale to Kamloops.....133.....24 hrs.....40.....5. Over the Lakes.....120.....16 hrs.....10.....4. Head of Lake to Columbia River.....35.....18 hrs.....9. Total number of hours travelling, 81. Total cost, \$78.

CLASS 2—On Foot from Yale to Lake Kamloops taking Meals and Beds at Wayside Houses.

Table with columns: Dist. Time. Rates. Meals. Victoria to Yale.....175.....24 hrs.....\$4.....\$6. Yale to Kamloops.....133.....5 days.....20. Over Lake.....120.....1 day.....10.....1.60. Head of Lake to Columbia River.....35.....2 days.....9. Total time, 9 days. Total cost, \$53.

CLASS 3—Men furnishing own Food on Steamer, Travelling on Foot from Yale to Lake Kamloops, and buying their own Provisions on the way or packing it with them.

Table with columns: Dist. Time. Rates. Meals. Victoria to Yale.....175.....24 hrs.....\$4.....\$6. Yale to Kamloops.....133.....5 days.....20. Over Lake.....120.....1 day.....10.....1.60. Head of Lake to Columbia River.....35.....2 days.....9. Total time, 9 days. Total cost, \$26.50.

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THE EUROPEAN SITUATION

By the European telegrams, before our readers this morning appear that war between Austria and Prussia has been announced. The panic which has broken the largest of houses is due, according to the declaration of war between German powers. With all the rumors that have been afloat for some time, we confess we were not so sudden an announcement of and with the history of these poor eyes, with the characteristic writing and talking rather than find it difficult to believe that a war has really been made.

London and the general alarm mental as well as commercial. That something more than an article has taken place on the continent, we are sure, has been banking establishments have payments, and wealthy mercantile have been obliged to close. Bank of England, the solidity of almost-become a proverb, was so account of the run that was made that the very extraordinary compensating the Bank Act had to be by the Government, and an addition of £5,000,000 authorized. Similar with this operation the rate of discount to the enormous figure of ten per cent as all this, we have only heard from subsequent despatches panic has spread over the United Kingdom, and that suspension and failures come the order of the day.

A premonitory symptoms of the beginning to make their appearance, and everything points to crash over the American as well as the continent. All this is a gloomy picture, but it is most likely to be a false alarm. We alluded a few days ago to the barometer of the money market, probability that a serious crisis was at hand, however, if the news of non-shipment of war be true, have we not as we have already said, more than we expected, and indicate commencement of a conflagration likely to confine itself to Austria and Prussia; for above all the signs Europe the torch of war could not be lighted with greater danger than in the federal Germany. Italy cannot of the blaze, and France, with all her protestations, is morally certain to up in the struggle. If with all these changes, and probably new parties Central Europe which such a war give rise to, England can do more in "dignified neutrality" than disposed to believe. We are afraid, there will be no neutrality—that indifference can be none. It is not now a small kingdom at one end of like Denmark is to be out-ruled; but whether the grand "balance power" is to be upset and the gravity hopelessly lost—whether the great bulwark against the of both France and Russia is to be away. War, however, will not stop the European continent. So soon as shows a disposition to mix in the United States, with the two great powers of Maximilian engaged in makes short work of the Mexican