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TERMS:

AGENTS.

are governed. When the Estimates were helpre the Legislature we took oc-easien to point out the glaring inade-

right to expect that their public buildings shall be something better than rickety and unsubstantial wooden structures. The public buildings of Nanaimo should be of such a character as to give tone and substantiality as well as architectural beauty to the town-something that the people might be proud of, and such as would give strangers a

Letter from Skeena. SKERNAMOUTH, May 22. No news from the mines. Mr Hankin returned to the settlement from the Forks on the 19th inst, Some 250 men had gone through from thence to Babine Lake, and a few from the latter point towards the mines. thing that the people might be proud of, The river is rising very rapidly and in a few and such as would give strangers a weeks boating will cease for a while, favorable impression. And the new Moore has arrived eafely at the Forks with the miles in very good coadition, they having

ting the trail. Everybody is hivou silex.'
Flour is selling at the Forks at 12½ cents
per lb, and at Tatlah Landing at 50 cents
per lb, and other provisions in proportion.
Rediens are packing from the Forks to Ba-

bine Lake for 10 cents per lb. The Grappler arrived yesterday morning, 58 hours from Nansimo with 92 passengers. All well and satisfied with the trip, and the place looks quite lively. What with the miners and a number of Indians of both sexes congregated here from every quarter along the coast, makes quite a stir and a good deal of business. It is estimated that there are one thousand natives here and on the river.

There is a rumor here that gold has been discovered on the North Branch of the Skeena, and many of the men have gone from the Forks in that direction in preference to the Omineca county, but I think this repert should be received with caution.

"THE WICKED FLEE WHEN NO MAN PUR-SUETH." Our cotemporary has a habit of measuring other people's corn with his own bushel. Because, on Friday, we gave curremoy to a legitimate item of news, viz: the seizare of J W Keyser's goods on the premises of J P Davies, he couses us of trying to blackmail the last-named individual. very heavy road tax, and, as it would Admit the silly accusation to be true, and appear are debarred from having an reverse the rule. Davies does advertise with our cotemporary and, consequently, our cotemporary says nothing about an occurrence that has been the topic of conver-

the done by strangers, and the strangers, and the strangers of the strange unfairness are altogether inexplicable, and ought not to be tolerated. There are many other matters concerning Nanaimo which we could with bankrupt estate. Unfortunately to our cotemporary and his triend, the letter was written on Saturday whilst the order of the Court directing the Sheriff to seize the goods was issued on Friday. So far as our course is concerned, we have spoken of the affair precisely as we would have spoken had the parties implicated been the poorest men in the community; and we shall continue to deal with it in the same manner-nothing terday:-On Wednesday morning the body extenuating nor setting down sught in

> MONTANA IMMIGRATION. - A gentleman writing us from Chaton says a large Montana immigration is anticipated and quite a arge number have already gone through for Ommeca. The men all come well provided. riding on a horse and leading another loaded with food, &c. Two pack-trains 'empty' of eighty animals have come and the owners are buying flour for Peace River. The trains belong to Lehman Bros of Montana.

THE KEYSER FAILURE, - Drays continued throughout resterday to beul goods from the store of J P Davies on Wharf street back to the premises formerly occupied by J W Keyser. In the corner store of late has appear ed a sign bearing the inscription of J. P. Davies & Co. The first cost of the goods seized by the Sheriff, it is estimated, will cover the whole amount of the indebtedness of Keyser at San Francisco.

EDUCATION IN SEATTLE. -At a meding of axpayers for school district No 1, held on Tuesday last, the committee reported. The report shows that the sum of \$4.10 12 bad been raiser by tax levies. The people of Seattle would seem to appreciate the palus of education rather more highly than some people on this side of the water.

DECORATION DAY .- This is the day which is appointed to be observed throughout the United States for decorating the graves of those who tell during the rebellion. Many a tear will be shed to-day over the brave ones who laid down their lives for the Union.

THE IRISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH .- The General Synod of the recently discensifished Irish Church, lately holding session at Dablin, has been engaged in the work of revising the book of Common Prayer. Discstablishment appears to have injused new life into the church.

FAILED TO APPEAR. - John Dougherty, who was on Saturday last convicted of ac as-sault on Miss Mand Stewart and remanded on his own recognizance to appear yesterday for sentunce, failed to make his appearance, consequently his recognizance was extremed.

BLASPHEMY A CRIME. - Wm L Jones has been tried in Australia before a jury, sonvioted of blasphemy and sectenced to pay a fine of \$500 and to be imprisoned for two vears. 150

THE purser of the opposition steamship Constantine to Portland is Richard Stark,

How English Visitors are taken in and Done for at San Francisco.

A California paper narrates how passengers from Australia are victimised at San expenditure and revenue (as proposed by Mr Lowe, including of course, the new duties) for the current year 1871-2:—

ception of that to one salinal, which fell over a precipice and broke its seek.

Mr Dewdney has surveyed the troute for the trail from the Forks to Babine Lake and returned to the former place; but great discontent exists among the miners in view of the fact that two months of good weather have gone by and nothing done towards cutting the trail. Everybody is 'hiyou silex.'

Flour is selling at the Forks at 12½ cents per lb, and at Tatlah Landing at 50 cents per lb, and other provisions in proportion. Is dispersion are packing from the Forks to Ba
Is dispersion was examised the missing book, which contained £500 in English bank notes found, and he was obliged to borrow 75 cts to pay the barber's bill. On the same evening when another of our English travelers in the forks at 12½ cents for the tonserts unpractions with particle at the forks at 12½ cents and at Tatlah Landing at 50 cents for pay the barber's bill. On the same evening when another of our English travelers in the forks at particle at the forks at 12½ cents for pay the barber's bill. On the same evening when another of our English travelers was about to retire he put his coat outside revenue without any change in the faxistion. to pay the barber's bill. On the same evening when another of our English travelers was about to retire he put his cost outside revenue without any change in the taxation, the door in the bope that it would be nicely brushed for him. Unfortunately he left sebrushed for him. Unfortunately he left several hundred dollars in notes and coin in the coat and in the morning, much to his dismay, he recovered that article of dress as dusty as ever but minus the money. Straightway he went to the office of the hotel and said to the clerk—'Mr Clark, I've been robbed, I've been robbed, ir I' and he then detailed the facts of the case. The clerk told him he ought to feel very glad that he got his coat back, and advised him not to put his meney outside his bedroom door here. his money outside his bedroom door here-

The Slaughter at Paris:

Five hundred thousand lives—half a million of human beings-one-fourth of the men, women and children inhabitants of the Beautiful City-destroyed. The figures are so appalling that we doubt its correctness. That the loss of life has been awful we believe; but it was not too great a price to pay for the suppression of the most wicked and inhuman set of devils who ever sought to upset a Government.

TRADES LICENSES .- Twenty-three deliagoen's were summoned before the Court yes. terday in consequence of their delinquency in paying trade licenses.

THE steamer Olympia arrived from the Sound yesterday afternoon at 2.30. bringing 40 passengers and a quantity of live stock and other freight.

THE steamer Geo S Wright went up the Sound yesterday, and after coming to Victoria will go to Belliogham Bay for a load of freestone for the Portland Custom House.

Passengers. - The passengers by the Calfornia and George S Wright from Portland arrived on the Olympia and Isabel.

THE Constantine, on the Portland route, s the favorite steamship with travelers.

J. R. HETT, Esq. an English attorney, arrived on the last steamer with the object of settling in the colony.

Express .- Wells, Fargo & Co received an Express by the Olympia from the George

The Isabel arrived last night with a large meil and sixty passengers. She will sail at noon to-day.

THE CALIFORNIA, from Portland, arrived at Nanaimo on Sanday night and will leave that place for Sitka this mornigg.

THE U. S.S. Saranac from San Francisco arrived at Port Townsend yesterday at noon

THE MASONS talk of giving an entertainment on St John's Day.

orn lately received from the Cape. of Good Hope and details of the calamity at Victoria West. On the 10th of February a tremendous flood, supposed to be caused by the bursting of a waterspout, occurred at Victoria West, which in the space of two or three bours weshed away no less than thirly houses and destroyed nearly one hundred lives. Whether the Rood was actually the result of a waterspout or of one of those rerific thunderstorms, which are so common tin the interior of that colony will probably never be known. The flood seems to have sommerced at the farm of a Mr Hugo, some distance from the town. His benee, home-stead and stock were all swept away, his wife and all his children but one infant which he managed to save by swimming with it in his arms-were dorwned. He describes the scene as appalling beyond meaanre. First be and his wife heard a sound like iron falling from the sky? They looked out and saw a huge black mass of cloud eweeping along the earth towards them. They cought up the children and rushed from the house, but it was too late and leverything was swept away in the torsent save Hego and the infant—even their escape was little short of miraculous. A public meeting had been held in Capetown to consider the best means of relieving the sufferers, and it had been adjourned to get accurate information as to what will really be needed.

European Mail Summary on a

. DATES TO APRIL 29TH.) TAL SI

The following is the extract estimate of the

is Suffelk, where he retired to rest apparently is full. Mr Davison was a man whom Mintsters thought more than the public, and it will be difficult to fill his place. The most prominent member named for it is Mr T Hugues, an experience lawyer, who has throughout his career devoted much of his lattention to the Army, and has frequently helped to codify Army Regulations. Mr John Bright is suffering from erysipelas. The trial of Boulton and the other personators of women is expected to come on in the sittings after the present term. It is understood that the office of Judge-Ad. vocate-General will not for the present be filled up. Mr E J Reed, late Chief Constructor to the Admiralty, is about to leave for Russia, to which country he has been invited by the Government of the Czar. Lord Penzance was attacked by sudden illness, and the sitting of the Probate was necessarily auspended. Mr Sowier, Q U, is dead. The licensed victualize throughout the country are nothing meetings to oppose Mr Brace's Bill, which they fusion will be the ruin of thousands, and will not effect the object proposed. The Emperor Napoleon has attained the 63rd year of his age. It is stated that the ex-imperial family intend to leave Chiselburst shorty. Earl Cowper has been appointed to command the Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms in place of the Marquis of Normandy. General Sir Justin Sheil, of the attacked by sudden illness, and the sitting of Normandy. General Sir Justin Sheil, of the Indian Army, and brother to the late Richard Lalor Sheil, is dead.

INTERESTING TO THE LADIES. - Pasis has long been leader of the fashious and France the emporium of fashionable fastics. The functions of both, in this respect, have been greatly paralysed by the late terrible war, and the revolution which followed continues to opterrupt the resuscitation of these functions. The consequence is that all French perienced a very decided upward tendency and are still rising. It is, bowever, a fortunate circumstance for this community that Mesers J P Tunstall & Co, of London, hap-pened to make a very large purchase just in ime to escape the great rise. These goods are from the celebrated factory of the best makers in France (O J Bonnet & Cie, of Lyons) and the ladies of Victoria will be pleased to know that a very rich sassortment from that large purchase was seceived at the London House by the last eteniner, and that the patrons of J H Turner & Co are to get the tall benefit of the favorable circumstances under which these goods were bought.

A REQUISITE SUPPLIED .- To avoid the neces. sity which has derectore existed of sending to San Francisco to have finished Book finding Robert Williams has, by study, application and practice in the largest Galifornia, perfected himself in the ert of Book-binding and Ruling, both plate and ordered at al, and is supplied the alle the decomme

repease to give his old Friends and new ustomers a chance on the principle of quick

SUMMER GOODS,-A B Gray to goods suitable for the present session, a printing Mustins, Prints, flollands, Brillia Albacas, Lace, Barege and Woll Shit Bilt, Clett and Holland Jackste, Plants Silk and Combeto Sanahades, Linkas Combeto, Ribbans, Locas, Lo, de Government Street, May 1871.

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quacy of the sum set down for the Nanaimo gaol, and expressed the hope that it might be largely supplemented; but, unfortunately for Nanaimo, its re-presentative was so completely absorb-PAYABLE INVARIABLY IN ADVANCE.

Colonist Building, Government Street, n ar ed in the unselfish (?) work of keeping away the Canadian Tariff and cheap bread and beer that he could not well be expected to give much attention to other matters, even if that attention would have availed sught; so the insignificent item passed. The Nanaimo gaol ought to be of stone, an abundant supply of the very first quality of which is close at hand. With, say, a couple or three thousand dollars, one section might have been built now, with a view NEWS NEWS! to extension and completion hereafter; but to expend seven hundred and fifty dollars upon a wooden gaol, almost with-The "British Colonist" is the only Newspaper published at Victoria that in stone throw of the celebrated Newreceives the Latest Telegraphic Discastle quarry which is supplying maters ial for the public buildings of San Fran-

atches, as a comparison will prove, Late Telegrams appearing in any other paper are copied without credit 24 hours after they have appeared in the British Colonist. The circulation of the British cisco, appears to us to be the same of unthrift and impolicy. It is little better than throwing the money sway. There are many others matters which might Colonist being greater than that of any be mentioned, in illustration of our subject, -such, for instance as the gross inother Paper, it offers the best medium to justice of leaving settlers in the rural Advertisers, and and and July to portions of the District to make their Nanaimo and Expenditure. own roads and bridges, while they are, at the same time, compelled to pay a If there is one place in the Colony

appear, are debarred from having an more than another entitled to complain opportunity even to get work upon the of not getting its full share of revenue roads I It seems that all the road work expenditure that place undoubtedly is must be done by strangers, and that, pola place of great relative import pockets the road-tax is fiched, in want of employment. Such strange freaks of tance-second only to Victoria. The larg-

est producer, the largest exporter, conare many other matters concerning tributing the most largely towards maritime progress, Nanaimo has been Nanaimo which we could wish to touch upon, but which considerations one of the largest and steadiest contriof space and of the reader's patience butors towards the public revenue of any aduce us to remit to a future article. community in the Colony. And, what Tuesday, May 30th. recognition have these valuable quali-PUGET SOUND ITEMS .- The following is ties met with? What return have the gleaned from the Seattle Intelligencer of yespeople comprising that important community had for all that they have done of W L Shafer, three years a shoemaker in malice. Dare our cotemporary do likewise. Seattle, was found under Messrs Stone & that this side of the ledger appears to Burneti's wharf. It appears that deceased had made arrangements to go to Olympia on the Alida and had fallen into the water when essaying to go on board Mr H O Fricks an immigrant agent for a large number of German families in Illinois and Wisconsio, is now at Puget Sound for the purpose of reporting upon the desirability of the country as a place for settlement. It is proto come all the way to Victoria in search of justice,—nay they have even gen denied the advantage of the labor of their own convicts. And all this has bearthe case, be it remembered, while communities possessing far less claim mon the public revenue have had large grants and liberal annual appropriations or all the above-mentioned objects. Manaime ought to have and is fully en-Nansime ought to have and is fully entitled to a good school-house, such as would offer ample accommodation for a male and female department, and admit of proper classification and, of such durable material and architectral prefensions as would make it truly an approximate the state of the such as the suc Pretensions as would make it truly an

ornament to the town. This year the Government was liberal enough to place the munificent sum of seven hundred and fifty dollars in the Estimates for the purpose of building a Gaol at Nanaimo. The contract for building the Gaol has just been given out to Mr Finney, of Nanaimo, who had to come all the way to Victoria in order to tender for ital Why were not the plans and specifications sent to Nanaimo and tenders recived there? Was it intended that the people of Nanaimo should be practically excluded from tendering for a local nagement. Work? The contract could not have fellen into better hands; for Mr Fioney THE Grappler, Capt Deversaux, arrived i undonbtedly make as good a Gaol as it is possible to make for seven hundred

from Skeenamouth via Burrard Inlet last evening. Her news was anticipated by telegraph, but a very interesting letter from our egular correspondent will be found in this olimare of the whole Paidle C

be almost a complete blank. In the expenditure of public revenue, Nanaimo has been almost wholly neglectedleft out in the cold-cut off without a shilling. The people have been left to build their own school-houses and for the most part maintain their own schools. They have be n left to make their own streets or get on without them unmade: to do without hospitals; to build and maintain their own Literary lustitute; and, until very recently, they have had

and fifty dollars. But anyone must see

that the sum is preposterously small-

palpably inadequate to make such a

Gaol as Nanaimo is entitled to expect.

Nanaimo is entitled to something more

han a mere look-np. The old foastion,

the only gaol she has ever had, might

do for that. But the time has now come

posed to establish a little colony of about one hundred and fifty families, should a suitable location be found The new Methodist Church at Port Townsend in now receiving the roof. It is expected to be com-pleted by the 25 h June..... Last week two income men, Kelly and Joseph, arrived from Walla Walla in charge of the Sheriff and were put into the Asylum ... Mr William A Jennings has been appointed County Auditor for Kitsep County, vice Mr Prescutt, removed Charmicscopic views are being given at Seattle. They are said to be the finest effects produced on canvas ever witnessed The Pavilion at Seattle is being fitled for a skaling rink, and several young

figure in consequence of a supposed defect in the title.....A large and beautiful ship built at Port Madison by Messrs Meigs & Gawley, is to be launched on Saturday It is stated that Captain Starr's new steaman North Pacific, ran at the rate of nineteen miles an hour on ber trial trip.

THE CONCERT .- The Sisters of St Ann gratefully acknowledge, through our columns, the valuable pecuniary assistance received through the late concert and particularly, and we think most properly, thank Mrs Wm Denny who took an active part in the ma-

PARKER's old livery stable on Johnson street is being fitted up for a blacksmith and wheelwright shop by Mr Chas Ball.

MAILS. The Geo S Wright's mails were when the people of Nanaimo have a brought aeross last evening by the leabel.