

The Weekly British Colonist. Tuesday, February 6, 1866.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

Saturday, Feb. 3.

ARRIVAL FROM ENGLAND.—The H. B. Company's bark Princess Royal arrived yesterday 150 days from London.

UNION OF THE COLONIES.—A monster petition, embracing signatures from nearly every district in British Columbia, praying for union of the Colonies was to be presented yesterday to the Administrator of the Government by the Hon. G. W. Walkem for transmission to Her Majesty.

INQUEST.—The Coroner yesterday held an inquest on the body of John A. Hughes, drowned at Esquimalt. The jury, after hearing the evidence, returned a verdict of "accidental death."

FROM NANAIMO.—The steamer Labouchere arrived yesterday afternoon, and the Emily Harris last night with coal from Nanaimo. They brought a few passengers.

Monday, Jan. 5. FROM COMOX.—A correspondent, signing himself "A Comox Farmer," writes to us from that settlement, under date of 31st January, as follows: "We have regular steam communication at last. What a blessing! I will tell you why. On the 5th of last month I started from here in a sloop with one cow, nine pigs, two hundred pounds of butter, one dozen turkeys, and thirty dozen eggs. We arrived in Victoria on the 12th—only a week. I was obliged to stop in town until the 21st before there was a chance to return. I then started in the same sloop, with four head of cattle, two small hogs, and about a quarter ton of other freight, besides; called at all intermediate ports, and arrived here on the 30th. Now, sir, what do you think was my freight bill for the above? Why, \$95! Then count \$42 for feed and my own expenses in town, and guess at the enormous profit I made by my trip. As I expect to have this year, if all goes well, about sixty head of cattle and pigs, 1000 pounds of butter, besides other produce, and others will have more or less, therefore I say what a blessing this regular steam communication will be to Comox. How are we to get our butter to town in any thing like order during the summer if we have to keep it about six weeks, and then have to knock about a week on the passage down. We were all thinking about emigrating to Big Bend till we heard the steamer's whistle the other day. Now we are going to turn seriously to work. Next month, weather permitting, we commence the road to the bay. The only parties who grumble at turning out to work are those living at the bay, but "Pro Bono Publico," they must pitch in. We have had a week's heavy rain, which has nearly washed the snow away, in some places quite. My cattle have not been in to feed for six days, but I can see them from my door the other side of the prairie, about a half mile, quietly browsing and looking jolly; so it is not such a bad country after all. But I will not encroach too much on your space, and will drop you a line or two next mail as I have plenty more to say.

DETECTED.—Some time back a robbery took place from a house in Trench Alley, which was supposed to have been done by the gang of thieves who have been loying black mail on the town of late; but yesterday one of the articles stolen—a gold ring—was brought into a jeweller's store by a celestial, to have it altered to fit his finger. Upon this, the jeweller having received a description of the stolen property, immediately communicated with the police, and the Chinaman and his companion were arrested. On the police proceeding to their house, \$150 worth of jewelry, part of the proceeds of the said robbery, was found in the possession of a Chinese woman who was at once arrested.—Post.

TO THE FIREMEN.—We were called out twice on Saturday night. The first alarm was occasioned by a chimney on Johnson street having caught fire, which was subdued before the services of the department were called into requisition. The second occurred in a shanty in the vicinity of Spring Ridge. The public surmised that the department was summoned over the vote of \$3000 granted for their relief, and the payment of the \$1000 due to them last year and were having an exercise.

MISSIONARY MEETING.—A meeting of the Juvenile Missionary Society, in connection with the Wesleyan Sunday School, was held yesterday afternoon in the Church on Pandora street, in the presence of a number of friends of the cause. Several speeches were made and resolutions proposed by the young men. The collections this year we understand amount to near one hundred dollars.

FUNERAL.—The remains of the late Mrs. Mann were followed to the cemetery yesterday by the members of both Masonic lodges of this city and a large number of friends. The long funeral cortege as it moved from her residence on Rae street presented a solemn and imposing appearance. The impressive service was read by the Reverend T. Somerville.

SKATING.—The ice on Skinner's Bottom was strong enough on Saturday to bear a number of skaters.

CREDITABLE.—The Royal Insurance Co has set a good example by contributing to the funds of the Fire Department a sum of \$300. The example should be followed by all the other companies, who receive such material benefit from the gratuitous services of the volunteer fire brigade.

FROM PORTLAND.—The steamer Active, Captain Thorne, arrived on Saturday afternoon from Portland, with passengers and freight as per lists elsewhere. It is rumored that she will visit New Westminster before leaving again for the southern coast.

WHOLESALE BURGLARY.—An establishment on the Esquimalt Road has been gutted by burglars.

CHILE

From the Panama Star and Herald. The fortnight has brought out nothing new except that the blockade of the ports of Iome and Talcahuano has been raised. The vessel stationed at these ports has been ordered to Valparaiso, and Pareja himself in the Villa de Madrid, has proceeded to the North, it is supposed to Callao.

The Comercio de Lima, in its number of the 24th of December, gives the following account of the suicide committed by the Spanish Admiral in the harbor of Valparaiso on the 29th of November: When Pareja heard of the capture of the vessel Covadonga, and the loss of his dispatches he was deeply affected, he came up on deck after dinner with his officers, with a revolver in his hand, with which he shot two birds on the wing, from where shortly afterwards a shot was heard. On somebody rushing in, the admiral was found dead, and on the table a letter, in which, it is stated, Pareja said that "as the commander of the Covadonga had not had courage enough to do his duty, so he (Pareja) had not enough to survive the disgrace of his flag," and finished with the wish that his body might not be buried in Chilian soil or Chilian waters." In compliance with this last request, we further understand, Pareja's body was put up in guano on board one of the Spanish, or, as others say, a French ship to be sent home.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.

PLYMOUTH, Dec. 10.—The Diamond Company's steamer Uitenhage, from Table Bay, Nov. 9; St. Helena, Nov. 17; and Madeira Dec. 4, arrived off Falmouth this afternoon. She brings a full cargo of Cape produce, a mail, and 38 passengers.

The news from the Cape is of no great importance, the war between the Free States and the Basutos having degenerated into a series of raids, the object of which is the theft of cattle.

Moshesh, the Basuto chief, was left undisturbed in his mountain home, while bands of farmers from the Free State and the Transvaal republic were dashing into his country and carrying off everything upon which they could lay hands on. The natives were retaliating in a similar manner, and it was impossible to say how long this state of things might continue.

Moshesh had expressed his readiness to afford every satisfaction for the Natal raid, but nothing further had been done. Appearances generally indicated weariness on both sides, and it was considered unlikely that the war would for some time come to a re-assume its former importance.

Trade in the Cape was somewhat improved, and it was hoped that the crisis had passed.

BRITISH COLUMBIAN LEGISLATURE.—The tenders for the interior mail service were considered with closed doors on Monday last. Mr. Holbrook, of course, fired up at the idea of the sister colony contributing anything for maintaining the light houses that guide the mariner's path to the navigation of the Gulf of Georgia, or paying its quota for carrying the mails and promoting navigation from California. The Hon. Mr. Ball explained, with reference to light houses, that the Council had refused this claim on a previous occasion, and the matter had been referred to the Secretary of State for the Colonies. Mr. H.'s indignant enquiries were snuffed out on a division. The Chilkoot affair was again brought up, in which poor Holbrook again expended his ammunition, followed by Messrs. Homer and Cornwall repudiating the idea of the colony bearing a charge occasioned by the acts of the people of another colony. The motion to go into committee on the message was lost. On Tuesday the Council received official returns showing the amount of road tolls collected during the last year and sums expended in repairs; also returns of tonnage dues, gold export tax, and duties collected in 1865.

THE BIG BEND TRAVEL.—Mons. D. Faujas, twelve miles above Shuswap lake, on the Government trail to Columbia river, gives notice that he can accommodate travellers and furnish them with all requisite supplies, saving them considerable trouble in packing.

THE TORONTO GLOBE.—Correspondence from this city appears in this journal of Dec. 22d, which contains a truthful account of the condition of the colony generally.

SMALL POX.—It is suspected that this direful malady has made its appearance among the aborigines on the Indian Reserve. The authorities should enquire into the matter.

A FLOUR MILL

TO THE EDITOR OF THE BRITISH COLONIST: Sir—By your paper of Saturday morning last it appears that the member for Lake, Mr. Duncan, brought forward a resolution, of which he had previously given notice, that a sum of one thousand dollars should be voted by the House to enable a company composed of Lake and Saanich farmers to erect a Mill for the use of these and the neighboring districts, to have their wheat ground within their own country, in order that their action might induce others to follow the example; but the conduct of the House of Assembly, through the representative of Saanich, completely frustrated that attempt by throwing an obstacle in the way, which obstacle was firmly sustained by the junior member for the district of Victoria, (now a prominent and persevering candidate for Lake). Were it not for that gentleman's introduction of a resolution dated so far back as 1864, to the effect that any person or persons who should erect a Flour Mill capable of grinding fifty barrels of superfine flour per day, should be entitled to a bonus of \$1250—by which action the present company will be completely shut out, as it is not at present in the power of the company to erect a Mill of that capacity. But on the other hand, if these two members had sustained the action taken by Mr. Duncan, it would have shown that the House had some desire to assist the farming interests, and not, as heretofore, to compel them to depend upon a foreign market for their bread. By the erection of the intended Mill the following settlements could reap the benefit—Cowichan, Chemainus, Comaiken, Salt Spring Island, Nanaimo, Esquimalt and Victoria districts—thereby supplying a large area of country. I have only to remark that Mr. Duncan has been requested by myself and other farmers of the districts of Lake and Saanich, to bring forward the resolution that one thousand dollars be granted to the company to assist them in carrying out the above project. The districts of Lake and Saanich will be able to know who are their friends at some future period. I am, sir, Yours, A. BUNSTER.

DEATH OF MRS. CHARLES DILLON.—Mr. Charles Dillon, the English tragedian, arrived in this country a few days since. On the trip out his wife was taken ill with what was supposed to be Panama fever; but on landing here it turned to a violent form of typhoid fever, of which she died on Tuesday last at midnight. Mrs. Dillon was a handsome English lady of twenty-eight. She went on the stage after her marriage to Mr. Dillon, and has played minor parts in his tragedies. She is to be buried to-day from St. Mark's Church, where funeral services will be pronounced at eleven a.m. by Rev. Alexander Dillon.—N. Y. Herald, Dec. 14.

IMPORTS

To the Port of Victoria, V. I., for the month ending January 31st, 1866.

Table of imports from San Francisco, listing various goods like Apples, Alcohol, Brandy, Beef, Bread, Bacon, Butter, Books, etc., with their respective values.

FROM PORTLAND.

Table of imports from Portland, listing goods like Apples, Ale and Porter, Bread, Bran, Butter, etc., with their respective values.

FROM BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Table of imports from British Columbia, listing goods like Skins, Horses, Fruit, etc., with their respective values.

FROM SAN JUAN.

Table of imports from San Juan, listing goods like Potatoes, Oats, etc., with their respective values.

FROM ENGLAND.

Table of imports from England, listing goods like Books, Private effects, Ale and Porter, etc., with their respective values.

VALUE OF EXPORTS.

From Victoria, V. I., to American Ports for the Month ending January 31, 1866.

Table of exports to American ports, listing goods like Assorted Goods, Pig Iron, Porter, Lignors, etc., with their respective values.

TO SAN FRANCISCO.

Table of exports to San Francisco, listing goods like Furs, Skins, Linen, etc., with their respective values.

RECAPITULATION.

Summary table of exports to American ports and San Francisco.

COAL EXPORTS.

Statement of Vessels departed from Nanaimo, V. I., during the month of January, 1866.

Table of coal exports, listing vessel names, masters, and destinations.

MEMORANDA.

Per steamer ACTIVE from San Francisco—Left Portland February 1st at 12 M.; arrived at Astoria at 7 P. M.; left Astoria Feb. 2d at 10.30 A. M.; crossed Columbia River Bar at 1 P. M.; arrived at Victoria Feb. 3 at 3 P. M.

Per brig TANNER, Captain McCarty, from San Francisco—Sailed January 9th; eight days encountered westerly and south-west winds, latter part of voyage south-east winds; was ten days outside the Straits; was in company in the Straits with the barkentine G. W. Gowan; for Port Madison; the Maman-Kea, for Tekelet; and the ship Dublin, for Port Ludlow, and four other bars not known. The Tanager, with about 200 tons freight, and after discharging will sail for Seabeck to load lumber.

PASSENGERS.

Per steamer ACTIVE, from San Francisco.—Alex McKinsey, Capt Graves, U.S.A., Mrs. M. C. Erskine and child, J. D. Walker and servant, H. B. Brown, M. Kaum, A. Brown, Chas. Barker, James Barnes, Miss Donald, Wm. Ash-burner, G. C. Webster, Miss E. Webster, G. W. Chadsey, J. L. Chadsey, Ah. Fook, Ad. Sam, Cum. Tum.

Per str ELIZA ANDERSON, from Puget Sound.—Mrs. Stirling and sister, Capt Brown, Powell, Smith, Terry, Jones, Steel, Neglee, Shanks, Blankhoe, Hitchcock, Anderson, Gardner, Lowry, Miss Ingal, Wilson, Russell, Plafntain, Loughton, Walker, Thompson, Wilson, Harris, Fowler, and 26 Chinamen.

Per bark PRINCESS ROYAL, Captain James Nash Marshall, from London—Captain H. Good, Mrs. Good and four children, Margaret Mansell, Augustus Peers, Georgina Braybrook.

IMPORTS.

Per brig TANNER, from S. F.—131 sks beans, 1 cs books, 1 do boots, 225 bxs candles, 1 cs case goods, 2 do cigars, 36 sks coal, 1 cs drugs, 3 do dry goods, 28 sks feed, 60 pgs fire crackers, 2200 lbs gun, 30 bskts preserved ginger, 1 cs glassware, 1 cs gum, 150 rolls matting, 100 bales hay, 1 cs bats, 150 rolls matting, 8 cs middlings, 1 cs olive oil, 6 cs opium, 8 cs perfume, 2 do pictures, 1 cs pipes, 10 bbls beef, 17 cs lard, 3 cs bacon, 25 lbs butter, 5 pgs cheese, 1 cs lard, 30 sbs rice, 1 pg saddlery, 1 cs seeds, 253 bxs soap, 10 cs bitters, 1 cs stationery, 171 bxs sugar, 60 do syrup, 91 bxs tea, 2 cs tobacco, 17 bxs do, 16 trunks, 5 bbls vinegar, 102 wine—Value, \$23,717.45.

Per str ELIZA ANDERSON, from Puget Sound.—50 bxs apples, 212 sheep, 43 cattle, 4 calves, 1 hog, 100 bxs bread, 65 sks onions. Value \$3,760.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

ENTERED.

Jan. 29—Schr. Gazelle, Gollacer, Nanaimo. Str. Labouchere, Lewis, Burrard's Inlet. Slip Lady Franklin, Pritchard, San Juan. Str. Enterprise, Mout, New Westminster. Slip Hamlet, Patton, Comox. Slip Ocean Queen, Watkins, Cowichan. Slip W. B. Naylor, Lake, San Juan. Jan 30—Str. Eliza Anderson, Finch, Port Angeles. Schr. Black Diamond, McCulloch, Nanaimo. Slip Ringleader, Harper, Nanaimo. Eg. Tanner, McCarthy, San Francisco. Str. Emily Harris, Frain, Nanaimo. Schr. Meg Merrilies, Pamphlet, Nanaimo. Jan. 31—Schr. Discovery, Rudlin, Nanaimo. Slip Keturah, Coupe, Port Angeles. Schr. Nanaimo Packet, Phillips, Comox. Slip Alpha, George, Nanaimo. Feb 1—Schr. Matilda, Meldrum, Nanaimo. Slip Ocean Queen, Watkins, San Juan. Feb 2—Slip Alarm, Hollins, Nanaimo. Schr. A. J. Wester, Mills, Port Angeles. Str. Enterprise, Mout, New Westminster. Bk Princess Royal, Marshall, London. Feb 3—Str. Labouchere, Lewis, Nanaimo. Str. Emily Harris, Frain, Nanaimo. Schr. Industry, Carleton, Nanaimo.

CLEARED.

Jan. 29—Str. Enterprise, Mout, Burrard's Inlet. Schr. Gazelle, Gollacer, Nanaimo. Jan 30—Slip Ocean Queen, Watkins, San Juan.

Str. Emily Harris, Frain, Nanaimo. Str. Eliza Anderson, Finch, Port Angeles. Jan 31—Bark Mary, Williams, San Juan. Schr. Meg Merrilies, Pamphlet, Nanaimo. Slip Black Diamond, McCulloch, Nanaimo. Slip Keturah, Coupe, Port Angeles. Feb 1—Schr. Discovery, Rudlin, Salt Spring Island. Slip Lady Franklin, Pritchard, San Juan. Slip Thornton, Middleton, Salt Spring Island. Slip Ocean Queen, Watkins, Race Rocks. Feb 3—Schr. Matilda, Meldrum, Sooke. Str. Emily Harris, Frain, Port Angeles.

DEPARTS.

At San Juan Island, on the 16th instant, the wife of Mr. Robert Firth of a daughter.

MARRIED.

At the residence of the bride's father, Black River, Thurston County, W. T., Jan. 18, 1866, by the Rev. T. J. Harper, Mr. Charles Goff, of Lewis County, to Miss Mary Shotwell. On January 21, at the residence of the bride, Multnomah County, Oregon, to Mrs. Ruth M. Dow, of Olympia.

DIED.

In this city, February 2d, Barbara Ann, wife of Mr. Thomas Mann, aged 25 years. Drowned at Comox, on January 22d, John Alfred Hughes, aged 36 years, a native of England. New York papers please copy. In this city, on the 29th instant, Heinrich Schluter, a native of Grunendick, Holstein, Germany. In this city, on the 30th instant, Margaret, daughter of Richard and Janet Lewis. In this city, on the 30th instant, of inflammation of the lungs, John Fyfe, aged 41, a native of Aberdeen, Scotland. At Port Ludlow, W. T., January 12, 1866, of Typhus Fever, Albert Noyes, a native of Jefferson, Me., aged 26 years.

LIST OF UNCLAIMED LETTERS REMAINING IN THE POST OFFICE FROM 27th JANUARY TO 3d FEBRUARY, 1866.

Table of unclaimed letters, listing names like Agassy, Adams, Boake, Bunting, Backus, Beety, Coulter, Cady, Cochrane, Cleugh, Dean, Dennis, Edwards, Everett, Franklin, Garrington, Gibson, Gibson, Hason, Johnston, Kerr, King, Libby, Lee, Muir, McGowan, Meyer, Moses, McDonald, Nind, O'Hara, Roeder, Spelde, Simpson, Treffidie, Thomson, Westwood, Willis, Wilson, Waldron, Young.

HENRY WOOTTON, Postmaster.

BIG BEND!

To Miners and Travellers.

THE "FRENCH PRAIRIE HOUSE,"

12 MILES ABOVE SHUSWAP LAKE, on the Government Trail to Columbia river, is ready for the accommodation of travellers. Miners wishing to carry their supplies to the mines will find there a very large and well-selected stock of Goods, Provisions, Tools, Clothing, and Liquors.

Good chance to save one day's hard packing. 102 2nd Ave. January 26th, 1866. D. FAUJAS.

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AGENTS. John Meakin, Clark & Co., New W. T. San Francisco, Cal. L. P. Fisher, San Francisco, Cal. F. Aigat, Clement's Lane, G. Street, 30 Cornhill.

THE BRITISH COLUMBIAN ESTIMATES.

The estimates of the British Columbia Government have been laid before the legislative Council. The items for the appear in dollars in cents, almost improvement, we are sorry to say presents itself in the whole financial statement. We find, with one or two exceptions, the same expensive establishment same exorbitant salaries and the same staff of officials. The reason given by Ball, the presiding officer of the Council, retaining things pretty much as they rather unique in its way. "It is a question," says Mr. Ball, "for this House to whether it would be wise, whether to be politic, to attempt to abolish the prosperity of the Colony and its population in perhaps two years might them to remake." Here we have the ability of being obliged to remake the two years' time set against the thousands of dollars of the public treasury. It is a rather novel economy certainly to tell the broker merchant to keep up his staff of office expenses, because in two years business might improve and the clerk be required. We cannot, however, out Mr. Ball as being the only one this new economic theory—we have ideas exactly among the principal of Vancouver Island. Let the count bankruptcy, but preserve us our office. The extent of the British Columbia trenchment is not even the \$30,000 by Mr. Birch, but, according to Mr. about \$18,000 on the establishments. "reductions have been principally effected in the managerial departments in the office. There are no reductions in the office campment at New Westminster—the extravagant list of Gold Commissioner Assistant Gold Commissioners, and numerous aids. In fact in looking establishments we are led, by the official titles, the number of the amount of the salaries, unless as it were, to fancy that we are perusing the expenditure of the Australian colony of Victoria, with 600,000 of a population. For the Commissioner of the Columbia River Kootenay District, we have a salary of \$3,800 with an allowance of \$485, in all \$4,365 a year. Besides this office two assistant gold commissioners same district, with salaries and allowances of \$2,646 each. With a consideration does the Government credit these general are furnished with the additional \$1,500 for fuel and light—making a total sum of \$11,155 for three officers to look the miners in Big Bend and Kootenay. we add the other items of expenditure, clerks, constables, &c.—we have \$21,990 Cariboo East and West we have \$1 making a total in round numbers of \$40,000. For the Yale, and Lytton District and the District of Lillooet, there is put down the sum of \$1 the principal portion of which could easily be saved by the establishment of municipal institutions in those places. Enormous the expenses of the above districts are, ever, we think they are even out-herded the departments at New Westminster. have first the Governor receiving the additional salary of \$5,000 as an offering the servile element in the Council. Of the acts which deserve reprobation at hands of the people of British Columbia voluntary offer by the so-called "people representatives" of an additional £1,000 T. Governor—an additional tax on the habitants at a time when they are strag-