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The Great Work.

We by no means put it forward as an original remark when we say that nature does her grandest works of construction in silence, and that all great historical reforms have been brought about either by long and quiet preparation or by sudden and authoritative action.

It had much of the same character as the Scotch superstition of the magic power of imposing on eyesight was termed glamour; and it may be said of the illuminations of the lip-patriot, the political demagogue,

We have been led into this train of reflection in view of the singular course adopted by a local politician in reference to the great work of Confederation. Events laid an egg wherein lay the germ of future empire, and when an impossible political hen was cackling over that egg, in imminent danger of breaking it, the Government intervened and incubation has ever since been silent and satisfactory.

Explore! Explore!

Time and again have we alluded to the marvellous, one might almost say disagreeable, ignorance which exists in the public mind respecting the interior of Vancouver Island. Many times and oft have we endeavoured to rouse people and Government to a due sense of the importance of dispelling this ignorance.

gorge, but they surely do possess the means of promoting such explorations as would tend to dispel all this doubt regarding the interior. It should be remembered that the people who are thus turning their backs one after another would be worth at the very least one thousand dollars a head to the Colony, could they be induced to settle.

THE ZEALOUS CRICKETERS BEAT THE CALIFORNIANS.

The conquering match between the officers of Her Majesty's frigate Zealons and the California Cricket Club came off August 24, at San Francisco, and resulted in favor of the officers, after a hotly contested and exciting struggle, who beat their opponents by two wickets.

ROPE-WALKING BY MOONLIGHT.

The entertainment at Medaba's Grove last night was a very successful affair. Mr Cooke's ascent upon the tight rope was the most beautiful scene of the kind we ever remember to have witnessed.

THE IDAHO AND THE IMMIGRANTS.—The steamer Idaho arrived yesterday at 12 o'clock from San Francisco direct, having left that port on the evening of the 4th inst.

WALKS AND STRAYS.

The Port Townsend Weekly Argus of latest date, contains an item respecting the remarkable action of the currents which flow along the coast.

CANADA'S BOUNDARIES.

An announced game which would be the case, the North-west and Hudson's Bay territory has been annexed to Canada.

A ZEALOUS OFFICER IN THE TOWNS.

A San Francisco paper tells the story of one of the officers of the frigate Zealons who had been spending the evening in the city with a few friends, and who was walking along toward the water front when he was met by a man.

THE NEWTON CHILDREN.

These interesting little sprites will take a benefit at the Circus this evening, where an entirely new performance will be presented.

THE FIRES.

The reports from the country districts are still discouraging. A great breadth of open land has been swept away with a fiery pestilence, and several farm-fences destroyed.

FRONTIER CONCERT.

Mr Frank Richards, learning that a benefit has been tendered the Scholastic by the Otago Tramp, to come off to-morrow evening, postpones his promised concert until further notice.

SALE OF LAND.

A dispatch received at St Paul, Wisconsin, states, that reliable information has been received that the Black-foot Indians have taken Fort Carrollton, a Hudson's Bay Post on the Saskatchewan.

THE WIFE TRIP.

The Chinaman who perished another celestial's better half and exchanged her for fifty dollars to another immigrant from the flowery Kingdom, was committed for trial at the next assizes by Judge Pemberton in the Police-Court yesterday.

THE NIXON BROTHERS.

These two young men have been tendered a benefit to the schools of Victoria City and their kind letters before the Board of Education.

Summer Wanderings.

Under this heading a lady correspondent—Mrs Victor—is contributing a series of interesting letters to the Oregonian. Writing of Victoria the writer says: "I have heard enough of table-talk and saw enough of the morning papers to find that the people of Victoria are agitating railroad about as earnestly as their American neighbors."

OF THE ST GEORGE HOTEL.

She says it is the best ordered hotel north of the southern boundary of Oregon, and when I make that statement it is proper to define what is meant by the phrase. In the first place, a gentlemanly host, who puts himself in immediate communication with his guests, whereby they are made known to him, and thereafter in immediate communication also with his servants, who not only take his orders but actually execute them.

THE OCEAN YACHT RACE.

The result of the International Yacht Race, caused intense excitement at New York. The universal feeling is that the relative speed of the yachts is yet undecided.

A NEIGHBOR OF THE SETTLER.

R. Clarke, who was murdered at Plumper Pass a little time ago, gave his evidence in the Police Court yesterday morning, but nothing of importance was elicited, and Tom stands remanded.

THE VERY REV. F. X. WENINGER, D. D.

will open a Mission at St. Andrew's Cathedral, R. C., commencing on next Sunday evening.

REAL ESTATE SALE.

The sale of Real Estate yesterday by Mr Franklin was well attended and bidding was lively.

THE U. S. STEAMER NEWBERN.

will sail from San Francisco for Victoria and Sitka on the 15th inst.

THE AMATEUR ENGINEERS OF THE DELUGE CO.

had their Engine out for practice last evening.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNICATION.

How does it happen that the Colonist does not supply us with news, and reliable news, too, from the seat of war? The first ragging in the woods, the first firing down, are not good reasons, and do not give sufficient excuse.

A CHANGE FOR BARGAINS IN CLOTHING.

Turn Spiritualism to practical account. The days of telegraphy are numbered—what a short career it has had! What will the operators now turn their attention to? What is the use of Mr Lamb flying through the wilderness?

OLD TOM.

You must excuse my warmth—perhaps it is the weather, the fire in the woods, perhaps indignation, perhaps—

English Mail Summary.

(PER STEAMSHIP CALIFORNIA.) English papers are to July 1st, and contain little of interest to the reader.

Spencer says Mr Gladstone "explained" the recent hubbub at the Admiralty, and the affair having been arranged, of course said as little as he could. Sir Spencer Robinson, the Controller, had resigned because, disqualified by an Order in Council for service at sea; but had been assured that Government had no intention of lowering him in his office, and accordingly remained at his post.

THE LIBERAL CANDIDATE.

Mr Kirman Hodgson, the Liberal Candidate, was returned by a majority of 578 over Mr Hare. Three other candidates in Council have been published in the London Gazette, the effect of which is to vest the control of the army in the hands of the Secretary of State, to whom the Commander-in-Chief will be subordinate, and also to create two new offices—those of Secretary-General of Ordnance and Financial Secretary of the War Office.

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Independence.

'Oh, Liberty,' exclaimed one, 'what deeds are done in thy name!' What is liberty? We dare say our Republican neighbors would tell us that their system of government is founded on liberty. They have elevated the Declaration of Independence into a kind of heaven-inspired political gospel.

The simple rule suffices them. The good old plan. That he should take who has the power, And he should keep who can.

It is perfectly clear that all government must rest on consent or force or a mixture of both. As political observers it occurs to us to say that our neighbors should, for consistency's sake, make a little amendment in their Independence shibboleth, seeing that they to this hour, at an expense of lives counted by the million and of treasure counted by many millions, hold down half a continent to a hated yoke.

THE WAR.

The dispatches received last night are very conflicting. The French claim to have taken Weissenburg and to be on their way across the Bavarian frontier. The Prussians say they hold Weissenburg and have made a general advance upon the soil of France.

THE IDAHO BROUGHT UP CALIFORNIA PEACHES.

melons, tomatoes and grapes.