Tuesday, July 31, 1866.

The Demagogues and their Work Your true demagogue can destroy but he cannot build up. He can point out what he conceives to be evil in a form of Government, but he can-

not suggest a remedy. He can bring a "crisis in our affairs." but he cannot furnish the means to carry a country safely through it. He can vote a "want of confidence in the Executive," but he cannot for the life of him tell what good result it is going to exert in our affairs. He can incite his dupes to rush madly at our offending fence and level it with the ground. evade a legal responsibility for the act. He can cry aloud for Responsible Gov. ernment, but he dare not tell the people that the kind of responsibility he and his co-conspirators desire is a ruler, and point out the necessity for a change, and turn around and oppose the successor for not following the example the predecessor has set for him. Such is your true demagogue—consistent in nothing but inconsistency. and as "unstable as water," his political crotchets and vagaries are tolerated for a season by the unthinking. and at last, when he is fairly found out. he wriggles out of his position to avoid the responsibility of his acts. The political career of such men in other countries has ceased just so soon as the communities in which they for a time have flourished have discovered their true characters, and the same fate awaits them here, for they are fast exposing the rottenness of their cause and the dishonesty of the motives that knit them together like so many Siamese twins. We have said that from the day Governor Douglas left us we have commenced to decline as a Colony, and to this remark the evening paper takes exception and says that the supplies voted during Governor Douglas' last year of administration amounted to \$257,000. semoly respecting this bill. In the reports tell his readers that upwards of \$100,-000 of that sum were invested in public improvements; that roads were that could provided, and he was not disposed built to the interior and that the public buildings were completed; nor does House had not asked for a conference, which headd that the Colony was better able they would have done had they been anxious then to bear an expense of \$257,000, by their own action, killed their own bill. than it is to-day one-third of the sum. Further on, he acknowledges that which was carried. "taxation was small, but" advances the sage reason that it was "because the people were frugal!!" Again, he the hon. Mr Rhodes in the Chair. thinks that Governor Douglas only on all land fronting on public streets and needed "good advice" to make his ad- alleys of 1/2 of 1 per cent, was taken up and ministration popular—such advisers evoked a long discussion.

The Council were of opinion that real esperhaps as the majority of the Legis- tate cannot at present bear additional burlative Assembly would make. Had dens. That taxes in the form of trades li-Sir James but listened to their "ad-censes interfere with the commerce of the vice," he would have been a paragon the Council, and that the people generally ruler with the Telegraph, while the had as much if not more than they could do people would have execrated his very name. Fortunately for Sir James, however, it is on record that a certain Secretary for the Colonies, now dead, did lend his ear to one of these identi- business of the livery stable keepers had so the people of Vancouver Island and or two were talking of clearing out. British Columbia have suffered from the consequences ever since. Our cor Hon. Mr Fraser thought it necessary that Baker. On reaching Seattle it was rumored temporary makes a point of our having they should attend to repairs of streets and stated on the 10th of July that Governor Kennedy sought to lower the necessary power vested elsewhere.

Legislative Assembly in the eyes of tion to the power exercised by seven-tenths the Home Government, and subser of the property holders to tax themselves for bly as a body; the last to the Radical to provide for the Fire Department and to crew who have by misrepresentation keep their own wheels greased. and falsehood won over a sufficient Mr Wood commented on the advisability so number of good Conservatives to soon as circumstances would admit, of havnumber of good Conservatives to further their nefarious design. They ing a public market, the property of and under the control of the Corporation, where persons could dispose of farm and market in anybody's eyes. The public have little confidence in the Executive, it is true, but they have even less in the people would be glad to buy if they knew men who make political capital out of these excitements, which they raise and the Committee rose and reported properiodically, and through means of gress. which they exist. The object of Coal On Among the most recent dis-

forgotten how they were daped on the ber with feelings of execration the pothouse cabal that "delegated" out of office the best friend the country ever his stead; and they also bear in mind was raised last winter, and ended in \$10,000 more being voted than was asked for. With these facts still fresh in their memories, is it surprising that they have "no confidence" in the prime-movers in this last and greatest blunder of all? By pursuing a moderate and dignified course, the Assembut he cannot tell them how they are to bly might have vanquished their enemy, and insured a satisfactory change in the state of affairs. But such was not "the little game." No half-way measures were to be tolerated. It must be the "whole hog or good fat office. He can oppose one none," and having caught the animal. they are surprised to find that he has through their fingers. We hope that our prediction will not come true, and that our only representative institution is not on the point of being extinguished; but we fear the worst, because we strongly suspect that the Governor has the power to do so if he wishes; and we have ample evidence before us to justify the assertion that he is no friend of popular assemblies. Should the calamity that we fear befal us, we shall take care that the blame rests on the right shoulders.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

Wednesday, July 25.

Legislative Council.

TUESDAY, July 24. Council met at 3 p. m. Present-the hons Colonial Secretary (presiding) Attorney General, D. Fraser, H. Rhodes.

FRANCHISE BILL

This bill came back from the House of Assembly, the counter amendments of the Council not having been assented to. Hon. D. Fraser said there must have beer some understanding on the part of the As sembly respecting this bill. In the reports Our cotemporary does not, however, said that a conference had failed to bring the Council to reason, whereas there never was a conference on the subject. Much time had been spent over the bill which was the best

for the bill to pass and they had virtually Hon. D. Fraser thought so too. Hon. Mr Rhodes seconded the motion

VICTORIA INCORPORATION BILL

Council went into Committee on this bill. Clause 2, providing for a municipal tax

port and would be dangerous in the hands of to defray the expenses of the government.

Taxes on drays, vehicles and horses for hire, it was thought by the Colonial Secretary, might be properly taxed as they made most use of the streets. The hon, member was assured that the

cal would be "good advisers," and much declined, that they had to turn their borses out for lack of employment and one Hon. Mr Rhodes objected to a City Cor-

sewers, Hon. Mr Rhodes would prefer seeing the quently denying that he did so. The improvements and repairs. The difficulty first assertion referred to the Assemi ways and means to enable the Corporation

these crises" and conflicts," is now coveries at Comox is a greasy stream. This well understood, and they pass for stream runs over one of the new coal seams, what they are worth with the think and the prespectors believe they have ing portion of the people. There was struck "ile." If they have, things should east Injections storm grote while grote itiliog strong which they have sale at to the proceedings of our party of sainologies or the proceedings of our party of sainologies.

Columnia cian might call himself a patriot and THE VOLUNTEERS remain at their camp. attract quite a little knot of admirers and the duties of the soldier are rigidly perto his side. But that time, happily, formed. At 51/2 o'clock, a. m., the reveille is is past and gone. The people have not sounded, and every member is expected to be more arrests of suspected parties have been on hand at parade and drill. On Tuesday Church Reserve question; they remem- night there was an alarm sounded, and for supposing that the actual perpetrators of every man was on his feet and at his assigned post in an incredibly short space of time. This evening, at 7 o'clock, a soiree will be given by the Volunteers to their lady-friends. had and placed Governor Kennedy in The excellent band of the Corps will be in attendance and dancing will take place on the the false cry of Retrenchment which lawn. The Companies were agreeably surprised the other day to find a barrel of Bunster's Colonial Ale rolled into camp by that well-known manufacturer, and yesterday morning, as they were preparing breakfast, they were again agreeably susprised to see A. W. Piper's cart driven up to the ground and a supply of hot rolls and coffee dealt out by that large-hearted purveyor of good things. Acts of liberality such as these are prized more by the Corps as an evidence of the appreciation in which the force is held by the public, than as mere additions to their " creature-comforts."

NAVAL ITEMS .- The unarmoured screw frigate Tribune, 23 guns, 1570 tons, 300-horse power, Capt. Lord Gilford, arrived at Spithead yesterday at noon from the Pacific. She sailed from Valparaiso on the 17th of got a greased tail, and is likely to slip February, and called in at the Falkland Islands on the 17th of March. The iron paddle wheel steam vessel Oberon, 3, Lieut. and Commander Edmund H. Verney, was placed in the long dock at Devenport on Friday, for completion for service on the West Coast of Africa. The armoured corvette Pallas, 6, Capt. M. Connolly, under orders to convoy the gunboats Cherub and Minstrel as far as Madeira, on their way to Halifax, remained at anchor at Spithead up to sunset yesterday. She was expected to sail early this morning. The Pallas and the gunboats will call in at Plymouth Sound in their way down Channel. -Times, May 7th.

> MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, OF NEW YORK .- Mr Frank Tarbell of this city has been appointed agent for this well known company in Vancouver Island, British Columbia and Washington Territory. The Mutual was established in 1845, and has proved one of the most profitable and safe means of investment on the continent. The assets of the company, all cash, are \$15,000,-000, and the dividends for 1865 were upwards of 70 per cent. All the profits are divided among the insured, and a party insuring his life, after a short period, actually derives a revenue from the profit of the company. Dr Powell, M. L. A., is the Medical Adviser in this Colony. Mr Tarbell will proceed to British Columbia on Thursday on business connected with the company.

LOCAL VIEWS .- Mr C Gentile, photographic artist, has recently returned from a visit to the districts of Cowichan, Nanaimo, and Comox, where he has taken a series o very fine stereoscopic views : including the town and harbor of Nanaimo, from different the country. One scene in the beautiful agricultural valley of Cowichan is extremely picturesque. He has also views of the Convent, the Rev Mr Reece's residence, a salmon weir, and other interesting subjects.

Assault. - Richard Dogherty charged Peter Walsh, yesterday, in the Police Court, and who there became acquainted with a with assault. It appeared that bad blood has existed for some time between the parties, in consequence of an old quarrel, and having met at the Red Lion, words ensued between them, when Walsh laid hands on between them, when Walsh laid hands on that direction, and why the plague could Dogherty. Joe Eden was examined and not all the expenses be borne by those who the Magistrate recommended the parties to were to use it? settle the case. An apology was then made and accepted, and Walsh was fined \$5.

THE ASCENT OF MOUNT BAKER .- GOV. steamer Pioneer, on Monday, as far as Seattle, for the purpose of joining Dr Brown and poration altogether as useless and expensive. his party in their attempt to ascend Mount that the expedition, which included Judge Darwin, had already left. Gov. Pickering Darwin, had already left. Gov. Pickering Now, sir, the hatter did not believe that proposed proceeding to Bellingham Bay, it would benefit him, but it did, and you where he might obtain further information of the movements of the adventurers.

PACIFIC COAST BUSINESS DIRECTORY. agent for the forthcoming work to be entitled The Pacific Coast Business Directory, arrived yesterday from Puget Sound, and the classes most certain to profit by it; since

Bishop, proctor for Bolton & Cook, of Nantal Risks, or said that the people of Victoria aimo, claimed \$579 and was allowed \$529. Lack faith in this place, now I think this Fargo & Co.s. in Portland, was accidentally ments, His Lordship decreed a sale on the 1st that this spot even if they take the most place. The lack faith in this place, now I think this Fargo & Co.s. in Portland, was accidentally ments, His Lordship decreed a sale on the 1st that this is not even if they take the most place.

having committed an indecent assault upon a that nearly every miner of experience here half-breed child only five years old.

The Eliza Anderson will be laid up that nearly every miner of experience here believes so. Gold mining is so netoriously for a month to undergo rapairs.

THE PANDORA STREET MURDER.—The Coro ner's inquiry into the Pandora street murder will be resumed to-day at 1 p. m. Some made by the Police, and there is some ground the deed were not Indians.

COAL FOR THE NORTH.-The schooners Meg Merrilies and Alpha, with cargoes of coal for Sitka, arrived at Esquimalt yesterday morning. This coal is destined for the use of the Collins Telegraph Company's steamers, and will be sent north on the Evelyn Wood.

FRANCHISE BILL.-From our report of the proceedings in the Legislative Council yesterday, it will be seen that this bill, hatched by the House of Assembly, and which has been so long in a state of parturition, was yesterday shelved by the "Lords."

FROM PUGET SOUND .- The steamers Pioneer and Eliza Anderson arrived yesterday morning from Paget Sound-the former with the mails, and the latter with live stock and produce as freight.

THE VOLUNTEERS will remain under canvas until Saturday. All they now want is a good wholesome shower of rain to thoroughly initiate them in the agreeable changes of camp

UNTIMELY DEATH -Mr E. W. Tracey, formerly agent for Wells, Fargo & Co., at Portland, and well known in this city, died rea cently at Astoria of consumption.

Leech River. A plea for the Ditch.

LEECH RIVER, V. I., July 22nd, 1866. EDITORS COLONIST AND CHRONICLE :- We folks on Leech River have been anxiously looking for news respecting the ditch, ever since the departure of the Governor.

The most common story up here, immediately after that event, was that His Excellency would lay the matter before the House of Assembly, and that if they would not do anything 'for it, he and one or two friends would put it through themselves; and, for my part, I then thought it really would be done.

Since then I have heard what appears to me very bad news, (I don't allude to the tale that the House of Assembly would not have anything to do with it, I never did expect anything of them; besides they seem lately to have had enough to do to settle their own private quarrels, and their rows with His Excellency); but to a report that an attempt was being made, to get up a sub scription amongst the mercants of Victoria in aid of the ditch, which the said merchants were rather slow in responding to, in spite of The Owyhee Volunteers Surthe assertions of other parties not belonging to that class, that the ditch ought to be mainly put through by the merchantile ele-ment, as they would be the principal people to profit by it.

Now, sir, this wrangling about who ought to do it, is what I look upon as such bad news; if there is one thing a miner dislikes more than another, it is to have for partners men who count every blow of the pick, and spend half their time in taking care that labor; and that seems to me precisely the ne people of this country to work in the task of pushing the Island ahead.

If it be granted that the Ditch is to come aspects, and rural scenes in the settlements, in, I must say I cannot see why one desconveying an accurate idea of the nature of cription of men should subscribe any more than another; in fact the easiest job would be to say who should not subscribe; I think there are only two such classes, 1st those who have no mony, 2d those who intend to leave the country by " the next steamer,"

I recollect once reading the life of an in some part of the Highlands of Scotland, certain hatter, who complained bustily about the expense and bother which he had been put to in removing part of his premises, the site of which was wanted for the roadway; the confounded road, so he said, would never be of any use to him as he never travelled in

Sometime after, when the road had long been finished and in use, the engineer being again in the neighborhood, called upon the ed what he now thought about the road; have known as much then, as he know now little town where he lived, had greatly increased and he himself sold twice as many hats since the making of the road as he had ever done before.

may depend upon it, that the benefits of the will canvass the city for subscribers and ad- whatever increases the general prosperity of last night for Ruby, with the intelligence of men.

ADMIRALTY COURT.—Mr Green yesterday moved for a decree, for the sale of the
schooner Indian Maid, on a claim of \$413.87,
for wages due to Captain Mackintosh. Mr

Tisks.

August. And the most place of the lat desponding view of it, a mere fizzle like Goldstream; gold really has been found here and is being found here. But perhaps of British Columbia, has offered to comparrested and confined in jail on a charge of gold in the banches? To the banches? To the banches?

uncertain that no one can say more until the metal is actually found, and to find it is the purpose for which the ditch is required. But again; some may say that the whole speculation is too much like gambling for them; to whom I would reply, why then did you come to a gold mining country where everything savours more or less of gambling, or, being here, why stand shilly-shallying about the matter, like a parcel of children instead of going boldly up to the table, staking your money, and playing the game out

like men? It may be that they are waiting untill the fall, under the inpression that men may then be had on easier terms: now if so let take care that they are not sold; such a plan may look very smart, but like many another dodge born of that unwillingness to risk a dime, characteristic of the folks of this country it may turn out to be only penny-

wise-and-pound-foolish.

I have no been here for three seasons and if I do not know much about mining, I certainly think I do know something about miners and there opinions, and I can promise you, sir, that if by the end of the summer here is not more show of the Ditch being put through than there is now, nearly ever man will have left for California; from what a good many of my acquaintances who went to Big Bend told me I am sure they will never return to Victoria, and from have observed of the feeling amongst working men generally such a determination amongst them is pretty common; they all tell the same tale; they cannot get anything to do in Victoria; and fight shy of it accordingly,

None of us who were here last winter will pass another here, without better prospects than we had last year, and if the matter pushed off so far that the ditch is not finished until the bad weather sets in again, very few will care about setting to work there to open a claim in the midst of snow and ice; the little money they may have made too during the summer will be gone while waiting for the ditch to start and they will quietly take what they may have saved of their wages while working on it and "skedaddle," and the whole thing will end in a mess as

But let the ditch be started at once and men will go straight from their river claims as fast as they have finished with them, to labor on it, and when completed they will have time to get their claima opened before the bad weather sets in and once started and in working order, they will most probably be able and willing to work all the winter, and Victoria will have the benefit of diggings at her own door, for whose traffic there will be no steamer '49 to compete with her.

As my name is quite unknown in Victor-

a, and would carry no influence with it, I shall take the liberty of placing at the tail of this letter a signature which has already had the honor of appearing in your pages, that namely of your humble servant. BRIMSTONE.

rounded and likely to be Cap-

tured.

The Owyhee stage yesterday brought news of another Indian fight, and of the probable loss of thirty-six volunteers who left Silver City immediately after the late raid upon Plint District. Night before last a messenger came into Ruby City, dispatched from Camp Lyon by Capt. Hinton, with the intelligence that Capt. Jennings, with thirtythey do not do more than their due share of five men, were engaged and surrounded on Boulder creek, about thirty-five miles from Oro, by a large force of Indians, supposed to number twe hundred and fitty or more. The party engaged the Indians on the 2d inst., and had been fighting about twentye four hours, when Capt. Jennings despatched two men to Ruby for assistance. Before the messenger left, which was on the 3d inst., the Indians received supplies from the squaws by animals packed with provisions and camp equipage. The engagement first took place on a high, flat piece of ground, but our men fell back to where they could engineer, who was employed to build a road got water, and began to throw up breastworks of dirt as best they could. They had lost two killed and several wounded. They are getting short of ammunition and did not expect to be able to hold out more than forty-eight hours more, if they could even that length of time. The Indians were having a general jubilee, seemingly sure of their prey. The news arrived at Ruby, about two o'clock yesterday merning and the engine whistles aroused the whole population in a few minutes time. Capt. Hinton sent to Ruby for saddles and horses to mount some infantry troops he had at Camp Lyon, and a number were sent him early yesterday hatter and in the course of conversation ask- morning. The horses all over the country ed what he now thought about the road; were immediately sent for and a portion of Pickering came from Olympia by the the tradesman answered that if he could only the stage stock taken to mount men to start yesterday morning. Capt. Mullan, who fure he would not have grumbled at double the nishes us these particulars, left Ruby yesterexpense since the traffic to and from the day at four a. m., says that the greatest excitement prevailed at Ruby and Silver, but men were volunteering in numbers and gathering arms and ammunition, in great baste, and he supposes they would start by ten o'clock yesterday morning.

The citizens of Ruby sent to Major Mare shall at Fort Boise for arms, but he has no ditch would not be confined to any particular the arms to send. He starts himself this section of the community; all would share in morning, leaving orders for Colonel Coppin-PACIFIC COAST BUSINESS DIRECTORY.— them; anything that would increase the trade ger to follow to-day and cross Snake river of Victoria would send new life throughout to-night if possible. Yesterday evening the the whole Island, and farmers and landhold citizens of Boise City gathered what arms vertisers. We recommend Mr Harnet and his directory to the attention of our business that while the benefits of a road are certain, lering there. Since the above was written

Composition. - We learn that E. T. Dodge. of British Columbia, has offered to compro-

the only authority for the guidance Farm, on Saturday afternoon,

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Gen, Cialdini crossed the rance has recommended Its Venetia, is discredited at Be Marshal Benedek appears ing towards Brunn followed All the fortresses on the Pardubitz and Elbertinitz Prussians. Cholera continued to rage

was rapidly increasing at cases in Berlin on the 8th, 71 Vienna, July 10 .- The Er tria has issued a manifesto in he heavy misfortunes which his army of the North have i most core his heart, but the d upon the devotion of urage of his army, upon G cred rights, had not way stant. He had addressed pperor of the French, req ses for bringing about a taly. Not merely had th ediate with Prussia for ace. The offer has been a nnounces himself prepared shed, but he would not mal which the Austrian pos shaken; sooner than this he the war to the utmost

available troops are being the gaps in the ranks filled The volunteers have been ca the newly awakened spiri Austria has been visited by she is not humiliated nor bo The Paris Presse says the

terms proposed to the repres belligerents:-The German be dissolved and another to which neither Prussia nor A part; no cessions to be dem tria; the abandonment by t claims in the duchies and i the indemnity at first deman the incorporation of Schle Hesse Cassel, Hesse Darmsta wick with Prussia. The p Prussian kingdom would the to twenty five millions. The stitute the western frontier the provinces between the l gin (?) to serve as an indem ereigns dispossessed by the change of territory to take Baden and Bavaria, which w mer nearly the whole of the nates; Saxony, Hanover with Prussia. The inhabitar to choose whether they France or Baden. The p Valley of the Sarne, to French and Rhenish soverei,

European La France says Prussia' the exclusion of Austria fro Confederacy, exclusive comm

tary and naval forces of th by Prussia, as well as diplor tives of Germany abroad, an Prussia of the Duchies as tory already occupied. La 1 The Emperor Napoleon a conditions to St. Petersburg raising questions of Europea can only be settled by a great Powers.

California San Francisco, July 23 .is down beyond Laramie.

port received. A private telegram, dated with intelligence from Lon contains the words " Peace o absence of particulars." [

no later than the European

in the Colonist & CHRON and Tuesday-Ed.] Since the disbanding of militia companies under the new law, many are reorgan old name, and purpose keepi zation and purchasing arms

at their own expense. It is stated that Mrs Den De Wolf, widow of the late of the Brother Jonathan, in a ington street this mornin

issued. Hare to New Xork by steamer Moses Taylor : Fin second cabin, \$60 ; steerage, The steamship Constitut Panama on the 9th, where with the steamer leaving N 1st, arrived to-day.

News from Bogota indie throughout the republic. News is unimportant from Gold in New York on Legal Tenders are quoted in 70%@71%.op seensybe 191