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WEEKLY BRITISH COLONIST | telling him that, had the wife of the second PUBLISHED EVERY TUESDAY. HIGGINS. LONG & CO. TERMS TOT BEE

PAYABLE INVARIABLY IN ADVANCE.

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English and Continental Echoes. Our European files bring us news to to hope that he will make his way by Major General Edward Frome. The post safely to the Nile, and perhaps after was offered to Sir J. W. Gordon. Her Maall effect a junction with General Sir in the Army, viz. : General Sir A. Wood-Robert Napier in Abyssinia. The ford, General Sir W. Maynard Gomm, Gen. Nawab of Tonk, in Rajpootana, has Sir H. Dalrymple Ross, and General Sir mit the murder, being absolute within reported that the streams of lava were his States; but a civilized government never does put up with these extreme

assassination morally wrong. Con- depth of the lava is about 20 to 25 feet, so sequently, on Nevember 14, he issued that the stream must come on like the wall a proclamation striking the Nawab of a house two storeys high. Latterly the from his throne and transferring it to lava has been cooling and advancing more his son, ordering the Nawab into exile slowly. Thousands go up every night to and raising Laws into an independent watch this vast, red-hot, slowly creeping chiefship. Matilda Griggs, laborer's daughter, was stabbed by her lover, to and awful. It is confirmed that the myswhom she had borne a child, in thir- terious velvet hat and sword blessed by the teen places, and nearly died from loss Pope for the Prince 'who best deserved of of blood. She tried to protect him, the Church in 1867' have been conferred and fled, but the would-be murderer upon Napoleon III. The last dandy fashion was sentenced, on other evidence, to in Paris is to carry a walking stick, with a twenty years' penal servitude: Ma_ sword inside at one end, and matches and a tilda had, however, in the effort to candlestick at the other. Vice-Admiral Sir shield him, forfeited her recognisances, lately. The deceased was a midshipman on and was arrested at the suit of the board the Minden at Algiers. He is suc-Crown for £40., lodged in Chelmsford ceeded in the baronetcy by his brother, Jail, and refused protection by the Bank- Lieutenant-Colonel Colpoys Dickson, formruptcy Court because she was not a trader. erly in the Bengal army. Charles Boyce, In other words, she was sentenced to impris- the well-known steeplechase jockey, died onment for having been nearly put to death. suddenly at Hammersmith, on the 5th inst., The Telegraph took up the case strongly. from congestion of the lungs. Mr. Ruskin, who, by his own account, 'disbelieves liberty and detests equality,' but who seems to like the justice which secures

and fraud he had practiced upon her was of

marriage appeared against him to have given her testimony he would have got five years' penal servitude. The Marquis d'Azeglio, who since 1850 has been the Ambassador of Italy to the Court of St. James, has sent his resignation to the King of Italy, and requests to be recalled from London at an early day. The protracted strike of the cabmen in Liverpool has ended. A man named Chatterton was shot in a street of London on Feb'y 5th, and badly if not fatally injured. The assassin was instantly arrested, and gave his name as Jem Meddles. From his declarations it seems that he mistook Chafterton for James Bild, the milkman, who is an important witness for the government in the affair of the Clerkenwell explosion, and who at the Court identified one of them as the man that; fired the powder. It is said that Meddles is a half-witted fellow, and the belief is general that he is the tool of other parties who prompted him to commit the deed. The pisthe 27th January. The political in- tol shot took effect in the throat of Mr. Chattelligence is unimportant. Sir Rod- terton, where it made a very ugly wound erick Murchison was right, after all, He still lives, but his recovery is doubtful about Dr. Livingstone; and Sir Sam- Prussia is a most aghast. The King looks nel Baker, who seemed to think that serious, Count von Bismarck drops his voice, the Johanna men who deserted him and special correspondents hardly dare to were utterly untrustworthy except record the news. It is, nevertheless, only too when they brought bad news, is for-tunately wrong. Captain Young and Captain Faulkner have proceeded on occurred in Prussian memory, and Prussians Dr. Livingstone's track beyond the feel as it, after all, national unity might be place on Lake Nyassa where he was bought too dear. We do not remember a said to have been abandoned by the more complete or more comic illustration of Johanna men, and have found a number that wonderful State thrift which more than of independent native testimonies to any other quality has made Prussia strong the fact that Dr. Livingstone had Her statesmen really care to save, and conpassed safely on his way, and that the lead for head less by almost two-thirds. Johanna natives who asserted his General Sir John Burgoyne has retired from murder had returned on the plea that active service at the War Office. He re-"they were being led into a hostile tains the full pay of his late office, and has country." There is every certainty been created a field marshal in the army. that Dr. Livingstone's asserted murder Sir John will be succeeded as inspectorwas a pure fiction, and every reason general of engineers and director of works

threatening Resina and Torre del Greco. They diverged, however, slightly, and these towns were saved, and the separate streams rights, and Sir John Lawrence thinks after describing an ellipse united again. The

Monday, March 16. Ir was not generally known until yesterday both, at once remitted the money for the fine. that the two Editors of the News competed Another gentleman sent a similar sum, and for prizes before the Mechanic's Institute. the Governor of Chelmsford Jail was so moved The effusions were unsuccessful, and the unby the story that he actually let her out on a lucky gentlemen yesterday published in their mere delegram, stating that his sheriff's officer had received the check. The trial of Sir Prologue is the most meaningless thing we Onlling Eardley for bigamy has terminated in have ever heard dignified with the name of a verdict of guilty. His American wife, Miss poetry. Scenes from Beacon Hill' is a Allen, did not appear against Sir Culling, but cross between Bishop Heber's, 'Greenland's it was understood in Court that the deception ley Mountains, and the nursery rhyme of Humpty Dumpty on the Wall. The effuand fraud he had practiced upon her was of sions expose a soft spot in the editorial era-a scandalous nature. It was evident that he niums. Neither would have done credit to a never intended that the marriage should have been published, but it was so published, by proper respect for the teelings of the writers the sister of Miss Allen in the Times, and in in declining to have the feebles productions this way became known to the friends of read; and how on earth the authors mustered Lady Eardity. The paltry defence set up (Prologue') is more than we can imagine.

was that the first marriage was and informal RIVER NAVIGATION. - We learn that Capt. and illegal one, but the Recorder condemned the attempt to set up such an excuse in very lrying's steamboats will start from New strong terms, T jury returned a verdict of Westminster for Yale on Wednesday. Powguilty without leaving the box, and the bar- der will be carried for the purpose of onet was immediately sentenced to 18 months' blowing up the ice which at present impedes mprisonment with hard labor, the Recorder payigation.

ARRIVAL OF THE MAIL STEAMER The steamer California, Capt Winsor, from San Francisco on the 10th inst, anchored off the mouth of the harbour at 10 o'clock on Saturday morning. Her passengers, (82 in number) express and mails were transferred to the Sir James Douglas, on her way in from Nanaimo, and brought ashore: The Oatsfornia waited until high water, when she came alongside of Brodrick's wharf. Tomorrow she will sail for Sitka, returning to Victoria and sailing for San Francisco in about fifteen days' time.

INTERIOR MAIL CONTRACT .- Mr. P. J. Barnard has been awarded the contract for carrying the mails from Victoria to Cariboo for three years, at an annual rate of \$16,000 000 a year. The Colony, by the new arranges ment, gets three years work for two years'

THE following steamers arrived on Saturday: The steamer Douglas, from Nanaimo; the steamer Cyrus Walker, from Port Gamble: the U. S. steamer Lincoln, from the Sound : the steamer California, from San Francisco; the steamer Isabel, from Burrard Inlet: the steamer Diana, from San Juan; and H. M. S. Cameleon, from Honolulu.

Poor Lady !- Private letters from Chicago epresent Mrs Lincoln as anquestionably insane. One of her delusions is that she will come to want and she sells everything she can lay her hands upon. She is said to be living in a house, all the furniture of which she has disposed of, with two old men as her body-guard.

One of the most terrible storms ever known in Newfoundland was experienced there within the last few weeks. Thirty people are reported to have perished in the

A COLORED man, pamed Wm. Robinson. was shot and killed on Salt Spring Island, a few days ago, while sitting in his own house eating dinner, by an unknown assassin.

THE ALLEGED ARSON .- Daniel Cleal was iberated on Saturday, on furnishing bail to the amount of \$5000 for his appearance at the Police Court to-day.

THE Enterprise will sail for New West-

has arrived at St. Nazaire, France. JULIA DEAN HAYNE, the actress, died

suddenly in New York on March 5th, in the thirty-seventh year of her age. H. M. S. CAMELEON arrived on Saturday from Honolulu, S. I., and anchored in Es-

quimalt harbor. ST. PATRICK'S DAY .- To-morrow will be the anniversary of the natal day of Saint Patrick, the Patron Saint of Ireland.

NAVAL-H M's chip Mutine arrived at Callao from Valparaise and Arica on the 1st of February, relieving the Clie, which sailed for Europe on the next day.

THE British iron ship Viscata, 1100 tons, with wheat for Liverpool, was wrecked while beating out of San Francisco harbor

FOR THE HOSPITAL .- The prize for the best conundrum was donated to the Royal Hospital by Mr. J. Barnett.

The Stag Hunt.

EDITOR COLONIST-I observed a novelty in the stag bunt of Thursday, which may account for its failure. The horsemen (with while everything appears to be going the exception of a few who were contented to ride in old country style) were some in advance and others in the midst of the hounds, the unfortunate animals not accustomed to bont such game were 'at fault,' and like myself stood and stared with wonder at such a burlesque. There were, too, a number of worse than useless dogs on the ground. The scene reminded me of a holiday when all the farmer's boys and tradesmen's apprentices turn out for a day's coursing; everyone has his our stationed at regular distances, and still fearful that pussy 75 may escape each individual is asmed with a club to give her a passing thump. In our hunt the club only was wanting. When the next bunt takes place it would be well to put the control in the hands of those gentlemen who understand it and in the meantime I would suggest that before starting they should give the same caution as that given by White, the famous huntaman of the Cheehire Hounds; "With the dogs as foin as satin and himself looked hard "O'as nails; "The same

He give the swells a caution not to ride upon their tails.
Says he, Voung men o' Manchester and Liverpool cum

near
Oiv just a word—a warning word—to whisper in your ear:
When starting from the cover soid ye see bowd Reynard
burst,
We canno ave no unting if the gemmen go it first, 2.2.

A LOVER OF FIELD SPORTS.

Letter from Van Winkles

Korron Colonist :- It is seldom, if ever. I presume, that you receive a communication from this once prosperous mining camp, the head quarters of which is now in ruins, its numerous skeleton buildings telling the tale of its former on the train conveying the California greatness. Notwithstanding its present treasure from Panama to Aspinwall on dilapidated state, we cannot help believing that Van Winkle will at some future door in the end, which was locked and period again raise its head, and surpass sealed as customary. The thief appears, its former self in prosperity and greatness; to have got on the platform of this car, This treacherous creek is bound some day and, on the road, opened the door, exor another to succamb to the will and perseverance of the miner and give up its

been successful in prespecting ground of a similar nature in other gold countries.

Other systems have been tried and failed,

The principal topic was the arrival of

channel, then driving from the shaft into ministration in Peru. it. By this means it is expected to evade quisite to sink in the alluvial. The company is formed entirely of workingmen, and is in fact nothing more or less than an attempt to labor to sustain itself. It is an expensive operation, and undoubted-Dame Fortune smiles on their endeavors as possible, the different parties. It may appear to you a desperate undertaking-a wild goose chase kind of an

operation for men of their class, backed by nothing but their own industry and try. Hither to capital has done nothing Government to dissolve the House.

for the mines, yea, worse than nothing, for its introduction was too early and late Governor, left for England by the and proved a failure, leaving nothing Royal mail steamer Geelong. of his nobles, the boy chief of eruption of Vesuvius appears to be still active. About the 4th and 5th January it was

He had a perfect right to com-

further supply. Labor is, therefore, thrown upon its own resources and obliged derer. to fight the battle alone; but it is not the sincerely hope that this attempt will be scribed was about £25,000. crowned with success, and that the enterreap a rich harvest. logishing set in

THE MAIL GOOD DESIXEN

What, is it a fact, Mr. Editor, that which Madam Rumor states, namely, that the Colonial Government is too poor to pay for carrying the mails per express, and that, instead of keeping in step with the march of progress, we are fast returning to our primitive state as a colony It has reached our ears up here that the mails are being carried by Indian runners. This does really appear as if we were returning to the good old days of yore. It is really most preposterous to think that while the drones at Westminster, which we support, fatten with high living and no work, we are left to starve, morally, physically, socially and mentally, and the only connection we have with the civilized world is delayed. The permanency of the mines in this upper country is now a settled fact. The backbone of the colony is in a flourishing condition, wrong down below. There is a screw loose somewhere.

TAL. O. EXION. VAN WINKLE, LIGHTNING CREEK, February, 18th, 1868.

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Correspondence from Guatemala, February 7th, says that commercial affairs there are in a most depressed state, the market choked with cotton goods, no purchasers and no money to be obtained.

to ten dollars per hundred pounds against at Keilor, December 27th and not on amon \$12 50 last year.

Nicaragua says : "A Nicaragua transit upper House abates its obstructiveness, et cannot exist until freight carrying facilicannot exist until freight carrying facili-ties are created competent to compete for poisoning his wife, resulted in a verwith the Panama Railroad for the carry- diet of acquittal. The prisoner fainted on ing of the already immense and rapidly increasing North Pacific and Oriental traffic." This being the case, which it here from Callao, has surrendered himself no doubt is, the success of the Nicaragus to answer the charges pending against transite is something very far off at him.

present.

A letter from San Jose, Costa Rica, shipped this season from Melbourne for Boston.

"Every one here is very down-hearted. as the coffee prices are very low and no purchasers even then, as speculators have been such sufferers these last years they cannot pay such high rates.

South America.

A most daring robbery was committed the 12th of February. The specie car contains, besides the usual side doors, a

A telegram from Aspinwall to the Star of the 15th of February says that the prospect it, and a new system of mining is cently ran ashore at the entrance of being introduced—a system which has Blewfield's harbor, and is a total wreck.

the one from its inadaptability to the ground, and the other from inefficiency General Prado, who reached Valparaiso of the machinery used. The present mode on the 20th January, and met with a very is to sink a shaft in the solid rock, com- enthusiastic reception from the people, but mencing of course where the rock is near no demonstrations were made by the the surface, and sinking to a depth that Government officials, probably through a is supposed to be on a level with the old fear of giving offence to the present ad-

Lieutenant Carvallo, of the Chile navy. the slum and water, the bugbears of this was assassinated on board the steamer neighborhood, and do away with the Nuble by a corporal named Garrior, expensive machinery that would be re- whom he had ordered to be flogged for insubordination.

> No events of great importance have taken place within the last fortnight.

The newly-installed Government is ly many months must pass before the ex. quietly but assiduously engaged in restorpectations of the most sanguine will be ing order in the several departments of realized, providing in the meantime administration, and in conciliating, as far

Australasia.

NEW SOUTH WALES. Parliament adjourned over the holidays perseverance, to take in hand, yet, they to resume January 8th. Not an item of are the kind of men that have, so the estimates has yet been psssed, and the far, developed the resources of this coun- opposition seem determined to compel the

The body of an unknown man was kept the person who discovered them at in days gone by has put a stop to any bay. The Government has offered a reward of £100 for the arrest of

The Flood Relief Committee has closed first time for it to grapple single-handed their labors with a balance in hand of with foes and come off victorious. We over £5,000. The whole amount sub-

Intensely hot weather has prevailed for prising men forming the company may some weeks destroying herbiage and rendering water very scarce; disastrous bush fires are very prevalent.

James Maidment Chapman of the

Custom Department, was thrown from his horse on the night of the 25th ultimo, and killed on the spot, and him worker & don't

A fearful tornado passed over Melbourne on December 29th. Several small vessels were driven as ore, great damage to buildings occurred, and the walls of the new town hall blown down.

The intercolonial cricket match bes tween Victoria and N. S. Walles commenced at Melbourne, December 26th. Caffyn and Laurence, formerly of the all England Eleven, played on the N. S. Wales side, but could not aid in winning a victory. The Victorians scored 153 in their first innings, of which Wardill made 110. N. S. Wales first innings closed for 158, their second for 172. The Victorians then went in and won the match, with 7 wickets to spare.

Prince Alfred reviewed 3,000 volunteers at Melbourne on Boxing day. Commander Wilkinson, R. N., lately

in charge of the Coast Survey Departs ment, died at Melbourne, December 15th. An effort has been made to open up a trade with Japan. A vessel has just sailed for Yokohama, laden with Victoria produce.

December 10th, an old man, aged 60; named Marsden was found murdered at Ballarat. The perpetrators have been arrested. An unknown man was also Coffee this year has brought from eight found murdered, and apparently robbed,

12 50 last year. The Parliamentary dead-lock continues, and is likely to remain so, unless the

86,000 bales of wool have already been