

The Weekly British Colonist AND CHRONICLE.

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THERE never lived a ruler, no matter how great his incapacity, falsity and cruelty, who had not fawning knaves to lick his hands and tell him he was a saint. We are indisposed to say anything harsh of our present head of the Executive, but we question very much the propriety of the defense set up by certain of his most ardent friends for his want of perspicuity in regard to the interest of the Colony. It is said that the Governor is bound by instructions which are opposed to the interests of the people; that he is forced by a great rude fellow in the shape of John Bull to occupy positions which he knows

for the feelings of a conscientious Governor, forced against his will to ruin eight thousand Colonists and depopulate a fine country. What a "horrible tale!" We have all heard of Blue Beard, Warren Hastings and the W. of Cornhill; but anything so heartrending as the sight of a Governor driven to the point of an official pen to bring thousands of innocent families to destitution; families that never by word or deed injured him, who on the contrary contributed out of their little stores to pay his salary, is indeed pitiable in the extreme. It would appear that John Bull has completely changed his character of late. We have frequently heard of incapable governors, and other officers, who by their muddle-headedness or imbecility brought about misunderstandings with the Mother Country; but we never before heard of the Home Government appointing a Royal representative who was requested to do everything in his power to ruin the Colony he governed. We should not be impatient if we asked why so Nerolike a desire to inflict unmerited misfortune upon people only seeking to show their loyalty to the country that gave them birth, by retaining the old flag above their heads, should have arisen in the breast of the stout old gentleman in top-boots. He has been noted, heretofore, for his desire to see his offspring flourish, and instead of trying to curb them by absurd instructions to his servants, he has lately been endeavoring to persuade some of them that they are old enough to set up for themselves. On the whole, we are inclined to think there must be some mistake. We have met with over-zealous satellites who, in their haste to display readiness to die in the defence of their liege lords, would spare neither principle nor truth in the slavish yearning to make themselves conspicuous. These "spawn of the gutter," by sheer dint of the most truckling servility—by crawling on their knees—manage to work themselves into positions of public importance, and are really the great enemies of the people; because, in deceiving their masters in relation to the wants and opinions of their fellow citizens, and in misleading the people as to the character of their idols, they do injustice to both; and give rise to feelings that a better mutual understanding would undoubtedly obviate. It is really deplorable to see how many good men are lost to themselves and the world by allowing designing knaves to hoodwink them; mealy-mouthed, talkative creatures formed by nature for some wise purpose, no doubt, (probably to contrast with fair-dealing men) but with such distorted and envenomed minds that, like serpents, they steal their way into society, and are never observed until their horrible sting has wrought its mischief. Yet such creatures, by some unnatural disposition, are often fondled and petted by certain of the people, we presume from a kind of affinity; we do not envy those who will be remembered as the aiders and abettors of these betrayers when the day of reckoning comes. The old Spanish proverb, "Show me his company and I'll tell you the man," is the dominant feeling with every one. In the meantime it is curious to note the harlequinades performed by these unworthy imitators of French poodles, who, for the scraps thrown to them by their masters, will dance, stand on their heads, smoke a pipe, or "speak," when desired. We cannot imagine a phase of humanity more loathsome, or one that should be more universally condemned.

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ANOTHER WHALING COMPANY.—We understand that another whaling company is in course of formation, to be located somewhere on the Gulf of Georgia. It is daily becoming more apparent that whaling upon our coasts is likely soon to become a business of considerable magnitude. We ask our business men to give that encouragement and support to the undertaking to which every enterprise of the kind, even upon its own merits, is justly entitled. The judicious expenditure of a few thousand dollars this summer will clearly show whether whaling is likely soon to become one of our most important and profitable industries, as we think there is every reason to believe it will. All experienced men agree in saying that there are plenty of whales, and that they can be killed; if so, let us by all means kill them. We heartily wish all those who engage in every such enterprise all the success to which they aspire.

clock yesterday morning, a building, three dwelling houses, situated on Fort street above Vancouver, was discovered to be in flames, and was shortly consumed, together with the adjoining outhouses. The alarm was promptly given in town and the engines and truck rolled rapidly to the scene of conflagration. The Deluge engine threw the first water, but so rapid was the progress of the burning element that nothing was saved. The loss is about \$1000; insured for \$700. The fire presented a grand appearance. Not a breath of wind was stirring and the flame and smoke appeared like a "pillar of fire" rising to the very zenith. The building was owned by J. Montero of Burrard Inlet.

ENCOURAGING FROM THE UPPER COUNTRY. Mr. J. Smith, who left Clinton a few days ago, reports that Mr. Beedy had arrived at Clinton and announced that several tunnels in the gulches making into William Creek had yielded handsome prospects, and that matters are looking up on the creek. From Keithley creek a man had arrived at Lillooet and reported a fine prospect in the tunnel. At Yale, Mr. Smith saw a telegram from William Creek, which stated that the weather had been stormy and that five or six feet of snow lay on the banks of the creek. This fall furnishes a guarantee for plenty of water for mining purposes next season. Ploughing was going on actively around Clinton, and in some instances the seed was in.

RECIPROCITY WITH THE UNITED STATES. We have the pleasure to lay before our readers the following letter handed to us by the hon. Dr. Helmcken, by which our readers will be highly gratified to learn nothing. It is fully equal in composition and importance to many other replies handed to our citizens on subjects bearing on the welfare of this Colony.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, 8th April, 1869.
SIR,—I am directed to inform you that the question of Commercial Reciprocity between the United States and the British North American Provinces is at present in abeyance, but that the wishes of British Columbia on this subject are borne in mind by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs. I am sir, your most obedient servant,
D. C. MAUNSELL.

THE HON. J. S. HELMCKEN.

NOVEL SHIPMENT.—Yesterday the Active carried away the remains of twelve Chinamen, who had died in the Colony at various periods during the past few years. The remains will be reshipped at San Francisco for the Flowery Kingdom, where the bones will be finally interred. By a law of the Celestial Empire, every Chinaman leaving his native land is supposed to return, dead or alive; and frequently when all traces of Chinamen have been lost for years, the skeletons of Indians or pauper whites have been substituted for the missing ones. In May a shipment of 500 corpses will leave San Francisco in one vessel for Hongkong. The twelve bodies sent away yesterday form British Columbia's quota to the ghastly cargo.

FROM NANAIMO AND WAY PORTS.—The Sir James Douglas, Capt. Clark, arrived last evening about 5 o'clock. She brought a cargo of skins, wheat, bacon, butter, eggs, 2 dead hogs and 1 cow. A number of passengers came down on her, amongst others, Mrs. Archdeacon Reese, Mrs. Askew from Chemainus, Mr. Peck, Mr. Morley, J. P., from Maple Bay, 4 Chinamen, Dick, an Indian, the supposed murderer of Robinson the colored man, on Saltspiring Island, and another Indian, the witness against him; a man committed for selling whisky to Indians, and several others. There were no ships loading at Nanaimo, or any vessels observed on the way. The weather continued fine.

ARRIVAL OF THE GUSSE TELLFAIR.—The steamer Gusse Tellfair, Capt. Sholl, arrived from Portland yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock, bringing a full complement of passengers and 175 tons of freight. Among her Victoria passengers was Mr. Godfrey Brown, and Mr. M. Wallace, who connected with the Tellfair at Astoria. A small English mail came up. The Tellfair sails for ports on Puget Sound at noon to-day, and will go to Nanaimo to have her bottom scraped and take in coal.

ADDITIONAL FROM WHITE PINE.—A letter received yesterday from a British Columbian, now at White Pine, furnishes the following: ELKO CITY, March 29.
* * * I arrived here from White Pine four days ago. During my stay there I made some investigations in mining claims, some of which I hope will turn out well. The aspect of the country is unfavorable. It may be that I shall be on my return to Victoria in a few days. There is bound to be a great down on Puget Sound at the R.R. terminus, and Victoria will benefit if the tariff be modified or the port declared once more free. Here is a list of the British Columbians at White Pine and Elko—Simon Reinhardt, Meyer Oppenheimer, J. Merritt, McLennan, merchants; Frank Laumester, real estate agent; Fred. Parkes, speculator in mining stocks; W. Moberly, Surveyor on the R.R.; W. T. Bailou, Attorney-at-Law; Bill Baugh, Deputy Sheriff; W. Oulverwell, teamster; Frank Way, driver; P. M. Backus,

speculator, auctioneer and some other merchant; Simon Marks, merchant; White of Boston Bar, and many others, all of whom left British Columbia with regret and speak kindly of it. J. A. McCrear and Dr. Haggin are on the way up from San Francisco.

DEPARTURE OF THE ACTIVE.—The steamship Active sailed precisely at ten o'clock yesterday morning. She carried away, in addition to the British Columbia. Eleven of cricketers, ten or twelve passengers—among whom we noticed Messrs. Teideman, McNab and Adamsen, and Mrs. Digby Palmer. A few tons of freight went down. As the steamship moved off from the wharf, three hearty cheers were given to encourage the cricketers, which met with an equal hearty response. "Big Larry" seizing upon the occasion to advise the "boys to go to White Pine if they failed to win the match"—advice which was received with roars of laughter.

FROM THE MAINLAND.—The passengers by the Leviathan yesterday morning were U. Nelson, H. H. Nagle, Mr. Smith of Clinton, Mr. J. Mercer of San Juan Island, and Mr. Donnelly, engineer of one of the river steamers. The Assizes were in progress when the Leviathan left New Westminster.

THE SPOKE ROAD continues in the same impassable state that has characterized it for three years past. The bridges, too, are gone, and notwithstanding the district is increasing in agricultural importance and wealth, and that another ship is loading with lumber at Spoke, communication with the city is scarcely possible except by water.

MOVING.—One of the frame buildings, from Yates street above Douglas, to the corner of Broad and Yates streets.

THE U. S. steamer Saginaw sailed yesterday morning for San Francisco, where she will be docked.

HON. MR. HANKIN was yesterday sworn in as Colonial Secretary of this Colony.

THANKS.—To Purser Goodhue of the Tellfair and Messrs. Wells, Fargo & Co.'s agent, for files of late papers per Gusse Tellfair.

The March Troupe are playing at Virginia City, Nevada.

Miscellaneous Provincial Items.

At Vernon River, P. E. Island, a coloured man named Sheppard finding his son, whom he had sent home with a load of rails, crushed to death by the horse's falling on him, became insane, and crawling to his house on all fours threw an infant out of the window into a snow heap. He is now in the Lunatic Asylum.

The Local Government of Nova Scotia has dismissed Mr. MacDonald, the editor of the *Champion*, and a member of the House of Commons at Ottawa, from the office of Queen's Printer. His place has been given to Mr. Blackadar, of the *Resistor*.

A half-hour's sensation was caused in King street yesterday morning by the failure of R. W. Brown & Co., brokers and money changers. The firm consisted of Mr. W. B. Brown, formerly publisher of the *City Directory*, and Mr. W. O. Chewett, the well-known bookseller and stationer of this city.—*Globe*.

The St. John *Telegraph* says there is something quite remarkable in the recent mortality. Persons who have been in, or have intended to enter the public service in Victoria County.—Within a few weeks or months of each other the following gentlemen, leading residents of the county died suddenly; Mr. Emerson, when about to offer for the Commons of the Confederate side; Hon. Mr. Rice, Member of the Legislative Council; Mr. Hebert, M. P. P., not long after his election to the Assembly. Now we have the case of Mr. Thompson, who has died suddenly in the midst of an election canvass. These gentlemen all belong to the same side in politics.

Montreal wants to borrow about \$500,000 for street improvements.

The Repeal League of Halifax promises \$20,000 to assist in defeating Mr. Howe, for a burglar while gaining admittance to his room by a window. The lady of the house seized the man by his legs and thrust him out on the street.

FILL'S COFFEE has become the favorite Colonial beverage, and is to be found on every breakfast table from Victoria to the foot of the Rocky Mountains.

European Mail Summary.

Papers by the Gusse Tellfair are to the 20th February. The crop prospects are looking better in India; plentiful rains had fallen, materially changing the aspect of affairs. General Dulce does not appear to be so confident of immediate success as he was a short time ago; the rebels have made the best of the abolition of slavery to recruit their ranks and are ravaging the country far and wide; 10,000 more troops are asked from Spain; the Spaniards are unanimous in their determination to retain the Island. The new King for the Spanish throne has not been selected yet; there seems to be no decided opinion as to who the lucky man is to be. France has been trying to bully Belgium into selling some of her lines of railway, which that little power has declined to do, although with much fear and trembling, France pretending to believe that the determination has been brought about by Bismarck.

WILKINSON CREEK.
Fisherie Lass co. are making but wages; Chalmers & Co. are preparing for ground sluicing.

CHISHOLM CREEK.
Robertson, Litter & Co. are taking out small pay.

ANDERSON CREEK.
Wisconsin co. will be in their tunnel this week.

CHANCE CREEK.
Prince of Wales company are making good wages.

WILLIAM CREEK.
There is nothing of any importance to note in mining news this week. The Cariboo co. have last week 60 oz; Barker co. 50 oz; and head and Sheephed companies wages and expenses; Sheepskin co. kept private.

The Canadian co. have got good pay in the old channel. Foster-Campbell co. are making good progress with the drain, and will soon be in their own ground. The Caledonia co. have got very good prospects in the deep channel.

None of the companies have been taking out much, and until the water rises, which will probably be two or three weeks, work cannot be done to any advantage. The Combs co. will be ready to work from their tunnel in a few days. Jenkins co. are sinking a shaft to work the back channel which they struck recently.

BED-ROCK DRAIN.—The work of securing the drain from damage by the anticipated spring freshet has been begun, and logs are being hauled to put the bulkheads in proper order along the line of the drain, wherever needed. The funds of the drain company being all exhausted, an appeal will be made to the public for assistance to carry out this work, upon the proper execution of which the safety of every claim from Barkerville down depends.

PROSPECTING WILLOW RIVER.—The meeting for the purpose of organizing a prospecting company on a large scale, on Willow river, which was intended to come off tomorrow, will be held at Sterling & Barry's saloon, at six o'clock, this evening. The promoters of the undertaking having got what they believe to be a sufficient number of names to start the company, wish to get it under weigh as quickly as possible, so as to be able to test the richness of the ground this summer; and we trust that they will succeed in doing so without delay, as operations of this nature are imperatively needed in the present state of affairs in Cariboo.

Fashionable Book Thieves.

[From the American Publisher and Bookseller.]
BOSTON, January 26.—In my last letter I mentioned the arrest of a book thief during holiday week, and his commitment to the House of Correction for a term of four months. Hardly had my letter been despatched when our late Governor pardoned the thief and set him free. The only ground for the exercise of this unwise clemency was the "respectability" of the party. He was a well-to-do farmer in New Hampshire, and a great pressure of social and political influence was exerted in his favor. The Judge who sentenced him pronounced the case one of the most deliberate, unqualified and inexcusable instances of theft that had ever come to his knowledge, and the members of the book trade, who suffer to the extent of thousands of dollars, and usually from the depredations of these thieves, are naturally and pardonably indignant at the Governor's act.

A few days later a Unitarian minister named Stine was arrested for stealing books, and an examination of his house disclosed the fact that he had carried on his nefarious business at wholesale. Books from almost every store in town were found in his possession, and it was proved that he was in the regular habit of stealing to sell. There was no shadow of excuse or palliation in his case, yet a strong effort is being made to procure his discharge—his brother clergymen making personal appeals to those whom he has robbed to abandon the prosecution. If these book thieves are to escape punishment in this way, it may as well be established that books are not property. One peculiarity of this branch of thievery is that everybody engaged in it is "respectable."

During holiday week a well dressed and really elegant young lady of high social connections was detected in the attempt to "lift" some books, but the affair was hushed up.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—These celebrated Pills are essentially useful in purifying the blood, cleansing the stomach, gently stimulating the kidneys, and acting as mild aperients. A few doses of this purifying medicine set the fastest stomach right, remove all bilious symptoms, steady the circulation, give strength to the muscles and compare to the brain and nerves. The Pills are so innocuous that they may be taken by persons in the most delicate state of health, and with marvellous effect. When the system has been enervated by over-indulgence, or exhausted by mercurial preparations, these Pills are excellent restoratives, they expel the poison and enrich the blood.

DELICATE, DELICIOUS AND REFRESHING.—The subtle soul of fragrance, delicate, delicious and refreshing, is embodied in the true MURRAY & LAMMAN'S FLORIDA WATER. Scent when it produced this matchless perfume, caged in a glass prison the very spirit of the flowers. Avoid the worthless counterfeits.

Always ask for the Florida Water prepared by Lamman & Kemp, New York. 547.

AYER'S CHERRY PECTORAL—the world's great remedy for Colds, Coughs and Consumption.

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THE formation of the inn at Puget Sound, fixed upon, and the operation will rapidly form by a friend, who aim frequently backwate that the arrival of people towns on the Sound is fishing. Scores of new have been opened since the hurry and bustle of coming perceptible. The gentle flow of the tide the great wave of immigration rapidly nearing the Puget Sound and the route come, is summed up by half a million, more the population of the coast good luck are about to we could not prevail upon ment to assist us in doing given as the finest climate and boundless mineral resources. The development of the thought from time to time flow perfectly immaterial. A stage is sure, sooner or later and settle with us, no more enamored they may be States Government. The tages to those settling that are unattainable in the habitable globe. orderly and law abiding unknown; property is safe (or will be with Corn light. Land of fine quality at one dollar per acre, and lands are thrown open to of all without distinction colour. Meanwhile we reap all the advantages of trade that the influx of other side would create is denied to our people, saddled with a Government do not understand the commerce. We cannot goods to ready customers inert Executive must induce and send the only useful they ever allowed to be the Council to England. They make us assume (in selves) the manners of say to our Mother Country we trade with our neighbor old lady would only be doing the best we could is too busy with her affairs, to give us much as it is too bad, and may other extreme. A party have satisfied us, but that would now content.

LORD GRANVILLE and been by our despatch the Hudson Bay Company to accept the sum offered in full for the cession of all rights in British Columbia. This evidently embraces territorial rights, and thus stake to Confederation. We have no objection spirits delighting themselves with annexation it is nevertheless our aim to form a part of the game. One cannot help feeling pity until the time of completion of the condition of the Colony present unsatisfactory is not likely to make any less irksome. cast their shadows before not this explain the hith hensible carelessness of Government of the Confederation? The present government know, or a their tenure of office is a close, and are probably a renewal under the new is very unlikely. We such is the case, but is coincidence that the Zed a way just before the telegram that conveys important fact that a ties to Confederation.