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> The California Press and Our New Mines.

The San Francisco Press, dog-in-themanger-like, is just now engaged in an effort to prevent an emigration to this colony of a few of the many thousands for such could only prove a curse. There are abundant old British Columwho have failed to obtain-either employment or sustenance in that State. The bians in California who will know that the news which we have published as well as that which their friends have work is not a very philanthropic one, but it is highly characteristic of the Bay written to them, is not 'exaggeration,' City. 'Better starye in California than and the few hundreds of such as these fiourish in British Columbia," has long fiourish in British Celumbia,² has long been the patriotic creed of our neigh-bors. The expedient resorted to for claims to greater advantage than if surbors. The expedient resorted to for this purpose would be ingenious if it were rounded by an eager crowd altogether new to the country, and next year will not an old, exploded, confidence dodge. be time enough for anything like a rush hither. And should these new mines prove to be anything like as rich and Anonymous letters are inserted in the Anonymous fetters are inserted in the papers purporting to have been written in this city with a view to exposing what the writers are pleased to call 'grossly exaggerated " statements got up in this colony. One of these letters prove to be anything inter as rich and extensive as we have reason to believe they are all the press dodges to which San Fran-cisco is capable of resorting will not suffice to prevent a rush. Indeed, any attempt in that direction will scarcely be less ridiculous and ineffectual than that of the old woman is headed 'From a correspondent of the Bulletin,' and is dated Victoria, March and ineffectual than that of the old woman of the fable who attempted to beat back old ocean wave with her kitchen broom. To these proposing to go to the new mices we have a word of advice. Do not make the too common mistake of rushing into the in-terior before applies can be mered, or 18, 1870. It commences in the following orthodox fashion: Being con-scientiously opposed to the publication of statements having a decided tendency towards misleading the community through the medium of the information which facile means of transit can be established. the medium of the information which they profess to contain, I feel bound to communicate a few facts relating to these mines, the reports concerning which have lately so greatly engrossed the at-tention of the Press in your State. To say nothing of the other counterfeit fortunes, the reports does a state to be encountered at all com-pare at the top part of the entire route no difficulties are to be encountered at all com-parable with those which the early Cariboo mines, the reports concerning which have lately so greatly engrossed the at-tention of the Press in your State. To say nothing of the other counterfeit features, there is an awkward blunder in dates. A person writing from Vic-tario on the 18 th of March could not write in the San Francisco Chronicle, the roughest country ander God's heaven.' Throughout the entire route no difficulties are to be encountered at all com-parable with those which the early Cariboo miners had to overcome. The climate of the Pesce River country is milder and more tavorable than that of Cariboo, and the toria on the 18th of March could not lavorable than that of Cariboo, and the toria on the 18th of March could not by any human possibility have been aware of the attention of the press of California being 'lately so greatly en-grossed' with our new mines. Any one willing to read these so-called letters and compare dates and facts will readily conclude that they have been manufacconclude that they have been manufac-tared in San Francisco, and that, too, from the simple and unvarnished accounts of the new mines which appeared in be acting wisely in taking any employment which may offer in the lower country until onr own columns towards the end of Tadit at Doint Tacaday April 12 the way in which certain facts and in PUBLIC. MEETING AT THE with an awkwardness clearly indica- trol so viber and the stood strong ting a want of familiarity with the coup. To Last evening at 8 o'clock, agreeable to which can readily be for an alcoemist. He claimed that he had succeeded in turning a base metal into gold, and sent the Pope a small sum which he asserted he had thus transma-Os motion of Mr W S S Green, seconded by Mr Williams, the Mayor took the Chair at 8 o'clock, and Mr Green was unanimously at 8 o'clock, and Mr Green was unanimously chosen Secretary. His Worship stated the object of the meet-ing and said the questions were Responsible Government vs Irresponsible Government and misrule, and good men who represented the feeling of the country instead of the propos-ed delegates who did not represent it. His Worship called on Mr Robert Beaven fo move the first resolution. Mr Robert Beaven said it was incumbent on all, now we were about to obtain a great At S o'clock, and Mr Green was unanimously chosen Secretary.
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The Mr Deorsmone were good so far as they went, but he believed the interests of the people had been ignored with respect te the form of the confederation. That this meeting, faring that Union with Canada may be delayed miless Responsible Government be granted simultaneously with eur admission into the Dominion, is of opinion that Union will not ted, expecting that the Pope would send him a large sum of money to continue his operations. The unbelieving and waggish Father sent him only an empty purse, however, telling him that if the claims of his discovery were truthful he needed no money, but only a large parse to hold the gold he could so readily make. The Victorians, however, need no purses ; for empty purses have been an affliction in almost every man's pocket for the past five years. They therefore need all the gold and silver auggets to fill them. Let our miners been ignored with respect to the form of local government we were to have under Confederation, and he would, therefore, move the following resolution: RESOLVED. That this meeting, fearing that Union with Canada may be delayed unless Responsible Government be granted simultaneously with eur admission into the Dominion, is of opinion that Union will not be generous for once and stay at home, so that our British neighbors may not have to divide their late-found treasure with us.' We greatly fear the San Francisco press would do well to reserve the above choice anecdote for home use and application. If their own columns speak truly, there is no need of coming all the

columns respecting the new goldfiels has been carefully put through the sieve of caution-we might almost say skepticism ; and we are unconscious of having published anything that can with truth be characterised as exaggeration. Certainly we have published nothing with the object imputed to us by the writers in San Francisco papers. But this looks too much like writing in selfjustification, a thing we certainly had no intention of doing. It would be mere affectation to say that we do not want fresh muscle, fresh capital. We want both; but we do not want a rush of miners this season; and least of all do we want a rush of deluded people,

Had they done so? No! He for not would not accept Confederation without responsible government [Oheere]: They proposed to make this a colony of a colony, and the offi-cials would still finger the finances and bring us again, as they had already done, to ab-solute rain. A theatre had been started across James Bay and stagemanagers and performers would be sent to Ottava to play a farce [Laughter]. Look at the delegates. There was Mr Trutch—he was an atle man but represented no one but the government and was not in favor of popular right. Dr Carrail had been a cansistent Centeration-ist from first to last, and although he was not now in favor of responsible government ist from first to last, and although he was not now in favor of responsible government he believed that he might be converted after a while. Dr Helmcken, he thought, should be bandled without gloves [No, so]. He was one thing to-day and another to morrow. Dr Helmcken was opposed to office-seckers —why, every relative the genthemau had was in a public position, and he himself was one of the first to take hold of the tests of the Oanadian cow which a few months ago he had described as dry. Personally, is had nothing against Dr Helmeken, but politically, he defied any man to cite one goother mee-ful measure that he had introduced [Hissen and cheers]. and cheere]. Voice-Why were you an American city

zen? Mr Wallace-I never was an American citizen, and although I lived in the United States six years I never saw an election. Mr Fell being called for, said that the ques-tion was one of considerable importance and he was opposed to reponsible government anch as these gentlemen had been advocating for some time; he was not, however, epposed to responsible government where it could be worked out as he belonged to the Gendan and Bright school of politics. He had watered the current of public affairs for the last mide years and he had come to the conclusion that years and he had come to the conclusion that they were unfit for responsible government. [Prolonged hissing] The speaker conclusion the energy and ability of the people of the colony, but with a population of something like a small English market town we had been

trammeled with a government sufficient for the whole of England, when we only needed one man and six dierks to do all the work. [Hear] All the evils we labored under were attributa

All Danada, Lhas, hear, i and thore could be a Counter to the second at the second of Oanada, [hear, hear,] and there could be

people what they want and then denounce them as greenhorns and devoid of intelligence ought to be ashamed of himself. He was proud to stand before such an audience and it would teach these man who sought to govern the colony forever that they cannot do if. He had no confidence in the Erect. do B. He had no connence in the Execu-diver [Cheers.] Why should the people be salled on to fight step, by sten for their rights instead of being accorded them new so that the interal resources of the colony many be developed if the Council as at pre-sent constituted was an intercome respaily are

rangement and he would do all he could to break it up. The hon gentleman then attack-ed the Land Office and the officials generally, beak it up. The band office and the officials generally, saying that they were public servants who were paid by the people and if turned out of office they would not have sufficient sense to make a living. [Cheers and langhter.] The refusal of the gevenment to allow an investi-gation into the Land Office gave rise to the suspicion that something was wrong in that department, and the failure to pass a single measure introduced by a popular member of the Ceuncil was a strong argu-ment in favor of responsible government. He was opposed to Confederation only with responsible government, and if we did not get self-government the present officials would contine their nefarious game for years. [Ap. self-government the present officials would contine their nefarious game for years. [Aps-phause] The delegates were had delegates because they had asserted the people were unfit for self-government. The speaker quo-ted from the Toronto Globe to show that the hearts of the Canadian people beat in unison with ours on this question. He was not in favor of pensioning any of the officials. [Great cheering] because the colony had paid the officials twice as much as they were worth-they had never given any adequate return, therefore he did not see any reason why they should be pensioned. Mr Humphrays retired ausid great cheering. they should be pensioned. Mr Hamphreys retired amid great cheering. Cries for Hon Mr Robson were made. Mr Fisher, of Esquimalt, here mounted the stand and was received with hisses. Mr DeCosmos asked a hearing for Mr Fish-

San Francisco'in bond. ARRIVAL OF THE CALIFORNIA.—The N P T Go's steamship California, Capt Rodgers, ar-rived off the harbor at 7 o'clock Sunday morning and sant her passangers and mails ashore in boats, sailing, subsequently, for Port Townsend, W T. Through the politeness of the crew of Victoria Filos Boats No 11 Mr O'Connerwas enabled to transfer Wells, Fargo & Go's Express bags for Paget Sound from the rActive to the California, of process of all velled of Decompto 2 de off an discound from the

FALSE BUMOR. Some parties are indust FALSE RUNCE.—Some parties are industri-ously gironlating a report to the effect that a large land alide has taken place on the Yale road. Such is not the case. The road has never been in such a state as to impede traffic nince it was first opened. Barnard's stage have never been detained one hour during the years. The fact is that a bridge is being put at Chine Bar Bluff ; but this does not in any way impede travel. The stages are making regular time and teams are leaving Yale daily.

deeper into the mire.

Voice—Do you mean the delegates ? Mr Feil—No. The Island underrepresenta-Mr Feil-No. The Island underrepresenta-tive government had next door to responsible government. The Legislature held the purse strings, and Governor Kennedy entrapped the principal members, and like a lot of green, horns the speople voted for unconditional union and ander union a Constitution was given the colony that made every Englishman blash. The people should never have sent members to such a Council. He conceived that in its scattered state the colony was unfit for responsible government. He warned fit for responsible government. He warned the people against place-hunters and THE COLONIST against following in the tootsteps of politicians. He was persuaded it was all gass to say that all the Mainland was in favor of Confederation. Nine-tenths of the Caribooites only attended meetings to have a bit of fun, and the Canadians in Cariboo had so baraand the Canadians in Cariboo had so bam-boozled the people there that they were all of their way of thinking. [Laughter, applause and hisses] The Home Government wanted to get rid of this troublesome place at any price, and the government was going to cap the thing by sending delegatss to Ottawa when they couldn't find money to repair roads, pay the teachers, or remove the Sister Rocks-He favored getting rid of the present staff and consolidating the efficials under one head. The sending of delegates at this time was a shame, a scandal and a disprace. [Applause] If Confederation was such a good thing how was it that all the 'Northera, Provinces rued the day they had come into it? Joe Howe, he said, was now uterly despised in Nova Scotia. Mr R Auston—Allow me to say yon are telling a falsehood. Mr Howe is more respected than ever in Nova Scotia. [Oheers.]

or, which was granted. Mr Feher cantioned the people against bastily, voting upon the resolution which had been of, fered and moved an amendment that this was not a time to fetter the Executive with emananot a time to fetter the Executive with emana-tions from a meeting so hastily called together. [Laughter and confusion; cries of 'Take your hand out of your pocket !' 'Shut up;' Peel yourself, old man;' 'All aboard for Esqui-malt,' etc] Mr Fisher, in the midst of the confusion, attacked the previous speaker; dis-jointed portions of his remarks were only heard at the reporter's box; but he was up. derstood to oppose responsible government, The confusion finally became so great that the Mayor appealed for order; but the appeal was useless. Mr Fisher refused to sit down and the Mayor was at last requested to put the original resolution, which he did. There was a perfect storm of ayes in favor of the reso-lution and only about twenty voices were raised in opposition to it. There was load cheering when the motion was declared carcheering when the motion was declared carv ried. Councillor McKay meved—

'That a committee of five, including the Mayor, be appointed to lay the sentiments of this meeting before his Excellency the Govern-

Conncillor Russell seconded: Hon Mr Ring came forward in response to numerous calls. The simple question, he said was sye or no, shall we have responsible government or not? He defied the gentlemen who occupied the official seats to cite one good or useful measure that they had carried out. [hear] The present system of governament was a failure. It was now time for the people to take the reins of government in their own hands and inaugurate a system of gov-ernment such as they have in England. Were we to sit down tamely and submit to be teld that we are unfit to govern ourselver? [No] This was a struggle for liberty, and he called on the peeple to vote for responsible govern-ment-now or never ! [Cheers.] Let us have

sent system of government than this circum stance? Tohan success 1 and

AREIVAL OF THE ACTIVE. - The N P T Co's ARRIVAL OF THE ACTIVE. — The N P T Co's steamship Active, Capt C E Lyons, arrived from San Francisco at 8 o'clock on Sunday moraing, bringing 178 passengers and 163 tons of freight: The run up was a pleasant one and good average time was made. Mr Emerson, purser, and Mr O'Conner, W F & Co's Messenger, have placed us under the usual obligations for which they have our 'everlasting thanks.'

Tax schooner Ocean Pearl is on the way to this port full of passengers and goods, "Sen say the number of passengers is 100?

-DRATH OF COL. LUARD .- The public will be pained to learn that Col Laard, R. E. formerly stationed at New Westminster, died in London a few days ago. Cel Luard was connected by marriage with the family of T L Wood, Esq.

Tun steamship California arrived at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon from Port Townsend: She has 250 tons of freight for Victoria. 0

THE U S Transport steamer Newbern will shortly arrive at Victoria from San Francisco en roule to Alaska.

NEW ATTORNEY .--- Mr Johnson, an attorney

A.B. N. SUBGEON to relieve Dr Comrie, the able and popular surgeon of H. M. S. Sparrowbawk, arrived on Sunday.

H IM S ZEALOUS will leave San Francisco tosday and come up under sail, arriving here on or about the 22d inst. Onto

THE Pacific Mail Steamship Company will run but one boat a month to the Isthmus.

pose to make the British Navy superior to any possible pose to make the spitten Navy "superior to any possible combination of the fleets of other nations." He proposes to build forty ironciad men-sf war, the largest, most powerful and swiftest in the world ; with 61.000 men, of whom 16.000 are marines; and a reserve of 37,000 more, for \$46,000,000 a year. He promises moreover to build at the rate of 13.000 tons of armor-clad vessels a year until the fleet numbers sixty.

ENGLISH LIBERAL .- Mr. Henry Vincent, a well known English Liberal, has arrived at San Francisco for the purpose of lecturing on the ' Rise and History of the Li-beral Party in England.'

ALASKA will be made a county of Washington Territory, which will then become the largest section of land under one governor in the United States.