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A Gubernatorial Slander Refuted

In the face of large and numerously signed petitions from the productive and mercantile classes of British Cothe assurance to announce to the Home Government that the Colony over which he rules is "not in favor of Union." He has represented the memorials as the effect of the agitation by "Victoria politicians;" he has traduced and vilified the merchants of Victoria, and sneered at the efforts they have put forth to assist the "strong hands and willing hearts" who have gone into the wilds of British Columbia to open up its resources; he has said that the Union paper—the Cariboo Sentinel-died for want of support, when it is notorious that its editor and publisher did handsomely by its publication, that the paper is yet alive and flourishing, and that its former editor-still unconverted from his Union heresy-is now publishing the leading and most prosperous journal on the Lower Fraser; he has sconted the demands of the miners for a "closer communion" with Van. conver Island and for Retrenchment as absurd; and the young gentleman who does him the honor to "administrate" the Government of the sister Colony during his Excellency's absence, has sent home a despatch enclosing a Union petition which, he superciliously says, is signed by "455 persons out of a population of 6000," who do not at all represent the feelings of the majority. These misstatements have exercised a most pernicious influence upon the mind of Mr Cardwell, and the unfortunate resolutions of our Assembly having been seized upon as some excuse for an outrage, the Union Bill is the result. Had we not the evidence-documentary and otherwise-at hand, to disprove these falsehoods, prudence would dictate a profound silence. But we happen to have before us evidence of the strongest and most incontrovertible character, nor have we to go farther back than a fortnight ago to prove how palpable are the untruths that have been disseminated as to the financial condition of the sister Colony and the feeling of the Police Court charged separately with as they now stood in the reply, and that they the people on the subject of Union. the murder or with being concerned in the The Administrator of the Government murder of Edward Urin. Thomas O'Connor of that Colony is now on a tour deposed to having seen the deceased at the through the interior. Last week at Red Lion at 10 minutes to 11 wearing, to the the very first town (Yale) in which he landed, he was met by the people with an address in which they alluded to the depressed state of affairs and announced their desire for Union in the following unmistakable language:

In conclusion we have only to state that your honor is about to make your first official visit as Administrator of the Government into the interior, at a period when the Colony is just beginning to emerge from a most severe and trying depression of considerable duration in every interest in this country. This will account for the absence of that general improvement which otherwise, we feel as- and other parts of England. sured, you could not have failed to notice. We trust, however, that brighter days are in store for British Columbia, and that when Union of the Colonies is consummated, and the boundless resources of the country are opened up and developed by the introduction of capital, the condition of the people will be improved and the country generally resume its former populousness and prosperity.

To this address His Honor (ignoring the Union question) replied as

I am aware that a Court House is much required in this town It is through no forlong delayed. The financial circumstances of the colony have alone been the cause. I trust, very shortly, to be in a position to authorize the necessary expenditure.

It is amusing to notice how readily Mr Birch acknowledges that the "financial circumstances of the Colony" have prevented public improvements: but what will he say after he has read Mr Seymour's glowing account of the "flourishing condition" of British Columbia? Will he chime in or will he agree to disagree with him on that point. We have now only to produce the following from Governor Seymour's despatch as to Union, to show engers. She will be ready for sea on or is a machine to cut cord and stove wood; how thoroughly the Yale address gives about the 20th instant.

his statements a flat denial; "The gentlemen who successfully appeal-The gentlemen who successinity appeal of the gentlemen who successinity appeal of the succession of the council, the council of the straits last evening. The Wood is legislative Council, pledged themselves to the Straits last evening. The Wood is opposition to Union. The Council, on this leaded with telegraph material and is bound in the council, on this speech, lamented the decline in trade and prosper appeal on the Straits last evening. The Wood is being no Patent Law in the Colony. Yet, a growing deficiency in the revenue of the minity and good feeling unite and prosper that is not the worst feature in the case, is and, which falls considerably short of the tried whenever there was chance of suc-

cass. Politions were printed in Victoria, recommending union and the abolition of unpopular taxation, and circulated in the mining districts, but they remained unsigned. Indignation meetings were called in Cariboo but no one would attend. A newspaper was started in that district, especially to advocate Union and oppose the local government. The miners merely protested against the scruility of their protested organ; and when extraneous assistance was withdrawn, it died from want of support. I am for many reasons anxious that the desire for Union lumbia, Governor Seymour has had should exist in British Columbia. It does

### LOCAL INTELIGENCE.

Wednesday, Aug. 7. THE U. S. STEAMER "SAGINAW."-The officers of this war steamer, are as follows:-Lieut Commander J R Franklin; acting vol lieut and executive officer, S Nickerson acting assistant paymaster, A F Hubbard assistant surgeon, E B Bingham; acting assistant engineer, John Lloyd, second assistant engineer, E M Breeze; acting ensigns Thomas W Kimball; P W Fagan, R W Lane; assistant engineers. Thos McElnell. George H Moore; Captain's clerk, Wm B Overend; mates, Frank H Wing, Wm C Queen, Philip Randall. The Saginaw is a fourth-rate side-wheel steamer: 450 tons burthen, carrying 6 guns.

GONE UP .- Mrs Eliza A Hurd DeWolf, the female pantaloonist, was ordered committed to the County Jail, according to the desire of Mr DeWolf, in default of the pay ment of a fine fixed at \$21, instead of \$5, a their own request, and the cost of appeal There are a number of bloomers, of Celestial origin, already there for company .- S. F Aita, 1st August

IMPORTANT SALE OF FANCY GOODS, &c .-J P Davies & Co., will sell at 11 o'clock this morning, a large and beautiful stock of Dry and Fancy Goods, of J J Cooper' manufacture; imported expresely for Mr I. Lash, consisting of ladies' and misses' hats and bonnets, plumes, ornaments, muslins, &c. Also, about forty lots of clothing, and

IMPORTANT FROM LEECH RIVER .- A private letter from Leech river states that the writer has prospected the Kokesiles river, and found a bar that prospected 100 colors to the pan. The prospector then crossed the divide to the headwaters of the Leech where he discovered a prairie, at least 1000 acres in extent, lying beyond the swamps in which it was once thought the stream took its rise. From this prairie, the writer thinks the gold found in Leech river has been washed down by the spring freshets, and the writer proposes to thoroughly prospect the groundan Should this theory prove to be the correct one, a new era would soon dawn for Vancouver Island.

THE PANDORA STREET MURDER.-Jim and his wife, and Jim, a Songish Indian, were best of his belief, the coat produced. James Worcester gave similar evidence to that taken at the Inquest; he fully identified the deceaseds coat, shoes and ring. Some Indians from New Westmicster were also examined, and the prisoners Jim and his wife were committed for trial.

AGRA AND MASTERMANS BANK .- The liabilities of this banking establishment, amount we learn to the enormous sum of sixteen million pounds sterling, and its failure has caused great distress among retired officers of the service residing at Cheltenham, Clifton

GERMANIA SING VEREIN .- At the semiannual meeting of the Germania Sing Verein, held last evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term : Jacob Sehl, President, re-elected; H Randolph, Vice-President, re-elected; H Habermehl;

SEGAR AND LIQUOR SALE .- Mr McCrea, getfulness that this building has been so brands, in quarter and half boxes, of late & Co.'s warehouse. The defence was that Porter, &c., will also be offered. Terms

A FLEET OF WAR VESSELS .- When the Saginaw left San Francisco, on the 1st inst. the following US war vessels were in the harbour :- Monadnock, Vanderbilt, Coman- curious assertion to make, that I labour unche, Cyane, Jamestown, Suwanee, Saranac, der a positive disadvantage, by being a John Hancock, Monterey, and Indepen-

FOR SHANGHAL.—The fine Hamburg clip-FOR SHANGHAI.—The fine Hamburg clip-in the last year; our tardy Legislators, per ship Garland, Captain Sobst, is now however, bave not thought fit to pass a hai, and has splendid accomodation for pass-

Comox Coal,-It is said that a California company have obtained a controlling interest in the seam of coal, recently discovered at or near Comox, by Mr Teidman, and that they design opening it at once.

FROM THE SOUND - The steamer Josie McNear, arrived last night from Olympia and way ports, bringing 14 passengers, and a heavy freight, as per manifest. She will leave again this evening at 6 o'clock.

TIGER ENGINE Co No 2.—At the monthly meeting of the members of this company, held last evening, Mr John C Keenan, was elected foreman, vice Mr John Vogel res-

Horses for Sale,-Mr J A McCrea will sell to-day, the horses Bobby and Dandy, too well known to connoisseurs of horseflesh, to need description.

FOR NEW WESTMINSTER.—The steamer Alexandra left yesterday morning for Fraser river, with a few passengers, and some

HM S Scout will leave on a cruise round the Island to-day, taking His Excellency the Governor, Superintendent Hankin, and

FUCA STRAITS COAL .- From the Phoenix mine we learn that the steam pump is in peration and answers admirably in relieva ng the shaft of water.

FOR THE COAL MINES .- The steamer Fileliter, under a special charter to convey San Francisco capitalist to Bellingham Bay ailed yesterday morning.

For Nanaimo.-The steamer Sir Jame Douglas left yesterday morning with a good number of passengers, and a fair freight.

SPECIAL MAIL BOAT .- The steamer Dian has been chartered to carry the mails regularly between San Juan Island and Victoria.

Major General's Ingalls and Sackett, U. S. A., have gone to San Juan Island.

## Legislative Assembly.

TUESDAY, August 7, 1866. Assembly met at 3 p. m. Present-The Speaker, and Messrs Young, McClure, Dickon, Powell, Pidwell, Carswell, Stamp, De-

Mr McClure moved for copies of all des natches on this subject. The motion elicited some discussion from Messrs Dickson, DeCosmos, and McClure in

carried, the latter alone dissenting. THE NON-CONFIDENCE RESOLUTIONS Mr McClure moved that the resolutions be ransmitted to the Governor, and that a copy be forwarded by the Speaker by next mail.

support, and Mr Pidwell against, and was

The resolutions were read. In the debate which followed Messrs De-Cosmos, Dickson, Ash, Pidwell, Dr Powell, and Mr Cochrane, took part.

On an emendment by Dr Powell, that the brought up again on remand yesterday in unconditional Union resolutions be rescinded be put in their proper place, the House di-

Ayes-Pidwell, Powell, Cochrane, Stamp. Noes-DeCosmos, Young, Dickson, Ash, Carswell. Dr Powell then explained that rather than

see the resolutions lost he would vote for the original resolutions. The motion was then carried by the

following vote: - Ayes - Young, Dickson, Powell, McClure, Carswell, DeCosmos, Stamp. Noes-Pidwell, Cochrane.

The Speaker informed the House, that some action must be taken on the estimates. The committee must meet at 11 o'clock, tonorrow, (Wednesday) House adjourned until Wednesday, at 1

# Supreme Court.

WEDNESDAY, August 7, 1866. Henderson & Burnaby v. Solomon-Suit rought to recover \$542, value of goods sold to M Malowanski by plaintiffs, and bypothecated by him to defendant. For the plaintiffs Mr McCreight, instructed by Messrs Drake & Jackson; for the defendant, the re-elected; Wm Lohse, Treasurer, re elected; Attorney Goneral, instructed by Messrs Pearkes & Green. The evidence for the plaintiff showed that Malowanski bought the goods on the 25th March with the ostensible SEGAR AND LIQUOR SALE.—Mr McCrea, object of sending them north, and that on at 11 o'clock this morning, will sell a large the same day he transferred them to defenquantity of Havana Segars, of choice dant and stored them in Dickson, Campbell importation, and the best quality. An in- the transaction was bonafide and that the voice of fine Wines, Brandies. Spirits, Ales, goods were taken by defendant as security for monies advanced by him to Malowanski. The jury returned a verdict for the defen-

# Another Legislative Blunder.

To THE EDITOR-Sir:-It may seem a such nevertheless is the fact. As I am of an inventive turn of mindel have perfected several new inventions, withoading at Port Gamble, W. T., for Shang- Patent Law, so as to offer me the protection I require; hence I have not introduced them to the public. One of my inventions and I assert without fear of contradiction For the Far North.—The war steamer ing from a half dollar to one dollar per cord, Siginaw towed the bark Eyelyn Wood into for wood, more than they have need to have opened on the 31st ult. The governor, in land, acknowledges the cordial greeting of

having had my patent, first taken out in my own country) I am obliged to take the oath of allegiance to the United States, before procuring a Patent; but, if this Colony had a Patent Law, I could first take out a Patent here, and as a foreigner I would have open the lands to settlers, and to retain in been allowed 6 months to take out my Patent in the United States, and would not have been required to take the oath of allegiance to that country. However strong my inclination may be to remain true to the allegiance I owe to the country which gave me birth, yet, owing to deficient colonial laws on this subject, my material interests direct me to become a citizen of the American republic

It is about 6 months since an act was introduced to the Legislature relating to Patents. but although it is a simple matter to make such a law as would suit the requirements of this Colony, yet, our progressive Legisla-tors have been hatching over it ever since; methinks it must be well matured, after so ong an incubation.

Remedy. EDITORS COLONIST & CHRONICLE :- You ask a remedy for our present evils. Here is one: In 1865, as the following appalling figures will show, we imported \$686,779 worth of articles that might have been raised here and the money kept in the country, had the lands been thrown open to the public and the speculators compelled to cultivate, sell, or pay heavy taxes. Seymour boasts that British Columbia can do without us. If we cannot get Union on equitable terms, let us show that we can do without British Colum-

# IMPORTS---1865.

a	Apples\$ Barley		Cider Eggs	
7,	Bacon		Flour	253 74
,	Beans		Grain	3366
	Beef		Hogs	
	Bran		Hay	
28	Butter	87.812	Lard	24,259
	Bread	3295	Oats	
d	Bread	1132	Onions	129:
	Cattle	277	Potatoes	5977
	Cattle	114.802	Sheep	51,649
	Corn Meal	3452	Wheat	13.226
a	Corn Meal	12.319	Marion lounts	1 70 /11
~	Total			686,779

### LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

Thursday, Aug. 9.

THE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL .- After the House had risen yesterday, Dr Trimble informed the Speaker that in an interview with the Goyernor, His Excellency had informed him, (Dr Trimble) "that he considered the Ministerial Council measure, a step in the right direction, and would have so reported it, if passed to the Home Government, with a recommendation in its favor." This was an important piece of information, which might have entirely changed the nature of the proceedings, and as the Doctor had himself given notice of a motion to rescind the "Want of Confidence," we can only ask why he was not in his place on Tuesday? or if unavoidably absent, why he "God helps those who help themselves," and did not have a locum tenens to make known

vague definition of the difference between what God and nature have done for us and the possessive pronouns meum and tuum.

Take it for granted that gold of itself will leads to a periodical service in the chaip- never place a country on secure foundations gang, was yesterday brought up in the Po- -it will help to attract the builders, but the lice Court, having been arrested by officer structure will never be finished, for the labor Ferrall, for stealing a fat goose from one We ought, at least, to keep the workmen Latreyte. The kidnapped bird had been when they come, and not allow them to dissubsequently patlatched to Mr Wilcox for sipate their strength and finally turn away. \$1.50. John "owned up" and Mr Pem- Gold is, I believe, the least valuable of minberton remarking that the prisoner had com- erals a paradox, but nevertheless true. The mitted the offence with the expectation of worth, and always creates a series of ungetting three months imprisonment, said he healthy excitements, followed invariably by should disappoint him by giving him only reactions still more disastrous. What would one month's hard labour; but recommended the jailor to attend to his regimen. Exit without her pastures? So here, in Vancous John, humming the first line of the popular ver Island. I believe the gold of the neighsong, "Everything is lovely and the goose bouring Colony has done us more harm than hangs high."

DESPERATE ENCOUNTER On Saturday last, a Chinaman entered the 13 mile house, resources, and depended for prosperity on kept by a Mr Wallace, near Quesnellemouth, what the sea and the land, above and be and, while the proprietor's back was turned, neath, would yield us, and on our unrivalled struck him twice on the head with an ax; a position and climate. Ever since 1860 we third blow missed its object, and the weapon which, after projecting us one foot forwards, fell to the floor. The assassin then seized have ended in landing us two feet backs a knife and made at Wallace, who fortus wards. But suppose the money sunk in nately threw him, got possession of the knife, Cariboo, Kootenay, &c., had been spent in and thrust it several times into his breast. riches of the soil, in raising crops, and flocks Leaving the Celestial dying on the floor, and herds, and working the coal fields, and Wallace summoned assistance from Ques- cutting down the timber, we should have nellemouth, when it was found that the assas been now in a very different position. My sio was dead and that the skull of his in- Union with the Syren over the water, for she tended victim was fractured in several places, will lure you to destruction-be self-depen-

Kelly was charged in the Police Court by quirements of Government-throw open all Sergt Ferrall with stealing a quantity of lands and coal fields to settlement and pure wearing apparel, the property of some person chase, and if need be, give them away; and wearing apparel, the property of some person with fruitful land and sea around us, good or persons unknown. The prisoner was re- timber above us and good coal beneathmanded until Friday, in order that the with a splendid climate, and a position property might be claimed. Amongst the second to none-I say we have nothing to articles are a dress coat, frock coat, shooting fear. In another letter I hope to point out a course which may be followed with advancoat, a pair of boots (new), dress trowsers tage, if those who can assist will do so, and and a pair of duck trowsers, marked "Thorne" all can help.

LEECH RIVER DITCH .- Surveyor General Pearse, Mr Homfray and Mr Tiedeman have been appointed a Commission to visit Leech River and take the necessary steps for the His Worship Mayor Franklin, in response to construction of the ditch. The Commission the despatch sent from here on the 1st August will also visit the Great Prairie, lately disto to the Lord Mayor of London: covered at the head of Leech River, with a view to prospecting it for gold.

BERMUDA.—The Bermuda Legislature was

COUNTRY LANDS .- A meeting of the owners and occupiers of country lands on this Island will be held on Wednesday next to discuss the steps necessary to be taken for throwing the Colony the enormous sums of money that are sent abroad yearly for produce.

THE " ISABEL."-The boiler of the Isabel. weighing 1614 tons, was successfully placed on board yesterday, at the Hudson Bay Company's shears. It is reported that the Isabel, will be fitted up temporarily for the San Francisco trade, in which she would, no doubt, meet with good support.

SPECIAL Assizes. - A Commission has been issued to the Chief Justice to hold a Court of Assize on Monday next, on which day grand and petty jurors have been summurder of Urin.

SALE OF FAST STOCK .- The handsome ride ing pony "Bobby" was sold yesterday by Mr McCrea at auction for \$60 to H. Fowler. and the well known trotting horse " Dandy," with buggy, harness, &c., brought \$510 the purchaser being A. Bunster.

DEATH OF AN ELECTRICIAN. -Mr Wm Robinson, telegraph operator at Lytton City. B. C., died recently at that place of sore throat. Deceased was a native of Montreal. C. E, and was aged 24 years.

CLEARED. -Mr Wilson collector of customs at Port Angelos, has been cleared of the charges brought against him at Washs

CHALLENGE .- A bruiser at Cariboo offers to fight any man in the two Colonies for \$2000 a side. Who'll accommodate the gentleman?

H. M. S. Scout, with Governor Kennedy on board, started last night for a cruise around the island.

The Alexandra last evening brought 50 passengers and a Cariboo express.

The town site at Boston Bar. B. C. will be sold by the Government.

## How to Build up the Country.

EDITORS COLONIST & CHRONICLE :- Any ne who pan infuse good spirits among us and confidence in the Colony will be doing a great service.

As a small contribution thereto, I would first of all beg every one to make up his mind to expect no extraneous aid in his per-plexity—he must look neither to Eugland, his mother, nor to British Columbia, his big brother, for help. The mother pays but little heed to the necessities of the son, and the brother has lifted up his heel against him. the sooner we set about the work the better. Let us show of what stuff we are made, and struggle as men, neither uselessly blubber-JOHN BUTTS AGAIN. - This individual, whose ing, not listlessly complaining but let us a a search for it always costs more than it is California, with all her gold, be worth without her agricultural resources? or Australia good. Without it our progress would have been less rapid but more sure, and there would have been no retrogression. By pecessity we should have developed our own have existed on a series of spasmodic spurts, clearing the ground and extracting the true dent and self-relying-give the greatest free-OWNERS WANTED .- A man named John dom to commerce compatible with the re-

The Lord Mayor's Answer. The following despatch was received by

CABLE, August 4th, 1866 Received 10:30 a. m., 6th. To Mayor of Victoria, V. I.-Mother Eng-

# The Weekly Britist AND CHRONIC

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Tardy Justice Better late than nev being importuned by the goaded by the press for t the Legislature has at les a law which should have be on the statute books of from the earliest days of i tional history, and I another which has as eff populated the country as a cholera would do. We all "Homestead Bill" and the ing the "Law of Arrest." originated in the Legislati which gives them quasi exe tion. The last named, "Debtors Relief Act, 1866," by the Assembly last week to the Governor; the Ho was vesterday accepted in by the Lower House and pa Committee without di all the progressive tenden into us by our close pro liberal and go-a-head na been a lamentable reflect vaunted wisdom of our se legislative enactments so the permanent settlement perity of the country been so long withheld. T fact has been suffered to e closing the stable door, bu moments of an almost effe ture, the obstructive scale from the eyes of the men and pertinaciously arrayed against the two most urge ful bills that have engage tention during the session atonement has been ma short sighted policy of th great objection urged agai stead bill, is that it opens and thus legalizes the prac but we see no weight in th The bill in the first place p before a Homestead shall to exemption from seizur shall be duly registered v gistrar General of Titles, ner and form provided in section. According to the owner is required to regis to the property as in real estate, and must caus registration to be given, with a schedule of evidencing his title to stead, and a declaration, e ing his assets to be not le sum of \$2500, or otherwi assets are not greater than of the Homestead, such being of less value than penalty of a wilfully false is declared to be a misder nullifies any registration act. All notices of registr donments and declaration recorded with regular ind persons claiming exemption act, which shall be open to spection upon payment of cents. The Homestead wholly free from seizure any process at law, in equ ruptcy, on account of any bility incurred after the of such Homestead, provi the time of such process, greater value than \$250 have been the continuo place of residence of the in case the value shall \$2500, the excess only sha to seizure and due reg to the selection and dete such excess. Provision aliening and encumbering if a married man with a v in the Colony, requiring of his wife to such aliens cumbrance, but nothing in empts any real or person from sale for taxes, or for rent. With such strin tives to the exercise of fra cannot see any plausibility raised against the bill. True a homestead may secure his

seizure one day and on the fol

the estensible credit of that pr

himself to a considerable au innocent party. But are these

ary risks of business? Are th

finity of modes of practicing