

There is a Time to Speak and a Time to be Silent.

It is useless, say the apologists for the present inefficient system of Government, to write or to speak against the powers that be; it is bad policy as well as bad taste, say those who would let the people be governed as if they were senseless unreasoning beings, to array the governed against those that govern; why excite the worst passions of the people, by pandering to the greatest radicalism, say those who in their ignorance of the true source of power, despise all that emanates from the popular voice? Those who do not take the trouble to think for themselves, are prone to be led by others, whose minds are more active; hence, many who are not really lacking in intelligence, will be found to adopt the policy of letting existing things alone, because men whose ends are served by such a policy, pass it off among those who are ready blindly to follow their lead, as conservatism. This sort of conservatism exactly suits those officials, who, with but little to do themselves, batten upon a revenue which is collected for the purpose of carrying on the Government of the country respectably, but it is spurious, and has not the true ring of genuineness about it; true conservatism has not its birth, its aim, and its end in selfishness, but aims at keeping an existing form of Government in a state as near perfection as it is possible to make it, and has no endurance or tolerance of abuses, which from time to time creep in, and would destroy, if suffered to grow unchecked, the very essence of all that is good in the system. Others equally negligent of making use of their own reasoning powers, are ready to condemn, without the slightest inquiry, all efforts at reformation; they are intolerant of what they call radicalism, and in their intolerance, they leave the science of politics to the more active minds, who are not content to submit to evil, and who exert themselves to reform what is wrong, or what appears to them to be wrong in existing things. Many men who might be most useful in communities, throw away golden opportunities of doing good, by standing aloof from public life; a dread of earning the stigma of being a radical and mischievous politician, keeps many a good man in the back ground, who might, were he as active as other less able men, do his country good service. Hence it comes that the destinies of countries are often times controlled by extreme men, whilst some of the most able thinkers—men, who if once roused to exertion, would excel and surpass those who are more ready with their words, and perhaps more energetic in their deeds, take no part in public affairs and consequently their talents are not employed as they might be in their country's service. But freedom of discussion frequently brings into prominence those that under the "endure all and say nothing" system, would never make their voices heard. There could be no improvement in governments if the people always suffer wrongs in silence, unless the improvement emanated solely from the governing power itself, and this is against all human experience of past ages. Reforms have invariably sprung from the people, since governments have existed upon earth, but reform cannot have its birth in silence. If therefore it is admitted that a system of government is not perfect, then must the people either abdicate their powers of reasoning and sink down to a condition as subject as serfdom; or they must claim their right of discussion, in order to find out the weak points, that they may eradicate them. In our own Colony it is a lamentable truth that no one part of our system of Government is free from the most disgraceful defects; can it then be our duty to say that the Governor is doing his utmost to improve the system, or even to pass over in silence the deplorable inactivity, want of at-

tention to business, and inaptitude for administering the affairs of the state, that is so palpably in the head of the Executive of the Colony? Imperfections we must expect; mistakes we could tolerate, and want of administrative talent excites feelings of pity rather than blame; but neglect of the people's interests increasing carelessness in dealing with affairs of state, and a life devoted to pleasure and love of ease ought not to be tolerated; and we dare not, lest we be guilty of condonation of the evils that, if unchecked, may bring loss, ruin and absolute destruction to the ship, be silent when we see the helm entrusted to one who seems to have no desire to avoid a wreck.

Big Bend.

There were a few arrivals from Big Bend, including Mrs. Steger during the past week. The news they bring is to the 4th inst. There were between thirty and forty men on French Creek. McCullough Creek had been completely deserted. Three stores and two saloons, were still open on the former creek—Burgunder, store and saloon; Cormack, saloon; Mars, store; H. B. Co., store. The prospecting on Carnes Creek, which, last all promised good results, if followed up, has turned out a failure. Captain White, of the steamer Forty-nine, took down some men to the creek, and they sank a shaft and got to the bed rock. They then drifted to the middle of the channel, but found no pay. All of them returned to the landing. Capt. White was going down to a bar in the Columbia, below Carnes Creek, and, if he found nothing there, he would take his steamer down to Colville. The steamer had made two trips. Prospecting by Charles McKinnon and others on the gulch named the Milk Ranch Gulch, situated between French and McCullough Creeks, had also been unsuccessful. On French Creek, four companies were working over old diggings, making \$4 to \$5 a day. A colored company, who had been making only \$2 to \$3 a day, had commenced prospecting in the hill. The Discovery company had finished their old diggings in the creek, and commenced ground sluicing in the bank. The Union had been making from \$5 to \$10 per day, and expect to do better. The Wingdam company had left off working in their old shaft, in consequence of water filling up the drift from the shaft. They are now working in the Last Chance claim, which was abandoned and are making wages. Black Hawk had washed up \$1200, from five weeks work.—*Examiner.*

Cure for Diphtheria.

Editor Colonist:—Will you kindly make public the following remedy for diphtheria, which has been found to be an almost infallible remedy for that complaint when used in its early stages. A friend residing in San Francisco, spoke so highly whilst here, of a specific he employed; but forgot its ingredients, that I have telegraphed for them, and hope they may prove equally useful here.—*J. LANGLEY.*
TAKE—One drachm of Chlorate of Potash, One ounce of Hydrochloric Acid, One ounce of Water.
DISOLVE—To two drachms of this solution, add one pint of water, and with this gargle, or wash the throat frequently. A portion will necessarily be swallowed, which will do no injury.

SITKA AND THE NORTH.—By the Pacific from Sitka, and the Douglas, which connected with her at Nanaimo, we gather a few items of news: Left Sitka on Saturday morning the 23rd, with General Halleck and staff on board; called at Fort Tongas, where but a short stay was made. Put into Bella Bella, wooded and sailed, calling off the wreck of the Suwanee, where 21 tons of coal, saved from the wreck, was had from Mr. Moss. There were two small vessels lying alongside. Some discharged U. S. officers and soldiers were brought down, Captain T. Wright and Mr. Shipper are also down. Amongst the Russian children (and adults, a few cases) sickness prevails; deaths in several cases occurring, principally from measles. The steamer Fidelity was still up North, as also the U. S. Wyanda. The Pacific will be due here to-day, from Nanaimo.

PARIS EXHIBITION CIRCUS.—The house was well filled again last night, with a very respectable audience, there being more families than on the opening night. The performances on horseback were decidedly better, and Mrs. Ellens's first scene of equestrianism, in the general management of a horse, gained applause; she has certainly a splendid seat on horseback, and takes her leaps admirably. The Donovan brothers in their marvellous performances on the trapeze, were again much applauded. The grace and facile movements of these artists in their perilous positions must be seen to be understood. The matinee to-day should be well patronized, for we feel assured there is no place where the little folks can enjoy themselves more for an hour or two, than at the Paris Exhibition Circus.

Police Court.—The case of Alex Campbell under remand for burning the barn of Mr. Bailey on the Spanish Road, was resumed yesterday. Three witnesses were examined, Wm Smith, G Welch and W. Murin, the testimony of whom in many points was important. On the conclusion of the examination the Magistrate gave Campbell the usual caution not to criminate himself, but he merely replied that he should not retract any portion of his voluntary confession. His Worship then committed him for trial. Wm Weldon and Wm Jenkins, two young men of unfavorable notoriety, were charged with stealing \$140 from the person of Mary Cook and remanded until Monday.

COMMENCEMENT CITY.—The new town site of this name, laid out by Gen. McCarver is engaging considerable attention from our Oregon neighbors. The city has lately been surveyed, by C. A. White, Esq., and laid off into building lots. The streets are ranged with the cardinal points of the compass; those leading from the water front are 100 feet wide. The blocks are divided into twelve lots of 120 by 20 feet each, and alleys 20 feet wide running East and West. The city is about four miles from the Agency on the Payallup Indian Reserve, on the South side of Commencement Bay.

BUNSTER'S BREWERY.—The brick work of this building which is of the most substantial character, will be finished this week. The proprietor, Mr. Bunster himself, has given a good colonial example by taking a large share in the actual labor, and his industry and enterprise, deserve much commendation. It is gratifying to learn, that the carpenters in town intend lending a hand to help him along by giving a day's work, so that the building, except the inside work, will probably be finished within a fortnight. The total cost will be in the neighborhood of \$9,000.

SUPERIOR CUCUMBERS.—A second specimen of cucumber has been sent us from seed, known as the B. B. own is the garden of Mr. Bushell, on Johnson street, and imported by him. It measures eighteen inches in length. Two vines from the 16th June to this date have produced twenty-eight cucumbers, varying in size from 12 to 25 1/2 inches in length, or have grown about 50 feet of vegetables within that time from the two plants mentioned. Mr. Bushell is thus producing superior plants, merely due to the care of experimenting.

FROM NANAIMO.—The Sir James Douglas arrived last evening from Nanaimo and was stopping places with 20 passengers and a small amount of produce. The steamer Pacific arrived at Nanaimo yesterday morning, and would probably leave in the evening of this morning. The ship Flying Eagle, coal laden, for San Francisco, sailed on Wednesday, and was seen in the Straits at the Douglas's entered the harbor. There was nothing more from the new coal field, but Mr. Nicol and others were going down to it next week.

FOOLISH EXPERIMENT.—W. M. Drummond, Esq., Police Magistrate of Daylesford, in the Colony of Victoria, committed an absurd error last May last, when in the end cost him his life. A man named Shires protested to have discovered an antidote to snake bites certain in its application beyond all doubt; and to test the efficiency of this antidote, Mr. Drummond allowed himself to be bitten by a tiger snake, one of the most venomous reptiles of Australia. Drummond's life was sacrificed; and the impostor Shires was very properly committed for manslaughter.

ANOTHER CRICKET MATCH.—A cricket match will be played to-day, at Colwood, between two elevens of H. M. Ships Scout and Pylades. Amongst the party the odds are said to be in favor of the Pylades men; but if our old friends of the Scout have not deteriorated sadly, this match should afford some of the finest play of the season, and be well worth seeing. There is a game on Beacon Hill, also to-day.

CHURCH SERVICE.—By the J. L. Stephens are expected the New Methodist Ministers appointed to this Colony. In the morning, the Rev. Mr. Ross will preach at the Methodist Church, and in the evening, the new Minister appointed to Cariboo. In the afternoon, there will be a special service for the Methodist Sunday School, at which all the ministers will assist.

SALE.—Attention is called to the sale of live stock at the Cattle Yard of J. P. Davies & Co., on Fort street, at 12 o'clock to-day. It may be mentioned at the same time, that the whole premises have lately been put in thorough repair, and have now every convenience required by those having stock for sale.

ARRIVALS.—Some six or seven canoe loads of Indians arrived from the North, yesterday morning. They were immediately surrounded by those who keep the penny trotting, and for a time, quite a lively trade in furs was carried on.

The steamer Enterprise, left for New Westminster yesterday. She took up over 50 tons of freight, and a number of passengers.

Ayer's Cathartic Pills.

Are you sick, feeble, and complaining? Are you out of order, with your system deranged, and your feelings uncomfortable? These symptoms are all attendant on the prevalence of biliousness. Some fit of sickness is creeping upon you, and should be averted by a timely use of the right remedy. Take Ayer's Pills, and cleanse out the disordered humors—purify the blood, and let the fluids move on unobstructed in health again. They stimulate the functions of the body into vigorous activity, and remove the obstructions which make disease. A cold settles somewhere in the body, and obstructs its natural functions. These, if not removed, react upon themselves and the surrounding organs, producing general aggravation, suffering and disease. While in this condition, oppressed by the derangements, take Ayer's Pills, and see how directly they restore the natural action of the system, and with it the buoyant feeling of health again. What is true, so apparent in this trivial and common complaint, is also true in many of the most seated and dangerous distempers. The same purgative effect expels them. Caused by similar obstructions and derangements of the natural functions of the body, they are rapidly, and of many of them surely, cured by the same means. None who know the virtues of these Pills, will neglect to employ them when suffering from the disorders they cure. Statements from leading physicians in some of the best cities, and from other well-known public persons:

From a Forwarding Merchant of St. Louis, Feb. 4, 1856.
DR. AYER'S PILLS are the paragon of all that is great in medicine. They have cured my little daughter of ulcers upon her hands and feet that had proved incurable for years. Her mother has been long grievously afflicted with blotches and pimples on her skin and in her hair. After other means had failed, she also tried your Pills, and they have cured her. As a Family Physic.
From Dr. B. W. Cartwright, New Orleans.
Your Pills are the prince of purges. Their operation is so mild, but very certain and effective in their action on the bowels, which makes them invaluable in all cases of biliousness, flatulency, Headache, Sick Headache, Foul Stomach, Constipation, Bilious Colic, Female Complaints, Dropsy, Rheumatism, Nervousness, &c. &c. &c.

From Dr. J. C. Ayer, Lowell, Mass., May 1, 1855.
DR. AYER'S PILLS are the best medicine I have ever used for biliousness, headache, &c. &c. I can give you a list of names of those who have been cured by your Pills, if you wish. I can also give you a list of names of those who have been cured by your Pills, if you wish. I can also give you a list of names of those who have been cured by your Pills, if you wish. I can also give you a list of names of those who have been cured by your Pills, if you wish.

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THE GRAND PROMOTERS OF HEALTH. HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.

The grand secret of attaining happiness is to secure good health, without which life is stripped of its pleasures. The first irregularity of any function should be checked and set right by appropriate doses of these purifying Pills, which strengthen the system by thoroughly cleansing the blood from all impurities. They balance disordered action, remove the cause of disturbance and restore its normal and natural power to every organ, without inconvenience, pain or any other drawback.

Determination of Blood to the Head. This is generally occasioned by some irregularity of the stomach and bowels, which, if not quickly attended to, frequently terminates fatally. A few doses of the Pills, however, will restore to the stomach regularity to the secretions, and purify the fluids. A tendency to the secretions, and purify the fluids. A tendency to the secretions, and purify the fluids. A tendency to the secretions, and purify the fluids.

The Female's Best Friend. For all debilitating disorders peculiar to the sex, such as every contingency period to the life of women, youthful or aged, married or single, this mild but speedy remedy is recommended with firm confidence. It will correct all functional derangements to which they are subject.

Scrophulous and Skin Diseases. For all skin diseases, however inveterate, these medicines are a sovereign remedy. While the Pills act upon the blood, which they purify, the ointment passes through the pores of the skin, and reaches every structure, as water infiltrates the soil, so it penetrates the most. The whole physical machinery is thus rendered healthy, regular and vigorous.

Coughs, Colds and Asthma. No medicine will cure colds of long duration or such as are seated upon the chest, so quickly as these famous Pills. Even in cases where the first onset of asthma has appeared these Pills may be relied on, as a certain and never failing remedy, particularly if the Ointment be simultaneously well rubbed into the chest and throat night and morning.

Indigestion—Bilious Headache. These complaints are sometimes considered trifling, but should be borne in mind, that by neglecting to remedy them, they often end most severely. Give early attention to a deranged stomach take Holloway's Pills, rub the Ointment on the chest, and give the better in your stomach, and you will shortly perceive the strength and energy. The improvement, though it may be gradual, will be thorough and lasting.

Holloway's Pills are the best remedy known in the world for the following diseases: Female Irregularities, Scorbutic King, Bilious Complaints, Dropsical Swellings, Stone Throat, Gravel, Gout, Rheumatism, Constipation, Dropsy, Piles, Hemorrhoids, &c. &c. &c.

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The Agricultural... That the agricultural Colony have, a gloom and depression years, steadily increasing, and congratulation to us. For the last year had no Agricultural Vancouver Island; not only our own we shall have an opening, both at Yal, minister, with agriculturalists of the benefit may be dependent districts of the an interchange of son of progress in as these exhibitions afford. Whilst the neighborhood of be able to compete the exhibitions of horses, and other have been raised probably, also, in men as are home of the lower Fraser selves upon the farm and garden difficult for any prizes in these. The highest perfection of cheese an important items of will also be, and if Cowichan on a minimum one year, shall her endeavors to in when another sea have to yield the persevering comp and making barle Spanish cultivators tion with all grow It is to be hoped a emulation among different parts of ample room for manufacture of beverage. Altogether an impetus to branch of agricultural shows which are autumn. Every facility ought to be and gardeners des if the liberal example Express, is followed proprietors, the nations will be much titators at agricultural when successful, as repaid for the expense incurred by it; power of those has of the means of place to another, rendering such attractive, by less exhibitors; Mr. the initiative in the ner; we hope to have the power to stance, hasten to fo The Fire... We regret to report of the Victoria ment, now before of this most un languishing; it is Department can be extended to it. T lent and useful allowed to fall in for want of support the Municipality ment. It cannot those who devote bor to making th of the Colony tho useful can contrib necessary for the private citizens k scriptions to ma independent of seasons of depre of trade in any those institution dependent upon tions for support at such times it of those who have