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patches, Having, consequently, the largest circulation, its value as an Advertising Medium is apparent.

ed neExploration Wanted The important principle involved in the injunction. " Man know thyself," is scarcely less applicable to the physical conformation of a new country that to the mentalism of its people. Scarcely a day passes that does not afford fresh illustration of the necessity for a more intimate and extended knowledge of British Columbia. It is scarcely creditable to those to whom have been entrusted the administration of its affairs that there really exists no means of af-fording anything like definite and intelligent prormation to the would be settler, and that no effort has been made with a reise to the desimination of reliable information respecting it in those deaser communities from which it might not unreasonably be hoped to draw accessions to our meagre popula-tion. Exploration has been so very limited and imperfect that the "oldest settler's' knowledge of the country may almost be said to be bounded by his patrimonial screet. Nor does official knowledge appear to have acquired a comparatively complete map, now ic course of printing at London, will shortly take the place of the fragmentary output of the Leads and Works office, But it is to be apprehended that even this will be more useful to the student general knowledge of the vast country acoust to form the Pacific province of the Dominion; but that knowledge is chiefly remarkable it his vagneness. Let ary one of us be closely questioned by an intelligent seeker after practical and definite information, and painful consciouences, if not a candid con-Vancouver Island, for instance, a very fraction of the united colony. How much is fraction of the united colory. How much is known about it? How much of it do we know anything about? We are western institutions to his property in the party of Queen Charlotte Island: think, but are not sure, that silver and copper leads abound; letter which we publish to-day from our have an impression that a magnificent stratch of fertile prairie land extends from the pen of WA Harries, Esq. formerly one of the existence in the centre of this island of a series of silvery locks and fertile glens, a sort of parestical country offering harms.—It excepting the larger and wealthier. a sort of paradistral country offering happy —not excepting the larger and wealthier homes to about a hillon of people. But journals of san Fancisco—to receive direct when a rigid line comes to be drawn be correspondence from these wonderful fields. tween the real and the imaginary, it is following tenders for the erection of

expect that the very class of population which it is most important for us to obtain will come to a terra incognita, come whisher they know not, to what they know not, for what they know not. Clearely, it is one of the first duties of the Government to have explorations made and data compiled with a contract to know the annual size. view to supplying this great want. Confederation with its gigantic public works and enormous expenditure is close upon us; and unless an effort be at once made to direct population to the waiting acres which ought to produce food for the tens of themsands that must find employment upon our public works, it is to be feared that the colony will be found in a condition but ill fitted to profit by the expenditure consequent upon these great works.

Pugar Sound Irans,-Capt, Hill of the steamer Black Diamond has demonstrated the navigability of the Snoqualimie River up as far as the Falls, or about 30 miles above its confluence with the Snohomish.
This is regarded as highly important to the section of country drained by that stream.
....The fair for the benefit of the Boman Catholic Church, held at Seattle last week, was very successful, realizing \$567, although only a portion of the articles was disposed of.... Quite a number of the passengers who came by the Pacific went over the Sound to settle The Aome Amsteur Minstrels gave their first performance to a large audience at Port Gamble in aid of the schools The "British Colonist" is the only of Seattle has been appointed Wells, Fargo & Do's agent for that place... The Secretary of the U S Treasury has rendered a depatches, Having, consequently, the disconsustaining Collector Drew in fining the North German ship Herman and Emma. and the steamer California. The former was fined \$500 for violation of the revenue laws. and the latter \$1009 for landing passengers and freight at Victoria from Portland without baving cleared for Victoria.

THE CHARGE OF INCENDIARISM. - Arthur W Smith, a plasterer, was yesterday brought before Mr Pemberton apon a charge of firing the dwelling on Gordon street, lately occu-pied by Mrs Roebotham. The evidence goes to show that Scrith boarded with Mis Roebotham for some time; but having lately quarreled they separated and Smith on everal occasions threatened her with violence, whereupon she changed her residence for the premises just destroyed. On the evening of the fire the w man swears she rent out walking with the two children, leaving the doors locked. Upon her return. at 81/2 o'clock, she found the front door open and Smith inside. Fearing an assault she ran to fetch a policeman, and during per absence her little boy swears he saw Smith in the bedroom throwing paper on a fire that was burning in one corner of it.

The prisoner stands remanded for two days.

BLACK MOOD SLANDERS. -- In the Canadian House of Commons, during the debate apon the Northwest item of \$400 000, Sir Geo E Cartier distinctly stated it as his belief that the calumnious Blackwood magazine article, on the expedition was written by Colonel Wolseley. Mr Thomas Workman chivalmuch wider range. What for instance, rously attempted to defend the Colenel, but could say nothing beyond the fact that he did not bel'ave Col Wolseley could ever utter t of map-making in what he knew to be false and meligoant, the Lands and Works Department done; How Mr. Macdeugall spoke on the question, for the country in so far as affording stigmatizing the reference in the Biaskwood solid, practical information to the in- article to the public men of this country as tending settler is concerned? True, unfair and a specimen of that anobbery we are reminded that a whole and which some military men indulge in whenever unfair and a specimen of that anobbery er they referred to colonists and colonies, His remarks elicited many 'heat' 'hears' from both sides of the House.

LOCAL BREVITIES .- On Sunday morning Rev Dr Punshon preached a powerful serof geography than to the imanignant in pur-sait of a homestead. The imanignant in pur-sait of a homestead. The imanignant in pur-sait of a homestead. The imanignant in pur-tial Calumbia, ought to be the follower, the disciple, rather than the torerunner of the explorer. We have, all of us, a sort of general knowledge of the vast country about mon to a full congregation at the Wesleyan Methodist Church. In the evening Rev Andrew's Charch, on Sanday morning, Rev Mr McGregor preached the annual sermon before the St Andrew's and Caledonian Society. The attendance was large....The brig Robert Cowan, Capt Revelley, will sail to-day for Socke to load with lumber for Honolulu.....The Enterprise sails at 10 o'clock this morning for New Westminster.

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Robert Cowan, from Honolulu, has purchased two farms on Cedar River, near Seattle, in Washington Territory, with a slew to actiting his family thereon. Capt Brown will bring his family from the Sandwich Islands immediately,

lambe brought \$7 each, rame \$3(2)10, two donkey cart, or even a hand eart, drawn and pressive. Of course in these latitudes of breeding sows and litters of 10 331, oats propelled by bipeds, while many were con-\$23 per ton, potatoes \$15, 2 mares \$45 each. Spanish fowls 80 cents each. The remain der of the goods brought good prices. The attendance was large. Mr Plummer offi-

A WISH MOVEMENT. -The Seattle Inteligencer, in an able article, advocates the immediate organization of an Agricultural and Mechanical Society for Washington Territory. It is quite time our neighbors had some such organization.

THE Pacific reached Portland on Saturday She fortunately met the Idaho for San Francisco at Astoria, to which vessel the Pacific's passer gers, mail and express were transferred,

THE steamer Olympia, with 70 passengers and a small freight, arrived yesterday afternoon from Olympia and way ports, and will sail again at 10:30 o'clock this morning Mr Finch, purser, bas our thanks for customary

WE attach little importance to the dispatch announcing the alleged basis of an agreement for the settlement of the Alabama

MAY WELLS BEATTY .- A benefit to Miss May Wells Beatty, the little fairy who is at present delighting audiences at the Theatre, is spoken of. She deserves a bumper. THE steamer leabel arrived from the

Sound this morning at 12.30, with 60 passengers and a mail. Purser Hayes has our thanks for the usual favors. THE contract for freighting the machinery

of the Lane & Kurtz Company to Cariboe has been awarded Messre Lane & Greenman. ED TOUMEY, a pioneer stock-raiser of

REV. MESSES PUNSHON and Johnson dined

t Government House last evening. THE brig Byzantium, Capt Calhoun, is due om the Sandwich Islands.

The Dawson & Douglas Whaling Party are fitting out for the summer's cruise.

THE brig Foster, out 22 days, is hourly THE ISABEL, with the mails, sailed yes-

erday morning for Port Townsend

The Cape Diamond Fields.

(BY AN OLD CORRESPONDENT. PORT ELIZABETH, ALGOA BAT.

EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST,—As the discovery of Diamonds in South Africa has caused public attention to be directed to this Colony, perhaps a few random jettings from an old correspondent residing that the glittering deposits may be acceptable to the readers of the Colonist, particularly to those who may entertain a desire to the throng now wending its way to the South African Eldorado. Without further prelude I shall proceede to offer a few comments on our

DIAMOND FIELDS.

The colonial newspapers which I have regularly forwarded to you by the Mail Steamers, will have informed you of the nature and extent of the discoveries on the Banks of the extent of the discoveries on the Banks of the Vasi River, but much that is mincheviou finds its way juto print, and you know from personal experience the direful results of exciting the public mind by sensational announcements, that will not bear the test of verification. As a proof of this ad article appeared in the Cape papers the oler day professing to be an extract from the Chiestoff and thinks the contract of the chiestoff and Times which I have no hesitation a pro-nouncing to be a tiesce of falsehood and misrepresentation. According to the writer of this munchausen production the yield of precious stones had been so wonderfully prolific that diamonds have become as plenti-ful as 'blackberries in June,' and the ladies who attended the Court (?) of the President of the Orange Free State, appeared with their hair in a blaze with the lustrous

I trust that general publicity was not given to this boax although rumor has it that shiploads of diamond seekers are already en route from the States. The most reliable account of the Fields will be published by a Mr Jerome L Babe, agent of the Wischester Repeating Rifle Co, who purposes, on his arrival in America, to give the result of his experiences from an actual asjours at the Fields, in the form of a pamphlet for general circulation. Mr Babe is an observing, in-telligent, gentleman and from what I know of him, dependence may be placed upon anything he states. Although it was known

Axong the passengers by the Olympia yesterday were Col E C Rice, U S Consul at Yokahama, Japan, E Sampson, Esq. of New York and John Leavy, Esq. and wife, of Seattle, W.T. We understand that Uol Rice will return to Japan, settle up his business there and make his future home at Victoria. The party return to Puget Sound to day.

Land Purchass,—Capt Brown, who arrived here the other day is command of the Robert Cowan, from Honolulu, has purchased two farms on Cedar River, near Seattle, in of locomotion on one or more wheels was about an application of tar and feathers, and subject to role about an application of tar and feathers, and subject to role about an application of tar and feathers, and of locomotion on one or more wheels was called in requisition and every four footed beast with a go in him was chariered for the new land of hope. The roade leading to the Vest River were soon studded with adventurers, whose stations in life.

> ent to tramp the entire distance with their packs on their backs. Mining in any chape your readers we'l know, is a lottery in which more blanks than prizes are drawn, and it is well that it is so, or the moral and social status of the age would scon become undermined. The poor man, if unsuccessful at the start, soon exhausted his scanty means, and had to make the best of his way back again poorer in person but richer in wisdom than he went. Those who could afford to hold out for 6 months and pitched in with the determination to give the Fields a fair trial, have generally been successful. Some have reached their thousand pounds, while others have found barely sufficient to defray ex-

The freeks of fortune have been strange, men have gone to the Fields more for the sake of curiosity or speculation than for digging, and in a few days by casual searching have found more diamonds than Companies which had been working steadily for months. Colored labor on the spot is cheap so that when a man is reduced to penury—or 'strapped' as the Cariboo Boys say—he finds himself in a hard case, and is more or less dependent on the good Samaritans of the community, of whom, be it said to their credit, there appear to be many. I know of one instance where an apparently broken down digger applied to a party comprising some friends of mine for assistance and was fed and maintained by them for several days. At the end of that time he called the captain of the party aside and said, what I am going to tell you is strictly between ourselves at present, you have been very kind to me, and I have a few diamonds which I am going to take back with me, here is one which I request you to accept in return for your kindness (offering a fine gem of 7 or 8 carats) but don't breath it to a soul fill I am our of the way, as I am going to tramp back to Natal and intended to abuse the country and my bad luck all along the Mainland, is reported dead at San the road. This eccentric genius had diamonds of considerable value in his possession. but was possessed with the idea that he would be ro bbed of them before he could reach his home.

The size and quality of the stones vary considerably, ranging from 1/2 of a cerat up to 40 or 50 carats, and now and again still larger gems are anearthed of 60, 70 and 80 carate and upwards. After the first rush buyers were pleatiful on the fields, but with buyers were plantiful on the fields, but with the increase of diggree the yield became too large for the speculatore, who soon exhausted their funds, and the consequence is that a large proportion of the dismonds are sent down for alignment from the port. I have seen some beautiful particle; but the largest collection in the hands of one merchant, done sisting of shout 1500, was sone board by the last wall became, Our papers are furnished at fixed at the number and value of the past two years, and they represent 5.502 diam and valued at £132.216, but that can only be at approximation, for being small and handy doubtions many go home without being reported for duty.

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The mode of operations at the diggings was at first somewnat crude, but improved modes of washing and silting the gravel have modes of washing and silting the gravel bave been introduced by inventive geniuses. The appliance most in use is what is called a flong-tom, with a perforated iron bottom. Large boulders impede the diggers, rendering the labor severe and irksome for hands unpractised in the use of pick and above; but two or botte bours digging, they say, suffices for a day's washing, and the gravel is conserved in Scotch, carrs to the banks of the veyed in Scotch, cares to the hanks of the river where the rest of the operation, though wet and unpleasant, is comparatively light. So far there has been nothing but surface So far there has been nothing but surface digging. The majority of the diamonds taken out of the first rich 'kopje' which created such a sensation, were found within eighteen inches from the top. Since then some have such thirty feet and found diamonds down to the bed rock, but there has been no systematic mining—it has been only digging and washing. There are several mining camps on beth sides of the Vasi, the combined population of which is estimated at 7000 white and black. Until recently the territory upon which these camps stand has been a bone of contention between the two neighboring Republics and certain native captains boring Republics and certain native captains or chiefs. The rightful claiment of the soil upon which most of the diggers are at present vorking, however, would seem to be a bastard chief named Waterboer, who petetitioned the Brilish Government to be taken under its paquence been proclaimed subject to British rule by our Governor who has despatched a commissioner to the spot. It is not yet known whether the Home Government will confirm the act of the High Commissioner, but considering the number and heterogeneous nature been wonderfully secure. This is in a great measure attributable to the formation of a juncture in the bistory of the colosy. Gov. Committee clothed with powers to enforce ernor Musgrave is, I believe, a nephew of measures for social order and sanitary observances, who have been regarded in the light of that terror to evil doors, a 'Viglance Committee.' A code of regulations was immediately framed by these gentlemen which with the welfare of all my without the welfare of all my victoria friends.

about an application of tar and feathers, and Mynneer had no alternative but to cave in

and enrol himself.

A good deal has been said to alarm strangers about the heat of the diamond-fields, but it am assumed by those who have just returned

may expect the summer season to be hot and dusty, but for 7 or 8 months out of the 12, the climate is considered as fine and healthy

as can be found anywhere.

The nearest practicable route to the Fields The nearest practicable route to the Fields is from this port. Natal and Cape Town are trying to mislead by holding out delinsive inducements to come that way, but this is the port whence the Fields draw all their supplies and Port Elizabeth is not only geographically nearer to the diggings, but there are cally nearer to the diggings, but there are two or three main roads from this place to Vaal River passing through different inland to was where supplies of all kinds can be precured—advantages possessed by neither of the other starting points. Within the last six weeks I should say 200 fresh arrivals—mostly Englishmen, but including a few Austalians and some foreigners—have left this place for the Fields all of whom readily found means of conveyance. The charge for a passage to Fields (exclusive of provisions) varies according to circumstances from say \$25 to \$50. The distance is reckoned at about 475 miles and occupies with an ox and waggon about and occupies with an ox and waggon about am occupies with an ox and waggon about a month or five weeks; with a cart and four horses about twelve days. Some of the recent arrivals booked right through to the Fields, and were duly forwarded in comfortable wagons, but the majority formed themselves into parties of about 10 or 12 and hired a wagon between them for about £70. The charge may seem high but it is only commen-surate with the risk of losing some of the oxen and the length of time occupied in the

journey.

After this long yarn it may be as well to give my conclusions for the guidance of the uninitiated. They may be summed up in a

Let no person think of relinquishing any renumerative or certain means of employment for a chance in the diamond lottery.

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As great prizes are to be drawn, any man without local ties or special inducements to remain a fixture and who has muccle and stamins with sufficient money to back his afforts cannot do amiss to try his hand at the venture. To such men I should say come by all means, there is plenty of room for all.

Any intended digger should reserve his out-fit until his arrival here where he can better ascertain what his requirements may be and can

ascertain what his requirements may be, and can procure everything suitable for the purpose cheaper probably than he could import them. In the absence of steamers sailing direct for the Oape the most expeditious way of reaching the Colony, is by the regular traders plying between Boston and this port, which usually make the passage in 60 days and sometimes less.

MISCELLANDOUS.

A well-known character in theatrical circles A well-known character in theatrical circles on the Pacific Coast, formerly a cateror for public amasement at Victoria, is now sojouraing here having a temperary engagement at our theatre. He goes by the name of W W Allen, but was better known by your readers by the soubriquet of 'Jerry Blessom', Ac. I companying him is another well-known name in California and Oregon, Signor Abecco. The former is in the low comedy line, the latter is a singist and harpist. I believe he married the daughter of a judge in San Francisco who is here with him.

In one of the recent Concrete sent me I observe an account of an accusion to Paget Sound on the 4th July, written by Cynic, The writer, white represents his leability to do justice to the grandeur of the mountain scenery that berst upon him at early dawn owing to the 'inspiration' being placed under seal) lugs me in for a bit of chaff by coupling my name with that of Tennyson, whose muse he invokes, Am J far out in spotting the writer as my old friend the Bull in a china shop? The al-tusion to the spo on Mount Baker where Coleman and Ogilvie sarg the doxology and the vagaries of his Pegasus v hen atheret savor strongly of him of the Fort street Repository.

I see that you have at last paved the way natisfactorily for admission into the Domin io | | croakers and malcontents not withstandlog and I congratulate you on the dawn of a new era of vitality and progress. The colony should take a new lease from the moment of its admission on the terms arranged by your Delegates.

of the population, life and property have been wonderfully secure. This is in a great was at the bead of affairs at this important