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LATER FROM SOOKE.

The steamer Caledonia arrived at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, bringing some 30 or 40 passengers from Sooke. Many of these were down for tools and supplies, a few had merely gone up for a holiday, and a few more, some of whom had gone 4 or 5 miles up Leech river, and some who had never reached the river, were returning disgusted with the country. The majority of the returned miners express their full confidence in the richness of the country, and their determination to return and give it a fair trial. Mr. Gias, Dechent, who is a practised miner, tells us that the region along Leech river has every appearance of being a rich mining country. He says there is gold everywhere in more or less quantities. Even in the top dirt of both the benches, which rise one above the other, prospects of from 2 to 5 cents have been found, and the greatest facilities are offered for hydraulic mining, there being both an abundance of water and any required fall. Mr. Dechent says there is great dissatisfaction among the miners at the law requiring the pre-payment of the mining license. He also states that parties with licenses in their pockets stand watching the prospectors, and when any good thing is struck, pounce on it before the actual discoverer can get it recorded.

THE ENGLISH MAIL.
[DATES TO 18TH JUNE.]

THE ARBITRATION OF NAPOLEON III.
Our Paris correspondent is informed that Earl Russell has proposed to the plenipotentiaries forming the Conference, seeing that neither Prussia nor Denmark is willing to accept the suggested line of settlement, to refer the question to France for decision. The Emperor it is thought will be too glad to exercise the office of arbitrator between the disputants. The *Pays* anticipates a renewal of hostilities on Monday week; but our correspondent is of opinion that the Emperor, if he undertakes the task of mediating will insist as a preliminary stipulation that all parties concerned are to abide by his award, and he is certain to prohibit a recommencement of the war.—*Standard*, June 18.

THE FAEDRALD OF YESTERDAY.
The *Faedrald* of yesterday says that Denmark only consented to a prolongation of the armistice on the expressed condition that England should maintain the original proposition for the division of Schleswig, and make no further concessions, should Germany reject that proposition.—*Ibid.*

THE CONSTITUTIONAL OF THIS EVENING.
The *Constitutional* of this evening, alluding to its bulletin to the report that England would propose to entrust the disputed territorial position in the duchies, to arbitration, says: We are convinced that the French Government would not entertain any objection, and that it can only wish success to this proposal.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF WATERLOO.
To-day being the 49th anniversary of the battle of Waterloo, the men and officers belonging to the various battalions of household cavalry and infantry wore laurels in their caps in commemoration of the day. At 11 o'clock the first battalion of Coldstream Guards marched out of their barracks (St. George's Charing-cross) for the purpose of mounting guard at St. James' Palace. The colors belonging to the battalion were decorated with laurels, as also were those of the 2d regiment of Life Guards, who mounted guard at the Horse Guards. It may not be uninteresting to our readers to know that after a lapse of 49 years there are still 157 gallant veteran officers above the rank of lieutenant now alive to celebrate the day.—The rank of these officers may be summarised as follows: Generals, 21; lieutenant-generals, 19; major-generals, 25; colonels, 25; lieutenant-colonels, 25; majors, 15; and captains, 4.

GUNNERY EXPERIMENTS.
An important series of gunnery experiments were made at Shoobuynes yesterday. The object was to test the existing powers of a target representing a section of the iron-clad Lord Warden, now building, and in the same trials to determine the comparative penetrating powers of the Somerset and Frederick guns, and of the Armstrong and Anderson guns. The first represents guns of the same weight—6½ tons each, but the Frederick is of smaller bore than the other. The other guns are both of 300 lb. weight, but the Anderson gun is likewise of smaller bore than the Armstrong. The result of the trials,

which were of great interest, was that the target, though in its principal parts 42½ inches thick, was knocked all to pieces, and with respect to the guns, the large bore guns were found to be superior to their small bore competitors.—*Standard*, June 8th.

DEATH OF SMITH O'BRIEN.
Mr. Wm. Smith O'Brien, so well known in connection with the last Irish rebellion, for participation in which he was sentenced to transportation for life, but subsequently received a free pardon, died on Thursday night at Bangor, after a brief illness.

THE DANISH WAR.
FLensburg, June 17.
Travellers arrived in Tondern from Sylt state that for the last few days the island has been occupied by Danish troops.

A bottle of gunboats arrived off Keitum on Tuesday morning. On the eight following the officer commanding the Danish troops landed a detachment and surrounded Keitum. Seven gentlemen known for their German sympathies were arrested and sent off in a steamer to Copenhagen. The Mayor was suspended for not having displayed sufficient energy.

Keitum has been declared in a state of siege. A deputation from the Peninsula of Sandemir arrived in town Sunday at 10 o'clock having left Leech river at 6 a. m. and walked the entire distance. They report the whole creek for 6 miles taken up, some claims taking out in paying quantities and others prospecting very well. The Industry Co. were working with a rooker and washing out very good pay. They professed to be taking out \$30 per day. It was said that \$5000 had been offered and refused for their claim. Our informants consider the mines where they are taken up, very promising, and from the appearance of the country they are of opinion that good diggings will be struck in the neighborhood.

Pipe prospecting were reported to have been struck in a dry gulch about 8 miles up the river. The discoverers kept the locality a secret as they cannot work it for want of water, but it was said to be richer than anything yet struck on Leech river. About the first canon Ryan met a French Canadian striking in the gravel on a bench or slide, he had got down about 4 feet and was trying to reach the bed rock. Ryan prospected a pan of the dirt from the hole, which yielded, so far as he could judge, about 5 cents. There was every appearance of richer pay dirt being found below.

Captain Elvin, of the scow Anna, and a party of men, had crossed over to the head waters of Leech river, from Sayward's mill at Cowichan. They prospected, as well as they could, with only a frying pan at command, and struck prospects in some of the creeks above the upper canon, but it is not known what the results were. Something good is supposed to have been found, which the party decline to divulge.

THE FRENCH TURF TRIUMPH.
The victory won by Vermont is still the great event of the day, and for the time has thrown the Danish question in the shade. It has turned the Parisians wild with joy, and a reporters for the daily press seem at a loss for words to tell the glory of the Longchamps races. The person who is not the last to be satisfied is the Emperor, for it produced for him a manifestation of public feeling equal to that which greeted him after Magenta and Solferino. It is hoped that M. Belmonte, the poetical deputy, will celebrate in Parnassus verse this triumph of the French Turf. His task will be comparatively

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SPAIN.
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FROM SANDWICH ISLANDS.
[DATES TO JUNE 25TH.]
Growth of Hilo.—Hilo is improving quite rapidly, and is already the centre of a thriving and growing commerce, which will increase as the sugar plantations in its vicinity develop their resources, and scatter among the natives increased means of subsistence. To show what its trade is, we may remark here that during the week we were there, four vessels left the port, taking off full cargoes, amounting to 300 or 400 tons of produce. All these vessels took up full freights also from Honolulu to Hawaii. Hilo is preparing to send out next year (1865) from 10,000 to 12,000 tons of produce, including sugar and the bulky bales of pulp and fungus, most of which finds its way to San Francisco; and the people of that village are talking strongly in favor of a direct line of packets to California, for which there is ample work, provided it can be obtained.

THE NEWS OF LINCOLN'S NOMINATION.
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IN PORT.—Yankee, Patsey, for San Francisco; Shaktpeare, for Hongkong; Anne of the North, for the Sandwich Islands; and the Russian Corvette, Calavalla.—*Cor. Bulletin.*

LETTER FROM AN EXPERIENCED PROSPECTOR.
The following letter from Mr. Alexander McK Smith, a gentleman of considerable mining experience, was received on Saturday night.

LEECH RIVER, Aug. 5.
I arrived here yesterday at noon. The travelling is rather rough part of the way, but nothing to prevent the making of a good trail. We got a claim about half-a-mile up Leech river, but do not know the value of it yet. We can get some very nice gold in every pan.

All the banks of this river contain gold, and from the proofs that I have seen taken from the banks of the rivers for some two or three miles I am satisfied the diggings will pay well and last for some three or four years, and much longer if hill diggings should be struck.

I have seen as much as one dollar and a half in the pan taken from the banks of the river. Prospects of from one to five dollars in the pan have been found higher in crevices of the bed rock.

None of the claims are opened out yet, and I am not able to say definitely what they would pay when properly worked.

SUPREME COURT.
[BEFORE CHIEF JUSTICE CAMERON.]
Pickett v. Parker.—Mr. Attorney General Cary, for plaintiff; Mr. King for defendant.—This was an action for the value of a quantity of feed supplied, as plaintiff averred, for the use of defendant, but according to the latter, for the British Columbian Stage Company, for whom he was only manager. After a patient hearing of the case, and listening to the reading of the Judge's notes, the jury retired, but being unable to agree, were discharged. The case must therefore stand over till the fall assizes in November.

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THE DEATH IN THE WOODS.
WILLIAMS CREEK, July 1864.
EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST: Fearing that the accompanying lines from a recent number of the *Scottish American Journal* relating to the melancholy death of one of our adventurous British Columbian miners, may have escaped your notice, I send them you for re-publication. Yours truly,
F. I. BARBER.

LYING DOWN TO DIE.
We stated lately that the body of a man was found near the Bear River, British Columbia, wrapped in a blanket and the head pillowed on a log. Near at hand lay a tin cup, on which was scratched—"Donald Monroe; lost in the woods; from Inverness, Scotland; born June, 1825; finding death inevitable, the deceased, before lying down to die, had scrawled this record, probably with a pin. An English lady sends us the following lines on this strange and melancholy incident:

No friendly hand was near to close
His eyelids for that last repose;
Upon his brow the death damp lay,
But no one wiped it thence away.
Removed from every human eye,
The wanderer laid him down to die,
The track was lost, and never more
Would he the forest depths explore;
Too late had strangers pass'd the spot,
And learned the weary traveller's lot.
How hard a couch his limbs had press'd,
Ere the worn spirit sunk to rest!
With tearful eyes and soften'd tone,
They spoke of him who died alone!
But was no record left for those
Who knew him once as friends or foes?
No proof of where his thoughts did fly,
Before he heav'd his latest sigh.
Yes; ere he clos'd his life of care,
He thought of home and lov'd ones there;
And in his dying hour would trace
The story of his name and race.
Strange—a rude cup the record bore—
Alas! what tempted him to roam
From his own mountain land and home?
Perhaps a widowed mother's prayer
Still rose for him who slumber'd there,
Or wife still yearned for his caress,
Whose grave is in the wilderness.
But vain the attempt to penetrate
The history of the wanderer's fate;
Not deem because he died alone,
He suffering reap'd for errors sown.
Bright angels may have linger'd near,
His awful solitude to cheer;
Perhaps, like Jacob, he descried
The gate of Heaven before he died.
The dust which sleeps 'neath foreign skies
May yet a glorious body rise;
And kindred spirits round the throne,
The wanderer greet who died alone.

THE END OF A NOTED PUGILIST.
The *New York Times* June 29th, has the following:
Tom Hyer, the well known pugilist and athlete of former years, died at his residence in this city yesterday morning. For several years past he had been complaining, but most of the time had not been confined to his house. Hyer's first fight in the city was on the 11th of July, 1857, when he was whipped by John Sullivan. He was whipped afterwards fought him again and came off victorious. At this time Yankee Sullivan was in his fame, and nobody supposed he could be whipped. Sullivan wanted to fight Hyer, but the latter did not care to have a fight, so they happened to meet at Sullivan's bar-room, near Park Place, on Broadway, and some taunts were thrown out, which resulted in a quarrel between the two men, and in Hyer giving Sullivan a thrashing. This led to a challenge, and finally the great event took place on Delaware Bay, where Hyer whipped Sullivan easily in sixteen rounds. This fight created an intense excitement in pugilistic circles, and many thousands of dollars were lost and won upon the event. Of course it made Hyer a hero, but although he was in splendid health, from that time forth he kept away from the prize ring. In his day he was regarded as one of the handsomest men that walked Broadway, a perfect model of an athlete. He had a manner and bearing, too, entirely unlike that of a flash sportsman, and a large circle of friends regarded him highly for his generous and chivalric personal qualities of character that those who only knew of him as being a pugilist could give him no credit for. Lately he had become much broken down by disease, and his business enterprises, such as they were, having miscarried, he had become quite indigent, and was compelled to accept of a benefit from his sporting friends a few weeks ago. On Saturday last he was out until between 12 or 1 o'clock yesterday morning, when he returned in a wagon accompanied by a friend. He sat on his front stoop about 15 minutes when he complained of being ill and asked for ice water, which was furnished him. Soon after this he was aided in getting to bed, and continued to grow worse, breathing shorter and with more difficulty until half-past 5 o'clock a. m., when he expired. Dr. Thomas Robinson made a post mortem examination of the body. He found the lungs and intestines healthy, the heart very large and fatty, and pericardium filled and distended with serum. The liver was also very much diseased, and the whole structure of it entirely generated into a scirrus mass. The spleen was enormously large, measuring 10½ inches in length, 8 inches in width and weighing several pounds. The doctor was of the opinion that the immediate cause of death was cardiac dropsy. Deceased was 45 years of age and a native of New York.

NEW PERIODICALS.—Messrs. A. Roman & Co. 417 Montgomery street, San Francisco, send us copies of the *American Literary Gazette*, and the *Student and Schoolmate*, for June. The former contains very interesting, a clever gossiping article styled "Knock-cracy," with a quantity of other interesting matter to literary readers. The "Student" is a pleasing little periodical for little folks and would be a welcome guest in all families.

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