Tuesday, October 24, 1865

A TRIANGULAR GAME. One of the most extraordinary games that have ever probably engrossed the attention of diplomates, is at present being played by the three great powers of the world-England. France and America. With all the strides civilization and Christianity have made, we verily believe that neither of the three nations we have just mentioned would feel the poignancy of profound grief were the other two madly clutched in internecine strife. Diplomacy has only one object in view, and that is success. If the road should be swampy with human blood it matters notthe goal must be reached. France wants to retain a firm hold of Mexico, beyond the risk of future failure, and consequently desires that England and America should have a tussle. There is a double object in prospective for Napoleon. War between England and the United States would give Maximilian almost an indefinite lease of power; for come the issue of the con test how it might, both nations would be crippled for many years, and France could almost dictate her terms on the two continents of Europe and America. If, on the other hand, France and America were engaged in war over the Monroe dectrine, England would escape all disagreeable claims and pretences put forward by the Washington authorities in reference to her action during the recent war, and the Fenian disturbances would at once disappear. This is not all, however; the carrying trade of the world would be done in British vessels, and the power of England for good or ill would be almost quadrupled. When the London Times tells Louis Napoleon he cannot back down from his position in Mexico without swallowing his own words, and when it informs President Johnson that the Monroe doctrine is purely bunkum so long as France forces her Imperial institutions on the American continent, we are led to conclude that the diplomacy of London would not make very active exertions to stay, hostilities on the Rio Grande. The position of America, on the other hand, would make a violent rupture in the entente cordiale between France and England a highly desirable consummation. With Louis Napoleon in war in Europe, Maximilian's empire would fall by its own weight, and the American Republican would be allowed to recuperate and retrench at leisure. The Alabama's damages would have to be paid by England to save a double war on Great Britain's hands, complicated still more by a Fenian invasion, and, lastly, the American shipping trade which has suffered sadly by the rebellion, would obtain an impetus that would shortly place it in a flourishing condition. We cannot say that the commercial and manuface turing industries of any of the three powers would escape serious injury by war between the other two, but diplomacy has an interest that is sometimes apart from material progress, and it is generally able to precipitate a crisis before the peaceful interests are able to take the proper steps for the preservation of their industries. At all events, we have a triangular game between the three great powers, that may turn out to be as serious as it is interesting, A few years ago the United States would have had but a small chance in diplomatic fencing with European nations, but things are now much changed. The war which has uprooted slavery in America has produced a much more aggressive and revolutionary power in the desire for the extension of Republican principles. While North and South were clutched in deadly embrace most of the monarchies of Europe. the Americans will obstinately have it, were gladly hailing the contest as a death-blow to democracy. Some they say covertly, others openly aided the foes of American federation not from any love they had for the parties in rebellion or for rebellion itself-for of all things dreaded by hereditary power is the principle of revolt-but from an inward des sire to stay the progress of popular governs ment. The war is new over-the Republic has emerged more concentrated, more powerful, and consequently more than ever respected by European nations. Not, however, as the Republic of old does she reappear on the national stage. The empty bravado, the awkward diplomacy, the brusque and simple manners of a progressive but nontraditional government, have disappeared, and we now find in their stead the mysterious reficence, the diplomatic craft, and the dignified bearing of the older and more cunning organizations of Europe We see a beginning of Republican intrigue—a, playing off of Yankee ingenuity against European wile. The day of passive democracy has gone and Republicanism has become for almost the first time diplomatically aggressive. The menacing aspect of General Sheridar on the Rie Grande, and the Fenian disturbances in Ireland, are without doubt the offspring of the one policy, and are the levers by which Secretary Seward hopes to prevent anything like foint action on the part of France and England in American affairs. off France at-

tempts to cooperate with England in Tesist-

ing American demands, the Mexican war is

resuscitated with a tenfold vigor. If England attempts to lend aid to France in the Mexican affair, there are the Fenians. On the other hand, the United States are still far from being reconstructed. The old hates and dislikes are still peeping out, and it would require but a small firebrand, thanks to the too compromising spirit of President Johnson, to be thrown by England or France into the Reoublic to start the conflagration anew. Never were three nations in more precarious rela tions with each other, and never was there a time when soundness of judgment and enlarged ideas of the duties of Government were more required in their respective rulers than committe has been towed downwood

## BRITISH COLUMBIA

The steamer Otter arrived last evening from New Westminster with 60 passengers and a large amount of treasure, \$100,000 being for the Bank of British Columbia. (From the Columbian.)

THE STMR. ONWARD, Captain Irving, arrived from Yale on Monday evening, bringing 50 passengers, amongst whom were the Hon. A. N. Birch, Admiral Denman and Mrs. Denman, Hon. J. W. Trutch and others Mr. Malcolm Munro, contractor for the Cottonwood road, came down. We regret to learn that Mr. Muuro has lost by the contract and is unable to finish the road, owing to extremely unfavorable weather. We believe the Government will at once complete the road under the management of Mr. Spence CUSTOMS RECEIPTS for the week ending

Saturday, October 14th, 1865 :- Duties (import), £1,179 10s 10d; do. (export), £569 0s 4d; harbor dues, £10 5s 6d; head money. £16 4s; tonnage dues, £98 6s 10d. Total, £1,873 7s 6d. Number of passengers entering at this port during the same period, 11.

## Later from Big Bend

The news which is reaching us from the Big Bend country continues to be of the most encouraging character. Our dates from the bead of Shuswap Lake are to the 12th inst. Mr. Smith had returned from the mines .-Smith and Ladner's train had also arrived having delivered the provisions at the Columbia river which were cached over the snow some time ago. The arrival of the train with provisions, and the assurance of Smith and Ladner that every effort would be made to keep them supplied through the winter, caused many miners who were on their way out to return to their claims with the inten tion of working them all winter." Smith & Ladner's train started out from

the head of Shuswap Lake on the 10th with another gargo of provisions, via the Govern-ment trail, which was cut through to the Columbia River, but was being improved in some places. In addition to keeping their train at work S. & L. are employing all the Indians they can get in packing over the new trail in order to keep the miners supplied. A train of 20 Indians started out on the 11th with packs, varying from 60 to 100 pounds each. Mr. Romano's mule train was on the weather, since the change a few weeks ago had been delightful, so much so that on his way down Mr. Ladner purchased a drove of beef cattle on the Bonaparte, and started them off for the mines, where they would probably arrive about the 22nd inst.

Excellent prespects had been struck on the bars of the Columbia River, above and below Death Rapids, and in the vicinity of the terminus of the new trail, upon which a number of miners were commencing to work.

A new gold bearing creek had been discovered, emptying into Gold Creek three or four miles south of McCulloch's Creek. Two men, representing the Discovery company, had started out from Shuswap Lake with packs of provisions, and it was understood from them that the new creek prospected very rich. On French Creek mining was actively going on, with the most satisfactory esults, several of the claims yielding enormously; so much so, in fact, that we prefer not giving figures just now. Altogether the most unbounded confidence is felt in these mines. Perhaps no better proof of that confidence could be adduced than the simple act of such men as Messrs, Smith & Ladher and Mr. Romano devoting so much energy and capital to the work of rushing in sup-

ANOTHER COAL MINE.-Mr. H. O. Tiede man returned on Monday night by the Emily Harris from Nanaimo, having been sent up by the Government to survey a coal mining location asked for by the discoverers, some Nanaimo miners. The locality is some 40 miles above Nanaimo, and the coal seams, of which there are two, are four feet thick each, and are on both sides of a small river about one mile from the coast. The seems are of different qualities, the lower one being a kind of anthracite, and the upper bituminous; the latter is so full of bitumen that it sticks together like wax. The atream affords a good water power, and there is a gentle inclination from the spot to the coast, where there is an excellent harbor. The company consists of ten shareholders and has made a requisition for 6,400 acres of land .- Post.

THE CHARGE OF ARSON. - David M'Fadden. one of the late workmen of Maurice Carey, was charged at the police court yesterday on suspicion of being concerned in setting fire to the Colonist building on the night of the 30th of September. Inspector Welch stated he had no further evidence to offer at present. Mr. Pemberton stated that he had received a communication from Mr. D. B. Ring, asking for the hearing of the case to be postponed. Therefore he should remand the prisponed. oner until Thursday next, but he would take bail—two sureties in the respective sums of £500 and the accused in £1000 Bail not being forthcoming the prisoner was locked up

THE GREAT RIFLE TOURNAMENT between the Volunteers of the two Colonies, the Navy and the Marines of San Juan Island is ap pointed to take place on the 26th instant.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

Tue day, Oct. 17. RIFLE SHOOTING.-Eighteen marksmen contested yesterday for the All Comers Prize. The target on this occasion was half the size of the regulation butts with a circular bulls eye of only eight inches in dias neter, and the points scored one less than for the hits on the regular target : ranges, 150 and 200 yards, five shots at each. The rifles used were the long Enfield, Henry, fell to Private Gerow of Company No. 2. who fired with a hair trigger Henry rifle. scoring 14 points; but he was closely followed by Wilson, 13; Thompson, 12; and Homfray, 12; all members of No. 1 Company, who used the long Enfield, and whose performances may therefore be considered to have excelled that of the winner. The prize consisted of the entrance fee of \$1 each, with \$10 added by the Club: Two open handicaps of 50 cents entrance, with any kind of rifle, were also shot for at the regulation target, five shots at 400 yards. In the former Thompson of No. 1 and Widdowson of No. 2 Company made 10 each, and en firing off Widdowson was the winner, and in the latter Thompson and W. Green having tied with nts each fired off, and Thompson proved the victor. Our Volunteers it wil be seen maintained their position all through with the heavy and cumbersome regulation

FROM NANAIMO. - The steamer Emil Harris, Captain Chambers, arrived last night from Nanaimo and way settlements, with about 20 passengers and a cargo of hay and other produce. We have the Nanaimo Gazette of yesterday. The bark Clara Bell sailed for San Francisco on Friday morning, with 280 tons of coal. The schooner Alpha put into port on Friday for anchors and chains, which arrived on the Emily Harris on naimo and the neighborhood, and there is an increased demand for building lots. The Cyclone brought two iron lighters complete and two whale boats for the Vancouver Coal-Company. The first of a series of monthly evening parties given for the benefit of the Institute passed off successfully in the New Hall on Friday evening.

" HAULING A SHEET."-Charley, a Fort Rupert Indian boy, was charged yesterday in the Police Court with stealing a sheet, the property of Sir James Douglas. A witness stated that in consequence of a paragraph he saw in the evening paper, he applied at the Police Court, and recognized the sheet produced as the property of Sir James Douglas; it was used in the carriage-house, and was abstracted through a window. The prisoner was fined \$25, or three months' imprison-

PANTHER SHOT .- On Sunday last a large panther, was shot at Metchosin by Mr. Muir at, and wounded it made for Mr. Adam Weir, who was at the instant loading his gun, and had not two of the dogs seized the panther it would have attacked the young man. This is the fourth which has been killed by the Weirs this season.

MINSTRELSY .- Messrs. Lafont, Raymond and C. W. Evans, three talented minstrels. leave this morning for Nanaimo, where they purpose entertaining the inhabitants of that rising town for several nights with their inimitable Ethiopian performances. The lovers of fun will have an opportunity for enjoyment that will seldom be offered to them.

Wednesday, Oct. 18. AN EPICUREAN BEAR - A few days ago a large bear made its appearance on a farm near Fry's at Saanich, attracted by the healthy and rotund appearance of a few sportive young pigs. After admiring for a time the porkine gambols, Bruin, like many a human animal, became covetous, his imagination drew unctious pictures of a dinner on Island fed pork, and with not even the fear of indigestion before his eyes, he pounced upon the fattest member of the sportive group. the fattest member of the sportive group. The mother of the family, deeply interested in an adjacent puddle, had not been aware of the presence of the interloper, but no sooner did she hear the plaintive squeak of her outraged offening, than with fond maternal instinct and undaunted courage, she Chief Justiceship of this rushed to the rescue and seized vigoro upon the dangerous intruder. While this was going on a prowling dog hard by came up inquisitively to see the row, and with true canine disregard of international law, at once threw aside his neutral character and became warm belligerent and trusty ally of the nog. Things, however, were beginning to fare rather badly with the two civilized powers-for various were the crushing and tum-bles which they received at the hands of their rough adversary — when a more potent auxiliary came up in the form of a sportsman. Mr. Wilson Brown, one of a party on a tour who were by no means indisposed to meet with the rough denizens of the forest, came up and at once let My among the trio, mortally wounding the bear. The animal is now at Mr. Hutchinson's shop, at the corner of Fort and Douglas streets, and shows one of the finest skins that even a Vancouver Island bear can display. cing in ton bon pour

THE HORSE RACE-The match race for \$300 a side between Williams' mare Vols reece, ridden by Fitzpatrick, and Phelps' mare Fanny King, ridden by Wash, came off vesterday afternoon at the Beacon Hill course and attracted a large concourse of persons. The weather was splendid and the course in fine order. The race, however, did not prove as interesting as was anticipated, as Volrecce had it all to herself, and was landed by Fitzel patrick 60 or 70 yards ahead of Fanny King. Time, 1:59.

CLOSE OF THE VOLUNTEER CLASS FIRING-The class firing for the gold and silver Beline, M medals was continued yesterday morning, Cohen, J and nine volunteers presented themselves, Colquboun, Mrs who at the long range were reduced to three Sergt. Bowden, Corporal Peele and Bandsman Hargreaves, the first scoring 40, the Crosbie, J second 46 and the third 37. The total result Camp, J of the whole firing leaves Bandsman Thomps Dow. W T son the winner of the gold medal, with 76 Daves, E W points, and Corporal Peele winner of the silver Dickson, J one. A rifle, valued at \$40, and presented Rigby, Reilly and sporting rifles. The prize by Mr. Daniel Scott of this city, was then Dobson, B. shot for at 200 and 300 yards, five shots at each. Sixteen members competed, and made very fair shooting, resulting in a tie between Privates Newbury and Soar. The former was down in the score book for 30 points, equal to a centre for every shot, while Soar's total was 29, but a difficulty arose owing to a mistake in the marking, and was settled by Newbury generously conceding one point so as to make it a tie, which was shot off with three shots each at 200 yards, and re-

sulted in Newbury making II points to Soar's 9. Thompson now holds a rifle and silver medal won last year, and a watch and gold medal won this year. Private Newbury has won a silver cup and a rifle at the present meeting, which has now closed for the year

DEATH AND INQUEST .- Mr. A. C. Anderson, Coroner for the District, has held an inquest at Cowichan on the body of a man named Hamilton, who was discovered dead in a potato field a few days ago: According to the evidence taken Hamilton was chasing pigs and suddenly fell down and expired. There being no medical testimony to assist the jury they returned a verdict of " death by the visitation of God.

FOR NANAIMO .- The steamer Sir James Douglas, Capt. Clarke, will leave for Nanaimo this morning at 6 o'clock, and will then Saturday night. An Indian dropped a drill down the shaft of the Douglas pit, that nearly impaled one of the miners working below. Building is going on at Natural Process of the purpose of to New Westminster for the purpose of towing the new schooner Premier to Nanaimo to be fitted for sea. The Sir James Douglas will be beached at Nanaimo.

FOR NEW WESTMINSTER .- The steamer Otter left yesterday morning for New Wests minster with about 20 passengers and over 70 tons of freight. A few miners left by her ound for the new diggings on Bridge river.

FROM THE SOUND, The steamer Eliza Anderson arrived yesterday morning at three o'clock from Olympia and way ports, bringng 23 passengers and a cargo of live stock as per manifest. Judge Lander was a pasfailures. Dr. Ash may red yd regnes

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.-The bark Clara Bell sailed yesterday morning for the above

For NANAIMO-The steamer Emily Harris left vesterday morning with passengers and freight for Nanaimo and way ports.

Thursday, Oct. 19.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION met on Tuesday Morley, Mrs afternoon, Dr. Powell in the chair, but did not conclude much business of importance, excepting that the Governor having signified his approval of a fresh application for a sum of \$1500 for the school at Nanaimo, the Superintendent was authorised to advertise for tenders in one of the morning papers, for the selection of which lots were drawn, real sulting in favor of the Chronicle. The question of the Educational Estimates for the year 1866 was submitted to the Board and postponed till next meeting.

A GRAND CONCERT will be given in the Victoria Theatre on Wednesday next, the 25th instant, under the patronage of His Excellency the Governor by Mons. Sandrie and Madame Lange, pupil of the Imperial Conservatoire de Musique de Paris. Mr. Sandrie's musical talents are too well known to need comment, and from what we have Osassa, A heard we believe his daughter to be a lady of great attainments; indeed the school in which Mdme. Lange received her instruction is of itself a sufficient guarantee of her proficiency in the art.

STEALING CLOTHES-On Tuesday night some person or persons entered the back premises of Captain McCulloch's residence on Chatham street and carried off the contents of a washtub containing a quantity of clothing belong-

GAZETTED .- The appointment of Joseph Needham, Esquire, Barrister at Law, to the Chief Justiceship of this Colony, in the room of David Cameron, Esquire, resigned, appears in yesterday's Gazette.

FOR BURRARD INLET-The bark Elvira, bound to Burrard Inlet to load lumber for San Francisco, was reported in the Gulf

ARRIVED .- The schooner Thorndyke arrived yesterday from San Juan with a cargo of oats for R. Brodrick.

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A HOPEFUL In another column

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