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DAVID W. HIGGINS. TERMS:

MR, H. E, SEELYE is the onlyauth. orised Travelling Agent in Washington Territory for the "British Colonist." D. W. HIGGINS:

Victoria, V. I., August 12, 1869.

The Infatuated Fiddlers.

It is said of Nero that he indulged in a solo upon the fiddle (not the Scotch but undoubted gold-bearing quarts-reefs to gather that public attention is being directed in a very practical way towards the last August, when 25 nen left with plenty of previsions and well armed. A rush also took place to Dutch Creek, branch of Fiddley Creek on the Kooten y, 60 miles markable as it appeared illtimed. Was is not new; nor are recent discoveries fire travelling is very difficult. The trails fiddle, it is to be presumed) while Rome of the Colony. The belief in the exist- from Perry. it the result of heartless indifference, or one wanting to prove that they are numerate of mere nervousness? Leaving the ous and widely distributed. Of course question for debating-schools to settle, there are to be found in every community on the Salmon Mountain just a feet the first state. we invite the attention of our readers to conduct scarcely less strange than that fied with nothing short of results, who Large quantities of goods attributed to Nero. On the last trip must see and handle the gold in order and trains daily arriving, who across the Sound the Wilson G. Hunt to be convinced that it exists; but if across the Sound the Wilson G. Hunt to be convinced that it exists; but if took on board, chiefly at Port Towns. end, and distributed amongst the various ports, three hundred tons of merchandise, five tons of which was from Victoria! Victoria is the natural distributing point for Puget Sound, British Columbia, Alaska, and, indeed, for the whole of the North Pacific. This must appear whether viewed in regard to its geographical point for surrounding peoples, how is it that nature does not assert her rights? Simply because unwise legislative restrictions and impediments have dammed up the natural channels and have driven to the content of th some degree palliate; but it could never quartz mill be established, and we shall cure. No half measures will do now. have the Colony dotted with them: Nothing short of an absolute throwing open the portals of the colony and a free invitation to all peoples and tongues, and nations will suffice to win back an offended trade. Much, very much des pends upon the prestige of a free port. a game cock, and N. E. W. S., as emditto ditto."

Even now our merchants find that if blemetical of the four points of the compass. by offer to sell goods as cheap as by were before the tariff was imposed the prejudice is so settled that the foreign customer wo'nbt uy because he cannot

get rid of the idea that he will be paying

THE BRITISH COLONIST penalty of wiring and sealing every package, until they have first gone over and landed whatever freight and passengers they may have for Puget Sound. Thus not only are

is whether Victoria shall cease to be the point of distribution for Puget Sound, for Alaska, and for the mainland part of our own Colony, and rely mainly upon the stunted trade of a stunted Island, or whether she shall become, as nature obviously designed she should become, the great store-house for the North Pacific, as well as the gate to a continent. Will our people awake to the continent. Will our people awake to the importance of the impending crisis; or will they, Nero-like, fiddle away precious moments while the commercial destruction of the place is being irretrievably sealed?

## "The Quartz Era."

Under the above caption the Cariboo Sentinel of the 7th inst. contained a leading article from which we are glad to gather that public attention is being viewed in regard to its geographical the belief that in this respect it is equal Bluffs are done in excellent order. It is position, its accessibility from sea, or its to California, and actual specimens much better than before the fires. This parlance, so 'bard-up' as to have been ressertion to be from time to time submitted to the un section of the trail will be completed to the fused credit for a bag of flour a week or so reconciled with the fact just narrated? erring test, the crucible, confirm the Summit in about a week. If Victoria be the natural distributing more theoretic faith. The expression Buttes, Elk river, between the Blackfeet and commerce away. Commerce is coy Surely the circumstance of there being number of horses. A party of Blackfeet and exclaimed, 'D-n it I wish it was a number of horses and will not force itself so few miners in the country to-day is upon any community. When we bar- not less strange than the fact that these upon any community. When we barnot less strange than the the thought of the profession of the profes Victoria's birthright. We are told that mise less uncertain returns. Long and on their way in from Montana had been Esau once upon a time perpetrated a anxiously have we looked forward to the slain on Tebacco Plains by Blackfeet Insimilar folly, and though he sought to inauguration of the "quartz era," feel. dians. redeem it, even with tears, he could ing conscious that the commencement not. The people of Victoria are in a of the development of that branch of this city has received a letter from a gentlemore hopeful position. A united effort mineral working would attract two would undo the mischief, provided that things pre-eminently necessary-popus effort be put forth in time. Yet, strange lation and cipital. It is, therefore, this matter are guilty of conduct scarce- these circumstances, watch with the gang, died at Olinton on the 1st of August. to say, the people most interested in quite natural that one should, under to the cruel Emperor. They see the trade which ought to flow through our company has been organized in Cariboo, own channels settling in others, and for the purpose of antiblishing of antibl own channels settling in others, and for the purpose of establishing a quartz afternoon he had only three persons for yet no manly effort is made to advert mill, and that subscriptions are being the fatal consequences. True, some received at a rate which places the sucthe fatal consequences. True, some received at a rate which places the suc-little ameliorative concessions were cess of the enterprise beyond reasonable bread, and fed them to the hogs.... Crops on made a few months ago. True, a Drawbacks Bill was passed be the Legislature,
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> Friday August 20 Up.—The Corporation flagstaff was placed in position yesterday. It is a tall, handsome, oreditable affair, surrounded by a gilt ball, blematical of the four points of the compass. The cock might lead a stranger to suppose that our population is Gaelic instead of Anglo-Saxon. Perhaps Johnny Taurus would

have been more national. Bungling Calcraft .- We have been reduty. But not only are we deprived of neighbors. Their supplies now go in a new to the execution of a Chinaman at New

these goods and passengers prohibited from entering our waters and touching at our left Perry Creek on the 3d and Moojie River wharves, but our own freight, passengers and on the 4th inst., bringing a mail and express, mails are compelled to submit to a cruise of and furnishes us with the following items: would find it to be to their interest to do so.

Thus we would not only have that large and increasing trade flowing through our waters, but passing through our waterbouses. The question for this community to decide is one of greater scope than some may imagine. It is whether Victoria shall cease to be the point of distribution for Pagest Sound to:

> work making small wages. On this creek a shaft by Weaver & Co. was down 35 feet, without striking bedrock.
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> On Wild Horse the various hydraulies were at work doing well, although the water was very low. There are about 150 Chinamen working in the the bed of the creek and

belonging to the H. B. Co. They were pur-

CLINTON AND THEREABOUTS .- A friend in man at Clinton, of late date, from which we 'A man named Jones, one of Spence's road

nothing about them ... John McCully, be-fore mentioned, is using coal here in his forge brought up from Nicholas River (which empties into the Thompson). It is splendid ing the new crop, and Harper's Clinton mill is working on a lot of last season's wheat.

.....There was a report here of the death of dozen Chinamen and four white men in the late forest fires at Cariboo. One of the supposed dead men, however, sent word to me for a bundle of 'klose' he left here in the spring. I think the four whites may be considered O. K., and the Chinamen probably

Big Bend.-When Mr. Johnston was at Fort Shepherd, a few days ago, two Frenche men arrived from the Big Bend gold mines and reported new discoveries and rich diggings. They bought a quantity of goods, which were placed on board the stmr. Forty-nine and the opportunity of selling to our foreign quested to say that in a paragraph alluding taken up the Columbia. The Forty-nine The steamers which carry these supplies dare not touch here without incurring the Calcraft.

Cariboo News.

By the arrival of the steamer Enterprise we have Cariboo news to the 9th inst. Mr. on the Ballarat claim, on William Creek, on Saturday the 7th inst., was killed by the cathe sides of the shaft. Mr McLaren was a 1862, and was a man of influence and note in the district. He was a native of Canada.
... A rich strike is reported from Antler Creek. Withrow & Harper bottomed their shaft below the old town and got out 11 ozs. The diggings are extensive; water throughout the district is plentiful.... A test quartz mill is to be procured by private subscription. \$1850 have been raised on William Creek and an order for the mill and stampers has to work them from San Francisco to Burrard been sent. We hope that our local manufacturers will be patronized. The mining news in the Sentinel is interesting. The Barker, Cariboo, Caledonia, Prairie Flower, ship a fresh lot, this little arrangement and many other claims on William Creek, continue to do well. On Stout Gulch the Taffvale, Coombs, and Floyd Companies washed up with splenoid results. Interests in the McDowell Co. on Conklin Gulch have they ship their crews they will procure their been sold for \$4000; this Gulch and French supplies. The truth is, there are plenty of Creek have been staked off from hill to hill.

....On Lowhee, the Victoria Co have got a of colossal fortunes being acquired in Celi- bas gone abroad? fornia from quartz paying only \$8 and \$10

THE BIG NUGGET "WELCOME STRANGER." The Welcome Stranger' was lound by two or about the 15th of October, for Hong men, named John Deason and Richard Oates, Kong. Superior accommodations for passen on Friday, 5th February, 1869, near the Black Reel, Bull-dog Gully, Molisgol, a short distance from Wayman's Reef, and only about a mile from the celebrated Gipsy On Semilkameen several parties are at diggings. Deason and his mate had been 171,400 lbs. working in the ground for several years past, and, as is well known, had got in digging discovery were reminded by a tradesman nugget, and had broken the pick l' On stooping down to examine the obstacle he found that the object of his dearest wishes was lying at his feet, and it seemed as if the monster was so large as to be immovable. It was, however, at length released from its virgin soil and carefully removed. The question then arose as to what was to be done with it, and the first intention was to convey it to Melbourne. When the men got to Danolly with their prize they were advised to take it to the bank, and forthwith carried are permitted to make the following extracts : is to the London Chartered. The weight in the gross was then found to be 210 pounds troy, and preparations were at once made to break the mass to pieces and smelt it. The ed in one lump. But so it was. After no less than five hour's hammering, the monster was pounded up and smelted, the result being 2268 ounces 10 dwts. 14 grains of solid gold, exclusive of at least 1 pound weight, which was given by the delighted finders to their numerous friends, who were each auxious to retain a piece of the largest mass of gold the world has yet seen. Over £9000 were advanced on the nugget by the bank, the final value awaiting the result of assay.

> FROM NEW WESTMINSTER.—The steamer Enterprise, on Wednesday night, brought down the Mayor of New Westminster and family and Messrs Claudet, Barnard, Johnston, Fannin and 20 others. The steamer went to Langley and took on board a cargo

Good RESULT .- Mr John Dickson, President of the Fire Department, yesterday paid into the hands of Mr Richard Lewis, into the hands of Mr Richard Lewis, that country, the greater number coming Treesurer of the Fire Department Charita- from the British Isles, as is still the case. ble Fund, \$110, being the net proceeds of Great as is the German influx, it is surpassed the late Firemen's Pie-nic at Medana's

STILTS WANTED .- A number of very long stilts, for the navigation of Pandora street, from Douglas to the residence of the American Consul, are required. Tenders to be sent to the City Fathers before the commencement of the rainy season.

THE London Spectator says: We hope Lord Granville will be careful in the distribution of the Order of St. Michael and St. John McLaren, while working in an old shaft Colonial dignitaries, who will value the George. It was a good idea to revive it for handle to their wives' names exceedingly; but we do not understand the principle of ving in of loose tailings which broke through the first creations. The three Governors of Guiana, the Bahamas, and Nova Scotia, we shareholder in the claim and was engaged in dare say, deserve the Order—Mr Hincks clearing it of rubbish, the shaft having been in disuss for some years. The tailings burin disuse for some years. The tailings buried him five or six feet deep and it required two hoars' vigorous work of the miners to recover the body, which bore no marks of bruises. Deceased had been in Cariboo since 1862, and was a man of influence and note in reasons for each nomination; but it will be well if the Secretary of State keeps the distribution pretty much in his own hands.

RATHER EXPENSIVE DECEPTION .- Three ships are going from Burrard Inlet to San Francisco to procure crews for Australia and South America. These ships engaged crews-Inlet and back again. At San Franciscothey will pay off their present hands and costing each vessel from \$1500 to \$2000. and all done under the mistaken idea that they cannot procure men here; and where sailors now here to supply these ships, and perhaps one or two others. The Captains good prospect... The glory of the Minne-haba, on Mosquito Gulch, seems to have de-parted... On Antier, the Rocker Bill Co. that men cannot be had here upon any terms, struck good prospects on Saturday—\$100 from five buckets; and the H rkins oo, had washed up 70 oz. Several other companies had taken out good pay....From the quartz vein on Canyon Creek, our cotemporary learns hour's notice, and at a fair rate. Will not that the Washburne Co lead is yielding quartz that pays \$50 a ton with arastras. Two arastras are at work. Surely quartz that will pay \$50 to the ion ought not to lie unworked for want of capital, when we hear of calescal fortunes being acquired in Cellinian and others, interested in the advancement of our mercantile and productive interests, do their share towards removing this erroneous and dangerous impression that

For Hong Kong .- Mr. J. Robertson Stewart announces that the fine ship Francis A. Palmer will sail from Port Townsend on

MOVEMENT OF FREIGHT .- During the week ending July 24th, the freight shipped for the interior from Yale emounted to THE GAME LAW restrictions end to-day.

Pigeons and grouse were never more numerous than now. Don't forget the grand pic-nic of the

Mechanica' Institute to-morrow. Make your arrangements accordingly.

THE SEWARD DINNER .- His Lordship the Chief Justice has consented to preside at the Seward dinner.

W. J. ARMSTRONG, Esq., was on Monday last elected Mayor of New Westminster.

### The Municipal Flagstaff.

EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST : - Victoria urely must feel proud of the tall and lofty pole just erected at the corner of the City Council Chambers, with the semi-emblem of the Turkish Empire at the top. The Crescent migut have been added to dignify the entrance to the abode of Wisdom. Now, what does the Cock mean? He has no feathers to adorn his roostership. Clearly this is emblematical that the people here bave been pretty well plucked by those who clave. He is, too, such a lofty bird that his shrill clarion note cannot be heard by the townsfolk. 'Tis true he bobs round and round to suit the whims of Boreas and seemingly to crow over the efforts of the City Fathers in enacting the Pound Ordinance, as well as to remind one that Victoria is on the

### Postai.

EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST:-The constable, Carrington, acting officer and collector of Customs at Kootenay, Wild Horse Creek, charged 28 cents for a letter from that place to San Francisco; but said the proper charge was 48 cents. Inform the citizens of the Colony if this is the usual rate. Yours,

The legal rate is 25 cents from Kootenay to Victoria, and 10 cents from Victoria to San Francisco. In all 35 cents. ED Con.]

EMIGRATION TO THE UNITED STATES .- The United States Bureau of Statistics reports that in 13 years, ending with 1868, over two and a half millions of Europeans emigrated to by that of the English-speaking population, which in that year, up to the month of June, exceeded 54,000 heads, while the German only reached 47,000.

MONUMENT TO THE LATE LORD ELGIN .-This monument is destined for the cathedral of Calcutta, and has been executed at the expense of the Government, in memory of the services of the Earl of Elgin and Kincardine;