

THE question of compensation to officers who built residences at New Westminster is said to be still engaging the Executive Council, and may possibly be acted upon.

We warn the Administrator of the Government that any such procedure will meet with universal condemnation by the people, and we trust he will pause before lending his countenance to such an unjust appropriation of the people's money.

If this is not the case, Governor Musgrave ought to be duly informed of the job when he arrives, and although the whole transaction may be perfectly legal, it might be made an excuse for a change in the positions held by the various participants.

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THE vicinity of Cherry Creek is known to be rich in silver. Prospecting parties long ago established this fact, and at least one well defined lead has been discovered and located there.

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Creek. They propose to start for the silver leads and investigate them thoroughly during the few weeks that remain when active operations may be prosecuted.

CO-OPERATION IN AMERICA.—It is a singular fact that the co-operative stores which have been tried in the United States have nearly all turned out to be failures.

WE are requested by the Stipendiary Magistrate to state that in his reference to the English Postal Laws he did not decide whether they had force in this Colony or not.

AN APPEAL TO THE BENEVOLENT.—The late Capt. Greenwood, who was struck down so suddenly, leaves a disconsolate widow and eight children who are entirely unprovided for.

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MISS MILLS' SCHOOL.—This school was examined yesterday. Present, Rev Messrs Jenne, Somerville and Buss and other friends of the school.

THE ORIFLAMME.—This steamship, with the Congressional party on board, arrived at Port Townsend at a very early hour yesterday morning, where she took on board a pilot and sailed at once for Seattle, Steilacoom, Olympia and Nanaimo.

FROM NANAIMO.—The schooner Black Diamond arrived from Nanaimo yesterday morning, with a cargo of black diamonds for the supply of the French ship l'Estree.

HOLLADAY CITY.—A map of this new claimant for the railroad terminus was shown us yesterday at Mr Franklin's rooms.

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PROFESSOR AGASSIZ says that fish is a kind of food which refreshes the system, especially after intellectual fatigue. There is no other article that supplies the waste of the head so thoroughly as fish diet.

THE STEAMER COLFAX arrived from Port Townsend yesterday afternoon. She will await here the arrival of the Active, from San Francisco, with Capt. Blinn on board.

THE BAND.—It is proposed to invite the band of l'Estree to visit Victoria on this or to-morrow evening to perform from the Alhambra balcony.

THE report that John Hart, of Comox, has been murdered by Indians, is believed to be incorrect, the sloop Alarm in which he was engaged in trading having been spoken by the Otter a week subsequent to the date on which he is said to have lost his life.

THE Enterprise, Capt Swanson, sailed for New Westminster yesterday morning at 10 o'clock. She took a small freight and about twenty passengers.

A CORRESPONDENT of The Ripon (Wisconsin) Commonwealth gives the number of clover seeds in a bushel. He counted the seeds in one ounce, and found 17,300. In one pound there would, therefore, be 276,800; in one bushel, 16,608,000.

THE Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works will visit the settlements very shortly for the purpose of inspecting the roads with a view to placing them in a state of thorough repair.

A SUBSTANTIAL new crosswalk was yesterday laid from Mr Lomley Franklin's action room to the opposite corner of Commercial and Yates streets.

THE Beaver started North yesterday to resume her surveying duties.

MR SEWARD. EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST.—Will the Secretary of State for the United States be allowed to come and go as Major-General Thomas was allowed to come and go—without the slightest notice being taken of his presence amongst us by the gentlemen who are now provisionally filling the highest colonial offices and drawing the highest colonial pay?

JOHN BULL. The Fanatics of Willis' Rooms. (From the Spectator of June 12.)

A good many Peers and other gentlemen dined together at Willis' Rooms on Wednesday, to persuade each other that the present House of Commons is a sort of Irish bull, made simultaneously by the United Kingdoms, in sympathy with each other, and the House of Lords the true representatives of the people.

THE signs of weakness—the indications that these valiant recommenders of valiant deeds are not really easy in their own minds as to the plans of which (with the assistance of wine-cups, for we observe, that even at Lymington the popular meeting convened to hear Mr. Gathorne Hardy encourage the Lords, was again a banquet) they talk so loudly, are by no means confined to the speeches of one or two of the remonstrants.

THE burglar with his pistol which owed them all, but the necessity of climbing over the gate which had cooled the wonderful heat of their pursuit. Dr. Alexander is just in the same state of mind. "It isn't the wine-cups," he soliloquizes, "it's the intense depth of our spiritual feelings which gives us such a glow as we pronounce the words 'Church and State.'" But how did it occur to the right reverend gentleman that it wasn't the wine-cups? Evidently through a restless feeling that perhaps it was,—in which we are disposed to concur with him.

FOR no one can read the reports of the various speeches at Willis' Rooms and not see everywhere the eagerness for that factitious encouragement for which uneasy men plead with each other by every inflexion of the voice and every turn of the style.

THE Duke of Rutland fortifies himself in the extraordinary delusion—of this dreamy character of which he is evidently more than half-conscious—that the House of Lords represents the people and the House of Commons not, by adding, for his own comfort, that at least the House of Lords has a right to speak its own mind openly about those very useful members of its own assembly,—the Irish Bishops,—of whom the Bill proposes to deprive it.

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PARADOXICAL line of asserting that the House of Lords is (by inspiration) intimately acquainted with the present temper of the country, and the House of Commons, by a sort of divine judgment, shut off from all insight into it, than to accept the elections in such places as Stafford and Dumfriesshire as omens of political feeling.

WE observe that the Conservatives in their despair have called in the aid of Dr. Cumming, and have allowed him to prophesy the establishment of the Roman Catholic Church in Ireland, though not to support his prophecy out of the book of Revelations, as he must naturally have yearned to do.

CLUMBER HOUSE IN THE HANDS OF BALIFFS. A correspondent, writing to the Sheffield Independent, says:—Having had occasion to be in the neighbourhood of Workshop on Saturday, I thought I would drive over as far as Clumber, the well-known country seat of the Duke of Newcastle.

WE observe the Government is trying to get an opinion from the Conservative precession sensation against the sinian war. The res was highly creditive Ministry, and referred to by Conservatives Mr. Mundell's, a Libliament, takes exce to say that a great racterized the expe estimated cost wa but subsequent con Sir R. Napier to tal of 10,000, as origi Mundella may thin mine of political ca is greatly mistaken timats since the d ing above the last, t £8,500,000, a large the first sum mentio compared with the the British arms those who remembe ner in which Br were squandered seems the height about the cost of ed expedition to A cost of which is ki to £8,500,000, the mere trifle. With expedition in 1808 soldiers died from which was 10 time Abyssinian affair; troops returned in tactics seem to hav ing of old account rather mean syste gratifying to find, his liberal colleag