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THE NEWS from the mines presages a possible renewal of the unfortunate state of affairs that existed last year, owing to the scarcity of water. With a certainty of great riches in the diggings, it is very galling that the absence of the motive power—water—should prevent its being taken out. But so it is, and so it will continue to be until some system is introduced by which the copious supply of water that can be had in certain portions of Cariboo, shall be conveyed by means of ditches to those localities that are less favored in that respect. We have frequently recommended the formation of at least the survey, of a ditch from Swift River to William Creek; and until its impracticability shall have been ascertained, we will continue to believe it can be done. That, however, is not the only point at which such a beneficial enterprise might be undertaken; there are other places that might be equally turned to account with an inconsiderable outlay compared with the advantages to the portion of the district where the water supply should be increased, and also in a commercial point of view, it would be much more productive than the richest of the claims. We cannot help a feeling of surprise that capital now lying idle has not been invested in this way; there is no more profitable field in the Colony, or where returns are more certain. The wealth of the Cariboo district has been thoroughly established; and its duration and extent are equally ascertained; hence, there can be no fear of a possible exhaustion of the diggings to frighten capitalists, and the requisite supply of water can be easily obtained, with eager customers to buy whenever it is brought in. The claims so far as worked this year are paying remarkably well, and if the supply of water continues good, will be of great importance to the Colony; but if, on the contrary, the supply gives out and the miners are prevented from taking out money, a great deal of misfortune and distress may ensue, which would be wholly averted if men with capital could be induced to see their own advantage in employing their money profitably by constructing ditches. We strongly urge the propriety of such people giving their attention to a subject of such manifest advantage to themselves. Their money, in lieu of its present unproductiveness, might be made to pay nearly cent. per cent.

English Mail Summary.

English papers received by the Telfair are to the 15th of May. O'Sullivan, the Mayor of Cork, resigned. Just after the Attorney General for Ireland had moved that the counsel to be heard at the bar on the evidence to be brought to prove the Mayor of Cork's offence, be called in, Mr. Maguire rose, and begged permission to read a letter addressed to him by that official. Amidst shouts of "Speak up!" Mr. Maguire raised his voice to a high pitch, and read what some understood to be "My dearest Maguire,"—a supposed warmth of expression at which there was a loud roar of laughter. The letter of O'Sullivan stated, without a word of apology or regret, his intention to resign the mayoralty; and for himself, that he had been misunderstood, and he would be the first to rush to the protection of human life if he knew it to be endangered. "whereupon Mr. Gladstone adjourned the second reading for a month, to guard against the possibility of the Mayor's re-election. Lord Granville presided on the 13th May at a dinner to Mr. F. A. Weld, not very long ago Prime Minister of New Zealand, and the best Prime Minister since the days of the Sewell-Richmond Government, who has been chosen by Her Majesty's Government as the Governor of Western Australia. Mr. Weld, who is a Catholic of the old Welsh stock, has had a hard colonial life in Canterbury, New Zealand, having emigrated quite young, and worked through the stages of bushman, farmer, politician, minister, to the office of Prime Minister, which but for defective health he would probably be holding still. Mr. Weld's appointment

is another precedent (the first case of which was, we think, the selection of Sir F. Hincks, formerly Prime Minister of Canada), for the excellent practice of occasionally selecting imperial officers for colonies from among the ablest Ministers of the Colonial Parliaments. Mr. Horsman was elected for Lislead on the 12th, beating Sir E. Lyett, also a Liberal, by a majority of 83. Mr. Horsman came in, Sir F. Lyett maintained by the Conservative vote, which seems not unlikely. Sir C. W. Dilke, a member of the late Parliament, has died suddenly at St. Petersburg. Sir E. Wetherall, Under Secretary for Ireland, also died suddenly on Wednesday in Dublin. The *Newcastle Chronicle* says that the Cheviot Hills were "white with snow" on May 11th. Scotch venison must be rather a dear dish if Capt. Horatio Ross's calculations are correct. He estimates that "the value of every full-grown nine-year stag killed in the deer forest and sheep farms frequented by deer is about £250; that represents the profit derived by a Highland landowner in letting his shooting. Mr. Gladstone has announced that the contemplated application of the Church revenues will not in any degree interfere with placing on the estimates, and submitting for approval by Parliament, the usual annual votes in support of those Irish hospitals and reformatories which have hitherto received grants from the national exchequer. The House of Commons was on the 14th May indebted to Mr. Syman for a happy specimen of the Irish bull. Defending Colonel French from some remarks which had been passed on him, he said: "His right hon. friend had retained his seat between thirty and forty years, and was likely, if he lived so long, to retain it for the period of his natural life." Mr. Reverdy Johnson was announced to leave England on the 22d ult. The conviction of Madame Rachel, about the legality of which there has been some doubt, was on Tuesday confirmed by the ruling of the Court of Queen's Bench. The state beautifier may now rest, if possible, in duceance vile, consoled to some extent by the remembrance of the good she has done to many a wizened face.

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DATES TO JUNE 7TH.

The arrival of the steamer *Enterprise*, on Saturday, places us in possession of Barkerville papers to the 5th and letters to the 7th inst. On the 5th a few of the companies complained of a scarcity of water; but on the night of the 6th there was a heavy fall of rain and all the streams and ditches were running full at the date of writing and not an idle man was to be met on any of the creeks. The country below Quenemouthe was parched. Several heavy wood fires have occurred and two or three bridges were burned. The crops, as a natural consequence of the drought, are suffering. A much anxiety is felt lest a partial failure should result. The stock is looking finely. The yield of gold thus far has been very heavy, exceeding that of any previous year. The *Sentinel* furnishes an excellent summary of the week's doings, from which we learn that the William Creek Flume Company are selling water at the rate of \$7 50 per day. The Foster-Campbell Co washed up 90 oz for the week; the Barker Co, 215 oz; the Canadian Co, 41 oz; the Baldhead Co, 32 oz. The Aurora Co have been troubled with their tap-drain getting to work and washing. The Nameless, Black Jack, Forest Rose, Prairie Flower and many other companies were at work with various results. On Stout Gulch the Tuffale Co washed up 408 oz for the week; and the Coombs Co, 255 oz. The Floyd Co took out 70 oz for the week. The Mucho Oro Co, 39 oz. The Felix Co washed up 48 oz from three and a half sets of timbers. On Lightning creek the Discovery (Dunbar) Co have got in with their tunnel, but it is too high. They expect to wash in about ten days. The Fort Hope Co are sinking a third shaft. The Fifehire Lass Co have got down with their shaft about 40 feet and are still in the clay. The Perth Co are prospecting with the Fifehire Lass Co. The Union Jack Co are running a tunnel. The Royal Standard Co are prospecting with the Union Jack Co. The Grouse Creek Flume Co washed up 33 oz in one week. The remainder of the companies are ground-sluicing. The Stonewall Jackson and Grouse companies on Keithley creek have got to work again and are doing very well. The reports from Beggs Gulch, McArthur Gulch, Cedar, Snow Shoe, Grouse and Harvey Creeks are good. A company is about to be organized by the wealthy farmers and others in the vicinity of Williams Lake, to run a tunnel to prospect this creek. Several attempts to sink shafts on this creek which is believed to be rich, have been made in previous seasons, but the water was too abundant, and all efforts to get down failed. Serious forest fires occurred on William Creek, and the *Sentinel* awards a warm meed of praise to the Fire Brigade, under Capt. Oppenheimer, for their promptitude and efficiency in checking the spread of the devouring element.

WHAT strange fatality envelopes nearly every enterprise set on foot in this colony and paralyzes the efforts of our most public-spirited men? Look at the *Roy's* Whaling Expedition. The party start for the West Coast and kill a few whales—the oil from anyone of which would have defrayed two months' expenses of the expedition—but no sooner do they make fast to the monsters than fierce storms arise and the animals, cut adrift, float ashore and are taken in hand and claimed by the savages. Next, despairing of a haul, the party repair to Deep Bay, a sheltered locality and famed for visits from the oleaginous tribes; but not a whale enters the bay during the stay of the party. Next, they strike off to Knight's Canal, where shoals of whale are reported to be; but not a fish appears after their arrival. Then they return to Nanaimo, coal and come on to Victoria abandoning the expedition—when, the very day succeeding the one on which they leave the locality of black diamonds, into the harbor dart a dozen great whales, sporting, sporting and fighting like mad all day long; and, to make the case all the more provoking, if possible, one of the big fish impudently runs aground at low water and actually lies upon the beach one tide—as much as to say, come and catch me, if you can!—Before he floats off: Too bad! Too bad!

EXPLORATION OF THE ISLAND.—The Discovery of gold on Leech River and other streams in 1854 and '65, confirmed the opinion many had before entertained that there is somewhere within this "light little isle" vast deposits of auriferous wealth either in the form of alluvial diggings or quartz reefs. Go where we may on the island—on the bold beach, the banks of a running stream, or the sides of the highest mountain—and wash a pan of dirt and you will be rewarded with from one to ten "colors"; it has been only by following up such indications as these that the gold fields of other countries have been opened out. Look at Australia: twenty years before well-defined leads were struck detached pieces of gold were brought to the stations by natives and convicts. And New Zealand, for ten years preceding the discovery of her rich deposits, was subjected to frequent and futile "rushes" of miners from the coast to the interior, whose appetites had been whetted by the exhibition of nuggets, and it is now yielding nearly as much gold annually as Australia. Thus it will be here some day or other, the one great "strike" that will point the way to prosperity will be made, and we therefore regard it with a feeling of considerable satisfaction that a new party of explorers is being organized for a trip across and through the island. The party will leave here in about a fortnight and will be absent some weeks. Every encouragement should be extended them by Government and citizens.

ARRIVAL OF THE GUSSIE TELFAIR.—The steamship *Gussie Telfair*, Capt. F. C. Sholl, arrived yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock, bringing 40 passengers, 80 tons of freight, 8 bags of mail matter, and a large express. The Telfair sailed from Portland at 6 o'clock on Friday evening, connecting with the steamship *Oniflamme* at Astoria, and crossed the bar at 6:30 a. m. on Saturday morning. Among the passengers by the Telfair were Misses Amy and Florence Gribbell, sisters to Rev. Frank Gribbell of this city, Rt. Rev. Bishop Planchet, of Portland, Mr. P. T. Johnson (firm, Mitchell & Johnston) and wife, ex-Governor Moore, of Washington Territory, Hon. Frank Clark, and Mr. J. Grunbaum. The Telfair will sail for Sound at 10 o'clock this morning; returning, she will sail for Portland on or about Thursday morning. We are indebted to Mr. Goodhue for the usual favors.

BRIEF MENTION.—The report of the discovery of a new creek at Kootenay reached the Hudson Bay Company's agents in this city on Saturday. This discovery is doubtless the same mentioned in this paper about two weeks ago. The Irish Church Bill will come up for a second reading to-day in the House of Lords. Latest dispatches indicate that the Lords will swallow the poison. They had better; or the Commons will swallow them. The Howe Sound Copper Mining Company have given out a contract to run a tunnel to open up their valuable copper vein. Peter Shaff, the insane man, has been remanded three days for medical examination. The *Enterprise*, on Saturday, brought down 18 passengers and \$74,903 for the Banks.

YALE ITEMS.—The *Examiner* of Monday last comes to hand on Saturday. Freight to the amount of 105,800 lbs. was shipped for the interior during the week. The heavens are darkened with smoke from the forest fires. Mr. York, of Sumas, has discovered anthracite coal in his neighborhood. The Board of School Trustees held a meeting last week when they selected Miss Nagle as teacher of the public school. The departure of Mr. Sutton is alluded to in terms highly complimentary to that gentleman.

IN A MELTING MOOD.—The weather. Thermometer, on Saturday, 84°. Yesterday, 86°. People running away.

FROM WHITE PINE.—The *Cariboo Sentinel* says: "Mr. Frank Castagnetto, formerly in business here, has written to a friend in Barkerville about White Pine. The letter is dated April 24th, and gives a gloomy account of affairs in that country. After describing prospects for business, he says he does not think much of the mines; and advises any man who has a day's work in Cariboo not to leave for White Pine."

THE LITTLE BILL.—Mr. Fish, the American Secretary of State, has reported to Congress that the total value of all claims preferred for ships and property destroyed by rebel vessels is \$13,000,000, or £2,600,000. The Alabama destroyed 70 vessels, the Florida 36, the Shenandoah 36, and the Georgia 9. Even these charges, it must be remembered, are many of them "claims," that is owners' estimates, not at all likely to be less than the truth.

THE SPARROWHAWK.—The non-arrival of this vessel creates no uneasiness. The Governor and party are engaged in inquiring into the condition of the native tribes on the Northwest Coast, as well as in examining the veins of anthracite coal with a view to obtaining a scientific test of their value. DISTINGUISHED VISITOR COMING.—Hon. Wm. H. Sewald, late Secretary of State of the United States, is en route to San Francisco, with the intention of proceeding to Alaska, to inspect his real estate purchase. The distinguished gentleman will doubtless call at Victoria on his way North.

THE will of the late John C. Keenan has been admitted to probate. He gives all his property in California and Vancouver Island to his wife, reserving \$150 to be paid monthly towards the education of his sister's children and the support of his stepfather.

DRAWING NEAR.—George Francis Train has been invited to visit Portland, Oregon, on the 4th of July, and deliver a patriotic oration. George has promised to come, and the Fenians are in ecstasies.

STOCK LANDED.—On Thursday last the *Ellis Anderson* landed at New Westminster, 110 head of beef cattle, 280 sheep, 25 calves 7 horses and one wagon, for Messrs. Black and Van Bremer.

THE *Boise City Democrat* of June 2 says that on the 1st inst. six wagons, containing families, passed through that town on their way to Puget Sound.

WASHINGTON TERRITORY ELECTIONS.—At last advice, Garfield was 32 votes ahead of Moore, with two counties to hear from. His election is conceded.

MR. CARPIS, the newly appointed Collector for Alaska, is at Portland, Oregon.



Many years ago, the writer of these lines and an invalid physician, while visiting the Island of St. Croix for their health, experienced and witnessed many surprising and beneficial effects of the Balm there produced upon many of the invalids who were (like ourselves) seeking health; and, upon inquiry and investigation, obtained a full history of its medicinal virtues. He was delighted and surprised, and after his own recovery, which soon occurred, determined, if possible, to procure the sole right to manufacture and sell it in the United States.

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Malacca Hunting Whips	2 00 " "
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2 & 4 Horsewhip Lashes	50 " "
Buggy Whips	1 50 " "
Riding Whips	25 " "
Leather Back Horse Brushes	2 00 " "
Wooden do	1 00 " "

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Concord Team Harness, plated harness	\$55 00
do do plain harness	45 00
Short Fly Double Harness	32 00
Single Buggy do do from	25 00
Double Buggy Harness, round traces	75 00
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