

Tuesday, May 8, 1866.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

Friday, May 4.

IMPORTANT TO LADIES.—The attention of ladies and of mothers of families in particular is directed to the advertisement in another column of Mrs. Watson, recently arrived from San Francisco, who is about to introduce a revolution in the art of dress-making, by the application of Mrs. Curtis' "First Premium Models." This system, which is simple and easily acquired, will enable a lady to out any article of female attire of any size, and to ensure a mathematically correct fit without the least trouble or the possibility of disappointment. The models will be supplied to those who receive instruction. Orders to be left addressed "Mrs. Watson," at Mrs. Hein's millinery establishment, Government Street, between Fort and Broughton Streets.

REPUBLICATIONS.—One of the numerous advantages of our close proximity to American territory is obtaining reprints of English works at a great reduction on their original cost. In New York are republished for instance all the principal English magazines—Blackwood, the Westminster Review, the London Quarterly, the Edinburgh Review, and the North British Review. These five periodicals are published for \$15 a year in greenbacks. With all the distance and trouble in the transportation, Messrs. Hibben & Carwell supply the five to the Victoria public at \$14 a year, bringing the subscription for a single magazine within the reach of any person who chooses to make himself conversant with the literature of the day.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT.—Yesterday afternoon a younger son of Mr. R. M. Hutchinson of this city, who was out riding after some cattle in the outskirts of the city, was violently thrown from his horse, which ran away with him, and was at once conveyed to town, where Dr. Dickson attended him. It was found that the poor boy's collar bone was bent, and he was so seriously contused about the neck either by coming in contact with a stump or rock, or by being trodden on by the horse, that it was with great difficulty that any stimulants could be got down his throat. The lad lies at his father's residence in a somewhat precarious condition.

FROM NANAIMO.—The steamer Sir James Douglas, Capt. Clarke, arrived last evening from Nanaimo with fourteen passengers and a small quantity of freight. On Wednesday three coal cars accidentally started down the incline, running into the steamer Oregon but without doing any serious damage. The Rev. Mr. Cridge returned after a visit of a few weeks at Nanaimo. The Sparrowhawk and Beaver would leave together for the North. The Oregon was reported to follow in a couple of hours.

FIRE ALARM.—Last night at half-past nine o'clock the Hook and Ladder bell sounded the fire alarm, and the firemen with their engines were soon rushing off to Johnson street. They returned, however, in a few minutes, the alarm having been created by a blaze proceeding from the flue of a house on Johnson street, which was extinguished before they could arrive on the spot by a number of tars who chanced to be in the King's Head near by.

THE BRIDGE RIVER DIGGINGS.—Some excitement was occasioned at New Westminster before the departure of the Enterprise by the arrival of a person belonging to that city from Bridge River, bringing a few ounces of gold and reporting so favorably of the mines in that locality as to cause some miners bound to Big Bend to hesitate in which direction they should wend their steps.

CLERICAL.—Bishop Hills proceeded north on Wednesday in the Sparrowhawk. He will visit Mr. Duncan's mission at Metlakahla. The Rev. E. Cridge returned yesterday from Nanaimo, where he has been officiating. The Rev. Mr. B.C. has left Nanaimo and proceeds to Yale. G.O. The Rev. Mr. Jenks takes the place of the latter clergyman at Nanaimo.

Saturday, May 5.

FROM QUEEN CHARLOTTE ISLAND.—The schooner Alpha, Capt. George, arrived from this island last night, bringing back 31 men from the Company's coal mine whose time expired on the 1st April. They landed yesterday afternoon at Cadboro Bay and walked into town. Eleven men remained at the mine. The Alpha was 17 days to Milbank Sound and five days thence to Nanaimo, where she arrived on Wednesday last. The workmen report that the Company's prospects when their mine is properly opened are very good. Two men were injured by the explosion of fire damp while working in the tunnel. Their names are W. Tregonen, and Frank the foreman. The former was blind for three days. Most of the men who have come down are bound to the gold mines. They speak highly of the second company's mine.

SUPREME COURT IMPROVEMENTS.—The interior of the Supreme Court now presents quite a handsome appearance. The dais surrounding the bench, in addition to the Royal Arms, tasteful curtains, and gilt edgings, has been further improved, and now bears a Royal Crown with the gilt initials "V.R." below, and the walls have been chastely colored.

BETTER.—We are glad to learn that the son of Mr. Hutchinson, who was severely injured on Thursday by a fall from his horse, was pronounced yesterday in a more hopeful condition, and is likely to recover.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.—The steamship Oregon, Captain Dall, left the mouth of the harbor yesterday evening at 7:30 for San Francisco, taking about 40 passengers and 70 tons of freight. Passengers and baggage were taken out to the Oregon by the tug Diana at one trip. The freight was put on a barge and towed out by the Diana. The Diana left the wharf at half past one with the passengers, among whom were D. M. Lang, Esq., Mr. Ashburn, Mrs. Eugene Thomas, Miss Marks, Mr. Eli Marks, Mrs. Parsons, Mr. Foucault, and Mr. Robt. Moore. Mr. Lang will remain in San Francisco two months, when he will return to Victoria and resume the management of this bank.

BRITISH COLUMBIA HOSPITALS.—There were 19 patients received into the Cariboo hospital during the year 1865, and in the New Westminster hospital 64 patients were admitted, and 23 out-door patients relieved.

FOR NEW WESTMINSTER.—The steamer Enterprise left yesterday morning at 10:30 for Fraser river with a few passengers and about 60 tons of freight.

Monday, May 7.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT TO MR. F. V. LEE.—A telegram received by the Columbian dated Soda Creek, May 4th, says: Mr. F. V. Lee, a well known and highly respected Caribooite, who for some years past has been acting as collector of accounts and general agent on Williams Creek, met with a sad accident yesterday, but a short distance below Felker's, at the 127-mile post. Mr. Lee was a passenger on the up stage, and wishing to ride a horse which was being brought to Felker's, left the stage, taking the horse about four or five miles below, the stage preceding him. On the arrival of the stage at Felker's and after waiting some time, doubts were entertained as to Mr. Lee's well-being; a messenger was immediately dispatched, who, when but half a mile or so from the house, found, to his surprise, the unfortunate man lying helpless on the road with his leg fractured between the ankle and knee, causing him great pain. He was by his companion immediately conveyed to the 127-mile house where he is now awaiting medical aid. On the arrival of the stage at this station, Dr. Trevor of Quesnelle, was forthwith telegraphed, but from great press of business could not attend. On arrival at Soda Creek, Mr. R. H. Young at once returned, passing here at 1:30 a.m. to see, procure, and render any assistance available for the relief of the sufferer. The horse is said to have been quite gentle, but from some cause in descending a little grade stumbled and fell with Mr. Lee's leg under him. In the absence of medical advice we have been unable to learn the nature of the fracture, but presume it is somewhat severe.

NORTH PACIFIC ANTHRACITE COAL CO.—The Chairman of the Board of Directors of this Company has received a letter from Mr. Ed. Stephens, Civil Engineer, dated Skidegate Bay the 15th ult., giving a highly encouraging report of the progress and prospects of the Company. Some of the workmen are mining into the hill close to the edge of a fine harbor on a seam, measuring from five to ten feet of good looking coal; the quality improving the farther they get in. The opening of the mine and the necessary tramways, wharfs, etc., the engineer reports will cost comparatively little. The distance from the wharf to the mouth of the mine will not be over 1000 feet. The lead appears to be the same as the Queen Charlotte Co. are working on, there being room for them for another claim. Mr. Stephens congratulates the Company on the possession of what he considers "a very valuable property."

THE "49."—It is gratifying to learn from our correspondent's letter that this steamer has opened the Columbia traffic to Big Bend having on the 26th ult. landed her first instalment of 85 men at the Dalles des Mort. The first being more of a trial trip than anything else the steamer did not bring a large number of passengers or much freight; on her next trip however she will no doubt be laden to her utmost capacity.

REPORTED BIG STRIKE.—We are informed that a letter has been received in town stating that a strike of seven ounces to the pan had been made at Big Bend.

THE STEAMER CALIFORNIA left San Francisco for this port on Saturday at 5 p.m. She will be due here on Thursday.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The steamer Enterprise arrived on Saturday afternoon from New Westminster with 15 passengers and an up-river express.

The following interesting telegrams from the interior appear in yesterday's Columbian: QUESNELMOUTH, May 4.—The weather is warm and pleasant. The river has not commenced to rise yet. Boats with supplies for the Telegraph Company, bound up the river, left here yesterday.

The steamer Enterprise left on Wednesday for Soda Creek, and returned at 9 p.m. yesterday, making the round trip in one day's running time.

YALE, May 4.—From reliable sources the news from Kamloops is that the steamer Marten is expected to be ready for launching this day. Mr. McKay, Hudson Bay Co.'s Agent, says that the steamer will commence running in ten days from the date of the launch.

The four men arrested at Lytton, for breaking into Messrs. Oppenheimer & Co.'s store, and stealing tobacco, corn meal, &c., were tried today on two indictments: 1st for larceny, in having stolen or holding goods stolen from Oppenheimer & Co.'s store. 2nd for unlawfully having possession of burglarious implements, pick-locks, &c. They all pleaded "not guilty" to both indictments; but the

case was too strong against them. The jury unanimously returned a verdict of guilty on both charges. His Honor Judge Begbie sentenced them to seven years' penal servitude for the first charge, and three years for the second.

FOR THE NORTH-WEST COAST.—The dispatch boat Leviathan arrived on Thursday afternoon from Victoria and left the same prisoners sent down by Mr. Duncan, of Metlakahla, where we understand they will be set at liberty by Mr. Duncan. We believe the Sparrowhawk will also look after a smuggling craft on the coast.

A MAMMOTH RAM'S HEAD.—The Hon. C. Brew received from the interior yesterday the head of a mountain ram. The horns of enormous size, and bear indications of great age. The head, although divested of the flesh parts, and thoroughly dried, weighs 30 pounds.

News from Big Bend.

MINING OPERATIONS COMMENCED.

Arrival of the "Forty-Nine."

Seymour City, 23rd April, 1866. To the EDITOR OF THE BRITISH COLONIST. To my friends and others.—The Express is about to leave and I have only a few minutes to write. On my leaving Victoria many friends made me promise to write them; it is hard, if not impossible, for me to comply with such a promise. This letter I shall, therefore, write common to all.

THE NEWS DOWN THE COUNTRY. I shall first state that there is more excitement below in regard to Big Bend than up here. The news published by the newspapers about the scarcity of provisions is erroneous. There is here plenty of provisions, ranging as follows:—Fresh meat (plenty) from 25c to 30c; butter, \$1 25 per lb.; flour, 14c to 20c; bacon, 50c to 87c; sugar, 45c to 50c; coffee, 75c; tea, \$1; picks, \$5 with handle; shovels, \$3 50 to \$5 (none now, but some expected hourly); axes, \$3 to \$4; other things in proportion. Flour was never sold during the whole winter at over 30c per lb., and bacon over 87c, and not \$1 25 and \$2 as reported by the press below. Merchants are very sick here, and curse the Government to the utmost of their heart for not having opened in time the route from Seymour to the Columbia river. A few thousand dollars expended judiciously would have saved the country from probably great injury. As things stand now the Americans most likely will snatch the trade from our hands. The "Forty-nine" has already made a trip.

SEYMOUR CITY. There are here from fifteen to twenty business houses, eight or nine merchants, two butchers, one blacksmith, one shoemaker, three bakers, two restaurants, three billiard saloons (tables not up yet), and one tinmith.

FROM BIG BEND MINES. From Mr. Todd, a miner, who arrived today from Wilson's Landing, and who started from the latter place the day before yesterday, I gather the following information: Four hundred and sixty-three men have gone up to Big Bend. Provisions were scarce at the diggings, flour selling at Wilson's Landing at 60c; bacon, \$1 50; sugar, \$1 25.

Two or three companies have just started working in the mines. The trail across the divide is not as bad as reported. The Columbia steamer Forty-nine arrived at Death Rapids on the 20th with 85 passengers. She left the next day for Colville, and will be back in ten days. She will run well when the water shall have risen. She was ten days in making her up trip, having been greatly retarded by the ice. On account of the trip being a trial trip she brought very little freight. A great many men are going up the river in boats loaded with provisions. Mr. Todd met about ten boats between Wilson and Kerbyville, averaging about ten men in each; one boat had, however, as large a number as 35. From 30 to 35 boats have gone up already.

M'COLLOCH CREEK. From Mr. Hearnings, who left on the 26th, I hear that 200 men were on this creek, prospecting with good hopes of success. The Discovery claim have just commenced operations. The weather was fine.

I intend to start to-morrow morning in the Delambro Co., with no provisions, no tools, but what men can bring on their backs: The snow is still very deep.

In haste, very respectfully yours, B. D.

Additional.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE COLUMBIAN.] LYTTON, May 2.—Captain Layton arrived from Seymour last evening. He took four days to come down. He reports eleven boats arrived at Gold Creek with provisions. All the soldiers deserted from Colville, taking with them their arms, and had arrived at the mines. They fired a salute on their arrival. Great jumping of claims. The snow is still very deep on the mountains. Commissioner O'Reilly had to pay 80c a pound for getting his baggage, etc., packed across the divide. The probability is that the steamer Marten will be down at Savana's ferry to receive her boilers and machinery in about three weeks. Flour 40 cents in the mines; beef, 25 cts. at Seymour.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.—We learn that a colored man of the name of Steel, who kept a restaurant on Williams Creek, attempted to jump from the steamer as she was passing between the Sisters, on the way to Yale, but was prevented by passengers. While the Reliance lay at Yale on Thursday he jumped from her deck into the river. A line was promptly extended to him, but he refused to avail himself of succour; two men put out in a boat and succeeded in seizing the unhappy man as he made his appearance upon the surface for the third time, and brought him on shore, where he received proper attention. Columbian.

COMMERCIAL.

FROM SAN FRANCISCO.—The brig Franklin Adams, Capt. Burr, arrived last evening from San Francisco, having sailed on April 18th, consigned to Pickett & Co., and will discharge at the Hudson Bay Co.'s wharf. Capt. Burr reports having had fine weather on the passage. Saw the bark Leanne in the Straits bound to Tekeale for lumber, and the ship Riviere in Royal Roads bound to Nanaimo for coal.

IMPORTS.

To the Port of Victoria, V. I., for the month ending April 30th, 1866.

Table of imports from San Francisco, including items like Apples, Butter, Flour, and various goods with their respective values.

FROM ENGLAND.

Table of imports from England, including Agricultural Implements, Glass, and other goods.

FROM PORTLAND.

Table of imports from Portland, including Apples, Butter, Flour, and other goods.

FROM PUGET SOUND.

Table of imports from Puget Sound, including Apples, Bacon, Butter, and other goods.

FROM BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Table of imports from British Columbia, including Furs, Skins, and other goods.

FROM SAN JUAN.

Table of imports from San Juan, including Barley, Oats, Potatoes, and other goods.

RECAPITULATION.

Summary table of total imports from various sources.

VALUE OF EXPORTS.

Table of exports to American ports, including French Prunes, Cottons, and other goods.

TO ASTORIA.

Table of exports to Astoria, including Coal, Recapitulation, and other goods.

COAL EXPORTS.

Table of coal exports, including Statement of Vessels departed from Nanaimo, V.I., during the month of April, 1866.

Table of passengers, listing names and destinations.

PASSENGERS.

Per stmr ELIZA ANDERSON, from Puget Sound—400 gr sbs flour, 43 head cattle and cows, 125 head sheep, 25 hxs bread, 2 coops chickens, 200 doz eggs—Value, \$4,430.

IMPORTS.

Per stmr ELIZA ANDERSON, from Puget Sound—J. R. Stewart, Hutchison & Co. Reynolds & Co. P. Oline, Carson & Co. G. Clarke & Co. Per FRANKLIN ADAMS from San Francisco—McDerham, J. E. Stewart, Grelley & Fierse, P. Moore & Co. S. Nesbitt, Martin Bros, D. A. Edgar & Co. Leveque and Co. The Sprog and Co. Order. [The manifest of the Franklin Adams has already appeared in the Colonist.]

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

ENTERED. April 30—Schr Eliza, Middleton, Saanich Stmr Emily Harris, Frin, Nanaimo Stmr Diana, Wright, N. W. Coast of B. C. Slip Red Lion, Sicker, Nanaimo Stmr Enterprise, Swanson, New Westminster May 1—Stmr Eliza Anderson, Finch, Port Angeles May 2—Slp N. B. Taylor, Dake, Nanaimo Slp Norwester, Whitford, Dake, Nanaimo Slp Warren, Thornton, Burrard's Inlet Slp Kate, Bishop, New Westminster Slp J. K. Thorndike, Thornton, San Juan Slp Sch. Black Diamond, McCulloch, Nanaimo Slp Sch. Shark, Turner, Sooke May 3—Stmr Enterprise, Swanson, New Westminster May 4—Stmr Enterprise, Dall, Nanaimo May 5—Stmr Enterprise, Swanson, New Westminster

CLEARED.

April 30—Ship Cesarwiche, Alexandroff, Silks Stmr Enterprise, Swanson, New Westminster May 1—Slp Ocean Queen, Watkins, San Juan May 2—Stmr Eliza Anderson, Finch, Port Angeles Slp J. K. Thorndike, Thornton, San Juan May 3—Stmr Enterprise, Swanson, New Westminster Slp Sch. Shark, Turner, Sooke Slp Sch. Black Diamond, McCulloch, Nanaimo Slp Lady Franklin, Pritchard, San Juan May 4—Stmr Enterprise, Dall, San Francisco May 5—None.

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BIG BEND!

To Miners and Travellers. THE "FRENCH PRAIRIE HOUSE," 12 MILES ABOVE SHUSWAP LAKE. On the Government Trail to Columbia River is ready for the accommodation of travellers. Miners wishing to carry their supplies to the mines will find there a very large and well-selected stock of Goods, Provisions, Tools, Clothing, and Liquors. Good chance to save one day's hard packing. a22m daw January 26th, 1866 D. FAUJAS.

HARD WOOD LUMBER.

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