

Tuesday, January 1, 1867,

Christmas.

Another revolution in the cycle of human life and we enter on the greatest and most hallowed of Christian. festivals. The angelic message prou claiming the birth of the Saviour King may fall listlessly and insensibly on the ears of those whose hearts do not beat responsive to the "glad tidings of great joy" that heralded Christ's advent on earth,-who are strangers to the thrills of love, adoration and reverent gratitude that filled the hearts of the shepherds of Bethlehem, and should animate the Christian on this festal anniversary; but among the diversities of creeds, nationalities and tongues that we find among us, Christmas is always respected, and if of bitterness, we have really it has no holier signification with them not much to complain of. We is recognized and set apart as a day of have voluntarily exiled ourselves from rest on which man relaxes from the our homes, in the hope of building up cares and turmoils of life, suffers the competency. Fortune has so far best teelings of his nature to be called into exercise, and joins in swelling smiled only upon a few, but that bouy. ant hope which "springs eternal in the universal hymn of "Peace on the human breast," points confidently earth, good will toward man." In the to the future. Our mines are on the Anglican Church time-honored obsers eve of a more extensive development, vances render the festival of Christmasand under the new order of things in tide one of peculiar interest. Apart this Colony, there is every reason to from the duties of a sacred nature that believe that better and more prosperthe occasion imposes upon us, there ous times are dawning upon us. Unare a thousand and one associations der all circumstances let us banish connected with Christmas that fasten gloomy forebodings, and resolutely themselves upon the memory and redetermining to nerve ourselves for the vert to us in after years with redoubled race that we have to run, strive to be force. It is one of the beneficent procharitably disposed toward one visions of Providence that enables the another, banishing with the year that recollection to cling with greater is about to close whatever animosities tenacity to the joys and pleasures we may bear, whatever grievances we than to the troubles of our early life, may have conjured up, we shall then and Christmas comes home to few of be in better mood to participate ourus who cannot cherish the fondest reselves. and to enable our neighbors to membrances of the family group colenjoy with us a Merry Christmas and lected around the parental hearth, of Happy New Year! doting relatives lavishing their holiday gifts on the cherished young hopefuls fresh from school, of Christmas boxes, "RETRENCHMENT !" RETRENCHMENT !"and trees, the wake, the carol, the War has commenced, and the pruning knife Yule log, magic lanterns, pantomimes, has been set to work. The Government messenger was busily engaged last evening servsnap-dragons, mistletoe boughs and ing the different Government officials in the

severe stroke of affliction ? What are JOURNA LIC REMINISCENCES. - From his feelings in comparison with the heartrendings of numberless distressed Island of which number only the COLONIST great one. families in the crowded cities of Eng-AND CHRONICLE Survives. On the mainland land contemplating the wasting forms

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of their squalid and ill-clothed offspring, unable to satisfy the cravings with the Island : The British Colonist float. of hunger even with the crumbs that (brought into life by Hon. A. DeCosfall from the rich man's table? But mos), Victoria Gazette, and Vancouver Island the "glad tidings" proclaimed 1866 years ago were extended to all the human family; the Star of Bethlehem

until the fall of 1859, when its proled to the fountain of life; to him prietors stopped the paper and sold the plant who blessed the poor, who comforted to the COLONIST. The New Westminster the afflicted, who gave to the hungry Time appeared in Victoria in 1859, and, the bread of life, and set the weary at upon the death of the Victoria Gazette, the rest; who offered us an example of propietors of the Times assumed the title faith, purity, meekness, patience, huof the former for a three-day paper, retaining upon her side on Wednesday. mility, gentleness, long suffering enthe same of New Westminster Times in a durance, obedience and charity, which weekly publication made up with matter from the tri-weekly. In 1858 a French paper, enabled him to "endure all things" called the Courrier de France, was started by and to fulfil his glorious mission upon a Count de Garro. It made its appearance earth. To return to our own only the or three times and then died. The little sphere, while our cup may Count was killed by the explosion of the contain some of the ingredients

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boiler of the steamer Cariboo, three years subsequently. In the spring of 1860 the N. W. Times was removed to New Westminster, where it lived about nine months, when the three months. On the arrival of Governor plant was sold and the name of the paper Seymour the communication, which had changed to the British Columbian. In February, 1861-the Gazette having died seven settlers were dependent for an opportunity to months before-the Press was started as a convey produce to market, and for a chance two-bit morning paper in opposition to the of visiting Victoria, was peremptorily ordered COLONIST; but it was soon changed into an to other less important duties, which it is COLONIST; but it was soon changed into an evening paper, and continued to appear as the Governor at the outset of his administrasuch until the 19th of October, 1862, when tion on this Island, augurs somewhat unfavorthe firm of Higgins & McMillan bought the ably for the future, although 1 suppose we material and issued a two-bit morning paper must not forget to be indulgent and called the Victoria Daily Chronicle. This when considering His Excellency's earlier called the Victoria Daily Chronicle. This acts. We should not feel disposed now to paper continued to appear until the 23d of notice the act above alluded to, (though at June last, when Higgins & Long purchased the time it occurred His Excellency, I prethe plant of the BRITISH COLONIST and united sume, had war vessels at his command, the the plant of the BRITISH COLONIST and united the two journals under the one name of Westminster, would not incommode the pub-DAILY BRITISH COLONIST AND VICTORIA Vestimister, would not incommode the puo-CHRONICLE. In 1863, the Evening Express ance, according to a report, is about to was started, and continued to appear until be inflicted upon us. The Sir James Douglas the spring of 1865, when the plant was pur- is to go alongside the San Francisco mail chased by the Free Trade Party for Mr Bell, aboard, and carry the whole to New West who had previously sent forth an evening minster free of charge. This would be all paper called the Vancouver Times, and the very well if some other suitable steamer was two journals were united. The Times and Ex. running regularly up this way, and if New press lasted until August, 1865, when it went ance. But under the circumstances it is, to

mation of the COLONIST AND CHRONICLE, the other purpose than to satisfy the crotchets Telegraph appeared as the organ of a Stumpville, Convey passengers and freight clique in the Legislative Assembly; but after free of charge, indeed ! a struggle of less than six months it went Government to pay the Enterprise, at current under on Sunday last. At New Westmins- rates, to carry freight, &c, for the New Westter, a small town on the mainland, there considerably less to the Colony then by have been, in all, four papers started, two of sending the Sir James Douglas. which now exist, viz, : the British Columbian that passengers and freight cannot, be conveyand Examiner-both said to be doing well. ed to Nanaimo free of charge, if the same The defunct papers were called the New Westminster Times and the North Pacific Times. willing to ignore the wants of the people on not by the infi At Cariboo the Sentinel appeared in the this side of the Island, and to deprive them France, prevail a spring of 1865, under the manage of the means of regular trade with Victoria Denmark will soon undergo further disment of Mr Wallace, who sold it out at the Westminster, to which place a splendid steamclose of the season, and, in the spring of the er runs from the Capital once or twice every present year, opened with the Yale Tribune, week ! His Excellency must be aware of which was continued until October last, when the plant was removed to New Westminster, and is the same on which the Ex- coast mail steamer. The Douglas is looked aminer is now printed. At Nanaimo, a upon as a great boon, and to take her off sickly-looking concern, that it would be a this route, or supply her place with a less gross libel on the profession to call a news-paper, drags out a miserable existence; and, growing trade and importance of the East, not to mention two Prices Currents and a coast of the Island. We would respectfully Mining News (which laid no claim to the title of newspaper)—this completes the long list. The papers now living are the COLONIST between Victoria and Comox, that a fitting AND CHRONICLE at Victoria-for the third steamer be engaged, and the Government time in its history left without a local co- may be assured that such a circumstance temporary; the British Columbian and The would, as certainly as any other, tend to win the respect and confidence of the people, Examiner at New Westminster; the Sen. without which no Government can successtinel at Cariboo; and the nameless rag at fully exist. Nanaimo.

1858 to the present time there have been no feet, and a seam of Newcastle coal, it is ess that thirteen newspapers published on this hoped, will soon be reached. The bore is a THE LEVIATHAN reached this port vester-

there have been six journals started, three of day, looking none the worse for her long rest whichonly remain in existence. To begin on the Cowichan mud-flats. Long may she THE FIDELITER will sail for Portland to

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morrow morning at ten o'clock. She will Gazelle, were all started in 1858. The connect at Portland with the Oriflamme for Vancouver Island. Gazette only appeared San Francisco.

MR McCullough, manager of the Bank of British Columbia at New Westminster, has been superseded by Mr Jones, who was formerly stationed at that place.

THE cargo of the Nicholas Biddle has been all discharged and the vessel will be laid

No PAPER will be issued from this office

-morrow.

## East Coast Mail Communication.

NANAINO, 21st December 1866. MESSRS. EDITORS :- Since the steamer Sin James Douglas has been charged with the performance of our mail service, the people of the East Coast, from Cowichan to Comox. have not had much to complain of in respect to mail communication until within the last been stated and regular, was abruptly interrupted. The steamer on which lenient

Westminster had no other means of conveydown, and was succeeded by the Post. The say the least, unfair and improper to take Post lived until April of this year, when it, away a Government vessel from a trade it too, kicked the bucket. After the amalga, was intended to perform, and this for no and peculiarities of the few inhabitants of Better for the minster people. The charge then would be How is it thing can be done for New Westminster?

THE BORE at Nanaimo is now down 430 | writing, so that he could proceed in a propemanner to labor for what is required, and to represent as far as possible their wishes and views. This was satisfactory. The electors, generally, believe that they have secure d in Mr Southgate a gentleman who is independent, unpretending, upright and firm, and that it is not the gratification of an empty ambition that he seeks, but a desire, in his representative capacity, to benefit the Colony at large. It will be a source of consolation to us to see his vote cast, as we think it will be, in a manner that will be serviceable to the country, and if by any means Mr Southe gate can obtain a grant of money for the absolute requirements of this town-a School house, Jail, Roads and Bridges-which none of his predecessors have done, he will earn

the lasting gratitude of this constituency. It is to be hoped that the representatives of No 1, No 2 and No 3 districts will be found in unison, and set a worthy example for the emulation of all future Legislators from this Island, by assisting conjointly in the work of improving the "state of the Colony," and those who are in it. A VOTER.

Nanaimo, 18th Dec., 1866.

## Mail Summary.

A Vienna telegram of the 5th says : " The following are the chief points of the propos. ed reform of the Austrian military organization : Universal liability to military service ; the army to be supplied with breech-loaders ; simplification of the commissariat regulation; a new audit system, and prompt examination of all military accounts; the improvement of the educational institutions for the army ; the formation of officers' schools : strict examination for those aspiring to become officers and staff officers ; a new law of promotion : changes in the organization of the general staff; reform of the military penal aws; alleviation of the burdens of the public Treasury by a considerable reduction in the number of officers and the partial cessas tion of promotions, and special ordinances with regard to forloughs and removal from active service.

From Chamounix we hear of a terrible catastrophe which occurred on Mont Blanc on the 13th inst. Two parties left the Mulets at 5:30; Capt. Arkwright, Simond Michel, and two porters (I. and F. Tournier) roped together, Silven Couttet (who is considered one of Mont Blanc's best guides) and the coachman, roped by themselves, leaving Miss Arkwright and the cook at the Grand Mulets to await their return. The grand plateau was crossed in safety, and the party were passing what is termed the Ancient Passage, when an avalanche overtook them. Silven Couttet and the coachman alone escaped, and the rest were hurled from their feet and dashed to pieces.

A further important series of experiments has taken place upon the Palliser chilled shot and shell and Firth steel, in which both classes surpassed everything accomplished by either on any former occasion. The new warrior target, number twenty-eight, was completely penetrated by them, the fore parts of the shells perfect in form even to their extreme points, coming through some distance to the rear. The results of these experiments may be briefly stated to be that the Palliser shot and shell doing work of the best quality at less than half the cost of steel, are decided upon for the national am. munition.

The London Globe says that Denmark is menaced with extinction: unless wiser coun-We cannot imagine that His Excellency is sels and a juster spirit, supported we doubt



being nuls at the duntition wo of disinterested friends who have en atate or counterfeit them. It's all of no won't be long imposed upon. The Plan increasing in use and popularity every what's the matter." They are in same made just as they were at first, and will r we shall stop making them. The Plantation Bitters purify, strengthe

They create a healthy appetite. They are an antidote to change of water They overcome effects of dissipation and They strengthen the system and enliven hey prevent miasmatic and intermitte They purify the breath and accidity of t They cure Dyspepsia and Constipation. They cure Diarrhea, Cholera and Choler They cure Liver Complaint and Nervous They make the weakstrong, the lang are exhausted nature's great restorer. fall Circular are around each bottle. hants and persons whose sedentary ha hess lassitude, palpitation of the heart. distress after eating, liver complaint, will find immediate and permanent rel but above all, they are recomm cate female and mothers.

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I had a negro man ook cold from a bad hurt in the leg, over a year. I had used everything without benefit, until I tried the Liniment It soon effected a perman

young then, and paid little heed perhaps to the empty chair placed in the circle by her whose radiant face was ever and anon tinged with melancholy, as her eye mournfully rested on the blank caused by an absent or lost child. The very nature of the gathering is such that in the ordinary course of events time must ruthlessly disturb. Our grandfathers, and parents cannot long be spared to us; one by one the elder branches of the family tree are lopped off, while we in our turn launch into the battle of life, and the once happy circle is known no more. Fresh chains may be riveted and links formed in the next generation in which we may play conspicuous parts, but it takes "half a lifetime to efface all traces of the past from the mind, " and memory's repose when once it is broken, may waken a pang that has slumbered for years." Thus it is that Christmas day, with most of us, gladsome though we fain would make it. must necessarily be more or less mingled with melancholy thoughts. The young man who has left his home to tread the rough paths of colonial life feels for the nonce his stout heart yielding to the softer influences of his nature. as he pictures the scene then being enacted in his once happy home, and perchance recalls the fair image of some loved one, in whose heart a void is created that his absence only intensifies. And who is there, be he young having been sent out, it is expected that the or old, who has not left ties more or less endearing,-a fond parent, an affectionate brother or sister, a loving wife, or sweet little ones, who will breathe his name in accents of love on this hallowed day ? Yet what are his feelings compared with the mental anguish of the widow mourning the death of a devoted husband, the

the innumerable amusements in-

evitably associated with the season.

which brought such infinite delight to

ovr blithe young hearts. "Youth is

the season made for joy;" we were

seen this effice on an communication was received south of that while in the act of making off with a bundle of clothes, and taken to jail.

were pretty generally circulated, and trust that they are not entirely confined to the clerks, who, in many instances, are by no means overbaid, but that the good work has extended, where it ought to have commenced. and that heads of departments have also been favored. We hope to give further particulars in our next .- N. W. Examiner.

LOCAL INTELIGENCE.

capital with circulars from the Colonial

office. in which, we are informed, the re-

cipients are notified that reductions in their

several salaries will be made from the

first of January. We believe these circulars

COUNTY COURT .- Mr Underwood, connected with the firm of Messrs Evans Bros., the arrest of whom we noticed in our last issue, was brought up before Judges Brew and Pritchard on the charge of aiding and abetting the said firm in defrauding their creditors of a large amount. By a technical point of law, the prosecution was not able to prove that the money belonged to the members of the firm who became bankrupt, and he was released from custody, the court retaining the money, some \$4,000, pending further proceedings. Mr G. A. Walkem appeared for the prosecution, and Mr A. R. Robertson for the defence.-Examiner.

OUT AGAIN-Dunne, the convict who lately escaped from the jail and surrendered himself to Judge Brew, has again gone for a constitutional. leaving the officers in charge of the chain-gang while at work near the Royal Avenue. He managed in some way or other to divest himself of his chains, and although officer MacNamara fired two shots after him, made good his escape for the present.-Examiner.

ELEGANT TIME FOR TELEGRAPHY-A telegram from Seattle announces that the line is down on Scott Mountain, California, and is buried beneath twenty feet of snow. There has been no communication with San Francisco for five days, but a corps of recairers wires will be in working order to-day.

SEVERE Loss .- A roll of bills of the Bank of British North America was lost yesterday in or near Davies' Auction Rooms, The loser offers a large reward for the recovery of the roll. If it has fallen into the hands of an honest man, the advertisement will not be in vain.

A NEW FRONT .- Messrs Hicks & Russell's new front enables the firm to display grieved father soothing and caressing their holiday goods to excellent advantage, his motherless infants, or parents with and the store is now one of the most attrachearts seared and bowed down by the tive in the city, bedtow gamVi a rais, on Saturday ; owing to the flood

POLICE COURT .- Joe the Mexican who had MESSES. EDITORS :- At this particular been in gaol for safe keeping was yesterday juncture, when the state of the Colony is such liberated. A good humored looking Patlander, as to demand careful and unremitting atwas fined \$10 for "larkin" on Government and good management in the administration, street and testing his boxing powers on a I hope it can be said that the electors of Nanaimo have done their duty, both to glass window.

A NOVEL FINE .- The organist and mem- Legislative Council. bers of the choir of a Church in England place to-day (Tuesday) at the Court room. have been fined one shilling each for contravening the orders of the minister by performing "Vital Spark" on the occasion of a funer-as a fit and proper person. Mr S. Wadd-ington seconded the nomination. A call for

Teeth like orient pearls, set in cushion of rose; gate being declared unanimously "selected." A breath like the perfume the toilet bestows; Mr Robert Dansmuir, on behalf of Mr South-These are charms to win hearts when all gate, who was absent, returned thanks to the other charms fade,

But they can't be preserved without SOZO- he would endeavor to do his duty to his con-DONT'S aid.

IMPROVEMENTS.—Wilson & Murray have dded to their bakery establishment the added to their bakery establishment the among other things that he would aim to finest oven on the coast, surmounted by a carry out a policy that will admit of the imchimney sufficiently high to prevent the portation of such goods, as cannot be prosmoke emitted from proving an annoyance to duced in the Colony, without being subject the neighborhood.

SURVEYED-The ship Vortigern was sur tem our miners would be able to live much cheaper than under the present state of veyed yesterday at Esquimalt. It was ascer- affairs. Mr Southgate said in answer to intained that she requires extensive repairs. terrogations from electors that he would The cargo will be discharged and the vessel carry out their behests to the utmost of his hove down for repairs to her bottom.

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France, prevail at the 'Court Berlin. memberment, and finally disappear as an independent State from the late man of Europe. The Crown Prince of Prussia will assist at

the marriage of the Cezarewitch with the Princess Dagmar of Denmark. It is also stated that the Prince of Wales will be present at the same ceremony, and that his Royal Highness will proceed to St. Petersburgh with the Queen of Denmark.

At an agricultural dinner, held at Christchurch. Lord Malmesbury was the chief speaker, and he denied the statement recently made by Mr Bright to the effect that if a Reform Bill was passed by the Commons. it would be sure to e rejected by the Lords. The Duke ....inburgh has received the freedom of the env of Glasgow. His Royal Highness after ds in the midst of heavy rain, inaugurated the statue of the late Prince Consort, and returned to Edinburgh in the evening after dining with the Lord Provost. There are building, or under orders to be TRAVELLER. built, twenty six non-armour plated vessels of war. The estimated expenditure on the hulls of these vessels from April 1st to March

Mr Southgate is Selected at Nanaimo. 31st next is estimated at £256,632.

The Globe believes that a design is enterained by Prussia and Sweden to absorb Denmark, Prussia taking the mainland, while the islands are annexed to Sweden and Spain. It is said that the Duke and Duchess of

themselves and to the Colony, in electing Argyle have adopted the resolution of allow-ing their second son, Lord Archibald Camp-Mr Southgate to represent them in the The "selection" took bell, to enter as a partner in a large business establishment. After the electors had been called upon to

nominate some gentleman to represent them, REVOLUTION IN BURMAH-Rev Dr Stevens. aptist Missionary at Rangoon, has written Mr A. Hood proposed Mr J. J. Sonthgate ome an account of the recent revolution in the Kingdom of Burmah, in which the king "a show of hands" resulted in Mr Southhas been deposed by two of his sons. Several of the principal officers of State, including the heir apparent, have been put to death ; and, it is said, as usual in such cases, many of the young Princes: The king, it appears, was electors for their support, and said that Mr at a country seat when the outbreak occurred. Southgate had requested him to state that attended by but a few followers. Then, when stituency and to the whole Colony. (cheers) his rebellious sons approached him, it is said. he asked them why they did thus. The elder replied in the most respectful terms, that it was not from any emnity toward him, but because they could not endure the severity of the heir apparent. The king then took off

his ring and gave it to him, and also the royal sceptre. He is now in confinement and to a heavy import duty. The statement was his son reigns. However, we do not suppose received with applause. Under such a sys. the end is yet. The British residents, all the Europeans, with several American families, have left the capital and are on their way down to Rangoon. The missionaries are ex-pecting a more liberal and intelligent governa ment as the result, and hope to be able again to send their men to the ancient capital, and then to extend operations all over the country.

"I take pleasure in recommending tang Linement as a valuable and indis Sprains, Soars, Scratches or Galls on have used it for Barns, Bruises, Sores, and all say it acts like magic."

Foreman for American Wells Farge Express.

. The sprain of my daughter's ankl skating last winter, was entirely cured she commenced to use your celebrat ment."

Gloucester, Mass. August 1; 1865.

It is an admitted fact that the Mexic ment performs more cures in a shorten beast, than any article ever discover ery-men and planters should always 1 Quick and sure it certainly is. All g . in sicce partice erables have W. Westbrook, Chemist, and the priv Demas Barnes & Co. over the op. An effort has been made to count stone platelabel. Look closely !

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does not keep it, or a family that doe E. THOMAS LYON

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