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IT must have puzzled many of our readers, as it has undoubtedly been too much for our editorial acumen to discover, the purpose for which our present system of Government was instituted. They appear to have no desire to adapt there, some measures must be taken our laws to the present requirements of the Colonists; they apparently discourage immigration, and they won't even protect industrious citizens against the savages, although the most ordinary precautions would prevent outrages of the most dreadful character. Salt Spring Island is among the first of our East Coast dependencies. A number of farms have been located by industrious men who have brought them into a very high state of cultivation; every description of crop produces abundantly, and peaches, plums, etc., are fully equal to anything of the kind on the coast. The land on Salt Spring Island is valuable for its productiveness, but still more so from its easy communication by water with this city, where the produce can be disposed of at good prices, but-can it be credited ? -the Government declines to take the commonest precautions for the protection of the hard working settlers from murder and robbery. A tribe of Indians are located on the Island, who, failing any other kind of excitement, murder a settler now and then by way of a change, and carry off his property to the bush, where it is secreted till the little puff of a sensation is passed; the booty is then brought out and duly divided. Such things have occurred three or four times, yet none of the murderers except "Dick," now in custody, have been brought to instice. The usual course has been to send a ship of war up to the vicinity : the ship proceeds to expend a quantity of powder and ball; a few boats' crews are sent ashore to endeavor to discover some of the stolen property. The results in each case, as may naturally be supposed, are quite inutile; it would really havs been better if the ship had never left her moorings It is well known that the perpetrators of all the robberies and murders, except Dick, are at large on the Island, and could be had it proper means were adopted for their capture. Such murderers belong to be taken on board and held as hostages until the murderers are given up; but care must be taken that a competent interpreter be sent who can explain the objects of the expedition and the consequences of disobeying the law. Should this course be adopted it will be long ere similar outrages are reported on the Island. Let the ships save their powder and shot, unless utilized by destroying the Indian camps; and in every case let examples be made of these uncivilized wretches, that people may be protected who desire to be law-abiding and industrious. Several of the settlers have already left the Island, and the others are seriously talking of doing so even at the sacrifive of all their property; one of them had cleared fifty acres of land previously covered with heavy timber, and stocked with fruit trees and otherwise producing good crops. But what are fine farms and fertile land where life and property are in such peril? No advantage would repay the risk. To show the present feeling of the Indians towards the authorities : if Dick had not been removed when he was. an attempt would have been made by his tillicums to rescue him; and a plot is now on foot to substitute a slave boy for him in order to save his life, The settlement is of great importance to this city, and our Government is bound to see that the settlers are protected. To accomplish this end. prompt measures must be taken, and the delinquents secured, as they undoubtedly may be. But in dealing out tisements and reading matter being set the merited punishment to these marauders, we must not forget that there may be more to learn than appears on the surface, and we think the proper mode of procedure would be to employ. at least temporarily, an Indian agent. who might go down and hear what

the Indians had to say. A great deal of mischief may arise from some sense of injury which the natives imagine they have received from the settlers. If there should turn out to be a grievance, let it be at once redressed, so that the Indians may not conceive themselves wronged. Judging from the description of the present state of feeling amongst the natives, as related to us by a gentleman just down from without delay, as from appearances, a general massacre of the settlers is within the scope of possibility. Should such a dreadful occurrence take place the authorities would certainly be held

responsible.

Tuesday April 13 AN EXCITING RUNAWAY - A FEARFUL SMASH UP .- Oa Sunday night, a most excitog runaway incident transpired to this city. At 11 o'clock one of the two-horse hacks that ply between Victoria and Esquimalt with passengers was drawn up in front of the Grotto Seloon at the corner of Government and Trounce streets. The back contained two male passengers, who were ensconced on the back seat, and the driver having gone off a short distance in search of more passengers to make up a full load, the reios lay loosely on the first seat of the vehicle. The equines-anything but spirited ooking bits of horse-flesh-remained meekly standing at the door of the saloon awaiting the return of the driver, and, for aught anyone knows, would have remained there till the "crack of doom" but for the sudden appearance of another two-horse back driven rapidly through Government street, the bright light from the lamps of which flashed full in the eyes of the animals at the Grotto. The borses at once started to run. One of the passengers on the back seat reached over to grasp the reins, but the jolting of the vehicle by the sudden start had caused them to fail to the ground, and the horses, gaining additional speed at every step, dashed on To attempt to control 'heir movements by any action on the part of the occupants was out of the question. The vehicle swayed from side to side with the increased momentum, and there was nothing for it but to jump out, which the passengers did, opposite the corner of Fort street. Both alighted on the loose metal and escaped with a few braises. The horses darted on to the bridge, over which they clattered at a fearful rate, the hack at their beels striking the rail on one side, and rebounding and striking the opposite rail. Soon a wheel rolled of ; then a part of the top; next another wheel, then another section of the top; until by the time the bridge had been accomplished the stock-intrade of runaways consisted of two wheels

Is denouncing as untrue the reported con-nection of the proprietor of this paper with the *Evening News*, the editor of that journal Barbiar an excepted damages. Barbiar an excepted hell of the paper of the paper with the *Evening News*, the editor of that journal Barbiar an excepted ball of the paper the *Evening News*, the editor of that journal simply does Mr. Higgins justice, One man has his hands full in "running" a single daily without doubling the work and anxiety in the publication of another. But, really, the report was so improbable that but for the animus actuating the circulators it was scarcely worth noticing. FROM PUGET SCUND.—The steamer Wilson G. Hunt, Capt. Waitt, arrived at 9½ last

G. Hunt, Capt. Waitt, arrived at 9½ last evening from Puget Sound, bringing 63 pas-sengers and 30 head live stock. The Eliza blown up in a house. The invincibles had been forced to bite the dust, and the force Anderson has gone to Bellingham Bay with Capts. Myrick and Waitt have our thanks for the customary favors.

cellent, pay in their shaft. They were al-ready taking out good wages, and the pay was increasing. On Keithley creek, it is stated, one of the tunnels has struck pay and flattering prospects. This is indeed good news.

CATERPILLARS .- These destructive insects at once commence a close inspection of their gardens. A little negligence in this respect may be productive of future cause for regret. two Chinese Commissioners from Canton,

in a prosperous state and the hall is a real credit to the district.

charged with stabbing Hughes, during an affray on Sunday night, was brought before Mr. Pemberton yesterday to answer the charge, but owing to the condition of the wounded man he was remanded until to-day.

British Collision with the Chinese.

I Swatow:

are eighteen villages, or rather towns, with possess considerable and peculiar sources of an exceedingly turbulent population. Two information with respect to the state of busian exceedingly turbulent population. Two hundred years ago they successfully resisted the invasion of Kozinga, and have ever since considered themselves invincible, living in entire independence of the Mandarins, whose passence they semetimes tolerate, but whose besence they never pay, and whose decisions what his statements could have to do with they only respected when in their favor Always fighting smong themselves, they have been in the habit of uniting whenever the year 1859 to 1864 he had been in the threatened from without, and on many occa- receipt of £5,000 a year from the old firm of sious has a "noly league" been entered into Overend, Gurney & Co He was first introwere adopted for their capture. Such means are very simple: on the next visit of a ship of war let the principal men of the tribe that the robbers and men of the tribe the tribe that the robbers and men of the tribe that t ers bave been wounded by them. agreeing to act for the firm in all matters in Unfortunately for themselves the Ou-ting- which they might ask for his advice and pui men, in a noment of infocent excitement a sistance." This agreement was suddenly stoned H. M. S. Cookchafer's boats, and terminated in 1864. Mr. Birbeck, one of the when Lieut. Kerr landed, pitched into him partners, told Mr. Edwards in rather strong right and left and wounded so many of his language that he had been the cause of some men that the affair could not be slared over; of their heavy losses. Mr. Edwards took so a strong force was at once applied for to this very much to heart, and demanded the s) a strong force was at once applied for to the determinant of the strong force was at once applied for the determinant of the strong force was strong force was at once applied for the determinant of the strong force was strong for strong force was strong for On Thursday, the 25th, the Commodore work at all, and, to addition to this compenarrived with the Rineldo, Perseus, Leves sation for b in; relieved of so onerons a task and Bouncer, and on Friday morning at day - he was furnished with a handsome tes inco light 459 men were crossing the river. The nial, stating th the ceased to act for the firm gunboats towed the boats to the mouth of simply because they had declined the sort the creek and there stopped. The Swatow of busicess for which his services had been folks chuckled, counted the men and calmly engaged, and acknowledging his assiduity proph sied that not one would return and disiterestedness. It is difficult to get The marines, led by Captain Hall, marched at all the facts, for Mr. Edwards has 'a very up, the guns, blue jackets, etc., going up in bad memory as to dates;' it is apt to 'en-boats, and by about 10 they arrived at the tirely fail' him on other matters, and 'he scene of action and landed a couple of the does not like to swear positively at all to guns. A man came out of the village while anything.' the marines were landing, but disappeared But what were the services Mr. Edwards directly. Mr. Alabaster, H.M. Consul, went rendered the firm for this large salary to meet him, and the moment the marines £5,000, to be earned, as he tells us, for advanced, the villagers, like idiots, opened most part after office hours? This is the fire on them. A rush, a pop-pop-pop of the point on which his memory is chiefly defec-Snyders, a constant hungling to cease firing, tive. He certainly received the £5,000, but tive. He certainly received the £5,000, but Snyders, a constant bungling to cease uring, and before the attacking party knew where they were, a couple of villages were taken and the force had advanced a couple of miles into the country, the Commodore, attended by Capt. Sim, R. E., and Mr. Alabaster, leading the right; Captain Stephens, R. N., the left. Captain Stephens, R. N., the left ; Captain M'Hardy the field forces ; ance. But, putting aside his position of Lord O. Scott the supports; and the irre-pressible Formosean hero everything and everybody. Tang-tan and Peitang were taken, and the atter set fire to, in accordance with the cus- with difficulty elicited, throw sufficient tom of the country, burning being the re- light upon the rest of Mr. Edwards' engage-Returning to the boats refreshed, the forces Company was largely indebted to Overend then started to visit the residence of the & Gurney. He went into that company as chief offenders-the town of Outingpui. A a director, Overend & Gurney giving him village which had not participated in the at- the necessary shares. He attended all the tack was carefully preserved, and passing on board meetings-not after office hours-and either side of it the force drew near the ou . received the usual fees. Of course he knew ying village of Pei Outingpei, from which of the large debt to the Garneys, and, in fact was opened on them-the braves coming 'he went there to watch it.' Again, he was out from the town with flage, tomtoms, gir- the nominee of Overend & Gurney in the galls, etc., in grand array. A rush, an inler- transaction of a loan for £144,000 to Mr. nal popping of Snyders, and the British were Stefanos Xenos, the manager of a fleet of in the place, going through everything with ships known as the "Greek and Oriental supreme contempt for the conveniences of Company.' This transaction turned out very doors or roads, and utter disregaid of the ill, but not for Mr. Edwards. At some time law of trespass. In this village Major Cross- or other-his memory fails him about dates man nearly came to grief, for energetically —he was receiving a salary at the rate of tumbling over a wall a pit received the Con-sular butrass, and but for a friendly prook moreover, presented by that gentlemen with which was near he would have in a few mo-ments been smothered in his own emana-friendly gift.' He does not seem to have tions. A lieutenant also was caught here by been always quite so scrupulous. He nego-

started to return as soon as the gallant Ste-60 head of catt'e for Sames. Nothing but vens and his party (who hovered like p:o-railroad terminus is talked of on the Sound, teoring angels round the outskirts of the ad-

CARTBOO.-A letter from Cariboo, date of elders came in to beg for mercy, acknowledg-29th ultimo (1wo days later than the Senti-nevs dates) states that a company of six-ing their fault and promising better behavior in future; they fwere much relieved when toop on Hardnershbie greek had struck ex-told that it was not the intention of the Commodore to return and harry them again, and that as long as they let forsigners alone they might live in peace and the enjoyment of their class feuds without interference on anybody's part. They scarcely at first would believe that the Commodore was not going to use the power of exterminating them, which they admitted he possessed, bur foreign residents will probably not lose by the elemency he exhibited. It is true that the have now attained the stage in their exist. Chinese do require sharp treatment, but they ence when they are most easily detected and must be effected favorably as far as their destroyed, and cultivators of fruit trees should inclination towards us goes by the difference they observe between our course and that which their own Mandarins would take. Since then, the Admiral, the Taotai, and

have arrived, and proclamations of peace and THE melodeon in use until lately by the brotherly love are going forth to the villages. St. Andrew's Church Choir, of this city, was May we loog have it, as, thanks to the promsold yesterday to the Cariboo Lodge of Free ptilude and energy of the Admiral and Commodore, we have a chance now of doing. and Accepted Masons, and will be sent The affair could not have been done better North immediately. The Cariboo Lodge is The gunboats were not taken up; the field pieces were scarcely used, and the Chinese all round were shown that within eight days of committing an offence we could, with

THE CUTTING AFFRAY.-Smith, who is simple rifles, crumple up their impregnable strongholde

> Overend, Gurney & Co.-Extraordinary Disclosures.

From the London Times. |

Mr. Elward Watkin Edwards is an officiel assignee in the Court of Bankruptcy, in A correspondent of the China Mail A correspondent of the *China Mail* of which capacity, of course, he receives a sal-February 19th gives the following account ary, and has official duties which as it seems of the collision with the British and Chinese by his account, are supposed to keep him at his office until 4 o'clock in the day. It is ob-On the north of the Swatow River there vious, moreover, that in such a post he must

and on that occasion he received a sum of £2,000 from Mr. Pearson. In other words. he was receiving £5,000 a year from Overend & Garney in consideration of this make ing good bargains for them, and he received atithe same time £2,000 from one of their customers for making a good bargain for him. It is rarely that men possess such a faculty for obliging two parties at once. Tren, again, he was umpire in the affair of Lascaridi & Lever, both of whom were in-debted to Overend & Gurney; and he had, of course, a douceur of £300 for his services. "His impression is' that he never received anything is addition either from Mr. Les-caridi or Mr. Lever, but he 'will not swear that he did not,' and he 'might have had something and torgotien it.' Mr. Edwards must be singularly open to contributions on all sorts of occasions if they are so readily forgotten. One of the transactions in which he was concerned on behalf of the old firm was with the Millwall Ironworks, of which Mr. C. J. Mare was formerly the owner, and he 'will not swear that he did not receive money in connection with them;' but his memory is an entire black on the subject." ments were perplexing. In addition thie, be was the sleeping partner in a firm called Edwards & O'Beirne. Two of his brothers and Mr. O'Beirne were the acting partnere, and Mr. O'Beirne obtained ad vances from Overend & Garney after he had left them. A Mr. O'Beirne, moreover ap-pears as the manager of the Milwail Iron-

works.

This will probably be thought sufficient. It is easy to imagine Mr. Edwards overwhelmed with his responsibilities. He is an official assignee; he is in business on his own account; he is in business on Overend & Gurney's account; and he is practically in business on account of Overend & Gurney's customers. He receives his official salary, his salary of £5000 from Overend & Gurney. his stray douceurs of hundreds and thousands, and his triendly gifts of such little matters es a yacht, and he has an income, no doubt, from his own business. But there is more to come still, and that, perhaps, the most sur-prising part of the whole matter. We have seen that Mr. Chapman introduced bim to the firm of the Gurneys. He now states that in the first instance, he lent privately to Mr. Chapman the whole of the salary he received from the firm. He paid over to Mr. Chapman the first £5000 he received, and he was under the impression that the transaction was to be kept secret. He adds that he has never been repaid. So that to all his other business be added that of a moneys lender. We say nothing about this affair so far as it concerns Mr. Chapman. It is sufficient to observe and to admire the spectacle afforded by Mr. Edwards. He is engaged in transactions with the firm, with a single partner of the firm, with the customers of the firm, and with his own customers; and all these transactions it is of course his duty to keep perfectly disentangled, and to prevent their exerting any influence on each other. And all this is undertaken by a gentleman who has 'a very bad memory as to dates,' and finds it hard to recall amounts which are reckoped in bundreds of thousands We can form, of course, no idea of the infla-ence which [Mr. Edwards' inaccuracy may have exercised on the fortunes of Overen & Gorney ; but he has given us an extraordinary revelation of the underground agency

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THERE could hard! ing illustration of t of the public feeling lation to anything sian politics, or rath the utmost strainin to bear that appe attack on poor lit cause she has the adopt a course, that would pursue in w proper distribution of privileges. It appear ors of the Great Company of France. tiating for the purch Luxemburg railway Arlon to Brussels, in Belgian Government ter as granting to a a monopoly in favor o and Rotterdam lines the port of Antwerp. the possibility of means tariff favors to which the basin of Cl detrimentally affected combinations which industry of France t Belgium. These sim as the Belgian people sessed of a governmen their interests, natura attention of M. Frere gian Minister of Finan in a bill to prohibit th in Belgium to any f That such " trifles lig as France is nation should have called d poor little neighbor a of the French semi-o only be accounted for feeling that exists and Prussia at the pre sciousness of some app that will tax the ener the utmost to avert. France the agitation like a boxer conscious adversary, in keeping fixed on those of his bles over a boy in att up a more favorable p the youngster for bei The French people hav deep hatred of Prussia the recollection of the received from the Prus loo, when they though defeated; to say noth ment of French soldier tle of Leipsic, that on friction of any new gru to burst into flame. that Prussia is quite state of feeling in a great bully, believing frighten his foe he wing he indulges in blasteri which he flings at Fi possible occasion. Th doubt that Count Bisn thinking of the advi would have in being at Belgium, should hosti tween Prussia and Fr made such professions protection to the Flemi invited by them. If] France she certainly Prussia any more; and likely if a choice was f that she would cast with the Empire. All is lost upon the French absorbingly intent that refers in the rem Prussia, the refusal of to a French company a offer of protection to worked up by the war to mean hostility on former. Although the associate the governme leries with the attempt the Belgian railway, t doubt that if the Lux was under the control of power would have see strategic advantages in with Prussia. The rap of troops and munition valuerable point in Pru would be a gain not to On the other hand the lin could not contempla fer with indifference. sented to the demolition at Luxembourg in cons remonstrance of the F ment, backed by the England, and to permit fences on the Rhine b breaking through the by means of her rails the question. So far,

out upon the street running towards Beacon Hill, the affrighted animals sped. At the corner opposite Mr. Trounce's residence they parted with the remains of the back, and a little further on the coupling of the borses gave out and they parted company. Yesterday the animals were found cropping the sweet young grass on Beacon Hill ;-one of them badly cut upon the hind legs ; the other uninjured. The vehicle, valued at \$200 or \$300, is totally destroyed, and the only marvel is that, considering the rate of speed at which the runaways travelled, a greater amount of damage was not dene. NAVIGATION OPEN .- The Spring trade may

now be considered as fairly open. Yesterday Capt Fleming received a telegram from Capt Irving, of the steamer Ouward, announcing the arrival of that boat at Yale with freight and passengers from New Westminster. The rain of yesterday will contribute still further to swell the Fraser, and there is good reason for the belief that sort of 'twitxt and 'tween or transition state in which trade has been plunged for the past few weeks, is over and that, limited though it may be, a steady and safe stroke of business will be transacted with the mines. Yesterday a large quantity of goods was sold for the North, and the Enterprise, which starts for New Westminster at ten this moraing, will go up full. The river boats Onward and Lillooet will make regular trips to Yale, leaving New Westminster on Wednesdays and Saturdays of each week, and carrying freight at \$12 per ton and passengers at \$7 per head. The Enterprise will make two trips from Victoria to New Westminster each week during the season.

THE "EVENING NEWS."-This is the title of a spicy little paper that made its appearance last evening, having risen, Phœnix-like, from the ruins of the once prosperous Morning News. The new paper presents a very neat appearance typographically, the adverclosely together. In politics it will espouse the popular course. We wish our new cotempor. ry a full measure of success.

APRIL SHOWERS .- Yesterday real April weather set in and we were treated to a number of warm showers which refreshed the earth and imparted to the country a pleasant abcearance.

The Female Immigration Scheme.

EDITOB BRITISH COLONIST .- As you favor the immigration scheme, allow me to say why I think it will not answer :

People won't like advancing the \$50, well mowing that if by chance they get a good servant at \$10 or \$12 per month, she will not long be satisfied with less wages than other servants are receiving, although she did sign in England-onless she be unusually bonorable-and once dissatisfied she becomes useless. And how many would stay here to serve out their two years at low wages when Protestant Eoglish servants are in such demand at San Francisco that they have only to apply to get a first-class place in a few The only safe plan would be to bring hours. only those who have relatives here A SUBSCRIBER.

THE Colonists of New Zealand, abandoned

by the Imperial Government, are in a bad way. The Maories, who could be scarcely be kept in check by a force of fegular sol-diers of ten thousand men, are now driving the settlers from the lands which unquestionably belong to the natives, and several massacres of the settlers are reported. The Nelson Colonist is responsible for the followlowing story, which, if true, is very shocking

" Respecting Tito Koward, whose crnel torturing of the wounded men whom he took prisoners after the late disaster at Ruarura. and roasted alive; and then with his fellow fiends, male and female, devoured, there is one thing to which we would direct the attention of all Aboriginal Defender's Associations, and the lauders of the 'noble Maori savage,' and that is, that the wicked o nnibal actually pickled some portions of the bodies of the victims and sent them in kegs to the Waikato; so that the light jest of the Rev. Sydney Smith about 'cold mistionary,' on the side board in New Zealand bas received almost literal fulfilment, for pickled European is thus made an ' article of export from one tribe of cannibals to another ! The idea is revolting in the extreme, and who, after this, can condemn these who advocate the adoption of Rajah Brook's plan of so much for every head !"

White Swellings

are generally considered to be indications of a scrofulous tendency in the system, and the first thing to be done for their removal is to purify the blood and humors. Bristol's Sarsaparilla and Pills, used conjointly, are possessed of cleanse, puthe very properties required; they cleanse, pu-rify, neutralize, and purge out of the system the bad humors which are the sole cause of 573 the trouble.