

The arguments in opposition to Confederation have been so thoroughly scattered to the winds by its able exponents in this Colony, that we do not pretend to offer one argument beyond the mere facts, which must be patent to every one, in its favor.

GOOD ADVICE FROM AN UNEXPECTED QUARTER.—The San Francisco Bulletin, speaking of Annexation, says: The first error which nearly all British colonists run into is in the adoption of a clumsy and expensive administration.

modern times! Ours in relation to our own community is not less important; our present duty is to determine the future position which this portion of the Dominion shall sustain in the Confederacy.

THE SHIP ISAAC JEANS.—American Consul Francis and Capt Boyling came down from Nanaimo yesterday, having failed in inducing the seamen of the American ship Isaac Jeans to return to their work.

FROM NANAIMO.—The steamer Sir James arrived last evening, bringing the R. W. District Grand Master Robert Burnaby, Junior Grand Warden Clarke, Grand Secretary Plummer, G. D. C. Blackburn, G. S. B. Harrison and G. T. Wm. H. Thain, who officiated at the session of the Grand Lodge, E. R., at Nanaimo.

MAMMOTH STRAWBERRIES.—Richard Carr, Esq., yesterday favored us with a number of mammoth strawberries grown in his garden across James Bay.

CLOSE OF THE TWENTY-FIRST VOLUME.—The twenty-first volume of the DAILY BRITISH COLONIST terminated yesterday. Starting in 1858, with two competitors, the Colonist has outlived all its then contemporaries.

THEFT.—Mandel Duett appeared on remand yesterday before the Police Court, for stealing the sum of \$60 and a pistol from C. Levi of the Johnson street ferry.

CRAZY.—Capt J. Staff, who was found wandering in the prehistoric costume, some days ago, and taken to prison, was yesterday found in the public streets in a state of wild insanity, and conveyed to prison for safe keeping.

ROAD TAX.—The people of Nanaimo are protesting against the Road Tax. At a public meeting held on Thursday evening forty residents signed a paper pledging themselves not to pay the tax unless they receive a guarantee that the money will be expended in the district.

FOR QUEEN CHARLOTTE'S.—The steamer Otter will carry to the anthracite coal mine on Queen Charlotte Island, Mr. Thos. Troncoe and several workmen.

DRILL.—The Deluge and the Hook and Ladder Companies were out last evening. The Deluge ejected a stream through a long length of hose far above Wells, Fargo & Co.'s flagstaff.

THE ARRIVAL OF H. M. S. CAMELEON is explained by the fact that she is detained at Panama, a few cases of small pox having developed among the crew.

THE ENTERPRISE sailed for New Westminster at 10 o'clock yesterday morning. Among the passengers were Messrs. Clute, Barnard and Lawson.

THE GASCIE Telfair, from Portland, will be due here to-morrow. She will bring a mail and express.

THE STEAMER Geo. S. Wright, from Victoria, arrived at Portland yesterday morning.

WE BOTH sides of postage stamps when affixed to letters, and they will not warp up in drying and thus be so apt to fall off.

TWO countrymen, on a spree, were taken into custody yesterday afternoon upon a charge of drunkenness.

THE ship Anne Mary, for Sydney, will have to go to San Francisco for a crew.

EUROPEAN MAIL SUMMARY.—A diplomatic difficulty is expected to occur very shortly respecting the right of Prussia to occupy the fortress of Mayence.

IT is reported that Count Bismarck has made overtures of an offensive and defensive alliance to the British Minister at Berlin, in the event of a war between Prussia and France.

THE Spanish government intends sending a special agent to London respecting the cession of Gibraltar to Spain.

THE Semaphore, of Marseilles, announces that M. Thiers has accepted the candidature of the first circumscription of the Bouche-du-Rhone against M. Ferdinand de Lesseps.

THE Provincial Correspondence of Berlin of the 28th, mentions that the publication by the Austrian government of an altered version of the Prussian note of the 20th July 1866, is an act without a precedent towards a government with which it pretends to be on friendly terms.

The Avenir National publishes a telegram from the Heges declaring that the workmen a riot had broken out in the island of Watcheren, and that five men were killed and several wounded.

THE Prince of Montenegro has just conferred on the young Prince Michael of Serbia the Grand Cross of the Order of the Independence des Montagnes Noires.

General Klepka has just been elected at Temeswar, Hungary, by a majority of 63. This is a great success for the government.

THE REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE.—The Victory of Egypt is expected to arrive in Paris about the 15th inst., and he will take up his residence at the Tuileries.

It was reported at Tournay on the 27th ult. that the colliers of Mons have signed a petition asking for the annexation of Belgium to France.

The Minister of Public Works in the Brussels Chamber on the 27th of last month declined to answer a question relative to the progress of the railway negotiation with France on the ground that the moment was inopportune for the discussion of the subject.

The incorporation of the Duchy of Lauenburg with Prussia is shortly to take place, negotiations for that purpose having been concluded in Berlin between Count Bismarck and the representatives of the Duchy.

A ROYAL FAUX PAS—Marriage of Prince Louis de Bourbon to a Cuban Belle.—A Parallel to the Bonaparte-Patterson Case.

On the 15th of March last Prince Louis Marie Ferdinand Pierre d'Alcantara, son of Count d'Angula, the brother-in-law of the King of Naples, cousin of Don Carlos, the aspirant to the Spanish throne, nephew of the Emperor of Brazil, and connected by other ties with half the other dethroned monarchs of Europe, made his appearance in this city in company with Miss Amelia Isabel de Hamel, the daughter of John de Hamel, a well known ship-broker of Havana, and a gentleman well known in this city as a frequenter of fashionable resorts and a constant companion of many of our most fashionable citizens.

Now come, after a blissful honeymoon of nearly two months, the cruel relatives of the bridegroom, protesting against the marriage.

Francis II, ex-King of Naples, having no other subjects than the sycophantic followers who share with him the charity of the Pope, who leaves him to spend the remainder of his miserable days in the Farnese Palace at Rome, considers himself at the head of the family of Bourbon, and from his place in Rome sends an angry protest against his marriage to the free and independent young citizen Bourbon in his comfortable rooms in the Clarendon Hotel of this free and independent city of New York.

The protest declares the marriage null and void, and is accompanied by a threat of excommunication from the noble family of dethroned and impoverished monarch, who bear the name of Bourbon. The young Prince is probably very little troubled by this threat, and will pay very little attention to the protest.

He is said to be a very spirited young man, able to take care of himself, and not at all proud of his connection with the family which has produced in one generation a "Bomba," a Francis II and an Isabella of Spain.

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Now, I beg you will keep a look-out for all boats arriving at New York during the next few weeks.

"The modus operandi of the 'deputation,' as they are termed, is, I believe, quite an original plan of despatching hated and unpopular persons, and I may say that it will require the greatest care to discover the persons who are engaged, or are to be engaged to do the job.

I may say that Mr. Fisk is especially pointed out. He is considered in England a madman, and it is considered not only unwise, but fearfully unsafe, to place such a coxcomb in any power over other peoples property. They say: 'Just fancy such an idiot being a director of a—should-be great railway, being lessee of theatres and operas!'

They look upon this conglomeration of things as sufficient proof of the poor man's idocy. At the same time he is to be despatched.

My reason for making this known to you is purely from motives of humanity.

Yours respectfully, M. W. F."

pushing forward the Northern Pacific Railway, are not the men to rush blindly into a great enterprise, nor are they the men to fail in an undertaking. They have made themselves intimately acquainted with the character of the country on the line of this great thoroughfare, and the conclusion to which they have arrived is as well grounded as the solution of any problem in Euclid.

Useful Hints. To get rid of ants strew dry copperas about their beds.

To prevent cattle from having the hollow horn use the following remedy, viz: Commence awhile before calving and give one teaspoonful of pulverized copperas in a little sloop for three mornings in succession, and then miss three, and so on until you feed about one-half pound to each. We have found this to be a sure remedy for twenty-four years.

Somebody says that as a general thing horses get too much whip and too little hay. If a man loses his hat while driving his horse, he whips the horse to pay for it. If he runs into another wagon through his own carelessness, he whips the horse to make it all right.

A correspondent of the Iowa Homestead says he set, in 1840, two oak fence posts from the same tree. The one set butt end down rotted off in 13 years; the other is as good as ever.

An old and experienced farmer says that swelled jaws in sheep can be effectually cured by rubbing the inside of the jaws and mouth with a mixture made of alum and salt, equal parts of each.

When a ton of wheat is marketed, it leaves nothing behind but five dollars worth of straw. When a ton of meat is sold it has left behind it nine-tenths of the manurial value of the food consumed in making it.

To clean furs cut up half a pound of white or best mottled soap and boil in a gallon of water until it is dissolved. Let the mixture stand until lukewarm, and then stir in a handful of bran. This may be applied with a honeycomb sponge care being taken to wet the skin as little as possible.

SALT YOUR CHIMNEYS.—In building a chimney put a quantity of salt into the mortar with which the intercourses of brick are to be laid. The effect will be that there never will be any accumulation of soot in that chimney. The philosophy is thus stated:—The salt in the portion of mortar which is exposed absorbs moisture from the atmosphere every damp day. The soot thus becomes damp, and falls down into the fire-place.

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THE NEWS from the possible renewal of state of affairs that extending to the scarcity of a certainty of great riches, it is very galling sense of the motive power should prevent its being. But so it is, and so it will be until some system is which the copious supply can be had in certain places, shall be conveyed ditches to those localities favored in that respect, and at least the survey, of Swift River to Willamette, until its impracticability been ascertained, we believe it can be done ever; it is not the only such a beneficial enterprise undertaken; there are others might be equally tarried with the advantage of the district which supply should be increased a commercial point of view, be much more productive of the claims. We feel of surprise that of idle has not been investigated there is no more profitable Colony, or where certain. The wealth of the district has been thorough, and its duration and extent ascertained; hence, the fear of a possible excavation to digdigs to frighten the requisite supply of easily obtained, with a to buy whenever it is claims so far as worked paying, remarkably well supply of water containing of great importance, at it, on the contrary, out and the miners are taking out money, a great fortune and distress may would be wholly averted capital could be induced own advantage in own money profitably by ourselves. We strongly urge such people giving their subject of such manifest themselves. Their money present unproductive made to pay nearly cent.

English Jail Su...

English papers receive fair are to the 15th of May the Mayor of Cork, resigned the Attorney General moved that the counsel the bar on the evidence to prove the Mayor of be called in. Mr. Maguire begged permission to read to him by that shouts of "Speak up!" raised his voice to a high read what some understand dearest Maguire"—a sum of expression which the roar of laughter. The Sullist announced, without ology or regret, his intention the mayoralty; and for had been misunderstood be the first to rush to human life if he knew it ed,"—whereupon Mr. Sullist the second reading to guard against the Mayor's re-election. Mr. Sullist, who is a native of the West of England, was in Canterbury, New Zealand, quite young, and was stages of bushman, farmer, but for defective health he be holding still. Mr. Weld