

THE GOLD IN AUSTRALIA.

Additional information has been received from Sydney, not merely confirming the truth of the discoveries of Gold in Australia, but clearly proving that even rumour itself had under-estimated the extent and value of the gold region. The government...

Mr. Stutchbury, has moved in the matter, and has put forth a claim to the precious metal in a proclamation, stating that, according to law, all gold mines, and all gold in its beds, within the territory of New South Wales, whether in or upon the lands of the Queen, or on the lands of private individuals, her Majesty's subjects, are and is the property of the Crown; every person who shall take gold or metal from any property within the aforesaid territory, and any person finding gold in the unmined parts of the territory, will be punished according to law. The proclamation also stated that such regulations shall be made as might be considered just and decisive, and be published as soon as possible, whereby the conditions will be made known by which the payment of a reasonable sum licenses shall be granted.

Although this proclamation was issued on the publication of the discovery, the government had taken no step to carry out the licensing system, apparently sensible that the means at their command were insufficient to compel parties to abandon their rich and selected spots. In the existing maddened state of public excitement, it would not be prudent to act on the crown's behalf as asserted, and Sir Charles Fitzroy will probably content himself with the publication of the crown's right, until he receive instructions and the means of enforcing them from the home authorities. Accounts received from Sydney to June 24th are full of the gold discoveries. There were about 16,000 to 20,000 persons employed at the diggings, comprising all classes, from the police professors to landierists, men, run-away policemen, and seamen from the shipping. Indeed, desertions from the latter were so numerous and frequent that vessels were quitting for fear of similar desertions and the destruction of shipping as occurred at California. In consequence, the whole crews fitting to the mines. At Sydney labor had advanced fifty per cent, but up to the above date accounts of the gold finding had not reached the sister settlements. The gold range of the Blue Mountains extended nearly 400 miles in length, and about 40 miles wide.

On May 27, several gentlemen returned to Sydney who left that city ten days previously, for the purpose of ascertaining the exact nature of the recent gold discoveries. Mr. Hindson and Mr. A. C. Brown (of the firm of Mart and Brown) conveyed to Sydney gold valued at 1,000l. This parcel included two lumps, one of which weighed forty-six ounces, and the other about twenty, nearly pure gold, having but small portions of quartz attached. The larger specimen and the smaller one, together with several pieces of about one ounce each, were found in one hole. "Indeed," the Herald truly observes, "there is no doubt that the creek in which the principle body of the mines is now employed is richer than any place that has been worked in California." From the same source we learn that large pieces were found in a field of flats which form a sort of chain across Summerhill creek at the place where it is joined by the Lavin pond creek. On this flat there is a thin bed of boulder stones and pebbles, and on removing them a bed of mud a few inches thick is seen, which is cleared away and discovers the slate, which is lustrous layers; and in the intervals between these layers of slate the gold is found in lumps. The earth on the banks of the creek is found to contain scale-gold, which is obtained in the usual manner, by washing the soil in cradles, which allows the gold to drop to the bottom as the soil is washed out,—on the whole, perhaps, a more profitable employment than seeking for lump-gold. Every one competent from scientific and local knowledge to form an opinion expresses the belief that gold will be found in many other districts besides Bathurst; their geological hints being the same. Indeed the Herald hints that already gold has been discovered at Lamb's valley, near Mantland.

Consequent on these discoveries the prices of all articles of consumption had advanced to an unprecedented height, among which we may enumerate wheat from 20s. to 30s. per ton, and difficult to procure at that exorbitant rate; meat, from 4s. 6d. to 10s. per bushel; butchers' mutton, from 2s. to 8s. per lb., and other articles in proportion. What will be the result of these changes it is scarcely difficult to conjecture; certain it is the country will be depopulated. From the neighboring colonies there will be an immediate accession of hands, and within a few months thousands will be hurrying from their hitherland; so that, on a moderate estimate, the year 1851 and 1852 will add at least 100,000 persons to the population of New South Wales.

THE SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN BRITAIN. The Scottish Episcopal Church in Britain, which has long been a subject of much interest, is now the subject of a new and important movement. It is proposed to reorganize the church, and to bring it into closer connection with the mother church in Scotland. This movement is supported by many of the leading divines of the church, and is expected to have a great influence on the future of the Scottish Episcopal Church in Britain.

KOSSUTH IN ENGLAND.

The Times correspondent gives the following description of Mr. Kosuth's personal appearance:—He stands about 5 feet 8 inches in height, has a slight and apparently not strongly built frame, and a little round shouldered. His face is rather oval; his eyes are blue, and his hair is black, and is parted in the middle. He has a high forehead, and his nose is straight and of moderate size. His mouth is small, and his lips are thin. He has a high forehead, and his nose is straight and of moderate size. His mouth is small, and his lips are thin. He has a high forehead, and his nose is straight and of moderate size. His mouth is small, and his lips are thin.

There was a great deal of interest in the performance of the play, and the audience was very large. The play was well received, and the actors performed very well. The plot was interesting, and the acting was of a high order. The play was a success, and the audience was very much pleased with it.

THE ARTIC EXPEDITION. Captain Omansky has brought home the first relic that was found by him of the traces of Sir John Franklin's party at Cape Riley. It appears in the form of a small piece of iron, which was found in a hole in the ice. The relic was found in a hole in the ice, and was a small piece of iron. The relic was found in a hole in the ice, and was a small piece of iron.

AMERICAN FIDELITY IN THE EXHIBITION. The American Exhibition in London is a great success. The exhibits are of a high order, and the attendance is very large. The exhibition is a great success, and the American people are very proud of it.

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NEW CHAINS FOR CABLES.

Commodore Henry Eden, Mr. Macdonald, Master-Attendant (who has just returned from the coast of Africa), and Mr. J. H. Macdonald, Chief Engineer of the Marine Department, are attending to the chain-making, which is a very important part of the work. The chains are made of iron, and are used for cables. The chains are made of iron, and are used for cables.

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ARRIVAL OF THE AFRICA AT N. YORK.

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