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of Capt. Lyons and bout 200 ladies and all at Alhambra Hall e Prince of Wales t entertainers were , and were unwearvo their guests, who very agreeably. The t 3 o'clock yesterday e evening a bountiful or the retreshment of

NSTER .- The steamer neon, returned from last evening. She boo Express, 200 bble eries and 61 passen+ ssengers we observed t of British Columbia way, of the Sentinel. Brouse of Yale, and Westminster. There this trip, but about

ENTERTAINMENTS.again until Saturday

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A gentleman

TSEMI WEEKLY BRITISH COLONIST.

OD What has been Done. YANAH Semi Weekly British Colonist A communication from "S," which appeared in our columns yesterday. Saturday, November 13, 1869.

The Water Question.

It would be a grave error, it might

be a fatal one, to permit the public mind

to be diverted from the important sub-

ject of a water supply for this commu-

nity by the present rain-fall. Without

any desire to borrow trouble or antici-

pate results, it would surely be the

height of thoughtless improvidence to

forget that the rainy season is usually

followed by the dry season, as surely

as winter is succeeded by summer, and

that the same conditions which occa-

claims a few words from us. The writer of the communication in question finds fault with the manner in which the subject of Confederation has been treated in this journal. He appears to think that we have overlooked the action taken by the friends of the cause, and that we do them injustice in now calling upon all, without distinction, to unite in an endeavor to secure the most favorable terms. Now, we can assure our esteemed correspondent that we have neither overlooked nor unders valued the action taken by the friends. of Confederation in time past; nor do

sioned so much concern before the preswe conceive that we are open to reent rains set it, are certain to be reproach in now appealing to all classes peated another year, possibly in an iten-sified form. Such want of forethought and parties to unite in rendering a change which all admit to be inevitable would only be equalled by the folly of postponing action until another drought as beneficial to the Colony as possible. There is, we admit, some show of reacuts off the present meagre supply. It son in the complaint put forward by "S;" but we think a little reflection should be borne in mind that the work of providing an unfailing supply of wholesome water is one that must inwill demonstrate that it is nothing more substantial than show. Will our cor-respondent be good enough to recollect volve a large outlay as well as considerable time; and although quite that "the great meeting held in the aware that the subject of a water sup-Theatre, on the 29th January, 1868." ply is one less likely to command and to which he attaches so much imgeneral interest at a time when the portance (and justly so) took place at windows of heaven are open and the time when, as he correctly states, aqueous element is being poured down everybody was in favour of Confedera-tion? The Legislature had voted for in great abundance, filling every tank. pond, and streamlet, than it would have it, and urged a reluctant Governor to been a fortnight ago, when many a family became the subject of anxious take whatever steps were necessary for its immediate consummation. The solicitude as to where the next cup-full of people had pronounced for it. Even the water was to come from, yet we vensenior member for Victoria city advoture to urge this same question of a water supply upon public attention now. It is no secret that the founcated "immediate" Confederation, and lamented that "Walker" supplied no stronger word. It is only right and tain whence the supply is drawn has been gradually failing year by year; and it is scarcely to be doubted that it just to all parties to remember that the position of affairs has undergone considerable change since that period. will continue to diminish, so that the The Legislative Council has, during two supply will be even more scant next consecutive sessions, sought to modify year than it has been during the presif not nulify its previous vote. Disaf-fection has decimated the ranks of the ent. Now, surely it will only be necessary to direct the public mind to Confederation army in Victoria; and the prospect thus presented, in order to at least one of its field officers bas secure for the subject that earnest since gone over to the ranks of the thought and practical action which its enemy, while a general election has importance demands. The season which has just clored has been remardriven the other to seek a rural seat. Has 'S' forgotten all these facts and kable for the ab-ence of epidemic ; but failings? While we admit that these we have only to magine a revisitation of changes are either coufined to a single small-pox, or any other epidemic to locality, or have their origin in official which the community is liable, and to influence and intrigue, and that the Colory, considered as a whole, has not picture to ourselves the disease ap. proaching its height as the supply of unblackslidden upon this subject, yet it wholesome water gives out, in order to must be admitted that these are changes realize the threatened reign of terror which have attracted the atten ion of and death ; add to that, as a fitting the Imperial and Canadian authorities ; one of their own party and walked over back-ground to the picture, a conflagraand there is every reason to fear that the field. The cow party, therefore, through tion, and the mind will, in some inadiunless their influence is neutralized it the culpable negligence of the Antis have quate degree, realize the not impos-ible will enter into the negotiations for secured two-thirds of the Council and may union, and leave its fatal impress upon pass pretty much anything they like. that union. We need only refer to A few bedraggled voters, with the canthat exists of having an abundant supply Lord Granville's dispatch, so recently of good, wholesome water, in order to render a city situated as Victoria is, upon, in support of this view. If these upon, in support of this view. If these changes, to which allusion has been made, had not been noticed by the Imperial authorities, would the Colonial Minister have penned the fifth section of the dispatch, in which the absence of unanimity on the part of the colonists is alluded to? If the Legislature had not proved recreast, and Victoria had not proved recreant too, would the idea be entertained of putting the colonists off without a representative form of goverament, as is now intended, and as will undoubtedly be done, unless & times ly and strong protest is entered ? We have ever claimed for the triends of Confederation that they have made fair and we have appeared to attach less importance to the action taken in the past than our correspondent does, it is because we conceive it might be most tatal to rely upon that action now. Great changes have recently taken place. All have at last become convinced that union is inevitable; and surely all will unite in obtaining the Perley & Pattee, at Ottawa are said to be most favorable terms. Under these altered circumstances all party lines and petty differences should assuredly be lost sight of in one common and vigorous effort for the good of all. This is no time for Confederationists to rest upon their oars, and say to those who have hitherto been arrayed against them, We have done our duty. It now re-mains for you to do yours.' While they might be entitled to assume this attitude. surely common interest suggests a different course. If the community has been weakened by division in the past, the present position of the great ques tions appears to be singularly propitious for united effort. Let there be a coming together now. Let ' by gones be by gones,' and let the people of Victoria, of the whole Colony, present a united front in demanding conditions which will render the change which all are at last brought to regard as inevitable, heneficial to the Colony. The people have it in their power to do this now. It may be beyond their reach three months hence ! MECHANIC'S INSTITUTE.-Lieut Brodie, R. which will devolve upon the new Jouncil, and it would be well to set about it N., has consented to read at the Mechanic,s Institute on Tuesday evening next. There will also be vocal and instrumental music. Orange Bitters, dec.

The Election. Drizzle ! drop ! pour ! slop ! all day long ; not a dry place anywhere. More miserable, soaking weather could not well be imagined. Little pools of water here, there and levery-

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Little pools of water here, there and levery-where ; rivulets of water trickling down the backs of electors, little pearly drops pen-dant from the ribpoints of umbrellas, or coursing their way down the honest laces of Municipal Electors whom duty colled away from home on such a soggy, mougy foggy day as yesterday. The rain commenced early, before the sun rose. Indeed 11's a question if the sun got up at all yesterday, no person in this latitude having caught a glimpse of his cheerful countenance.

glimpse of his cheerful countenance. Voting commenced like the rain early, and it had the good sense to stop early too, which the rain had not, but continued to fall long after the curtains of night had been drawn and pinned down at the edges, Who ever saw a 9th of November that rain didu't fall on ? and what elector ever passed bis vote to the polls through seas of liquid mud without indulging in the pions wish that the Prince of Wales had been born on some other day of the year, or that the pext Municipal Amendment Bill would provide for holding the election at a season when rain need not be counted on as a 'dead' certainty ?

There was very little enthusiasm shown by either side, muddy water laving one's feet and a small esteract failing from one's hatbrim between one's skin and inner garments being conducive to something widely different from enthusiasm. A few jokes-'sickly ones'---were attempted by hangers-on, who smiled feebly at their own wit and wondered that no one else saw the point and laughed too. The electors generally voted in grim silence, heaved a deep sigh as if they had saved the country and hurried

off home sgain. The polls closed at 4 p.m. and the re-turning officers returned to the City Hall to cast the votes. Shortly after 5 o'clock, the Town Clerk announced the results as follows:

FOR MAYOR. FOR COUNCILMEN.

Yates Street Ward. ALAS GRAD

James Bay Ward McKay......63 | Carey......42 52

Johnson Street Ward.

Trimble, and 108 for McDonald. Showing an increase of 88 in the total number of votes cast. The vote for Mayor bigged entirely on the cow question ; but strange to say. the anti-cow party ran only two candidates for the Council, both of whom headed the poll in their respective wards. The cowparty elected a Councilman in Jam's Bay and another in Yates street because there were no antis up. In Johnson street ward Messrs. Gerow and Russell were opposed by didates, remained around the polls till the close and cheered the successful and unsuccessful gentlemen, listened to a few remaiks from both and then disappeared somewhere, for the streets were soon vacant and de-erted as a churchyard. FROM SITKA, ETC.— The steamship Geo. S Wright returned yesterday afternoon at 3 How then cau I or auyone else affirm that S Wright returned yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock, binging Lieut. T. T. Thoruburgh, U. S. A., and Lieut. Geo. B. Hansell, o'the U. S. Revenue Service, lately attached to the outter Lincoln. Lieuts. Thoruburgh and Hans II sailed from Sicks on the 25 a ult, in the U. S. S. Newbero, Capt. Freeman, totaching at Forts Wrangel and Tongas, and her passengers are Mr Dodge, ex-Mayor of Sitks, Mr Bingham. Vincent Collyer, U. S. Indian Agent for Alaska, Rev. Raynor, wife and family, Geo Geo. Jhrie, Paymaster U. S. A., Mr. Sunday and wife, and some 20 S. A., Mr. Sunday and wile, and some 20 quitable terms a sine qua non; and if others. The Newbern met the Constantine on last Sunday week, nearing Fort Wrargel. and saw the Otter on Sunday morning last. heading for Cortez Island. Sitka is improvtog ranidly. Gold has been discovered y soldiers on the bars of a stream making uto Cook's Inlet. The gold is scaly and the diggings supposed to be extensive.

THE LANGFORD LAKE MYSTERY .- Patrick | Erroneous Reminiscences Regarding Fowler, until lately proprietor of the Gold-stream House, was arrested by Inspector Bowden yesterday on suspicion of having been concerned in the mysterious murder at Langford Lake.

Francisco from Victoria on the 31st. alt.

THE U. S. S. Newbern will sail for San Francisco on Thursday, from the outer har-

THE steamer Geo. S. Wright will sail at 9 o'clock this morning for Portland, carrying a mail.

The ship Cowper is loading at Nanaimo for San Francisco.

Historical Reminiscences Regarding Confederation.

EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST :- Your correct pendent " S.' asserts that the people of this Colony have decided in favor of Confederation, and also upon the conditions which they would accept. He appeals to history in support of his assertion, that history being the so-called Yale Convention. Now, I appeal to bistory-historical trath. It is well known that the greater number of the people of Cariboo did not know that delegates had been sent to that Convention until they learned it from the Victoria newspapers ! It is equally well known that other places took no interest in the matter, and that Nanaimo did not send any at all. With regard to Victoria, history shows that very many of those who were at that meeting were unfavorable to Confederation-Mr DeCosmos, was defeated at the election in this city. History also shows that the people in the agricultural districts of Van-conver Island and those at Nansimo, were they re uned anti-Confederation, seeing that they re uned anti-Confederate members. With regard to the other representatives from the Mainland, it cannot be gainsayed that great difficulty existed in finding members at all, that great apathy existed among the people there; and that the elections did not then turn upon any fixed principle, celtainly not upon the terms of the Yale Convention. A though, then, the Yale Convention may have sent certain documents containing terms to the Canadian Government, those terms were never agreed to by the people; nay more, although two of the delegates of the Yale Convention had subsequently seats in the Legislative Council, not only did they not bring forward those terms there, but on the contrary they affirmed that until the intervening (north-west) great territory is transferred to the crown and con-tains a larger and more settled population it wonld be premature to express any definite there, but on the contrary they affirmed would be premature to express any definite winde opinion upon the subject.' Even the Yale demanded ; nor do I think it ever was con-Convention resolved. That a petition to the Imperial Parliament be prepared and circulated for signature throughout the colony. and transmitted to some prominent memdoes not say from whom) he should conjeceffect ever went from the Government of the Colony It follows, therefore, that the Yale I can only wish you success in your prodian Government is an accomplice. It remaios for the people to say whether they will be victime of this conspiracy or not.

Confegeration.

EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST :- The fair and candid comments made by you on my com-Conserved variableSeveral variableSev -representative government being the key-note, basis and cope-stone of all their ac-

note, basis and cope-stone of all their ac-tions in the matter. My letter appears to have stirred up the-ire of a couple of gentlemen evidently of the obstructive class, who seem only to have wanted an epportunity to express their op-position to Confederation, dienegarding the-contents or meaning of the article affording, an excuse for such opportunity. My object was not mercely to show that the people of this Colony were in favor of Confederation, but rather to point out how clearly and decidedly the union men through-out the Colony have expressed themselxas in favor of responsible government. The remarks of "D," therefore, about " packed meetinge" and the election contests of last year, only go to show his personal dislike to Confederation with Canada and his horror of public political meetings, or in fact, any of public political meetings, or in fact, any expression of opinion of the people except at the polls where correction is impossible. Such questions at the present time 1 do not feel inclined to diseas, their having no rel-evancy to my communication. "J.S.H." with characteristic versatility, eeger, doubtless, to exhibit himself in some

new phase, avails himself also of the privinew phase, state himself also of the privi-leges of his type by resorting to misrepre-sentation and sophistry instead of fair and honest argament. If, in my appeal to his-tory, I have misstated a fact, let the untruth be pointed out and condemned; but let nct, "J. S. H."Ithink that be can mislead coming were unfavorable to Confederation— history shows that very many denied that the selfstyled delegates from Victoria repre-sented or had any authority to represent their views and opinices—and history fur-ther shows that the apostle of Confederation. Mr DeCosmos, was defeated at the election in this city. History also shows that the as the main ast, nor did I speak of any re-sults from that Convention. I spoke of the meeting at Victoris, prior to the Vale Coovention, as being the most important; and it was the memorial proceeding from that meeting which was acted upon by the Capadian Government. I am pot aware that any notice of, or action upon the pro-ceedings of the Vale Convention have been taken by the Canadian or Imperial Governceedings of the Yale Convention have been taken by the Canadian or Imperial Govern-ments nor do I know to what despatches Earl Granville alludes when he "coojectures that the prevailing opinion of the people of this Colony is in favor of union." It should be presumed that a statesman of his ability and experience understands his own business sul-ficiently well to guard against any imaginary conspiracy to which the "Canadian Govern-ment is an accomplice," as so unwarrantably stated by "J. S. H." I have never said that the people of this Colony had agreed upon terms of union, but I do say that,

rprise last evening Peace River gold, day at the store of ristreet.

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ans, who robbed the ia, a few weeks ago, Gen. Davis, U. S.A., trial.

anny Morgan Phelps favorite with Vicived in town by the

with Terms.

DRIA, Nov. 10, 1869. LONIST :- I notice in a letter headed ' Vox g to take exception. with you-though n, not an ardent Con-s time and high time Confederation is ineyo our terms. We may peaking plairly, firmt once. It is extremely hall be asked the questo the compact; it to see. The Manicia

Vox Populi.' He calls no might ' please to re-November,' &c., ' the the theatre; 29th of and the works of the following-appointed, says, ' to take such deem proper to further They were appointed, vithin sensible bounds, emselves the right, as and astounded the of corresponding with nada; the latter conproperly authorized, with the Imperial e with the tarpeat, the com-

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oom of this otherwise delightful city. We need not dwell upon the necessity reasonably free from disease; nor will t be necessary to point out the folly of expecting to retain the present population, much less attract a larger, so long as a limited and piecarious supply of execrable water meets one at every turn. These we take to be propositions too obvious to require a word from us. The great object of the present remarks is to urge the importance of immediate action. It will probably be necessary to have a Bill passed through the Le. gislature for the purpose of ob aining the capital necessary to introduce a proper supply of water. Las: year a Bill having that object in view was introduced a few days before the close of the session. The Bill was so lengthy and imperfect, and there appeared to be to much doubt as to whether the rate payers actually were in favour of the principle of the measure or not that there was really no option lett to the Legislature but to abandon it. This much we say in justice to a body most unwarrantably attacked by an aqueous and flatulent scribbler in another place. The consequences may be very serious should a similar mistake be made this year. If it is intended to ask for power to bring water from Elk Lake, or, indeed, from wherever it is intended to bring a supply, a preliminary survey should be made before the introduction of the Bill, so that the rate-payers may know what they are about, and the Legislatore may be put in possession of such data as will enable it to deal properly and intelligently with a measure of such vital importance to a whole community. All this should be done at once, and a proper Bill, containing provision endorsed by the rate-payers, should be carefully prepared in time to admit of its introduction in the early part of the session. The civic authorities would be the proper party to take this matter in hand; and we do now earnestly appeal to the Mayor and Council to discharge their duty in this respect and thus avoid the terrible responsibility which will not fail to attach to them, should they be guilty of a dereliction of duty. This will constitute by far the most important work

at once and in earnest,

Be made payable als ly law

LARGE MILLS .- The lumber mills of Messrs the largest and most complete establishment of the kind on the continent, probably the largest in the world. They are calculated to manufacture fifty millions of lumber during the season of about eight months. Prince Arthur and his party were shown over the establishment on the 12th ult.

1868, as unmistakeably proving that the majority of the people of the city of Victo-ria were in favor of Confederation. If this OPPOSITION. - We (Seattle Intelligencer) learn that the Pecple's Transportation Comand Mr Drake were returned to the Legislapany of Oregon contemplate running a steative Council in November, 1868, upon dismer on Puget Sound. The increasing busitinct anti-Confederation principles ? How was it that the largest and most influential ness, and importance of this section of country will require a large addition of such vessels before the next six months, and we community spoke decidedly against Con-federation? Packed meetings are easily un-derstood; and we know the number the shall hail their advent with pleasure.

THE RACES .- It will be observed that the Prince of Wales Birthday races will come off to-day provided the weather be fine, question. Let me, sir, refresh your recolotherwise they will be postponed till Thurs-day. At the request of His Worship the lection with the result of that day's vote; Heimcken, 696, DeCosmos, 451; Drake, 623; Powell, 415. The votes for Heimcks May:r we suggest to the public the pro-priety of taking a halt-holiday when the en against Confederation are more than the whole vote cast for the rest of British Coraces do take place.

A CAVE .- The entire sidewalk in front of the excavation for the French Hotel caved yesterday morning, carrying with it several be led away with such specious reasoning as that contained in your correspondent's letter, tons of earth and burying a part of the stone foundation.

THE Active should arrive to-day, the late winds having been behind her.

at Frishing & suss Square, London

I. S. H.

"Vox Populi" on Confederation. EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST :-- In your issue

of yesterday a letter appears under the heading of 'Vox Populi,' referring to a meet-ing at the theatre, held on 29th January,

was the case, how was it that Dr Helmcken

Bank are quoted at 15 per ceat. premium.

templated by any of the leading union men that union would ever take place before the terms of union were submitted to the people in a constitutional manner. S.

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made the exhibition of your astonishing ture that the prevailing opinion was in favor powers one of real enjoyment-an enjoyment of union, he must mean dispatches from the on my part enhanced by the reflection that n that Canadian Government, because none to that you were exercising your powers for the ben-effect ever went from the Government of this efft of persons to whom you were a perfect

> fession, and those higher benefits which God can bestow.

Hoping that I may have the pleasure of again bringing my family to pay you a visit, believe me, my dear sir,

Most sincerely yours, E. CRIDGE. PROFESSOR MOREY.

You will be pleased to know that the \$20 prize which, by a singular chance, fell to my son, has been presented by him to swell the proceeds of the benefit.

A BABY STABBED TO THE HEART .- On of the most singular accidents we have had to record for many a year occurred at the residence of Mr Vinage, near Jones Station, on the line of the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton railroad, last Tuesday night.

A married daughter, who lives in Kenfucky, was on a visit to her old homestead, with her child, some seventeen months old. the stre can hold was about the number that voted for Confederation. Your correspond-ent ignores the result of the poll on this very vant girl to get.

The latter picked up the child in her arms took a long carving-kaife from the cupboard and started down the cellar steps to the place where the bread was kept. In going down her foot slipped, and as she fell the knife stood point upward on the steps, the blade of which penetrated the heart of the child, producing instant death. The pen fails to depict the grief of the almost beart-broken lumbia; so let us hear no more of the Vox Populi being decidedly in favor of Confedera-tion; and I trust that your readers will not mother when the corpse of her darling babe was brought into her presence. The house which only a moment before was a scene of but let them remember the facts that the four popular members for Vancouver Island joy was by this singular accident turned into were returned on anti-Confederation princi- a place of sorrow and mourning. - Cincin-

nali Times, a sod redi socioona si orate to meet demands.