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In discussing the terms of the proposed lease of the Meadows to a company, the Cariboo miners appear to have based their opinion entirely upon false premises. They seem to think that the company propose to hold and work the ground for their own benefit to the exclusion of the general mining community from any participation in the profits accruing therefrom. They labor under a serious error. The parties making the application have the welfare of the Colony at heart as well as the advancement of their own private interests. All efforts made to work this section have failed for want of a and passed. The Religious Institutions Billsufficiently powerful pumping apparatus to overcome and expel the water that invaded the shafts sunk, To overcome this serious obstacle so as to admit of the successful working of the flats or meadows, the company propose to invest their means in steam engines and other apparatus which can only be procured at a beavy outlay of ready money. To procure the necessary capital it is required that more than ordinary inducements should be held out, and something like a certainty of profit guaranteed, for what capitalist would be found willing to invest his means in any undertaking except a reasonable prospect of success was assured? Again, there has not been. nor will there be, any attempt made to aggregate the shares in a few hands to the exclusion of the many. The idea is absurd and preposterous. The immense outlay of capital required to open out the mine; or even to prospect it, furnishes the best guarantee that the shares will be thrown on the market, and that all who wish may enjoy an opportunity of investing either labor or money in the enterprise, for let it be ever borne in mind that the projectors of this scheme are already deeply interested in the prosperity of the Colony - that apart from the furtherance of their individual interests they have cogent reason to urge them to seek the general prosperity of every man or set of men in the country ; and that it will be both existed prior to the British Colnubia Act of the owner of the steamship line, will convey their aim and interest to moinde among 1866; the other has Jurisdiction only over the shareholders every class comprised therein. The arguments advanced in the report of the Committee appointed at the meeting are quite as absurd as those contained in the speeches. They belong to an age that has happily pass. ed away. They are akin to the spirit that actuated the silly people who mobbed and drove the inventor of the spinning-jenny out of England, that sneered at Watt's efforts to perfect the steam-engine ; that threw obstacles in the way of steam-navigation ; and that has opposed the consummation of nearly every great and beneficial scheme yet mooted in this Colony. The line of argument is as unworthy the men who have adopted it as it is unworthy the age in which they move. The object of the company is a catholic one. It is intended that all shall share in the advantages and good fortune that may attend the working of the scheme; and the application should not be refused by the Government antil it shall have been satisfactorily shown that a majority of the Cariboo miners understand the question thoroughly, and that their disapprobation is based upon something more worthy than an illdefined prejudice arising want of knowledge of the true facts of the case. THE vigorous protest of the public on Monday night against the alienation of Beacon Hill Park, cannot fail to exert a salutary effect opon the Government majority in the Legislative Council. That the park is the property of the public is not denied; and that the public are competent to take good care of their own property has been established by the excellent care they are taking of the streets and the admirable uses to which they are putting the unsightly masses of rock that disfigure the northwest corner of the Park. Under all the circums stances, as explained by the Mayor and other speakers at the meeting, we entertain not the slightest doubt that a satisfactory understanding will be arrived at, and that the obnoxious clause which has drawn forth so energetic an expression of public opinion will be stricken from the

Wednesday, March 3 A REMARKABLE CASE of considerable in -LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL YESTERDAY .- The terest to commercial men recently transpired Governot's Message, No. 18, laid before the at Cape Town, South Africa, which is thus Council the returns of revenue derived from described by the Advertiser and Mail :-Kootenay; No. 19, the ascent to the Harewood Company's Exten ion Bill; No. 20, managing partner, in the absence of the sen- \$22 55. Plaintiff nonsuited. the assent to the Supreme Courts Bill : No. ior partner in England, made a stupid blun-21, the essent to the Fence Bill; No. 22, der in the entering of events quantity of a contractive returns of revenue and expendi-comparative returns of revenue and expendi-corks dutiable for about £10 was omitted. 21, the assent to the Fence Bill ; No. 22, der in the entering of certain goods at the Assay Office, with the comparative cost of The thing was so perversely stupid that no dieting the prisoners, &c. The Altorney man in Cape Town, save the Governor and General gave notice of his intention to bring the Attorney General, could come to the was reported complete ; third reading for to-Council thinks it advisable that iron pipes for the conveyance of gas or water, should be also, that Mosel Wine and Sauterne should before him again ! be considered as being included in the term Claret." The latter portion of the resolugested that in the case of water pipes a provision might be made in the Victoria Water in the Pocock-Customs case; in the forth-Bill for their importation free of duty. The coming great trial, in which the Standard sides. Rates of passage and charges for Council then adjourned till 1 p. m. tc-Jay. MEMORIAL.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY : We, Your Majesty's loyal and dutiful sub-

ects, members of the Legislative Council of British Columbia, beg to refer to Your Ma-jesty's gracious consideration the anomal ous, mischievous and inconvenient condition of the Courts of Judicature in this Volony. isdiction only on and over the Maioland of San Francisco, the return match to be British Columbia and its Dependencies as it played at Victoria in August. Mr Holladay,

"Messre, Pocock & Co., or rather their

in a Bill to amend the County Court Ordi- conclusion that it was anything more than a nance. Dr. Helmcken gave notice that he bowever, the firm admitted that they were would move for the transfer of Beacon Hill liable; and the Supreme Court gave judg-Park to the Corporation, for the use of the ment to that effect for confiscation of all the public. Dr. Helmcken gave notice that he goods in the same parcel with the corks ; would bring in an Ordinance in relation to but refused the further prayer of the Govern-ment for the confiscation of all the goods in the custody and fees paid into the Courts of the shipment, with treble penalties and acthe Colony. The Road Bill and Fire Com- cumulated costs. The firm soon afterwards panies Aid Ordinance were read a third time became insolvent and assigned their estate. The Governor and the Attorney General was read a second time; committal ordered bowever, botwithstanding the strongest remon however, notwithstanding the insolvency, defor to-motrow. The Supplementary Supply strances from the Chamber of Commerce and Bill, 1866-7, passed through Committee and the public generally, to appeal to the Privy Council in England ; and, accordingly, the morrow. The Volunteer Bill was brought up for leave. We have an Ac ing Chief Justice Attorney General moved the Supreme Court for third reading, when Dr. Helmcken object-Mr. Bell-whr, like the Governor and the ed that there was a great omission in the Attorney General-is a gentleman of marked Bill, inasmuch as it did not provide for teact- ability and unimpeachable integrity, but ing the "young idea how to shoot' at the in erratic perverseness of action. We are not various schools. He did not see why the boys as well as older people, should not play lustration of this." But his conduct on Monat soldiering. The Bill was read a ti rd day was such as has astounded the whole time and passed. The Loan Bill was then community. While this appication of the Attorney General for leave to appeal was taken up in Committee of the Whole and under consideration, his Lordship volunteers after some few amendments, was reported ed the extraordinary statement that he did complete. The House considered the me- not feel himself bound by the decision he had morial to the Queen on the state of the Sa- previously given against the Government as a precedent, because on the day when he explained the various localities in a most preme Courts, with closed doors. We publish heard the case he suffered so much from the the address below. When open session was car-ache, and was so unusually deaf, and "in resumed Dr. Helmcken moved, "That this such pain, that he could sometimes hardly hear what was said. Under these circumstances, he did not hold himself bound by his for the conveyance of gas or water, should be admitted free of Customs Duties. And, as a clean sheet of paper if such a case came \* \* \* \* Things have come to a strange pass indeed, when our Chiet Judge coolly assures us that the judgments he gives or the principles he lays tion relating to wines was carried; the for-mer portion was withdrawn; bot it was sug-nez', and that the administration of justice is to be contingent on the condition of the judge's bodily health! It was an ear-ache

> prudent to obtain a preliminary medical certificate, lest a tooth-ache, or a touch of liver, or a fit of indigestion, might come inconveniently in the way."

INTERNATIONAL CRICKET MATCH. - Mr. Drake, Secretary of the Victoria Cricket Olub, has received a challenge from the California Cricket Association, for a match The Colony now possesses two Supreme California Cricket Association, for a match Creek has been h Courts of Civil Justice, one Court has Ju- at our national game, to come off in May at who received it;

PERRIE CREEK, Jan. 7th, 1869.

County Court.

(Before Hon, A. F. Pemberton,)

Tuesday, 2nd March, 1869. J. Clayton v T. B. Shaw-To recover

C. H. Williams v T. Harris-To recover

\$9 77. Order for \$5 32½, without costs. C. H. Charity v T. Rabson-To recover

Postponed till next Court, to be holden on

THAT excellent society, the Good Temp-

at the Albambra Hall, which was tastefully

appreciated by the guests. The W. O. T.

the Rev. T. Somerville, who has a happy

way of pleasing everybody, and while con-

delightful of the season.

number of popular airs.

G. Hunt at 2 p. m.

April 6tb.

## Naturalization Treaty.

WASHINGTON, January 23d,-The following is the naturalization protocol showing the principles agreed upon by the United States and British Governments on the question of naturalization :

The undersigned, Reverdy Johnson, Esq., Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plening tentiary from the United States of America. and Edward Henry, Lord Stapley of Bicker-staff, her Britannic Majesty's principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, being ress peciively authorized and empowered to place on record the desire of the President of the lars, gave their entertainment last evening United States of America and her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great decorated with flags and banners. The Tea Britsin and Ireland, to regulats the citizenship of citizens of the United States of was a great success, and seemed to be duly America who have emigrated or may emigrate from the United States of America to addressed the meeting in an excellent British Dominions, and of British subjects speech, and was followed in due course by who have emigrated or may emigrate from the British dominions to the United States of America, have agreed upon the following protocol :

veying instruction, keeps the audience in a First-Such citizens as aforesaid of the United States who have become or shall begood humor. The rest of the evening was come, and are naturalized according to law pleasarty filled with songe, recitations and within the British dominions as British subdialogues by various members of the Society jects, shall, subject to the provisions of who acquitted themselves remarkably well. articles two and four, be held by the United A large number of the fair sex graced the States to be, in all respects and for all purposes, British subjects, and shall be treated as such by the United States. Reciprocally, Hall with their presence and assisted materially in making the affair one of the most such British subjects as aforesaid who have become or shall become and are naturalized according to law wi hin the United States of WE had the pleasure to " assist" at one of America as citizens thereof, shall, subject to those charming entert inments at the Methe provisions of articles two and four, be held by Great Britain to be, in all respects chanics' Literary Institute, last evening: The and for all purposes, American citizens, and shall be treated as such by Great Bri-Oxyhydrogen lantern threw out a number of beautiful pictures with such distinctness

of outline that one could slmot imagine Second-Such United States citizens as himself in the immediate vicinity of the storesaid who have become and are naturalized within the British dominions as Brits place under descriptions C. Good, Esq., ish subjects, and such British subjects as aforesaid who have become and are naturaleloquent manner, and drew forth the apized as citizene within the United States. plause of a very repectat le audience. The shall be at liberty to renounce their naturalroom was well filled, a most creditable fact ization and to resume their respective nationalities, provided that such renunciation for our city, as marking the increasing taste be publicly declared within two years after for such refined amusement. The band, durthis protocol shall have been carried into efing intervals, performed with great tests a lect, as provided by ariticle four. The manner in which this renunciation may be made and publicly declared shall be bereafter THE SOUND STEAMERS .- The Eliza Ander agreed upon by the respective governments. Third-If su h American citizen as aforeson arrived at 10 o'clock yesterday morning said, naturalized within the British domin from Puget Sound, bringing 40 passengers ione, should renew his residence in the United and a fipe freight. The opposition bids fair States, the United States Government may t) be energetic and determined on both on his own application, and on such condi. tions as that Government may think fit to Bank is so deeply interested, it might be freight have been materially reduced. The impose, readmit him to the character and privileges of an American citizen, and Great pursers of both boats have placed us under Britain shall not in that case claim obligations for files of latest papers. The him as a British subject on account Anderson sails at 12 to-day and the Wilson of his former naturalization. And in the same manoer, if such British' subject as aforesaid, naturalized in the United States. should renew his residence within the Britisa The New Kootenay Diggings. deminions, the British Government may, on The following private letter from Perrie his own application, and on such conditions Creek has been handed us by the gentleman as that Government may think fit to impose. readmit bim to the character and privileges of a British subject, and the United States shall not in that case claim him as a citizen of the United States on account of his former naturalization. I am here, where I have been since last Sep-tember. I have got a claim here along with th-As it will not be practicable for Great Britaio to carry into operation the principl s laid down in this protocol until provision has been made by the Imperial Parliament for such a revision of the existing laws as the adoption of those principles involves, it is agreed that this protocol shall not take effect until such-legislation can be accompli hed. The British Government will introduce measures into Parliament for started a ferry on Flathe d Lake in preparathis purpose as speedily as may be possible. ion for the Blackfoot rush. Must of the baving regard to the vality of public and Walla Walla men are coming this way. I private interests which may be affected by a have taken up ground for you, so lose no change in the laws of naturalization and a!time and bring some grub with you as everylegiance now under consideration of the Royal Commission, whos + teport is expected shortly to be made. The same provision boots are selling at \$50 per pair. There are not being necessary by the Constitution and laws of the United States, this article is If you see any of the old Kootenay boys not made reciprocal. tell them to come over, as we are going to REVERDY JOHNSON. STANLEY. A MOST uppleasant man to meet must A NEGRO CLAIMS 800 ACRES OF SAN FRANhave been the executioner of Thomas cisco.-A negro man, aged about eighty Jones; who was hanged in London, Onyears, recently arrived in San Francisco tario, a few weeks ago. The pic ure of from New York, visiting the former city for him is as weird as that of the headsman the purpose of reclaiming and taking possesin Cooper's novel. A description of the sion of some eight hundred acres thereof procession to the gallows contains the following : The melancholy procession moved slowly and in silence, Jones being pale, and speaking only a word in a low tone now and then to some of those near him. On reaching the room in the southern wing another delay took place, when the hangman, for the first time, appeared on the scene. He was a dreadful looking character, his features being masked and further disguised with a large, flowing white beard this State to our Government he claims to falling down on his breast. His form was enveloped in a huge black cloak. The disguise was most complete, and was weird and terrible. In fact, the aspect of this dread official was simply horrible, and never was a headsman more fearfully dressed. He appeared suddenly on the scene, and a shudder ran through the culprit's frame as his eyes fell on the fearful apparition. He at once confronted Jones, and proceeded with the first part of his horrible duty by placing the rope around his neck.

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WHITE PINE is a per honest Californians w excuse for leaving su isfied; to the manufact key, because in the a else a large quantity compound will be cons way Company, becaus going into the marke 000 for which they we big interest; and beca they induce thousand little savings to build the judicious expenditu sand dollars in the cipled runners in "bl amongst credulous min believe what is stated w country? Does anyon able sources anything at no one has a right to poverishing themselves but as public journalist warn the public again hamburs that are got of a few heartless speci been regaled with acco already made fabulous there, when any one thing about the real f morally certain that i ten such statements That one or two clai be rich is quite possi number of claims have simply absurd, because least nine thousand fer of the sea, and people Cariboo, which is only tion, know how little a season, and how very any mining operations ried on at White Pin of the mines there that 300,000 people the whole of which o presented by about paying dividends, the used to perpetrate the ies on quiet, inoffensi Francisco who were ru ment of their little s That some men will n money is very likely, from the development fide claims. It will taking advantage of bility, which has in t properly inflated by for the purpose. Sup are a few rich silv becomes another Wa How many people an employment there? 1 10,000, and what t of the balance, say who rush there from ifornia and the n Can anyone doubt ery of the most ap aggravated by sce and bloodshed, the of all "rushee," bee of worthless charact the qui vive for such for the practice of th A word of advice to to leave our own min goose chase. The last few years has g that our mineral . very partially develo of 1869 are a very those of 1862. The boasting of their ri were in the habit of named year, and a is heard from the have the very best that a large amou taken out in Cari men about Barken Bankers-know v sufficient to point gold brought down : year, which was only the sum recorded fore, and that in the ampled drought whi great majority of th ing claims (particu Creek) being worl can be more self. Cariboo will conti p:oduction yearly? vance this with th atraining any of persons who go to

Vancouver Island and its Dependencies. time and expense, to obtain at the hands of the Courts that speedy redress without which the Commercial Interests must suffer. If a Merchant residing in Victoria desires to

he obtains a Jadgment, the debtor immediately removes his property to Vancouver Island, and by this means compels his creditor to sue again in the Court of the Island. on the judgment so obtained on the Main-land, as the judgments of that Court do not extend beyond the limits of the original jarisdiction. This practically gives the Debtor the means of evading payment of his just debts. The remedy desired is one which is simple

n the extreme; it is only necessary to give both the Courts a joint, equal and concurrent jurisdiction ; without it, is is impossible in many instances to obtain justice. There has slready arisen in the Colony been brought into conflict, and the consequence is, that the high position which the Courts of Justice ought to maintain has been

materially affected. suggest that a Court of Appeal for Civil and on the Bench. Criminal cases, with a third Judge of Appeal, should be established, in order that necessity of referring the same to Your Majesty's Privy Council. Such a Court

would be a great boon to the community, and we feel assured that the sut ject has only with the fullest consideration, We further most respectfully beg to enclose

a Report from a Select Committee of this Council on the same subject, together with a Resolution passed by this Council on the 9th

February, 1869. We further most respectfully beg to state that the Ordinance sent down by You-Majesty's Government to this Ocuncil, on this subject, simply confirms the presen seeds are world-renowned, and are held high Status of the Courts, without granting the in the estimation of agriculturists and hort relief we urgently ask for.

the Victoria Eleven to San Francisco and The result of the two Courts retaining home again free of charge, and the Cosmo- three boys from Walla Walls, and it prostheir separate and limited Juris liction has politan flotel at San Francisco offers most pects well since we got through the blue acted most injuriously to the material in-liberal terms during their stay there. The clay, and it will pay splendidly. — and terests of the Colony, because, although he. terests of the Colony, because, although be-ing now under the rule and subject to the General Laws of the Colony of Bruish Col-attention and interest. A meeting of our most of the boys from the old creek. If you umbis, the Courts have no concurrent and Cricketers will be hell at the Garrick's intend to come, come at once, as we expect a big rush from Blackfool. J. G. — bas Traders are unable, without great loss of consider the proposition consider the proposition.

THE inaguration of General Grant as President of the United States will take place tomorrow at Washington city. The custom thing is very high here, and will be very enforce bis rights against a person residing morrow at Washington city. The custom thing is very high here, and will be very on the Mainland of British Columbia, he is has been for the retiring President to intro-scarce. Flour is selling at 45 cents. Gum compelled to proceed to the Meicland for duce the incoming President to the assenthat purpose. He there such his debtor in blage; but in consequence of the bad blood If you see any of the old Kootenay boys existing between General Grant and Mr. Johnson, that portion of the ceremony will have a better camp here than any of the old be dispensed with. Grant assumes the reins ones. of office under much more favorable circumcomstances than these which attended the accession to office of Johnson, whose art, we believe, will be judged by history in a more generous spirit than the present generation appears disposed to regard them.

which he claims to own. He says that he SUPREME COURTS BILL .- This bill rev ceived flis Excellency's assent yesterday. Inved where bad Frankline he relived where San Francisco now stands some One of its clauses requires that either of the ceived a grant from the Mexican Government Chief Justices shall sit with the other when for eight hundred acres of the peninsula, but several cases in which the two Courts have requested to do so by him. This will enable the sandy and barren character of the soil the now celebrated case of Mr Nicholson to come before a court in which Judge Begbie dence he went into Southern Mexico and -who by the previsions of the bill is thence to the Atlantic States, where he resid forther beg respectfully to created a Chief Justice-will occupy a seat joined Fremont's exploring expedition and returned to Uslifornia. After the cession of

ACTORS ROBBED. - The Portland Herald have located a land warrant on the present cases of comparatively minor importance says that a mysterious robbery occurred on site of San Francisco. It is understood that might be decided in the Colony, without the the Active on her last trip to this city, after he is well pleased with the improvements the Active on her last trip to this city, after the is well pleased with the improvements that have been put upon his land during his she had passed the Custom House at Asteria. absence, and that he is disposed to be liberal Pierpont Thayer lost all his stage wardrobe, with his tenants. A swarm of real estate and Miss M. Fields \$150 worth of jewelry. 'sharps' are on his trail disposed to cultivate to be mentioned to Your Majesty, to meet The thief broke into several baskets and him. If this sable shadow is as dark as retrunks, taking out such things as the eye Francisco real estate. presented, it will considerably cloud San fancied, or thought suggested valuable.

A PRTITION is in circulation asking the Council to pass a bill for the supply of the city with water. It is numerously signed. SHAKER GARDEN SEEDS .- MOOTE & Co.,

druggists, are the consignees of a choice assoutment of garden seeds selected at the THE brig Byzantium will be sold by order Shaker Settlement of New Lebanon. Shaker of the Vice Admiralty Court on Tuesday, 23rd inst.

A woman lately left a train at the Hartculturists in the Eastern States and Canada. ford depot, says a Connecticat paper, to get

a cup of coffee, and while she was absent the KCOTENAY NEWS .- Mr & T Smith has a THE Mayor and Council, accompanied by letter from Ft Shepherd dated 27th January, mother was greatly excited, and the railroad the Citizens' Committee appointed at the in which the writer speaks highly of the dig-public meeting, will wait upon His Excel-gings in Perrie Creek, and advises Mr. Soon the separated family was collected to-himself of the fact, and replied : "Yes, I Smith to come over. gether.

A CLERGYMAN and one of the elderly parishioners were walking home from meeting one frosty day, when the old gentleman slipped and fell apon his back. The minister, on being assured that he was not hurt, said to him, "My friend, see they do; but I can't."