

Confederation from an Economical Standpoint.

Among the objections urged to Confederation is one that it would be more expensive than our present system of Government for the reason (as the objectors believe) that the General Government would receive our Customs dues and Postal revenue, and force us to pass a Civil List of their own apportionment from the scanty taxes derivable from other sources.

measure is being prepared for our admission; but what would be said if the Ministers, upon introducing the measure, were met with the assertion that the British Columbians are opposed to the scheme—having changed their minds since the adjournment of the Council, and if the authority furnished should be the Chief Executive Officer of British Columbia? How could the friends of the Colony at Ottawa successfully refute the statement in season to be of any service within the next twelve months at least? And, meanwhile, we might find Governor Seymour resigned, Mr Birch invested with the governing toga, and a new and hostile Ministry in power at Ottawa!

PROGRESS OF THE PACIFIC RAILWAY.—Despatches from San Francisco give encouraging accounts of the progress and prospects of the western end of the Great Pacific Railroad. It will be remembered that Congress granted to the two principal companies—the Union Pacific and the Central Pacific—the right to build their respective lines from opposite ends until they meet and connect.

From Cariboo.

It is stated that Messrs Beedy, Nelson and Bates have bought up all the wheat in the middle districts and are having it manufactured into flour at Adams Mill, Soda Creek. We understand, however, that there is no intention on the part of these gentlemen to take advantage of the monopoly thus created for materially raising the price of flour.

Intelligence reached Williams Creek on the 10th that the Hardup Company, adjoining the Heron Company, on Grouse Creek, had got upon the edge of the rich lead, and hoped to take out big pay in a few days.

THE HUNT.—Notwithstanding that yesterday afternoon showed up a little moist, it did not moisten the ardor of those who made up their minds to attend the "meet." About thirty persons, amongst the number were several lady equestrians, assembled at the appointed time, two o'clock, on Beacon Hill, to attend the sport.

THE SHOOTING MATCH AND THE VOLUNTEERS.—The rifle match to come off on Saturday at the Volunteers' club, between the riflemen and Navy officers promises to be the most interesting contest of the season. The Volunteers will assemble early in the morning and march out to the grounds, accompanied by their band.

INQUEST.—An inquest was held yesterday at the Police Court, before the Coroner and a jury, on the body of the Esquimalt Indian mentioned in yesterday's paper, who died from the effects of a knife wound to the throat received at the hands of another Indian, a drunkard, on Monday last.

LEECH RIVER.—A person who arrived yesterday from the Leech River mines states that the ditch and flume is in good order, no damage having been received from the late rains. There is plenty of water for the use of the miners, but a want of means to engage more extensively in opening up the claims is felt, which tends to retard the expectation of the public in general.

RECEIVING STOLEN GOODS.—Ab Ba, a Chinaman, was arrested and appeared in the Police Court yesterday morning charged with having in his possession some leaden pipe, knowing the same to have been stolen. He was ordered to enter into his own recognizance to be of good behavior for six months in the sum of \$200, with two sureties of \$100 each, in default to be imprisoned for three months.

FOR THE SANDWICH ISLANDS.—Janion, Green & Rhodes, of this city, despatched yesterday for Honolulu the new brig Robert Cowart, Captain Ella. She has on board 121 M. feet of lumber and 30,000 shingles from Burrard's Inlet; also 170 barrels of fish and 130 bags of potatoes, the produce of this market. On board besides are twenty tons pig iron and thirty packages of dry goods, &c.

ASSIGNMENT.—We regret to notice the hardware store of Messrs Kent & Evans, on Fort street, closed on yesterday morning. We learn that an assignment has been made to the creditors of the firm, and that the stock will shortly be offered at auction. It is to be hoped that the prices realized will be such as to ensure the reopening of the premises at an early date.

NAVAL CEMETERY.—We understand that Admiral Hastings has purchased a piece of ground from the Puget Sound Agricultural Company with the design of converting it into a cemetery for the interment of the remains of deceased officers and sailors.

THEFT.—Ab Ging, a Chinaman, was charged at the Police Court yesterday morning with stealing from the Bee Hive Hotel a quantity of leaden pipe, the property of Mr E. R. Thomas. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to three months hard labor.

The Mayoralty.

Mr Editor—Your correspondent "S" in this morning's issue, states that he and others signed the requisition to Dr Trimble upon the fact of a statement "that Mr Franklin had withdrawn."

The Signers of Dr Trimble's Requisition.

EDITOR COLONIST.—My limited powers of comprehension cannot reach the meaning of your correspondent "S," when he says "he signed the requisition to Dr Trimble on the understanding that Mr Franklin had withdrawn." Now, inasmuch as Mr Franklin, this year, never to my knowledge came forward as a candidate for the Mayoralty, I am at a loss to see how he can have withdrawn.

"Junius" and his Strictures.

EDITOR COLONIST.—The effusion in Tuesday morning's paper over the signature "Junius" is so puerile (whence, no doubt, the nom de plume) that it can have no weight with any adult citizen. Still, as his intentions may be good—though his education has been neglected—it is right to inform Junius and find that which is given or done without substantial reward claimed or expected is given or done gratuitously.

Allowing the word the meaning Junius suggests, no voluntary act can be gratuitous, as some satisfactory result is always hoped for; unless, indeed, it be the writing of such letters as his, whence neither money, nor fame, nor thanks nor self-approbation can result.

Treasury Frauds.

Whenever the management of the Government passes out of the hands of the Radicals into the hands of honest men, greater frauds will be developed than were ever before brought to light in the most corrupt Government on the face of the earth. Nearly every man connected with Mr Lincoln's Administration became suddenly rich. Secretary Cameron accumulated from Government contracts under his own control something like three millions of dollars.

exchange of Government bonds for greenbacks under the direction of Secretary Chase. These are but a few of innumerable cases of the accumulation of immense fortunes by men in Government employment. Investigating committees have from time to time reported of magnificent proportions, but the public have not been informed of any case where the convicted swindlers have been brought to justice or forced to disgorge any portion of their ill-gotten wealth.

A paper published in New York, called the Globe, conducted by Edward E. Dunbar, has been creating a sensation by the publication of detailed statements of vast frauds that have been perpetrated in the United States Treasury Department. Dunbar was connected with the money printing department of the Treasury for four years, and appears to be familiar with the workings of the institution. He speaks confidently of the matter, and hence more than ordinary attention is given to his statements. He charges that the reports which took cognizance of the disappearance of vast sums, for which no account has been rendered, have been suppressed.

By far the larger portion of the bonds of the Government are now in the hands of men who did not come honestly by them, but to talk of paying these bonds, principle and interest, in the same currency which the laborer is bound by law to receive for his labor and the producer to receive for his produce is denounced as dishonorable and disgraceful to the Government. Why? Because the exempted bond-holders—exempted in more ways than one—are supporters of the Radical party and spend a portion of their gains to keep that party in power. Let the watch-word of all honest men be—Down with the thieves!

THE PEOPLE'S FRIEND. PERRY DAVIS' VEGETABLE PAIN KILLER.

THE GREATEST FAMILY MEDICINE OF THE AGE. Taken internally, it cures sudden colds, coughs, etc., weak stomach, general debility, nursery sore mouth, canker, liver complaint, dyspepsia or indigestion, cramp and pain in the stomach, bowel complaint, neuralgia, colic, Asiatic cholera, diarrhoea and dysentery.

WHY ARE BRISTOL'S SUGAR-COATED PILLS A POPULAR MEDICINE?—Because they relieve the bowels, tone the stomach, regulate the liver, and promote the general vigor of the system, without causing pain. Because their action is not followed by increased constipation, and the necessity for larger doses. Because they are a safe cathartic for the weakest, as well as active enough to relax the constipated passages in the strongest.

DANGEROUS SUPPURATION.—Extensive abscesses are dangerous; but many of the methods of cure are more dangerous than the malady. They must not be suppressed by external applications. BRISTOL'S SARSAPARILLA is the most harmless of all purgatives, yet the most irresistible, soon purges from the blood the poison which generates the disease. It is the same with carbuncle, which is an exaggerated and virulent species of boil, and generally denotes a weakened constitution.

A PERPETUAL DELIGHT.—"Flowers have their time to fade," says a favorite poet; but in MURRAY AND LANMAN'S FLORIDA WATER their sweetness is made perpetual. The odor of other toilet-water becomes faint and insipid after a brief exposure to the air. It is not so with this exquisite floral preparation. Its perfume is fixed and permanent. Hang a handkerchief that has been moistened with it in the breeze for days, and the aroma will be as delicate and refreshing at the end of the time as if the fluid had just fallen upon its threads.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Preventible Diseases.—Many are the maladies which silently work their way into the human system through miasmatic, noxious vapours, and deteriorated air, which could not be dispensed with by a few doses of these admirable Pills. Too vitiated gases enter the lungs as we breathe, and there congregate to the body, unless some purifier, such as these pills, be taken to cleanse it. Holloway's Pills expel all harmful matters from the circulation, and cleanse the solids, likewise, from all treacherous impurities. It is not the whole body formed from the blood, and the blood only? How necessary, then, does it become to all who value health to employ occasionally some means of purification.

THE BEST Remedy for Purifying the Blood, strengthening the Nerves, Restoring the Lost Appetite, and curing the Nervous, Rheumatic, and Gouty Affections. FRENCH'S HAMBURG TEA. It is the best preservative against almost any sickness, used timely. Composed of herbs only, it can be given safely to infants. Full directions in English, French, Spanish, and German, with every package. TRY IT! For sale at all the wholesale and retail drug stores, and Grocers.

Our Social

It has been the English people's system to ignore the existence of the spread evils in the colonies and their discussion to profane and publications of him. There seems, however, a tendency evinced to raise the Act amended last year "Contagious Disease Prevention Act" in 1866, and during readings gave rise to public discussion. Hitherto have been confined to garrison and sea port much benefit has resulted from the operation to the civil more especially to the tary services, in dimming of efficiency through hitherto contracted, of amongst them several Vestries, have lately proposed its provisions extend to this country legislation is more imperatively beheld of the Indian Europeans, but the evil of so Protean a nature of such measures would be confined to the native round the coast we have of the rapid diminution population, the cause mainly due to the prevalence, bringing in its death, absence of fertility and consumption—a being from father to child the foundations of there are constantly an average, about five women subsisting of who from time to time cases to distant tribes ings of this traffic, a contribute to disperse over the country; at no hospitals admitting this Colony, the ravage unheeded by medical such that it is impossible. The absence of any relief of disease amongst in an English Colony anything but creditable philanthropy, as we go across the Sound and to each of the American nations a hospital and supported by the Statute of some instances mitigation of Indian subject that commend colonists generally, the Government and Naval a cially; and we have no Home Government, would supplement, as seas ports, such a scheme the sake of the men be Navy and their better hope that this suggestion, misunderstood, as by mitigate such a disease, sanctioning any evil, by preserving the native roped, moral and religion have time to take root reasons we must refer the Act itself as to its carrying this suggestion, lieve that its introduction relieve much suffering, ductive of benefit to generally.

Additional Interi

In addition to the main body which appeared in our day, it is gratifying to be so far from the mines deer extent or richness, the opp. The want of water has proved a great drawback. The celebrated Bed Rock story consists of a chapter not, up to the list of this month advanced to prove and utility before the season the work will be so far materially assist many of its vicinity in working up. The want of water has for which work was suspended on account of the stop in June last, will in all probability be some more fall. The Grouse Creek Plumb no doubt, etc this reached commenced active operation express left on what is ground. The industry of the farm Country has been bountiful where; the crops have been have been desired, and the —a fact to our mind of the —is as fine as any About 11,000 bushels of quality have been raised, as much as 25 bushels to the mills of Lillooet and Soda as machinery is concerned possible, all the latest improved been adopted in their content the first step towards retaining employing the gold which