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FROM COLUMBIA RIVER.

The following letter, written by Mr. Stone, who was in charge of Mr. Barnard's Columbia River Express, will be read with interest:

CLINTON, B. C., Aug. 7th, 1864.
BROTHER BRITISH COLONIST.—I arrived here, after an absence of three weeks, during which time I have been employed in carrying Barnard's Express on its first trip to the mining camp on the Columbia. It is needless to say that, as an express messenger, I was well received; joy filled the hearts of the hardy fellows who had struck their tents and made for so desolate a region.

There are three creeks on the east side of Columbia River on which good prospects have been found. The lowest and first struck is Carney's, 12 miles above which is Downie's (not the Major's) and above that some 25 miles is Gold Creek. On the two former small prospects were found previous to the rise of water. The gold being coarse the miners were induced to lay by to prospect more thoroughly when the water falls.

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I may recall in a few words the origin of the groundless charge recently brought against me. In the month of January, I was struck down by a sudden and severe illness, resulting in congestion (or compression) of the brain, and a complete prostration of my mental faculties, which lasted for a considerable time, placing my life in imminent danger. During this period, I accused myself in the most clear and distinct manner of the most monstrous crimes such as murder, forgery, etc., and imagined that my wife with others had conspired to poison me.

In the first place, it has been distinctly proved and admitted that I never could have had access to the Bank safe without the presence of another Bank officer. My key was that of the inner door, and when during the temporary absence of the Manager his key was intrusted to my care, my key was simultaneously with the receipt of his handed over to the next in rank in the office who held it until I was relieved of the other. It will thus be seen that after the coin for the cashier was handed out, my junior officer had to close the inner door, before I could fasten the outer. Besides this, the Bank messenger, who always attended to carry up the coin was present at the time of the robbery, and much importance has been attempted to be placed on the circumstance that I was at the time of the robbery, acting in the double capacities of cashier (i.e. teller and accountant. But this was no novelty, as I had frequently the Bank being very short-handed had acted previously.

If a woman could talk out of the two corners of her mouth at the same time, there would be a good deal said on both sides.
Young divinity students may be said to look happiest when they look for lawn, (for lawn).

A WARD ON THINGS AT RICHMOND.—
Arcturus Ward in an amusing letter from Richmond thus discourses of the "Union sentiment" in this city.
" There is rarely a great deal of Union sentiment in this city. I see it on every hand. I met a man today—I am not at liberty to tell his name, but he is an old and influential citizen of Richmond, and he says, 'Why I've been fighting against the Old Flag' 'Lo' bless me, how singular! He then bartered five dollars of me, and burst into a flood of tears. Sed another (a man of standing, and formerly a bitter rebel), 'Let us at once stop this effusion of blood. The Old Flag is good stuff for me.' 'S' added, 'you air from the North. Have you a doughnut or a piece of custard pie for me?' 'I told him no, but I knew a man from Vermont who had just organized a sort of restaurant, where he could go and make a very comfortable breakfast on New England rum and cheese. He borrowed fifty cents of me, and asking me to send him Wm. Lloyd Garrison's amblyope as soon as I go home; he walked off. Sed another, 'I've bin a tremendous Union feelin' here from the first. But we was kept down by a rain of terror. Have you a daguerotype of Wendell Phillips about your person? and will you lend me four dollars for a few days till we air once more a happy and u-nited people?'

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In the fifth place, the prosecuting counsel attempted to make a great deal of capital from the fact that the witness had been dismissed, and that the money salary allowed was not what it should have been. For his information I may tell him that this was only in accordance with my agreement with the Directors, which was that six months notice on either side was required. The Directors have never assigned any reason for their action; it was simply their desire to close the engagement, but had I been guilty of any misconduct that would have warranted it, they could have summarily dismissed me without the six months notice or any other notice. As it happened, it was only to the official notice was to the effect that I was discharged, and that I might have been discharged at any time. Under other circumstances I might have been disposed to question how far the Court is justified in upholding this course; as it is, the position I have hitherto held in connection with the Bank (never a comfortable one) has fallen so far short of what I had been led to expect when I accepted the appointment, that I have the reluctance in relinquishing it than might otherwise have been the case. I also offered to remain in performance of my usual duties, and did remain for nearly two months, until I heard that my successor was appointed and on his way out.

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ACCOMMODATION.
Thursday, August 10.
FROM SAN FRANCISCO.—The ship Aquilla, Captain Sayward, arrived in Royal Roads from San Francisco yesterday, bound to Burrard Inlet for a cargo of lumber, whether she will proceed today in view of the steamer Otter. The bark D. M. Hall, Captain Blake, also arrived in the evening from San Francisco, with a miscellaneous cargo consigned to Messrs. Pickett & Co., at whose wharf she will discharge to-day, after going under the Hudson Bay Company's order to remove boilers and machinery.

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PORTLAND REPORTS.
From Victoria, per ship ALBERT CROSSBIE, 45 tons of coal and 32 bbls coal tar, to Portland Gas Light Company; 49 tons pig iron, to A. C. Gibbs & Co.; D. Monastres, and A. B. Richardson; 32 casks brandy, 2 casks codfish, 10 casks of other pickled fish, to Messrs. H. & B. COLEMAN.
MARRIAGE INTELLIGENCE.
August 7.—Sloop Letitia, Adams, Port Angeles; Sch. Industry, Carleton, Nanaimo; Ship Thimble, Archer, Nanaimo; Sch. S. S. Sweetwater, Keffler, Nanaimo; Sch. J. K. Thorndike, Thornton, San Juan; Sloop Ringlander, Harper, Nanaimo; August 8.—Bt. Harriet, Dirk, San Juan; Sloop John Bull, Oakes, San Juan; Sch. Indian Maid, Neale, Nanaimo; Sch. Eliza Anderson, Finch, Port Angeles; Sloop W. B. Taylor, Mercer, San Juan; August 9.—Sloop Fairy, Packs, New Westminster; Sloop Thornton, Warren, Cowichan; Sch. Enterprise, Mout, New Westminster; Bark D. M. Hall, Blake, San Francisco; August 10.—Bt. Shag, Robbins, San Francisco; Sch. Matilda, Gilbert, Nanaimo; Sch. Amelia, Kendall, Burrard's Inlet; August 10.—Star Emily Harris, Chambers, Nanaimo; Sloop Hamley, Gray, Nanaimo.

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