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Direct Steam Navigation.

The present delay of the Active must direct our attention to the subject of steam communication with San Francisco and Panama, which has been often discussed, and the importance of which is generally admitted.

The Canadian Pacific.

The announcement made in our telegraphic columns, on Wednesday, of the formation at Montreal of a scheme for the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway, is a circumstance of too much significance to be passed over in silence.

answer by saying it pays them to have two steamers on the route between Victoria and Portland, and a direct steamer about once a month from San Francisco.

It has already been shown in these columns that such a line of railway is essential to the maintenance of the commercial supremacy of Great Britain.

ARRIVAL OF THE S. S. ACTIVE.—The steamer Active, Capt. Lyons, arrived at 9 o'clock last evening and came alongside of Brodrick's wharf.

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BURGERS ABOUT—LOOK TO YOUR FURNITURE.—Some time during Wednesday night the fence in the rear of Mr. Carr's groceryhouse, Commercial Row, was sealed.

From the East Coast.

James Douglas arrived from Nanaimo and reports that the steamer Active, Capt. Lyons, arrived at 10 1/2 o'clock in the outer harbor.

ARRIVAL OF THE GUERRE TELFAIR.

The steamship Guerre Telfair, Capt. Sherwood, arrived at 10 1/2 o'clock in the outer harbor, and sent her passengers, mails and express in a boat before proceeding to the Sound.

THE ALLEN VOTE.

EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST:—I think it ought to be impressed upon the public mind in general, and upon the English mind in particular, that as long as the suffrage law remains as it is—a law which allows Aliens to vote for members of the Legislature—any public vote against Confederation must be null, void and of no account whatever.

THE MASONRY OF THE PROVINCE OF QUEBEC contemplate the establishment of a Grand Lodge for that Province.

WHALE ASHORE.

A fifty-foot whale, dead some days, was seen on the beach opposite Henly's, Clover Point, on Wednesday and was cut up by Indians.

SHOOTING BECOMING ALARMINGLY PREVALENT.

Yesterday on a charge of firing a shot from a revolver into an Indian's arm at Esquimaux, Mr. Courtney defended, and the prisoner was remanded for three days.

FIREMAN'S BALL.

We learn that the Deluge Company have decided to give a ball on the 26th proximo, the proceeds of which will go towards paying for their steam fire engine, shortly expected from England.

A MAN STOPPED BY A HIGHWAYMAN.

A man was stopped by a highwayman in Sacramento, recently, and only ten cents found on his person.

THE U. S. S. NEWBERRY.

The U. S. S. Newberry, arrived from Nanaimo yesterday morning and will sail today for Portland.

THE CIRCUS.

The Circus will not be opened again until a suitable wooden building has been obtained.

CAESAR PARSONS DIED.

Caesar Parson, died at his residence in London on the 4th inst.

Peace River.

The following letters have been kindly placed at our disposal by the gentleman to whom addressed:—

QUEENSTON, Nov. 1st, 1869.

DEAR BARNARD,—As you will have heard of the return of the Findlay River prospectors, and read the newspaper accounts of their doings, which are, to say the least, undecided, I have thought you may feel sufficiently interested to wish for further news; and therefore I give you what I was able to pick up about the results of the expedition.

THE GALE OF WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

The most severe that has been experienced in this latitude for several years. The wind raged and howled all night from the southeast, and shortly after daylight, whipped round to the southwest and remained squally all day, with alternate flashes of sunlight and floods of cloud-tears.

They were all good men, intending to get their supplies to the creek this winter and be ready for work as soon as the water runs in the spring.

SODA CREEK, Oct 26, 1869.

Mr. F. J. BARNARD.—The Peace River fellows, I think, have struck it. They kept mum for several days after they came down, and it took an immense amount of coaxing before their tongues were unbarred.

THE GOLD ASSAYED.

The gold assayed about \$17 94 and is 868 fine.

"Vox Populi" vs. Misrepresentation.

EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST:—I cannot permit the "loose" and reckless use of figures made by your correspondent "D" in this morning's paper to pass unchallenged.

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Advertisement for 'PILLS' and 'WALKER'S' medicine, listing various ailments treated and a portrait of a man.

Advertisement for 'THE BRITISH COLONIST' newspaper, including terms, subscription rates, and office information.

Main body of text discussing the Canadian Pacific Railway project, its challenges, and the views of local business and government officials.

News reports including the arrival of the ship 'Active', 'Guerre Telfair', and 'Newberry', as well as local events like a fireman's ball and a whale ashore.

Editorial and opinion pieces, including 'The Gold Assayed', 'Vox Populi vs. Misrepresentation', and 'The Letter of J. S. H.', discussing local and national issues.

Continuation of editorial and opinion pieces, including 'The Letter of J. S. H.' and other commentary on the state of the colony.