Saturday, May 9, 1868

The News is "at sea" again-this time, very appropriately, on the subject of the ocean mail subsidy. has turned whitewasher-general for the California, Oregon and Mexico Steamship Company, and supports the interests of that monopoly against those of the Colony and the travelling public with an unwholesome disregard for facts which shows that the writer either does not understand the subject he attempts to deal with or that he has a personal interest in defending the outrageous exactions and shameful treatment we have sustained at the hands of that company. The News claims that the mail service has been well performed by the steamship company in "good boats;" but the fact is notorious that the only "good boat" (the Oriflamme) that has visited us since the Del Norte was taken off was pu on for the express accommodation of American officers bound for Alaska, who, learning that the California was advertised for Victoria and Alaska, telegraphed down that they would not accept that ship for the service, so she was withdrawn and the Oriflamme substituted. Our cotemporary further asserts that the Company only receive \$500 per trip for bringing the mails, but he conceals the fact that the Admiral pays an additional \$250 for the Naval mails-making a total subsidy of \$750 each trip. We are accused in the same article of wishing to secure a subsidy for the Wright or one of the Fur Company's steamers. What we said was (and we beg to repeat it here) that it would prove more beneficial to all classes were our Government to pay an opposition boat \$2,000 for bringing the mails twice a month than it would prove to pay half that sum to the regular line once in five weeks and thus assist them in running off all opposition. To establish the correctness of this opinion we have only to direct public attention to the fitful state of our mail communication for the past few months. From the 10th February to the 17th April we received mails but twice, and this is the 'efficiency' which our contemporary says 'has been proved,' mitted on all sides, and we take it Mr Young has been proved entirely to the dissatis- to or consistent with public sentiment than faction of the people and the Government, giving his vote in favor of the proposed

ing the glaring fact that the moment the people, their wishes and necessities. George S. Wright was placed on the Portland trade the Active was put on the ruins of Mr Bunster's brewery, and they Wright not made her appearance, the there is nothing left but a few tottering assertion? Let him then look at the escape. In the great misfortune which has conduct of the same firm before and after thus suddenly overtaken Mr Bunster, it that illfated ship left San Francisco, a sympathy which will not end in mere cabin fare on the company's steamship words. There were about 80 hogsheads of which the news reached San Francisco loss is estimated at \$25,000. All praise is that the Labouchere had gone down, the due to the Fire Brigade, who worked incesold steamer Oregon substituted, and morning. god xie ni aliana V or cabin fare advanced to \$40. So much way for the generous and disinterested course of the Steamship Company which our cotemporary supports so unqualifiedly and laday and Brenham only as a denier resort. was Mr. Marsh's Powhattan, for which he suit their convenience not ours, and it is the duty of the Government to encourage opposition instead of assisting the regu-

Brilialy Culming position boat be subsidized, we shall have two steamships and secure reasonable fares for the next twelve mouths; but should the California, Oregon and Mexico Steamship Company obtain the contract, opposition must be withdrawn, and we shall have a return to the infrequent com- as the duty levied on foreign-made sashes munication and high fares we have groun- fitted with glass is 15 per cent, while the ed under for two years past.

> On Friday His Excellency the Governor closed the Legislative Connoil with an address which certainly does him | credit, all The sentiments it contains show a just appreciations of principles which if carried out will have the happiest effect on the Colony and extinguish the irritation of the past. It is always desirable the Executive and Legislature should work harmoniously, and it is gratifying to see most of the important measures passed by the one so cordially received and supported by the other. another column will be found the measures to which His Excellency has given the Royal assent; and these which at present he holds in abeyance. In reference to the latter we do not see any particular fault to be found with the motives assigned for such action. His Excellency promises us that Confederation is not slumbering, and the constitution of the Council in its present shape can only be regarded as provisional. We think therefore he might have gone a step further, and given a distinct assurance that both these important issues should be strongly and properly represented to the Imperial Government. We are glad to find the chief of the Executive at last confirms the opinion we have long expressed, of the gradaul ireprovement in the general affairs of the Colony; and that on meeting again he predicts for the Council a more agreeable task than the one they have just performed. In bidding adieu to the Legislature for the session, we cordially acknowledge the industry, intelligence and excellent spirit they have evinced throughout, feeling assured that their sitting, though short, will be of great service to the Colony bereafter.

> > Saturday, May 2

During the important discussion in the Council proposing a change in its constitution, our readers will not have failed to netice here were only nine members present, and that on the vote being taken four were against and four in favor of the change, and the casting vote of the President carried the esolution. For this just and spirited action Mr Young deserves the thanks and praise of our community. It is always a wise thing for legislators to study the wants of the people for whom they make laws, to cultivate liberal ideas and support progressive measures. That our Council, in its present shape is altogether unsuited to our condition, is add which he advises us to continue. It could not have done anything more pleasing of this colony. Our cotemporary, with change. Much of the utility of the present of this colony. Our cotemporary, with session; and much of its harmony, is due to all the zeal of a shareholder in the California, Oregon and Mexico Steamship of its presiding officer; and we trust this act Company, anxious to keep shares up by of Mr. Young does not spring from an ighofrowning down all interference in the ble desire to court a fleeting popularity, but business, deprecates the encourage springing from conviction, it is meant as a ment of an opposition boat, notwithstand- pledge of his thorough identification with the

THE FIRE.-Yesterday we visited the same route to 'run her off.' Had the presented indeed a sad sight. Of the brewery, Active would not have been heard of walls. The grist mill, however, was not and we might have whistled for our mails damaged except being scorched badly on until the middle of May for all the steamship company would have cared, malt kiln withstood the heat, or the fire Should the Wright be run or bought off would undoubtedly have extended to Pandora by Holladay & Brenham, the Active's street, and caused a damage the extent trips will be immediately discontinued. of which we can scarcely estimate. As it Does our cotemporary want proof of this was the Presbyterian Church had a narrow the loss of the Labouchere. On the day must be gratifying to his feelings to receive the universal sympathy of his fellow citizens Del Norte was \$15, but the very day on ale consumed with the building and the total fine boat Del Norte was withdrawn, the santly from midnight until 7 o'clock the next

THEATRE ROYAL -- On Saturday night the extravaganza of Pocahontas was put on the stage in a very creditable manner and afforded much mirth to the andience. Some of the for which he wishes to secure a fat con- local hits were good, but the political ones tract. We respectfully urge on the Gov- were better Mr and Mrs Stone were effective, at a paltry million of dollars? He ernment to renew the contract with Hol- as usual. The best character of the night The colony is under no obligations, to that was called before the curtain. On Tuesday firm—they have only sent boats here to night will be presented for the first time in this city the admired and successful comedy of Caste. Amy Stone as Polly Eccles will no doubt be unusually good, while Messrs Stone as Sam Gerridge, Clark as Captain har line (perhaps from our experience of its Hantree. Marsh as Eccles, with Mrs Fowlis 'efficiency we should call it the irregular as Esther and Miss Field as Marquise de St line) in crushing competitors and in con- Maur, promise to make the night's entertainclutches of monopoly. Should an op- given.

Jones' new steam door, sash and blind factory has commenced business. The establishment is fitted with modern machinery and possesses every facility for executing the best description of work with expedition. The present tariff, however, is unfavorable to the interests of this establishment, inasmuch duty on glass imported without sashes is 121/4 per cent. The manufacturer who makes his sashes here pays the duty on glass, and bas barely the advantage of 21/2 per cent. over his foreign competitor. This ought to be attended to by the Council at its next session.

FROM NANAIMO AND COMAX.-The Sir James Douglas arrived from the east coast on Saturday evening. One ship was loading with coal for San Francisco. The strike talked of among the miners at Napaimo is not likely to take place. The works are going on as usual. We are glad to hear this. and we think the men will act wisely in keeping steadily at their employment. Certain of regular work, fair wages and prompt pay, they are better off than most people on nducement to come this way. At Comox the settlers were in fine spirits at the prospects before them of large crops.

THE steamship Active, Capt Floyd, arrived from Portland at halfpast 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, with 28 passengers and a large freight. Among the passengers were Col. Hodges, U.S A., wife and child; Captain Gragg, US A.; Lieut Caughlin, R N.; and T H Long, Esq, of the Colonist. We are indebted to Mr C A Shively, Purser, for the nsual favors.

sold by anction three lots at the head of Johnson street for double the sum asked for the same property in January last. The improvement observable on the mainland is beginning to exert its influence in this city.

THE Enterprise arrived on Saturday evenng with 40 passengers and \$75,000 in treasure for the Banks. The hon members just released from duty by the prorogation of the Council, came in her.

Nor FELT.-The blow of Friday and Saturday, which was rather severe in this quarter, was scarcely felt below Cape Flattery, and the Active crossed Columbia River Bar without difficulty.

Among the late arrivals at San Francisco we notice the new elipper ship Lady Bird, from Liverpool, Capt. Fred Mallandaine, brother to Mr E Mallandaine, of this city.

THE schooner A. Crosby, laden with Nanaimo coal for Portland, Oregon, came to anchor in the outer harbor yesterday morning. sages as not sale nwob

It is reported that the terminus of the Nothern Pacific Railway will be at a point midway between Seattle and Steilacoom on Puget Sound.

A LARGE American and English mail was received yesterday.

Snow fell to a depth of three inches at the 83-mile post (wagon road) on Saturday. THE Geo. S Wright from Portland is due here to-day.

Legislative Council.

Friday, April 26th, 1868.

tleman (Dr Helmcken) spoke a great deal read a first time. Second reading fixed for about milk, but he (hon DeCosmos) thought Monday. the hon gentleman had the advantage of some good Canadian milk, he would have ture of the Government was out of proporacted differently to-night. And he should tion to the white population of the colony, recommend the hon gentleman to so conduct himself that he might soon be nourished with that milk. In reference to what expenditure be based on the amount of the hon gentleman said about Canada the re enue for the past two years. Entered dwindling down in the terms, how can we tell till we make the proposition. If the Governor had done right he would have communicated with the Canadian Government, and we should then have known what that Government would say. As for the unofficial communications of the people, the Canadian Government declared themselves ready to accept the terms proposed. Does that look like dwindling down? Touching the possibility of the road not being completed, they would have an Imperial guarantee for that. But if the Canadians were to fail in or pleasure to have their duties performed their part of the conditions, and refuse redress, we could claim repeal of the Union. We could appeal to the parent Government, if the Canadian Government dishonored its pledges. We want to complete the consolidation of the nation, and to do that, the Canadian Government knows it must make the overland road. Did the hon gentle-men think that the Dominion would stop went in for progressive measures. Confederation was approaching the high land on the eastern side of the Rocky Mountains, and the Imperial Government was or good, but the great object to be attained approaching with its locomotive that would was economy, and in furtherance of that obpush it over the eastern slope. If the ject Her Majesty's Government had been Council refused its acquiescence it was applied to, and had determined to remove quite immaterial, for as sure as God was in one or more of the present Magistrates, as Heaven or the sun would rise, so sure was soon as possible. The present state of the to the Pacific. He was glad to find that his existing necessary for the efficient conduct hon friend's naturally generous nature would of the service. As to the presence of the not allow him to believe in prejudice bee Magistrates here, they were compelled to line) in crushing competitors and in continning us for an undefinite period in the dest the best the troupe have yet the attributes of madebood, no matter whence tution of the Council.

Maur, promise to make the night's entertaint tween old and new countrymen, it they have leave their posts owing to the present constitution of the Council. they come. He would dely the first man t

a gentleman proposed to a lady to offer her his hand. (Hon Helmcken figuratively of course). Just so with the people of this country. Canada could live without this country. Loaded with debt and an official incubus, we were reduced to the miserable Lands, and a variety of other duties performs plight of voting \$6,000 for education in the ed by them, which could not be so efficient, entire colony. Would the Imperial Government guarantee a loan for us? The country.

Canadian Government had a different idea of Hon DeCosmos—Rarl Carnarvon had Canadian Government had a different idea of us, from what the hon gentleman supposed. The Canadian Government was based on party, the party now in, was in favor of Confederation, and now was our time to go in. In 5 or 10 years, the country might be in a worse condition than it is now, and then we might not be received so readily. The hon gentleman's ideas about a free part were a math. Such 7a consummation of order. port were a myth. Such 7a consummation might arrive when free trade became general, but not till then. Canada follows the eral, but not till then. Canada follows the English principle, and will make a free port at Victoria if necessary. As for the seat of Government it would always remain at Victoria, until the country behind the Casade Mountains was populated, and then the capital would gravitate towards the centre. With the present population it was better to concentrate our means, but as the country advanced in importance, the seat of Government should be placed where it would best this coast. There are thousands of poor ment should be placed where it would best suit the interests of the people. The distinguished gentleman from Victoria district was one of those who had greatness thrust upon them. A year ago he was chosen to move the resolution for Confederation, one year afterwards, he votes in opposition to it. understand the question. To vote directly against Confederation without assigning an extent of country to travel over of 450 a reason may be regarded as unreasonable. miles north and south, by 350 miles east and But he feels uneasy least the Queen should west, an amount of jurisdiction impossible to take away the Navy. Does this Council administer efficiently, and travelling ex-represent the people? If the Council rejects penses would be more than sufficient to pay this measure, it does tot represent the people. He would carry the question not only to perform, in order to be true to themselves. they must put no trust in Government or paid officials, and two thirds of this Conn- vice. The motion was carried. cil was composed of paid officials. It was his deliberate purpose to secure Confederation to this country, so that we might have a Government based on the confidence of the c

the people. In after period we shall remember those who oppose us as our enemies. It is not the policy of the Dominional Governm nt, to remove any officer who may now hold a position, by this means the country would be kept together. But some amongst them may yet have to rue the day that they opposed Confederation. It was not to be supposed that the people would keep a class of men in office who opposed their wants. The amount appropriated for the Hospitals, \$5,000, would not be more than sufficient for the proper maintenance of one. The hon gentleman spoke in strong of the disproportion of this item com-

their purpose in postponing the measures pose, and with the permission of the House he would rather withdraw the resolution and be increased to \$10,000. Carried.

ton, Ball, O'Reilly, Cox, Trutch, Creas, four days.

Noes-Hons De Cosmos, Stamp, Robson. So the amendment was carried, and

original resolution lest:

The Council them adjourned till 11 a. m. on Saturday.

The Council met at 11 s. m. Present-Hons Ball, Pemberton, Stamp, Walkem, Hons Ball, Pemberton, Stamp, Walkem, Wood, Robson, Crease, DeCosmos, Ker, Hamley, Elwys, O'Rellly, Spalding, Trutch, Helmcken, Cox, Smith, Young (presiding). Hon Helmcken presented a petition from the citizens of Victoria against the bill for

the erection of a Patent Slip. Hon Helmcken moved the introduction

that a protest be entered that the expendi-

and in direct opposition to the recommenda. tion of the Secretary of State, that the expenditure be based on the amount of the re enue for the past two years. Entered might be retained. The Executive had accordingly, and signed by hons Pemberton, considered the subject maturely, and DeCosmos, Stamp and Helmcken. The House then went into Committee of Supply, Hon O'Reilly in the chair. Hon DeCosmos thought the Magistrate

at New Westminster could fill the requisite position for New Westminster, Yale Clinton, and with one for Kootenay, and one tor Cariboo, the magisterial duties would be sufficiently performed. He thought the dictate, but if the house shut up the estab-Magistrates shuld be allowed to remain at lishment they must take the responsibility, their posts, and not be permitted for business as they would be doing so in the face of the by subordinates.

Hon Helmcken thought that Magistrates

left their posts, neither from reasons of business or pleasure, but in consequence of the present formation of the Council, which required their presence. If any alteration of the present system was to be arrived at the solution must be sought in an altera-

In reference to the present system of a paid Magistracy, adverted on by one or two

Hon Young said the system might be bad Confederation to stretch from the Atlantic colony, however, made the staff as at present

Hon Walkent was sure it could be no affirmative.

charge him with prejudice against old pleasure to the Magistrates to sit in that countrymen or new. Such things ought House as targets for the shots of non mem-countrymen or new. Such things ought house as targets for the shots of non mem-bers. In regard to their present efficiency, he knew their duties to be extremely valua-

country.

Hen DeCosmos—Rarl Carnarvon had farnished the Governor with power to discharge any official that he might think un-

question of order.

Hon Wood (in reference to alleged direct

contradiction of an hon member.) Why should language be tolerated in this House, which would not be permitted in ordinary society?

Hon Elwyn was sure that three Magis-

rates would not be enough for the proper performance of the duties. In 1864, nine magistrates were then thought necessary, but

now there were only five.

Hon Trutch—The Magistrates are of the atmost value to the Lands and works Depart-Without their assistance it would be ment. impossible to conduct the business of that department, with its present staff, so that there could be no argument on the score of economy for their reduction. If the Conneil year afterwards, he votes in opposition to it. was to act on the suggestion of the hon it would be charitable to believe he does not member for Victoria, the Magistrate for the Yale, Clinton, &c. District would have miles north and south, by 350 miles east and administer efficiently, and travelling exanother Magistrate.

Hon Smith moved that the Magistrate for

to the Canadian Government, but to Down- Kootenay be paid \$3,400 instead of \$3,000 ing street. He had considered the unani- as appeared in the Estimates. The nature mous vote given last session, and for that of the country under his control, attended reason had deferred going to Downing with considerable expense and the duties with REVIVING.—On Tuesday J P Davies & Co.

The people had now but one duty privation. Any other station was luxurious compared to that one. The sum was only the

> concentration of the prisoners where they could be most economically kept, the resoluiton was agreed to.

Hon Wood moved that \$1000 be added to

He only spoke as one man, but in doing so one. The hon gentleman spoke in strong he spoke words which will find their fulfilment hereafter. He perfectly understood pared with others for a less estimable pur-

Hon Robson moved that the sum set apart The President ruled that it could not be for educational purposes be increased to withdrawn until the amendment had been \$10,000. The item was deferred till

Monday.

In the course of the discussion on this ment when the votes were as follows:

item, Hon Young said he expected the Ayes—Hone Helmcken, Wood, Pember—arrears to teachers would be paid in three or

Walkem, \$250 should be added to the item for rent at Napaimo, in order by this means to add the thatsum to allowance of Magistrate, that officer being insufficiently paid. The addition would make his allowance equal to \$1,950. The resolution was carried Hon Stamp moved the following appropri-

ations: \$1,000 for a trail between Clinton and Lytton; \$3,000 for trail from Douglas street road by Falls Creek to Burrard Inlet, both of which were carried.

Hon Helmcken—The maintenance of officers for the suppression of the liquor traffic with Indians was a farce. The law was a mere sham. He had received a letter requesting that a gun boat might be sent up the coast to capture the whiskey schoon The Indians got all the whiskey they wanted

in spite of the law.

Hon De Cosmos wished to know why the item for the Assay Office appeared in Estimates, after it had been distinctly understood that the establishmen was to be closed at the expiration of last year. Hon Young produced a great number

of petitions from various parts of the had determined to close the office in consonance with desire of the Council, but after receiving the petitions produced, thought themselves justified in continuing the establishment. The office had cost nothing during the previous year, as the Slag sold, pro-duced \$4 000. The official members would vote on the subject as their feelings might dictate, but if the house shut up the estabpetitions he had produced.

Hop DeCosmos moved that the Assay Hon Walkem-The Assayer had nothing to do, and under any circumstances the offi

Hon Ball-The Assayer was the only mineral assayer in the colony, and rendered valuable service in making gratuitous assays. Hon Walkem suspected the officer was retained because they could not get rid of

Hon Helmeken concurred with those petitions; the Government was perfectly justified in retaining the office. If people asked that such expensive establishments should be kept up, let them forever hold their tongues on the subject of retrenchment.

Hon Robson—The Victoria papers per-

haps falsified figures and made the affair look worse than it was. On division on DeCosmos' motion to close

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Nearly all the leading Council, popular and offici ions have any influence in sentiment, have spoken up of Confederation, and t unquestionably in favor advocated the adoption of Her Majesty praying the i pletion of the grand scher eration. It would be a mer though it might be instru ing the inconsistency and I at times, to analyze the sp opposing the measure, for throughout is as lamentable and it would not reward u our readers to peruse the twaddle those speeches as the sentiment goes, it i and under-English all thro English principle, rejoicing sion of our national powe dated form, and expressing in lofty thoughts and burning English prejudice, uttering selfishness of official positi read every sentence carefu possible some argument wo tien, and we have failed in repeat distinctly that, as reported, we can find no in this tempest in a teapot, the question of Confedera reduced by every man who it to a mere paltry is colonial emolument, pri and local position. limited, unjust, contracted vie protest. Regarded in such li tion is stripped of all the idea which constitutes its and greatest power, and w and Canada gained for it a r support from the monarch, thr of statesmen, down to the p countries, save and excepting Nova Scotia, and a majority bers in our Council. Both t be it remembered, are actuate the same motive—the opposit centering upon a trifling tar tion of the other springing fr of salary. We should indeed tionally to impute unjust of motives to such men as voted dress, simply because we diffe to the necessity and value Confederation. Such conduct credit, and the cause w good. But what else are we intelligent, honest, patrioti reviewing their conduct in th that they are untrue to the character and their country lurking, unbecoming motive cause of their apostacy. W persistent confession of an ign dian affairs which is disgrace tion of facts which are not ac deductions which are positive of a pre-judgment of Canadia is simply dishonest-unless th spirit of manliness which ha tinguished their private and were aiming at the accor secret purpose which they and boldly acknowledge? regret this action in the Leg labors otherwise will confer the colony, but we must not ! it; we have hoisted the fla tion and we shall defend it, spite of Nova Scotia and British Columbia we shall s sions in the Occident and firmly together by its power, ore ated that will have no lim

A MAN named McDonal smuggling over the lines, United States to Canada. H by a Sheriff of Michigan, se dian soil, and carried off States, where he was sentend ment. This caused a corres the United States Governmen ard ordered that the man Canadian soil. Mr Thornton to Mr Seward :-

"I hope you will believe t no sympathy with the individual who showed so great a want on the occasion; nor was th I made to you inspired by an draw a convicted criminal fr but was for the mere purp your assistance to the preven flict between the authorities of tries. I therefore take up responsibility of not acce that Allen McDonald should in Canada, confident as I Majesty's government will a step, and at the same time appreciate the straightforw which you have treated the

WE understand Admiral visit Metlakahtlah in the the course of a few days.