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In our last issue we pointed out the present necessity for protection to our agriculturists, pending a more advanced stage in our farm improvements. ed stage in our farm improvements, when once we make up our minds to when we shall be able to cope with any course of action, no power on our neighbors in the productions from tillage and stock raising, when our hills and walkys will resound with lowing berds and bleating sheep when every farmer's household will be presided over by a fregal belpmeet, and rosyscheeked | children swith merry lough will make glad the heart of the bread winner when he seeks the cosy nome of his own creation. Such time, we think, is not very distant, but before we reach that period, we Thave much to do in fostering our trade in order to attract to our shores the least for a time unavailing ; our love kind of population that will form the for the old country, the home of our nucleus of a thrifty people. To accomplish this we must have trade, be canse we must afford the immediate means of earning a livelihood to all that come to us. How many thousands have come to this city and have been compelled to leave it, not because they had any objection to the country or that they doubted in the least the natural resources of the Colony, but because there was no immediate employment to ensure the wherewith to live, No one who everycame here Teft us without regret, and if they could have earned, sufficient to buy their daily bread would certainly have remained. Persons coming here from the old country or from Canada, i they cannot obtain employment, are com-pelled to go over to the Sound or back los San Francisco. It is not merely the loss of population which we suffer, but also the profits on the labor and consumption of these immigrants, who go to wealth of our neighbors. With an in-crease in our trade we should be able to employ these persons until they had saved, sufficient to buy farms and stock them, when they would give place to others who would be in their turn conand prosperity throughout the land. We have merchants amongst us who have the talent and enterprise to make us a great commercial people; but their hands are tied by restrictive Customs regula-

tions and extravagant duties on goods ould form the staples of our trade.

consider in justice belongs to us; and earth can hold us. The delay which must ensue from the ill-considered determiration of the Executive to send home the Drawbacks' Bill, a measure that was only introduced as a preliminany step to more extended modifications in our torevenue laws, will arouse a feeling in the breasts of commercial men that augurs ill for the continuance of our present system of government. All the efforts of allens to wear us from allegiance to the old flag, and even the desire of our Colonists to the eastward of the Rocky Mountains to relieve us from what has been designated an incubus, were at fathers, is deeply rooted in our hearts, and we are joth to believe that a Government emanating from that source can be inimical to our interests. But necessity has no law; and if we can-not have a Government from England that will look after our welfare, we must seek it where such is to be found.

so need and lecco Saturday, March 20 New Creek Discovered !

Information has been received here by the Government announcing the discovery of a to the pan was obtained on the surface. The altitude is lower than Cariboo, and the impression is that the mining season will be two months longer than at the latter place. The length of the preek is from ten to filteen miles, and it receives the waters from a number of tributaries. I The country has been burned over, so that the timber is small and easily removed. The Government contemplates sending out an exploring party as soon as the season will permit.

A DISORDERLY MARINE .- Francis Rourke a marine, was found in a drunk and disorderly state in the public streets on Thursday night, and when approached by a policeman turned like a tiger upon him. The police-man summoned assistance and threatened to take Rourke "in"; but the marine was "too that believe it." A struggle resulted, and it required half-a-dezen policemen and a coat torn bis mystical faith in his own all-powerlai-to smithareens before Master Rourke could be beautiful face, his hard and penetrating eye induced to submit. Yesterday morning both subjugated you at once. Firmly convinced that be represented celerpearance. Six charges were entered against Rourke, to three of which he pleaded guilty. His officer gave him a good character, and the Magistrate, taking a merciful view of the case, fined Rouke 5s. for being drunk and disorder: y : \$10 for assaulting one of the officers; and \$20 for destroying a cost. In addition to the fice he received some wholesome advice, thrown in gratuitously, which, it is boped, will exert a salutary effect upon his future behavior. WE cappot allow our old friend Mr. McCres to depart without adding to the flattering ovation extended him a week ago our humble tribute of esteem and expression of regret at the loss of so worthy s citizen and a true friend. During Mr. Mo-Oren's residence of nearly cleven years among us he has been distinguished for his geniality, bis business capacity, sterling honesty, and (better than all) for the possession of a stad (better than all) for the possession of a grad and a camp, the horses, have sirredy disposition which prompted him on many brodden it in the dust, and the precious enoccasions to deeds of generosity that brought plenty to impoverished households and gladness to desolate hearts. Wherever he may locate, he will bear with him the best wishes would be the most ardent supporters of locate, he will bear, with him the best wisness the very measures they show such an an- of the people of British Column his

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unenlightened days of our great grand- that the steamship company have receded fathers, it is quite time to complain, and from the offer previously made to convey like any other portion of the Anglo Saxon race we have all the immovable determination to obtain that which we probably be called to consider the matter.

SOLD OFT. The well known pioneer firm L. & J. Boscowitz have disposed of their stock to Messes, G. Sutro & Co. Mr. J. Boscowitz, the resident partner of the firm, will remain at Victoria to manage the interast have of the Alaska Fur Company of which he is a member and and yo

ARRIVED .- The bark Mary arrived on Thursday evening from San Francisco. She was taken in tow by the steamer Isabel for the B. O. & V. I. Mille, Burrard Inlet where she will load with lumber.

The steamer Gussie Trilisit returned from Paget Sound yesterday morning and sailed at 11/2 o'clock yesterday afternoon for Portland, Oregonin Among her passengers (numbering 221 were Mrs. Dr. Dickson and son, Major Francis, U.S.A., and E. Wadhaim.

A DISPATCH from Porland appounces the arrival there of the steamship O iflamme yesterday from San Francisco. Mr. Ben Holladay came up on her and will continue on to Victoria and Puget Sound in a few days.

THE ship Prince of Wales, for London returned to Royal Roads on Thursday evening and rode at anchor there un il yesterday morning, when she took ad antage of the fair wind and sailed into the Strait?.

os Tur steamshin Ja La Stephens is expected new Creek between 75 and 100 miles N.E. to arrive this morning from Napaimo and to

Traits of Nicholas I.

Some interesting memoirs of the Emperor Nicholas I., of Russia, have recently been put forth in Paris by a writer who was for-menty a page in His Majesty's service. The Emperor, it will be recollected, won for him-s-It the detestation of his own people and of all Europe by his inhuman severity and des-notism Dotiem

I have seen, says the writer, most of the sovereigns of Europe, and more than once have been admitted to the bonour of direct bays been admitted to the hondri of direct conversation with them, but never have I experiesced the icy impression that the view of the Czar produced upon me. He walked straight forward in lordly style, his leaden eyes fixed on those of each person to whom in turn he addressed hims If, and gaz ing deeply into each face with a penetration that seemed to mark the very secret of the take Rourke "in"; but the marine was "too old a bird to be caught with chaff," and re-versing the old saying, requested the officer to "tell that to sailors, a marine wouldn't

when the first principles of Govern-ment as adapted to a young Colony and the spirit of trade, are set aside for others that were popular in the ceived yesterday from San Francisco states that the attemption company have receded tures that contained the port atts of all the tures that contained the port aits of all the Romanoffs, from Michel Federovitch to the last reigning sovereign, and had ordered him to improvise some verses on each. Pouchkine obeyed; but coming to the por-tratt of Nich lashe was silent. <u>Well, Pouchkine</u>, said the Emperor, (what have no to say to me?)

what have you to say to me? AOTOL Sire !! A of course. I don't wish to

Your Majesty permits me?' 'I order you. Believe my imperial word; you shall not suffer?' hear it :: so tell the truth.'

f So be it, sire.' And he wrote the famous distich : "Des pieds a la tete la toile est admirable De la tete aux pieds le Tzar est detest

* From feet to head the picture is admira ble; From head to feet the Czar is detestable." The Emperor made no reply, but he esked Pouchkine for no more versts.

CONTRASTS OF CHARACTER. With a brutality unworthy of a sovertign. and at times a delicacy actonishing in a man of such a character, the most contrary qual-ities and delects reproduced themselves in a hundred acts of his life. For instance, one hight I saw him fisticuff a poor Jew in the face, and accompany the set with the most sonorous oaths, because, in giving a light to the postillion of the Berlin imperial he had awakened him with a start by throwing the light of his lactern into his lace. Again, at Warsaw, when he went to receive the King

of Prusia and the Emperor of Austria, he took Francis Joseph into his arms to force bim to occupy the seat of honor in his car-riage, which the young Emperor was unwilling to accept, a courtesy, according to the Cossack, that would have exactly suited

Yet this man, so rude and so haughty, new Creek between 75 and 100 miles N.E. to arrive the morning from Nabaimo and to develop the state and a control of cariboo. No great amount of prospect-ing had been done, but so far as could be will carry about 40 passengers and a quan-ascertained, an average of about 121/2 cents, tity of coah tarrive but so far as could be to be in ill health, and met the doctor in the waiing room.

'How is madame -?' said he to the

'Very poorly, sire. The cold of St. Pe-Ah! the cold is injuring her? Feel my

hande; they are frozen, are they not ?' fro Very cold, site.' Well, I will wait here ubtil they are warm -I would not for the world increase her

malady. And the Emperor waited in this sort

an ante-chamber, talking to the doctor, until his hands resumed their usual warmth. Strange character. Coricus mixture

cood and evil qualities-of littleness and trandeur; brutal and obivalrous, courageous grandeur; brutal and chivalrous, courageous even to temerity, and discrustful even to poliroonery; equitable and tyrannical; gen-erous and cruel, al once the friend of osten-tation and simplicity. His palace was mag-nificent, his court splendid, the luxurious-ness of his courtiers dezzling, while it his own person, his babits and tastes, he affected an imposing austerity. His working cab-inet was almost bare; his uniform and his military cloaks, were proverbial at St. Petion that caused his usually firm voice to Alas!-You say-' Fortune has failed us "We sre-?" "We are beaten, sire." The Emperor rose from his seat.

' is it possible ?' said he, in a quick manner. " The Russian army has taken flight."

. You lie !' cried Nicholas, with a frightful xplosion of anger.

Sire_' "You lie, My soldiers never fly," Sire, I have told you the truth.' You lie, I say you lie.' And, his eyes beaming with anger, his lips

contracted, his hand raised, he threw hims self upon the military courier and tore of his epaulettes.' : Entrance a soldier.

The uchappy colonel, pale with shame, mothering his tage and the tears that rose smothering ais rage and the tears that rose to his eyes, went out, his soul in despair. But bardy had be reached the staircase when he heard the voice of the Emperor begging his return. He retraced his steps, and Nicholas, running to meet him, embraced him ardently, begging pardon for his bra-tality, and offered his acceptance of the post

of aide-de camp: 'May your Majesty hold me excused,' replied the poor officer, 'for in taking off my epaalcttee, you have deprived me of my honor. I leave them in your hands with my dismissal."

"You are right,' replied Nicholas. 'It is not in my power to repair the offence of my hasty action. Ah ! we are both unhappy, and I am vanquisbed. Yes, completely

And walking up and down with an agitated step, and subdued ion in his cage, his heart bleeding with the wound given his pride :

'Go, leave my empire,' continued he turn. ing to Colonel A _____, 'and pardon me. We must not meet again. Both of us would suffer too much in each other's pres-

The French Bluc-Book for 1868.

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The Blue-Book was communicated to the Deputies on the 20th ult. In relation to Spair, the following announcement is made: France has witnessed without any disqui-etude about her general interests, the events which have occurred in Spain. Faithful to the principles by which her foreign policy is directed, as well as her traditional friendship for a noble nation, the Emperor's Governmen has observed from the very first the swittest neutrality in the events of which the Peninsula has been the theatre. If, mindful of the duty of watching over the security of our countrymen, we have sect ships to the principal ports of Spain for the purpose of prctecting French interests, our agents at the same time received positive orders to abstain from any act that might be construed into an interferance in the internal affairs of that may secure for her the benefits of las ing tran-

quility. D bays the relations between France and the United States continue to be cordial ; and the French Government has no hesita.ion in seconding the efforts of the Washington Cabinet in re-establishing peace between Spain and the Republics of the Pacific. carefully they were preserved. At his repast even, he drank no wine; he so disagreeable to him that it was forbidden, the were moked, and the odor of tobacco was so disagreeable to him that it was forbidden, the were moked, and the solar of tobacco was so disagreeable to him that it was forbidden. our previous offers might become an embar. rassment for the Cabinet 10 which we ad-dressed ours lyes first, and retard the arrangements which all the neutral powers the mantelpiece to enjoy the laxary of a cigar in the Imperial Palace. our propositions should not be an obstacle tue onstacter, the conduct, the whole pol-tuics of the Emperor Nicholas may be em-bodied in the word Pride. His roling pas-sion was pride, a pride incommensurable, a pride such as neither Louis XIV., Henry VIII., or Solyman the Magnificent the they come, that appear most likely to attain that favorable result. Relating to the army it has the following : The total general of the active army and the reserve is, therefore, 647 267. In adding the actual number of the young men of the Na-tional Guard Mobile, which counts, after deduct og the exemptions, to 381.723, the whole amount of the forces is 1,028,9800 The whole amount of the forces is 1,928,980. The fact should be remarked in reference to these figures, that although the results of the new military organization as far as regards the effective available under various basids, will not be entirely, realized, before 1877, the War Department has stready entered upon the system of the law of the last of January, 1960. the system of the law of the lat of Jinuary, 1868, in oilly retaining five contingents under the flag, and in applying to those who have served longes: the benefit of being sent into the recove, after having passed five years with the regiment. The item of navel constructions is thus treated : treated The fleet was composed, on the 31st Des cember, 1868, of 430 vessels, of which 331 were steamers, with a total of 76,165 horse power. There are, besides, is course of completion; afloat, seven others of 3,710 horse power, and on the stocks, thirty-one more of 12,405 horse power, and one salling transport: This total is divided into two direct portions, the first including the yeasels which form part of the new fleet, to be constituted in accordance with the programme in course of execution since 1857, and the second, or excention since 1857, and the second, compased of the remains of the old navy, considered unfit to take place in the new, ether directly or after transformation. The new naval force, the only one that consti-tutes the real maritime strength of the em-pire, counts as completed, 314 steamers and ten sailing vessils. A table shows:-I: Iron-clads to the number of 50 of various classes 2. The number of 50 of various classes. 2. The unarmoured fighting ships, 96 screw steamers. 3. 91 small steamers, dispatch boats, tenders, etc. 4. Transports, 96 of various sizes; and finally the two training echools, one for gunners and the other for naval pupils. Of the old fleet there still remains 17 steamers and 29 sail-

If the more sensible among our legislators suggest a reduction of the duties on articles that would meet with ready sale. and thus by rapid disposal and replace ment produce double or treble the present revenue derived from them, at one-half the present duty, the Executive immediately takes the alarm, and by sheer combination of all its elements, votes down any attempt to create a more workable tatiff. If the one or two members of the Legislative Council who have any knowledge of commercial usage, or economic science, introduce a measure to liberate our trade from traumels that are only productive of injury to all concerned those well-meaning gentlemen who wield our destinies, immediately put a veto apon it by sending the enactment home to England for approval, which is simply another way of defeating the measure, no matter how important it may be to the wellbeing of the Colony. We do not believe that the members of the Execu-tive Council oppose the efforts of our merchants to save the Colony from depopulation, from any reason other than their ideas, of prudent Government. Most of them are deeply interested in the advancement and prosperity of the Colony, and if it were possible to inspire them with the true knowledge of success in business we do not doubt, that they

intelligent gentlemen, on any other sub-ject than that of commerce, should per-petrate such blanders; and that with lorable that bealth and prosperity. LEECH RIVER -Two gentlemen retarned from Leech and Sooke rivers, last evening. every respect for them, personally, we should be compelled to waru them that if they are incapable of judging on a sub-They report Harnet & Co. engaged in throwing a flume across Leech river so as to conduct the water from the ditch to the flat they have located. The miners are confiject that involves the prosperity or min they have located. The miners are confi-of the whole community, they had better dent of success. Five white men and a Chiresign their positions into the hands of names are at work on the river. The weather

men whose views are better adapted to was mild and no snow was encountered by the age we live in and to the people whose the travellers. the travellers. welfare is placed in their hands, and whose entire earthly possessions are de-pendent on their guidance. The Governor should at once place himself in communica-should at once place himself in communicazen takes with him an estimable lady and tion with the people through their repre- zen takes with him an estimable lady and sentatives and adopt such a system of family. We lose much in the amiable government as would meet with gen-eral approval. It cannot be said that the Gassie Telfair to Portland, to join her we are a people prove to noisy discon-tent or sedition; we defy any one to their future home. We wish them all backet their future home. We wish them all health to point out a more loyal population in any of Her Mejesty's Colonies; but we cannot be supposed to stand idly THE Chief Constableship of Yele has by when mismanagement is taking the been given to Mr. Burr, vice Sharwood, rebread from our children's mouths; signed. fist a co best has to add a

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tial power on earth, sincerely persuaded that to his own people he was the mandatory of God, and held within himself Divise prerogative, he watched with an over-shadowing jealousy the sacred deposit with which he be-lieved himself charged, and any stiempt lieved against his authority appeared to him sacrilege, and proved him inexorable. ANA MCAPRICIOUS BARBARITIES.

One day, a short time before the Crimean war, at agrand military review at Krasnoe Cele, the Emperor, on horseback, presented his troops to the Empress, seated in her car-riage. Suddenly appeared on the drill ground a cariole drawn by one horse, and out of which stepped feld jageur (courier of the palace.) charged with two autograph letters from the King of Prussia to the Em-peror and Empress. As the Empress was more easily approached, he handed her the first letter, and tan toward the Emperor to present the second. But some steps from Lim he pauser, turus pale, and bursts into tears. The letter is lost.

Trembling from head to foot, he traces h's steps for try and find it, but the soldiere, the

velope cannot be found. What sils that snimal?' asked the Em-peror of one of his aldes-de-damp. 'I do not know, sire.'

The side-de-camp spurred his horse, and from the lips of the poor feld jageur he learned that an autograph letter from the King of Prussia to the Emperor of Russia had been lost. He brought the Czar the informa-The face of Nicholas clouded instantly ;

his expression was gloomy and severe. "Take charge of this man yourself, and, without allowing him to communicate with any one, conduct him immediately to Siberia. Let him not be barshly treated, but let him

never again appear in Europe.' The aid-de-camp, as well as the unhappy feld jageur, were both set out without even changing their boots, for this journey of two thousand leagues. The aid-de-camp re-turned eight months afterward, and was recompensed by promotion from the Emperor; but the poor conrier was doubtless dying or dead, in the neighborhood of Tobolsk, such faults as his having eccaped an amnesty.

BOLDNESS OF THE POST LAUREATE. In a few instances the Czar tolerated a degree of frankness in the speech of those around bim. Menschikoff, who commanded at Sebastopol, was also a privileged charac ter. Sometimes, but rarely, others ap-proactied the Emperor familiarly. The cele-brated poet, Pouchkine, for example, dared to express himself in his presence with a

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rsburg. Worn out, pierced in different places, they

evidenced by their shifting neatness, how in the White Palace, but in the streets of St. Petersburg. Even the Grand Duke Alexander, the Czar truly, and an in-veterate smoker, was obliged to sit under

three crowned representatives of capital sia -could ever equal. The idea of humiliation would leave him suiling, so entirely did he believe such an event impossible. It may be truly said that he never submitted, for the first repulse he had to suffer killed

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'Speak !? 'Permit me to fight a duel.' 'Never !' replied the Emperor. Nicholas had a horros of duels. In his res slt blood was criminally shed in Bursia. that was not for the country or in his service, and he punished the guilty in this

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What do you say? 'I have been struck in the face.' 'Ah I's id the Emperor, contracting his brows. 'But you know I cannot permit a duel. You must come with me.'

And taking him by the arm he conducted him before the assembled Court, and, in presence of all, kissed him on the offended oheek.

onesk. Go, now,' said he, 'and resume your tranquility; the affront is washed out.' is During the war of the Orimes, and especially in the first part of it, Nicholas, very resiless, waited every day for news from the South. Each one tried to conceal the bad turn affairs bad taken. But after the battle of Alma the truth had to be confessed. A courier, Colonel A., was despatched to him in great haste. He received orders to repair

immediately to the Uzar. 'Well I what news?' said the Emperor to him, brusquely, giving him scarcely time to enter or fulfil the accustomed formalities of etiquette. 7000

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