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#### BRITISH COLUMBIA.

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SIR,—The Bridge River prospecting party has returned, and great is the rejoicing thereat. They report finding a stretch of 70 miles on the South Fork of Bridge River at 1 a. m. from New Westminster with from 50 to 70 passengers, and over \$100,000 in gold, \$71,453 of which was for the Bank of British North America, and \$20,000 in charge of Deitz & Nelson's Express. The treasure for the Bank of British Columbia, \$100,000, was left for assay at New Westminster.

The Otter was detained by foggy weather, and lay at anchor off the Sandheads on Friday night; she did not reach New Westminster until noon on Saturday, and left ain for Victoria at 3 p.m., taking the outpassage.

The news, which reaches us from two security in the district in the spring. Our tewn would be deserted if there was a chance to get grub out there; but as there are no

with the following :-

The prospects in the mines are for this

season of the year exceedingly good. The weather has been within the week preceding

the departure of the Express, remarkably fine, with a probability in lavor of its continu-

THE BOADS.

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irich diggings have been found, is the
st cheering we have been enabled to furst cheering we have been enabled to furiver to Gun Creek is about 80 miles, but by CARIBOO.

[From the British Columbian.] The steamer Onward, Capt. Irving, came in from Yale last night, bringing 46 passen, gers, amongst whom were Hon. G. A. Walkem, D. C. Maunsell, Esq., and Robert Greig, Esq., of the Bank of British Columbia. She also brought down a Cariboo express, and the joint escort of the two Banks with \$100,000 for the Bank of B, C. and \$72,000 The future is bright indeed for this district, for the Bank of B. N. A. We have the and we only hope that the other prospecting

Cariboo Sentinel of the 7th inst., from which parties will be as successful. APPAH. we glean the following: "Mr. Hilton, fore-man of the Aurora, and Mr. John Polmere, Lillooet, B. C., October 10th, 1865.

ously during their construction. This is

much to be regretted, as with a little dry weather they would have in all probability been in excellent order. As it is the con-tractors are bound to keep them in good order

EXTENSIVE AND RICH DIGGINGS!

[From Saturday's Columbian.]

we will allow our correspondent, a well in-

To the Editor of the British Columbian.

Knowing, as we do, the thorough reliability of the same claim, started out on Monday of the gentleman entrusted with the expediweek for 'Old Dominion' Creek. Mining is going on as briskly as in midsummer. The Forest Hill washed up 150 ozs. for the week; whatever in believing it. We understand the Aurora washed up 258 ozs. on Sunday, that the official report reached the Govern-180 ozs. on Tuesday, and 230 ozs. on Thurs- ment yesterday, and we hope to be able to 30 ozs. per day; the Sawmill 200 ozs. a attributable in no small degree to their own had presented the Rev. D. Duff, Presbyterian region is no longer problematical, it will taining \$400, upon the occasion of his leaving the creek." morally certain to set in next season. Let The Hon. G. A. Walkem, who left Wil- the road be made in good time, so that men there.

#### ADDITIONAL PARTICULARS.

Lillooet, Oct. 11th, 1865. To the Editor of the Express, remarkably fine, with a probability in lavor of its continuing so. The miners are in good spirits, and we are informed that an unusually large proportion of those now on the creek intend to winter there. All kinds of vegetables are being forwarded and provisions are likely to be cheap during the coming winter. The owners of ranches along the line of the wagon road have raised large quantities of produce this year, so that a recurrence of the high prices of '62 and '63 is impossible. Much rain had fallen in the upper country, and the farmers were rather retarded in getting in their crops. 'Beyond this no damage was done; in fact the crops of oats, wheat and barley looked exceedingly well. At Cottonwood Mr Laumeister was successfully gathering in his oats and hay.

To the Editors of the British Colonist,

—Sir,—It affords me great pleasure to remote the return of the prospecting party sent out by the Government under the command of Mr. Jameson, who left here two months ago to explore for gold the country lying between the Chileoten and Bridge rivers. The later discoveries made by the party are highly gratifying. A large tract of country waters ed by the South Fork of Bridge river proving to be highly auriferous—the gold on a general average through the gravel is coarse and not water worn; will produce from \$5 to \$20 per day per man on the bars; the beds of the streams have not been tried. On the spot where the gold now on view at my store was obtained, there was from three to five feet of wash dirt. On several other streams in the same locality payable coarse gold is TO THE EDITOR OF THE BRITISH COLONIST, in the same locality payable coarse gold is found and not a jot inferior to the spot on Mr. Wright's road on Williams Creek had which they ran a rough two-box sluice for been accepted, and before long light wagons half a day, they say one man pitching in will be found running between the three obtained \$9 of bright gold; the largest piece towns. The inhabitants of Cameronton had weighs 372 cents. A great quantity of black offered to subscribe \$500 towards comples magnetic send is obtained in panning off. ting the road through their town, and begged The rock is slate and of similar character to the Government to furnish the balance which would probably amount to \$400 more. Nothing definite had been arrived at. Mr. Creek is a flat as large as Lillooet. This Munro had completed his portion of the road between Cottonwood and Richfield and Mr. Smith has finished the section between Fort Alexandria and Quesnellemouth. An uninterrupted line of wagon road between Yale and Williams Creek is at length an actal way in the direction taken lying over a bald mountain covered the next height supposed beight.

red to have been very much cut up by the seen petitioned to cut would be about fifty rain which sell for five or six weeks continumiles going nearly in a straight line from the back of the town via the Sawmill Gulch. This seems the only feasible way, as on all sides the place is hemmed in by precipitous mountains varying in height from 2000 to 6000 feet, except by the way of the immense Great. News from Bridge River! to the broad grin. For full particulars of these important discoveries which have not yet been equalled in British Columbia, I will refer you to the official reports of Mr. Jameson and Judge Elliott which are sent to

stump city by to-day's express.

A private letter of mine having found its The steamer Hope, Capt. Dodge, came in from Douglas yesterday, bringing Deitz & Nelson's Express, with the most cheering news from Lillooet. It will be recollected that when last heard from the prospecting way to your columns and a sentence therein incautiously expressed, throwing a doubt on the official reports of the prospecting party as being too magnified for general credence, I wish to state as an apology to the gentleparty, under Mr. Jamieson, were making their way to the South Fork of Bridge River. man who. writes these reports, and to the public that such was not my intention. That expedition has returned to Lillooet, and

In the words of Sir Walter Scott, "Full many a shaft at random sent Find marks the archer little meant."

I simply wished to guard against erroneous assertions like those that have gone round of late converting mole hills into mountains, gulling the laboring man, bringing pleasure and profit to none, causing those who have steady work and fair wages to be dissatisfied with their lot in life, where mutual harmony and obligations should shine resplendent throughout the whole frame of our erratic tagrag and blue stocking community.

Yours truly, F. W. FOSTER.

### GOOD NEWS FROM BIG BEND, Rich Surface Diggings.

that time. The following companies were at work on

French creek when our informant left:

The Discovery Co. were taking out eight ounces a day to the hand; the Half-Breed Co. were taking out 8 to 9 ounces to the hand per day; Judge Perryn & Co. had just started in, and their ground was prospecting 50 cents to the pan a foot and a half from the surface; Munro & Co. had got excellent prospects, and were engaged in sinking a shaft. James Purbes & Co. had got prospects of 25 cents to \$1 25 to the pan and were putting in a wingdam. W. Anderson & Co. had got prospects of from \$3 to \$4 to the pan, and were preparing to sluice. Shipp Bailey & Co. were sluicing, and taking out \$100 a day to the hand. St. Jermain & Co. were making day; the Davis claim washed 90 ozs. on lay it before our readers on Wednesday. We \$20 to \$30 a day to the hand. Texas & Co. Thursday; The Morning Star is yielding 25 heartily congratulate the people of Lillooet had got prospects of from \$3 to \$4 to the ozs. per day; The Dead Broke is yielding upon the result of this expedition, a result pan on the bed rock, and were preparing to sluice. Gill & Co. had got good prospects week; the Ericcson Co. has got into good pay again; the Artesian has made more than expenses during the season. The miners gold field both rich and extensive in that cellent prospects, and were engaged in cut-Missionary, with an address and a purse con- behoove the Government to take the most ting a large race to turn the creek. Redman & Co. had got prospects of \$2 to \$2 50 to the pan, and were digging a race. Twentyman & Co. were getting very fair prospects. Sam liams Creek on the 6th, has favored us can get in easily, and so that there may be Neal & Co. were working in the bank and no lack of cheap provisions when they get getting good prospects. John Jones & Co. were prospecting with satisfactory results .-

> on French creek prospects from three to five cents to the pan. A man of the name of McDonald had prospected on the head waters of the south fork of Gold Creek, getting five to ten cents to the pan on the surface. He was obliged to come down for provisions, and would has-

Two companies were sinking shafts on the

flats below the Discovery claim. They had not reached the bed rock, but one was passing

through a stratum of pay gravel, about 27 feet from the surface, which prospected fifty

cents to the pan. The other was not so far

down, and was getting seven to eight cents

to the pan. The top dirt almost anywhere

Those who have left have done so from necessity, it being impossible to get provisions. They registered their claims at Lytton on the way down. with the understanding that the Government would respect the arrangement come to amongst the miners themselves, viz., that those who could not get grub could lay their claims over till spring.

#### KEARN'S CREEK.

Our informant had seen Mr. Kearns, who stated that there were a number of companies at work, and that the claims were averaging from \$18 to \$30 a day to the hand, three feet

M'CULLOCH'S CREEK.

Fort Alexandria and Quesnellemonth. An uninterrupted line of wagon road between Yale and Williams Creek is at length an accomplished fact and one which will prove of inestimable advantage to the mining and mercantile interests. The new roads refer-

#### TUBERGRAPHIO

EUROPE.

QUBENSTOWN, October I—The Fenian prisoners were brought before the police magistrates at Dublin yesterday, amongst whom was the editor and proprietor of the Irish People newspaper. Barry, counsel for the Orown, made a long speech. He says that within the last fartnight £40,000 had arrived from America to be expended in revolutionising, and by to-day's mail the Government had intercepted a letter from one of the prisoners, named Lapper, containing drafts for £410 on the house of Rollschilds, and several other containing all he of exchange. One of the prisoners and media 2000. tal others contain a bilk of exchange. One of the prisoners had made 200 of those murderous weapons, pikes; numerous revolvers and breastplates were also found in the possession of the prisoners connected with the Irish People newspaper. He quoted an incendiary paragraph, urging the employment of force, from a number of that paper which was about to be issued. He said that the Fenians were powerful both in Ireland and in America, and trusted this affair would end all such hopeless conspiracies. The evidence was then given against the prisoners; some of them are identified as being connected with the suppressed organ. The investigation was still pending and would probably last several days. last several days.

At the examination of six of the Fenians at Dublin Castle yesterday evidence was put in showing that the plot of the Fenians was of the most sanguinary character. It was to put down the nobility, aristocracy and land owners, and to assassinate them all on the dreaking out of the rebellion. The Duke of Leinster and others were named for assassination. The large manufactories were to be called on floating in the water at to give material to support the cause under threats of extermination and confiscation of their property if they refused to do so. The evidence of treason against the prisoners is said to be complete.

BASTERN STATES

New York, October 9—A special dispatch says that General Rosseau had a conference with the President and Secretary Stanton to-day, during which the Palmer trouble in Kentucky was discussed. The result of the interview was that the President promised that martial law should be repealed through-out the State when the property has been also been a A party of a dozen miners from French Creek arrived by the steamer Lillooet Thursday. They left the creek on the 4th instant. The weather was pleasant, and they did not meet with any snow on their way out, that which fell on the summit some time and having quite disappeared. The state, that the negro troops shall be withdrawn, and that access to the Freedmen's Bureau shall be corrected so far as vigorous probing can reach it.

It is understood that the action of General Palmer in the administration of the Kentucky military department is in the main application.

seen. L. and M. Sachs building, on Sacramento street, is a complete wreck, the floor being raised in some places and lowered in others. The walls are cracked in every direction. Cornices and ornamental works about the eaves of the buildings have fallen about the eaves of the buildings have fallen all over town. The destruction to window glass was immense. On Third street from Market to Howard streets, the damage from this cause is particularly severe. On Washington street also glass appears to have been ahivered pretty lively, and from Dupont street down to Montgomery. The only serious casualties were the following: A Chianaman and a Chinawoman were quite severely builted by the falling of the walls on South Alley and Jackson street, though their injuries are not latal. Alex. Badger, the Secretary of the Olympic Club, was seriously injured by falling through a skylight in the Metropolitan Market, while endeavoring to escape from the club rooms adjoining. The servants at Lick House were injured by the debris from the falling chimneys. R. O. Greely, a well known writer for the Californ Greely, a well known writer for the Califora nia press, jumped from a third story window, falling upon a platform, and was considerably injured.

October 12-Eastern line down beyond Salt Lake.

Salt Lake.

Steamship Golden City atrived from Panama at II o'clock to-day, bringing passengers and mails that left New York Sept. 16th.

The Moses Taylor sailed for San Juan Del Sur this morning with 650 passengers and

A letter was received by Col. Drum this A letter was received by Col. Drum this morning, announcing the recovery of the body of Brig. Gen. Wright, who was lost on the Brother Jonathan. The body was found floating in the water at Bay Flat, near Shelter Cove in Mendocino county, 150 miles or more from the spot where the Brother Jonasthan was wrecked. The body was much decomposed, but was fully identified by the name on the clothing.

Special Dispatch to the "Colonist."

Later from Europe, Paraguay, California and the East.

FARTHER POINT, Oct. 9 — The North America from Liverpool, Sept. 28th, and Londonderry 29th has arrived.

The Paraguayians were again defeated

by the allies.

The appearance of the Asiatic cholers at Southampton is disputed, but it is reported

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bring harmony. SAN FRANCISCO.

San Francisco, O ct. 9-A very severe shock of an earthquake took place here too day. Many buildings were injured, some of them seriously; several persons injured; one killed. The shock was felt with great force at San Jose, and Santa Cruiz.

10th-The overland mail to Oregon, which was suspended a month ago, is to be resumed, commencing to-day. The California Stage Co. have concluded to accept the Government offer, and carry the mail for \$225,000 per annum.

Five thousand dollars was yesterday remitted by telegraph from the Fenians in this city to their brethern in the east, for the benefit of the Irish cause.

Greenbacks quiet, ot 73. The effects of the earthquake yesterday are visible in every street, and almost every other house outside or inside the city. Although no building is entirely demolished, it is thought the aggregate cost of repairs will reach many thousands. The most serious damage to any structure is to Popper's building, corner of Third and Mission streets. This building is of brick, four stories high, and about half of the front from the foundation on Third street, and rear, has fallen. The building was slightly constructed. The City Hall has received injuries which may necessitate the re-building of the front, and possibly the entire main building. The front wall has apparently been shaken free from the building, the connections being very slight, and not extending above the second story. The brick block on the south-east corner of Battery and Washington streets, is considered unsafe by many who have examined it. The front of the block is nearly separated from the building, and it would restructure, on the north-east corner of Battery and Washington streets, is completely ruined and unfit for use. A large gap, 4 inches wide, is opened and separating the wall from the main building, and the immense structure cracked from Battery street through to the eastern side. It would require no very the rear wall of Abel Guy's building, on Washington street, was thrown down, and the wall split from the foundation to the roof. The house of the California Engine Co. is declared to be unfit for use; the engine days has been removed. The chimney in the rear of the Lick House was shaken down, the bricks falling through the roof into the dining room, doing considerable injury. Stod-dard's warehouse, on Beale street, is said to

have been thrown out of place several inches

about one o'clock this a. m. spreading in every direction. 13 derricks and engine houses were destroyed. Loss \$250,000. ST. Louis, Oct. 9-The store of Renick and Lonuqueens and warehouse of H. B. . Ketchum at St. Joseph were burned on

Thursday. Loss on former \$60,000; on the latter \$40,000, mostly insured. PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 9-The U. S. bonded warehouse on Dickinson street containing 4000 barrels coal oil was destroyed by fire

this p.m. Loss \$80,000. Insured for \$50,-SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 12.— Information has been received at Headquarters from the

Department of the Pacific, that the territory of New Mexico is about to be transferred to the department of Missouri, now commanded by Major Gen. Pope. The further recruiting of the Arizona regi-

ment has been suspended, the Government being about to send a sufficient force of regular troops to the Pacific coast. The 1st and 2d battalions of 14th Infantry are ordered here; the 1st battalion to leave New York 16th of this month, and the 2d on the steamer of the 1st prox. All the California troops in New Mexico have been ordered home, to be mustered out. First Lieut. O. Vandervoort, 192d N. Y.

Volunteers, has been dishonorably dismissed the service of the United States for making or allowing false entries over his signature as commander of the company, on the rolls. Michael Crolan sues Martin Peck for ten

thousand dollars damages for the use of alleged slanderous words. The Democrats held a meeting at Sequel Hall last night, when they ratified the nominations recently This morning a cave occurred in the new

sewer in Stockton street, between Lombard and Greenwich. A workman was buried; he was dug out with considerable effort, and quire but a slight shock to level it with the ground. The old Merchants' Exchange and he is said to have received serious injust ries internally. Mining stocks meet with another decided

tumble to-day; nearly every share on the list touching a low level. The only cause assigned is that the bankers are calling in their loans on insecure stock.

The detention of the Golden City was owing severe shock, in the condition it now stands, to the fact that on her arrival at Acapulco to bring the whole pile down. A portion of and Mazanillo it was found that the native Mexicans were very troublesome. The steamer's crew had to coal the vessel, and at Manzanillo to discharge some 200 tons of freight. These detentions consumed two

SAN FRANCISCO MARKETS.

Butter-Isthmus, 42c. Candles-Sales, 1000 boxes Grant and Knapp's at 26c. Oil—Farther sales of 200 barrels coast

whale at 80c; coal oil, \$1 25.
Flour—Brisk demand at full prices, Extra as though it had been lifted up and set down again, while the south side of the building has settled a good deal. The store of Hyneman, Pike & Co., California street, is broken in two in the centre, making an \$6 50@\$7; Super. \$6 25@\$6 50-an ad-Wheat—Large sales, chiefly at \$2@\$1 87

opening through which the interior of the adjoining store of Rey & Johnson can be Barley in fair demand.