

The Weekly British Colonist AND CHRONICLE.

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Our Mining Prospects.

It is gratifying to turn from the uninviting subject of the country's wrongs and grievances to take a passing glance at the improving condition of our mines; every week, for some time past, has shown a slight improvement in the report of mining operations; and this coming, as it does, from the upper country in the very height of the mining season, shows an activity and life amongst the mining claims that is a decided improvement upon the last few years.

CONFEDERATION.—A message was received on Saturday by a gentleman of this city, from the Hon. S. L. Tilley, C.B., Ottawa, to the effect that matters tending towards Confederation were progressing satisfactorily.

Cricket.

Below will be found the score of the return match at Beacon Hill, on Saturday, between the married and single, which has excited an interest in the community.

Table with columns for First Innings and Second Innings, listing players like Fero, Howard, and scores.

The steamer Emma arrived from the whaling grounds at the close of the week, and will return in a few days. From a conversation had with parties on board, in reference to the probability of success, we are glad to learn they speak very confidently.

THE AGRICULTURAL EXHIBITION.—The bills of the forthcoming Exhibition, which is announced for the 8th October, are out, and give the prizes, which range from \$1 to \$10, to be applied to subjects of all classes possessing the most merit.

POLICE COURT.—The case of supposed incendiarism of Bailey's barn, was heard before this court on Saturday. Considering the grievous nature of the offense, it appears, really a most cruel and unwarrantable arrest.

THE SUMMIT OF MOUNT BAKER REACHED AT LAST.—Mr. Coleman, of this city, has written us from Skema, W. T., August 20th, detailing the interesting news of the successful ascent to the summit of Mount Baker.

SALE THIS DAY.—We beg to call public attention of city and country buyers to the sale at Messrs J. P. Davies' rooms to-day, at 11 o'clock.

DEATHS.—We are sorry to have to record in our issue to-day, three cases recently of mortality amongst children in this city.

FROM NEW WESTMINSTER.—The steamer Enterprise arrived on Saturday afternoon with a few passengers. The Governor and Mrs. Seymour, were to honor a picnic of the Hyack Fire Co., which is announced to be held on Pitt Lake, to-morrow.

COMING OUT.—By a telegram received in town on Saturday, we learn that the Hon. H. D. Lascelles and J. J. Southgate, Esq., were in New York, and intended starting from thence (overland) for this city on the 2nd of September.

ACCIDENT.—On Saturday Mr. Murray's horse ran away in Bequimalt, with his bakery cart very severely injuring Mr. Patterson and doing no little damage to the vehicle.

THE ASSIZES.—A Court of Assize will be held in this city on the 2nd proximo before Chief Justice Needham.

Editorial Correspondence—No. 6.

The heat of the last three days has been perfectly unendurable. The sufferings of persons exposed to the rays of the sun have in many cases proved fatal; but the torture, trials and temptations of the sweltering democracy, crowded, packed and struggling in the Convention at Tammany Hall, have been dreadful.

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AN OLD MAN INVITED TWO YOUNG MEN TO spend the evening with him. The guests came late, and under the influence of wine, a heated altercation soon arose with their host, and presently one of the guests seized a pair of scissors and stabbed the old man in the side, killing him instantly.

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They had merely criticised the President's official acts, they were discharged.

The New York Democratic Convention is still in session. Nothing can be gleaned from their action thus far, to indicate with any degree of certainty who will be the nominee. Pendleton, a peace Democrat and repudiator of the national debt, is ahead in the balloting, but the Convention having adopted a platform with a non-repudiation plank in it, it is improbable that he will succeed.

The New York Herald is responsible for the following election "skit."—There was a meeting of the Pendletonians the other evening. One of the unwashed cried out as the distinguished advocates of the popular Obian advanced on the stage—"Wash me clean! wash me clean!" "Shut up," cried a suppresser of turbulence, "you appear to be very dirty. Don't disturb the meeting."

The Schutzenfest having swallowed its last bottle of Rhine wine and glass of lager, eaten its final pretzel, bit its ultimate bull's eye, distributed its prizes and dined out its concluding ball, the daily journals are counting its cost and profit, and summing up its successes and failures.

It is not lamentable, the ignorance of British statesmen and ministers concerning our Colony? A few years ago the cachinnatory organs of British Columbia were excited by the declaration of the Duke of Newcastle (then Colonial Secretary) in the House of Commons, that San Juan Island was located some hundreds of miles distant from the mainland; and only a few days since I find the Duke of Argyll, who presided at the Cyrus Field dinner, while responding to a sentiment flashed over the wires by Governor Seymour, addressing his Excellency as 'the Governor of Victoria, Vancouver Island.'

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Reciprocity Treaty with Prince Edward Island, one of the two Maritime Provinces that remain out of the Confederacy. American fishermen, it appears, are to have free access to the fishing banks, and in return, certain of the products of the Island will be admitted to the United States duty free.

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The Public Health.

Foremost among the many improvements that have taken place in the present day, is the attention that is now paid to the conservation of the Public Health, and the growing conviction in the minds of all intelligent people...

The Ascent of Mount Baker!

From a conversation had with Mr Ogilvy, who has just returned, as already stated, from the Mount Baker expedition, we have gathered a few more facts in addition to Mr Coleman's letter...

Dr Brown.—We find in the Edinburgh Daily Review, of July 11th, that amongst other papers read before the Botanical Society, on the 9th of July, were the following...

TO-DAY'S AUCTION SALE OF CLOTHING will commence immediately after the sale of sugar &c. at the Perth.

THE VOLUNTEERS.—Volunteers and others interested in sustaining and joining the ranks of the corps, which still survives the vicissitudes of colonial experience...

CHICAGO.—We have received by telegraph an announcement of the intention on the part of a new circus troupe to visit this city for the purpose of exhibiting for a short time.

THE MARGARET BRANDEE.—This vessel is hove down at Sproat & Co's wharf, and being thoroughly overhauled.

THE SUCCESSFUL ASCENT OF MOUNT BAKER. SHORE, W. T., 20th August, 1868. EDITOR COLONIST.—I take the earliest opportunity of sending you a few lines to say that the party which I had the honor of organizing has succeeded in reaching the summit of Mount Baker...

I am, dear sir, yours respectfully, EDWARD T. COLEMAN.

THE EMPTY CRADLE. In the still and quiet chamber, There's an empty cradle bed, With a print upon the pillow Of a baby's little head...

BIRTH OF A SEAL.—One of the seals (Phoca vitulina) at the Zoological gardens gave birth to a young one which was at first covered with an abundance of fine silky hair...

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CAUTION AGAINST FRAUD. The success of this most delicious and unrivalled Condiment having caused certain dealers to apply the name of "Worcestershire Sauce" to their own inferior compound...

ers of a plan to cut off the Morning Star on her return. It is also stated that a plan is on foot in search of the Blossom, who is being engaged in some...

