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Base Journalism.

It may reasonably be doubted whether the columns of any newspaper were ever made the vehicle for transmitting to the public such egotistic puerilities and such cowardly abuse as have been for some weeks inflicted on this community by a local print with the name of which we must decline to soil our paper.

Barb's distraction I bid worse and worse, Strained is he with you delight to curse; Go on, Go on—you serve my purpose; The more you slander me, the more I grow;

But the subject has a serious aspect, to which we must be permitted to allude. It is a matter of very little importance whether Mr DeCosmos really believes, as he says, that he is entitled to be the first Lieutenant-Governor of the Pacific Province of the Dominion...

Not having done so, an influence which it is known to be how easy for any one to be misled to the advantage of responsible...

What Protection is Doing for the United States.

The press of the United States of America is at last awaking to the fatal effects of the mad protection for some time indulged in, and is warning the nation of the inevitable consequences of a continued persistence in that policy.

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EGYPTIAN EYESIGHT.—One of the earliest lessons taught by the war has been the uselessness of arms of precision in the hands of unpractised and excitable troops.

PRESERVATION OF MEAT.—Mr A Vogel preserves the solid flesh in the following way: Equal volumes of salt and charcoal are intimately mixed and well stirred with m-lled drippings and enough carbolic acid added to be perceptible by its odor.

THE IRONCLADS OF THE WORLD.—Great Britain has forty-one ironclads and seven building. France, twenty-eight ironclads and twenty floating batteries.

FUNERAL.—The funeral of John O'Brien was largely attended yesterday. The remains were interred in the Catholic ground of the Church Reserve Cemetery.

The Undersecretary of the Thames States January—Having learned that the ever-claims St Christopher Wine...

for making cinder bricks. On the 4th of March following, Evelyn definitely proposed to the Lord Chancellor, 'Monsieur Kiviat's undertaking to warp the whole river of Thames, or Key it from the Temple to the Tower, as far as the fire destroyed, with brick, without piles, both lasting and ornamental.'

REPORTED SHIP ABOARD.—Indians from the West Coast of this Island report a lumber laden ship from Puget Sound on shore and all hands saved.

THE NEW YEAR was born amid the ringing of bells, the discharge of firearms and crackers, the beating of drums and the sound of the shrill life.

THE SARANAC.—The USS Saranac sailed yesterday afternoon under orders for San Francisco. GENEROUSITY.—Miss Mary Sheldon has donated \$50 for charitable purposes.

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REMEMBER THE FATE OF ABALOM.—Fred Payne, Tonsorial Artist, shaving 1 1/2 cents Hair Cutting 25 cents, Shampooing 25 cents. That Original Cheap Shaving Shop stand at the sunny side of Johnson street.

THE CAKE RUFFLE.—Following is a list of the successful competitors for ten cakes at Piper's on New Year's Eve.

Table with 2 columns: Prize/Spots and Name. Includes names like D. Longva, E. B. Martin, Thomas Harris, etc.

Two wellknown gentlemen of this city, not related to each other, yesterday celebrated their 45th birthday—having been born on the 1st of January, 1826.

THE officers elect of British Columbia Lodge, F & A M, will be installed to-morrow evening at 7 1/2 o'clock at the Masonic Hall.

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During three successive years, from 1827 to 1829, the 15th of November was marked by a magnificent display of shooting of falling stars—these mysterious visitants to our globe, resembling whose real nature and origin science is still so perplexed.

from the latitude of the great lakes of North America to the West Indies. From the appearance presented, it might be regarded as a grand and portentous display of fireworks.

THE Ost Deutsche Zeitung gives the following episode: The King, in company with the Crown Prince and several Generals, lately visited the wounded in the palace of Versailles and asked them in his affable manner what their wounds were.

CHERRING I.—To a stranger visiting our own, our theatres, auction rooms, public gatherings of every description, or walking our business streets—which, as the holidays approach, are lined with boxes of merchandise, opened and unopened,—the impression left upon his mind must be that it is a place of cheerfulness and thrift.



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The Old Year and the New.

Standing, as we are once more privileged to do, upon the summit of time which divides the old year and the new...

too, upon which the sun never sets, enjoys peace and prosperity; the relationship between the parent and the Colonial Empires has become better understood...

HAYWARD AND JENKINSON'S NEW SASH AND BLEND FACTORY is now in complete working order and is rapidly turning out sashes, blinds doors, boxes and housejoiner's work in a very superior, worklike manner...

Canadian Pacific Railway. From the Hamilton Spectator. When British Columbia proposed to come into, and form a part of, the Dominion of Canada, one of the conditions upon which her willingness to do so was based...

NEW GOODS EX "ADA" FROM LONDON! Thos. Wilson & Co. HAVE RECEIVED Grosvenor's Super Tapestry and Kidderminster Carpets...

By Electric Tel. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec 26.—The cables from last night's eastern despatches:—The Italian Deputies by a vote of 192 to 1 a bill providing for the removal of Italy from Florence to Rome...



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Sea Food.

In the whole range of Nature's store-houses there is probably none promising so bountiful a supply for the wants of man as Old Ocean; and of them all there is perhaps none less understood and appreciated.

Educational.

The householders and freeholders of Victoria are invited to meet on the 4th of January for the purpose of devising the best mode of raising a school revenue for 1871.

Supreme Court.

THE QUEEN CHARLOTTE COAL MINING CO. The adjourned meeting to settle the list of contributors was held to-day, Messrs McCraith and Robertson, instructed by Messrs Drake, Jackson & Aikman, appearing as before for the liquidators.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Crown Grants of Surveyed Lands in the former Colony of Vancouver Island and Dependencies (excepting only those in Victoria District) as well as in the Mainland of British Columbia...

PUBLIC NOTICE.

ALL PERSONS IN OCCUPATION OF ANY LANDS in the undermentioned Districts, viz: Esquimalt, Metochian, Sooke, Highland, Kennedy, Lake, North Saanich, South Saanich, Shawnigan, Cowichan, Qualicum, Sooke, Comox, Cedar, Chemainus, Cranberry, Oak, Nainimo, Comox, Cowichan.

ST. CHARLES HOTEL.

CORNER FRONT AND MORRISON STREETS, PORTLAND, OREGON. JOHN J. JACOBS - Proprietor.

Cosmopolitan Hotel.

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ARE CONFIDENTLY RECOMMENDED AS A simple but certain remedy for Indigestion. They act as a powerful tonic and gentle aperient.

ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF ENGLAND.

LEICESTER MEETING, 1868. UNPRECEDENTED SUCCESS. THE FOLLOWING PRIZES WERE REWARDED TO J. & F. HOWARD, Britannia Iron Works, Bedford.

ROBINSON'S Celebrated Magic Soap.

For doing a Large Family washing in Two Hours, of Five or Six Pieces. 1. Cut up fine a bar of the Soap, and put one-half of it into your boiler with sufficient water to cover your white clothes.

\$25 REWARD.

THE ABOVE REWARD WILL BE PAID by the undersigned to any person who may supply such information as will lead to the conviction of the thieves who stole his geese.

THE TWO WAYS.

Omineca has at length cut through the cloud of doubt and of which hung over it last year ferocious creeks are numerous are rich - rich beyond the very nature of things, attract a considerable population.

THE SICK REMEMBERED.

The following liberal donations were among the contributions made to the inmates of the Royal Hospital on Christmas day:—Chas Gowat, 2s; J G Stuart, half-dozen port wine; W B Townsend, two turkeys.

THE BRAVE DAYS OF OLD.

The wonderful, if not yet approved changes, social and political, wrought in this country by the events of the past ten years, are never more vividly commended to contemplation than by some veteran observer's reminiscence of twenty-five years ago, which occasionally find print in our more antiquarian journals.

UNSOON MIND.

Yesterday morning a man who gave his name as Wm Reilly was before the Police Court on a charge of being of unsound mind and dangerous to the peace of society.

INCORPORATION.

The Mechanics' Literary Institute will apply for an Act of Incorporation from the next Council. Should they secure it, the petty thieves who now pillage the rooms of magazines and papers may be prosecuted criminally.

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Communication with the Seaboard.

The necessity for uninterrupted land communication between the great country lying to the eastward of the Cascade Range and the seaboard of the Colony is making itself more and more felt every year.

It is intended to confine the present view of the subject to its bearing upon a single industry—that of stock-raising. The portion of the Colony alluded to is preeminently adapted to stock-raising.

Indeed it has already produced a supply so largely in excess of the demand upon which it has hitherto relied that stock farmers are anxiously looking about for new markets, and fresh beef has become a drug in the various localities where it was formerly a luxury.

This fatal drain upon the realized wealth of the country must increase with the inflow of population, unless some means be adopted of adjusting supply and demand between the two sections.

It may be asked, why cannot stock be brought to this market from the east of the Cascade Range now? It doubtless can and will be brought, but to a very limited extent and under such disadvantages that it is not to be compared with imported stock.

It must be borne in mind that it costs less to bring stock from Washington Territory to Victoria than it does to bring it from New Westminster to the same place.

Insanity and Impeccability. In another part of the present impression will be found a sensible and well timed letter upon the double subject of organized benevolence and the sympathies and meet the wants of the whole colony, and the necessity that exists for the establishment of an institution in which insane persons may receive proper treatment.

THE RAILWAY TERMINUS.—Our contemporary of the Sentinel has been looking at the railway terminus squabble from the higher altitude and purer atmosphere of Bald Mountain.

GRAND NEW YEAR'S EVE RAFFLE.—Piper's annual cake raffle will come off this evening at his store, at 8 o'clock.

AMBIGUOUS ERROR.—The reader will have noticed that yesterday, in picturing the God of Love as Lieut Governor, three lines referring to the gate kept in at the foot of the paragraph. By a strange coincidence, too, it will be seen that the three lines reported a defect in the roof of Alhambra Hall.

THE RAIN.—The heavy and almost unprecedented rainfall of the past few days has swollen all the ponds, lakes and streams in the country and turned the little babbling brook that courses through the Ravine from the swamp to the harbor into a raging torrent.

FROM THE NORTH.—The steamer Emma, Capt Etershank, arrived from Alert Bay yesterday at 3.30 p.m., bringing as passengers Messrs Uriah Nelson, Geo Bent and Edward Nelson, and twenty tons of coal from Nelson mine.

THE PANORAMA.—Mr Barker has completed a fine and faithful panoramic painting of the town of Olympia and harbor, with the steamer Olympia lying at the wharf and the U.S. Revenue cutter Reliance in the offing.

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL.—Elsewhere will be found a notice calling upon the subscribers and friends of the restoration fund to attend a meeting to take place at Angela College on Tuesday next.

THE U. S. S. SARANAC.—This steamer which arrived from Sitka on Thursday night will be coaled at Esquimaux by Brodick & Co, and will sail for San Francisco on Sunday.

HORRIBLE!—There are now nine lunatics confined at the Police Barracks. Four of the number are women! Recovery in such a place is absolutely impossible.

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THE MANIAC MOTHER AND HER BARE.—We were glad to observe yesterday a general movement on the part of authorities and citizens generally towards relieving the distress of Mrs Michaels and her children. The Stipendiary Magistrate, His Worship Mayor Robertson and Rev Mr Duneau of Melakalah yesterday conferred and an offer by the Very Rev Dean Crigge to provide for the little ones until permanent homes can be found, was accepted.

THE CANADIAN TARIFF.—Some writers might be disposed to attribute to ignorance or to other causes less creditable the astounding opinionateness evinced upon the tariff question by the wisacore on the banks of the Fraser.

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A GREAT VARIETY OF ORNAMENTS FOR CHRISTMAS TREES. A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF FANCY BOXES AND PACKETS. Filled with Candies especially for Christmas, very cheap, from 1/2p upwards.

FRUITS, TO ARRIVE PER "PELICAN." An Invoice of Grape Oranges, Lemons, Dried Fruits, Nuts, etc., etc. Retailers will find it cheap to call and inspect my stock and prices before purchasing elsewhere. Mrs E LEVY, GOVERNMENT ST NEAR JOHNSON, Next Door to the Arcade Oyster Saloon.

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Prussia is to form a ministry at Bucharest. Gen Pettingers has arrived at Havre from Bordeaux to superintend the defences.

Prussia will give indemnity in bonds to owners of vessels destroyed in the Seine but declines to give indemnity to sailors.

Rouen sur-voine, Dec 28.—A balloon from Paris has landed here. The Prussians yesterday fired on the balloon.

The moral condition of Paris is excellent. Rouen, Dec 29.—The artillery at Meziere prevents the Prussians from establishing batteries.

Accounts show that the Prussian and French troops have suffered terribly from cold. In order to replace the French troops thus incapacitated strong reinforcements have been sent, also vast quantities of material to increase the comfort of the troops.

VERSAILLES, Dec 29.—The 12th corps occupied Mont Avron after one day's bombardment. The French left behind many cartridges, rifles and dead troops.

MADRID, Dec 29.—Seven of the eight balls have been extracted from Prim's shoulder. He lost two fingers.

BRUSSELS, Dec 29.—The freshet conveys the population to the right bank of the Dombie. A successful sortie was made at Belfort.

LONDON, Dec 30.—Thiers estimates the entire number of French troops at seven hundred and fifty thousand. Bourbaki's command is charged especially with the duty of re-occupying Paris and has already on hand a vast amount of live stock and provisions for that purpose.

The people are clamorous for another sortie. Three battalions, forming a column of 50,000 men have passed from Honfleur. The force consisted of 3500 mobiles, 800 tirailleurs, and one battery of regulars, 12 field pieces, 2 mitrailleurs and 5 Armstrong guns all under command of Col Mermet, who has arrived at Chateau Moulen, established headquarters and sent out the advanced posts.

The 24th was one of the coldest this winter. The outposts have been driven in by the sudden appearance of Prussian cavalry in large numbers, who were advancing on the Chateau. Troops soon formed in line with the artillery, pointing forward. On the right wing the French troops behaved well, handling the artillery and ammunition with alacrity, and were soon prepared for an attack.

Affairs promised to be warm and interesting and the battle began at 7.30 by the impetuous advance of the Prussian cavalry 1500 strong preceded by a battery of artillery. They were received by the French artillery which opened a furious cannonade and made it hot work for the assailants.

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