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NEWS NEWS!

The "British Colonist" is the only newspaper published at Victoria that receives the latest telegraphic dispatches. Having consequently the largest circulation, its value as an Advertising Medium is apparent.

Exploration Wanted.

The important principle involved in the injunction, "Man know thyself," is scarcely less applicable to the physical conformation of a new country than to the mentalism of its people. Scarcely a day passes that does not afford fresh illustration of the necessity for a more intimate and extended knowledge of British Columbia. It is scarcely creditable to those to whom have been entrusted the administration of its affairs that there really exists no means of affording anything like definite and intelligent information as to the world beyond the "settler's" and "no effort has been made to disseminate the information of reliable information respecting it, in those desiderated form which it might not unreasonably be hoped to draw accessions to our meagre population. Exploration has been very limited and imperfect that the "settler's" knowledge of the country may almost be said to be bounded by his paternal acres. Nor does official knowledge appear to have acquired a much wider range. Why, for instance, has a decade spent in the very innocent amusement of map-making in the Lands and Works Department done for the country in so far as affording solid, practical information to the intending settler is concerned? True, we are furnished with a new and comparatively complete map, now in course of printing at London, which shortly takes the place of the fragmentary output of the Lands and Works Office. But it is to be apprehended that even this will be more useful to the student of geography than to the practical settler in search of a home. The map-maker, in order to be of real practical benefit to British Columbia, ought to be the follower, the disciple, rather than the forerunner of the explorer. We have, all of us, a sort of general knowledge of the vast country about to form the Pacific provinces of the Dominion; but that knowledge is chiefly remarkable for its vagueness. Let any one of us be closely questioned by an intelligent seeker after practical and definite information, and a painful consciousness, if not a candid confession of ignorance, is the result. Take Vancouver Island, for instance, a very fertile and fertile island. How much we know about it? How much of it do we know anything about? We know certain settlements; we have a sort of indication of its geographical relations; we know little or nothing about the extent of land still available for settlement; we know that there are mountains and valleys, but we know nothing about them; we know that there is another at Baynes Sound; we have a tolerably distinct knowledge of the existence of an extensive deposit of anthracite coal on Queen Charlotte Island; but we are not sure that silver and copper leads are not to be found there; we have a magnificent stretch of fertile prairie land extending from Comox to Esquimalt; but we know nothing of the existence in the centre of this island of a series of silvery lochs and fertile glens, a sort of paradisaical country offering homes to a million of people. But when a "rigid line" comes to be drawn between the real and the imaginary, it is found that our knowledge is confined to the mere fringe of Vancouver Island, and as regards its agricultural and its mineral resources, it is our knowledge is so very limited in regard to this the oldest settled section of our Dominion, with its area of eleven thousand square miles, what shall be said of the mainland, with its two hundred and twenty thousand? Population is desired of course in this colony. There are those amongst us who are in quest of information which would cause population to flow thither. But it is unreasonable to

expect that the very class of population which it is most important for us to obtain will come to a terra incognita, come whither they know not, to what they know not, for what they know not. Clearly, it is one of the first duties of the Government to have explorations made and data compiled with a view to supplying this great want. Confederation with its gigantic public works and enormous expenditure is close upon us; and unless an effort be at once made to direct population to the waiting acres which ought to produce food for the tens of thousands that must find employment upon our public works, it is to be feared that the colony will be found in a condition but ill fitted to profit by the expenditure consequent upon these great works.

Recent Sports Items.—Capt. Hill of the steamer Black Diamond has demonstrated the navigability of the Snoqualmie River up as far as the Falls, or about 30 miles above its confluence with the Snohomish. This is regarded as highly important to the section of country drained by that stream. The fair for the benefit of the Roman Catholic Church, held at Seattle last week, was very successful, realizing \$567, although only a portion of the articles was disposed of. Quite a number of the passengers who came by the Pacific west over the Sound to Seattle. The Aome Amateur Minstrels gave their first performance to a large audience at Port Gamble in aid of the schools. They acted very creditably. S. F. Coombs of Seattle has been appointed Wells, Fargo & Co's agent for that place. The Secretary of the U. S. Treasury has rendered a decision sustaining Collector Drew in fixing the North German ship Herman and Emma, and the steamer California. The former was fined \$500 for violation of the revenue laws, and the latter \$1000 for landing passengers and freight at Victoria from Portland without having cleared for Victoria.

THE CHARGE OF INCENDIARISM.—Arthur W. Smith, a plasterer, was yesterday brought before Mr. Pemberton upon a charge of firing the dwelling on Gordon street, lately occupied by Mrs. Reobotham. The evidence goes to show that Smith boarded with Mrs. Reobotham for some time; but having lately quarrelled and separated and Smith on several occasions threatened her with violence, she changed her residence for the premises just destroyed. On the evening of the fire the man was seen to go out walking with the two children, leaving the doors locked. Upon her return, at 8 1/2 o'clock, she found the front door open and Smith inside. Fearing an assault she ran to fetch a policeman, and during her absence her little boy sneaked in and saw Smith in the bedroom throwing paper on a fire that was burning in one corner of it. The prisoner stands remanded for two days.

BLACKWOOD SLANDERS.—In the Canadian House of Commons, during the debate upon the Northwest item of \$400,000, Sir Geo. K. Cartier distinctly stated it as his belief that the voluminous Blackwood magazine article on the expedition was written by Colonel Wolcott. Mr. Thomas Workman shrewdly attempted to defend the Colonel, but could say nothing beyond the fact that he did not believe Col. Wolcott could over-utter what he knew to be false and malicious. Hon. Mr. Macdougall spoke on the question, stigmatizing the reference in the Blackwood article to the public men of this country as unfair and a specimen of that "nobility" which some military men indulge in whenever they referred to colonists and colonies. His remarks elicited many "hear! hear!" from both sides of the House.

LOCAL BRIVITIES.—On Sunday morning Rev. Dr. Pusehon preached a powerful sermon to a full congregation at the Wesleyan Methodist Church. In the evening Rev. Mr. Johnson preached at the same church. At the close of the morning service, Rev. Mr. Crosby of Nanaimo was ordained as a Minister of the Wesleyan Church. At St. Andrew's Church, on Sunday morning, Rev. Mr. McGeezo preached the annual sermon before the St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society. The attendance was large. The brig Robert Cowan, Capt. Revelly, will sail to-day for Sooke to load with lumber for Honolulu. The Enterprise sails at 10 o'clock this morning for New Westminster.

THE REV. DR. PUSEHON and party will proceed to New Westminster to-day and will thence ascend the river as far as Boston Bar. Dr. Pusehon will probably lecture at New Westminster and Yale, and is expected to return here on Saturday. On Sunday next he will preach at the Wesleyan Methodist Church, and on Monday evening will lecture at the Theatre. On Tuesday the party will leave by the Sound steamer for Oregon and California.

THE DIAMOND DIGGINGS.—The interesting letter which we publish to-day from our special African correspondent is from the pen of W. A. Harries, Esq., formerly one of the proprietors of this journal. The Colonist enjoys the honor of being the first and only journal of the Pacific coast of America—not excepting the larger and wealthier journals of San Francisco—to receive direct correspondence from these wonderful fields.

The following tenders for the erection of a cottage for Mr. G. Promis on Cormorant Street were opened yesterday by Mr. Chas. Verelsteyn, architect: Smith & Alant, \$1825; Field, \$1782 50; Teague, \$1750; Muirhead, \$1658; Hayward & Jenkinson, \$1649. The last being the lowest tender has been accepted, and the work will begin immediately.

The British ship Clearendon, from Moody's Mills with lumber, arrived in the outer harbor yesterday. She will sail for Callao, three or four years ago that some portion of the disputed territory contiguous to the Trans-Vaial Republic and Orange Free State was demarcated, it was not until about 12 months ago that the Colony was thrown into a state of ferment by the announcement that several parties of diggers had been quietly working on a hillock or 'kopje' at what is now called Klipdrift or Parkerton, and had in some instances amassed considerable fortunes. Lines of from 3 to 6 were organized, every vehicle capable of locomotion on one or more wheels was called in requisition and every four footed beast with a go in him was chartered for the new land of hope. The roads leading to the Vaal River were soon studded with adventurers whose stations in life were indicated

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Brightening Prospects

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It is known that the Government is now engaged in making arrangements to build a canal across the isthmus of Panama, and it is believed that the completion of this work would open up the most desirable route for the trade of the Pacific.

The money drawn from the treasury for the purpose of the Pacific Railway is \$100,000,000, and it is believed that this will be sufficient to complete the work.

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COMMODITY PRICES

London - Bernard's Express brings from the West Indies to the 1st inst. We quote the following from the Sentinel: The principal wash-ups for the week ending 1st inst. were: Romance, Williams creek, 58 oz; White Pine, on Conkling, 88 oz; Brown, on Lowhee, 48 oz.

New Westminster - At a Vestry Meeting held in Holy Trinity Church, on Monday, James Eldred, Esq., was elected a Church-Warden, vice the Hon. A. T. Bushby, removed to Yale.

THE OREGON PROPERTY INVESTORS have a membership of 150, property valued at \$8,026, and \$55,000 in its library, Columbia, Oregon.

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Dominion Matters

On Canadian exchange are the... The Ontario elections...

Excavation

Excavation... The communication was received from the Secretary of the Spring Ridge Water Company...

Accounts

Accounts... A bill for printing—\$12 50, and one for labor—\$5, were submitted to the Finance Committee...

British Columbia Goes Ahead

British Columbia Goes Ahead... Under this heading the San Francisco News Letter of late date refers very encouragingly to the introduction of Thomson's Road Steamers...

Board of Appeal

Board of Appeal... An adjourned Court of Appeal for the Esquimalt and Michelson Road district was held at Craigflower on Monday last...

Rev. W. Morley Pughson and Party

Rev. W. Morley Pughson and Party... Mr. Pughson, President of the Canadian Methodist Conference, Rev. Mr. Benson of London, Ontario, R. J. Mason, Esq. of Toronto, and Rev. Hugh Johnston of Toronto, arrived yesterday...

The N. B. Railway Discontinued

The N. B. Railway Discontinued... With the discontinuation of their intention or explanation of their course, the North British Express has been discontinued by its proprietor at Edinburgh...

A Woman's Friend Found at La-T

A Woman's Friend Found at La-T... Messrs. Robinson & McQueen, of the Magic Soap Works, have just secured the patent for a new washing machine, invented in Illinois...

Municipal Council

Municipal Council... TUESDAY, April 11, Council met at 7:30 p.m. Present—His Worship the Mayor and Councillors Russell, Cory, Heathorn and McKillop...

County Court

County Court... The Queen Charlotte Coal Co. Limited v. The Queen Charlotte Coal Co. Limited...

Home Affairs

Home Affairs... HOME AFFAIRS.—Among the passengers yesterday were Mr. O. Nelson and family, Mr. O. O'Connell and wife, Mr. W. Dalby and sister, Mrs. W. M. Pughson, Mr. E. Smith, Mr. L. Wolf, Mr. M. Redfern, Mr. Charles O'Connell and wife, Mr. J. O'Connell, Rev. Mr. Benson, Mr. De Witt, and a large number of others...

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By Electric Telegraph.

SPECIAL TO THE DAILY BRITISH COLONIST.

Europe.

London, April 13.—McMahon has gone to Versailles to receive an expected attack from the Reds.

There is opposition to conciliation and seems success certain.

A battery of big guns were pointed at Fort Veltier.

The Nationals are massed at Arc de Triomphe.

Dombrowski has selected Aniers as the centre of operations against Courbevie.

Clochemp and Aniers are well fortified.

Versailles, April 12.—Evening.—The coup de main arranged for last night is deferred till to-night.

The Assembly is enraged at the inaction of the troops at Fort Veltier.

An attack inside and outside Paris will certainly take place to-night.

Special dispatches confirm the foreign news already sent and give the following additional particulars.—Yesterday morning the garrison of St. Annevard and Arnes left for Versailles.

London, April 13.—The English Consul at Paris has warned Englishmen to leave the city.

New York, April 13.—It is reported that Assay and Bergeret are condemned to death by the Commune for high treason.

The pay of the Garde National has been increased to 3 francs per diem.

It is rumored that Ducrot is disaffected with the Government.

Paris, April 13.—The *Cri du Peuple* says the Versailles are driven from Neuilly and are retreating to Courbeval.

The Versailles attack yesterday was a failure.

The Versailles have cut the railroad between Orleans and Mitteil.

The cannonade is kept up all day, and this morning Mont Valerieu is firing heavily.

Versailles, April 13.—The alleged Communist victories are unfoiled.

No engagements occurred yesterday or Wednesday, only insurgent fusillade and artillery fire.

This morning the Versailles occupy all the roads leading to Paris.

The delegates from the Party of Conciliation have returned to Paris.

The conditions of peace proposed by Thiers were that Paris shall fire lay down her arms, then a Municipal franchise will be granted to the city.

Berlin, April 13.—The amount of credit to be granted to the German Parliament is 120,000,000 thalers.

Hamburg, April 13.—It is reported that Franco has undertaken to restore to their owners all the German ships taken by French cruisers and not condemned as prizes of war.

Batavia, April 13.—The German financial delegates who are to assist at the Peace Conference arrived to-day.

Berlin, April 13.—Gen Harwarth Von Bittenfeld has been promoted to the rank of Field Marshal.

Versailles, April 14.—There has issued another circular which says fighting of an important character had been going on for two days. Châtillon and the southern forts of Paris continue to fire without effect.

Our troops are well established in their positions and have repulsed a sortie. Our communications are perfect, while those of the insurgents are destroyed. General Wolf by a sortie from our lines has damaged the preparations of the insurgents for an attack on Aniers.

London, April 14.—A dispatch from Versailles on Thursday evening says the members of the National Guard have offered to betray to the Versailles Government two of the city gates, for 850,000 francs each.

Similar offers were made by the same leading men with regard to delivering up Forte d'Issy and Vanvres for a million francs.

Yesterday delegates from the insurgents arrived at Versailles, but Thiers refused to treat with rebels in arms.

All insurgents made prisoners are sent to Breteuil. On Thursday evening a party of them on the way thither ordered one of their guards, and eight of them were shot next day.

The army and Assembly are disconcerted because Thiers will not permit a coup de main on Paris.

A solemn requiem mass was celebrated at the cathedral for Generals Thomas and Leconte. Fast and influential congregations assisted.

There are no troops at Versailles—they are all around Paris.

A dispatch from Boulogne last night says demonstrations at that place in favor of Paris and the Commune have been arranged for Sunday. The National Guards will parade.

Paris, April 14.—Evening.—There is a comparative lull in the contest. The Nationals, encouraged by the repulse of the Versailles army, are anxious to attack the latter, but Cluseret insists on confining their movements to defensive operations.

Three gubaots shelled Sevres and St. Cloud to-day.

A National Guard was shot this morning for killing his captain. He confessed to shooting five other officers.

Petroleum torpedoes have been prepared for throwing into Fort Veltier.

The Church of St. Roch was seized by the Nationals and the people ejected.

A crowd collected and a woman denounced a man attired in plain clothes as a priest. She was beaten terribly. This is the first sign of reaction in favor of the priests.

Versailles, April 15.—In the National Assembly to-day a partial financial statement was submitted by the Government.

Estimates for the military services are not yet fixed, but in other branches Ministers will economize to the amount of 107,000,000 during the last half of the present fiscal year.

The exact amount cannot be ascertained until quiet has been restored to the country.

Nothing of importance of a military character has transpired, and official and explicit details are given to various charges of cruelty attributed to the Versailles authorities and military.

Lockyer, a dramatic author, who recently resigned his seat in the Assembly in order to remain with the Communists, was arrested

Letters from Paris.

Paris, March 4th, 1871.

Wednesday last will ever form one of the saddest and most remarkable days in French history.

It was a day of mourning and of bitter humiliation for Paris—for the nation—when each moment might have ushered in the 'Stettin Vespers' and German retribution.

And indeed, in the streets of blood: The most patriotic appeals had been addressed to the citizens by the government, and by the press of every shade, to abstain from all attempts at reprisals, and to submit to the last—the most unavailing exaction of the Victor, with that calm and abatement suited to the occasion.

The day was gloomier than a London Sunday, and more desolate than an Edinburgh Sabbath, in all its exterior—but the sun shone brilliantly.

A friend and foe, and seemed to mock alike the Gauls and Teutons. The sun shone brightly, and recognized the justness—the madness of resisting the Germans, but the capital—there were spirits who would sacrifice everything, even themselves, and France itself to give the prospect of revenge. Not only had Belleville and its adjoining districts to be feared, but the immense floating population of the gariboldi.

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Eastern States.

Washington, April 12.—The trouble between the United States and Great Britain is not yet settled.

The claims on the part of both Governments are no nearer an agreement than a fortnight ago.

The treaty of 1852 fixing the boundary line between the United States and British America stipulated that the line through Puget Sound should be in the centre of the strait.

Around the Island of San Juan are two channels, through both of which vessels can pass.

The United States claim, however, that surveys and soundings show that the Northern is the main channel, while the British Government insists the Southern is the one referred to in the treaty.

All admit the island is not worth having and neither Government cared for it, but because it is a subject in which the pride of both governments has been enlisted, neither will concede.

Washington, April 15.—The statement published to-day purporting to be the basis agreed upon by the High Commission for the settlement of the Albatross Claims, as viewed here as a mere expression of the opinion of individual members of the Commission, and does not warrant the belief that an agreement has been reached.

Washington, April 15.—A special to the Post says the social circles are much excited in consequence of the refusal of the Catholic clergy to perform the marriage ceremony next week of the marriage of Mr. Rangely, Greek Charge d'Affaires, and Miss Gerolt, daughter of Baron Gerolt.

The reason for the refusal is that the parties intend to have the marriage solemnized also in New York according to rites of the Greek Church.

In consequence of the refusal of the Catholic clergy, no ceremony is to be had here, and the contracting parties will proceed to New York on Monday and there be married.

New York, April 14.—Baron Schomberg, Minister Plenipotentiary of the North German Confederation, has arrived in this city, where he has been several years.

He is to replace Baron Gerolt at Washington.

Washington, April 14.—The President has completed his trip with his family to the Pacific coast, and is making arrangements for being absent several months.

The President is to be accompanied by his wife and children, and the necessity of calling an extra session of Congress.

Washington, April 14.—The President has deferred his visit to the Pacific until Fall.

California.

San Francisco, April 14.—More freight is offered for large lots than was refused yesterday.

A Peter Douche clears \$100,000 by the transfer of the Petroleum.

The steamers Albatross and Washoe have been secured for the Gold Flotation on the coast.

Several buildings having been put up, the city is without upward tendency.

City militia to-day averaged 2000 men per day.

Barley—32-30, with an upward tendency.

Wheat—Range from 41 to 38.

Arrived—Bark Albatross, Portland, Oct. 11th.

Tacoma.

Portland, April 17.—The steamer Pacific arrived on Saturday, and will be sailing for San Francisco.

The California arrived here from the Pacific coast yesterday.

The passengers from the Pacific coast were transferred to the Idaho at Astoria on Friday.

Albany, April 14.—The track for the California railroad is now completed to Catawpa river, 10 miles south of Albany.

It will be running in a few days.

Canada.

Ottawa, April 14.—The Governor General is expected to arrive here on the 15th.

The Dominion of Canada with the total population, in relation to the Dominion of Great Britain, is in the ratio of 1 to 10.

The exact amount cannot be ascertained until quiet has been restored to the country.

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Shipping Intelligence.

PORT OF VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

April 11.—Star Olympia, Blind, Port Townsend.

Star Isabella, Star, Port Townsend.

Star Pacific, Harrison, San Francisco.

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