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SPECIAL TO THE DAILY BRITISH COLONIST.

LAST NIGHT'S DISPATCHES.

Europe.

New York, Aug 5.—A special from Paris says the Parisians were hoaxed by a report of a victory by the French forces and great enthusiasm was manifested.

The Garde Mobile will be sent to that portion of the frontier of Belgium not protected by the Treaty of 1839.

Paris, Aug 5.—La Liberté says special trains left the city today to bring back the Prince Imperial.

It is said that 100,000 Italians will be fighting with the French in a few days under a treaty of alliance, offensive and defensive.

It is officially stated that the defence of Paris is assured. It would require an army of half a million to invest its fortifications.

London, Aug 4.—The Gazette to-day publishes the neutrality decree of Portugal.

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at which the French endeavored to make a stand during the contest was carried by the Prussians at the point of the bayonet.

King William sent the following dispatch to the Queen: Good news. Great victory won by our troops. We have captured four thousand prisoners, 30 guns, two standards and six mitrailleuses (revolving cannon).

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Dr J. COLLIS BROWN'S CHLOROZYNE

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MANUFACTURER OF MONUMENTS, HEADSTONES, MANTEL PIECES, TABLE TOPS, COUNTER TOPS, PLUMBER'S SLABS.

ALL KINDS OF Plain and Ornamental Work.

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ROBINSON'S Celebrated Magic Soap.

Washes without Machine, Board or Hard Rubbing better than any other Soap will do with Hard Labor.

THE MAGIC SOAP DOES AWAY WITH the long and tiresome wash days.

THE MAGIC SOAP adds to the quality of your clothes by making them soft, pliable and white.

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THE MAGIC SOAP is put up in parcels enclosed with full directions for use, and sold at 25 cents per box or 12 bars in a box, for \$2.50. One bar of this soap will make you see gallons of beautiful soft soap for all your household purposes.

We annex below a few of the many Ladies' names who have used the Magic Soap from one to two years.

PORTLAND, Mrs. W. H. Bennett, Mrs. J. W. Bennett, Mrs. J. W. Bennett, Mrs. J. W. Bennett.

FACTORY James Bay, Victoria.

CURES AND COMFORT FOR THE BED-RIDDEN.

Holloway's Ointment.

This wonderful Ointment acts like magic in relieving the most distressing cases of Rheumatism, Gout and Rheumatoid.

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Having had a most distressing cough, which could not be cured by any other means, I was recommended by a friend to try your invaluable Balm of Aniseed, and I can assure you that I have found it to be the most effective remedy I have ever used.

To the greatest confidence in recommending it to the million of sufferers from this distressing ailment.

W. W. POWELL, Wholesale Agent, 11, Market Street, Victoria, B.C.

THE FINEST BREAD IN THE REACH OF ALL CLASSES.

Established 1824. Prepared and sold by THOMAS POWELL, 16 Blackfriars Lane, London. Sold in bottles by all Chemists and Patent Dispensaries.

EMERALD GAITHER, Observer that the POWELL'S BALM OF ANISEED, is engraved on the Government stamp.

Wholesale Agents, MILLARD & BERRY, 11, Market Street, Victoria, B.C.

To the Trade.

WE HAVE THIS DAY MATERIALLY REDUCED THE PRICE OF BASS' ALE, No. 3 and India Pale.

By H. NATHAN, JR. & CO. April 12, 1876.

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

THE PARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE existing between Vogel, Loers & Timmen, of the Victoria Brewery, is this day dissolved by mutual consent.

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Central America.

Mexico, July 30.—The Government of Campechy has taken up arms against the Federal Government and Campechy is declared a state of seige.

Cuba.

HAVANA, Aug 5.—Cholera has considerably increased. There has been 30 deaths.

Fare Reduced!!

BARNARD'S EXPRESS LINE STAGES

THE FARE FROM YALE TO SODA FEE is reduced to 60 CENTS.

Through to Soda Creek in 4 Days. Quebec 4x4. Barkerville 6x4.

Extra Stages laid on when required. Passengers by Regular Stage must leave Victoria BARNARD'S ENTERPRISE.

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The Great Work.

We by no means put it forward as an original remark when we say that nature does her grandest works of construction in silence...

It had much of glamour might; a sheen from a palace lamp; and youth, and age, and youth; all was devotion, might was truth.

We have been led into this train of reflection in view of the singular course adopted by a local politician in reference to the great work of Confederation.

Explore! Explore!

Time and again have we alluded to the marvellous, one might almost say disagreeable, ignorance which exists in the public mind respecting the interior of Vancouver Island.

gorge, but they surely do possess the means of promoting such explorations as would tend to dispel all this doubt regarding the interior.

THE ZEALOUS CRICKETERS BEAT THE CALIFORNIANS.—The conquering match between the officers of Her Majesty's frigate Zealons and the California Cricket Club...

THE NEWSPAPER CHILDREN.—These interesting little spirits will take a benefit at the Circus this evening, where an entirely new performance will be presented.

THE FIRE.—The reports from the country districts are still discouraging. A great breadth of open land has been swept away with a fiery pest.

ROMANEA CONCERT.—Mr Frank Richards, learning that a benefit has been tendered the Societe by the Oiticus Truppa...

ROPE-WALKING BY MOONLIGHT.—The entertainment at Medaba's Grove last night was a very successful affair.

THE WIFE TRIP.—The Chinaman who perished another celestial's better half and exchanged her for fifty dollars to another immigrant from the flowery Kingdom...

THE IDAHO AND THE IMMIGRANTS.—The steamer Idaho arrived yesterday at 12 o'clock from San Francisco direct...

WALKS AND STRAYS.—The Port Townsend Weekly Argus of latest date, contains an item respecting the remarkable action of the currents which flow along the coast.

CANADA'S BOUNDARIES.—An announced game which would be the case, the North-west and Hudson's Bay territory has been annexed to Canada.

A ZEALOUS OFFICER IN THE TOWNS.—A San Francisco paper tells the story of one of the officers of the frigate Zealons who had been spending the evening in the city with a few friends...

REAL ESTATE SALE.—The sale of Real Estate yesterday by Mr Franklin was well attended and bidding was lively.

THE AMATEUR ENGINEERS OF THE DELUGE CO.—had their Engine out for practice last evening.

THE NIXON BROTHERS have generously tendered a benefit to the schools of Victoria City and their kind letters before the Board of Education.

Summer Wanderings.

Under this heading a lady correspondent—Mrs Victor—is contributing a series of interesting letters to the Oregonian.

OF THE ST GEORGE HOTEL she says it is the best ordered hotel north of the southern boundary of Oregon; and when I make that statement it is proper to define what is meant by the phrase.

THE OCEAN YACHT RACE.—The result of the International Yacht Race, caused intense excitement at New York.

A neighbor of the settler, R. Clarke, who was murdered at Plumper Pass a little time ago, gave his evidence in the Police Court yesterday morning.

THE VERY REV. F. X. WENINGER, D. D., will open a Mission at St. Andrew's Cathedral, R. C., commencing on next Sunday evening.

EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST.—How does it happen that The Colonist does not supply us with news, and reliable news, too, from the seat of war?

OLD TOM.—You must excuse my warmth—perhaps it is the weather, the fire in the woods, perhaps indignation, perhaps...

English Mail Summary.

English papers are to July 1st, and contain little of interest to the reader.

THE BRISTOL ELECTION Mr Kirkman Hodgson, the Liberal Candidate, was returned by a majority of 578 over Mr Hart.

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The simple rule suffices them, The good old plan, That he should take who has the power, And he should keep who can. It is perfectly clear that all government must rest on consent or force or a mixture of both. As political observers it occurs to us to say that our neighbors should, for consistency's sake, make a little amendment in their Independence shibboleth, seeing that they to this hour, at an expense of lives counted by the million and of treasure counted by many millions, hold down half a continent to a hated yoke. We do not wish to discuss now whether it is right or wrong to do so. Our neighbors had reasons of State which they deemed sufficient; and we are not prepared to say that on the 'effete' European principle which some are so ready to point at, there is not a great deal to be said in their favor. We only wish to take this opportunity of remarking that the consent of the governed cannot any longer be held to be the principle on which the Government of the United States rests. Humbug liberty is, after all, only contingent and comparative. Our neighbors fall into the common error of imagining that with them it is absolute, perfect. There has long existed in Canada a party or faction seeking what it is pleased to call 'Independence,' that is, separation from the Mother Country. This faction has never been sufficiently large and respectable to command much attention, although occasionally making considerable noise. It advocates the complete severance of the tie which binds Canada to the Parent State, in order that the former may set up for itself as an independent State. By the way, our local contemporary adopted this political creed a week or two ago! But the party in question has made little or no progress; and for this reason: Canada is practically independent. She passes what laws she pleases, imposes what taxes she pleases, and spends her own money as she pleases. For all practical purposes the Dominion is independent. Her people are free to govern themselves. Were she a part of the Great Republic to-day she would not enjoy the same liberty in all these things which most nearly touch the people. She would come under a load of financial responsibility, hitherto unknown, and she would be subordinate to Federal laws, Federal tariffs and Federal legislation. Canada is far more independent now than she would be if annexed to the United States. The people of Canada are fully alive to this fact, and hence there is no disposition to join the Republic, as there is no desire to sever a bond which makes them part and parcel of the British Empire without in any way infringing personal liberty or self-government. There is nothing in the union now existing between Canada and the Parent State which in the least degree infringes her political liberty. Why should a link at once so helpful and so harmless be broken?

The War.

The dispatches received last night are very conflicting. The French claim to have taken Weissenburg and to be on their way across the Bavarian frontier. The Prussians say they hold Weissenburg and have made a general advance upon the soil of France. It is impossible, from the foggy dispatches before us, to form, with any reasonable hope of approaching within a mile of the truth, a conjecture that facts may not upset. All we know to-day is that the battle has been forced on by the French for the reposition of Weissenburg, which they appear to have almost garrisoned and allowed by a strange oversight to fall into Prussian hands. Beyond this all is doubt and uncertainty which can only be dispelled by the dispatches expected to-day.

The Idaho brought up California peaches, melons, tomatoes and grapes.

From Omineca and Skeena River.

By the Otter yesterday from Nanaimo arrived Messrs Peter Davis, John A. Fraser, Alex McDonald, James Smith, John Sunderland, Robert Nelson, John McIntosh and Donald McKay, who came down from Skeena River in a canoe to Nanaimo. The party have all been to Omineca, and left there to come down on the 28th June. Only four claims on Vitale creek were paying small wages. A small piece of ground below the Discovery claim paid nine ounces in one day, but after that the yield became very light. Silver is frequently found in the diggings mixed with the gold. Between Tatalah Landing and the Creek some horizontal quartz veins are seen; but none have been discovered on Vitale creek. Nation River is being prospected by Alex. Fraser and party. No mining was being done on Findlay Branch or Peace River. About 150 miners remain in the country. Mr. Martin, McMillan and other old prospectors having bottomed their shafts obtained not even the color, although the ground was likely looking. The Adair company had not bottomed when the party left to come down. Cariboo and deer abound in the country, and a few grouse were shot. The weather at Vitale creek was disagreeable; light rains fell frequently and frost was still in the ground. On the 24th of June a foot of snow fell on the mountains surrounding Vitale creek. The trip from Vitale to the Forks of the Skeena can be made in six days; and our informants are of opinion that all good diggings be struck on Vitale creek, the trip from Victoria to the mines may be made in 10 or 11 days. The party prospected the Skeena bars and found only a few fine colors—nothing to pay. A good prospect was found on a small stream that empties into Esbina River. On this creek Wm. Madden and Edward Donnavan were known to have prospected in June, and a few days before our informants left the river Indians came down from the creek and stated that Madden and Donnavan had disappeared from their camp. One of the Indians wore a pair of pants and boots resembling those worn by William Madden in June last, and it is feared that both men have been killed. The party stayed four days at Simpson. A German party comprising 15 men are on their way down in a canoe and will arrive, probably, to-day. The weather along the coast was rainy. No trading vessels were met. Mitchell, Moss and Holt remained on Skeena waiting to hear from Madden and others. Another party are out prospecting between Nass and Skeena Rivers.

FORT CARLETON [erroneously printed Carleton in the dispatches] lies on the Skeena, about 450 miles N.W. of Fort Garry. It was officered by Donald McDonald, a trader, and four or five other Hudson Bay Company's employees with their families. The Blackfeet, who are reported to have murdered McDonald and pillaged the place, are the Ishanmites of America and are a terror to the tribes of Indians inhabiting the Northwest Territory and Montana. A few years ago a part of the tribe raided into Kootenay and drove off a number of horses, property of the Kootenay Indians. It is thought by the Company's officers here that the robbers were but poorly stocked for their trouble, because the stock of goods on hand at Carleton is always low in summer and the stock of furs had been packed to Fort Garry. Four or five years ago McDonald was shot by Indians at the Fort, but escaped with a broken arm.

SPREADING INFORMATION.—California and Oregon are engaged in the laudable work of spreading broadcast information of their resources, climate, &c. Messrs John T. Little & Co. (whom Victorians) real estate dealers, have sent us a pamphlet of 120 pages which contains a well written paper, several maps, a railway guide and other valuable information. Mr. Joshua Davies, on his way through Portland, Oregon, the other day, was handed a pamphlet of 60 pages on 'Oregon and its advantages as an agricultural and commercial State.' To spread information and to build a young country up there is nothing like printer's ink. When will our Government discover that fact?

NANAIMO AND MR. DE COSMOS.—It is reported that Mr. De Cosmos' constituents in District No. 2 having intimated that they have had enough of his theories, he is about to offer himself for the Black Diamond District. The honorable gentleman would make a splendid representative of fossils or rock crops, or principles and issues that are dead and buried, or anything that is put away out of sight; but when you want a real fresh, live man, with snap and go and vim in him—one who can keep pace with the Canadian Pacific Railway in thought and action—you must look elsewhere. De Cosmos won't fit the bill. He belongs to the age of oxen and slow coaches.

THE PRINCESS ROYAL.—This H. B. Co's bark, now due from London at Victoria, was spoken July 20th in lat. 37 21 N, lon. 130 30 W, by a vessel which has arrived at San Francisco. The bark's position was nearly opposite San Francisco, and as it is now three weeks since she was spoken, and has not yet arrived, it is reasonable to suppose that she is lying somewhere off the Straits, unable to enter in consequence of the smoke.

GAOUSE SHOOTING commenced yesterday and the adjacent woods were filled with sportsmen popping off the birds, which are numerous. Before nightfall, it was estimated that 300 pairs had been brought to town.

THE FUR SEAL ISLANDS.—Hutchinson Kohl & Co. have secured the right to kill seal on the Islands of St. Paul and St. George for a term of years, paying therefore the sum of \$325,000 per annum. The number of seal to be killed each year is limited.

FIRE ALARM.—A display of red light at the Circus last evening caused a temporary illumination of this part of Johnson street and drew out the firemen.

NEW WESTMINSTER ITEMS.—The election for Municipal Councillors took place on Monday and Messrs E. Brown, W. Blackie, W. Fisher, W. J. Armstrong, D. Withrow, O. Major, H. Elliott, L. Benson, Dr. Black, Wm. Clarkson and R. M. Ryall were chosen. A dog belonging to Mr. J. Murray of Sapper-ton was shot dead and parties are suspected of having shot it. Mr. J. A. Webster was elected Chief of the New Westminster Fire Department.

THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY.—Hon. Mr. Holbrook has written a letter to the Canadian News of London, in which he reiterates his confidence in the practicability of the Railway, and engineers it down the valley of the Fraser to New Westminster. The letter is well written.

FROM THE RIVER.—The steamer Enterprise arrived from New Westminster yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock, bringing Messrs J. Cunningham, J. Rogers, H. Nelson and Capt. McEwen, McCullough and Inesley, Miss Inesley and a few others. The news is unimportant.

METROPOLE.—Mr. John Parker of Metohoin reports that the fires have mostly died out. Sangster's Plains were burned over and some timber destroyed along the trail; Lawrence & Fisher's crops were saved by dint of hard work.

THE CIRCUS.—The children's benefit at the circus last evening drew together a good house. Many new acts were produced, and the young beneficiaries testified their gratitude by performing several daring feats.

THE STEAMER OTTER, Capt. Lewis, arrived in Esquimalt harbor at ten o'clock on Tuesday night and came round to this harbor yesterday afternoon. She brought coal from Nanaimo and Company's goods from Esquimalt.

BENEFIT OF THE SCHOOLS.—The local board of education have accepted the tender of a benefit by the Circus Troupe, and to-morrow evening is set for the performance. The proceeds will be dedicated towards completing the Boys' School. Bright acts never before performed in this Colony will be performed.

THANK YOU.—We tender our thanks to Purser Pope of the steamer Idaho, and Mr. M. O'Connor of Wells Fargo & Co. for important favors.

LOADING.—The H. B. Co's steamer, Lady Lamson was loading at the London Dock for Victoria on the 14th July.

THE BRITISH ADMIRALTY, carrying out the rigid system of economy, now writes its orders on half instead of whole sheets of paper.

PRIVATE DISPATCHES.—A great budget of private dispatches came through yesterday, having been detained en route by the fire.

ADMIRAL YERVERTON succeeds Admiral Mulse as Admiral of the Mediterranean Fleet.

Letter from San Francisco.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE OF THE "COLONIST."

SAN FRANCISCO, August 4th, 1870. The agitation on the Chinese question has at length assumed a decidedly belligerent phase. At the commencement of last month the knights of St. Crispin, an association of shoemakers with Maurice V. Carey as President, called a meeting of laboring men to discuss the all important topic, and the answer to the invitation was a mile of banners and transparencies; the largest hall in the city crowded almost to suffocation and hundreds of people unable to obtain admittance. Carey took the chair, and after assuring the assembly that he was prepared to dispute every inch of ground, burnt every blade of grass, and that the last intruder of liberty should be his grave, moved that the six Chinese companies should be informed that it was the opinion of the meeting that it was not safe for the Chinese, to continue coming to the United States and that they be requested to give such notice to the public authorities of the Chinese Empire, in compliance with this resolution an open letter was addressed to the six Chinese companies calling attention to the strong anti-Chinese feeling that existed in California and warning them, as representatives of China, that the flame of dissension had almost resolved a point almost beyond Government control, and that although Carey and his colleagues counseled moderation, their voice had not been heeded. The Chinese have not yet replied to this bold assumption of authority, but have addressed a letter to the President and Secretary of State, enclosing a copy of the communication and setting forth in a concise manner, in which Chinese are treated, here, by a portion of the white residents, and calling upon them for the protection guaranteed by existing treaties between China and the United States. In addition a convention of Chinese is shortly to be held, when delegates from various parts of the coast will be present, and the Chinese question thoroughly discussed from the Chinese standpoint. To glance through a file of city papers for the last month, one would think that Maurice V. Carey was going to be the 'coming man.' What with presiding at land meetings, organizing military companies for Chinese onslaught, getting up anti-Coolie washing societies, and attending in addition to the various other duties that devolve on him, a good deal of his time must be pretty well employed. His name is not yet coupled with Congressional aspirations, though his disinterested anxiety for the public good would found such an expectation.

Two first class hotels, three restaurants and fifteen or twenty saloons have either voluntarily closed out business within the last ten days or fallen victims to the sheriff's hammer. Eren the What Cheer House, that grand resort for the distressed in pocket of all brands, has felt the necessity for retrenchment, and the Library and Reading Room in the rear, where lovers of literature turn

for years did congregate, has been shut up, and a melancholy looking 'To Let,' in the side window bears testimony of the dullness of the times. The cheap restaurants have reduced their prices to the lowest limits of possibility. Ham and eggs 15c, green turtle soup 10c, bottle of wine and beef steak 20c, are the ruling rates for these luxuries, but even these epicurean inducements fail to crowd the tables. Another sign of the long continued depression is the number of dry goods stores that have gone into the alarming sacrifice business. Until lately dealers scored such tricks of trade, but now dollars are so scarce that every possible means are used to attract attention and 'Bankruptcy, Bankruptcy, Bankruptcy, Fire! Fire! Fire!' Goods at Half Cost! and other similar announcements of fictitious calamity by fire and flood are posted in half the windows. Someone has taken the trouble to count the number of houses and stores that are to let and says the total reaches 2,255. As the number of buildings within the Municipal limits is officially reported at 15,005, it shows that more than one out of every nine is unoccupied. In about three weeks the San Francisco census will be completed and this stated that the result will reduce our dignity. We have lately claimed a population of 175,000 and thought we lived in a fast growing city, but Uncle Sam's enumerators declare that our calculation is about 50,000 wide of the mark and that including Chinese San Francisco does not contain more than 125,000 souls. Reflecting for a moment that the weekly death rate is only about 60, the improbability of such a small mortality in a population of 175,000, is at once manifest and ought to be of itself sufficient evidence that we have been mortgaging the future for our statistics. Even 125,000 is an increase of more than 100 per cent since last census, and to double in ten years is not bad. Anyhow we can spare several thousand without hurting the prosperity of the city, as the place is much too crowded for the work and business done in it.

George Francis Train, the gentleman who has so solemnly sworn to free Ireland, and so help me God I will, inflated four more lectures on his last week at San Francisco's further share of the one thousand series white on his way to the White Horse. His special touchiness this time was an appeal to the Irish to seize the Zealons, and then by her aid to destroy the rest of the 'British fleet in the Pacific.' He is off for a 'siney days' trip round the world. So we are rid of him for four months at least.

The excitement, respecting the recent lottery has almost died away and we hear very little of it now. The tickets are not selling so fast as the managers expected, 74,000 yet remaining on hand. There is very little probability that the drawing will take place at the advertised date, but holders of chances need not get despondent, as it is certain to take place sometime between now and November. Everything has, so far, been conducted with the utmost fairness, and it is only the scarcity of coin that has prevented a ready sale of all the tickets. The wheels for the drawing were on exhibition last week and they are models of mechanical ingenuity. One of these will contain the 200,000 numbers, stamped on bulls hide, the other, the 628 prizes, done up in 628 boxes alike. If No. 72 for instance, is drawn from the 200,000 wheel then the box taken from the 628 wheel will be its prize. By this arrangement no one can tell the amount drawn until it is shown to the audience. The good people have not been so excited since the closing days of the rebellion as they were on receipt of the news that war had been declared by France against Prussia. The newspaper and telegraph offices were quickly surrounded by clamorous crowds eager for the least scrap of intelligence, and each man for a moment forgot his own struggle for existence in contemplating the greater struggle of armed nations. The sympathy of our local press and population is decidedly with Prussia. Napoleon being in but small favor with either American or European residents. One effect of the impending struggle is, already visible in the sudden development of a swarm of news boys who make the streets ring with their extras 'All about the great war between France and Prussia' and another, is the occurrence of personal encounters between the 'corner grocery' adherents of the rival powers. To express an opinion that the French can whip the Prussians is a cause belli in any larger beer saloon in the city, and to disparage the military powers of France is considered an hostile challenge, by any son of Gaul in the community. The commercial developments thus far have been a complete stoppage to business in the worst market, an advance in the price of all kinds of French goods and the charter of the ship Ellen Munro to carry 2000 tons of coal to the French Government vessels stationed at Tabiti. The Officers of the Zealons gave a pleasant party last week aboard the ship. General Ord and the Officers of the U. S. Army and Navy at present stationed here, the Mayor and civil dignitaries and about 200 others, ladies and gentlemen, accepted the proffered hospitality, and were conveyed to the big ship by a Government dispatch boat placed at the disposal of Captain Hams for the purpose of conveying them after noon, and with the latest mission of an hour for lunch or dinner was kept up until evening. The guests left at seven o'clock giving three cheers for Admiral Farquhar and their entertainers, and evidently much pleased with the hearty British welcome they had received. A Panorama of California has proved a popular hit. The proprietor talks of visiting British Columbia to paint a few of its scenes on canvas and then going East with 'Pictures of the Pacific.'

Amongst the late departures for England since my last letter are O. Clark and F. V. Lea. The latter joins Mrs. Thomas, a Winchester, and will assist in the management of her late husband's hotel business there.

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Roads and Protection.

The construction of roads to connect the agricultural settlements with the market towns, or with steamboat landings whence they can most readily reach the markets, would appear to be not the least important work demanding the attention of Government.

There can be no doubt that they are the best healthy protection. They act not only as a cheaper mode of food but they enable the farmers to compete successfully with the foreign producer, driving the foreign article out of the market.

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Newcastle.—Most of our local readers will know that a coal mine has been open for some time on Newcastle Island, two miles above Nanaimo, and that it is being to some extent worked by the Vancouver Coal Company.

From Fort Rupert and Knight's Canal.—The steamer Emma, Capt Etershank, returned yesterday afternoon from Squagash coal mine near Fort Rupert, bringing Messrs U Nelson and W Woodcock as passengers, and 25 tons of coal of a good quality.

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The sale of Charles Dickens' collection of paintings and drawings realized \$2410. The celebrated Pickwick ladies, brought 364 guineas; a stuffed raven, the 'Grip' of 'Barbary Rudge,' 120 guineas.

Fighting in the Streets.—Thos Cooney and Charles Cooper were arrested on Wednesday for indulging in a quiet little game of fisticuffs in the public streets.

Newcastle Island.—The schooner Dreadnought is loaded for San Francisco with freestone from the quarry. A large brush and wood fire is raging on the east side of the island.

Licensing Court.—In this Court yesterday Mr John T Howard was granted a license for the Navy Inn, near Esquimalt.

The Fires.—The oat crop of M Rowland, on Bardside Road, the wheat and other crops of Mr Porter in Lake, and the farm-buildings of Mr Ricketts in the same district, narrowly escaped destruction by fire on Wednesday night.

The Plumber Pass Murder.—Officer McMillan visited Salt Spring Island this week, on account of information received, for the purpose of endeavoring to trace some Indians suspected of being concerned in the murder of Roberts.

Road Tax.—The case of W Foley was proved as usual and an order made for \$2; S Rowland, withdraws; J J Nagle, to pay the amount of \$3 25, and \$2 for Sooke and Esquimalt Town respectively.

Saanich District.—The West Road is completely blocked with fallen and burning timber and travelers must take the East road.

Naval.—A private letter from HMS Satellite, at Valparaiso, states that the ship will go home with the Flying Squadron.

Pic Nic.—The Superintendent and Teachers of the Nanaimo Wesleyan Sabbath School held a picnic on Protection Island, on Wednesday.

Voting Machine.—In the United States Congress there is a machine by which every member may, by touching a knob at his desk, record his vote, aye or nay, at the clerk's desk; also, on two dials before the speaker.

The Wires went down again on Wednesday night and remained prostrate till last evening.

The Bark Corsair is now out 189 days from London and should put in an appearance soon.

Spiritualism.

EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST.—With reference to the letter of Dr. Tolmie in favor of Spiritualism, I wish to make a few observations.

To proceed, I do not know that any one denies that Angels of God in human shape appeared to Abraham, but Spirits were never at all sought by good men.

With reference to the first quotation, from Wm. Howitt, I would say that it is so very abstract and obscure that it requires care to understand what is meant and is simply the mere opinion of one man, and as far as this argument is concerned has been advanced unsupported by reason or proof.

With reference to the second quotation, it is asked what is Spiritualism? and the answer is 'The renewal of universal faith of all past times.' But what is this faith William Howitt does not say.

Regarding the quotations from the Rev. Charles A. Allen, I have only to remark that, what he says 'Spiritualism has swept away the frightful clouds of fear and doubt that had darkened life and shrouded the grave,' he could not have been a Christian, for it did not suffice for him to say, 'I know that my Redeemer liveth,' etc, and as Paul said, 'Oh, death, where is thy sting, Oh, grave, where is thy victory?'

In conclusion, the iconoclastic innovators mentioned by Dr. Tolmie were Peter and some Apostles; and it is correct that Gamaliel told the people to refrain from hurting the Apostles, saying that if their teaching was of God it would prevail, and if so, then in fighting against it they would be fighting against God.

Letter from Paris.

(FROM OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENT.)

Paris, July 9th, 1870.

The blast of war blows in our ears, and it was only a few days ago Minister Olivier assured us that nowhere did there exist any cause for uneasiness! France is on fire—nothing talked of but sending half a million 'braves' to the frontier, of allowing the Prince Imperial to baptize his war steed in the Rhine, or himself like Caesar. Reforms, liberty, the Orleansist Princes, the budget, are ignominiously forgotten—except the budget for the Army and Navy.

But what is this faith William Howitt does not say? Although he proceeds to enumerate certain miracles recorded in the scriptures; but if he means to assert that these were wrought other than only through the permission of the Almighty and for good and important purposes, he asserts what he can't and does not attempt to prove; and if he means that the miracles were wrought by or through God alone, as I have stated, he simply states the new theory but that which every Christian believes.

With reference to the Doctor of Divinity's thoughts, they are those of an acute mind, and being individual opinion unsupported by reason are as regards value to be measured by that fact! If Spiritualism has added a vitality to the faith which he avowed and preached that faith in him must have been very lukewarm for the true Christian has all the vitality in his religion which it is possible for man to get for it is given by God himself.

There is no sign of the drought disappearing and disease is making way. Some military hospitals have been put at the disposal of small pox patients. At Versailles where the epidemic has just broken out, the Mayor had the rappel beaten, warning the townspeople of the event and to 'avoid the locality, which has thus been put into quarantine. The heat is so great that the foot and carriage ways, coated with asphalt, are as soft as mud and as hot as—whatever simile you please. Buses and carriage wheels sink into the bitumen, and the citizens will have to decide between remaining 'fixtured,' or leaving their shoes bobbed, thus contributing to the already stationary population of the Empire. It sends one's heart to see the 'latest novelties' of bathing costumes

exposed in the shop windows, or rather on manikens at the doors, while you must grant and sweat under the furdels of a city life. By the bye, these same manikens are becoming popular. The features are made to represent notorious characters—Bismarck is everywhere, Prim and Leopold will follow. As a set-off to the anything but glorious sunshine, comes very apropos Herr Von Flotow's new opera 'Oberon.' The Shade. A crowded house took advantage of the refreshing pleasure to see a happier composition than Martha, which, in three acts, is full of excellent music and splendid scenery. There are several beautiful airs that will make the round of the piano-world before a month, and of all the ballet organs before three, 'La Pluie,' The Rain, is the title of another spectacle, but not so well attended as 'Oberon,' even the country cousins give it the go by, and the agriculturalists, come to attend the trial of reaping machines in the vicinity of the capital, turn their backs on it.

Dominion Mail Summary.

OTTAWA, July 18.—Steps are being taken by order of the Department of Justice to sell American vessels seized for encroaching upon the Canadian fisheries, two such trespassing craft having been seized in Aspy Bay, in Nova Scotia. On July 21st Hon Adams G Atchibald was sworn in as Governor of Manitoba and will at once proceed to the seat of government of the new Province. The Hon Peter Mitchell, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, has just recovered from a severe illness.

ANNEXATION OF THE NORTHWEST.

Rupert's Land was on the 16th July incorporated as a portion of the Dominion of Canada by Her Majesty's Royal Proclamation. The authority of the Ottawa Government and Parliament now extends from the Atlantic to the Rocky Mountains. It is not believed that any Imperial action will be taken towards granting an amnesty to Riel.

THE GREAT ROWING MATCH.

On the 23d July a terrific hurricane passed over Canada and between Montreal and Sarnia, causing great damage and loss of life.

NEW BRUNSWICK ELECTIONS.

Full returns show a preponderance of new element in the local Legislature. The school question being the chief test—free separate schools—the former was carried by an overwhelming majority, the Catholics and High Church chiefly supporting the latter. A party will be formed in the new House to demand of Canada 'better terms,' but the chances are largely against their success. Amongst the members returned from St John county is Mr Willis, editor of the St John Morning News.

SHIP BUILDING AND LUMBER.

These two branches of industry are in a most flourishing condition in New Brunswick. In St John a number of the lumber ships are being put upon the stocks and the lumber business in Saint-Stephen is at present in a flourishing condition. The saw mills in the town are all very busy, yet cannot supply the demand, which is so large that millmen have had to refuse orders. The wharves are loaded with lumber. There is a great scarcity of shipping in port, however, and vessels cannot be had for carrying purposes.

RELI'S CHANCES.

The St Paul Pioneer of 13th July says: A rumor reached here yesterday that Riel had been seized and confined by his own guards, but we have not been able to trace it up. It seems certain, however, that at the time of the steamer International's departure Riel was entirely under the surveillance of his guards who declared openly that they would shoot him if he attempted to escape. It is also certain that there is a guard at the line apparently for no other purpose.

NOTA SCOTIA.

A large catch of shad was made in two days at Scots Bay. On the 5th inst, 40,000 shad were taken from one net, and 10,000 from another. On the 6th inst, 80,000 were taken from two nets. These 'hunts' are the largest ever taken at that fishing station. The fish taken on those two days were worth \$48,000 on the beach, and after they were cured would bring \$72,000.

REWARD!

WHEREAS THERE IS GOOD REASON for suspecting that the Bridge horses Nanaimo River, which have lately been burnt down, were destroyed from malicious motives by the hand of an incendiary. Notice is hereby given that a reward of Five Hundred Dollars will be given by the Government for such information as will lead to the detection and conviction of the party or parties concerned in causing the said fire.

NOTICE.

WHEREBY GIVE NOTICE THAT THE Partnership that has existed for the last four years and upwards between Jacob Loorz, John Simmen and myself in the Victoria Brewery, has not been dissolved. I am still owner of one-third of the business and property. W. F. B. B. B. Victoria, August 6th, 1870. JOHN VOGLER, and 2m

Information Wanted

OF THE WHEREABOUTS OF EDKAY, 19 years old, has last a joint of the right fore-finger, has black eyes and is tall and stout for his age. Last heard from at Victoria on the 12th April last, when he was bound for the Peace River Mine. Address: J. W. WELLS, FARGO & CO'S, Office, Yates Street.

The Graving Dock.

In its issue of Friday, the Standard gave to its readers what purported to be a "communicated" report of a public meeting held at Nanaimo on Wednesday evening, the correctness of which was freely and emphatically denied. Yesterday its leading article was based upon that same false report, and a whole column of type was employed for the obvious purpose of endeavoring to create a feeling of local prejudice against this journal, because its editor had said so and so to the people of Nanaimo. It will scarcely be necessary to repeat that Mr Robson never promised Nanaimo the Graving Dock. The position taken by him in regard to the site of the Graving Dock, as well as that of the Canadian Pacific Railway, was that the question must be decided by competent engineers, and that the selection could be influenced less by local or sectional interests than by the intrinsic merits of the position. So that if Esquimaux possessed all the advantages claimed for it, which we have neither the leisure nor the intention of questioning, it must be perfectly clear that no man party will succeed in taking it elsewhere. Allusion is made in the article to the action of Mr Robson on this Dock question, as a member of the Legislative Council, when the terms—and this is one of them—were under consideration; and it is asserted that "the member for New Westminster evaded the direct issue by recommending the leaving out of the word Esquimaux." Now, surely would have been nothing very surprising had Mr Robson, as member for New Westminster, adopted this course; but it is a fact that he did nothing of the kind. In support of this assertion we quote from the published official report in the Government Gazette, *paraphrasing* part second, page 9:—"Hon Mr Robson, member for New Westminster, said: 'I may, perhaps, be expected to oppose this clause and ask for New Westminster to be inserted, but I shall not do so. I have no sectional feelings in supporting Confederation. I think the word Esquimaux perfectly harmless, although, like my honorable friend (Mr Holbrook), I should have preferred that no locality had been named. I do not think that naming the spot will, of itself, decide the question. The Dock will no doubt be built in the most suitable place. As the word is in, let it remain.' We hope to be excused for inflicting upon our readers so much of a speech delivered nearly six months ago; but, inasmuch as the Standard has brought up the point now with the obvious motive of endeavoring to create local prejudice against the present writer, it is no more than fair to all parties that the ignominious and unscrupulous means resorted to should also be exposed. It will have been observed that the position taken by Mr Robson throughout in reference to the Graving Dock, perfectly consistent, and in strict accordance with that which he has taken in reference to the location of the Canadian Pacific Railway. Both are questions to be decided upon their own merits; as they will be left in the hands of part men better qualified to reach a decision than either the editor of this journal or the editor of this journal. The insinuation as to the authorship of a communication which was published in these columns a few days ago, pointing out the peculiar advantages possessed by Nanaimo as a site for the Dock, indeed a fitting advantage from one greatly addicted to that class of literary trickery. We have only to say, however, that he has once more misjudged us, as the communication in question was written, as it professed to be, by gentleman residing at Nanaimo, must indeed be an unhappy mind that is always accusing others of the wrong it lives in. It only remains to remark that it is very much to be regretted that a public journalist cannot endeavor thus early to foment local jealousy and division in regard to matters of overwhelming importance to the colony as a whole. It must now be perfectly obvious to every thinking person that the editor of the Standard has mistaken his profession—that he never designed him to fill the lofty position of a statesman, much less a member of the Fourth Estate; and we do not do better than commend to his rions consideration the sage advice of Josh Billings, which we do in all kindness:—

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Assisted Immigration.

Elsewhere will be found a notice issued by the Local Board of Immigration, submitting a scheme for the consideration of the public, and inviting applications thereunder. As will be seen, the scheme is a co-operative one as between the Government and such of the settlers as may desire to avail themselves of its provisions. The scheme has been prepared chiefly with a view to meeting a well-known want in the farming districts, the Immigration Board having earned that quite a number of settlers would be desirous of obtaining laborers from home, could they be assisted in bringing them out, while there are others who would gladly take advantage of such a scheme in bringing relatives to the colony. In looking at this scheme it must be borne in mind that the assistance rendered thereunder is not to be gauged by the figures exhibited. The expense attendant upon preliminary arrangements, negotiation, information, &c., will all be saved, while the arrangements on ship-board will be much more complete, and the cost of passage, &c., much lower than would be the case were these persons to come out singly or on their own responsibility, and both the immigrants and their friends here will be spared a great deal of trouble and the anxiety. It is to be hoped that any of settlers who may desire to be assisted in bringing out either relatives or servants under this scheme will send in their applications as early as possible, so that the first shipment may be made in time to arrive in the early spring. The Magistrates throughout the country will be prepared to act in conjunction with the Board in giving information and forwarding generally the interests of the scheme. This movement, important in itself, derives an accumulative interest when it is regarded as a small beginning, gradually to be merged into a more general scheme of colonization, wherein we shall be thrown into active co-operation with larger organizations in England—organizations which will be both able and willing to contribute largely towards the financial expense of such operations. This present scheme should not be overlooked, if immigrants brought out in this way would be little less than a boon to the colony after they had been once introduced into it. We cheerfully recommend it to the favorable consideration of all who may be in a position to avail themselves of its provisions.

The End.

The end of the Bonaparte Dynasty has come. France is again the throes of revolution. The soldiers of Napoleon have more embraced the people they have been ordered to shoot down in the streets of Paris. He would, indeed, have been a bold man who would have predicted such startling events as the result of the first battle between two of the largest and best equipped armies that ever took the field. Ten days ago Napoleon was flushed with all the confidence of success. Ten days ago his word was law and his nod was obeyed by every Frenchman. To-day there are probably none left in all France to obey him. Ten days more, and he will, in all probability, be an exile in a foreign land. How hath the mighty fallen! Such a life, especially the life of a French Emperor, France did not fight in the present war. It was Napoleon who sought to save his waning dynasty by wantonly forcing a war upon Prussia. He lost and France won. Does he war with Napoleon's reign? This is a question of far greater importance to the world than the fate of a fallen Emperor. France will probably be a Republic for a season. What the prospect a war so begun? How Napoleon can be a great man, and has played no unimportant part in the history of Europe of the world. Without his facilities, he has proved upon the whole a good ruler for France. He has done more. He has been a faithful ally of Great Britain. Who can look upon the fall of such a man without emotion not unshared with the world?

The steamship California Capt. Hays, arrived from the ports of Puget Sound yesterday morning, and was detained outside the harbor some time by the low tide. A very unpleasant trip was experienced by the California's passengers, and was met everywhere and navigation was exceedingly dangerous and difficult. The ship arrived at Olympia on Thursday night. She had also Olympia on Thursday night, and was expected to leave Olympia on Friday evening for Nanaimo. Prospecting on the Island.—Several parties of experienced prospectors are preparing to prospect and explore the Leech, Goldstream, Jordan and San Juan rivers for gold and silver. These enterprising parties ought to be assisted by the citizens of Victoria. They give their time and labor, and run much risk to benefit the place and consequently have a claim upon the public that ought to be at least recognized by the presentation of an outfit. Several parties have already started for the diggings on the San Juan River.

Cariboo Mining Intelligence.

(From the Sentinel of Aug. 6.) WILLIAM CREEK. The Gold Hill co continue tunnelling. The San Juan co, having worked into the deep part of their ground, have been running a drain and making preparations to increase their working force. As the deep ground in all the hydraulic claims are between the creek is opened the pay also increases. The Mountain co are prospecting. The Taylor co have cleaned up 40 oz last week. The Forward co have cleaned up the edge of the channel and a few pieces and got about 40 oz. Good pay is expected in the deep part of the channel. The Wilson co continue getting good pay, having cleaned up 51 oz last week. The Dutch Bill co cleaned up 102 oz. The Cornish co 84 oz. The California (Chinese) co made about \$7 per day to the hand. The other Chinese companies are said to be doing well. The Foster-Campbell co washed up 26 oz for the week, the Cariboo co 39 oz and the Caledonia co 20 oz. The Forest Rose co washed up 52 oz for the week and the St. George co 48. The pay in these two last named claims continues to be regular and certain and satisfactory dividends are now obtained. The Alert co washed up 8 oz for the week. The company have struck a channel which is believed to be a continuation of the last Watson lead. It prospects well. The streak of pay dirt in the New Aurora claim is widening out and last week the co washed up 30 oz. STOUT GULCH. The pay in the Taffvale claim improved last week and the shareholders received a dividend of \$100 to the interest for the week. The Macho Oro co got 25 oz. CONKIN GULCH. The Feliz co washed up over 30 oz, and the White Pine co 18 oz. The Indian Queen, New Almaden, Lone Star, Renfrew and Ericson co's continue working. VALLEY MOUNTAIN. The Discovery co have completed their ditch and the general curiosity about these surface diggings will soon be gratified by a proper test of their value. LOWER CREEK. The Brown co got 25 oz for three days and the Victoria co washed up 25 oz. GROUSE CREEK. Mining operations on this creek are limited by a scarcity of water. The Salt Spring co continue bottoming. The Rocky Point, Adair and Caroline co's are cleaning up. The Shortland co are ground leveling. The flat-up co have got down with their new shaft and are pumping the water from the old long drive. CANADIAN CREEK. The Yellow Jacket co are making wages. EAGLE CREEK. The Eagle co are taking out small pay. A strike on this creek is reported. LIGHTNING CREEK. The Lightning co washed up 337 oz last week. This week they are not doing so well—60 oz for two days run. Rose co are getting good pay, but are much troubled with water. Fall-me-never co are making wages, with good prospects ahead. Mount Hollow co are getting some pay. Rough and Ready co are digging a wheel pit and will soon be ready for work. South Wales co are still sinking in their bed-rock shaft. The Van Winkle co are sinking in bed rock and are about 23 feet. Victoria co still occupied with ditch. The Vancouver co are still going down—depth 34 feet. The Hill Chance co whose belt broke last week, their shaft is in operation again and have their diggings free from water. The Gladstone co commenced to bail out their shaft on Thursday morning and expected to re-commence sinking in the evening. Their new machinery works splendidly. Eleven of England's best workmen are on the job, and they are digging a depth of 25 feet and found clay, but will temporarily derangement of machinery have stopped for a day or two. CANTON CREEK. The water on this creek being very light, mining operations are almost stopped. ANDERSON CREEK. The Warren co washed up 70 oz last week. The Emily co are getting pay. ANTLER CREEK. The Manitoba co are running a tail race to bedrock. The Porter co are getting good pay. The Boyd claim is paying well. The Harrison co have bottomed their pit. The Old Lead co continue getting good prospects, in view of as high as an ounce to the pan. The A V co are down with their pit about ten feet. The Summers co have got all their machinery ready. The old Antler co are sinking a bed-rock shaft. CEDAR CREEK. The Aurora co cleaned up 50 oz. for the week before last, and expected to get 60 oz. for last week. FRENCH BENEVOLENT SOCIETY'S HOSPITAL. This establishment will be reopened about the end of the present month. The buildings have been greatly enlarged and improved, and the committee have decided to hold a grand picnic at Medana's Grove, to celebrate the reopening on Monday the 5th of September. The profits resulting therefrom will be applied to the purposes of the Society, which are highly beneficial. A tombola with prizes valued at over \$200, will be drawn in the afternoon. Each ticket of admission will entitle the purchaser to a chance in the tombola. The articles will be exhibited in the Colonial Hotel window. THREATS TO SHOOT.—A hired man at Geo Luxon's house, North Saanich, on Monday last threatened to shoot his employer, and actually drew a double-barreled shotgun upon him. Subsequently he fled to the bush to evade a warrant issued by Mr Anderson, J. P. and is now prowling about a terror to the whole section. THE PROCEEDS OF THE PERFORMANCE on Friday night, not having met expectations, the gross receipts were handed over by the Board of Education to the Nelson Children.

TANNERY DESTROYED.

Last night at 10 o'clock Wm. Dalby's Tannery on Saanich road, about one mile from town, was totally destroyed by fire, together with a large lot of hides, bark, vats and other property. Scarcely anything was saved. The loss is over \$60,000, upon which there is an insurance of only \$2500. The fire is believed to have originated through sparks from the chimney lighting on the roof. The powder magazine stands in a lot about 100 feet distant from the site of the tannery, and some alarm was felt, but no explosion took place. The Hook & Ladder and the Piger Engine Companies went out and did good service. Mr. Dalby is entitled to warm sympathy in his very great misfortune, he has worked long and faithfully to acquire the property which has been swept away just when prosperity had begun to smile upon him. THE CONCOM.—The requisition of certain electors of New Westminster district to Mr W. J. Armstrong, asking that gentleman to stand forth the Council in that district, is published in the Guardian of yesterday. Mr Armstrong acquiesces and says he will support Confederation; the erection of public works and the railway terminus on the Mainland, and the imposition of a special tariff to protect farming and other interests until the completion of the Railway—the proceeds of such special tariff to be devoted to the use of the Local Government; favors Responsible Government; proclaims the representation of the colony placed on a broader basis, and will give his support to a Lien Law, Educational measures, and a survey of the district.

FROM NEW WESTMINSTER.

The steamer Enterprise, Capt Swanson, arrived from New Westminster at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, bringing as passengers Messrs R. Finlayson, F. H. Lamb, F. Page, C. Loay, W. Lepeh, R. S. Gibbitt and Crosby, Mrs. Finlayson and Mrs. Ogilvie. Barclay's Express and a Cariboo mail were brought down, with \$60,000 in gold dust. FANWELL.—The Nelson Brothers give their farewell entertainment to-morrow night, when they will take a benefit. There are two reasons why everybody should go: The Nelson Brothers are respectable men, and talented artists; this will be the last opportunity of witnessing a good performance and proving that talent is appreciated in Victoria. The programme will be new and highly attractive. LILLOOET DISTRICT.—To-day we publish the address of the Antler ploughman, to the electors of Lillooet. The man in that locality are said to be among the most intelligent farmers on the mainland; they raise the finest crops, and one of their ploughmen appears to be very well fit to represent them in the Legislative Council, if this published address can be accepted as evidence. THE PRINCES ROYAL.—About dark last evening three guns were heard from the direction of Rice Rocks. They are believed to have been fired from the H. B. O's bark Prince Royal, Capt. Anderson, from London, now due. The fog being very thick nothing could be seen from the shore. SAANICH ROADS.—Mr. Nicholson, with commendable promptitude on the part of the Lands and Works Department, has cleared the West road of fallen timber, and repaired the bridge near Steve's, macadamized the bad portion of the road near Mr. Eckstein's, built a bridge near Loxon in North Saanich and repaired another bridge which was ready to topple. THE SCHOONER.—This fine clipper schooner is on the berth at San Francisco for Victoria. She will sail in 48 hours after the arrival of the Idaho at San Francisco, and will doubtless have a full cargo. Application may be made to Pickett & Harrison, San Francisco, or to Millard & Beady of this city. THE FIRE.—Skinner's farm, now occupied by Mr. J. W. Williams, has been greatly perilled during the past week. Furrows and trenches were dug to cut off the fire, and men and watching night and day to keep it back. About 150 yards of fencing has been burned, but the crops have not been reached. SOMER AND CHILLIWACK.—A gentleman from these settlements reports that no fires have as yet appeared there. The hay-crops have been secured—the yield is large—and the wheat-crop is now being garnered. In three weeks time the farmers expect to have everything housed. YALE.—A fire in the bush had started back of the town and had run over the mountain and reached the timber, where much damage may be done. The old channel of the Fraser is filling with silt, and the captain of the Ontario experienced much difficulty in getting up while on his last trip. THE IDAHO is expected to arrive to-morrow from Nanaimo and the Sound and to sail on Tuesday for San Francisco. WE compel our types to record the recent marriage to find one of Eliza Boodine aged eighty to Mrs Lydia Ann Rowe who has experienced the mutability of earthly things for fifty-five years. The lady espoused her second husband, while the octogenarian Benedict has paid for five marital funerals before engaging in this wedding festivities. LUCY CAHNEY, at one hundred and seven is reluctantly proposed as the champion elderly female in Indiana. It would be superfluous to remark that she is of African descent. A REPRESENTATIVE of an English blooded family, Captain Sir Claude de Grespigny, who leads a joyous life in India with his regiment, has lately given his friends at Larch a sixty thousand rupee breakfast which was brought out from Paris by express.

War News.

France will find a very different adversary in Prussia than she found in her last great war (1866), when she crossed swords with Austria. Prussia will find a very different adversary in France than she found in her last great war (1866), when she crossed swords with Austria. People have been saying for years past that Napoleon would come to the rescue of his throne and dynasty by entering upon a war. Suddenly he turns up as the most implacable belligerent in Europe. Our German-American citizens who may now be sojourning in Prussia have occasion to rejoice at the establishment of the treaty which has recently been concluded between the Prussian Governments and American in regard to the rights of German Americans in this country. But for the negotiation of this treaty, all Prussian Americans found in Prussia at this time would have been liable for service in the German army. New German naturalized as an American can be compelled to enter the army of any of the States of North or South Germany. German Americans have precisely the same rights, franchises and privileges in Germany as native-born Americans. The treaty was negotiated at a most opportune time, and it will save our Government from a deal of trouble. The smaller States contiguous to Prussia will be cautious about taking part against her in the present war. Prussia made short work with the smaller States which took part against her in the war of 1866. She absorbed them, regardless of their feelings. The adoption of the dogma of infallibility by the Ecumenical Council was a simultaneous with the adoption of a belligerent attitude between France and Prussia. If his Holiness was infallible in regard to political as well as ecclesiastical matters, he might settle the present trouble with Prussia. Would it be a good thing if there were a political Pope in Europe? The American Government, it will be remembered, declined to become a party to the above abdication. We are told that one of the reasons why the French Emperor desires war is, that it would consolidate all parties in France in favor of his Government. At the same time we are told that Bismarck looks favorably upon war as a means of consolidating the strength of the North German Confederation, and especially of welding to Prussia the States that were forcibly annexed after the war of 1866. It is quite possible that such ideas float through the minds of Napoleon III and Bismarck. Nearly two millions of Germans have emigrated to America during the last twenty years, more than three-fourths of whom have landed at the port of New York. All these emigrants had been trained as soldiers. German many would have had a quarter of a million more fighting men than she now has. Greece. The last number of the official correspondence on the Athenian massacres contains the following reports addressed to Mr. Siskin, and by Mr. Watson, Secretary of the Ministry, dated the 20th of June. On this occasion five of the brigades belonging to the Avantgarde and who were condemned to death on the 22d of May, suffered capital punishment. Mr. Watson says that the execution of the condemned brigades of the Avantgarde, which was carried out between half-past six and seven o'clock this morning (June 20), and in the presence of Mrs. Frimley, several were taken to the gallows, and when I arrived there with Count della Minerva, at five o'clock the hill immediately above was crowded to the top. A hollow square was formed around the gallows, and was lined by three companies of Infantry, one of artillery, and a troop of cavalry. The French Consul, the Commandant of the Ministry and myself, some officers of the 1st and 2nd Regiments, the King's chaplain, and some of the jury who had found the prisoners guilty, were admitted within the square. There were a crowd of people, and perfectly orderly till half past six, when a general shout from those on the hill announced the coming of the prisoners. They came each separately in a cart, each with two soldiers, preceded by the two executioners in their carriage, and escorted by a troop of cavalry. All orders, the executioners had seen that everything was in order, the first executioner came into the square, and the brigand Costa made a slight when his sentence was read over to him, and he was headed over to the gallows. As his legs were being bound he requested that he might not be put in pain, and as he was being led to the guillotine he turned to the crowd on the right and begged them to forgive him as he hoped to see his wife and children. As he was led forward he was covered by a yell of execration, and in two moments more the knife had fallen, and his head had rolled into the basket. Next came Alexis, as the Brigand accused of having murdered Mr. Herbert. I watched his demeanor narrowly, and though he did not now exhibit the selfishness which made him so remarkable at the trial, he showed to the last, that he possessed the utmost courage. Like Costa he turned to the bystanders and asked them to forgive him, as they hoped for salvation. They were asked by the eight, they had seen that a voice replied to Alexis, yet his eyes never once quailed, not even at the sight of his companion's headless trunk. The next two brigands executed—with one of whom came his confessor—had been taken before the execution to Marathon. The first of these uttered a piteous cry of horror at the sight before him, as he was being led to the block, he said nothing to the crowd. The second had to be lifted out of the carriage by the executioners, and as his miserable wretched form was being stretched at full length, he uttered a cry of forgiveness. The last of these who suffered was Phos; he was lifted out of the carriage and held up by two men while his sentence was being read over. He seemed to be suffering extreme pain and repeatedly begged of the executioners to be careful to avoid hurting his leg. He was at length adjusted, and turned with his face to the ground and had scarcely uttered a moan when the string was pulled and the fatal fall for the fifth and last time.

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GREAT BATTLE EXPECTED NEAR METZ.

General Bazaine Commander of the French Army.

PARIS IN A STATE OF SIEGE.

Popular Rage and Discontent.

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London, Aug 9 - News from Paris hourly grows more serious.

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A great battle was commencing near Metz. The London Times correspondent, telegraphing from Paris on the 10th inst, says that drums were beating and bugles calling at Paris, and that a great popular demonstration was at hand.

DELATED DISPATCHES

ATHENS, August 8 - via Paris 9 - The Greek Government refuses to assist the English Judges sent there to investigate the circumstances of the massacre of foreigners at Marathou.

BRUSSELS, the British Minister, has protested against the action of the Government.

The following report was telegraphed from Metz at 10:15 A.M. The corps of General Failly, which was not engaged in the recent actions, is the rallying point of the army. It has not been disturbed. McMahon has executed the movements prescribed for him.

There is great activity in enrolling volunteers in all parts of the city.

Thirty-three thousand workmen are now strengthening the fortifications, assisted by 20,000 soldiers.

The Corps Legislatif met to-day at one o'clock. Groups formed before the hall, which grew greater every moment and soon there were more than 10,000 persons assembled.

There were loud cries of Vice-Chancellor and Vice La France. Some were heard to shout Vice-Rouffort from the balconies of Belleville.

At two o'clock the troops of line ranged around the hall, and a squadron of cavalry. They were received by the crowd with cries of 'To the frontier! To the frontier!' The cavalry at once broke into a trot along the street, and the crowd withdrew, still shouting.

The scene in the Corps Legislatif was one of turbulence and almost violence.

Olivier has resigned and Gen Palikao has been charged with the duty of forming a new ministry.

London, August 9 - A dispatch from Karlsruhe, to-day, states that Strasbourg is surrounded by 60,000 troops, mostly South German, and must surrender. The advance of the Prussians from Sarrebourg and Treves has commenced. It is supposed Prince Charles is in command and that an immediate attack will be made on Metz.

A dispatch from Hongkong says that on the 21st of July the French Consul at Canton was attacked by a rabble and compelled to seek protection under the British flag.

The Queen delivered her speech to Parliament from the throne to-day: My Lords and Gentlemen - We continue good will and fellowship with foreign powers. We have used our best exertion to prevent war between France and Prussia, and shall now direct our attention to the strict observance of neutrality, and endeavor to check those operations which might tend to enlarge the area of the conflict.

We will contribute, if opportunity occurs, to restore an early and honorable peace. We have endeavored to the belligerents to calculate on fire security to Belgium. The belligerents have since signed the treaty, and other powers have been invited to accede to the arrangement.

Paris, Aug 9 - Nothing certain concerning Austria. Prussia is keeping her quiet with promises. No disturbance has taken place. The authorities have been warned that a society of workmen intended to make demonstrations took precautions to prevent them. The journals announce that Italy will send 100,000 men to assist France.

Paris, Aug 9 - McMahon fell back to St. Avold. Prussia has retreated a short distance.

The Emperor issued a proclamation stating that the opening of the war is unfavorable to France, and says: Let us hasten and repair our reverses: Let there be but one party and that for France.

London, Aug 8 - Dispatches state positively that the Emperor is still at Châlons.

The Prussians menace Metz and St. Avold. McMahon continues to retreat towards Nancy.

Paris journals deny any loss of cannon or eagles at Weissenberg.

Napoleon's headquarters are at Chalon. The Prussian reserves are rapidly joining their advances.

London, Aug 8 - The National Guard is assigned the defence of Paris.

Guns are mounted, new fortifications built, and all citizens between the ages of 30 and 40 years are incorporated in the National Guard. City tranquil.

Paris, Aug 9 - The city is fearfully excited over news from the front. Official dispatches say McMahon's Chief of Staff was killed. A great battle is expected at Metz, as the Prussians are making forced marches in that direction.

A proclamation by the Minister of War, approved by the Empress, declares Paris in a state of siege and describes immense preparations for its defence and calling the people to arms.

A gentleman who arrived on the California yesterday from Olympia was favored with the perusal of a proof-sheet of a late telegram received at the Pacific Tribune office on Thursday evening.

On the 19th inst, an insurrection broke out in Paris. The Garde National were called out and when ordered to fire on the people embraced them.

The populace then demanded the abdication and exile of the Emperor and his family, the removal of incompetent generals, and a complete change in the form of Government. [A Republic?]

The Bavarian cavalry are pushing rapidly towards Paris, and are making prisoners of thousands of panic-stricken French soldiers.

The Emperor has been invited to return to Paris and await the reconstruction of the Government.

In the Corps Legislatif to-day General Oudet announced the formation of a new Ministry and read their names as follows - Count Palikao Minister of War. De La Tour D'Avergne Foreign Affairs. Henri Chevroux Interior. Grande Paquet Justice. Generoury Marine. Pierre Malle Finance. Jerome David Public Works, Jules Brole Instructions. Clement Davenois Commerce. Bassor Bellaut President of the Council of State.

According to the latest advices the Emperor has not resigned himself to give up the command of the army, for which all France is clamorous.

London, Aug 10 - The Prince Imperial of France has arrived in London and is now at the French Legation in charge of W. F. Smith, the Emperor's private agent.

The City Council of Brussels voted an address of thanks to Queen Victoria for assisting the cause of Belgium's neutrality.

A dispatch from Karlsruhe to the Globe announces Strasbourg invested on all sides by the Prussians.

Gen Boyer who commands the city was ordered to surrender but refused. It is said the citadel is plentifully provisioned but is garrisoned by only one regiment of the line and the national guard of the place.

A cable special to the Tribune from Paris on Wednesday evening says - The new Cabinet intends to take as strong measures against Paris as Prussia, but do not be mistaken - one more reverse and the Emperor is gone. Confidence in him is utterly destroyed. Popular devotion is for country and no longer for a dynasty. Every hinge looks today as if an Orleansist or a Republic would succeed the Emperor.

New York, Aug 11 - A special, dated at London, Aug 10th says: The last official dispatch, dated Metz, August 9th, evening, says that the Emperor went on that morning to the headquarters of Marshal Bazaine and resumed command of the troops concentrated at Metz. This is an indirect way of contradicting the report that Bazaine was to be made Generalissimo of the Army of the Rhine.

The Emperor is blind to his incompetency and disregarding the universal outcry against him, will cling to the chief executive of the nation until another defeat eliminates the national patience. He intimates that he will never return to Paris.

A Metz dispatch in the morning papers says that the Prince Imperial is still at that place and the Emperor will certainly make a stand there.

The occasion here in the Clubs and also among the people is that the rule of the Bonaparte dynasty is over. The restoration of the House of Orleans is anticipated. Count de Paris, Louis Philippe's heir, is now in England.

London, Aug 11 - The Bank of England has reduced the rate of discount to 5 1/2 per cent.

MANKILLER, August 9 - For two days this city has been greatly agitated by demonstrations by the people - great crowds assembled and demand arms. Last evening groups of Radicals, seemingly without evil intent, entered the City Hall and endeavored to overturn the Municipal Government. The troops quickly arrived, with stringent orders to arrest rioters. The arrests have continued to-day about forty persons being now under guard for their participation in the disturbances.

London, August 11 - Advices from the Prussian front to ten o'clock Wednesday night, says that the French are falling back to the line of the Moselle, harassed by the Prussian cavalry, which has already passed the Saar at the station and railway trains had fallen into the hands of the Prussians. They had also taken the small fortress of Etzelsheim, in the Vosges, which had been evacuated, leaving their guns and provisions.

Paris, August 11 - The Journal Official has advices from Metz to 4:30 yesterday. The details of the battle of Froeschateau are still meagre. Marshal McMahon had his horse killed under him. A brigade of cavalry of reserve, and one division of the corps of General Failly arrived on the field at the close of the day, and covered the retreat.

The last official act of Grammont was to sign the treaty with England for the neutrality of Belgium.

New York, August 11 - The Courier des Etats Unis has a dispatch estimating McMahon's loss in the recent battles at forty thousand. It is estimated that the French forces now at Lozaines number 340,000 without counting the Garde Mobile. It is believed here that the French will bring into the next battle 250,000 men, and the Prussian only six votes.

The Italian Ministry has escaped censure by only six votes.

Lilloot District.

To the Electors of Clinton and Lilloot District: GENTLEMEN - You want a man to represent you in the Legislative Council. A good many of you have urged me to seek the representation of the District. I offer my services.

I am in favor of Confederation, because it is the policy of the Home Government, irrevocable, and it will end a system that means nothing but taxation.

The people who have voted pensions to public officers for important services rendered to their country, have exhibited rare signs of common sense, justice and gratitude. Pensions to such public officers as ours would be evidence of extreme folly.

The chief duty of your representatives at the next meeting of the Legislative Council, will be to examine the contract we are about to make with Canada, and if there are in it any conditions detrimental to the interests of this colony, to exhibit their injustice and demand amendment.

I am no orator. The majority of those who try to be eloquent are merely nonsensical, they forget that this is a practical age, and that a grain of common sense is better than a ton of chaff. "I HAD RATHER SPEAK FIVE WORDS WITH MY UNDERSTANDING THAN TEN THOUSAND WORDS IN AN UNKNOWN TONGUE."

I value the friendship and goodfellowship that exist between myself and the majority of the men in the District; they will be pleased to hear that I shall not solicit one vote as a personal favor. Friendship and goodfellowship should not presume to stand between you and your duty. Elect the best man. If you elect me I promise I shall make gentlemen ashamed of having voted pensions to themselves for duties not discharged.

I have the honor to be a first-rate ploughman, and your obedient servant,

GEORGE A. KELLY,

THE VALLEY, Clinton, Aug 10, 1870.

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