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THE STEAMER LABOUCHERE.

The steamer Labouchere, belonging to the Hudson Bay Co., plying between this port and Victoria, left here at 4, p. m., on Saturday, and was wrecked the same night off Point Reyes. The fog was very dense and the vessel got on the breakers before her commander discovered the danger. All the passengers, about 100 in number, were in bed when the vessel struck; they immediately run on deck the engine was reversed and the vessel finally hauled off the rocks, when it was found that the water was coming in very fast. The pumps were started and the passengers put into boats and upon a raft which had been constructed and headed for the shore, which was some 10 miles distant, and which they finally reached, with the exception ol two mulattoes, who were in an open boat, which capsized. These two, a passenger by the name of Wilcox, and a mulatto who was employed on the vessel as steward, were lost. As soon as the intelligence reached town, the Shubrick was sent to the rescue; she reports the Labouchere a total loss, and brought back several passengers, the remainder having been taken up by the Montana, and carried towards Oregon.

CALIFORNIA.

San Francisco, April 15-There were forty-five deaths in San Francisco last

The Mechanics' Institute Association split last evening, and the factions held separate Flags are out at half-mast all over the city

to-day, and the morning papers are in mourning for the death of Lincoln. The new banking house of the California Building and Loan Society was formally in-

augurated yesterday.

Arrived—Schooner Flying Dart, fifteen days from Carmen Island; ship Peruvian, 162 days from New York. Cleared-British steamer Labouchere, for

Victoria; Orizaba, for Portland. SAN FRANCISCO, April 19-No Eastern

news to day.

The following gentlemen, who lost their lives by the disaster of Monday, were insured in the companies named below: Francis E. Webster and W. S. Haven, in the Mutual Life Insurance of New York for \$5000 each; Garrett W. Bell in Manhattan Life Insurance of New York for \$3000; Samuel Knight in the Charter Oak Life Insurance for \$10,000. An inquest was commenced by Coroner Harris this afternoon on the body of Samuel Knight, who was killed by the recent ex-

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The steamship Continental, Capt. Wind-

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reka. Sailed, 18th-Bark Leoners, Puget Sound bark Denmark, whaling voyage; bark Chr. Devans, Puget Sound; brig Franklin Adam Victoria; brig Grimes, Puget Sound; be Architect, Puget Sound.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 19th.—Candles—900 bxs Grant's sold from 2d hands at 23; and 100 do Emery at 29. Molasses—Hawaiian, is firm with sales in lots from wharf of 600 bbls. at 45 cts., usual terms. Rice—sales 750 mats Batavia, at an advance on the late auction prices. Sugar yellow crashed, local refinery, 16 cents cash; the San Francisco and Pacific Refinery have fixed the price of the same grade from July the 1st to the end of the year at 16 at 150 cm. select to the end of the year at 16 ets. of raw sales of 600 hf bbls medium Kawaiian, 150 do good at about previous prices; high grades are scarce and very firm. Flour—we quote super-fine (hf-sks.) per bbl. \$5 to 5 75; extra hf sks, \$575 to \$6; qr sks, \$6 to \$6 55. Wheat—the market continues in favor of the purchaser, sales 6000 sks prime shipping grade at \$1 65; 1000 do. choice bakers \$1 70 and 1000 do. coast \$1 55 per 100 lbs. Barley and 1000 do. coast \$1 55 per 100 lbs. Barley —remains dull at 85@90 per 100 lbs. for light feed to prime brewing with sales within the range. Oats—1 85 to \$2 per 100 lbs for peor to prime. Potatoes—sales include 700 sks. Petaluma 974@\$1 024 per 100 lbs.

Special Dispatch to the "Colonist."

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FORTRESS MONROE, April 16—Clement C. Clay was released under the President's order this morning.

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New York, April 18—Thirty ships left -Liverpool for this country during March with 3648 cabin and 1048 steerage passengers.— Number of passengers for the quarter 24,277. Ole Bull, the celebrated violinist, died at Quebec April 10th:

NEW YORK, April 18-The Times Washs ington special correspondent says the Post-master General is satisfied of the feasibility and practicability of the proposed national telegraph company to connect lines over all the post routes. If the estimates are correct ordinary messages can be transmitted at the rate of one cent for three words.

Sr. Louis, April 18-Brewnsville advices say the Liberals captured a wagon train between Vera Cruz and Monterey, killing and capturing 250 French seldiers. One hundred and fifty wagons were in the train.

A RICH SILVER LEAD .- A lead of silver ore, three feet wide at the outcrop, has recently been discovered in the Bonaparte district, near the Thompson river, which promises to be one of the richest and most important discoveries yet made in this colony. A specimen of the ore was brought to town on Friday last, and assayed at the government assay office, which gave the following result: \$877 per ton of silver, and 16 dwts. of gold-

FROM YALE .- The steamer Lillooet, Capt. Fleming, came down from Yale on Friddy, afternoon, about 3 o'clock. She brought a small express and a few passengers. From Mr. Barnard, who came down by her, we learn that the Shuswap Lake is clear of ice, and navigation open. The steamer Marten is rapidly approaching completion. Her boilers have reached the steamboat landing, and the balance of her machinery is being pushed through with the utmost possible dispatch. Mr. McKay, of Kamloops, arrived at Yale on Thursday. He reports favorably of the roads and the mines. Two stages left Yale yesterday morning, crowded with passengers .-

MINING AT BIG BEND-A private letter received here from some miners who went to Big Bend very early in the season, states that they had arrived at the diggings and had been taking out from \$4 to \$6 per day, while awaiting the opening of the weather so as to enable them to prospect. They spoke highly of the country.-Post.

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sunrise till sunset. The event will be further on her late trip up from Panama, a quantity of nitro-glycerine, which had reached the Isthmus some time ago, consigned to CHICAGO, April 13—Several negroes have Bandmann, Nelson & Co., of this city; been prosecuted at Memphis under the State also two cases of the same article, but in Law for keeping bar and billiard saloons. lager boxes than Bandman, Nelson & Co's Their counsel pleaded the Civil Rights Bill consignment. These boxes were marked in defence, and the Judge will deliver his plainly "nitro-glycerine acid." The latter two, one of which was addressed to Idaho, and the other to Los Angelos, were refused by the parties to whom they were consigned, as they arrived in a damaged condition. Capt. Cox, Superintendent of the P. M. S. S. Co.'s wharf yesterday morning about 10 o'clock, find ing they were leaking, sent them down to Wells, Fargo & Co's office, and they were placed in the court yard in the rear of the office, where the steamer freight unclaimed San Francisco, April 16.—From the is usually kept. Webster, the freight Alta's extra the following particulars of a clerk of Wells, Fargo & Co., sent for terrible calamity are given :- At thirteen Haven, the freight clerk of the P. M. S. and a half minutes past one o'clock p. m., S. Co., to examine the same; both to-day, our city was startled by a shock gentlemen lunched at the Union Club like the explosion of some vast mine room, and afterwards went to the courtduring a siege, and for many blocks in yard; the boxes were in the yard leaking, every direction from the north-west corner and it is natural to suppose that in examof California and Montgomery streets, ining the box, which is not a very large the air was filled with dust and flying one, they either kicked or turned it over, rubbish, and glass came rattling down and striking the oil on the ground, the from every window as if the explosion concussion exploded the same. Webster had occurred in each separate building and Haven were rent to pieces, showing The consternation which seized on the they must have been immediately over passers by Wells & Fergo's was terrible; or near the explosive material; no other men, women, children, horsemen, pedes persons among the dead were so mutilated trians, dray and express teams without some having their bodies filled with drivers, came charging pell-mell down the splinters, others their clothes burned or street in inextricable confusion. As soon blown cff, and others receiving fractures. as the first panic began to subside, there Knight, from the appearance of his was an immense rush towards Wells, remains, was evidently killed by concussion Fargo & Co.'s building, and the streets The boxes containing the nitro-glycerine were for a few seconds so blocked up that which exploded were each 21 feet high, it was almost impossible for fire engines and their superficial measurement was 14 to be brought into position to check the feet 11 inches; only one exploded, the flames, which it was thought were about other being found leaking but unexploded. to break out in the scene of the explosion. Two hours after the catastrophe search At first it was impossible to locate was made for the wounded. Lying in the terrible was the consternation and so nised were lifeless, the third which was but investigations made within a few of Garret H. Bell, assayer, and member

where the Union Club House kitchen had stood, where it was believed a large number of the sufferers were buried, was removed piece by piece, as the mangled remains were brought out one after another and conveyed away on stretchers or in carriages. This scene was indescribably mounful and impressive.

KILLED AND WOUNDED. So far as known at this time, 10 p. m., the

So far as known at this time, 10 p. m., the list of killed or badly wounded is as follows:
Employees of Wells, Fargo & Co.: Samuel hight, Superintendant of the Banking Detument, he had just gone out into the pard must him to been instantly killed; F. E. ter, head of the New York Department, with March and William Jester, the porter, and was blown to pieces; Webster was about 40 years of age and leaves a wife and 2 children; William Jester the porter was killed; John Gallagher and Joseph Elliott, hostlers, was in the ward or stable when the explosion. were in the yard or stable when the explosion occurred and were both killed; D. B. Stacy, one of the cashiers, cut and bruised about the face and neck; W. J. Taylor, cashier, cuts about the face and neck, painfully but not dangerously injured; L. E. Neander, store-

keeper, received several cuts, and a number of the clerks received some scratches.

Employees of the Union Club: Felix
Dunivan, cook, killed; F. Rust or F. Loryea, third cook, severely, and it is feared fatally injured; W. R. Cox, steward, badly injured, supposed to be beyond recovery; Chinese assistant, name unknown, missing, probably killed; one other Chinese assistant, name unknied; one other Uninese assistant, name un-known, killed; John Maguire, waiter, mis-sing; J. H. Wright, waiter, missing; Wm. Smith, waiter, leg broken, will recover; Dennis O'Brien, waiter, missing; Jas. Burke, waiter, missing. We learn the names of but an instant before the explosion; Haven, book-keeper in the P. M. S. S. Co.'s office, killed: H. Blum, clothing dealer adjoining the express office, somewhat injured about the face; Fred. Leise, badly injured; Frank Morris, working for Bell & Co., badly cut about the head; Elliott, another workman, badly cut; A. Hayward, proprietor of the Amadore mine, slightly injured; W. A. Lunt, assayer for Bell, badly, but not danger-ously cut and contused. Conclusion. A large number of people were at lunch in the Union Club dining hall, the doors and windows of which were driven out, the furniture destroyed, but none were dangerously injured. The billiard saloon was a mass of ruins, but no one was killed in it, and the escape of so many, who were exposed to the force of the shock, is astonishing. The light yellow staff have gone to Eastport. It is supposed

smock, is astonishing. The light yellow smoke ascended to an immense height into the air; the smell of gas was perceptible to the city front; the bodies were all torn and mu-

THE STEAMER LABOUCHERE.

The steamer Labouchere, belonging to the Hudson Bay Co., plying between this port and Victoria, left here at 4, p. m., on Saturday, and was wrecked the same night off Point Reyes. The fog was very dense and the vessel got on the breakers before her commander discovered the danger. All the passengers, about 100 in number, were in bed when the vessel struck; they immediately run on deck; the engine was reversed and the vessel finally hanled off the rocks, when it was found that the water was coming in very and practicability of the proposed national fast. The pumps were started and the passengers put into boats and upon a raft which had been constructed and headed for the shore, which was some 10 miles distant, and which they finally reached, with the exception ol two mulattoes, who were in an open boat, which capsized. These two, a passenger by the name of Wilcox, and a mulatto who was employed on the vessel as steward, were lost. As soon as the intelligence reached town, the Shubrick was sent to the rescue; she reports the Labouchere a total loss, and brought back several passengers, the remainder having been taken up by the Montana, and carried towards Oregon.

CALIFORNIA.

The Mechanics' Institute Association split

last evening, and the factions held separate meetings. Flags are out at half-mast all over the city

to-day, and the morning papers are in mourning for the death of Lincoln. The new banking house of the California Building and Loan Society was formally inaugurated yesterday.

Arrived-Schooner Flying Dart, fifteen days from Carmen Island; ship Peruvian, have reached the steamboat landing, and the Cleared-British steamer Labouchere, for

Victoria; Orizaba, for Portland. SAN FRANCISCO, April 19-No Eastern

news to-day.

The following gentlemen, who lost their lives by the disaster of Monday, were insured in the companies named below : Francis E. Webster and W. S. Haven, in the Mutual Life Insurance of New York for \$5000 each; Garrett W. Bell in Manhattan Life Insurance of New York for \$3000; Samuel Knight in the Charter Oak Life Insurance for \$10,000. An inquest was commenced by Coroner Harris this afternoon on the body of Samuel

The steamship Continental, Capt. Wind-

male passengers who have been induced to this coast through the influence of Mr. Mercer of Washington Territory. The vess sel is consigned to the California and Mexistan S. S. Co., and will land its passengers at this port.

Arrived—Bark Live Yankee, five days from Columbia River; bark W. H. Gawley, ten days from Port Madison; schooner Eliza Walker, six days from Shoal Water

Bay. Cleared, 19th—Steamer Del Norte, Euc reka.

Sailed, 18th-Bark Leenere, Puget Sound; bark Denmark, whaling voyage; bark Chas. Devans, Puget Sound; brig Franklin Adams. Victoria ; brig Crimes, Puget Sound ; bard Architect, Puget Sound. The telegraph reports gold in New Yorkstorday at 127(@127%, and sterling fir at previous quotations.
Legal Tenders dall at 794@80.

MARKETS.

San Francisco, April 19th.—Candles—900 bus Grant's sold from 2d hands at 23; and 100 do Emery at 29. Molasses—Hawaiian, is firm with sales in lots from wharf of 600 bbls. at 45 cts., usual terms. Rice—sales 750 mats Batavia, at an advance on the late auction prices. Sugar yellow crushed, local refinery, 16 cents cash; the San Francisco and Pacific Refinery have fixed the price of the same grade from July the 1st to the end of the year at 16 cts. of raw sales of 600 hf bbls medium Kawaiian, 150 do good at about previous prices; high grades are scarce and very firm. Flour—we quote super-fine (hf-sks.) per bbl. \$5 to 5 75; extra hf sks, \$575 to \$6; qr sks, \$6 to \$6 55. Wheat—the market continues in favor of the purchaser, sales 6000 sks prime shipping grade at \$1 65; 1000 do. choice bakers \$1 70 and 1000 do. coast \$1 55 per 100 lbs. Barley and 1000 do. coast \$1 55 per 100 lbs. Barley—remains dull at 85@90 per 100 lbs., for light feed to prime brewing with sales within the range. Oats—1 85 to \$2 per 100 lbs for peor to prime. Potatoes—sales include 700 sks. Petaluma 97½@\$1 02½ per 100 lbs.

Special Dispatch to the "Colonist."

CLAY RELEASED.

CONFEDERATION CARRIED IN NOVA SCOTIA.

FORTRESS MONROE, April 16-Clement C. Clay was released under the President's order this morning.

city front; the bedies were all torn and mutilated by splinters, but not burned and but of the Confederation of the Provinces passed HALIFAX, April 18-A resolution in favor slightly blackened. The effect produced was both Houses of the Nova Scotia Parliament. not entirely akin to that of an explosion of The New Brunswick Parliament have adgunpowder or steam. It resembled more that journed for a month to enable the new minise of a stroke of lightning. The flags in the City try to be formed and election to be held to Hall are half-mast and the whole city seems fill vacancies caused by the resignation of

OMAHEE, April 18-The government commissioners have examined and accepted the second section of the Union Pacific railroad. The track is now being laid at the rate of a mile a day.

New York, April 18—Thirty ships left . Liverpool for this country during March with 3648 cabin and 1048 steerage passengers. Number of passengers for the quarter 24,277. Ole Bull, the celebrated violinist, died at Quebec April 10th:

NEW YORK, April 18-The Times Washe ington special correspondent says the Post-master General is satisfied of the feasibility telegraph company to connect lines over all the post routes. If the estimates are correct ordinary messages can be transmitted at the rate of one cent for three words.

St. Louis, April 18-Brownsville advices say the Liberals captured a wagon train between Vera Cruz and Monterey, killing and capturing 250 French seldiers. One hundred and fifty wagons were in the train.

A RICH SILVER LEAD .- A lead of silver ore, three feet wide at the outcrop, has recently been discovered in the Bonaparte district, near the Thompson river, which promises to be one of the richest and most important discoveries yet made in this colony. A specimen of the ore was brought to town on Friday last, and assayed at the government assay office, which gave the following result: San Francisco, April 15—There were forty-five deaths in San Francisco last Columbian

FROM YALE .- The steamer Lillooet, Capt. Fleming, came down from Yale on Friddy, afternoon, about 3 o'clock. She brought a small express and a few passengers. From Mr. Barnard, who came down by her, we learn that the Shuswap Lake is clear of ice, and navigation open. The steamer Marten is rapidly approaching completion. Her boilers balance of her machinery is being pushed through with the utmost possible dispatch. Mr. McKay, of Kamloops, arrived at Yale on Thursday. He reports favorably of the roads and the mines. Two stages left Yale yesterday morning, crowded with passengers .-

MINING AT BIG BEND-A private letter received here from some miners who went to Big Bend very early in the season, states that they had arrived at the diggings and had been taking out from \$4 to \$6 per day, while Knight, who was killed by the recent ex- awaiting the opening of the weather so as to enable them to prespect. They spoke highly of the country.- Post.

# TELEGRAPHIC.

The following additional Eastern desyesterday by the Eliza Anderson.

A PROPOSITION TO REDUCE TAXATION.

The committee on ways and means will report an internal revenue bill next week, on the basis of reducing taxation \$50,000,000. In making the reduction the committee has as much as possible made exemptions of raw materials entering into general consumption.

SECRETARY M'CULLOCH ON THE TEST OATH. Secretary McCulloch, in a letter accompanying the President's message, recommending a modification of the test oath, says: When the appointments were made it was difficult to find competent officers in many of the Southern revolutionary districts who could take the oath; but so important did it seem to the President and cabinent for the purpose of equalizing the public burdens, that the revenue should be established throughout the late rebellious States with as little delay as possible, and that the un-pleasant duty of collecting taxes from an exhausted and rebellious people should be performed by their own citizens, that the Secretary of the Treasury did not hesitate to recommend for appointment persons of whose personality there was no question, but who might either willingly or unwillingly, during the progress of the rebellion, having been so connected with the insurgents and the Conthe oath of office. No one could have re- Circuit Court has the case under advisegretted more than the President and cabinet the necessity which existed for this course, but there seemed to be ne alternative, and it was confidently hoped that under the circumstances of the case, it would be approved by Congress.

The Postmaster General says the test oath tarily" be inserted in the oath. This would enlarge the class of persons who could qualify, and would be in harmony with on the look out. The garrison at Campthe general provisions and purposes of the bell Island has been increased, earthworks oath. He says it may be interesting to have been thrown up, and vigilant preknow that of 2,259, mail routes in operation in the disloyal States at the breaking out of the rebellion, on'y 757 have been restored, and out of 892 post offices in these States, only 204 appointments of postmasters have been made. Of the whole, 177 only have been qualified for office being males and 43 being females.

AID TO AN OREGON ROAD.

the deficiency of land granted to the State of Oregon, to aid the construction of the millitary road from Eugene City to the eastern boundary of the State.

L. Carter, of Tennessee, for Secretary of the latter very seriously. From six to twelve other persons are supposed to have been killed.

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CELEBRATIONS IN THE NORTH. Buffalo, April 7 .- Dispatches from Boston, Philadelphia, and other cities, report commemoration of the passage of the Civil

Rights bill by the senate. STEAMBOATS BURNED. St. Louis, April 7-The steamers Majors, Effie Deans, Nevada, Fannie Ogden, and Frank Bates were burned at the levee this morning. Loss, \$225,000 on the boats, and

\$300,000 on cargoes.

SEMMES TURNED LOOSE. Raphael Semmes, of pirate Alabama no-

DISCHARGED SOLDIERS TO BE EMPLOYED AS CLERKS.

WASHINGTON, April 9-The President instructs the heads of departments to give pre-

THE NATIONAL TELEGRAPH COMPANY. Senator Sherman last Thursday offered a bill to incorporate the National Telegraph Company, with power to construct lines over any post routes in the States or Territories, the Government to use the lines at such rates as the Post Master General may prescribe.

REDUCTION OF OFFICERS' RATIONS. Since the President's peace proclamation the price of officers' rations have been reduced to 30 cents.

DESTITUTION AT THE SOUTH. CHICAGO, April 9-Much suffering and destitution is reported in Georgia and Alabama. Gov. Jenkins has issued a proclamation calling on capitalists to come forward or the people will starve. The Huntsville (Ala.) Independent says several cases of actual starvation have occurred in that county, and of Marshall county, that a careful census shows that there are 2180 persons, whites and blacks, absolutely helpless from age, sickness or infirmity, and families, representit, and are living off the residue of the peomore than twenty with means more than adequate for their wants.

DOOLITTLE TO BE ASKED TO RESIGN. The Wisconsin Senate last Saturday into report a resolution requesting Senator Doolittle to resign.

THE TENNESSEE LEGISLATURE. NASHVILLE, April 8-The Tennessee Legis lature assembles to-morrow with a radical majority of six members, being four more than a working quorum. The radical caucus woted to refer all credentials, and admit only those elected as new members and exclude bolters that are re-elected, on the ground that the latter came back under a pledge to bolt again, and are therefore in rebellion against the State Government. Exciting questions will therefore claim the immediate attention of the House.

Mr. Maynard, when stumping the State of Connecticut lately, said that Tennessee would give the negro suffrage before Con-necticut, and the prospects are in favor of its being done.

THE ANNIVERSARY OF LINCOLN'S DEATH. CHICAGO, April 9-Governor Oglesby has issued his proclamation for the observance of the 15th of April, being the anniversary of patches to the Oregonian, were received President Lincoln's death, as a day of fasting and prayer. The anniversary falls on Sunday, but it is a precedent for its annual observance hereafter.

NEW STEAMSHIP CORPORATION.

ALBANY, N. Y., April 9-Mr. Littlejohn introduced a bill in the Assembly incorporating Wm. H. Webb, M. O. Roberts, and others, forming the North American Steamship Company, with a capital of three millions, to operate a line of steamers on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts and the Mediterranean Sea.

#### Overland Mail Service.

Washington, April 11.—The postoffice department has given a contract to Holliday to run another overland mail io California via the Smoky Hill route and Denver, services to be commenced on the

The First Suit Under Civil Rights Law. The first suit under the civil rights bill was instituted at Lafayette, Indiana, yestract under it, while the defendant claims the benefit of the State constitution and federate Government as to be unable to take black laws. Judge Gest, of the State ment and will probably send it to the

#### More Fenian Excitement.

State Supreme Court, now in session.

Dispatches from Eastport, Maine, represent that there is much excitement on has been the greatest hindrance to his the border owing to the presence of a large number of Fenians and the fears of hostilities. Three British war ships are parations have been made to prevent a

Confirmations by the Senate.

The Senate has confirmed the nominations of David W. Ballard, of Oregon, for Governor of Idaho; Richard C. McCormick, for Governor of Arizona; James P.

the firing of salutes by the Republicans in stamp act of August 3d, 1865, and requiring all steam vessels carrying passen- THE LOSS OF THE LABOUCHERE. gers, to procure special permit before taking such articles on board.

#### The Scope of the Peace Proclamation.

The boats belonged to the Northwestern tion has only reference to the States Fur Company, and were heavily laden with named therein, as his proclamation of last August had with reference to Tennesse. It does not suspend the operation of military law in any of the States, and the toriety, was released yesterday by order of Freedmen's Boreau will continue to exer- quirers, but were unable to throw further the President, on his original parole under cise its accustomed functions. The officers see that justice continues to be administered between freedmen and whites by the existing semi military courts, until the ference to discharged soldiers in all clerical be heard in their civil courts in the same various States give the former the right to manner as the latter. The scope of the proclamation with respect to trials by court martial or commission, does not seem to be well understood, even by officers high in authority. here and elsewhere. The department commissioners of Georgia and Alabama have telegraphed 60 fathoms water Sunday morning-all hands The bill was referred to a select committee for information on the subject, and it is saved. understood the matter was brought before the cabinet to-day. The action taken is not known, but there is good reasons for believing that the War Department will soon issue a circular of instruction.

#### The President Coming to his Senses.

Prominent friends of the President say he will enforce the Civil Rights bill in good faith, quoting the remark that "he having exercised his constitutional prerogative in vetoing the bill, and Congress publishes a statement of the Probate Judge having exercised its prerogative in passing it, he shall feel bound by their action. These gentlemen also express the belief that having seen the power of Congress, ing in all 2,000 persons, are dependent for and with what unanimity it is sustained their living upon work, but unable to earn by the people, he will now endeavor to conform his action so that there may be ple. In Marshall county, there were not harmony between them. Gen. Howard will, under verbal instructions from the President, issue a circular to his subordinates apprising them of the passage of the Civil Rights bill, and instructing them to structed its Commi tee on Federal Relations inform them of its provisions and to assist in maintaining them.

#### Congressional.

noon for coining new five cent. pieces composed of copper and nickel a trifle

NEW YORK, April 11.—The Tribune's Washington special dispatch says the Senate yesterday failed to confirm Louis A Reported Case of Cholera.

the death of a woman last Monday, 9th, that "Schuyler Colfax's lecture on the Overof Asiatic cholera. The Sanitary Super- land journey is the popular entertainment of intendent of the Board of Health declares the winter. He has given it twice, a few declares it was, and there is much excite- bubbled over the brim of the immense Cooper

Many Seriously Injured.

San Francisco, April 16 .- At about quarter past one this afternoon a terrible exlosion occurred in the Assay Office of G. W. Bell, on California street, adjoining Wells, Fargo & Co's. Captain Samuel Knight, Superintendent of Wells, Fargo & Co's. Express, and G. W. Bell were instantly killed-Several others whose names are as yet un. known, were also killed. Many of the emterday, a negro claiming to enforce a con- ployes of Wells, Fargo & Co. were more or less injured; but it is thought none of them were killed except Mr. Knight. The nature of the explosion is not yet known, but it is supposed to have been a barrel of nitroglycerine oil, one of the most powerful ex-plosive chemicals known to modern science.

The concussion was felt with terrible force throughout the entire city. The Assay Office and a portion of the Express Building were demolished. Window sashes and glass were shattered in buildings in adjoining blocks. The most intense excitement exists throughout the city, and a posse of policemen have been stationed about the Express Office to keep the crowd back. It is supposed that some workmen are still buried beneath the ruins of the Assay Office. The bodies of two have already been recovered.

SECOND DISPATCH.

L. E. Webster, head of the New York Express Department, is missing. The dead bodies of four persons, in addition to those named, have been found.

THIRD DISPATCH.

W. S. Havens, of the P. M. S. S. Co., is among the missing. Messrs. Sanders & Stacy, of the Express Office, are badly injured,

the arrival of the Enterprise yesterday to learn further particulars regarding the loss The President, in conversation with of this steamer was intense, and no sooner General Howard, says the peace proclama- had the whistle, heralding her approach, sounded than the Company's wharf was thronged with people.

The carrier of the Columbian and the reporters of the press were besieged with ealight upon the disaster, as the wires were will remain on duty, and its agents will down, and the only dispatch published in the Columbian was the same as had previously reached us from Seattle.

We are indebted to the Chief Factors of the Hudson Bay Company for a copy of the following terse telegram from the British Consul at San Francisco to Administrator Birch of New Westminster:

SAN FRANCISCO, April 17, 1866: 5:20 P. M. Received 5:50 P. M., 17th. To Gov. BIRCH-Labouchere struck a rock at Point Reyes Saturday night, and sank in W. L. BOOKER.

From the above we may infer that the Labouchere struck the reef of rocks lying some distance off Point Reyes, as previously stated, and remained there all Saturday night. On Sunday morning (probably at high water) she got off but soon after foun dered in deep water. The most satisfactory part of the telegram (if anything cheering can be found in it) is the announcement that all hands were saved."

There is little doubt now that no portion of the cargo can have been saved. Of the manner in which the passengers and crew Kingdom and British Colonies. manner in which the passengers and crew effected their escape and what became of the colonial mails we are still in the dark. Our New Westminster contemporary asserts that several bags of British Columbian mails were lost, but the authority is not given for the statement.

We are informed that the amount for which the Labouchere was insured was very much less than that stated in our issue of yesterday; and that the cost of the recent improvements at San Francisco is yet unknown, the work not having been done under contract.

BRITISH COLUMBIA IMPORTS-The total imports into the port of New Westminster for the quarter ending 25th March, 1866. amounted to \$243,602 50, the largest items being dry goods \$37,293, machinery \$36,-The House passed the bill this after- 219, flour \$9,791, blankets \$9,311, boots and shoes \$8,859, butter \$8,524, spirits \$8,450, tobacco \$8,285, hardware \$8,184, bacon and larger than three cent pieces issued last hams \$8,003, beef cattle \$6,645, sugar \$5,-

The rush for the Blackfoot, Idaho and Eastern Oregon is beginning in good earnest D. Campbell, of Ohio, as Minister to from the Willamette counties. Great numbers are daily arriving bound for those lands of promise. (?! Poor Devils!)

SPEAKER COLFAX'S LETTER .- The corres-Considerable excitement was caused by pondent of the Union from New York, writes the case was not cholera, but the coroner weeks apart in New York, to audiences which Institute, and filtered into all the antercoms and even into the street. He has declined one hundred and seventy-three invitations to enlighten with it the people of cities and hamlets from Maine to Iowa, and New York to Virginia. One wonders if his gavel so fills his honest hand that he can refuse without a sigh to open that white palm for \$20,000. The sum has a comfortable sound.

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Company has filed its articles of incorporation for the purpose, according to their SEVERAL LIVES LOST. certificate, of introducing fresh water in San Francisco, and supplying the people at a reasonable price. Capital stock \$3,000,000, divided into 3,000 shares of \$100 each. Trustees, Wm. H. Parks, R. F. Parks, John Satterlee, C. J. Hutchinson and Henry Williams.

FARO .- Judge Cowles of San Francisco has fined a man named Edwin H. Whipple \$500 for dealing a game of faro.

DEAD IN HIS BED .- An Englishman named John Martin, was recently found dead in his bed at Stewart House, San Francisco.

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## Loss of the Labouchere.

Shortly after we had gone to press yesterday morning the steamer Eliza Anderson, Capt. Finch, from Puget Sound, arrived, bringing the startling intelligence of the total paddle steamer Labouchere, Captain Henry Mouat, off Point Reyes, a bold headland about 28 miles north of San Francisco. The telegrams received, which we publish below, are brief and singularly deficient in detail; but we fear the fact that the steamer has gone down is too true, although there is some

The Labouchere, after undergoing all the fective way was to repeal the act altogether. class passenger ship, and being magnificently and supply its place with a municipal system fitted up, at a reputed cost of from \$15,000 to \$18,000, it appears left San Francisco on Saturday afternoon last, with about 100 pasof the latter part has been sustained by the accounted for she struck a reef off Point reaching shore with no more than two probe able casualties remains to be seen. Those ever, a bill of a very different description was who know the coast well say that the weather any ship struck on the reef which lies some twelve or fourteen miles out to sea there are, of course, numerous. Knowing, as all do, the vigilance and caution of Captain Mouat when afloat the most common conclusion is dock, and that the night being thick the Farallones Light or Point Reyes Head Land was obscured and the steamer ran on the foundered. The arrival of the Enterprise to-day from New Westminster with further particulars will be anxiously looked for. In he meantime it is satisfactory to the friends of those believed and known to be on board to hear that the passengers are reported by two of their own number to have been all saved, and further that a steamer was despatched by the agents to their rescue. On the ship's deck were five Whitehall boats rejoices in believing must have been instru-mental in saving life, as they could each carry six or eight passengers, if the sea was not running too high.

We understand that the Labouchere was insured in England for £33,000. She was substantially bnilt of teak, and her engines

were prize engines at the Exhibition of 1851. Some merchants and dealers who had goods on board will be heavy sufferers, as the loss of the Labouchere was looked upon as such an improbability that shippers were indifferent about insuring. Reid, who has probably lost his five boats which were not insured, nobly says he will be quite contented if they were the means of saving one

#### TELEGRAMS RECEIVED.

From the Operator at Seattle to the Colonist.

San Francisco, April 16. The H. B. Co.'s steamer Labouchere, was to receive from the Sheriff a title to the hence for Victoria, struck the reef at quite clear that under such an arrangement The vessel is a total loss. She had on no person, in a country where money is worth board one hundred passengers, all of whom, with the exception of two were saved. Particulars soon.

Company.

San Francisco, April 15. Labouchere lost on Point Reyes this morning. One (1) waiter and one (1) passenger, both colored, drowned. Pass-

steamer for passengers. FALKNER, BELL & Co.

From Mr. D. A. Edgar, one of the passengers, to the U.S. Consul.

SAN RAFAEL, April 15. Hon, ALLEN FRANCIS,-Steamer Labouchere foundered at sea this morning at eight (8) o'clock. Passengers all saved. Ship and cargo total loss.

D. A. EDGAR.

Mr. Martin, of Martin Bros., Wharf street, also received a telegram announcing the wreck of the steamship, and stating that all the passengers were saved. Mr. Martin's wife was on board.

Mr. John P. Couch, merchant, of Wharf the loss of the steamer.

To the Editor of the British Colonist: -Sir:-For the last tew weeks this town has been the scene of great excitement and discussion, on its proposed incorporation. While the bill was going through the Lower House its opponents got up a petition to the Legislative Council asking that it might be thrown out as soon as it came before that body. This reached Victoria (about the time Mr. Cunningham started to come home with a copy of the bill as completed by the Assembly) accompanied by a letter stating that it represented seven-eighths of the propmeasured ridicule, and are a tacit confession consideration postponed for a week till the that the Executive has acted very impru- matter could be tested. A petition was dently in the matter from beginning to end. opened at Messrs. Platt & Johns' last Mon-

We shall, refrain, however, from discussing the merits of the Government scheme until the amendments shall have been introduced.

day in favor of the bill, headed by J. Bryden, Esq., Assistant Manager of the V. C. C., which obtained above 100 names the first day, without going out of the store. Near 50 more were added the next day. Mr. Cun

ningham then concluded to call a public meeting and try the feeling of the people in that way, on the same subject. Printed placards were posted in every part of the town the next morning calling the meeting for that evening, at half past seven, at the Hall loss of the Hudson Bay Company's fine of the Institute, and announcing that the bill would be read and explained, and an oppors tunity afforded to discuss its merits.

At the time the Hall was crowded, J. Bryden, Esq., was elected to the chair, and C. Platt, Esq., appointed Secretary. After Mr. Cunningham had read the bill and made so ne explanatory remarks, a resolution was moved by Mr. Raper and seconded by Mr. Baker, the purport of which was "That the meeting approved of the bill as being as good as they could expect to get at present, and they hoped it would become law as early as practicable." A long discussion ensued, not so much on the nature of the bill as to whether we wanted such a measure at

all or not. After over two hours' incessant firing, in which the opponents of the bill occupied more than half the time, the house divided and as near as I could judge about threefourths were in favor of the motion, which caused great cheering by the friends of the bill, and great chagrin on the part of those who had been so fearfully outnumbered. Notwithstanding their misrepresentation and arrogant boasting, and the mock and in some respects profane funeral service they held last Saturday evening, which they called "The burial of the Incorporation bill," they found that the child which they tried to kill by burying or rather drowning, was still

alive and more vigorous than ever. The opposition to this measure has of late been of such a mean, sacriligious character that many of the most respectable of the party are coming over in favor of the bill .-Before the meeting closed, Mr. Platt, the secretary, was appointed to go down with the petition to-morrow. I have heard that Mr. Stone, the proprietor of the Old Flag Inn, the most respectable hotel in town, goes with

At the close of the meeting a vote of thanks to Mr. Cunningham and the municipal committee was carried without a dissentient voice.

Three cheers for Cunningham, three cheers for the Nanaimo Gazette, and three hearty cheers for the chairman terminated one of the largest and most interesting meetings

ever held in Nanaimo. INCORPORATION. Nanaimo, April 12, 1866.

The Blackfoot Country.

MONTANA MINES CONDEMNED BOTH SIDES OF THE PICTURE.

The following from the Idaho World of March 24th, confirms what has previously appeared in the columns of the Colonist, regarding the reputed attractions of the Montana Mines, now alluring crowds of unfortunate dupes.

SEVERE WINTER.

A letter from Gallatin county says: The weather is very cold and has been extremely so almost all the season. Many persons have been frozen to death, and hundreds have been so badly frost-bitten as to lose their feet. Among the many unfortunates, is one lot or part of a lot purchased. Now it is Point Reyes at 10:30 last Saturday night | With hundreds of others he started out on the stampede to Sun river, and had his feet so badly frezen that Dr. Maupin had to amputate both of them.

A POOR OPINION OF BLACKFOOT.

I saw our old friend Frank Tudor, a short time since. He thinks he has a big thing (in the ground as yet) in the way of diggings, somewhere in the Blackfoot country. As for Blackfoot I cannot write anything calculating to excite you-on the contrary, will say that on the mature deliberation of many, it will be a lively camp next season, for the reason that it will be a kind of central point for the convenience of prospectors, and not for the reason that anything has yet been struck calculated to make it a camp of any consequence. To tell you the truth, I look on Helena as being as nearly played out as Idaho City will be two years hence, and such is the opinion of others. I met Mr. Adams, of the firm of Ingersoll & Adams. He has quite an extensive stock of staples, which he brought from Walla Walla. I think from his expressed dissatisfaction, that he will leave Helena, with its mighty reputation, in disgust. I am told he intends establishing a house at Deer Lodge. There has not been a single discovery made this season of the least consequence, and as there will be a large emigration coming from the States this season, I do not know what will be the result. Of all the poor, broken down, hungry looking set of men in the world, I think the streets of Helena can show the largest "selection," and they are still increasing.

ANOTHER OPINION.

Mr. Robert Bailey, writing from Helena M. T., says there was a grand Masonic Bal street, also received a telegram announcing Seventy-two ladies were present, and 110 tickets were sold. The ladies according to Bob were "altogether lovely." In regard to mining, times, he says were becoming more lively. There is an excitement con-cerning the Elk Creek country, situated about 60 miles from Cottonwood City, Deer Lodge county, between Hellgate and Cotton wood rivers, and about 100 miles west from Helena. The creek is reported to be about 14 miles long, and rich the whole distance, and a great many gulches putting into it prospect well. There will not be much mining done about Helena before the 1st of April. The snow was about one foot deep in that town. The Yellowstone river country will be prospected thoroughly this Springalso the Big Horn country. Into both of these a great crowd is preparing to go. The Indians have been bad on the Yellowstone, but will be driven out. Emigrant Gulch on that river, has been worked some during the past year, and turned out well, but the whites were compelled to leave.

TREASURE.—The Bank of British Columbia will ship per California to-day \$99,240 31.

EN ROUTE TO BIG BEND.

The following letter has been received by gentleman in this city from a friend who left about three weeks ago for Big Bend. lt should be borne in mind, however, that the letter is more than two weeks old, and that we have since heard of the completion of Wright's road, which on the completion of the Lake steamer is to render travel a mere pleasure trip.

FORT KAMLOOPS, March 30, 1865. DEAR B-I arrived here yesterday at five o'clock, making the time from Yale to this place in six days. We walked all the way, and had our blankets and other things packed by Indians. The road from Yale to the foot of Jackass Mountain, 42 miles, has snow on it, some four or five inches deep in places, but nothing to prevent travelling on foot or with wagons, From Jackass Mountain to this place the road is in excellent condition, dry, hard and dusty most of the way no snow to be seen except on the mountains. Wright's wagon road to Savana's Ferry will be ready for wagons in about two weeks from this time. The lakes are still frozen, but the ice is not strong enough to travel upon with safely, consequently there is no travel between here and the head of the lake.

All those parties that started three or four weeks before me are about thirty miles further up the lake, where they will have to remain until the ice breaks up, as there is no trail around the Shuswap Lake it will be eight or ten days, and perhaps two weeks before the lakes can be travelled with boats.

The country around the lakes this far is hilly and bare of timber; the soil is the same as in other portions of British Columbia on the same range, that is sandy soil on the top and gravel underneath. Provisions are scarce at the Fort, they have flour but no beans or bacon; I shall remain here a day or two for the Hudson Bay train to come in from Yale, when I expect to get my provisions and tools. After I get my supplies I shall move up the lake about forty miles, where I will camp until I can go in a boat to the head of the

The row boats here will carry passengers from Savana's Ferry to the head of the lake for \$10, and freight 3 cents per lb.

I have travelled in company with several miners that were in the Big Bend mines last fall. They speak very favorably of them as far as they had an opportunity of trying them. But very little is known of the diggings either in richness or extent; they believe the mines will turn out well.

Flour is selling here for 25 cts. per lb., beef 25c, potatoes 3c. It will be a pleasure trip from Victoria to the head of the lake when the road is completed and the steamer is running on the lakes; but it is very fatiguing, although I believe I stand it about as well as any that I have met. W. E. O., the Colonist Correspondent,

left here the day before I arrived; he has gone up the lake. The weather is dry and pleasant here. At the head of the lake two feet of snow is re-

ported, but I believe it to be all guess work. C. W. S. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

TUESDAY, April 16th. Present :- The Hons. Colonial Secretary (presiding), Attorney General, Treasurer, Donald Fraser, H. Rhodes.

REAL ESTATE TAX ACT. The Bill amending the Real Estate Amend-

ment Tax Act, 1862, came up from the House | which (\$7,613) may be accredited to Oregon On motion of the Hon. Treasurer, the bill

was read pro forma the first time. NANAIMO INCORPORATION.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary read a communication from Messrs. Parker, Peck and Transield in regard to the Incorporation bill before the House, sustaining the petition they had sent down against it, and disparaging the one forwarded on its behalf, also desiring the House to investigate the charges of fraud and undue influence, etc.

The Hon. Mr. Fraser suggested the appointment of a committee to enquire into the merits of the respective petitions.

The Attorney General thought it would be better to appoint a committee to enquire into the question as to whether Nanaimo should be incorporated or not. Even if a majority favored it, he very much questioned whether municipal powers should be granted to such small communities.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary next read a petition in favor of the bill, signed by 159 residents of Nanaimo, said to represent the influence and intelligence of the town, praying tor incorporation, which after mature deliberation had been looked upon by a large majority of the inhabitants as an absolute necessity to their existence as a prosperous community: to enable them to manage their own local affairs; to improve the condition of the town; to establish rule and order, and to correct abuses. The petition also exposed the manner in which the anti-petition had been got up.

The Hon. Treasurer said he had taken the

pains to examine into the first sent down against the bill, and by reference to the Assessment Roll found the whole district was assessed at \$230,187, out of which the signers of the first petition represented \$206,806, and non-residents, who must must be assumed as opposed to it represented \$12,915, so that altogether he had a right to suppose that those who did not wish for incorporation represented \$219,721 out of the total assessment.

The Hon. Attorney General remarked that taking the number of names attached to the first petition as stated by the Chairman at 280, that placed the number of the people who were opposed at two to one. (The correct number we believe is 210.—REP.) The following motion by the hon. Mr.

Fraser was carried. Resolved-That the order for the second reading on this day for the Nanaimo Incorporation bill be discharged; and that bill, together with the various petitions that have been sent to the Council pro and con be referred to a select committee, in order that evidence maybe heard in support of the allegations that have been made in reference thereto.

The hon. mover, Attorney General, and Mr. Rhodes were appointed the Select Committee, and will meet at 11 a.m. on Saturday, the 28th April, to hear evidence.

Council adjourned till Wednesday at 3 p.m.

CANADA.

A grand Ministerial dinner was held at Cornwall on Thursday evening, March 1. Most of the members of the Cabinet were present. There was enough of speechification, which had no practical result.

It is said that Mr. Alex. McNab has been appointed Police Magistrate of Toronto: On Saturday the new railway station in Toronto, connected with the Great Western was opened with much eslat.

Albert Starkweather, the matricide, has been sentenced to be hanged on the 17th of August next.

Nova Scotia will be represented at the Paris Exhibition next year. New Brunswick Prince Edward's Island, and Newfoundland do not, on the other hand, seem to be stirring yet in the matter.

It will greatly relieve the anxities of those at a distance to know, that although not entirely out of danger yet, the health of Dr. Lewis has so much improved as to enable his medical attendant to pronounce him much

Assistant Auditor Simpson gives the revenue and expenditure of Canada for the month ending 28th February, 1866, as follows :- Revenue from Customs, \$458,914; Excise, \$117,806; Bill Stamp Duty, \$4,660; Post Office, \$38,920; Crown Land Department, \$79,648; Miscellaneous, \$86,145; total, \$786,093. Expenditure, \$617,190. The statement for the first six months of the present fiscal year showed a very large surplus, that the month of January also showed a surplus: while that for February, now published, exhibits a balance on the right side of \$168,903 13. The prosperity of the country has an excellent effect on the finances of the Province.

SPAIN, CHILI, AND PERU.-Spain may now be fairly considered as at war with both Chili and Peru. The capture of their steamer Cavadonga caused the people of Madrid to rave for revenge, and talk as if they would wipe out the little Republic. But they have evidently more than they bargained for. Chili has 1,650,000 people, and Peru about 2,500,000-somewhere about 4,000,000 altogether, against 18,000,000 in Spain. Spain has a rickety navy of 160 vessels, while the combired fleet of the allies is 22 vessels. The latter, however, is being augmented, and it will require all the navy of Spain to transport troops and supplies. Chili and Peru will have a rich harvest out of the commerce of Spain if that power persists in the war. It will put that old kingdom to her best to blockade all the ports of the allies, though some of them may be subjected to a successful bombardment, with their feeble fortification. The Republicans will doubtless not permit the grass to grow under their feet in preparing for defense. In the meantime their cruisers have at their mercy a commerce in 1861 of 4,840 merchant vessels, with a tonnage of 367,000 tons, and an aggregate of imports and exports of \$138,-000,000. Peru has 110 merchant vessels and Chili still fewer for plunder by Spain.

THE OREGON AND VICTORIA TRADE-We see by the published reports of the port of Victoria that last month the receipts of produce, merchandize, etc., from Astoria (Portland), amounted to \$5,331-that from Puget Sound is given at \$13,226-fully one-half of making our exports for the month \$2,144. The imports of English goods at this city for the same period amounted to \$5,122 99, leaving a balance of \$7,022 99 to be met by our Vancouver Island neighbors. The trade between these points should be largely increased, and it would be most certainly, in case we were allowed a bonded warehouse at Portland," or in case greater justice was done us by Congress making this a port of entry. We have repeatedly inquired what has become of the petitions and memorials on this subject. Can anybody enlighten us?— Oregonian.

PUGET SOUND COAL MINES .- The Pacific Tribune has the following paragraph :- "It is reported about town, that the Bellingham Bay Coal Mining Company have sold out stock and fluke, all their rights, title and interest, mines, machinery, ships and lands, to the California Steam Navigation Company, for the sum of \$800,000. It is also reported that R. V. Peabody, Esq., has sold his donation claim on Bellingham Bay to the same parties for \$20,000. Capt. Rhæder still retains his donation claim adjoining Peabody's -supposed to be equally rich in coal-but he has purchased the Landsdale claim at the head of Penn's Cove, Whidby Island, and will make it his future home."

A Specimen Brick.—We observed yesterday at the Bank of British Columbia, a specimen gold brick, being the finest one we have ever seen. The brick was made from the crushings of the Ruckel ledge. The gold of which is shown to be 946 fine. There are 260.96 ounces in the brick, and the aggres gate value is \$5,103 32, or \$19 50 per ounce. For the purpose of giving inexperienced persons an opportunity to judge of the size of a brick of that value, we took the dimensions which measure as follows: Length, 53/4 in.; depth, 1% in.; width, 2½ in. The brick was assayed by King, Myrick & Co., and is pronounced the finest specimen yet produced from the results of a quartz crushing on the Pacific Coast .- Oregonian.

STATISTICAL .- San Francisco must be a thirsty city. We learn from data found in Langley's Directory, and elsewhere, that the city has 3,512 bars at which liquors are sold. The amount of license collected is over \$50,000. One of the papers alluding to rum's doings there says: "Two thousand nine hundred and four drunks are reported for the last year. Estimating each drunk to result from a pint of ardent, we have five hogsheads and forty-eight gallons accounted for. Every drunk causes six hours of headache, on the average, so that we have 47,424 hours of human misery to add to the sum total of our calculations." - Oregonian,

THE REAL ESTATE SALES.

the expiration of the twelve months from the charging in addition to the first year's exif the total amount shall not have been paid. the property will be finally sold and a title rane's contract repudiation bill: but the absurdity of both measures is about equal. To make, as Mr. Donald Fraser aptly termed it yesterday, the Governor of the colony an agent for defaulting taxpayers, is, besides of the Government is to see, in the first place, to the Lakes. that no laws are placed on the statute book that cannot be effectually carried out, and in Savana ferry, will undoubtedly be completed the second to administer the law in strict by the specified time, (15th April). A conformity with the statute. The Real Estate Act we have already said is a very im- is a good natural road;—probably one half perfect law, very imperfectly carried out; the entire distance may be so considered, but with all this unsatisfactory condition of requiring only an occasional "soft" place affairs no very glaring injustice could be done

to be filled up, or a gully to be corduroyed.

The two heaviest pieces of work are at a without the neglect of those most interested. place where a high bluff has to be worked Whatever sins of omission the Government around by cutting the road, for a distance of may have been guilty of, the owners of the perhaps 250 yards, out of the solid rock; and lots sold have shown a much greater negli- a long side hill coming down to Deadman's gence. They have either purchased property had to be cribbed the entire distance. All without inquiring into the claims against it of the bridges are built, the two principal in the shape of taxes, or they have gone away ones being over the Bonaparte river at Cache and left the property to look after itself. Of Cariboo route, and the one near Deadman's one thing, however, they cannot complain— creek. The road ends to the left (going up) the haste of the Government to collect the of Savana ferry, about a quarter of a mile arrears. The amounts obtained at the further up. Savana ferry as I suppose you sheriff's sale represented taxes that are aware, is a ferry across the Thompson sheriff's sale represented taxes that river, at the point where it leaves Kamloops were due several years back. So far, lakes. It is estimated that up to the present therefore, the only charge that could time, 250 men have passed here bound to be brought against the Government was Big Bend, of which number not more than the very venial one of leniency. It is quite true that the manner in which the delinquent visions.

30 had provisions with them, and one half the remainder had neither money nor protaxpayers was sought to be reached was The only public houses on Wright's new very uneatisfactory, but there was nothing at road are "Boston's," about two miles up, any time that prevented the owner of a lot and the one at Savana ferry. The former has been for some years a farm, and at it, ascertaining what amount (if any) there as well as at several other houses on the was due. The fact of the matter is, the route, everything on the table, except tea, carelessness of the Government became con- coffee, sugar, and condiments, was raised on must ask for explanation from the hon. the bill, which was lost by the casting vote tagious, and the lot owner was determined the form. Savana Ferry is named after a mover. In the first place the Treasurer was of the President. more anxiety for paying the taxes than the Government exhibited in demanding the crossing. On the level plateau, just to come from, and the Council could not read a third time. them; but this, while making the Govern- before descending to the shores of the originate money bills. He had also a great ment liable to censure, in no way relieves the defaulting taxpayer, who had no more right to leave his property unlooked after is near the southwestern extremity of a constraint of leave the property of the right to leave his property unlooked after is near the southwestern extremity of the roperty of the The Government cannot afford to assume the risk of the one negligence any more than the

payers have been treated by the Government | Lake) to the Shuswap Lake, a distance of the payers have been treated by the Government | 45 miles, is a river, with a strong current, either legally or illegally. If they have and which, I believe does not freeze over at the amendment was in the form of a tax and tien, and was beaten by 70 votes. measure cannot mend matters, and the Government will at any time be liable, after selling the property, to pay damages to the owner. procured at any price. Fresh beef is 25 Independent of this the Upper House. as cents per pound. In fact all through the simply proposed to authorise the Treasurer Mr. Fraser yesterday properly observed, is going beyond its functions. It has no power cents at Seymour (at the head of the Shu- whether the Governor was aware of his name otherwise that will have the effect of putting | you again. fresh taxes on the inhabitants. The provisions embodied by the Colonial Secretary in the bill virtually tax the people the amount which will be necessary to redeem the unredeemed lots. If the Assembly allows its right in this respect to be encroached upon, no matter under what specious pretext, it will be simply showing an unfitness to guard public interests and its own prerogative. A precedent like this once established would be tantamount to a suspension of our Constitution. If the Council is to introduce money bills to pay the debts of delinquent tax-payers, we shall see it before the session shall have closed, introducing into the country without paying duty, while other financial measures that will make the Assembly's retrenchment scheme look rather blue. Whatever may be the demerits of the scheme, and they are legion, that will effected. General Pisca holds the country be to-day laid before the House, nothing outside of Guymas as General Corona does can exceed in danger the tacit submission at Mazatlan. to the unheard of powers assumed yesterday Howard arrived there a revolution took place. for the first time by the Council, and we Governor Gilbert was driven from the place per mensem from the date of registration. hope to see the Assembly defend like men and a forced loan taken from the merchants. who value popular institutions the prerogative with which these institutions have been a state of revolt, burning and killing where-

EN ROUTE TO BIG BEND.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

FORT KAMLOOPS, March 27, 1866. We left Lytton March 20th, reaching this place after various delays on the 26th. The road from Lytton to Cache creek (where The bill to relieve defaulting tax-payers Wright's new road branches off from the passed the Legislative Council yesterday. It | Cariboo route to Savana ferry) was barely empowers the Government to redeem all land passable, in one place we got stalled, and sold for taxes that remains unredeemed on 100 yards, and in another, called the mud slide, the horses went to their bellies in the time of sale. The Government is to step in mud. At the latter place a huge bank of and assume the claims against the property sandy mud stands gradually slipping down into the road, and threatening every day to penses, two per cent. per month on the out- across the Thompson river, I learned the come down in a body. While at the bridge lay until the end of the second year, when, particulars of the strange death of Mr. A. Woods, (one of Mr. McKay's party) an account of which was published, you will given to the purchaser. When we think of party were engaged in shoveling the snow recollect, at the time. It appears that the the extraordinary exertions made by the from the road, when two small rocks, not Government to collect these taxes in much larger than a man's fist, started down Government to collect these taxes in the slide, of course gaining great velocity arrears, the expense and trouble with the slide, of course gaining great velocity as they decended, when reaching about the height of a man's head from the ground. is rather a curious commentary on the ad- they struck a large rock and bounded off ministration to see it now running with eager horizontally as if they had been shot from a haste to relinquish all the fruits of its indus, cannon, one of them striking Mr. Woods on try and give back the money it had so much which resembled a blow given by the back difficulty to obtain. We are ready to admit, of an axe, and killed him instantly, he fell as we said yesterday, that the Colonial Secre- forward on his face, and it is supposed he tary's scheme is not so unjust as Mr. Coch- was dead before he struck the ground. The rock after inflicting the terrible wound, had still power enough left to bound on into the river. Verily, "in the midst of life we are in death." Big Jack had got to Lytton, by the river, with his two canoes loaded with about a ton and a half of provisions. From Lytton he had to carry his canoes and cargo the unheard of novelty of the thing, really to on wagons to Nicomin, a distance of 11 defeat the whole object of the law and en- miles, where he again launched them, and courage the non-payment of taxes. The duty went on his way up the Thompson. His object, of course, is to proceed up the river Wright's new road, from Cache creek to

large portion of the distance (said to be 23 miles, but which seemed to me to be longer) creek, two miles from Savana ferry, which

it, and whose Hudson Bay Company," At the ferry a bave defrauded the Government of its just boat is about finished, capable of carrying taxes. 12 or 15 tons and at Fort Kamloops two or three others are in use. Lake Kamloops is yet frozen over, but it looks as if the ice The Colonial Secretary's scheme is in might disappear in a very short time. From itself a fallacious one. The defaulting tax.

Fort Kamploops (35 miles up Kamploops fringing on their rights. The Council were Lake) to the Shuswap Lake, a distance of only amending the Assembly's own bill. plentiful now, being sold at 25 cents per before them repealing the whole act. pound; but neither bacon nor beans can be country flour seems to be in greater abundance to do something. than anything else, it is said to be only 30

W. E. O.

From the Mexican Coast.

CONFUSED STATE OF AFFAIRS

From Captain Howard, of the bark Me-

The condition of affairs on the Mexican sea board is most unsatisfactory. The Imperialists hold the cities and the Liberals do certain things. the country. General Corona has lines drawn outside of Mazatlan, and will let nothing pass the Imperialists collect the duties in the city. The people are much dissatisfied: they say they are worse off than they ever were. The stores are full of goods and no sales can be tuted requiring the Treasurer to register in

When Captain Howard left they were on the ment and moved the postponement of the eve of fresh troubles. The Indians were in clause for one day. ever an opportunity offered.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

THURSDAY, April 19. The Council met yesterday at 2:30 p.m.— Present: The Hons. Colonial Secretary (presiding), Attorney General, Treasurer, Surveyor General, R. Finlayson, Donald Fraser, H. Rhodes.

SHERIFF'S SALES FOR TAXES. After waiting some time for the Chief Justice, who was occupied in the Supreme and interest, Court, the Council went into committee, the Clause 4—The Hon. Colonial Secretary hon. Treasurer in the chair, on Mr. Cochrane's proposed to amend by substituting another Real Estate Amendment Bill.

Clause I., repealing Clause 53 of the Real Estate Tax Act. Hon. Mr. Fraser did not see that the pro-

moters of this measure had brought forward and deposit the balance in trust for the the slightest evidence to show the injustice owner, his heirs or assigns. complained of. He therefore moved that evidence be taken to prove the allegations of injustice or hardship. There had been no fault, and no charge of neglect brought against the Government, and he considered that the reasons for the repeal of an act should be clearly proved.

Hon. Colonial Secretary was proceeding to put an amendment, but withheld it until Hon. Mr. Fraser's motion was disposed of. chairman to call the attention of the com-

mittee to the fact that the House of Assembly had passed a bill entirely repealing the easily alter his amendment if the Council are praying for the ice to break up, but it is the Council, and should be first disposed of, or the Council would find themselves in con-

Hon. Donald Fraser thought the suggesof Assembly were concerned the Real Estate value, rather than allow it to be prejudiced Tax Act was no longer on the statute book, and it would be worse than folly to proceed a clause in an act already repealed. Supthis bill. It was the essence of the bill.

There might be no objection to taking evidence, but there was not sufficient time be- ded with his views. fore the period of redemption lapsed.

Hon. Donald Fraser would be prepared so far as he was concerned to-morrow to go into the matter, as time was essential. If it could be shown that the Government was guilty of one act of neglect, hardship, or after the sale of the property and passed. injustice, he would go in for relief; but he could not and did not see how any reasonevidence of injustice or hardship before passed

The motion was lost. Content-Hons. Messrs. Fraser and Finlayson; Noncontent-Hons. Colonial Secretary, Attorney General, Surveyor General, and H. Rhodes.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary then moved " That it shall be lawful for the Governor

to authorise the Treasurer, in the interest of of the 48th section of the said act all such real estate sold by the Sheriff on the 24th day of April, 1865, in default of payment of ernmeut. taxes as shall still be unredeemed under the said section at the date of the passing of this act."

The hon: gentleman explained his reasons lucid speech

Hon. Donald Fraser thought the amendment was worded so extraordinarily that he authorized to pay certain monies, but there grave may be seen on a hill to the south of was no stipulation as to where the money was standing orders be suspended and the bill rest of the winter being quite mild. The

Hon. Colonial Secretary would be very happy to add the words "from the General Revenue." He was not afraid of the other the first district of King's County, in the House fancying that the Council were in- room of the late Hon. D. Beaton. Mr.

been treated legally then there can be no all. We have come by land to this place, was virtually a money bill, and though he justification for the present measure, which and shall probably proceed the same way as was careful of the privileges of the Council he virtually calls upon those who have paid say is still frozen over, and which cannot be rights of the other House. Taxation must their taxes to assume the burdens of those got around by land at the present season of who are delinquents. If on the other hand, the year; so we may be obliged to stop here moreover could not see how the Council they have been treated illegally the present some time, as the ice is too dangerous to could get over the inconsistency of repealing travel over. Flour at this place is quite one clause in an act when there was a bil

was not repealed by the amendment, it was

to bring in any scheme by amendment or swap Lake), from which point I will write being used in this bill, and had consented to the act being passed making him paymaster of defaulting tax payers who had kept the country several years out of money. He did THE CLALLAM BAY AFFAIR—The schoener not suppose that either the Governor or the A. J. Wester, Capt. Mills, which arrived Treasurer would pay the money out of their own pockets. He moved that the discussion on this measure be postponed until after the Council had disposed of the bill repealing the Real Estate Amendment Act.

tropolis, which arrived yesterday from the right of the Council to make such an enquiry; family broil between some of the Indians in Mexican coast, we have the following intelli- it would be committing the Governor, who his jurisdiction. According to the creed of had a vetoing power to a bill, before it was the savages one Indian was manaloosed by passed. The Council simply had to legis- another for having taken the life of a relative,

The Hon. Mr. Fraser's amendment was lost Colonial Secretary's substituted clause was carried by a similar vote.

Clause 2 the hon. Colonial Secretary moved established without further bloodshed. be struck out, and an amendment be substithe Land Registry office the amount paid for redemption of any such real estate, the money so paid to form a first charge against the whole of the real estate originally assessed, bearing interest at the rate of two per centum

Hon. Mr. Fraser objected to the amend-

The hon. Colonial Secretary objected to the delay and defended his amendment,

The hon. Mr. Fraser's motion was lost and the amendment carried.

Clause 3 was replaced by a fresh clause introduced by the Hon. Colonial Secretary enabling the owners of property against whom the charge is registered as aforesaid. to pay the same at any time within 12 months and that the registration of the same be cancelled by the Registrar on the production of the Treasurer's receipt for the charge

clause authorising the Governor at the expiration of 12 months from registration if the charge be not annulled, to sell the lot assessed, to reimburse the charges and interest, Hon. Mr. Fraser-It is downright rob-

Hon. Mr. Rhodes was not in favor of sele ling the whole property but only so much could get all the way, distance about 65 as would pay the charge and interest. He miles. introduced an amendment to that effect. He knew of one case where a quarter part of property assessed at \$5000 was sold for \$8

Hon. Mr. Fraser-Oh, you are now only on the wrong side.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary said he could wished by inserting the words " or so much thereof as would be sufficient, &c.," but he granted. put it to the Council whether greater justice THE STEAMER "MARTEN," AND THE LAKE would not be done by selling the whole of Hon. Donald Fraser thought the suggestion highly important. So far as the House title, which would thus command its market by the sale of so many feet.

Further discussion ensued. The Hon. Mr. on the present bill, which purposed to repeal Fraser again asked for time and the Hon. Attorney General protested in the interests posing it was thought for the credit of the of the country and the duty the Council colony that the Real Estate Act should be owed to the public against further and unretained for another year, the principal necessary delay, and the Hon. Mr. Fraser clause in that act would then be repealed by measure had brought forward no evidence. The Hon. Colonial Secretary said that This brought out the Hon. Colonial Secrewhatever was done should be done quickly. tary who maintained that the best evidence was that the majority of the Council coinci-

The Colonial Secretary's amendment passed with the addition of the words before stated.

Clause 5 was amended to authorise the Sheriff to give an absolute title immediately Clause 6-Title-" Bill to afford relief to certain owners of real estate sold under the DESCRIPTION OF THE LAKES AND COUNTRY. able man could vote for the measure without Real Estate Tax Amendment Act, 1862,"

The Hon, Chairman here took occasion to through as time was short; to this cause past. The Council in their desire to expethat Clause 1 be struck out, and that the dite business had given their assent to bad huge bluffs coming down to the water's edge, measures. He should certainly advocate a recommittal of this bill as there were pro-visions in it to which he was totally opposed. to abound in the lakes, but at present it is the owners, to redeem under the provisions He thought the Council ought to be very guarded how it cancelled these contracts of the assertion. Game—grouse, rabbits, ducks, perchase made in good faith with the Gay—geese, &c.—are to be found in moderate The preamble passed with a slight amend-

The Hon. Mr. Fraser failed to carry an

faulting taxpayers,

Hon. Mr. Fraser objected, and asked that Tho third reading was carried by the casting vote of the President, and the bill

PRINCE EDWARD'S ISLAND.

Hon. Emmanuel M. Eachen has been elected to the Prince Edward Island Legislature for McEachen is a conservative. B. Davis, Esq., who contested the vacant seat with Mr. Mc-Eachen, is a strong opponent of Confedera-

NEW BRUNSWICK.

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor cause. Lord Monck has but recently arrived understood that he was a Freemason. from England, and there are some who suppose that His Excellency has been sent for by him, and that a greater Confederation pressure than even now exists, is inevitable. We shall probably learn in good season whether this country is to continue to be governed by those who are the choice of her own people or by the politicians of Canada.

—St. John Globe.

vesterday from the other side, brings further intelligence of the Indian outbreak at Clallam Bay. We are happy to learn that Mr. Webster, Indian agent, has not been killed The Hon. Colonial Secretary denied the arose through Mr. Webster interfering in a late, authorising, if need be, the Governor to and Mr. Webster endeavored to have the offender conveyed on the Wester to justice. This excited the wrath of the tribe, who by the same vote as before, and the hon. threatened violence. A company of twenty soldiers arrived at the scene of the disturbance by the Cyrus Walker, and order was re-

> MUNICIPAL ELECTION .- An election of Municipal Councillors to fill vacancies that have occurred in the municipal representation of this city, caused by the resignation of three members who have been stricken with Big Bend fever, came off on Thursday last, and resulted in the election of the following gentlemen by acclamation: Ward No. 2, David Withrow; Ward No. 4, W. Hitchcock; Ward No. 6, George R. Ashwell. A better selection of men could not have been made.

LETTER FROM SEYMOUR.

FROM OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENT. SEYMOUR, HEAD OF BIG SHUBWAP LAKE,

THE FIRST PASSENGER BOAT ON THE LAKES. After leaving Fort Kamloops we proseeded by land about 45 miles up to the point where Captain Wm. Moore built his boat, which is six miles above where the steamboat is being constructed. Captain Moore is the same energetic, hard-working man he was in Victoria. He has two boats both scows, built, one of which is decked over for passengers, and the other is intended for freight; she will probably carry about 30 tons. After waiting at this point five days for the ice to break up in the Upper Shuswap Lake we took passage on the first trip of the boats, the price paid being \$5 and one cent per pound for freight, provided the boat

After going about ten miles we struck the ice, and had to take to land travel, for also though the ice was too hard to get a boat The Chairman thought it his duty as finding out that you have been all the time safety. Parties are camped all along the through, it was too weak to travel over with lake, having get so far and not being able to get any further with their provisions, so all impossible to say when their prayer will be

TRAFFIC. The steamboat timber is about all ready, and when we came along they were looking every day for the arrival of Mr. Trahey with the moulds, after which the work could be gone on with great speed, and it is asserted she will be ready by the specified time (middle of May). In the meantime the boats, of which I should suppose there are about a dozen, will reap their harvest, although even after that time they will do a good business by taking freight at less rates than the steamer. The current in the Lower Lakes and river runs, at the present low stage of water, some four or five knots an hour. but when the water is well up, on account of the back-water they say it is less. The reason for building the boats so high up the lakes is that no suitable timber in any quantity could be found at a lower point. are already engaged in cutting firewood for the steamer, for which they are to receive \$4 per cord delivered on the beach.

No more pleasant trip can be found than a ourney up these lakes in the summer time. Until you reach the Shuswap Lake the land remark that it was frequently thrown out on either side for some distance back is flat. that the Council must hasten business in some places the margin being fringed with trees, principally cotton-wood, and in others was to be attributed bad legislation in the it is entirely bare. But after striking the Upper Lake the scenery changes entirely, thickly studded with the various members too early in the season to test the truth of quantities: All the way up from Savana Ferry to where the steamboat is building, good farming land may be found; a few farms are occupied by old settlers, and a con-The hon: gentleman explained his reasons amendment setting forth the kind indulgence siderable quantity of land has been taken up and fraternal regard evinced towards dehave farmed for some time inform me that almost everything that could be expected to The bill was then reported.

Hon. Treasurer moved the recommittal of the casting vote weather indicated by the thermometer last The Hon. Attorney General moved that winter on these plains was 30 degrees below zero, which only lasted two or three days, the weather is pretty hot in summer with mild nights, Indian corn grows well. We saw the first flowers on these plains (buttercups) March 29th. The first bacon we found for sale after leaving the Cariboo road was at one of these settlers' houses, who had a small quantity for which he asked 90 cents per lb. Potatoes are plenty, at six cents per lb.

TOWN OF SEYMOUR- THE FIRST DEATH. This place (Ogdenville or Seymour) at present consists of about 20 buildings (finshed and building) there being 2 butcher shops, 1 hotel, 1 saloon, 1 bakery, and 2 general stores. The steamboat landing has been selected by Mr. McKay (who is now here, and is a few hundred feet above the present buildings. The first death here took yesterday, being that of a man named Henry Evans, formerly of Cariboo, and I believe an American by birth. His disease was supposed to be mountain fever. He was buried has, it seems, gone suddenly to Canada. The to-day on the edge of the woods on the reasons for this journey at this season of the shore of the lake, with all the ceremonies if year are not publicly known, and of course was possible to give. The best of care had there is a great deal of speculation as to its been taken of him during his sickness. I have

> FATAL ACCIDENTS ON THE ICE. A number of persons have fallen through the ice during the last week or two, most of them drawing hand-sleds at the time, and thus losing all their provisions, in most cases barely escaping with their lives. One poor fellow thus lost his life last week. His name

was Henry Fry, a Cornishman; although every exertion was made to save him it was found to be impossible. His body has not been recovered. An Indian woman and two children were also drowned some time since. TRADE AT SEYMOUR-MARKET PRICES. Business is duller here at present than it has been all winter, and will continue so until the lakes open as most of the miners have left for the Creeks and no large number of fresh arrivals can be looked for until the

boats are able to reach here. Provisions are in supply equal to the demand at present here. Flour (which appears to be the most abundant article all through the country) being 30 cts. per lb; fresh beef, 40 cts.; beans, 45 cts.; bacon, \$1 25; candles, \$1 50; other things in proportion, averaging about \$1 per lb. No vegetables of any kind whatever are to be procured at present, but they can be got quite readily as soon as the lakes open. Meals, (very good ones considering) are \$1 50.

MINERS AT BIG BEND. About 200 men are at present computed to be in the Big Bend district, but I believe none have got through on the Columbia route yet. No mining has yet been done this season there being three feet of snow still on French Creek, but it is now disappearing rapidly. The prices of provisions remain at about the same as I wrote you last. We leave in a day or two and I will write you. next from the diggings.

W. E. O.

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Tuesday, April 24, THE NEWS.

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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

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SAD OF BIG SHUSWAP LAKE, April 10, 1866. GER BOAT ON THE LAKES. Fort Kamloops we pro-bout 45 miles up to the ain Wm. Moore built his x miles above where the ng constructed. Captain s energetic, hard-working ctoria. He has two boats, one of which is decked, and the other is intended ll probably carry about 30 ng at this point five days up in the Upper Shuswap age on the first trip of the id being \$5 and one cent

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RTEN," AND THE LAKE

mber is about all ready, along they were looking rival of Mr. Trahey with hich the work could be speed, and it is asserted by the specified time a the meantime the boats, ippose there are about a ir harvest, although even will do a good business at less rates than the ent in the Lower Lakes the present low stage or five knots an hour, is well up, on account hey say it is less. The ble timber in any quanat a lower point. Men in cutting firewood for ch they are to receive on the beach.

LAKES AND COUNTRY. rip can be found than a es in the summer time. Shuswap Lake the land ne distance back is flat, argin being fringed with on-wood, and in others But after striking the enery changes entirely, own to the water's edge, the various members Excellent trout are said es, but at present it is on to test the truth of grouse, rabbits, ducks, be found in moderate way up from Savana steamboat is building, by be found; a few farms settlers, and a con-land has been taken up xcitement. Those who e time inform me that t could be expected to od crops. The coldest was 30 degrees below d two or three days, the eing quite mild. The in summer with mild rows well. We saw the se plains (buttercups) irst bacon we found for Jariboo road was at one e asked 90 cents per lb. t six cents per lb.

THE FIRST DEATH. bout 20 buildings (fin-nere being 2 butcher n, 1 bakery, and 2 gen-mboat landing has been ay (who is now here, feet above the present death here took place of a man named Henry riboo, and I believe an His disease was supa fever. He was buried of the woods on the h all the ceremonies it The best of care had ng his sickness. I have a Freemason.

ON THE ICE, us have fallen through t week or two, most of sleds at the time, and rovisions, in most cases heir lives. One poor last week. His name Cornishman; although ade to save him it was e. His body has not Indian woman and two wned some time since. R-MARKET PRICES. nere at present than it ad will continue so un-

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BIG BEND. at present computed district, but I believe on the Columbia route et been done this sea-feet of snow still on

s now disappearing provisions remain at vrote you last. We and I will write you

W. E. O.

The Weekly British Colonist

Tuesday, April 24, 1866. THE NEWS.

The telegraph is still singularly deficient in details about the loss of the Labouchers. All the additional information we can glean is what we have already surmised—that the vessel became enveloped in a dense fog, and the captain, unable to discern the usual landmarks, and possibly laboring under defeetive compasses, had kept unconsciously too near the shore, and thus came into contact with the reef off Point Reyes. The steamer, amendments. It was a most dangerous adit would seem, had kept affoat all night, mission to allow the Upper House to make giving time for a raft to be constructed large enough to take the passengers to the nearest landing place, which was ten miles from the reef. The loss of the two unfortunate men, had simply come down with amendments. Wilcox and the steward, is more definitely described, but we are still in doubts about later telegram says no lives were lost. Of constitutional way of getting over the diffithe disposition of the passengers we have as | culty. little information. Some, it is said, were certainty on the arrival of a steamer here. worse off there than if they had gone back legislation on the subject. to San Francisco, unless indeed the Monformation from San Francisco when we want one day. The same thing could be done it than we were when the telegraph was no again. farther North than Portland. It is a matter for congratulation, however, that we shall in Monday. a few days be no longer dependent on New Westminster or Seattle for our telegramsbetween this city and San Francisco at a

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The most important telegraphic news today from the East is the passage of the attention to the fact that in California greater Confederation scheme in both Houses of the difficulties existed in regard to titles to real Nova Scotian Legislature. A few days ago estate, yet not withstanding property had adward announced the success of the measure in the continuous of the measure in we announced the success of the measure in Newfoundland, and there is every probability to blame for not having brought this bill of the matter being carried in a few weeks in New Brunswick. Nova Scotia was the most

New Brunswick. Nova Scotia was the most New Brunswick. Nova Scotia was the most bitter opponent of the scheme when it was first mooted, so that its conversion, along with a change in the New Brunswick Ministry, the Government in not furnishing returns, purposed to be clearer than other persons. But he had brought the matter up four months ago. He alluded to the delay occasioned by the Government in not furnishing returns, jured. leads us to the conclusion that the Imperial and when those returns were published only leads us to the conclusion that the Imperial and when those returns were published only leads us to the conclusion that the Imperial and when those returns were published only leads us to the conclusion that the Imperial and when those returns were published only leads us to the conclusion that the Imperial and when those returns were published only leads us to the conclusion that the Imperial and when those returns were published only leads us to the conclusion that the Imperial and when those returns were published only leads us to the conclusion that the Imperial and when those returns were published only leads us to the conclusion that the Imperial and when those returns were published only leads us to the conclusion that the Imperial and when those returns were published only leads us to the conclusion that the Imperial and when those returns were published only leads us to the conclusion that the Imperial and when those returns were published only leads us to the conclusion that the Imperial and when those returns were published only leads us to the conclusion that the Imperial and when those returns were published only leads us to the conclusion that the Imperial and when those returns were published only leads us to the conclusion that the Imperial and when those returns were published only leads us to the conclusion that the Imperial and when those returns were published only leads us to the conclusion that the Imperial and Imperia felt in the maritime provinces on this great could not object to the want of publicity question of Confederation. The whole scheme given to the sales. Advertisements had been will no doubt be completed and in operation inserted day after day in the public newsthe present year. Our great hope is that the Pacific colonies will not be long behind their brethren on the Atlantic side; for if there is

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#### HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, April 20. The Speaker took his seat at 1:15 p.m. Present : Messrs De Cosmos, Powell, Trimble, Tolmie, McClure, Dickson, Ash, Cochrane, Carswell.

THE SHERIFF'S SALES BILL. A message was received from the Council

Mr. DeCosmos looked upon the bill as amended as a money bill which could not emanate from the House above.

Dr. Ash agreed with the senior member

Dr. Trimble asked the Speaker to define what was a money bill. The Speaker said it was a bill that formed

a charge on the revenue (hear, hear). Mr. M'Clure maintained that the House could not sanction the bill sent down. The only course would be for the promoters of the bill to bring in a fresh one with similar provisions to those contained in the Council's

such an unheard of inroad on the privileges of the Assembly as to initiate a money bill. Dr. Trimble did not look upon the bill in the light of a money bill, the Assembly's bill

Mr. DeCosmos agreed with his hon. colleague for the city in suggesting that a new the matter. The telegram which gives us England where bills had been sent down the details, such as they are, is dated the day from the House of Lords to the Commons, previous to that on which the despatch from which were regarded as money bills, and were allowed to allowed to lie on the table Westminster was sent, yet the latter and the and passed similar bills. It was the only while the Commons themselves originated

Mr. Cochrane quite agreed under ordinary taken to Portland by the Montana, and and would have preferred such a course; circumstances with all that had been said, others went back to San Francisco; but but this was a case of emergency, and there with all the various despatches we have re- was not sufficient time to adopt the plan ceived we cannot rely with any degree of suggested. It would, he thought, be a bolder and more manly course on the part of the opponents of the measure if they would at The passengers taken to Portland would be once declare that they were averse to any

Mr. M'Clure said the hon. gentleman had tana, on her return trip to the latter city manly for this House to give up to the Council should bring them up to Victoria. Of the all its privileges; but he for one could not loss or safety of the mails we are also in the view it in that light. So far as there not most profound ignorance. In fact we are being sufficient time was concerned the hon. little better off in the way of obtaining in- had carried his bill through the House in

> Mr. Cochrane would remind the hon. gentleman that the Council had adjourned until

Mr. M. Clure-Then that makes the thing all the worse (hear, hear). The Council has that we shall be able to communicate direct adjourned without taking into consideration that the House of Assembly might alter its amendments. It was an attempt to compel the House to swallow the Council's amend ments, which savered of a positive insult

Mr. Cochrane reiterated his previous arguments to show that if property were allowed real estate would depreciate to a ruinous extent.

colonies on the other side of the Rocky the amendment to go to committee, would be all that was needed in this case.

As will be seen in another column, our Mr. McClure thought the House had one special correspondent to Big Bend has particular duty to perform in this matter, and bluster of the Oregonian press about the ad- without previous notice having been given. vantages of their route, we find that while there are unwards of 200 miners at the a money bill or not.

Dr. Dickson then moved a resolution in accordance with the suggestion he had previously made. Dr. Ash moved as an amendment that the

words following the protest be struck out. Dr. Trimble moved that the Standing Orders be suspended to consider the amendmendments in Committee (hear, hear and laughter).

Mr. DeCosmos remarked that the House was really called upon to yield up one of the most valued and sacred privileges of the popular branch of the Legislature. The only thing that could legally and constitutionally be done would be to let the bill originate in the Assembly, and pass through the ordinary

Mr. M'Clure again spoke in favor of the measure being constitutionally brought before the House.

Mr. Cochrane again asserted that he was wholly in favor of such a course under ordinary circumstances, but there was not time to do so in this case which was one of emergency. The hon, gentleman then brought all his artillery to bear in pointing out cases of hardship and injustice that might arise under the existing law, if the forfeitures were not prohibited, and urged upon the House the emergency of the case that called for the passage of the bill he had introduced.

Dr. Tolmie said the bon. gentleman had spoken of but not shown the emergency of sending down the amendments to Mr. the case. He should have brought forward Cochrane's bill amending the Real Estate his bill a month ago and given hon gentlemen time to consider the matter. He (Dr. sure. There were instances, no doubt, of Tolmie) had always been averse to hasty and hardship which it would be better to meet inconsiderate legislation. The Rules had been suspended and the measure rushed through without consideration, in a manner

Dr. Dickson thought the House might entertain the amendments with a protest against the infringement of the Upper House on at no great distance from the colony, than for the infringement of the Upper House on at no great distance from the colony, than for the infringement of the Upper House on at no great distance from the colony, than for the infringement of the Upper House on at no great distance from the colony, than for the infringement of the Upper House on at no great distance from the colony, than for the infringement of the Upper House on at no great distance from the colony, than for the infringement of the Upper House on the first clause the infringement of the Upper House on the infringement of the U would prevent its forming a precedent fact it was more for the relief of those who Dr. Tolmie dissented from the proposition owned lots in the city but turned a deaf ear well, (4). of the hon. gentleman, which would only to street improvements and would do nothing tend to complicate matters. He looked upon for the country, than for the actual settler. DeCosmos, (5). He could point out if necessary cases of this

Mr. M'Clure said the hon: member for Saanich had agreed that a great wrong was committed by selling property after a lapse of five years and he now wanted to prolong that wrong for another year (hear, and laughter).

The motion to go into Committee was carried. Ayes-Trimble, Powell, Cochrane, Dick-

son, Carswell (5). Noes-Ash, Tolmie, DeCosmos, M'Clure,

The House then went into Committee, and the usual difficulty arose in naming the Chairman. Dr. Trimble at length, after scanning the members and satisfying himself that the position of his brigade was secure, undertook to discharge the onerous duties. Mr. DeCosmos remarked that the hon. gentlemen was at present self-appointed, and

named Dr. Dickson. Dr. Trimble resumed his seat and said he should now decline to act, he was, however, soon induced to change his mind, and taking the chair with a confident air remarked that it was all right anyhow, as it was a case of a casting vote, and they would carry the

Dr. Tolmie called the hon. gentleman to account for his unparliamentary language. This was a deliberative Assembly, and a question was supposed to be settled on its merits.

The Speaker in the meantime retired to the Committee Room to puff a regalia, which loft the promoters of the bill under the full assurance that they had a majority.

Clause 1.-Dr. Dickson moved be carried. Mr. M'Clure opposed the clause. It proposed for the sake of benefitting some ten or twelve individuals to violate a solemn compact, and would serve to injure the Government to an extent that ten times the amount would not compensate.

Mr. DeCosmos thought that the Council might with equal propriety alter the loan bill of £40,000, and change the rate of interest. There was some justice in indemnifying innocent persons who may have been wronged through ignorance, but the mode of procedure proposed was unconstitutional, and breaking faith with the Government.

Dr. Tolmie questioned whether ignorance would be allowed in the Supreme Court as an excuse for negligence. He was, however. altogether opposed to the present measure, and should vote against the clause.

Mr. Cochrane contended with some warmth and at some length for the measure, although to be sold in the manner done in April last he should have preferred his own bill as it stood.

Mr. M'Clure asked the hon. gentleman whether he had read the 48th section of the Real Estate Act, and whether he could point out by what legerdemain the Government could stand as agent for absentee property holders—how it was authorised in stepping in as the heirs or assigns of the defaulting parties: The act distinctly confined the power of redeeming the lots to the owner or is heirs or assigns.

give facts instead of argument. How many entitled to a seat.

Mr. Cochrane considered that he had advanced more facts than arguments and he a person bringing a case into court was up-stairs restaurant, and the draft acting like would not occupy the time of the House any tantamount to saying the defendant was

Dr. Tolmie-That is the way to get at it. Mr. M'Clure repeated the question of the hon. member for the District (Dr. Tolmie). He had not been present when the hon. genmotion and the bill in his pocket, and conse- abstain from voting. (Ironical laughter.) quently did not learn the facts. He (Mr. written a very interesting letter from Seymour, alluded to the inconsiderate manner in which Standing Orders at any time if the interests at the head of Shuswap lake. After all the the bill had been first put through the House of the country required it, but he was not in favor, and it had never been done in the House before, of giving notice of motion, asking leave, and rushing through a bill in one day. Notice should have been given members so that they could have attended when the first reading came on. He wanted to hear the facts of the hardship. If they could be proved he was quite willing to sup-port a bill for the relief of parties who had suffered unwarrantably; but he again called

The Chairman said they were not there to M'Clure) had been in the House yesterday he would have heard the facts.

Mr. M'Clure would inform the hon. Chairman that he (Mr. M'Clure) had attended yesterday, but like many other days in which public business was to be transacted, the hon. Chairman did not attend and there was no quorum. When however private matters were to be attended to or a private bill like the one under discussion to relieve absentee speculators, it was wonderful how suddenly punctual some members became. (Hear, and laughter).

Dr. Ash quite agreed with the hon. junior member for the city. The bill had been introduced very inconsiderately and the facts of hardship had not been stated while he [Dr. Ash] was in the House. He also agreed with the hon. member in the proposition to indemnify parties where real injustice could be shown. [Hear, hear.] Dr. Dickson instanced as a fact that he

himself would have had a lot sold had not the Sheriff informed him in time. Mr. M'Clure said the hon, gentleman had only instanced a case of his own neglect.

Mr. Dennes here took his seat. Mr. DeCosmos thought it would be better for the hon, gentleman not to press this meaby a general statute than a specialty. He then read a suggestion which he would not that the bill as amended could be construed that would cause people to call in question the Supreme Court on proof of the lot having

Noes-Tolmie, Ash, M'Clure, Dennes, The Chairman declared the clause carried,

kind within his own knowledge (hear, hear). amid general cries of "No, no!" Mr. M. Clure said the Chair was mistaken

the clause was lost. The Chairman said Cochrane, Powell, Dickson, Tolmie and Carswell had voted for the clause, which was 5 to 4.

Dr. Tolmie denied that he had voted for the clause. He had voted against it. The Chairman maintained that he had, and strations of applause and laughter. would decide the vote accordingly.

Dr. Tolmie again denied indignantly that he had voted for the clause, and appealed to then took his chair. the members. Several members here maintained Dr.

Tolmie's position.

Mr. M'Clure said according to ordinary courtesy, when a member's vote was given or taken down inadvertently the vote should again be taken; but when a member distinctly declared, and when other members sustained him, that he had given his vote in a different manner from that declared by the Chairman, it was the Chairman's duty to put it again.

The Chairman, after much hesitation, then announced that he would put the vote again-which he did with the above result. Mr. Cochrane then rose and objected to the vote of the hon. member for Salt Spring.

Mr. Dennes asked on what grounds? Mr. DeCosmos thought the question was out of order, and could only be determined

by the House. Mr. M'Clure moved, in order to kill the measure and put an end to personality, that the Committee do now rise.

Dr. Dickson thought the question of the vote should be first determined, and he moved that the Committee rise to put the question to the Speaker.

Mr. M'Clure claimed that by the rules of the House the motion to rise must be put

Dr. Dickson asked how it would be if a stranger took his seat at the Committee table and voted; would not that vote have to be first disposed of?

Mr. M'Clure said the hon. gentleman objeeted to was no stranger. He had voted as a member of that House and his vote bad never been questioned before. It looked very title to every eulogium that can be bestowed bad indeed in hon, gentlemen questioning the upon them. vote now in the middle of debate, because that vote was against them (hear, hear). If manner-let them adopt the usual mode of

The Chairman said he would put the motion to refer the matter to the Speaker first. Mr. M'Clure personally did not care which duty to follow May's Parliamentary Practice which declared that a motion to rise should take precedence.

Dr. Tolmie thought this must indeed be an emergency when May had to be overturn.

ed. (Laughter.)

Dr. Tolmie asked the hon. member for declare that a member was not entitled to a from the back of the building. The fire was Sasnich to benefit the House with facts in seat. A motion could be made against the confined chiefly to the back part of the seat of any member, but that did not affect a

> Loud cries of "question," but the Chairman still refused to put Mr. M'Clure's mo-

tion. tleman came to the House with the notice of tleman whose vote was in question should Dr. Dickson suggested that the hon. gen-

M'Clure) was in favor of suspending the a gentleman to stultify himself by not voting because his opponents objected to his vote. Such an action would be a virtual acknowledgment that the hon. gentleman had no right to vote. (Hear, and laughter.) On the question of referring Mr. Dennes'

vote to the Speaker being again called for Mr. Dennes rose and objected to the proceeding. He defied the hon. gentleman (Mr. Cochrane) to say that he had no vote in that House. He had not been unseated and was not a declared bankrupt. This was a matter carried to the Royal Charter, on Fort street. of spite on the part of the hon. member for The building, which attracted a crowd of Saanich because he (Mr. Dennes) had intro- persons all day yesterday, is nearly consumed, take evidence; if the hon. member (Mr. drawing illegal conveyances. (Order from from the frame buildings on either side of it duced a bill to prevent incompetent persons the Chair, and great laughter.) Since he occupied by Messrs. Stemmler & Co., had been in that House he defied any person upholsterers, and A. J. Welch, provision to point to anything he had done in it that store. A portion of Mr. Welch's roof was would not stand the closest scrutiny al- burnt. Messrs. Stemmler's goods were soon though he could not say the same of those who opposed him. (Laughter.)

> against such personalities being allowed. Mr. Dennes stated he was in order, and insured. Mr. Cleal's establishment was insaid that the other hon. member (Dr. Dickson) who objected to him did so because he (Mr. Dennes) would not vote for him at his

Dr. Ash here asked the Chairman to examine May on the point in dispute, which the Chairman did, and read that a motion example by forwarding to Assistant Burnes to rise takes precedence of all other motions, but that no motion could be made while a tion.

member was speaking.

Dr. Dickson here declared he had been speaking when the hon. member (Mr. M'Clure) brought forward the motion and that therefore the motion was not in order. Dr. Tolmie-Has the hon, member done speaking now?

Dr. Dickson-Yes. Chair do now rise. (Laughter.) The Chairman still refused to put the mo-

the capacity of the Colony to legislate. The been sold for taxes accruing prior to the pur- order to expedite the business; but owing to roof.

On a division the vote on the first clause refer the matter to the Speaker.

After considerable firing and cross-firing

the motion to refer the matter to the Speaker was put with the following result : Ayes-Cochrane, Powell, Dickson, Carse well. (4).

Noes-Ash, Tolmie, M'Clure, Dennes, De-

Cosmos. (5).
Dr. Dickson, Mr. Cochrane and the Chairman took exception to Mr. Dennes' vote; but on these gentlemen being told that Mr. Dens nes' vote was good until it was declared contrary by the House, they subsided, and the motion "that the chair do now rise" was put and carried by a similar vote amidst demon-This killed the bill.

The Speaker, having finished his cigar,

THE WRITS.

Mr. DeCosmos wanted to know when the writs for Victoria and Esquimalt had been forwarded to the proper authorities by the Speaker: The Speaker said four days ago.

ADJOURNMENT.

Mr. McClure moved that the House ade journ till Monday, at one o'clock. Dr. Trimble said he had a question to put

before the motion of adjournment. Mr. McClure declared it out of order, as the adjournment took precedence.

The Speaker ruled that Dr. Trimble was not in order, but he would listen to what he had to say.

Dr. Trimble then asked the Speaker, as Executive officer of the House, to inquire if

the hon. member for Salt Spring had not by the records of the Bankruptcy Court been declared a bankrupt. The Speaker said any member could apply for certificates of bankruptcy if he liked. The House then adjourned till Monday, at

FIRE ON GOVERNMENT STREET.

Cleal's Restaurant Burnt. ACTIVITY OF THE FIREMEN.

The Fire Department of Victoria have been frequently complimented by good judges on their readiness and efficiency, but on Sunday morning they more than ever showed their

At quarter past 4 a.m. the fire bells sounded an alarm, and although the majority they had any objections to raise against the of the citizens were reposing too soundly bon. member let them do so in a proper under the sheets to even hear the alarm, the firemen were out in a marvellously short space of time, and rushed with their engines to Cleal's Restaurant and Bakery on Government street, which was then in a blaze. The Hook and Ladder Co. were first on the spot motion went first, but it was the Chairman's promptly followed by the two engines, the Tiger boys being the first to draw water from the cistern at the corner of Government and

Fort street. Two hose pipes were quikly laid on from each engine, the boys though few in number-Dr. Ash asked the hon member for Saanich whether he had not himself sat and voted
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ich whether for Salt Spring withcessantly until the flames were subdued. Dr. Dickson argued in favor of the clause.

Dr. Tolmie asked the hon, gentleman to theless believed the hon, member was not duties of his office. Two pipes were placed duties of his office. Two pipes were placed over all the presistible arguments that had been advanced by the hen. member for Mr. DeCosmos said it was one thing to Deluge engine was taken through the Occibuilding, but the flames rushed up through member's position any more than the action of a dumb waiter that communicated with the a chimney flue, sent the flames up a considerable height above the roof. The entire building and the several tenements adjoining, between the London House and the Occidental, being constructed of wood the chances of a serious conflagration seemed imminent; but thanks to the firemen and those citizens who gave them a helping hand, in less than half an hour the flames disappeared and the fire was quenched. Two large water butts resting on stands over the kitchen having their supports burnt from under them fell, and deluged the burning debris with hot water.

While all this was occurring the Hook & Ladder boys, who were as active as cats, were busily at work knocking away burning timber and saving property. In the upstairs' restaurant were a number of valuable pictures, mirrors, &c. Whatever furniture and fixtures were removed from both restaurants were removed, but that firm will nevertheless sustain a loss, through damage from water and Mr. Cochrane rose to order to protest other causes, of several hundred dollars, for which we regret to learn that they are not sured, with Messrs. Siffken Bros., agents. for the North British and Mercantile Inc surance Company, for \$4,500.

An inspection of the premises will con-Mr. DeCosmos said if such personalities vince any person that a smarter piece of continued he should move that the House work could noth ave been accomplished by any fire brigade, and a substantial mark of public appreciation is due to the department. Mr. A. J. Welch has very creditably set the a donation of \$20 to the funds of the Institu-

It would be invidious to make distinctions between any of the firemen where all exerted themselves to their utmost, and we shall therefore say no more than that the directions were admirably executed under the orders of the active Assistant and Messrs. J. C. Keenan, Foreman of the Tigers, John Dixon, Dr. Tolmie-Well then, I move that the of the department. Firewarden R. Lewis was also at his post and assisting the firemen.

Mr. McClure then said he for his part was quite content to waive the motion to rise, in the flue which passed through the

#### TO THE MINERS OF CALIFORNIA

We have purposely abstained hitherto from sending abroad as glowing accounts from the newly-discovered mines in British Calumbia as the circumstances really warranted; for the simple reason that it would have been highly injurious to the prospects of the country to have induced any large influx of people to these colonies at a time when the proper facilities were not in existence for reaching the mines. If instead of the few hundred sold for taxes under the Real Estate Tax Act persons we have been lately receiving from of 1860. He had at various times insisted San Francisco, as many thousands had landed on the absolute necessity of a list of the proon our shores, we should have had a reaction that would have proved little short of disas- absolute, and the Sheriff is instructed by trous to our prospects the present year. All law to give title of the property sold to the such risks, however, are now gone. By the purchaser on the 24th of April, 1865. Very such risks, however, are now gone. By the unfortunately for the country, the Executive time this reaches our California readers, the had delayed printing the returns for four travel between Victoria and Big Ben months, and now it was only a matter of nine will be both easy and rapid. Miners will be days when the property would be absolutely enabled to reach the diggings in at least one | confiscated. The motion he made was to half the time which the journey via Portland will consume, and provisions will be packed through to the mines at a figure that ernment Gazette, and only 100 copies pubwill seem almost insignificant when compared with freights to Idaho, Montana, or even Cariboo. Our New Westminster contemporary puts down the probable maximum prices of provisions at Big Bend during the absolutely valueless, they would see the neseason at 20 cents per pound; but allowing even a margin of fifty per cent. over this computation, or 30 cents a pound, and we shall have a rate immeasurably below that the case, which he would admit was rough, of any of the other great Northern gold mines-a rate that will enable the miners to live throughout the season for about \$8 a week.

When we take into consideration the actual prospects which have been obtained up till the present time at Big Bend- The Assessor was bound each year to pub-Dupuy's hill claim taking out \$2,500 in eight lish his roll by a certain day. He (Mr. C.) days-two of the party having in one of the maintained it had not been done. The Court days taken out \$800; the Discovery claim taking 60 ounces out in one day, and aver- They were bound to publish their roll: it aging throughout from two to four ounces to had not been done. The law required the the hand; and Shep Bailey's claim taking addition of five per cent. after the lapse of a out in a few days \$1,500, we are able to form some idea of the richness of the auriferous further time the Sheriff may distrain on the region in the vicinity of the great bend of personal property of defaulters, and if they the Columbia river. What makes these could not be found then he must proceed to facts the more gratifying is that the creek which turned out so well-French creek- It was most important now after the lapse of runs only from six to fifteen feet in depth. 5 years from the time the taxes became due On Carnes creek, where from \$15 to \$60 a that the House should rass such a measure day were obtained last season to the hand, the ground runs much deeper, a shaft of 36 hon. gentleman then proceeded to instance feet having been sunk without coming to the cases showing what flagrant injustice might bed-rock. The latest news from Carnes be perpetrated under the protection of the Creek announces the discovery of rich bank

He further called especial attention to one claims and a great excitement in consequence. On McCulloch's Creek the claims titles now about to be given by the sheriff averaged from two to three ounces a day to valid and effectual, notwithstanding any irthe hand. The accounts so far this season regularity that may have occurred. The more than corroborate the stories which were circulated during the winter; and we nestly asked the House to suspend standing have no doubt as summer advances we shall orders and enable the bill to go to the Upper have facts to publish concerning our new House and receive the Governor's say mines that will startle the Pacific coast, Over a tract of country which has been proved to be highly auriferous for a distance of about one hundred miles, it would be contrary to all experience to suppose that large " strikes' will not be made; but it is not on this well grounded supposition that we would invite the miners of California to Big Bend-it is on the fact that the diggings are easily worked, that the gold is plentifully diffused, and that an extensive the amount of the purchase money at two virgin field presents itself to the enterprising per cent per month, in addition to the twenty miner. When we compare the chances of any other mining region on the continent with those of Big Bend, we can with truth affirm that they are meagre in the extreme. We have already had accounts of the prospects of Montana and Idaho-a few good claims, an infinity of bad ones, and a large number of the population with no claims at all-suffering the while the greatest hardships; If we look at the recently-discovered mines in Central America, which have allured thousands of unfortunate people from Calis to search and make enquiry, it would be more fornia, we shall find no end of disappointment and destitution. The letter of the American Consul, given in our yesterday's issue, warns best part of a lot: the miners of the danger of going to these gold fields with a less sum after travelling expenses are paid than \$500. It is evident therefore these are not the diggings for the California public. There is in fact no gold country which possesses a tithe of the substantial attractions that Big Bend affords today, and when we couple with this fact the cheapness of reaching the mines and the low price at which provisions will range during Only three had met, and he (Dr. T.) was the ensuing season, we think we are placing elected chairman at that meeting, but they before the California miner a field for his enterprise unequalled in any other auriferous country.

CONSUMPTION OF A LONDON ESTABLISHS MENT.—The following list was sent to a gentleman in this city by last mail to show the increase in the monthly consumption of cera tain articles of food by the employees of a large Dry Goods establishment in London since he had served there. If the figures be correct, which it is to be presumed they are, it is clear that London elerks know how to live on the fat of the land: Meat, 20,000 lbs; Fowls, 78; Hams, 34; Sides Bacon, 6; Grouse, 398; Hares, 114; Potatoes, 6,720 lbs; Quartern Loaves, 3,800; Milk, 1.500 quarts.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

MONDAY, April 16. The Speaker took his seat at 1:15 p.m. Present: Messrs. DeCosmos, Trimble, Dickson, Cochrane, Duncan.

VOLUNTEER BILL.

This bill was transmitted from the Legislative Council and passed first reading. The House refused to print the bill.

Ayes-Messrs. DeCosmos, Trimble. Noes-Messrs. Cochrane, Dickson, Dun-

Messrs. Powell and Carswell here entered. SHERIFF'S SALE FOR TAXES.

Mr. Cochrane said on the 1st of December last he drew the attention of the House to the fact that a large number of lots had been perty sold being made public. On the 24th of this month the sale of these lots becomes enable the public to obtain information respecting the state of the property, and after all the delay the returns appear in the Govlished to supply the whole community. The public, as a general body, were as far removed from information as when he first called attention to the subject. If it was not the desire of the House to render real estate cessity of passing some measure speedily to counteract the grievous effects of the previous Acts affecting taxes on real estate. He had consequently framed a bill to meet but it contained in great measure what was necessary. There were grave objections to the Act as it stood. It had two sides: the public were bound on one side, and the Government on the other. On the 25th April last 150 lots were sold, the owners not having complied with the law. On enquiry, had the Government complied with the law? No! of Revision was bound to sit within a certain number of days. They had not done so. certain number of days from the non-payment of taxes; after the expiration of a sell the property taxed. The Government had not complied with any of these requirements.

provision in the act, which rendered the whole thing he characterised as an absurdity and a gross violation of justice, and he ear-

Mr. DeCosmos said the hon. gentleman had made out a good case, but there was not one word suggestive of the remedy. Mr. Duncan suggested that the case might be met by a simple representation to His Excellency showing the urgency of the

forthwith, as there was no time to lose.

Mr. Cochrane briefly explained the purport of his bill, which repealed Clause 53 of the Act providing for the sale of land for taxes after the lapse of a year, and extended the time to another year, allowing interest on per cent already incurred, whereupon, if not redeemed, the Sheriff may give good title.

Leave was given to suspend standing orders that the bill might pass through all its

Mr. DeCosmos thought the time mentioned in the second section-twelve months-was too long. The hon, gentleman had only brought forward two instances for which he desired to violate a contract between purchaser and seller. There was something at the bottom that caused the hon. gentleman to be so anxious about the matter. If three months, or thereabouts, were granted in which just than giving one year.

Dr. Trimble remarked that under the Act the purchaser of fifteen feet might take the The bill passed the first and second read-

CHURCH RESERVE

Mr. DeCosmos enquired what progress had been made by the Committee long since appointed by the House to enquire into the Church Reserve question. He would like to know whether the committee had ever met. Dr. Trimble said it required the attendance of the whole of the committee of five to attend the first meeting and elect a chairman.

had never met again, and he had forgotten all The Speaker said it was not necessary that the whole committee should attend, although it was usual to do so at the first meeting .-No report had yet been made by the commit-

Mr. DeCosmos thought they ought to transact their business or be discharged.

MAGISTERIAL FEES. Dr. Dickson introduced and explained his bill authorizing Justices and Constables to charge certain fees, which passed the first

Dr. Ash and Dr. Tolmie here entered. REAL ESTATE SALES.

On motion of Mr. Cochrane standing orders were suspended and the House went into Committee on this bill. Dr. Ash opposed the bill, believing that

first place the bill proposed to repeal a clause in an act which was already repealed. He did not deny that grievances could be urged but the House by passing this measure would expose itself to ridicule; the proper time to have taken action was before the sales were

made by the Sheriff, and not now, after persons had become bona fide purchasers. The bon. member for Saanich must have been fully aware then of the inaccuracies in the Assessment Roll.

Mr. Cochrane replied to the last speaker, taking occasion to show that the present sales referred to arrears of taxes in 1860, and not in 1865, and the real estate tax was only repealed in respect to taxes after 1865. He advanced cogent reasons for the passage of the act as a measure of justice and expediency for which the House might well incur any ridicule that would attach to it.

Mr. DeCosmos again argued that these sales were nothing else than contracts between the government and the purchasers, the latter expecting to obtain their titles at the end of the time specified. The delay of new diggings are not exaggerated. About Ferry is now completed, and the Chief Com-12 months he thought would be too great a violation of the contract; it might, how advisable to defer giving titles for the new El Dorado. Flour was \$1.25 per lb.,

The Hudson Bay Company have made a three months to enable persons to examine records. He moved that the time be three months instead of twelve.

Dr. Tolmie exceedingly regretted these sales, but he did not see how the government could postpone giving a title either for 12 months or 3 months.

Mr. Duncan thought the provisions of the act were unjust and unequitable, and the course now proposed was a just one. Mr. Cochrane said that 12 months were required to allow persons to communicate with England and elsewhere. He pointed

Dr. Ash made a few remarks, alluding to the sales having taken place several months

out that the government had not adhered to

their part of the contract in any one par-

man that it was 4 months since he first drew the winter. The Foster Campbell had got attention to the matter in the House and ada down their shaft but had not struck pay. vanced the same arguments; he only then Neither the Barker, Sheepskin, Bald Head, wanted information, and asked for returns Hibernian, Welch, Hit or Miss, Cariboo or from the government, but the government Grizzly Companies were at work. The claims did literally nothing until the 9th of the were all full of water, and there was very month, when the returns appeared in the little hope of any of them being opened until Government Gazette, and 100 copies were the Bed Rock Drain is completed. The printed fer the use of the whole town. The 3 months amendment was lost, and

the 12 months carried. The several clauses were passed with some amend ments, and the bill reported. Mr. Cochrane moved that the standing

orders be suspended and the bill read the third time. Mr. DeCosmos, from the emphatic manner in which the hon, gentleman moved a sus-

Dr. Trimble would favor the suspension. this being an exceptional case (laughter). A majority of the House had been in favor and prevent the forfeiting of property sold in 1860, contrary to the spirit of the act. The

of suspending the rules, otherwise he would never vote for it: The rules were suspended, and the bill

passed the third reading. SPRING RIDGE WATER WORKS BILL. The Speaker said that a body calling themselves the Municipal Council had asked that their evidence might be taken on this bill

before the Select Committee. Mr. DeCosmos said the Committee had already presented their report and could not now receive evidence without leave of the House. Moreover, the bill was unopposed the course for the Council to adopt would be to commit their opinions and views to paper in the form of a petition, and the House could then receive it. The consideration of the bill was deferred until the next sitting, who wintered on this creek.

#### LETTER FROM KAMLOOPS.

To the Editor of the British Columbian. Sir-As any news concerning the present facilities of communication with the Big Bend country will be anxiously sought for by the public, I take the present opportunity of posting" you as far as possible.

Kamloops Lake is still frozen from end to end. Mr. Tilley and myself walked over 9 miles of it this morning on ice nearly one foot thick, and I think there is very little probability of its being open for two or three weeks yet. The river from Kamloops Lake to the Little Shuswap is open. Mr. Todd came down to-day and reports the ters in Cariboo, states that times on the latter lake frozen, with the probabilities of creek since last fall have been unprecedently its remaining so for some time. The Big dull. No money in circulation and very little crowbar was necessary to separate the planks, Shuswap is breaking up. Travelling is very work doing. About two hundred men had the ice around which was an inch or more good this far, although considerable snow left the creek for Big Bend, and it was problies on some parts of the road. There are able that many more would follow. as there cured by the staring natives, who enjoyed it quite a number on the way up—200 have will be very little work done for the next with a little fresh cider—all direct from Ore-

passed here already.
Fiour is selling here for 25 cents. No bacon to be had at any price. Boats leave claims. here to-morrow for Seymour-freight \$60 per ton, passage, \$8, with 50 pounds of baggage

A fresh strike has been made on Camp Creek. A Frenchman, whose name I have not heard, sunk 45 feet and no bed-rock, but obtained a fine prospect of coarse gold.

Mr. Greenbaum, from Lillooet, arrived here this evening with 80 animals, freighted with provisions. He reports two other large trains freighted from the same place. A number are also on the way from Yale, so there is likely to be plenty of provisions at Seymour as soon as the navigation is open, but miners would be under the necessity of taking a supply from there on the way in. E. B. HOLT.

Fort Kamloops, March 26th.

KIND-The S. F. Call says, Francis Lacour, who disregarded the statute prohibiting the carrying of concealed weapons, and thereby secured a night's experience in a dungeon and an introduction to Judge Rix, was permitted to go scot-free on condition that he depart hence to Oregon, and trouble California last twenty-four inches of snow fell on Wilno more.

To BE HANGED .- The man Smith, mentioned in our last issue, who was charged with the murder of his brother and brother's wife, near Brownsville, in Linn county, was tried by the Circuit Court, at Albany, last Friday, and found guilty of murder in the first degree. On Saturday he was sentenced to be hanged. -Statesman.

the House was acting improperly. In the BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Latest from Big Beng.

FROM THE TRIBUNE.

From Mr. Wheak, who arrived here on Friday last, we have the following intelligence from our new mines. Mr. Wheak, who is a member of the "Hit or Miss" Supplies for the Big Bend mines are being claim on Williams Creek, left Cariboo, like rapidly forwarded from Yale. Among the hundreds of others, to try his luck in Big chief forwarders are the Hudson Bay Com-(Shuswap) was not open, so he came down per pound to Savana's Ferry. here to spend a week and then return. The a most glowing account of the prospects ob- give more than 16 cents. tained for several miles up the creek. The utmost confidence is felt by every one that 14th April amounted to \$1,209 83. the reports of the extent and richness of the The road from Cache Creek to Savana's bacon, \$2 per lb. at Seymour; and flour was 24 cents per lb. at Savana's Ferry. Bill contract with Messrs. Dodge & Co., who are Moore was about to leave Kamloops on his about to transfer their teams and trains to mour. A large fleet of boats are on the goods to the Big Bend mines. lakes ready te take freight across when navigation is practicable. The work on the steamer Marten was progressing rapidly.

(From the Columbian)

We have received the following news from Mr. Wheak, who arrived here on Friday last from Cariboo via Savana's Ferry. Mr. Wheak left Williams Creek only two weeks since

WILLIAMS CREEK. Several claims above Barkerville, including Mr. Cochrane reminded the hon. gentle- the Cornish, have been paying wages during Australian Company have done very well during the winter; they have made from 100 to 200 ounces per week. The Wake-up-Jake Company were about to sink a new shaft on the upper part of their claim. 'The Aurora Company had finished their tunnel and were waiting for water to commence washing .-The Watson Company were also waiting for water to wash. The Caledonia Company had commenced working and were taking pension of the rules of the House, had out a little pay. The Tunnel Company, bepleasure in seconding it. working but had not struck pay. The Cameron and Dead Broke Companies were wash-Mr. Duncan would also favor it (laughter). ing under ground and doing well; they had a law suit about water, which was decided in favor of the latter. The Nevada Tunnel Company were at work but had not got into

> STOUT'S GULCH. been yielding good pay during the winter. CONKLIN GULCH.

Only one company—the Hood—were at work. They were running in a tunnel. GROUSE CREEK.

strike reported to have taken place on this demanding the attention of the Council ere creek. A miner from Grouse Creek, who they decide against the bill, and if their came down with our informant to Savana's decision is in consonance with the results of Ferry on his way to Big Bend, stated that an enquiry the friends of incorporation need small wages had been made by some men not fear, for the promoters of the anti-petition, WILLIAMS CREEK BED ROCK FLUME.

From thirty to forty white men were em-ployed on it at \$5 a day, in scrip, and the base, and unscrupulous actions. Many more flume is completed up to the lower part of exposures will doubtless be made from Na-Richfield.

THE BED ROCK DRAIN

had been finished to a point about the centre of the Caledonia claim. The work was getting on very slowly, and it will be far on in he summer before the drain is finished up to

GENERAL ORSERVATIONS.

or Miss Company, and has passed two winthree months at least, until the bed rock gon. It seems that the Eldridge loaded at drain is carried up the creek to drain the Portfand during a heavy snow-storm, and the

and very mild. Flour was selling at 30c to 32c per pound;

bacon 75c, and beef 25c. Mr. Cox, J.P., wintered on the creek, and was in the enjoyment of good health when our informant left.

#### LATER.

[Special Despatch to the Tribune.]

escaped from the jail here has been seen within the last few days at the Soda Creek one of the chambers of his revolver, and he declared his intention of killing the first white man he got a chance at. The Government ought to take prompt steps for his recapture.

Everything is very dull on Williams

The Grouse Creek strike is further confirmed, but there is a great scarcity of water for mining purposes. On Monday night and Tuesday morning

liams Creek, but it is expected to go off at Weather at Quesnelmouth very fine. The

river is clear of ice. Junction, April 15-Season opening up finely. Farmers have their land plowed and have commenced sowing.

Roads from Yale to Junction in fine condition. From Junction up the snow is rapidly disappearing. Scott's pack train passed through yesterday for Williams Creek. UP COUNTRY ITEMS.

(From the Columbian.) The Hon, P. O'Reilly, Gold Commissioner for the Columbia District, arrived at Yale on Thursday last and immediately proceeded on his journey to the Columbia River via Savana's Ferry. Mr. O'Reilly will be ass sisted in his new district, which embraces Kootenay and Osoyoos, by Messrs. Gaggin and Haynes, Assistant Commissioners.

Bend. Arriving at Savana's Ferry on pany, Messrs. Oppenheimer, Nelson & Co., Monday last, he found that the upper lake and Mr. Barlow. Freight averages 7 cents

Packers are asking 19 cents per pound day before our informant left the Ferry, a clear of road tolls, for freighting goods to Frenchman stopping there received a letter Williams Creek. But very little is offering from a miner on French Creek that gave at that figure, as merchants are unwilling to The Yale toll receipts for the week ending

The Hudson Bay Company have made a

first trip with his barge with goods for Sey- this route, for treighting 400,000 pounds of The waggon road from Yale to the Green Timber is said to be in fine order. Beyond

that point there is considerable snow on the ground. The Hudson Bay Company are LATER FROM CARIBOO about to establish depots for goods for the Big Bend mines at Savana's Ferry and Seymour.

#### NANAIMO ANTI-INCORPORATION PETITION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE BRITISH COLONIST. -Sir,-In casually glancing over the list of petitioners in the columns of the Chronicle was very forcibly struck with the names of several persons who live out of the colony and as a consequence cannot know anything of their names appearing on the above named petition. Among them are the names of Mr. A. Jarvie and John J. Landale, residents in San Francisco, and Messrs. E. J. Franklyn and S. Boulderson, who, I believe, reside in England. These, though non residents, may have some interest in the place, but the following are neither ratepaypayers nor residen : Rees Davis, M. Lewis, M. Hopkins, M. F. ands and Patrick Fling. The first never liver in Nanaimo, Mr. Lewis left for the up come v in the spring of 1865, where in company with Mr. D. Grier, he has been most of the time since. Messrs. Hopkins and Edwards have spent the last two years or so at Bellingham Bay and up country, and during the time I believe no one has seen them at Nanaimo, and P. Fling is a resident of Comox.

The gentlemen who profess to have obtained the names for the petition challenge any person to come forward and prove that his name has been obtained by misrepresentation or fraud. Of course the parties mentioned, not being in the colony, cannot do so; and the writer, who is personally acquainted with some of them, dares Messrs. Parker, Peck, A number of claims on this gulch have answering to such names. I see also the een yielding good pay during the winter. names of Messrs. T. Miles. T. Jones, R. and Transield to bring forward gentlemen Williams, and J. H. Williams, whom I know to be advocates of incorporation, and whose names doubtless are inserted without their knowledge or consent. If such is the result of a casual glance, what must be the result Mr. Wheak did not hear anything of the of a severe scrutiny? The above are cases composed as it is to some extent of the names of foreigners and forged signatures, must meet with the censure of the Council and The work was being carried on vigorously. the scorn and indignation of a just public, naimo.

A FRIGID HOLD .- The Pacific Commercia Advertiser of Honolulu has the following :-" On discharging the cargo of the bark A. A. Eldridge from Portland, the temperature of her hold was found to be unusually cold. and everything that came out of it appeared Mr. Wheak, who is a member of the Hit half frozen. On Tuesday the cause was discovered, for in breaking out the lumber it was found actually frozen together, so that a planks were stowed away in her hold covered There were about three feet of snow re- with snow and ice, which remained compact maining on the ground; the weather was fine till brought out into sunlight on the wharf here. The apples, though over forty days on board, were discharged in fine order, and notwithstanding the liberal supply were all taken with rapidity. The trade with Port-land is a valuable one, and if there was some way to avoid the lengthy detentions almost always encountered in the Columbia river, waiting for cargo, etc., it would be more pro-fitable. The Eldridge was detained there some two weeks, and similar detentions are QUESNELMOUTH, April 15-The Indian who not unusual. Divert the trade this way, where coal and lumber are to be had in any quantity at short notice, with no dangerous rancherie on the hill. A charge remained in bars to cross or river navigation to encounter.-ED. Col.]

> FEARFUL EXPLOSION-A terriffic explosion had occurred in the Assay office of Mr. G. W. Bell, California street, San Francisco. next door to Messrs. Wells, Fargo & Co.'s office, killing Mr. G. W. Bell, Capt. Samuel Knight, Superintendent W. F. & Co.'s Exa press, and it is feared several others who were missing. The two first named gentlemen are known to many persons up here, by whom they were highly respected. What particulars have reached us of this last veritable catastrophe appear in our telegraphic

> WARD'S THEATRICAL TROUPE had left the Dalles, purposing to go to Blackfoot via Boise and Idaho cities.

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LOCAL INTELLIGENC Tuesday,

INQUEST AND FUNERAL OF THE Tooby .-- An inquest on the body Henry N. Tooby, whose melanch we recorded yesterday, was held at the Police Court by the Stipendia trate. The evidence of Messr Cretney and Wilmer satisfied the the unfortunate deceased at the tim mitted the fatal deed was wander mind, and a verdict of "suici laboring under temporary insanity corded. At 4 o'clock the remain placed in Mr. Lewis' plumed hearse veved to Christ Church, follow respectable procession of the frie deceased; Mr. Sebright Green Jacob being Chief Mourners. T Service was read by the Ven. An Gilson, and the body was then co the Cemetery where the last rites formed.

STOLEN GOODS-On Sunday nig geant Welch was on duty on Pand he heard heavy footsteps crossing the mud, and turning his lanter direction detected two white mer laden with spoil. He immediate chase and pursued the men who dently just robbed some house, bein to run with their loads, the scamps their plunder consisting of clothi curtains, parasols and other housel and made off through a vacant articles may be claimed at the police

FROM BRITISH COLUMBIA-The California, Capt. John S. Butter charge of pilot Titcomb, returned afternoon at 3:45 from New We with a small express and about 40 gers, among whom were the Hon. H. Col, and Mrs. Foster, Mr. John editor of the British Columbian and others. There had been no fresh from up above since the departur Enterprise and consequently no la from above.

GOING TO BIG BEND .- Mons, B. the valued Cariboo correspondent Colonist, last season will leave this by the Enterprise en route to Caribe though communication may at the c irregular and opportunities for corres less frequent, we nevertheless hope occasionally from our old corresp whose communications are always with interest.

Exploring Exhibition .- T. Elwy formerly Gold Commissioner in Carit been appointed Agent for the Brit lumbia Government, with the exped the Western Union Telegraph Co. about to explore the line of route throu Stekin territory.

SEYMOUR.—The Surveyor General o ish Columbia notifies that the town Seymour, at the northeastern extrem Shuswap Lake will be immediately la and the lots sold by public auction spot, at noon on Saturday, the 9th Jun

THE YATES STREET ROBBERY-I Tom was charged yesterday on suspic having robbed the premises of Mr. I Thomas on Yates street. Sergeant said the evidence was not complete asked for a remand of two days which

Towed In-The Russian ship Cæsar was towed into the harbor yesterday Sir James Douglas and taken to l Janion, Green & Rhodes' wharf when will commence loading.

To BE CONVEYED NORTH-The of the wife of Capt. Alexandroff Cæsarewitch, will be placed in a coffin for conveyance to the Russian

ALBION IRON WORKS - We learn Messrs. Spratt & Kriemler have rec instructions to make a large boiler taken to Sitka on the Russian ship Ca

FOR NEW WESTMINSTER.—The ste Enterprise will leave for Fraser River morning at 10 o'clock.

THE CABLE.—The Forward is now re ing on board the portion of the cable to tend from San Juan Island to Cadboro FOR NANAIMO.-The steamer Sir J

Douglas leaves this morning at 8 o'clock the above port. Wednesday, April " PROBABLY A LIE."-Under this head

Portland exchange, the Oregonian, poli remarks : We have so little confidence in integrity of Victoria reports concern matters touching upon the mines, that very much question the truth of the telegrap report this morning from New Westmins Those people are not to be trusted in eve

FROM SAN FRANCISCO.—The brig T: Lucas arrived yesterday in Royal Roads, days from San Francisco, with one passen Mr. C. Hounslow, and freight as per manif published in Monday's Colonist, valued \$24,448. The list of consignees and mer randa will be found under the proper head

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### The Weekly British Colonist.

Tuesday, April 24, 1866.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE

Tuesday, April 17. INQUEST AND FUNERAL OF THE LATE MR. Tooby .-- An inquest on the body of Mr. Henry N. Tooby, whose melancholy death we recorded yesterday, was held at 1 p.m. in the Police Court by the Stipendiary Magistrate. The evidence of Messrs. Green, Cretney and Wilmer satisfied the jury that the unfortunate deceased at the time he committed the fatal deed was wandering in his mind, and a verdict of "suicide while laboring under temporary insanity" was re-corded. At 4 o'clock the remains were placed in Mr. Lewis' plumed hearse and conveyed to Christ Church, followed by a respectable procession of the friends of the deceased; Mr. Sebright Green and Mr. Jacob being Chief Mourners. The Burial Service was read by the Ven. Archdeacon Gilson, and the body was then conveyed to the Cemetery where the last rites were per-

STOLEN GOODS-On Sunday night as Sergeant Welch was on duty on Pandora street he heard heavy footsteps crossing through the mud, and turning his lantern in the direction detected two white men heavily laden with spoil. He immediately gave chase and pursued the men who had evidently just robbed some house, being unable to run with their loads, the scamps dropped their plunder consisting of clothing, bed curtains, parasols and other household iktas and made off through a vacant lot. The articles may be claimed at the police office.

FROM BRITISH COLUMBIA-The steamer California, Capt. John S. Butters, under charge of pilot Titcomb, returned yesterday afternoon at 3:45 from New Westminster with a small express and about 40 passengers, among whom were the Hon. H. M. Ball, Col, and Mrs. Foster, Mr. John Robson editor of the British Columbian and others, others. There had been no fresh arrivals from up above since the departure of the Enterprise and consequently no later news

Going to Big Bend .- Mons, B. Deffis, the valued Cariboo correspondent of the Colonist, last season will leave this morning by the Enterprise en route to Cariboo. Although communication may at the outset be irregular and opportunities for corresponding less frequent, we nevertheless hope to hear occasionally from our old correspondent, whose communications are always perused with interest.

EXPLORING EXHIBITION .- T. Elwyn, Esq., formerly Gold Commissioner in Cariboo, has been appointed Agent for the British Columbia Government, with the expedition of the Western Union Telegraph Company, about to explore the line of route through the Stekin territory.

SEYMOUR.—The Surveyor General of British Columbia notifies that the townsite of Seymour, at the northeastern extremity of Shuswap Lake will be immediately laid out and the lots sold by public auction on the spot, at noon on Saturday, the 9th June next.

THE YATES STREET ROBBERY-Russian Tom was charged yesterday on suspicion of having robbed the premises of Mr. Eugene Thomas on Yates street. Sergeant Welch said the evidence was not complete and asked for a remand of two days which was granted.

Towed In-The Russian ship Cæsarewitch was towed into the harbor yesterday by the Sir James Douglas and taken to Messrs. Janion, Green & Rhodes' wharf where she will commence loading.

To BE CONVEYED NORTH-The remains of the wife of Capt. Alexandroff of the Cæsarewitch, will be placed in a leaden coffin for conveyance to the Russian posses-

Albion Iron Works - We learn that Messrs. Spratt & Kriemler have received instructions to make a large boiler to be taken to Sitka on the Russian ship Cæsare-

FOR NEW WESTMINSTER.—The steamer Enterprise will leave for Fraser River this morning at 10 o'clock,

THE CABLE.—The Forward is now receive ing on board the portion of the cable to extend from San Juan Island to Cadboro Bay.

FOR NANAIMO.—The steamer Sir James Douglas leaves this morning at 8 o'clock for the above port.

Wednesday, April 18.

" PROBABLY A LIE."-Under this head our Portland exchange, the Oregonian, politely remarks: We have so little confidence in the integrity of Victoria reports concerning matters touching upon the mines, that we very much question the truth of the telegraphic report this morning from New Westminster. Those people are not to be trusted in every-

FROM SAN FRANCISCO .- The brig T: W. Lucas arrived yesterday in Royal Roads, ten days from San Francisco, with one passenger, Mr. C. Hounslow, and freight as per manifest published in Monday's Colonist, valued at \$24,448. The list of consignees and memoranda will be found under the proper head.

Mayor rose to dissent from the remarks made in the House on the previous day as reported in the papers. His Worship stated that the Council had been desired to express their opinion on the bill, that communications courteously expressed had been sent on the 24th March, desiring a conference, and on 10th April, stating that the Committee of the Council had completed its labors and were ready to report. No replies to either communication had been received, but on the very same 10th day of April the private bills committee reported in favor of the bill. His Worship here read the report in Tuesday's Colonist of the proceedings in the House and expressed indignation at the Speaker's language towards them. It came with bad grace from the hon. gentleman, seeing that the Council had collected and were still collecting taxes, and that the hon. member supported the Incorporation bill and the amended bill. The Council received communications from the Government author rities acknowledging them as a legal body, and if they were not so then money was being received under false pretences. This body presented at the present time an example of good order and parliamentary conduct, which others might well follow. He also thought it did not come with good grace or even decency from the Chairman of Private Bills Committee, after asking for and obtaining the Council's views to call upon the Council to petition the House in order to express those views. The Council would sacrifice its dignity by so doing, and he therefore moved that no further steps be taken at present regarding the bill. Mr. Jeffery, sen., was the next speaker, and this old gentleman who is usually mild as mothers' milk, forgot his suavity and pitched into the gentlemen "calling themselves a Select Committee" for insulting the Council by first asking their opinion "and then treating them with contempt." The Chairman of the Private Bills Committee (Mr. DeCosmos) when he said that the bill was unopposed "told an untruth -a lie!" (cries of order). "He could'nt help it as it was the real truth. The Speaker had insulted them as well, but had not asked their opinion." Mr. Gowen did not think the newspaper reports should be taken as official. Mr. Lewis did not approve of the meeting which required twenty-four hours' notice, and should not have been called upon the strength of reports in the press, which were not allowed to be noticed in the regular meetings. He looked upon it as child's play and ridiculed the supposed insult in the Speaker's words. The Mayor said this was an adjourned meeting of the Committee. Mr. Hebbard agreed with the views that had been expressed by the Mayor, and in order that the public might know that their report had been made, and they did not intend to petition, he moved "That the Committee, having already made their report on the bill by request of the Select Committee of the House of Assembly, decline to take any further action in the matter. The Mayor withdrew his motion in favor of the amendment, which was carried, Mr. Lewis contra, and the Committee rose.

Sol FA Class-We were pleased to notice a large attendance of members at the last meeting, about 130 children and adults were present, and all manifested great interest in themselves to the entire satisfaction of their fair Indigestion & Stomachic Weakness the instruction. The class is composed of friends, and all the arrangements gave satisboth Protestants and Catholics and is altogether non-sectarian, the only object being to teach the pleasing science of music. Judging from appearances the class promises to become a means of much musical instruction. We are informed that this evening will be the last opportunity afforded to join as none will be admitted after to-night. No lovers of music should miss this chance when all are so freely invited to attend.

PRESENTATION TO JOE EDEN-To-day a handsome beit manufactured by Mr. Newbury of Government street, with a chaste solid gold buckle and clasp, the handiwork of Mr. Watson, of Yates street, will be presented, together with a purse, to Joe Eden, who will take his departure by the California. The present emanates from a few of Joe's admirers as the following inscription neatly engraved on the face of the buckle explains: " Presented to Joe Eden by a few admirers of the pluck be displayed in his victorious fight with George Baker for \$500 a side, near Victoria, V. I., February 25th, 1866." The gift is one of which the reci-pient may feel proud, It will be on view until the departure of the steamer at the Bee Hive Hotel.

THE House of Assembly met yesterday at 3 p.m. Present-Messrs. DeCosmos, Cochrane, Powell, Dickson, M. Clure, Tolmie, Ash, Trimble, Duncan. A message was received from the Governor in connection with the loss of the mail steamer Labour chere. The rules were suspended and the House went into Committee of the Whole to discuss the matter with closed doors. After some deliberation a resolution was passed and a deputation appointed to wait upon His Excellency to-day at 11 a m.

Wages Case .- Anthony Elliott was summoned by Chas. Caufield for \$48 50, for part of 3 months wages as a farm laborer, at the rate of \$20 per month. The defendant put in a contra account for \$22 50 for milk, \$15 for rent, and \$6 for wood, potatoes and turnips, and said the plaintiff had lived almost entirely on milk. The bench allowed \$11 25 for milk, and the \$6 for potatoes, etc., but as the defendant had stated that the plaintiff could live in the house as long as he liked, and did not say any thing about rent, he disallowed that item, and made an order for plaintiff for

SPRING RIDGE WATER WORKS BILL .- A | THE SUBSIDY CONTRACT -- We understand special meeting of a Committee of the that the contract with the Hudson Bay Co. Enterprise, Captain Swanson, arrived yesterwhole Council was held yesterday afternoon for running the Labouchere to San Francisco day from Fraser river, bringing an express in the Council Chamber, Councillor Layzell for twelve months was not to be completed and a few passengers, among whom was Mr. before the House of Assembly. After the and an inspection of her accommodation. Columbia. Mr. F. J. Barnard, of Express correspondence between the Council and the The \$5,000 bonds will not, as is generally notoriety, came down on the Lillooet. The Assembly on the subject had been read the supposed, be forfeited; as it was expressly understood that the dangers of the sea should be excepted. There is every probability of the contract being fulfilled torthwith by some other steamer.

Thursday, April 19. Found Drowned-Yesterday morning at eight o'clock a little orphan half-breed boy, eight years of age, the adopted child of Mr. Gerritsen, baker, of Humboldt street, was discovered drowned in a deep well in the rear of the premises. The boy had been missing the previous evening. At 2 p.m. an inquest was held in the Police Court before the Police Magistrate and a jury with Mr Fell as foreman. Mr. Gerritsen was examined, but could not throw any light upon the manner in which the deceased came by his death. A young boy named Moses de-posed that he last saw deceased in company with two Indian boys and a little girl. of the boys, who came from San Juan Island, was playing horses with the deceased, and driving him in the vicinity of the well by holding the back of his coat. The jury having inspected the body and the well, which had a small opening at the top just sufficient to admit the body, at the suggestion of the magistrate returned an open verdict of " found drowned," leaving it to the police to institute further inquiry with a view to ascertaining whether any foul play had been used. The jury coupled with the verdict a recommendation that the police keep a watchful eye upon persons who transgressed the law by leaving their wells exposed. On the way Beacon Hill there is a dangerous well left quite open, into which a little boy fell a short time ago and had a narrow escape of

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL. - This body met yesterday. Present-the Hons. Chief Justice presiding), Colonial Secretary, Attorney General, Donald Fraser, H. Rhodes. Mr. Cochrane's bill to amend the Real Estate Tax Act came up for second reading and elicited a lengthy and stormy debate from the hons. Colonial Secretary, Attorney General and H. Rhodes for, and the hons. Chief Justice and D. Fraser against the measure. The hon. Colonial Secretary urged the second reading, as the bill could be amended in Committee, and he should then suggest that the Treasurer of the Colony be authorised to redeem the lands sold by the Sheriff for arrears of taxes within the year and to pay the 20 per cent. allowed by law, such payments to form a charge on the property. The second reading was finally carried.

animation to most excellent music provided by Messrs. Palmer, Sandrie, Bushell, Foreman and others. At midnight a good suppe was laid out in the Hotel de France, which was also discussed with a good relish, after which dancing was resumed and not allowed to flag until the programme and the dancers were both exhausted. The stewards acquitted

Joe Eden, the young amateur bruiser was presented yesterday, at the Bee Hive Hotel, with the belt described in yesterday's Colonist. He courteously accepted the compliment, and before proceeding on board the California left a photographic remembrance at Spencer's gallery to gratify his friends. Joe was accompanied to the steamer by some of his warmest admirers, and was cheered on leaving the wharf. He takes a good reputation away with him, which we hope will not be sullied by his having made his debut as a pugilist.

BANKRUPTCY COURT.-Re Dennes. The bankrupt did not appear, and the Solicitor for the petitioning creditor not wishing to press the matter, the examination was postponed for one week. Re Matheson .- This bankrupt again came up for his second examination, which was postponed to await the issue of the action of Matheson vs. Stewart.

For San Francisco-The steamer California left for San Francisco yesterday at 5:30 p.m., taking a large freight and about 60 or 70 passengers. Captain Butters detained the steamer for an hour and a half waiting for the Enterprise from Fraser river. The steamer moved off amid cheers and waving of handkerchiefs.

GAMBLING PROHIBITED - Private correscondence says that Judge Cox has caused conspicuous notices to be posted about Williams Creek, intimating that gambling would be strictly prohibited, and all offenders pun-

Col. MOODY, R.E., has retired on half pay, with the honorary rank of Major General. The command of the Royal Engineers of the Chatham District has been conferred upon Lieut. Col. E. W. Ward, from the half pay

THE CABLE.—The operation of winding the second section of the submarine cable on the reel proceeds slowly, but Mr. Haynes expects that the Forward will be ready to start again by the end of the week.

FOR HONOLULU. The steamer Thames is now loaded and will be ready to leave in a day or two for the above port.

FROM NEW WESTMINSTER-The steamer until the arrival of that vessel from below D. M. Lang, Manager of the Bank of British Customs receipts at New Westminster for the week ending Saturday, Arpil 14th, were :-Duties, \$4,038 23; harbor dues, \$78 16; headmoney, \$116; tonnage dues, \$352 50; fees, \$1. Total, \$4,581 89. Number of passengers entering at this port during same

ANOTHER STEAMER-Charles W. Wallace, Esq., who left for San Francisco yesterday by the Enterprise, is empowered by the Government to make arrangements for immediately putting on another steamer to carry out the subsidy contract. In the meantime rumor hath it that we are to have a steamer on Saturday or Sunday, the Del Norte having been reported at Seattle as leaving for Victoria on Tuesday the 17th. This report needs further confirmation.

THE BRIG T. W. LUCAS, from San Francisco, got into port yesterday, and moored alongside the Hudson Bay Company's wharf.

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LOCAL INTELLIGENCE

Friday, April 20. SUPREME COURT—EASTER TERM—Macredy vs. Copland-The Court and Jury were occupied all day yesterday in hearing evidence in the above suit instituted by the plaintiff, who was an articled clerk of the defendant, for damages for wrongful dismissal which were laid at \$5,000. Mr. Ring, with whom was Mr. McCreight, instructed by Messre. Pearkes & Green, appeared for the plaintiff, the defendant in person: The Court rose at about 5 o'clock, the further hearing of the case having been postponed until this morn-

SINGULAR COINCIDENCE-On Tuesday the 18th April, 1865, the steamer Eliza Anderson was the harbinger of the sad intelligence of the assassination of President Lincoln which cast a gloom over the entire community. On Tuesday the 17th April, 1866, the same steamer brought the first intimation of the total loss of the steamer Labouchere bound with passengers and freight from San Francisco to this port, an announcement not so melancholy in its nature or so important to the interests of mankind, but a serious blow nevertheless to the progress of the place.

QUEEN CHARLOTTE COAL COMPANY (LIM.) The quarterly meeting of the shareholders of this Company was held yesterday at the office in the Council Chambers. An encouraging report from San Francisco, showing the result of the tests made by the foundries there of coal from the mine, was read, and statements submitted of the position and general prospects of the Company, which were considered highly satisfactory. The stock, we learn, has taken a rise from \$2 50

FROM NANAIMO, - The steamer Emily Harris, Captain Frain, arrived from Nanaimo early yesterday morning, with a cargo of coal to the Hudson Bay Company. Messrs. Platt & John's store narrowly escaped being burnt down on Tuesday night, the goods are said to be damaged to the extent of about \$2000, which is we understand insured. The schooner Pacific had arrived from Victoria. The Carlotta was loading. The Sir James Douglas would tow down the ship Heloise yesterday. The schooner Meg Merrelies also arrived yesterday with coal.

From La Paz-The bark Metropolis, Capt. Howard, arrived yesterday afternoon, 31 days from Cape St. Lucas. Her cargo consists of 130 tons salt. On April 14th, in latitude 460 and longitude 130°30' west, while scudding under close-reefed topsails, had her foresail carried away, and lost foreyard and foretopsail. From the 14th to the 16th experi-enced a constant gale of wind from the SE to NW and SW, with heavy cross seas. Capt. Howard says he did not meet with worse weather all last winter.

PROBABLE WRECK-Indians on the West Coast of the Island report portions of lumber and rigging having been recently seen off Nootka Sound. They further state that they saw a vessel one evening under close canvass and the next morning she was on a reef. Two painted letters, L and H, were exhibited by the natives to the captain of the schooner

TIGER FLAG.-Yesterday a splendid new flag, 40 ft. long and 20 ft. wide, manufactured by Mr. P. Hall for the Tiger Engine Co. No. 1, was unfurled to the breeze on the Company's tall staff, Johnson street. The flag has longitudinal stripes of red with a white centre on which the name of the Company figures in conspicuous letters.

STOCK SALE- Messrs. Daniel Scott & Co. held a sale of live stock yesterday, the following prices being obtained: Ten milch cows with calves, at an average of \$50 each; horse and dray, \$355; steers, \$371/2 each; 5 pack horses, at \$80 each.

Police Court-Andrew McKillan, a seaman belonging to the bark Princess Royal, who was undergoing a term of imprisonment for broaching cargo, was yesterday, on the application of Capt. Marshall, ordered to be sent on board his ship.

THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY counted out yesterday, the only members present being the Speaker and Messrs. DeCosmos, M'Olure and Carswell.

THE STEAMER SIR JAMES DOUGLAS, Capt. Clarke, arrived from Nanaimo last evening, with a few passengers, among whom were the Rev. Mr. Good and family.

GROUSE CREEK-A letter received in town on Wednesday by the Enterprise confirms the discovery recently reported of a rich strike on this creek.

Saturd y, April 21,

ALLEGED LARCENY-Two men named S. Williams and G. Hoggan (colored) were charged at the police court yesterday with stealing a gun and two pair of pants from a shanty on Fort street. The prosecutor stated that he left his house on Easter Sunday, and on returning three days subsequently found the articles missing. He was informed that Hoggan had been seen with a gun of that description. Hoggan said he knew nothing of the gun, it belonged to Williams, and asked for a remand to obtain professional assistance. Williams said that he saw the gun and pants in the possession of Hoggan, who went out hunting with the gun and said he had borrowed it. The bench remanded the accused until Monday next.

FORFEITED PROPERTY—The bill introduced most interesting debate that has taken place for redemption of the sales made by the Sheriff will therefore expire on Monday, and on and after Tuesday the Sheriff will be required to give absolute title to the purchasers action taken by the House yesterday.

SUPREME COURT-Mecredy vs. Copland-This case was resumed yesterday before His Honor the Chief Justice and Jury. The defendant was cross-examined at considerable length and the jury, after hearing the address of counsel and the Judge's charge, retired and deliberated for about three quarters of an hour, when they returned into Const with a verdict for the defendant of \$7500 damages, the charge of fraud not

THE "VERANDAH"-W. H. Wheeler, proprietor of the Verandah Saloon, Johnson street, appeared before the police magistrate yesterday, charged with keeping a common statement to the court but the magistrate re- proves of the appointment.

the ore recently brought from this mine has been sent for assay to the Government Assay Office at New Westminster, and the managers have received a certificate stating that it contains thirty per cent. of copper:

For New Westminster - The steamer Enterprise left yesterday morning for Fraser River with about 50 passengers and consid-

MAY DAY-The Fire Department have decided upon having their usual parade on the first of May before His Excellency the Gov-CAPT. DEVEREUX has been appointed to the

command of the steamer Thames bound to

ANNIVERSARY-Yesterday was the 58th birthday of Louis Napoleon, Emperor of the

Monday, April 23. DEATH ON BOARD THE SPARROWHAWK .-On Saturday morning Mr. John Dearden. Chief Engineer of H.M.S. Sparrowhawk, lying in Esquimalt Harber, was found dead in his bed. On the previous evening Mr. Dearden retired to bed apparently in the enjoyment of his usual health and on his not presenting himself the next morning his cabin was entered and the unfortunate man was found to be quite dead. Deceased, who was a native of Lowmoor, near Bradford, Yorkshire, was aged about 34 years, and we learn, leaves a wife and family in England to mourn his loss. He was a steady and industrious officer, respected by all on board. post mortem examination was made by the medical officers, who, we understand pronounced the cause of death to have been apoplexy. The Coroner was informed of this fact and it was left to him to determine whether an inquest should be held or not. The funeral will take place to-morrow and probably the band of the Rifle Corps will be n attendance.

THE NEXT STEAMER-The opinions entertained respecting the movements of the steamers down below are somewhat conflicting. Mr. R. Dickinson of New Westminster, the Columbian says, has received a telegram stating that a steamer (name not given) was to leave San Francisco on Saturday, the 21st, for New Westminster. Capt. Mouat telegraphs to the Hudson Bay Company that he would leave on the 18th by the Oregon, but does not say whether for Portland or Victoria and our telegraphic news, it will be seen, makes no mention of any steamer have ing left for this port either on the 18th or 19th. Mr. Haynes of the Telegraph Co. has received a telegram stating that some goods were shipped to his order by the Oregon, leaving San Francisco for this port on the 21st, and this announcement may be considered as conclusive. This steamer will therefore be due on Wednesday or Thurs-

Police-Tom, a Fort Rupert, was fined on Saturday by the police magistrate \$25, or two months' imprisonment, for affectionately trying to bite his wife's finger off. Tom, the Russian, charged with having robbed the premise of Mr. Eugene Thomas on Yates street, was again brought up and remanded for two days; the only additional evidence bush potatoes, 200 do oats, 1 lot furs. Value—\$325. Cons gned to J. P. Adams. was the production of a knife believed to belong to the prisoner, which had been found on the premises.

COLLINS TELEGRAPH LINE-The Columbian states that Mr. Edmund Conway, the indefatigable superintendent of the Union Extension Telegraph, would leave on Saturday to follow up Major Pope's exploring party with the construction of the line. Mr. Conway expected that the line would be completed this season as far as Stekin.

FROM BRITISH COLUMBIA The steamer Enterprise arrived on Saturday with about 40 passengers and an express. Beyond the interesting letter from our Big Bend correspondent there is little up country news. Mr. L. Hotier reports the weather fine at Lytton and trade brisk, the opening of the Lakes having given an impetus to commerce.

Performance. - A grand entertainment by Mr. Cochrane in the Heuse of Assembly under the patronage of His Excellency the with the amendments made by the Legisla- Governor and officers of the fleet and Voltive Council was yesterday thrown out, as unteer Corps is announced to take place in will be seen by the report elsewhere, of the the Theatre, on Monday the 30th inst., by the Amateur Dramatic Association, the Alert in the House for a long period. The period Dramatic Club, and the Volunteer Rifle Corps, assisted by Miss Jenny Arnot and R. G. Marsh. The pieces to be represented will be the amusing farce of "The Waiter of quired to give absolute title to the purchasers | Cremorne," by the Alert company, and the of the forfeited lands. We believe all right | tragico-comico burlesque of "Villikins and thinking men will cordially approve of the Hys Dinah," by the Amateurs with a musical interlude. This will probably be the last entertainment of the season, and we hope to see a large attendance on the occasion.

THE ELECTION—The writ for a member to serve in Parliament for the city of Victoria n the room of Selim Franklin, Esq., has been issued, and the Sheriff gives notice that the nomination will take place in front of his office, on Thursday next at 11 a.m. Thos. Harris, Esq., it will be seen, through intelligence received by the last mail, will be compelled shortly to proceed to England, and, therefore, withdraws his name as a candidate, leaving the coast clear to any competent candidate possessing the confidence of the

DEPUTY SHERIFF OF BRITISH COLUMBIA .-Mr. Homer has assumed his duties as High gambling house. The informant did not ap- Sheriff of the neighboring colony, and appear, and the bench postponed the case for pointed Mr. McMicking of New Westminster three days. Wheeler desired to make a as his deputy. The Columbian highly ap-

For Honolulu-The steamer Thames, ALBERNI COPPER Co .- A small quantity Capt. Devereux, left on Saturday with passengers and freight for the above port. Mr. Blake, late Sergeant of Police, was among

> ERROR -By an oversight the verdict of \$1,500 damages in the case of Mecredy vs. Copland was reported in our issue of Saturday to have been rendered for the defeadent instead of the plaintiff.

> FROM NEW DUNGENESS .- The schooner A J. Wester arrived on Saturday evening with

FOR ENGLAND .- The H. B. Co's. bark Princess Royal sailed on Saturday for London.

#### COMMERCIAL

VICTORIA MARKETS.

SATURDAY EVENING, April 21. Business during the week has been inactive and prices remain without variation from last quotations. The only arrival from foreign ports has been the brig T. W. Lucas, from San Francisco, with a general cargo valued at \$24,448, and the usual importations from the Sound. The steamer Thames sailed on the 21st for Honolulu, as preriously stated.

Jobbing rates as follows: FLOUR—Extra, \$8 50@\$9 \$\text{p}\$ bbl; Superfine, \$8@8 50; Common, \$5 75@6 25 do.

RYE FLOUR—\$15 do.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—\$7 75@8 \$\text{p}\$ 100-\text{hs.}

OATMEAL—9@9 50 do

CORNMEAL—7 50@8 00 do

BEANS—White, 6c \$\text{p}\$ \text{h}\$ \$\text{p}\$ sack; "Bayos and Pinks. 5c do do. Pinks, 5c do do.

RICE—6c@8c p h p mat.

SUGAR—kaw, 8½c@10½c p h p kg: Refined

COFFEE—24c@26c p ib p sack TEA—36c@42c p ib p chest YEAST POWDERS—\$3 25@3 ( CANDLES—\$6 00@\$7 P bx SOAP—\$2@2 50 P box. BUTTER—Best Roll 45c@50c P b; Ordinary, Sc@45c do p firkin
BACON AND HAMS—Best quality, \$28@30

P 100 lbs; Ordinary, \$24@26 do. WHEAT—2%@3c do P lb P sk WHEAT—2%@3c do p is p sk
OATS—2c@2%c do do
BARLEY—1%@2c do do
GROUND BAKLEY—2%c@2%c do do
MIDDLINGS—2% do do.
BRAN—1%@2c do do.
HAY—1%c@1%c do p bale.
ONIONS—3c@5c do p sack
POTATOES—1c@1% do do

MEMORANDA.

The T. W. LUCAS left San Francisco on Good riday; put back and lay three days in port; had eavy gales on passage up.

#### PASSENGERS.

Per steamer ELIZA ANDERSON, from Puget Sound—J Biles, Becket, J Isard, W Hodge, J L Tolman, J Lawrence, Hannah Jackson, Ligman, wife and child, Hart, W Lynner, J Pierce, J Smith, Plafintine, Yrseer, W Williamson, Master Tolmie, Mr Folk, Mrs Robertson, Brown, Moore, Lowden, Knight,

#### IMPORTS.

Per sloop THORNTON, from Burrard Inlet-25 M ft cedar lumber. Value \$400. To Moody Per schr DISCOVERY, from Port Angelos-15,000 pickets, 110 M laths, 1000 feet cedar boards

Per steamer ELIZA ANDERSON, from Puget Sound—17 pkgs oars, 3 bxs eggs, 17 hd cattle, 41 sheep, 4 calves, 5 hogs, 9 sks bacon, 2 rolls leather, 1 coop chickens .- Value,

\$2,125 32. Per schr ELIZA, from Burrard's Inlet-45 M feet lumber. Value \$450. To Moody & Co, Per sloop LETITIA, from Port Townsend, 800

#### CONSIGNEES.

Per T. W. LUCAS, from San Francisco-Peter Per T. W. LUCAS, from San Francisco—Peter McQuada, Loers Hiemmen & Co, J H Turner, Jules David, S Kelly, S Anderson, L L'Hotelier, Fell & Co, H Leizewitz, Dickson, Campbell & Co, Janion, Green & Rhodes, J L Drummond, B Derham, J Morehead & Co, Sporborg & Rueff, A Casamayou, H B Co, S Nesbitt, Gr P, J Lowe & Co, Order

Per steamer ELIZA ANDERSON, from Puget Sound—E Marvin, J W Waite, F Rey-nolds, Carson & Hammond, Dr Tolmie, Fell & Co, J Bales, U Nelson.

#### EXPORTS.

Per sloop THORNTON, to Burrard's Inlet— 1 doz axe handles, 1 cs oil, 1 do coffee, 1 bbl but-ter, 67 pcs guttering, 210 do piping, 5 pcs elbows, 6 do shoes, 1 bbl, 1 bag, 28 do galvanised roofing

#### SHIPPERS.

Per steamer THAMES, to Honolulu, S.I.-J P Stewart, 100,000 fest lumber; Hudson Bay Co, Janion, Green & Rhodes, Henderson & Burnaby, dry goods, iron, blankets, champagne. MARINE INTELLIGENCE. ENTERED.

April 21—Slp Letitia, Adams, Port Angelos Steamer Enterprise, Swanson, New Westminster April 16—Sch Discovery, Rudlin, Port

Ship Cæsarewitch, Alexandroff, Honolulu Str Emily Harris, Frain, Nanaimo April 15—Slp W B Naylor, Drake, San Juan Str Eliza Anderson, Finch, Port Angelos Sch Thorndyke, Thornton, San Juan Slp Thornton, Warren, Burrard's Inlet April 18—Slp Angeline, Jackley, Port

April 19—Bg T W Lucas, Anderson, San Slp Northern Light, Delgardno, Port Ange-

Sch Eliza, Middleton, Burrard Inlet. Sch Annie, Elvin, San Juan. Sch Meg Merrilies, Pamphlet, Nanaimo. Str Enterprise, Swanson, New Westminster. April 20-Sch Black Diamond, McCulloch

Bark Metropolis, Howard, Mexico Slp Ocean Queen, Watkins, San Juan

April 16-Whale boat, Ah Sung, Nanair Str Emily Harris, Frain, Nanaimo

Sch Propellor, Keffier, San Juan April 15—Str Eliza Anderson, Finch, Port Sch Thorndyke, Thornton, San Juan Slp Ocean Queen, Watkins, do April 18—Sch Matilda, Greenwood, Na

Ship Princess Royal, Marshall, London. Str California, Butters, San Francisco. April 19-Slp Ida, Foster. Nanaimo. Slp Northern Light, Delgardno, Port Ange

Slp Lady Franklyn, Pritchard, San Juan. Str Enterprise, Swanson, New Westminster April 20-Slp Thornton, Warner, Burrard

Slp Lady Franklin, Pritchard, San Juan April 21—Sip Thornton, Warren, Burrard Inlet Schr Codfish, Brown, Barclay Sound Stmr Thames, Devereux, Honolulu

#### MARRIED

In this city, on the 17th inst., by the Rev. E. Cridge, Mr. Milton Edgson to Miss Keturah Neale Hutchins. April 13, 1866, at the residence of Mr. John L Clark, in Olympia, by the Rev. C. C. Stratton, Mr. Columbus White to Mrs. Mary Clark, both of

#### DIED.

On the 15th inst., at Victoria, Vancouver Island, Henry Norton Tooby, aged 34, of Gloucester, England.

California papers please copy. At Port Angelos, W.T., on the 8th inst., of appoplexy, Mr. S. E. Wilson, formerly of Maine. Deceased was buried at Port Townsend on the

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Distance from Victoria, couver Island, to Big Bend, 473 Miles Distance from Astoria via Portland to Big Bend, 752 Miles

TABULAR STATEMENT OF DIS TANCES, COMPILED FROM OFFI CIAL AUTHORITIES.

#### From Victoria, Vancouver Island.

To New Westminster, by steamer ...... 80 Thence to Yale, by steamer...... 95 Thence to Savana's Ferry, by stages. .....133 Thence to head of Shuswap Lake, by steamer. 111 Thenee to Columbia River, at a point 30 miles above the supposed head of navigation, by Government Trail ..... 34

473

Thence to Gold Creek, by boats ..... 20

From Astoria, via Portland. To Portland..... 95 Thence to the Dalles......110 Thence to Walla Walla.....100 Thence to Colville......210 Thence to a point where the Trail from Shuswap Lake strikes the Columbia River..... 216 Thence to Gold Creek..... 20 Showing that the distance to the Big Bend Mines is 279 MILES LESS BY WAY OF VICTORIA

The following Statistics, respecting the prebable Time and Expense of Travelling from VIC TORIA TO BIG BEND, have been compiled by Mr. F. J. Barnard, the well known British Columbian Express Agent and Stage Proprietor:

than by way of Portland.

CLASS 1—By Stage over the Wagon Read, and including Meals and Beds through.

Dist. Time. Rates. Meals. Victoria to Yale ..... 175 .... 24 hrs .... \$4 .... \$6 Over the Lakes ...... 120.... 15 hrs.... 10.... 4

Head of Lake to Columbia River..... 35....18 hrs.... 9 Total number of hours travelling, 81 Total cost, \$78.

CLASS 2—On Foot from Yale to Lake Kamloops, taking Meals and Beds at Wayside Houses.

Dist. Time. Rate. Meals Victoria to Yale.....175....24 hrs....\$4....\$6 Yale to Kamloops Lake ..... 133....5 days.... -... 20 OverLake ..... 120 .... 1 day .... 10 .... 4 Head of Lake to Col-

umbia River..... 35....2 days.... 9 Total time, 9 days Total cost, \$53.

CLASS 3—Men furnishing own Food en Steamer, Travelling on Foot from Yale to Eake Kam-loops, and buying their own Provisions on the way or packing it with them.

Victoria to Yale......175....24 hrs.... \$4.... \$6 Yale to Kamloops Lake ..... 133....5 days.... -.... 5 Head of Lake to Col-

umbia River ..... 35.... 2 days.... ----

Total time, 9 days. Total cost, \$26 50. Victoria, Vancouver Island, 1866.

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THE ELECTION PAR

The great battle is over. The political parties have measured their and after a fierce conflict the free have come out victorious. Mr. nominee of Wharf street, has gaine The reaction has set in and "tariff" has gone under. It matter the end of the session was so ne union and tariff man would stand. little interest was taken in the ele not one-fourth of the votes on the polled-it is a great victory, and p youd dispute that the tide has tu the scales have fallen from the peo and that they now see that free po alone, is the salvation of the count mechanics, the laborers, and in classes generally are all busily earning large wages, and showing e of thrift and happiness. Go where there is loud and continuous bus streets are covered with strangers w here from all parts of the world to be wharves are groaning beneath the immigrants; our workshops give i sweet clangor of cheerful industr houses are all tenanted—our shops with customers. Everything in fact the very height of prosperty. Then Heaven's name, do the union and tar desire to make a change—why do the to overthrow our free port, which is everybody rich, and giving to Wha houses a name as substantial as that o child itself? Fortunately, however, agitation is now dead, and our prosp longer in danger of an interruption. day sealed the fate of the monster tha at nothing short of a complete revolu the affairs of the country-that de actually to introduce the demons of industry and self-reliance to our very and compel us to emulate the exan those detestable Yankees, and keep the which is now flowing out of the co

maintain people at a distance, emple

developing the productive wealth

Island. Let us, therefore, rejoice th

tariff dragon is slain, and that Charle

ford Young, with a heroism worthy

George of old, has accomplished the

with his Wharf street lance and free

charger.

We have said the reaction which ! in since the union and tariff victory year is immense. In the election of the highest tariff vote polled was 232, highest free port vote, 163. Yesterde highest free port vote polled was 129, ing little more than half the tariff vote a decrease on the free port vote of last of thirty-four. This is a reaction w vengeance. If the general election will show a continuance of such reaction, we look for the Wharf street influence a proaching something beyond calcul-We have not, however, stated the whole The Hudson Bay Company did not su Mr. Young in 1865, but did support yesterday, giving therefore probably twenty to thirty new votes; and yet do we find? Why, that Mr. Young in received 149 votes, while yesterday he received 129, or twenty less. If this be port progression, we wish our Wharf s friends joy of their success; but most pe would call it by another name-in fact w give it the Irishman's definition ofvancing backwards." The truth is the port party are going so rapidly to decay in a little while they will not even have consolation of the drowned rats of " Har tewn," to have their misfortunes narrated one who escaped the general destruct There will be no record left. And this fact known extremely well by the peopl Wharf street. They know that yesterde election was a mere burlesque, and t