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EN ROUTE TO BIG BEND.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRRSPONDENT.)

French Prairie House, 30th April,
(Between Seymour and the Columbia.)

I have had an exceedingly pleasant trip so far in company with your editorial friend. Along the way up I noticed many changes since last year. At Cache Creek there is a good hotel, kept by Messrs. Semlin & Park; a telegraph office with Mr. Conway, Jr., as operator, and an office for Barnard's Express. Not far from the junction of the Cache Creek road with the waggon road, the traveler comes to the celebrated "Boston" ranch. This is one of the finest farms in the colony. The proprietor keeps an hotel which receives an excellent name from those who have stopped at it. A short distance from "Boston's" is the ranch of Messrs. Cewhill & Campbell. These parties farm about two hundred acres of the finest land one can meet with. It is irrigated with the water from Cache Creek. Over one hundred acres are under cereals, and about thirty acres planted with potatoes, etc. Along the Cache Creek road there is plenty of feed for animals. I was somewhat disappointed in not finding Mr. Kaye at Savana's Ferry. The traveling public, however, will be glad to know that before these lines meet the eye, Mr. and Mrs. Kaye will have taken possession of the house at the Ferry. The change will be very much to the advantage of the public. I took passage in a large canoe for Seymour and paid $10. There being eighteen men crowded into the boat, there was anything but comfort in crossing. We were obliged to paddle and pay as well. Some had to get out and walk from Kamloops to Little Lake. There are three good ranches along the lake. The first is about nineteen miles from Kamloops, Mr. Duck being owner. Next belongs to Mr. Martin, who is building a comfortable dwelling house. He has sixty acres under cultivation with grain. The third ranch belongs to Messrs. Bennett & Co., who have about the same extent of land as Mr. Martin under the plough. The farms look to be very much improved for the short time they are under tillage. The steamer Marten is rapidly approaching completion, under the superintendence of Captain Moffatt and Mr. Thompson. The men engaged work twelve hours a-day. The steamer will be running at the specified time, but her upper decks and cabins will not be finished. There are bands of cattle and pack animals grazing near Little Lake. With respect to a trail round the lakes, I think there is as much use for it as a spare pump to a man who has paid for good water works. There are places round the lakes, such as Cape Horn, where the cutting would be through hard rock. There are other parts that require a trail far more than round the lakes, such as from one mining creek to another. If Mr. Harper thinks a trail necessary, let him make one at his own expense and charge a small toll to those who use it. But when cattle can be conveyed over the lakes in a few hours at a cost less than men's wages to drive them round, I think that a trail would not be patronised. There are numbers of boats on the lakes, from 50 tons down to the smallest sized canoe. They sail under every description of canvas, and even flannel jackets are sometimes improvised into sails. They are all reaping a rich harvest. Seymour City is beautifully situated at the head of lake Shuswap, and has a commanding view of the lake. The size and style of the buildings in the town impresses one with what I believe is fact, that the Big Bend is a rich mining country. There are about twenty houses completed, and several more in course of construction. They vary in size from 40x30 down to 7x9. Some are two stories high. Amongst the best I may enumerate the store of Messrs. Smith & Ladner, a hotel for Mr. Delaporte and a hotel for Mr. Hill. I have never seen better buildings in a new country than in Seymour. They are both substantial and ornamental. The California miners so far seem well satisfied with the country, and especially with our wayside houses, of which they speak in terms of praise. From Seymour to French Prairie the trail is better than I expected. It will be very easy to make a good road through to the Columbia river, as there will be very little stripping required to get on to a hard gravel bottom. With a good road through to the mines we will beat the Web-feet people so badly they will be ashamed of themselves. No mining has been done yet on any of the creeks, but preparations to commence are going on rapidly. I am about to start tomorrow for French Creek, with 75 lbs. on my back. I ask your sympathy. Travelers make French Prairie from Seymour the first day. It is eleven miles. The hotel here is kept by Mon. Faujas, and is 36x40. It has a good dining room, with sleeping apartments. The table and bar are well kept. Mr. Faujas was in the mines last fall, and from his experience there was so well satisfied as to invest his money here on the strength of the mines turning out well. In conclusion, I must congratulate you on the success of the TRIBUNE as far as I have yet come. I am really surprised at the reception it is meeting with from every one, as it is few newspaper enterprises at first that meet with much success. The people all seem to recollect the principles which you so boldly and independently espoused in the Sentinel last year, and they want a paper now like the TRIBUNE, that has taken its stand to truthfully represent the "well understood wishes of the people." There is but one opinion, that to the denunciations of the Sentinel the repeal of the Gold Tax is due, and not only the miners, but the traders, packers and hotel keepers will benefit largely by the abolition of a tax so obnoxious in every respect. My next letter will be from the mines.

SHUSWAP.

JOB PRINTING!

Cards, Bill Heads, etc., etc.,

Executed at the TRIBUNE Office at

MODERATE RATES.

HO! FOR BIG BEND.

CACHE CREEK HOUSE.

THIS HOUSE is situated two miles from Bonaparte and twenty from Savana's Ferry, and has been fitted up for the accommodation of travellers to the

BIG BEND MINES.

It affords the best accommodation for man and beast. The BAR is furnished with the best of

Wines, Liquors and Cigars,

And the TABLE is supplied with the best of vegetables, grown on this celebrated ranch. The services of a first-rate cook have been secured.

Good Saddle Horses for Hire

AT THE STABLES.

The STABLES are furnished with the best of hay, barley and oats, and "Boston," the well-known proprietor, is always on hand to receive his guests.

4 W. H. SANFORD.

T. DE NOUVION,

WHOLESALE MERCHANT

IN

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS,

LIQUORS,

Dry Goods, Clothing, &c.,

LYTTON, B. C. 1

BOSTON BAR

INTERNATIONAL HOTEL.

THIS WELL KNOWN HOUSE is now open for travellers. The Table is supplied as formerly with the best the market affords, and the Cooking cannot be excelled. The Bar is stocked with the finest Liquors and Cigars. GOOD BEDS.

ALEXANDER COUTLEE,
3 Proprietor.

HAUTIER'S HOTEL,

LYTTON CITY, B. C.

THIS HOTEL will be found Clean and Comfortable for travellers. The Cooking is of the best, and the Table is supplied with everything in season. There is a well stocked Bar with prime Liquors.

BEDS! BEDS!! BEDS!!!

LIVRRY STABLES.

3 HAUTIER & CO., Propt's.

Messrs. Culler & Parsons

Have now ready at

SAVANA'S FERRY,

A BOAT OF

TWENTY TONS BURDEN,

And are prepared to

CONVEY FREIGHT OR PASSENGERS

To the head of

SHUSWAP LAKE.

Storage and a person to take charge at Savana's. For freight or passage apply to

BUIE BROTHERS, Lytton.
Or the Proprietors.
Savana's Ferry, Feb. 23d, 1866. 1

CORNWALL'S RANCH.

Four Splendid Team Horses

FOR SALE.

ALSO, A

Four-Horse Waggon.

4 Apply on the spot.

FOR SALE,

THREE SLATE BED

BILLIARD TABLES!

ALSO,

One Fine Wooden Bed,

Suitable for packing to BIG BEND.

2 Apply to W. H. SUTTON, Yale.

OWNER WANTED!

A SMALL BROWN HORSE with a Star in his forehead, strayed into Nelson's corral in Yale. The owner can have him by proving property and paying charges.

NELSON & CO.
Yale, 14th April, 1866. 2

SPORBORG & RUEFF,

Commission Merchants,

Wholesale Dealers in

Groceries and Provisions,

Wharf street, Victoria, V. I. 3

In the matter of the Estate of Seligman Elsasser, who has made an assignment for the benefit of his Creditors.

NOTICE is hereby given that all persons having claims against the above Estate, are requested to forward a statement of the same (duly verified) to the undersigned on or before the 20th day of May next, or they may be deprived of the first dividend.

Dated at Victoria, the 5th of April, 1866.

JOHN WILKIE,
F. WEISSENBURGER,
1 Assignees.

A. C. WELLS.

Saddle and Harness Maker,

YALE, B. C.

☞ A complete assortment of Stock constantly on hand. 2

COLONIAL BAKERY,

FRONT STREET,

YALE, B. C.

Bread, Pies and Cakes,

CONSTANTLY OF HAND.

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STOVES! STOVES!

J. S. DEAS,

FRONT STREET, YALE, B. C.,

Keeps constantly on hand a Large Assortment of

Parlor, Cooking and Saloon

STOVES,

Imported direct from San Francisco, together with a general assortment of

TINWARE!

Manufactured on the premises, which enables him to sell at the lowest possible rates.

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DONE AT THE SHORTEST NOTICE.

☞ Orders from the country promptly attended to. 2

W. H. SUTTON,

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL

DEALER IN

WINES, LIQUORS

AND CIGARS,

Coal Oil and Coal Oil Lamps, &c.

SOLE AGENT FOR

LYON & CO.'S CELEBRATED

CALIFORNIA ALE!

IN BBLS. AND HALF BBLS.

Yale, April, 1866. 1

J. F. BARRY'S SALOON,

FRONT STREET,

YALE, B. C.

ALES, WINES AND LIQUORS,

Of the best description that can be imported

CIGARS!

OF THE CHOICEST BRANDS.

The Proprietor will be happy to have his friends give him a call on their way to Big Bend. 1

FORT YALE HOTEL

AND RESTAURANT,

FRONT STREET, YALE, B. C.

THIS HOUSE affords Excellent Accommodation for travelers.

GOOD BEDS, EXCELLENT FARE,

—AND—

CHOICE LIQUORS AT THE BAR.

STABLING FOR ANIMALS. HAY AND OATS AT THE LOWEST RATES.

1 KELLEY & LANE, Proprietors.

BIG BENDERS!

COME TO THE BONAPARTE HOUSE AT the Junction of the Cariboo and Big Bend roads.

SEMLEN & PARK,
3 Proprietors.

BRITISH COLUMBIA TRIBUNE.

YALE, MONDAY, MAY 14, 1866.

LANDS AND WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Although the Lands and Works Department is one of the over-grown and huge establishments which the people of this colony are called upon to support in connection with the Government, when there is any real work of the highest importance to the welfare of the country generally to be done, the department is found to be practically useless and inefficient. It is no secret that our merchants have been putting forth all their energies for some time past to meet the competition of foreign traders in the Big Bend mines, and that they have been forwarding large quantities of goods on which thousands of dollars of import duty and road tolls have been paid to the Government. On reaching the head of navigation on Lake Shuswap, instead of being able to get freight through to the Columbia river, the goods have to be stored and kept locked up at Seymour for want of a trail, which the Executive was bound to provide, to enable the goods to be taken on and turned to advantage in the mines. Instead of going into the interior himself to look after the business for which he is so well paid, Mr. Trutch dispatches a corps of assistant surveyor generals, commissary generals and others, to fritter away their time, at great expense to the colony, in surveying a few worthless lots at Seymour. It matters not, it would appear to the Surveyor-General and the Government, whether the merchants of Oregon and Washington Territory are to wrest from us the trade and profits which should legitimately belong to the people of this colony. Through the mismanagement and supiness of the Government and its Lands and Works Department, the key to the new mines has now been handed over to the enterprising merchants of a foreign country. All the goods shipped on this side might as well be still in the warehouses of Victoria, for any good they are doing at Seymour. In fact it would have been much better for our merchants had they never shipped a pound of freight, as they would have saved the duties and road tolls which the Government has extracted from them under the false pretence of giving them in return facilities for transporting their goods to the mines by opening roads. The merchants at Seymour might as well be surrounded at present with a hostile army, as in the position they find themselves. They have plenty of goods required by the mining population, but for want of a road they are practically worthless. If a remedy for the present state of things is not applied immediately, the condition of the miners will be as bad as that of the merchants. Hundreds will be forced to abandon their claims for want of provisions; as it is impossible that even with the steamer on the Columbia making regular trips, she can bring up sufficient supplies to meet the demand that will arise in the mines. There can be no excuse for the Surveyor-General absenting himself from the interior. In addition to the other numerous employees he has at present on his list, the country supplies him with two clerks, and surely they should be sufficient to look after the office work of the department without the head being at the desk also The public have little idea of the immense staff at present in connection with the Lands and Works Department. Just that people may form some notion of the extent of the establishment, we will enumerate the force at present employed:

1st. Surveyor-General, Mr. Trutch.
2d. Assist. Surveyor-General, Mr. Moberly.
3d. Assist. Surveyor-General, Mr. Dewdney.
4th. Assist. Surveyor-General, Mr. Turnbull.
5th. Assist. Surveyor-General, Mr. Leech.
6th. Commissary-General, Mr. Layton.
7th. Chief Clerk in office.
8th. Second Clerk in office.
9th. Draughtsman in office.

Besides these there are supervisors of roads and others that we are unacquainted with. The expense of such a department, as our readers may imagine, is something enormous, and the return the people get for keeping up such a huge establishment is really nothing. The Surveyor-General knows something about contracting. Now, if the business of the Lands and Works Department was given out to him on tender, is there a man in this colony who does not believe that it would be all done by Mr. Trutch himself with the assistance of Mr. Thomas Spence? Not one; and there are few who do not believe that the work would be performed far better than it is at present, and with greater satisfaction to the public. Had Mr. Trutch and Mr. Spence been the only officials, we venture to assert that there would have been a practicable road to the mines from Seymour before this, and our merchants would not be in their present embarrassing position. The country has appropriate $17,000 to be expended on trails in the Big Bend district. If Mr. Trutch will not do his duty in seeing a trail made at once to the Columbia, it will be for the merchants, miners and packers to take the matter into their own hands rather than allow the interest of themselves and the country to be sacrificed by the inefficiency of a department that is a disgrace to the country.

SALE OF TOWN LOTS.

Before many weeks will elapse, the Government will hold a public sale of town lots at Seymour. Now, it is well known that a large number of people have already taken up ground in the town and erected substantial buildings thereon. Some of the lots, therefore, that it is designed to offer to public competition, enterprising colonists have reclaimed from the wilderness and expended their means in improving and building upon them. About two years since the Government pursued a similar system in selling lots in Cariboo, and the bad feeling engendered by the proceeding has not died away yet. It will be the cause of great discontent likewise, if the Government adopt a similar course at Seymour. In cases where people come forward and lay out their money in permanent improvements in the country, we think the Government should deal liberally and justly with them. In such a case as Seymour, the persons in occupation of lots should be fairly and leniently dealt with, and not compelled to purchase their holdings at the improved value. If we are correctly informed, the Government has resolved upon making the upset price of lots in Seymour $200. Such an amount is altogether out of reason, and if the Government adhere to such a minimum, their sale will be utterly abortive. No one will give such an outrageous price, and the uncertainty that will be created by parties not getting titles will create a want of confidence that will be fatal to the interests of the place. If the Government makes the upset price $10 or $20, more than ten times the number of lots will be sold than at a higher figure, and a stimulus will thereby be given to building that will raise the town, ere long, into a busy, thriving, commercial centre. Under no circumstances should the lots on which buildings are erected be put up to competition. Those who have laid out their money on the good faith of the Government should not be taken advantage of, and it will be an indelible stain upon the honor of the present Administration and a disgrace to the country if an unfair advantage is taken of the owners of houses in the new town. The people of Seymour should take measures at once to protect themselves from extortion and lay their claims before the Government prior to any attempt at the confiscation of their property by a public auction of their holdings. We shall return to this subject.

A CROWD.—About 300 miners arrived here yesterday by steamers, bound for Big Bend.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

A CARD.

EDITOR BRITISH COLUMBIA TRIBUNE, YALE:

SIR,—We, the undersigned passengers of the steamer California, from San Francisco, feel desirous, through the columns of your paper, of returning, publicly, our sincere thanks to Captains Irving and Fleming for their very considerate and kind conduct in waiting a few hours over their regular time at New Westminster in order to assist us in getting forward as expeditiously as possible to our journey's end.

We feel sure that such conduct on their part will be sufficiently appreciated by the traveling community, to return them that reward they so justly deserve.

May 14th, 1866.

WM. MEARS,	J. CAIN,
A. NEWELL,	R. C. ORR,
JAMES MALLOY,	JOHN ROXBURGH.
P. RIPPER,	WM. GEORGE,
T. BIPP,	D. G. FRASER,
A. McGREGOR,	H. H. COTTON,
HORACE RAY,	L. D. MOORE,

And 200 others.

FOR SALE,

A FIRST CLASS

BILLIARD TABLE!

WITH SLATE BED,

Made by Droillard of San Francisco,

WITH BALLS AND CUES COMPLETE.

Apply to MR. BISSETT,
Hudson Bay Company's Store,
6 SEYMOUR.

AUCTION.

MR. B. BAILEY

Has received instructions to Sell by Auction, on

Wednesday next, the 16th May,

AT 11 O'CLOCK, A. M.,

At the store of

Messrs. Leneveu & Co.,

YALE, B. C.,

The balance of stock in trade, consisting of

DRY GOODS, GROCERIES,

CROCKERY, &C.

1 bbl Eastern Hams,
3 kegs No. 2 S. I. Sugar,
2 cs Eng. Fine Sugar,
1 cs Cal. Butter in rolls,
1 bbl Split Peas,
5 cs Eng. Pickles,
2 cs Pie Fruits,
7 bbls Molasses,
5 kegs S. R. Syrup,
3 kegs Nails,
Etc., etc., etc.

TERMS CASH.

Yale, May 14, 1866.

THE COLONIAL HOTEL

AND

RESTAURANT,

Government Street, Victoria, V. I.

THIS First-Class Hotel and Restaurant is conducted in the most approved style on the Pacific coast. Attached to it are the Conversation, Dining and Billiard Rooms of the "VANCOUVER CLUB."

6 S. DRIARD, Proprietor.

Forwarding & Commission Business,

SEYMOUR CITY,

Head of Navigation on Lake Shuswap.

J. A. MARA,

BEGS to inform his friends and the public that he will attend to any Forwarding, Commission or other business in connection with the mines that may be entrusted to him.

COLLECTIONS MADE.

Seymour, 5th May, 1866. 5

Notice of Sale.

THE undersigned hereby give notice that unless the SMALL BROWN HORSE, with a star in his forehead, that strayed into Nelson's Corrall in Yale, is claimed within TEN DAYS from the present date, he will be sold without further notice to defray expenses.

Yale, 7th May, 1866. NELSON & CO.

Opposition Line of Stages

—TO—

SAVANA'S FERRY!

STAGES will leave Yale on the arrival of the steamers for Savana's Ferry, carrying Passengers and Express Freight at REDUCED RATES.

3 JACOB DAVIS, Proprietor.

The Big Bend Mines.

From Savana's Ferry to Seymour.

The undersigned has his fine

SCHOONER "MONITOR,"

50 Tons Burthen, and

SLOOP "HENRY,"

12 Tons Burthen,

Making regular trips from Savana's Ferry to Seymour. Both vessels have excellent accommodation, and have proved themselves fast sailers. Passengers and freight carried at REDUCED RATES.

WILLIAM MOORE.

Savana's Ferry, May, 1866. 5

THE ASHCROFT HOUSE.

MESSRS. CORNWALL'S.

AT THIS WELL KNOWN HOUSE, 104 miles above Yale and midway between Spence's Bridge and Savana's Ferry, travelers will find good accommodation, the best of living, of LIQUORS and of WINES.

Fresh Butter, Milk and Vegetables.

GOOD STABLING AND CHEAP FEED. 4

BARNARD'S

BIG BEND EXPRESS

Connecting with Dietz & Nelson at Yale.

THE first Regular Express for Big Bend District will be made up at Yale, on Monday, 30th inst. Having completed arrangements, we will dispatch an Express for Big Bend,

FROM VICTORIA:
TUESDAYS AND FRIDAYS.

FROM NEW WESTMINSTER:
WEDNESDAYS AND SATURDAYS.

FROM YALE:
MONDAYS AND FRIDAYS.

Carrying Treasure, Packages and Parcels, Letters and Newspapers.

Executing Commissions, making Collections and attending to the business of an Express generally.

Rate on Letters from Victoria to Big Bend.....$1 25
do do do Seymour..... 1 00
Rate on Newspapers Yale to Seymour or the Mines 1 00
do do in packages of over 25, 50 cents each.

Packages of merchandise of all other kinds will be taken at reasonable rates, according to size, bulk and value.

4 F. J. BARNARD.

STABLING FOR HORSES.

WILLIAM McWHA,

LYTTON CITY, B. C.,

Begs to inform the public generally that he has

Stable Accommodation

On his premises for upwards of Two Hundred Horses.

Hay and Oats for Sale cheap.

GOOD SADDLE HORSES FOR HIRE.

TERMS MODERATE. 3

FEED! FEED! FEED!

REECE & CO.,

Offer to the Trade

Oat-Hay, Barley, Oats and Wheat,

All Colonial Growth, from their Ranch at the Chilliwhack.

CORRALL ROOM FREE OF CHARGE.

Apply at the BUTCHER SHOP,
5 Front street, Yale.

PIONEER HOTEL,

SEYMOUR CITY,

At the Head of Navigation.

THE undersigned beg to intimate to the traveling public that they have opened the above hotel, where everything will be supplied of the best description. There is a good Cook engaged, and the best the market affords will be served up daily.

The bar is stocked with the Choicest

WINES, LIQUORS AND CIGARS.

ROBINSON & BRANTON,
5 Proprietors.

BOOTHROYD'S HOTEL.

36 Mile House,

BETWEEN YALE AND LYTTON, B C.

TRAVELLERS will find every accommodation at this Hotel. Excellent Cooking. GOOD BEDS.

STABLING FOR HORSES.

HAY and OATS at Lowest Rates.

BOOTHROYD BRO'S,
3 Proprietors.

GRELLEY & FITERRE,

Importers and Wholesale Dealers in

Wines, Spirits, etc.,

4 Wharf street, opposite the Royal Hotel,

VICTORIA, V. I. 4

THE STEAMER

RELIANCE or ONWARD,

WILL LEAVE

NEW WESTMINSTER FOR YALE

On Wednesdays and Saturdays,

RETURNING FROM

YALE TO NEW WESTMINSTER

On Mondays and Fridays.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA TRIBUNE.

YALE, MONDAY, MAY 14, 1866.

ROAD TOLLS.

Fully three months have elapsed since the Administrator of the Government promised to have arrangements made, through which he would be enabled to remove the tolls levied at Lytton on goods in transit to the Big Bend mines. Although every one acknowledged the practical necessity of taking immediate action in a matter so vitally affecting the welfare of the country generally, nothing has been done up to the present moment to carry out the "well understood wishes of the people." The first excuse alleged for not removing the tolls months ago was, that Mr. Wright had to be first arranged with for his reversionary interest, and he was up country. That plea is no longer tenable, Mr. Wright having arrived at New Westminster many weeks since. Seeing that goods are now brought up the Columbia river and thrown into the mines in competition with those from this side, it behoves the Government to lay aside at once the procrastinating spirit that hangs over it and act immediately, so that our merchants will not be driven out of the markets of the colony. The season for forwarding goods into the mines is now far advanced, and the Government is guilty of a gross breach of faith with the country in continuing the tolls so long at Lytton. There is no disguising of the fact that the Government is taking advantage of the merchants, and at the same time of the miners, by the course it is pursuing. It is too bad that the country's progress is to be hindered by an effete Government like that which is now sapping the vitals of this unfortunate colony in so many different ways.

FULL DESCRIPTION.—In our last issue we mentioned that the body of a man had been found floating in the Fraser, near Hope, by an Indian. The following is a full description of the deceased: "Hight, about five feet ten inches; apparently of fair complexion, with light hair, (uncertain about the hair as it was nearly all gone); the body was clad in a grey under-shirt, white over-shirt, grey drawers and socks, black cloth trowsers without pockets, (the pockets may have been cut out by Indians,) well made double soled boots; in short, the body had every appearance of having been very respectably clothed. There were no indications of foul play discerned." In the absence of the resident magistrate, an enquiry before the chief constable of Hope and a number of resident inhabitants of the place was held, but nothing to lead to the identification of deceased elicited. If any one in the upper country can give information that would possibly lead to the identification of the unfortunate man who has lost his life, he should communicate with the resident magistrate here, Mr. Saunders.

NEWSPAPER PERSONALITIES.—We wish the public to distinctly understand that our aim in establishing this journal was not to bandy personalities with an unscrupulous Government hireling newspaper like that published at New Westminster, but to aid in redressing the anomalies and abuses of the Government, to spread information concerning the resources of the country, and to endeavor to raise the colony from its present state of depression to a condition of wealth and importance by drawing a population into it that would contribute to the development of the vast resources which it contains. If we keep these objects steadily in view, without turning aside to notice the scurrilous personal attacks made upon us, and prompted by envy at our success, we believe we will be accomplishing objects that will entitle us to the lasting gratitude and respect of our fellow countrymen.

ARRIVED.—The first number for this season of the Cariboo Sentinel was published on the 7th inst. It contains a large amount of most interesting intelligence, and is most creditably brought out by the publishers, Messrs. Allen & Lambert. We trust that the paper will receive a very large measure of support from the public.

CARIBOO.—We have news from Cariboo to the 7th inst. The weather was mild and men were beginning to work. On Grouse Creek a company are taking out the "biggest kind of pay." On the 6th they picked off the bedrock below the drift 30 oz. of nuggets without washing.

☞ The banks of British North America and British Columbia will receive respectively $94,500 and $54,000 in gold dust from Cariboo by the Express at present on its way down.

☞ Yale Road Tolls for last week, $1781 59.

From the Big Bend Mines.

Mr. James Reardon, a miner, arrived here direct from French Creek on Tuesday. He left the creek on account of ill health on the 26th ultimo. He is the first arrival this season direct from the mines. We have received the following important intelligence from him. Up to the 26th no real mining had been done on any of the creeks or gulches, but preparations were in progress and several companies would soon be at work. The snow had almost disappeared from the bed of the creeks, but on the banks and hills was still very deep. Our informant, who is an old California and Cariboo miner, is exceedingly well pleased with the appearance of the Big Bend as a gold bearing country. He says it is very like the Northern mines of California in Sierra county. French Creek Mr. Reardon describes as being on an average 250 feet wide, with steep banks on each side. There is a vast deal more water in it than in Williams Creek, probably as much as in Lightning Creek. Claims are located for a distance of two and a half miles up from the Discovery claim, which is a mile from the mouth of the creek. A great many old Caribooites have claims on French Creek. Upwards of two hundred compapies have taken up ground. The Discovery company was building a wheel, preparing a pump and setting sluices. A full interest in this claim had been sold for $2,500. The saw mill belonging to Romano was not finished. The proprietor paid $1 per lb. for packing over some of the machinery. The mill is at the mouth, which is not considered a very eligible place for it. The banks of the creek, as well as the country generally, are heavily timbered with cedar. A town is springing up on a flat about six feet above the bed of the creek on the south side. Six houses were already erected and others were in progress. On McCullough's Creek claims were located up to its source, a distance of some three or four miles. There is very little water in this creek. Our informant saw a piece of gold taken out of Gallacher's claim worth $17. Gallacher was taking out good pay, but he was troubled a good deal with boulders. On Camp Creek there were a considerable number of people prospecting. Mining tools were very scarce, and up to the time Mr. Reardon left provisions were rather scarce also. From Wilson's landing to French Creek is a distance of ten or twelve miles. The trail crosses Camp and McCullough's Creeks and strikes French Creek where the new town is in progress, about one and a half miles up from Gold Creek. Smith & Ladner and Romano have stores at Wilson's Landing. The steamer Forty-Nine left Death Rapids to go down the Columbia on the 24th ultimo, after making her first trip up. It was said that she had very little difficulty in getting up the river. Twelve soldiers from Colville had come to the mines, but had not brought their arms with them as reported. Very little jumping had taken place on any of the creeks. In a few cases where the parties had not represented the claims before they were laid over last year, some persons going in this season had taken them up. There will be litigation in consequence. The arrival of fifty boats up the Columbia had cheapened provisions at the mines and flour was offered at $40 per cwt., with prices tending still downward. Mr. Reardon is of opinion that at least 1,500 men are in the mines. Every one seems well pleased with the country and high hopes are indulged as to the future. Quartz can be seen all over the country cropping out of the ground. In crossing to Seymour, Mr. Reardon met two men taking two head of cattle and one carcass into the mines. The Government trail, our informant thinks, can easily be converted into a practicable road for traffic. At present it is in an execrable state. Cottonwood Smith's trail is too high up on the mountain to answer for summer traffic. It will make a good snow-shoe trail in winter. A large number of men who wintered in Cariboo and Kootenay had arrived in the Big Bend before Mr. Reardon left.

FURTHER.

Mr. James Black, the packer who arrived here on Thursday evening from Seymour, we have the following particulars concerning the mines: Mr. Black left Seymour on the 5th inst. Jim May had been over from French Creek for provisions and mining apparatus. He stated that very little work had been done on any of the creeks, owing to the state of the ground from snow, etc. All, however, were busy preparing to commence operations. Jim and his company had put down a shaft twenty-six feet without reaching bed-rock. The miners were in good spirits and confident of success. On Camp Creek there were from three to four feet of snow. The steamer Forty-Nine brought up eighty-five passengers on the first trip, but very little goods. The people of Seymour were in a bad way about having no means of getting in their goods to the mines, and things looked gloomy in consequence. It is Mr. Black's opinion that goods cannot be taken across the present Government trail before the 1st of July next unless it is improved. It was attempted to take two head of cattle into the mines, but it was found impracticable after they had gone fifteen miles. There was a report that a new creek had been struck. George Weaver and a party of four men had gone up the Columbia river about forty miles on a prospecting expedition. Some of the passengers who came by the steamer Oregon arrived at the head of the lakes in eleven days from San Francisco. They went up from Yale to Savana's Ferry by the express stages. Flour was rated on the Columbia at from 35 to 45 cents per lb. Henry Evans, a brother of George Evans the packer, died at Seymour on the 1st of April last of mountain fever. He belonged to Oregon, and was aged about 38 years. Samuel Weir of Williams Creek was at Seymour in a state of mental derangement. He jumped into the lake from the deck of a boat and swam ashore. He also broke through a window of a house in Seymour, at night, and was subsequently found out in the woods. He was brought back and placed under restraint. Freight across the lakes was 2½ cts. per lb. It is supposed that after the steamer is running, it will be reduced to ½ cent per lb. There were at least 3,000 head of cattle at Kamloops. Campbell & Co. had about 300 head; French Vic., 300 head; Harper, 600 head; Oregon drovers, 400 head; Tuomy, 250 head; French Joe, 200 head; lots in the hands of small dealers, 850 head; total, 3,000 head. This estimate, of course, is only an approximation, but it will be found pretty near the exact number. Goods were not selling at Seymour, and the following prices are only nominal: Flour, 12 to 18 cents; Bacon, 62½ cents; No. 1 S. I. Sugar, 37½ cents; Crushed Sugar, 50 cents; Butter, $1; Fresh Beef, 25 to 30 cents; Liquors, no sales.

ADDITIONAL.

From Mr. Williams, who arrived here on Saturday evening last direct from McCullough's Creek, we have the following further information from the mines: Our informant, who is a miner, left McCulloch's Creek on the 2d inst., and is on his way to New Westminster for medical treatment. He reports about 3,000 men spread over the mines, although the current report places the number at five thousand. All the ground on French, McCullough and Camp Creeks is staked off, and many persons who have gone in lately have been disappointed in getting claims on these celebrated creeks. Two shafts have been sunk forty feet deep each on McCullough's Creek without reaching bed-rock. Little difficulty has been encountered in getting down so far. There has been no water to contend with, and the sinking has been chiefly through gravel. Mr. Williams is a partner in one of the companies, and he entertains the greatest confidence that the result of the prospecting will be highly satisfactory. The indications of gold were very good up to the time our informant left. Mr. O'Reilly had arrived at the mines and was paying the different creeks a visit before he would determine upon the place he would locate. Mr. Williams confirms the report that very little mining had been done on any of the creeks on account of the snow, but preparations for commencing were actively going forward. Some parties who had arrived loafed around for a few days and were talking about returning. The place will be well rid of such characters.

Telegraphic Summary.

Marysville, May 10.—C. L. Doebler, several years connected with our police force, was mortally shot by two assassins, while on his way home about midnight last night. He does not know how many shots were fired in all, but is wounded in the right hand, in the left arm, between the elbow and wrist, through the lower portion of the abdomen, and in the left side below the breast. The pistols used were very large, and were so near his body as to burn his clothes and blacken his flesh. Little hopes are entertained of his recovery.

San Francisco, May 10.—The steamer Constitution, for Panama, sailed to-day, carrying 350 passengers and $359,418 in treasure.

The certificate of incorporation of the California and Idaho Stage and Fast Freight Co., has been filed in the County Court.

San Francisco, May 9.—Steamer Oregon arrived this morning from Victoria.

Gold, May 8th, 129½; exchange, 109½; greenbacks, 78½@79½.

LAUNCH.—We have the pleasure of informing our readers that the Hudson Bay Company's steamer Marten was launched on the 10th inst., and she is now at Savana's Ferry getting in the machinery. It is expected that she will be making her first trip across the lakes at the time agreed upon with the Government. The company are deserving of praise for the expedition they have manifested in getting the steamer ready.

LETTER FROM SEYMOUR.

Seymour, 10th May, 1866.

TO EDITOR BRITISH COLUMBIA TRIBUNE:

SIR,—You state that the expression contained in the report of the grand jury of Yale was strongly in favor of the County Court Amendment Bill, extending the jurisdiction to the amount of $500. I must say their opinion is identical with that of the whole population of this upper country; those who opposed the Bill, as you truly say, did not represent the interests of the country; no, they represented their own interests. One wanted to be puisne judge, another was playing for the Attorney-Generalship, and the balance of the opposition were like so many simpletons whipped up to the sticking point to stand out against the Bill, which they have done, not having sense enough to discover the difference between the ambition of their leaders and the people's wants. The legal adviser of the Crown, I see, has done all in his power to defeat the passage of the ordinance, and finally succeeded in having a suspending clause inserted. The hon. member for Cariboo East used all his eloquence against this Bill, contrary to the interests of his constituency. The hon. representative of the people of Lillooet and Douglas, alias New Westminster, was shocked at the idea of County Court judges having such power, he believed it would affect the lumber and coal trade, and the amount of damage Captain Stamp's saw mill would sustain would be incalculable. Now, sir, how easy it is to perceive the selfishness of this New Westminster clique, who would actually sacrifice the general prosperity of this colony in order to carry out their own ends; and if such hon. gentlemen are henceforth called upon to represent the people of this colony, it is hoped most earnestly that Union will be finally consummated, and if not, that his excellency the Governor will break up this bogus Legislative Council and take the responsibility on himself, supported by the people, in an honest and true light.

This place is improving rather slowly, there seems to be a want of confidence as to whether this is to be the place or not for the town that is to be the head of lake navigation. The reason of this doubt is altogether owing to the discovery of another route, from an arm of the Shuswap lake some distance to the south and east of this place. It appears that reports have been made by reliable persons, that a pass has been discovered from the above said arm of the lake to the Columbia river that is lower by thousands of feet than the present Moberly or Government trail. Parties have just crossed, who say there is no snow on any part of this route from the lake to the Columbia river, while on the present Government trail there are several feet of snow, it being impassable for pack animals for six weeks more. That the discovery of this new pass is a most important and most valuable one to this colony cannot be denied, and the Government should immediately take the proper steps to have it at once explored, it being the only show we have to compete with our fast and energetic neighbors of Washington Territory. There is here at present Assistant Surveyor-General Moberly, and his detachment of explo-ro-rers, laying back in ordinary, carelessly waiting for active service. A few days ago his standing army was reinforced, Capt. Layton arriving here with a number of raw recruits (from the different ranch-a-rees) to act as pioneers in crossing the mountains. It is disgusting to see this useless brigade living on the sweat of honest men's brows, laying around here in the lap of luxury resting on their marrow-bones. The plan that our Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works adopted in having Government act as its own contractor, will, in a few years, leave this colony in bankruptcy, if it has not done so already. It is plain enough to perceive or judge what he is doing, from the gang he has attached to him; one spends $50,000 of the public money in building a trail to Kootenay, which is impracticable for animals; the other explores and builds a trail from Shuswap lake to the Columbia river, at an elevation high enough to make it impracticable also, for the greater part of the year. All this expenditure may be considered a dead loss, and before any more money is expended on the present trail, the exploration of this lately discovered pass ought to be the first act of the Government, then invite tenders to complete the work, and discharge to a man this army of exploration whose actual expenses for one season would build a waggon road across the summit from the lake to the Columbia river. It is all very nice to look at their beautiful maps, with hills, valleys and tributaries laid down that never existed. The journal, also, is a most interesting piece of literary composition, which in all probability will furnish the first teaching of the youth of British Columbia, and the proudest recollections of their childhood will hereafter be the adventures, discoveries and achievements of the army of the Lands and Works Department. SEYMOUR.

BRITISH COLUMBIA TRIBUNE.

YALE, MONDAY, MAY 14, 1866.

THINGS REQUISITE.

Have a tear for the wretched; a smile for the glad;
For the worthy applause; an excuse for the bad;
Some help for the needy; some pity for those
Who stray from the path where true happiness flows.

Have a laugh for the child in her play at your feet;
Have respect for the aged; and pleasantly greet
The stranger that seeketh for shelter from thee;
Have a covering to spare if he naked should be.

Have a hope in thy sorrow; a calm in thy joy;
Have a work that is worthy thy life to employ;
And, oh! above all things on this side the sod,
Have peace with thy conscience, and peace with thy God!

A MOONLESS MONTH.—The month of February, 1866, which is now gone, will be marked in the astronomical calendar as the month which had no full moon! January had two full moons, and March had two; but February had none. Of course this peculiar conjuncture of periods that makes the full moon show her face but a few hours before the month comes in, and again a few hours after the month goes out, is a rare thing in nature—but *how* rare, do you suppose, gentle reader? It has not occurred before in your lifetime nor ours—not since the time of Washington; nor since the discovery of America by Columbus; no, nor since the Christian era, nor since the fall of Adam, nor since the creation of the world, unless that be placed back myriads of years. And it will not occur again according to the computation of astronomers for *two million and a half of years*—or probably never—for before that circle of ages shall be completed, it is our Christian faith that time will be ended, and the solar system be destroyed.—[Evangelist.

A GROWING POWER.—Since the days of Peter the Great, Russia has advanced her frontier 700 miles toward Vienna and Berlin, 500 miles toward Constantinople, and 1,200 miles toward Lahore and Kurrachee in India. She has taken from Sweden more than half her territory; from Poland territory more extensive than Austria; from Turkey, provinces equal to Prussia, the Rhine provinces, Belgium and Holland; from Persia provinces as large as Great Britain; and from Tartary and China, countries greater than the whole of Europe. Her population in the same time has increased six-fold.

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