

# British Columbia Tribune.

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No. 8

## THE STEAM SUBSIDY.

A favorite hobby for years with a little knot of politicians at the capital has been to have a direct steamer running between that place and San Francisco. How much the advantages that would accrue from such an undertaking have been magnified everyone taking any interest in the affairs of the colony well knows. The cost of a subsidy of course was nothing compared with the promised results to New Westminster. The embryo city was to be built up into a thriving commercial emporium, and the local trade arising from the influx of direct passengers would more than counterbalance the expense of the subsidy, especially as the capital paid so infinitesimal a part of the amount! It was in vain that persons from the interior protested against the squandering of the public money on such an object, if not carried out properly. It did not require much prescience to know that the result, under the arrangement entered into, would be more detrimental to the commercial interests of the colony than otherwise, but as matters stand, the result is even worse than the strongest opponents of the arrangement predicted. The "direct" steamer has been running now for three months and what the politicians impressed upon their dupes in the capital as certain to occur, has been falsified by actual events. Business in every department of trade in New Westminster instead of being augmented has really decreased under the "direct" steamer arrangement, and trades people who were formerly blind to everything but the teaching of their political leaders, are now beginning to see that they have committed a gross error in listening to the sophistries of their false guides. If the results of the expenditure that has been going on only fell upon the authors of the arrangement in question, we could afford to pass it by without a word of comment, but when those who have really to "pay the piper" are the merchants of Yale and the interior generally, we cannot but denounce the Government and its instigators for the wasteful and extravagant expenditure of the public funds in a manner that is highly injurious to the legitimate trade of the colony. When we state that two firms in this city alone contribute about \$120,000 a year towards the revenue of the country, we think that the public money should not be laid out so as to be positively injurious to the trade which they and the other merchants of the country are carrying on. Under the arrangements which have been made with the "direct" steamer the amount of subsidy paid is not less than \$4,000 a month. What do we get for that outlay? Nothing but a competition in our trade which the merchants here cannot meet. The subsidized steamer brings her passengers to Victoria where they are landed to roam about for twenty-four hours, and that city being a free port, as a matter of course the miners are smart enough to understand they can buy their supplies there cheaper than at the head of navigation at Yale. The merchants here cannot bring a pound of goods in without paying the duties, whilst the miner can purchase everything he requires in Victoria and bring it in without paying a dollar of either import duties or tonnage dues. Is this fair to our merchants who are so heavily taxed and who are actually paying the subsidy which the Government, at the bidding of a few men who have nothing to lose, is squandering in such a gross manner? If the principal merchants of this place and the interior had been consulted—and they are the men who should alone have been consulted—they would have pointed out to the Administration the absurdity of paying for a vessel to come to Victoria, for in reality that is what we get for our \$4,000 a month. New Westminster with the passengers coming by the Enterprise as in former years would have been better off a great deal than it is now with a "direct" steamer, and the revenue contributed by the people of the interior and lavished away upon the subsidy would have enabled the Government to abolish the tonnage dues and road tolls altogether. If we are to be burdened any longer by the subsidy, we must have what the name implies, a "direct steamer." It will not do to have our merchants going to Victoria to purchase their goods, paying the duties upon their importation, and then having goods brought in from the same place free of every impost to compete with them in the colony. This is more than we can stand, much less pay for, as we are now doing to the tune of \$4,000 a month.

## CARIBOO MINING INTELLIGENCE.

### Williams Creek.

The Creek is beginning to resume its wonted appearance of summer activity, and in another week when the time of laying over expires, we expect to see every old claim at work in a fair way of taking out pay, with the exception of those in the neighbourhood of Barkerville, which will have to wait for the completion of the Bed Rock Drain. This has now reached the Lillooet ground and will be carried on rapidly thence by the members of the companies above. During the week the weather has been cool, which having checked the rise of the creek has been favorable to mining, and several additional companies have got fairly under way; on the whole the prospects for a good summer's work we think never looked brighter than at present.

Above the canon the companies which have been at work all winter still continue taking out pay, but the banks are not yet sufficiently thawed to allow hydraulic washing to commence nor is there water yet in the Bed Rock Flume Company's ditch to enable them to do so; at the foot of the canon the old Burns Tunnel Company which has been at great expense erecting a splendid aqueduct to bring the water of Black Jacket Gulch across Williams Creek to the level of the top of the hill, has commenced ground sluicing, but they have not water enough yet to make much progress. Below them we find the Foster Campbell Company still hard at work building a strong bulkhead to keep the creek off their ground and running a drain round their shaft, they expect to get to work again in a few days, and having struck good pay in the high ground just before they were drowned out, they have great hopes of being quickly reimbursed for the heavy outlay they have been at during the winter. Below them none of the creek claims above the Caladonia can work on account of underground water; the Caladonia continues to work in a top streak taking out about 20 ounces per day, and has this week struck a good prospect in the Bed Rock Drain near their upper line. The Aurora and Davis claims on the hill side commenced work this week, the former washed up on Wednesday 135 ounces for three days work, the latter is getting some very good prospects of coarse gold, one piece we believe was picked up weighing over 3 ounces. The Watson Company, adjoining the Davis, continues to take out good pay; in the opposite hill the Morning Star Company continues running their tunnel, and have got their sluices ready to commence washing; the Surprise Tunnel below the Morning Star, is running in to strike the same channel through bed rock; the Grizzly Company has just got to work and also the Moffat, the latter struck a good prospect on Saturday in the gravel overhead. It is now being demonstrated that these "top streaks" are to be found all through the creek, and if the miners can trace a continuous lead in the gravel, it will take years yet to work out claims which have hitherto been prospected and worked only on the bed rock. The Bank and Nevada Tunnels are getting ready to wash; the Beaugard Company is prospecting, but has got nothing yet; the California Tunnel Company has got to work with good prospects, they are taking out now about 1 ounce per pay to the hand, this company in view of a scarcity of water in the creek for hill claims has applied for the privilege of bringing a ditch of about six miles in length from Canadian Creek; the Last Chance Company commenced washing this week from their old shaft and cleaned up on Saturday in the neighborhood of 30 ounces, they have also run an incline during the winter and will commence washing from it in a few days; the Neversweat Company have been drowned out of their new shaft, and will probably have to tap their ground from the Bed Rock Drain to enable them to work; the Cameron Company commenced work on Saturday in their new shaft on the west side of their ground where they have a good prospect; the Raby Company have also been prospecting on the west side, and washed up 21 ounces on Saturday from the gravel, with only too picks working, this was got 150 feet across the creek from where the Dead Broke Company got out good pay, and if it turns out as expected, to be a regular lead running through all their ground, the Raby Company will probably take out as much this summer as on any previous season, they are also making preparations to flume the lower part of their ground, and wash the top streak from the surface, an operation if

successful will inaugurate a new mode of mining on the lower part of Williams Creek; the Dead Broke Company continues to take out good pay; further down on the creek but little is being done. The Prairie Flower Company got to work in their shaft this week and are taking out an ounce per day to the man, they have also struck a channel in their tunnel the richness of which they have not yet ascertained, but they get good prospects in the top dirt, this promises to be a good and lasting claim. The Forest Rose Company are still at work running their tunnel through the Prairie Flower ground, and are also commencing to work their front ground through their incline.

### Conklin Gulch.

On Conklin Gulch the Ericsson and Sawmill Companies are engaged pumping out water, and the Reid and New Zealand Companies are getting ready to work; the United Company have struck a large channel in the hill on the north side which has raised the spirits of the owners of hill claims on that side.

### Stout's Gulch.

On Stout's Gulch the several companies which have struck pay expect to take out large returns shortly as soon as they get properly drained, a share in the Alturas Company was sold a day or two since for we believe \$3,500.—[Cariboo Sentinel.]

## JOB PRINTING!

Cards, Bill Heads, etc., etc.,

Executed at the TRIBUNE Office at  
MODERATE RATES.

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## BILLIARD TABLE!

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WITH BALLS AND CUES COMPLETE.

Apply to MR. BISSETT,  
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LYTTON, B. C.

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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 market affords will be served up daily. The bar is stocked with the Choicest

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Buggy and Saddle Horses at a moment's notice.

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Yale, April 10, 1866.

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WINES, LIQUORS

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Coal Oil and Coal Oil Lamps, &c.

SOLE AGENT FOR

LYON & CO.'S CELEBRATED

CALIFORNIA ALE!

IN BBL'S. AND HALF BBL'S.

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FRONT STREET,

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ALES, WINES AND  
LIQUORS,

Of the best description that can be imported

CIGARS!

OF THE CHOICEST BRANDS.

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GOOD BEDS, EXCELLENT FARE,

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

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A. BARLOW,

Merchant and Forwarding Agent,

Is now prepared to

SHIP GOODS TO BIG BEND & CARIBOO

ON THE MOST REASONABLE TERMS.

Yale, B. C., April 10th, 1866.

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FIRE-PROOF, WAREHOUSE!

PARTIES Desirous of Shipping Freight WITH DISPATCH will find it to their advantage by giving us a call before engaging elsewhere. Having our own Teams, we are prepared to Contract to carry from 1000 to 200,000 lbs. for BIG BEND or Cariboo.

ALWAY & BAILEY.

Yale, April 10th, 1866.



# BRITISH COLUMBIA TRIBUNE.

YALE, MONDAY, MAY 28, 1866.

## PAINFUL RUMOR.

A rumor affecting the honor and credit of our Government has been going the rounds for some days past, and it has created a most uneasy feeling among the public. When we consider that the present Administration has had no financial policy worthy of the name, and that it has pursued a system of reckless extravagance and wasteful expenditure that could scarcely be paralleled, we are prone to believe that there is some foundation for the current rumor. We forbear from making more particular allusion to the subject at present, as we feel that consequences which we dread to contemplate might be the result to the colony.

## THE BIG BEND MINES.

The space at our command in this issue forbids any lengthened review of the news received from the Big Bend. During the past week a number of men have returned, a few—a very few—from the mines, the remainder from various points on the route to the Columbia river. As a matter of course those who have never been within fifty miles of any of the new creeks give the most discouraging accounts of the mines. Just like those who went as far as the Forks of Quesnel en route to Cariboo in 1862, and then returned cursing the country "that it did not contain an ounce of gold," we have met men who never got beyond Seymour, and who declare that the Big Bend is a "bilk" to be avoided by all sensible men. We have not met a single case of an experienced practical miner who has been in the mines this season who does not give it as his opinion that the country is auriferous, and when properly prospected likely to turn out most satisfactory. So far the mines have not been properly tested, and we are in reality no farther forward now, except that preparations have been made to go to work, than we were last fall. With snow on the ground to the depth of ten or twelve feet, we apprehend that few will dispute the fact that no satisfactory mining could be done, yet up to the time of the partial exodus from the mines that was the actual state of the ground on the creeks. A number of the miners who were in Big Bend last year wintered in Yale, and by their representations induced all their friends here to accompany them this spring to the new El Dorado. Up to the present time not one of these men has returned, and we think this is evidence at least that they must have seen something sufficiently encouraging to induce them to remain. We still pin our faith to the new mines, and at no period have we had more confidence than at present in their turning out fully as well as they have ever been represented. Of one thing we are satisfied: a sufficiently large population will remain to test the country thoroughly this season. Our advice to all resolute miners, men of iron will and strong muscle, with a little money in their pockets, is to get their packs ready and proceed now or within the next two or three weeks to Big Bend. Remember the prizes lost by the chicken-hearted set who returned panic-stricken from Cariboo in 1862 and act accordingly. The mining season in Big Bend has not really opened yet.

## A COMMISSION OF ENQUIRY.

The universal dissatisfaction prevailing among the public regarding the laying out of roads and trails to Kootenay and the Big Bend last year, and the prodigal expenditure incurred, renders it incumbent upon the Government to appoint a Commission of competent men who will inspect what has been done and make a report thereon. The manner in which the Chief Commissioner of Works has acted in allowing hundreds of thousands of dollars of the public money to pass through his department without his having exercised any supervision over its outlay, beyond mere DESK WORK, has entirely and justly shaken the public confidence in his management. Anything short of a full, searching and impartial enquiry will not give satisfaction to the people. Does the Government feel itself in so impregnable a position at present as to refuse to grant a Commission of Enquiry?

THE INDIAN LIQUOR LAW.—The House of Assembly in Vancouver Island, by a large majority, has repealed the Indian Liquor Law. If the bill passes the Council, licensed dealers will be permitted to sell liquor to Indians. We hope the measure will get a fair trial, as we know that great evils—especially in Victoria—exist in connection with the existing law on the subject.

## HOW THE PUBLIC INTERESTS ARE PROTECTED.

Mr. Moberly, the Assistant Surveyor-General, is laying ill with mountain fever near Wilson's Landing, Columbia river, totally incapacitated from attending to business. The Chief Commissioner of Works is employed at his desk at New Westminster in writing letters! Most certainly our interests are well looked after by the mammoth establishment known as the Lands and Works.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

## AUCTION.

MR. B. BAILEY

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—ON—

MONDAY NEXT, 4th June,

AT TWELVE O'CLOCK, M.,

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Erected thereon, next door to the Bank of British Columbia. The premises were formerly in possession of B. B. Sampson.

For particulars as to title, apply to the Auctioneer, or at the Bank of British Columbia.

## TERMS CASH.

May 28th, 1866. 8

## NOTICE.

### Steamer "ENTERPRISE."

On and after May 28th, 1866, the steamer will leave

### SODA CREEK

MONDAY AND THURSDAY MORNINGS,

AT DAYLIGHT.

WILL LEAVE

### QUESNELMOUTH

WEDNESDAY & SATURDAY MORNINGS,

AT SIX O'CLOCK.

Freight from Soda Creek to Quesnelmouth, 1½¢ per lb.  
Steamer Enterprise, May 17, 1866. 8

### GRELLEY & FITERRE,

Importers and Wholesale Dealers in

### WINES, SPIRITS, &c.,

4 Wharf street, opposite the Royal Hotel,

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Agents for Vancouver Island and British Columbia for

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Fresh Butter, Milk and Vegetables.

GOOD STABLING AND CHEAP FEED. 8

### CORNWALL'S RANCH.

Four Splendid Team Horses

FOR SALE.

ALSO, A

Four-Horse Waggon.

Apply on the spot. 8

## Storage and Forwarding, YALE, B. C.

### PARTIES SHIPPING BY THE YALE-LYTTON ROUTE,

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Have erected an extensive

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### Receive, Store & Forward Goods.

The capacity of the Building is about 400 tons, and it is perfectly isolated, offering security from Fire seldom met with in interior towns.

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### Groceries, Provisions, &c.,

On hand, which will be sold on reasonable terms.

GOODS RE-PACKED AND FREIGHTS ENGAGED AT THE LOWEST RATES.

Parties shipping Goods through us, will mark to the care of

KIMBALL & GLADWIN.  
Yale, B. C., 28th May, 1866. 8

### Fellows, Roscoe & Co.

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### WHOLESALE AND JOBBING

### Iron and Hardware Store,

AT YALE, B. C.,

And will keep on hand a full stock of Iron, Steel, Blacksmiths' Materials, Tools, etc., and a good assortment of General Hardware.

TERMS INVARIABLY CASH.

May 28th, 1866. 8

### 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.  
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### 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:

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Carrying Treasure, Packages and Parcels, Letters and Newspapers.

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do do do Seymour.....1 00

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COLLECTIONS MADE.

Seymour, 5th May, 1866. 5

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Wholesale Dealers in

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## BIG BENDERS!

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

SEMLEN & PARK.  
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## ALEXANDER COUTLEE,

BOSTON BAR, B. C.,

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### Groceries and Provisions,

LIQUORS,

### DRY GOODS, CLOTHING,

&c. &c. &c. 7

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### REECE & CO.,

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### Oat-Hay, Barley, Oats and Wheat,

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JACOB DAVIS, Proprietor. 7



YALE, MONDAY, MAY 28, 1866.

## Terrible Catastrophe.

## SEVENTEEN MEN DROWNED.

We received news by Express last evening that a boat capsized in the Columbia river on its way down from the Big Bend mines, one day last week, when the seventeen men who were in it were drowned.

**THE STEAMER MARTEN.**—Although it has been predicted by many that the Hudson Bay Company would not have their steamer in running order on the lakes before the middle of June next, yet the predictions have been falsified by the events of the past week, as the following telegram from Cache Creek, dated the 24th inst. will show:

"I have the pleasure of informing you that the steamer Marten will make her first trip on this day at noon. She will commence her regular trips on Saturday next immediately on receipt of the mail. W. A. MOUTAT."

When we consider the short time that has elapsed since the timber in the Marten was growing in the forest, and the difficulty of getting men and material up to Shuswap at a most inclement season of the year, it redounds greatly to the credit of the company for public spirit and enterprise, to find their contract carried out with such commendable promptitude. It has been the custom of some of the high officials of the colony to pass sneering remarks at the energy displayed by the company, but it would have been well for the country if some of her servants, who are so well paid for doing their duty were to imitate the example of the company in regard to their new steamer. To Mr. Moffat and Mr. Thompson great praise is due for the energy displayed in preparing the lumber and getting the boat built in so short a time, and Mr. Suffern and his assistant are deserving of the highest commendation for the marvellously short time occupied in getting the machinery put together. We must not omit to give Mr. McKay his due share of the honor attached to the expediting of the work. He was one of the first, we believe, to go up with the men in the depth of winter to inaugurate a work that in its results is a credit to all concerned. We trust that under Captain Moutat the vessel will be successfully and profitably employed for many years to come.

**NEW STEAMER FOR THE COLUMBIA.**—A letter has just been received in town from Wash Eldrick, engineer of the steamer Forty-Nine which states that a new steamer is in progress to run from the Little Dalles to the Big Bend mines. The timber is being got out for her, and the machinery has been ordered from San Francisco. The new boat will carry 125 tons. She will be 25 feet beam, 6 feet in the hold, and of the same power as the Lillooet. The new steamer will be the property of the owners of the Forty-Nine. There would seem to be no diminution in the strong faith which our American neighbors have always entertained in regard to the richness of the new mining region of Big Bend.

**SANITARY ARRANGEMENTS.**—Now that small pox has made its appearance among the Indians, there should be an inspection of the various Rancheries contiguous to towns in order to have something like sanitary measures carried out in them at once. As a precaution against the cholera as well as small-pox, not a moment should be lost in having instructions issued and properly carried out to effect an object which must tend to preserve the public health. We hope the chief constables of police throughout the country will be instructed to look after this matter without delay.

**RIGHT.**—We copy the following item from the Cariboo Sentinel of the 14th inst.: "We deem it an act of justice to ourselves, to correct the error into which the editor of the British Columbian has fallen, in stating in a late number of his paper that Mr. Wallace sold out his interest in the Cariboo Sentinel for \$600; the sum was far more than that mentioned which we can safely vouch for."

Comment is needless.

**THE QUEEN'S BIRTH-DAY.**—The citizens of Yale celebrated the birth-day of our good and gracious Queen by the hoisting of flags of "all nations," and the firing of anvils. A number of ladies and gentlemen made an excursion down the Fraser river in canoes and spent a very pleasant time at a picnic at Emery's bar.

**THE WAGON ROAD** along Cache Creek is submerged by the Bonaparte river and is impassable for teams.

## From the Big Bend Mines.

During the past week a number of miners arrived here from the interior. They give conflicting accounts of the new mines. Some think the country will turn out a rich mining region, others are of a different opinion. The following accounts are given as a fair sample of the statements made:

From a Canadian who arrived here on Wednesday last direct from the mines we learn that the snow was still very deep on French and McCullough's Creeks with the exception of near the entrance to the creeks, where it was nearly all off. So far not much prospecting had been done. In many places encouraging prospects had been obtained. Several claims on both creeks were paying, but nothing very "big" had so far been taken out. Saw quartz cropping up on the creeks, and in the opinion of our informant and many others with whom he conversed, the country is auriferous. The water in the creeks was rising very fast, and the belief among old miners was that it would be a month or six weeks before much successful mining could be done. Our informant saw men stake off claims which were covered with at least twelve feet of snow. After remaining a few days running round, these men left the diggings cursing the country, "that there was nothing in it." It was raining nearly all the time in the mines and the men had to put up with great discomfort in consequence. Thinks the bars on the Columbia river are very rich and that good pay will be got out of them in the after part of the season. Our informant left for the purpose of working at his trade (a shoemaker) in New Westminster for four or five weeks, and then—if the water has fallen—to return to the mines, of which he has a most favorable opinion.

A Californian, who got in here on Thursday, states that he was on French and McCullough's Creeks. Saw nothing there to induce him to believe that the country is very rich. Worked a short time on a bench at the mouth of French Creek, but did not find pay. The snow was deep on the upper part of the creeks and no prospecting could be done there in consequence. Thinks it probable that moderate pay will be found on McCullough's Creek. Is returning to California disappointed with the country.

A German who passed through Yale bound for the mines, about two weeks since, returned here on Friday. He is thoroughly disgusted with the country. No gold to be found, snow deep, water rising and provisions dear. Is hastening out of the country. After giving a most pitiful detail of the mines and the road into them, and exhausting his stock of broken English in denunciations of the d— country, we were induced to ask the gentleman how far up the country he got on his journey? The reply was—"I ben to Sabana's Ferry." This closed our interview.

A blacksmith from Victoria who returned here also gave a most discouraging account of the mines, and actually induced men to return without going a step further than Yale. The sturdy knight of the anvil, it appears from his own admission, never got further than Seymour.

An American hailing from Port Gamble on the Sound, got in here on Friday evening from French and McCullough's Creeks. He is a most intelligent young man, and gives the following account: He went up with a partner, thinking he could get on surface diggings that would pay right off. On arriving at the mines he found the snow very deep and not much work going on. At the entrance of the creeks the snow had disappeared altogether, but as he ascended them it was from two feet to ten feet deep. There were stakes on the top of the snow all up the creeks for miles. Went over both creeks with his partner and made strict enquiries as to what prospects were obtained. Nearly every claim on French Creek that was being worked was paying less or more, some an ounce a day to the hand and others less. The Munro claim paid very well until they found the bed rock pitching. As high as ten ounces were washed up in a day. On McCullough's Creek one shaft had been bottomed and pay found on the bed rock; did not bear how much had been got, but the prospect was said to be encouraging. The water in the creeks was beginning to rise, and the snow being deep the men, who had little means, were somewhat discouraged and were leaving. All, however, who had money to buy provisions were determined to stop, as old miners generally like the country exceedingly and think it will turn out to be all it has been represented. Our informant thinks the country is rich, and he says he saw coarse gold in the hands of miners that was taken out this season. He is so well satisfied with the prospects obtained that he left \$250 worth of provisions with his partner, who is going to remain all season in the mines to prospect and our informant returns to the Sound to his business so that he may make money to enable his partner to carry on the prospecting

successfully. He says that the majority of men who are coming down country have never been in the mines at all and know nothing about them. He thinks the men all went up too early, and the majority with very scanty means. Provisions at the mines rated as follows: Flour, 60 cents; bacon, \$1 75; tea, \$3; beans, \$1. Our informant thinks that a moderate outlay at present would make the trail over the divide practicable. He also gives it as his opinion that of those who are now leaving the mines a large proportion will be back again in the fall, when he expects there will be stirring news concerning rich strikes.

From Mr. J. L. Shappard of Victoria, who arrived here on Saturday, we have obtained the following intelligence: Mr. S. left French Creek, where he has been for six weeks, only ten days since. The Discovery Company were getting a wheel built. In sluicing off some surface gravel to change the course of the creek the company took out from 1½ to 3 oz. a day of coarse gold. The Half-breed Company were preparing to get to work. Ship. Bailey and Munro Companies were also making preparations to go to work properly. The latter company had taken out pay this season, but they had got off the lead. Mr. S. has no doubt whatever that these are all good claims, and that their merits have not been exaggerated. Miners have gone to work for bed rock pay in them, and there are not a few persons who have money desirous of purchasing into them at a good price, but the shareholders will not sell. James Orr is sinking a shaft some distance up the creek, and there are other parties engaged in similar undertakings. In one shaft bed rock was reached but no pay found. The creek was rising rapidly and the snow was fast disappearing. A number of good houses have been built on the creek. On McCullough's Creek there is a good deal of prospecting going on. Six companies are taking out from \$6 to \$20 a day to the hand from surface diggings. These are the only claims paying at present on the creek. There was no hiring for wages on any of the creeks, and men going in must turn to prospecting. There was a trial going on before Commissioner O'Reilly between McCullough and Clements for the Discovery claim on McCullough's Creek. About five hundred men were in the mines when Mr. S. left, and he thinks they will remain this summer to thoroughly test the mines. He is of opinion that many claims will turn out well this season, but as to the extent of the mines our informant is not prepared to speak, as that can only be ascertained by experience. He considers the rush from the creeks is now over. Mr. Turnbull was about to cut a trail from Kirby's Landing to French Creek. When it is finished the distance will be greatly shortened, the saving will be at least fourteen miles. Mr. Moberly was laying ill near Wilson's landing with mountain fever. Provisions were rating in the stores at the mines as follows: Flour, 60 cents; bacon, \$1 25; tea, \$3. The steamer Forty-Nine had made her third trip up before Mr. S. passed Kirby's Landing.

## Telegraphic Summary.

**ENGLAND.**—The failure of large firms in London has taken place in consequence of the announcement of war between Austria and Prussia. The great banking firm of Overend, Gurney & Co. has had to suspend. The Bank of England is authorised by Order in Council to issue £5,000,000 in paper beyond its legal circulation.

**PERU.**—The Spanish fleet bombarded Callao, but having got the worst of the fight from the shore batteries, was obliged to withdraw without doing much damage.

**CALIFORNIA.**—Colonel Ross has been shot by a man named Duane in San Francisco. The cause is some squatter trouble. The unfortunate man is said to be dangerously wounded.

**CHERRY CREEK SILVER MINE.**—F. J. McWorthy, Esq., who has had great experience in Nevada and California, returned here a few days since from Cherry Creek, where he had been on a tour of inspection to the silver leads. He expresses himself most favorably regarding what he saw, and fully bears Major Robertson out in saying that we have another Washoe in this colony, in the district which he has lately visited. He will return to California bearing with him specimens of the ore taken out of the Cherry Creek Mining Company's lead, and we trust that it will have the effect of directing the attention of capitalists to this country.

**ROAD TOLLS.**—The Government has done a tardy act of justice in issuing instructions during the past week to have the toll gate at Lytton removed to the Junction. This will relieve the Big Bend trade.

Yale road tolls for week ending 25th May, 1866, \$1041 04

## LETTER FROM SAVANA'S FERRY.

May 18th, 1866.

I promised to keep you posted, so I thought I would drop you a line or two before I go over the lakes. I found it very hard to part with Bona-parte, but as I was short of cash I thought it best to go to Cache Creek, but as that place belied its name I came on to Savana's Ferry, and a ferry nice place it is. I stopped at the Ferry Hotel, and I found Mr. K. quite K-pable of keeping a good house. Savana's Ferry is at the west end of Kamloops lake, on the north side of Thompson river. It was called Kamloops from the Camels residing there, and Shuswap was so called because the Hudson Bay Company used to swap shoes for furs and skins with the Indians. Seymour City is situated at the head of Shuswap lake, and called Seymour because there you see more long faces than you do here. I write to caution you against being led away by false, bad and discouraging accounts of the Big Bend mines. You must know that several men are returning, but remember two-fourths of those that return from Seymour never went into the mines; one-fourth of them went there dead broke and came back the same—why should they grumble?—and the remaining fourth are disappointed miners who found no gold on the top of the snow, but waited in their tents like the renowned Mr. Micawber for something to turn up. Captain Greenhorn, has just returned, he gives me the following pitiful account of our rich placer mines. He says: Seymour is awful miswable place. I was there three days and nights at the Hotel de Fizzle, and never got a pair of sheets or warming pan. It was impossible to get a plate of strawberries and cream. Hot-house grapes there were none. The people are only kept from starving by eating such stuff as beef, bread, bacon, beans and potatoes. There are no nice dwives or places to wide, and not such a thing as an omnibus or a cab in the whole town. And he assured me for a fact that on the creeks in the mines he panned out some two or three pans of snow and only got one color, and that was white. He was taken very seriously ill from the habsence of any bitter beer. You may just imagine what a fearful place French Creek is. There is not one stone building there, the Italian Opera has refused to play there, and it is positively rumored that the Prince of Wales will not make his annual visit to the Big Bend. But what particularly disgusts the Captain is that the miners pay so little attention to their dress. He says that he walked a mile and a half without seeing a store-pipe hat or a silk umbrella, and one poor creature had descended so low as to patch a pair of black trousers with a white piece of dirty flour bag. So much for the Captain. Of course you want to know a little about the steamer Marten. She is lying here at the Ferry, is progressing rapidly, and will make her first trip in twelve days. They say that her future captain is Mr. Moutat, "so moutat it be." Great credit is due to Captain Moffat, he has proved himself no muff-at superintending the construction of the Marten, which is an "Enterprise" that is going "Onward" with much skill and alacrity. It is not true that the engineer, Mr. Suffren, has been "suffren" from rheumatism, but it is true that the Hudson Bay factor, Mr. Bissett, is beset with many customers daily. Captain Moore is making mo(o)re improvements in his boats, and Big Jack still "e-jackulates" on the swiftness of his celebrated northern canoes. The state of the market is as follows: Bears haven't been so cheap for some time, though bacon ham very high; coffee is "berry" cheap; yeast powder is on the "rise," flour "rose" last week; I do not know the current price of raisins; candles are a scandalous price; a pick is worth what you "axe" for it, and if you give four dollars for a shovel the storekeeper s-pade for it. I have nothing more to say at present; I am sorry I can give you no glowing accounts of rich strikes in the Big Bend, but will be able to do so when I receive some Victoria papers.

E. M. W.

**CENSURED.**—Captain Moutat has been censured by the Commission appointed to enquire into the loss of the Labouchere. First, for not swinging his vessel to adjust the compasses; and, secondly, for sufficient care not having been exercised in respect to H. M. mails. The loss of the ship is attributed to the error in the compasses. We regret our inability to make room for the report in full.

**SALE OF TOWN LOTS.**—The Government is about to sell the town lots at Seymour. We don't expect that any one will be so foolish as to buy.

Yale County Court was held on Wednesday last, and two unimportant cases disposed of.

**THE VARILOID.**—This disease has made its appearance among the Indians at New Westminster. So far very few cases have occurred.



**BRITISH COLUMBIA TRIBUNE.**

YALE, MONDAY, MAY 28, 1866.

**LUCK AND LABOR.**

Though luck and labor I commence,  
They differ much in consequences.  
Luck sleeps and dreams of fame and treasure;  
While labor gains both health and pleasure.  
Luck in cloth is ever whining;  
Labor toils without repining.  
Luck relies on fortune's favor;  
Honest labor prospers ever.  
Luck slides down with all its changes;  
Labor upward still advances.  
Luck seeks an empty hand to fill  
By wishes; but 'tis empty still;  
While well-directed labor gains  
A rich reward for cares and pains.

**WIT AND HUMOR.**

Men scratch their heads for ideas. Hence speakers are generally bald.

Artists may not be guilty of direct falsehoods, but they give things a coloring.

If a man can't argue without swearing, his discussions are two cursery.

An eloquent speaker is like a river—greatest at the mouth.

The soul goes highest when the body kneels lowest.

Lovers generally woo their sweethearts in wretched verse, and this is, probably, the reason why so many are jilted.

Many writers have any quantity of sheet-lightning which they never can condense in a thunderbolt.

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