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Published to no party's arbitrary sway, We follow Truth where'er she leads the way."

STEILACOOM, W. T., FRIDAY, JUNE 18, 1858.

THE HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY.

The discovery of gold in the British Possessions on Frazer's River, a region heretofore only occupied by the employees of the Hudson's Bay Company, has brought the public mind to the inquiry as to what are the actual rights of the said Company, particularly on those points wherein the interests of the miner are likely to conflict with those of the Company.

The first is the Royal Charter of Charles II., granted in 1670 to Prince Rupert and others, who originated the Company, giving to them the "sole trade and commerce" forever of all that region lying about Hudson's Bay called Rupert's Land.

The second is the Royal License of George IV., given in 1821 to the Hudson's Bay Co. and agents of the Northwest Company to the exclusive trade with the Indians in the British Possessions lying west of the Rocky Mountains for twenty-one years.

The third grant was given to the Company in 1848 for the purpose of colonizing Vancouver's Island, and relates to that object alone.

We shall endeavor to obtain further and more definite information with regard to their rights, in order to lay it before our readers.

In the meantime we cannot encourage that feeling of prejudice that has existed, and which seems to be gaining ground, with our people against the Company.

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THE FUTURE.

The San Francisco Herald of a late date, after commenting on the unprecedented hegin towards the Frazer's River Mines from California, and discussing the eligibility of the various routes to the mines, and coming to the irresistible conclusion that, to proceed by sea to Steilacoom, and thence overland via the Nachess Pass, is the best route, says:—

"The existence of gold placers to the north of us of such vast wealth will eventually prove of the greatest benefit to this State, not only with reference to the commercial advantages accruing therefrom, but also from the additional importance which our Pacific possessions will assume towards the Atlantic portion of the Union.

The existence of gold mines in Washington and Oregon Territories, not to speak of the British Possessions, which are said to rival, if they do not surpass in richness the most lucrative of California in her palmist days, must naturally excite an immigration from the East quite equal to that of 1849, '50 and '51.

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THE NORTHERN INDIANS AGAIN.

We cautioned our readers a few weeks ago with regard to the Northern Indians, and warned small parties to be on the lookout.

It will be impossible, however, to overtake them, for at the last accounts the Indians had passed up to the north, and made an attempt to capture the U. S. Surveying schooner Fawcett, Capt. Allen, in Birch Bay.

THINGS AT WHATCOM.

To the Editor of the Puget Sound Herald: ON BOARD STEAMER CONSTITUTION, Monday June 14th, '58.

It is now 7 o'clock P. M. We have just left Bellingham Bay for Semiahmoo, where I remain over until the steamer returns.

I have been at Whatcom since Sunday morning. Everything there is at a dead standstill.

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TWO IMPORTANT HARBORS DISCOVERED.

The Russian naval expedition under Count Putiatin, which was last summer commissioned to make explorations between the mouth of the Amoor and the Japan and China seas, reports having discovered on the coast of Manchuria, opposite the island of Madamai, (Jesse) two harbors, capable of affording protection at all seasons to the largest fleets in the world.

STRAWBERRIES.—We were presented last week with a sample of this delicious fruit, of the Black Prince and other varieties, from the garden of our worthy friend, Mr. Pattison, the horticulturist.

THE REST.—The P. M. Co's steamer Republic a few days since brought up from San Francisco 460 passengers, 300 of whom were landed at Victoria and the remainder at Whatcom.

SELFISH.—We are informed that several parties were very busy at Victoria endeavoring to effect negotiations with the Governor for the exclusive steam navigation of Frazer's River.

BOUNDARY COMMISSION.—The Haranna was daily expected at Victoria from Panama, with a corps of sappers to accompany the Boundary Commission.

The Panama was expected at Victoria on the 15th or 16th inst.

A severe hurricane passed over Dent country, Mo., on Saturday evening, the 10th April. It was very destructive in its course, sweeping everything before it.

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ATLANTIC NEWS.

By the arrival at Steilacoom on Monday, 14th inst., of the steamer Republic, we have dates from the Atlantic States to May 5th.

The Kansas question again occupied the attention of both houses of Congress on Thursday April 29th.

The Kansas question was settled in Congress on Friday the 30th. The Conference Committee's report was agreed to in both branches; in the Senate by a majority of eight, and in the House by a majority of nine.

Congress commenced business in earnest on the 4th of May. In the Senate the bill introduced by Mr. Johnson, of Tennessee, respecting the public printing, was passed without opposition.

There is considerable agitation in Washington with reference to the Yrisarri treaty. It meets with much opposition, and it is said it will not be ratified unless the transit monopoly is abolished.

The President on Monday nominated Judge Loring of Massachusetts, to the seat on the bench of the Court of Claims made vacant by the death of Judge Gilchrist.

The case of Tuckerman, the mail robber, was disposed of at New Haven, on Friday. After a portion of the evidence of the government had been put in, the accused admitted his plea of not guilty, the defence was abandoned, and the jury rendered a verdict of guilty on four counts.

The proceedings of the Court Martial upon Gen. Twiggs, commander of Texas Military Department, were concluded on Friday.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

DECLARATION OF AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE! GRAND JULY BALL, TO TAKE PLACE ON FRIDAY, JULY 2d.

MESSRS. McFARLAND AND PICKERING would respectfully state that nothng shall be wanting to make this Ball one of comfort and pleasure.

NEW GOODS! NEW GOODS! I HAVE JUST RECEIVED, PER STEAMER Republic—HAMS, SMOKED BEEF, BACON, SARDINES, DRIED APPLES, FRESH CHEESE, SYRUP, SUGAR, COFFEE, OYSTERS, LOBSTERS.

ARMY NOTICE. 150 TONS OF HAY WANTED. IN CONSEQUENCE OF A MISUNDERSTANDING on the part of the bidders as to the kind of hay required, all the bids called for and received on the 15th inst. were rejected, and bids are solicited again.

FARMS FOR SALE. TWO FARMS OF 100 ACRES OF LAND each, situated in the Puget Sound bottom, 15 miles east of Steilacoom, Pierce county, W. T., for sale.

IRON AND STEEL. AMERICAN AND ENGLISH BAR IRON; Swedish and Norwegian Bar Iron; Sanderson's and Taylor's Cast Steel; Low Moor Roller Plate; English Sheet Iron; French Sheet Iron; Fig Iron; Iron Axes; Steel Springs; Hacksmith's Tools; Griffin Horse Shells; Hand and Hoop Iron; Boiler Tubes; Horseshoe; Boiler and Boiler Rivets; Boarding Boarding.

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The ceremony of breaking ground for the new Grand Receiving Reservoir in the Central Park, near Eighty-sixth street, New York, was observed on the 17th of April in the presence of the Croton Aqueduct Board and a large number of city dignitaries.

Wistar's Balsam of Wild Cherry, THE BEST REMEDY EVER KNOWN For Coughs, Colds, Asthma, Croup, Bronchitis, Influenza, Bleeding of the Lungs, Difficult Breathing, Pain or Weakness of the Breast or Side, First Stages Consumption, &c.

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Special Notices.

All persons knowing themselves indebted to the firm of BALCH & WEBBER prior to the 1st of January, 1858, are hereby notified to call and settle immediately, or their accounts will be placed in the hands of an attorney for collection.

To our Patrons. WE would say to our patrons, that in consequence of some of the independent order of Odd Fellows of a settlement with all who have running accounts with us, more especially those of 1858 standing. We propose to close all accounts by the 20th of February of the present year, and those indebted to us would confer a great favor by promptly coming to a settlement.

STEILACOOM LODGE, NO. 4. Of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, holds regular communications on the first and third Saturday evenings in every month.

OLYMPIA LODGE, NO. 5. Of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, holds regular communications on the first and third Saturday evenings in every month.

THE regular meeting of Olympia Lodge, No. 1, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, will be held every Saturday evening, at 6 o'clock, in the building formerly occupied by Wm. Rutledge, two doors east of the Washington Hotel.

Miscellaneous.

NEW ARRIVAL.

HAVING JUST ARRIVED FROM SAN FRANCISCO, per steamer Constitution, offers for sale, at the lowest cash prices, a large and well selected STOCK OF GOODS,

Suited to the wants of farmers, miners, and the town trade. My stock is selected with care; and, as my expenses are very small, I am determined to sell goods cheaper for cash, dist, or country produce, than any other store on Puget Sound.

I have just received, per steamers Constitution, Columbia, and barque Madrona, the following articles: Sugar, Lobsters, Hops, Raisins, Apples, Peaches, Currants, Dry Peas, Beans, Potatoes, Corn, Flour, Rice, Sugar, Tea, Coffee, Spices, Oils, Vinegar, Pickles, Canned Goods, &c.

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