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Dust from Frazer River. — On Thursday last, at the store of **Wilson & Co.**, Sehome, we were shown \$1800 worth of Frazer river gold dust, purchased by the firm on the Tuesday previous. It was a portion of a large amount brought down from that region by the miner who sold to Wilson & Co. In addition to this amount, they have, in the last two weeks, purchased and shipped \$4,500 worth of Frazer and Thompson river dust.

More Dust. — **Mr. Hanson Tilton**, of the firm of **Tilton & Gibson**, brought down from Frazer and Thompson rivers, a short time ago, 220 ozs. of gold dust, procured by no other means than pans and the nicest kind of rockers. He represents the mines as exceedingly rich.

Acknowledgments. — We are under obligations to **J. Horace Kent**, Esq., for late copies of San Francisco papers by the arrival of the Commodore. Mr. K. comes to this region as the accredited correspondent of the Daily Morning Call.

Mr. **A. C. Latson** will also accept our thanks for lumber furnished under numerous pressing demands.

Game in the Islands. — Deer, elk and grouse are said to abound on all the islands fronting Bellingham Bay. Messrs. **Rothenbutcher**, **Eaves** and **Irwin** crossed in a boat to one of them, a few days since, and remained there camped, over night. Next afternoon they returned with three deer, as the result of a day's sport. Others have been similarly fortunate in the chase.

On The Trail. — The following gentlemen took the trail for Thompson river June 25th:

--Cora, **Capt. Smith**, **Wm. Whittaker**, **W. H. Hillhouse**, of Sacramento county; **C. E. Miller**, of Rough and Ready, Nevada county; **N. W. Clark** of Bridgeport; **Huston Black**, of French Coral. The company had some 15 pack animals.

Mr. **B. C. Quigley**, of Folsom, left several days before, and many others, personally unknown to us. More than two hundred have left since.

National Anniversary. — Our citizens will celebrate their National holiday on Monday next. An oration will be delivered by **W. H. Wallace**, Esq, and the Declaration of Independence read. A salute of twelve guns will be fired at sunrise, noon, and at sunset.

Committee of Arrangements — **Col Page, E. W. Perry, George Gallagher, A.H. Jayne, L. P. Hansen, B. F. Lower, C. Courtin, Wm. Pettibone** and **Alfred Pettibone**.

Mr. Busy will accept our thanks for an office stove; and **Mr. J. C. Keenan**, of Victoria, for forwarding us a private letter.

To **Col Fitzhugh**, Messrs. **Peabody & Tilton**; “Gentlemen — we arrived here today, all right. The men are in good spirits, although we have had nothing but coffee and flour for ten days. We make a raft today to cross the lake on. **Capt. DeLacy** left word for us here to come on, and that he could cut through to the open country in ten days...If **Terry**, or anyone else, is gaming that “the Trail will never be finished,” say to them, I will bet \$250. Let them leave Bellingham Bay in ten days and I will show them Thompson’s Rivers via DeLacy’s Pass...Yours truly, **C. C. Vail**”

Note to the Editors.—**Mr. Vail** is well and favorably known to all the old settlers of the Territory as an excellent woodsman, a man of the most entire truth and veracity and the most implicit confidence is reposed in his letter...**James Tilton, E. C. Fitzhugh**

Further About the Trail. — **Mr. Wm. Smith**, who has been out on the trail...

A Glance at Whatcom. — **Mr. John T. Knox** has kindly furnished us with the following glance at Whatcom, embracing a list of business houses...

Democratic Candidates.

William Busey – Begg leave to announce himself as a Candidate for the office of Sheriff of Whatcom County and that **Charles Stilwell** withdraws in favor of **Wm. Busey**.

John A. Tennant – Begg leave to announce himself as a Candidate for Representative of Whatcom County in the next Legislature.

Nelson Young – Begg leave to announce himself as a Candidate for Justice of the Peace for Whatcom Precinct.

For Sheriff, **L. P. Hanson**.

For County Surveyor, **A. M. Poe**

Advertisements:

J. A. McCrea, Auctioneer and commission merchant

Bryant & Co., C Street, General Auction

A. H. Jayne & Co – Have constantly on hand a full and complete assortment of groceries and provisions, hardware, carpenters' tools, mining tools, stoves...

E. P. Whaites, wholesale and Retail Dealer in Foreign and Domestic Wines and Liquors, Whatcom

J. L. Tillman, Blacksmith, Near the Printing Office

A. M. Poe

Poe & Pettibone, Real Estate Agents, Office on E, between 13th and 11th streets, Whatcom

Pioneer Painter, J. G. Smith, House, Sign and Ornamental Painter, Paper Hanger and Upholster, One door south of Wells Fargo & Co.'s Express, Whatcom

Metropolis Exchange. Hotel and Restaurant, Centre St, Whatcom, **Robinson & Jones**, Proprietors

P. H. Clayton, Attorney and Counsellor at Law

H. F. Lowe & Co, Commission Merchants and Dealers in General Merchandise, E Street near 13th street, Whatcom

Wm. Zellner, Druggist and Apothecary, Main St., Whatcom

Wm Grosse, Wholesale and Retail Dealer and Importer of Fine Havana Cigars ... Opposite the Metropolis Exchange, Whatcom

Nichols & Co.'s Express, for San Francisco, Frazer River, **D. F. Newsom**, Agent, Bellingham Bay

A. M. Poe, E. C. Gillette, Geo. W. Gift – Poe, Gillette & Gift, Surveyors, Civil Engineers and Draughtsmen. Office on E street, between 13th and 14th streets, Whatcom

Notice to Trespassers. All persons are hereby notified not to cut any timber...**H. Roeder**

Dr. Charles Burrell, late of Sacramento, office in El Dorade Building, upstairs

Ross & Rail, dealers in Cooking, Parlor and Box stoves...

The Point for a Location. – Yesterday we had the pleasure of a call from **M. Gaffney**, Esq., well known as a business man in San Francisco. Mr. G. has, during the past few weeks, been engaged in visiting the different points on this coast, for the purpose of establishing a business location. Having first looked at Victoria, then this point, then Port Townsend, Point Roberts, Semiamama Bay, and various other localities, found, among the notes of an emigrant's port-folio, he now returns to this point, selecting it as the most favorable for a home, and for business. ..Mr. G. is of the firm of **James Phelan & Co.**, and we place much confidence in his judgment...

Improvements.

We are gratified to see that Messrs. **Doe & Co.** have purchased a block at the head of Broadway Wharf, for the purpose of establishing an extensive lumber yard...

Whatcom E Street Wharf Company.

Our citizens are determined to spare neither labor nor money to make Whatcom the starting point of the miners for Frazer and Thompson rivers. They have organized two separate wharf companies, the particulars of one of which are given as follows:

The officers of the "Whatcom E Street Wharf Company," are:

President – **R. V. Peabody.**

Secretary – **A. M. Poe.**

Treasurer – **W. C. Pettibone.**

Superintendent – **E. Giddings.**

Directors – **Wm. Utter, Thos. Jones, Nelson Young, H. C. Page, H. W. Wallace, and S. D. Williams**

Sehome Advertisements:

D. F. Newsom & Brother, Corner Mason and Front streets, Sehome, W.T. Commission Merchants, and General Dealers in Groceries, Provisions, Liquors and Mining Tools. **D. F. Newsom, Wm. Newsom**

E. H. Wilson Co., Sehome, Bellingham Bay, Dealers in Groceries, Provisions, Clothing, Boots, Shoes and Miners' Outfits complete, wholesale and retain

Cured Halibut. Baskets of 20 pounds each. 63 barrels of Mapes and Fins, and Junk Halibut, just received from the fishing establishment at Near Bay, W.T., and for sale at Sehome. Enquire at **Col. Fitzhugh's. J. H. Jenkins**

Stannah, Pioneer Bakery, corner of Mason and Main streets, Sehome.

Sehome Hotel, Sehome, Bellingham Bay. **Larcombe & Co.**, Proprietors. Board and Lodging by the day or week. The choicest Liquors at the bard.

Groceries, Provisions, Clothing, Boots and Shows, and Mining Tools of all descriptions. **M. Louisson**, Corner Picket and Front sts, Sehome

Drs. Sharkey and Haggan, physicians and surgeons, Sehome

Kemble & McLean offer for sale Flour, Provisions, Groceries, Mining Implements, Hardware, Sehome, Bellingham Bay

July 10, 1858

Encouraging News from the Gold Mines!

Mr. **Isaac D. Jones**, a member of the Third Legislature of Washington Territory, and highly respected as a gentleman of veracity, was among the very first miners who went to Frazer River. He has just returned from that region, and furnishes us with the following information...

Narrative of a Miner's Trip to the Head Waters of the Gold Region.

We are permitted to copy extracts from the following letter written by Mr. **John K. Ledell**, from this point, to his wife, dated the 13th of June, descriptive of his adventures and the gold diggings on the Frazer and Thompson Rivers. He says:

Last fall I went up Frazer River for the boundary survey, and stopped at Fort Langley. I saw a few pounds of gold dust, brought by the Hudson Bay Traders there; and then I concluded that there was another California here, and I so wrote to Mr. **John R. Gilmore**...

Celebration of the Fourth. — Owing to an imperative necessity which compelled **Mr. Wallace** to leave Whatcom for Olympia, on the morning of the 5th, our citizens were prevented from listening to his oration. At sunrise, however, twelve guns were fired, and twelve at noon, which were responded to, gun for gun, by **Capt. Haley**, whose vessel, the Pacific, happened to be anchored in the harbor at the time. The twelve sunset guns were responded to by a piece of ordnance in possession of **Mr. Fitzhugh**, at the coal mine.

Robbery. — The Miner's Drug Store of **Messrs. Barthrop & Phillips**, was entered from the roof on the night of the 5th, and their till robbed of about \$30. This is the second time they have been robbed in the last few weeks.

Later from Fort Hope.

Mr. **J. P. Russell**, formerly of Weaverville, Trinity county, California, returned from Fort Hope on Wednesday morning, by canoe, for provisions...

Another Arrival from the Gold Diggins—Exciting News!

Mr. **Charles Brown**, formerly of Calaveras county, an Italian, in company with ten others, returned to this place by canoe, from 35 miles above the junction of Frazer and Thompson Rivers on Thursday afternoon.

Mr. Stott and **Capt. F. C. Smith**, formerly of Sacramento, came in from Summit Lake on Thursday evening, 8th inst.

The provisions taken out by **Mr. Crum**, had reached the workmen. Mr. Crum and **Mr. Clark**, both energetic men, were about to join their forces...

Mr. **B. C. Quigley**, formerly of Folsom, on reaching Summit Lake, disposed of his mule..

On the Trail – the following gentlemen have taken the trail for Frazer and Thompson Rivers:

July 5th.—

John McLeod

Sacramento County

J. & C. Cameron

“ “

N. D. Burlingham	Eldorado	“
J. D. Jones	“	“
John Sweeney	Santa Clara	“
G. McDonald	Tuolutune	“
Cap. McDougall	“	“
J. Tibbetts	Placer	“

And 79 others, on foot, and packing their own provisions, who say they will get ...

Same date, a party of 18 men, on foot, and one of six, with animals.

A. Murray	Forbestown
Wm. Flemming	San Pedro Bar
Edward Russell	“
Amos Lamb	“
Smith Harris	Providence, R. I.
James M Clurg	Pittsburgh, Pa
Joseph Mitchell	Sacramento county
Perry M. Potter	“ “
Enoch Matter	“ “
N. G. Evans	San Francisco
Dr. G. W. Brown	“

July 6th.—

E. F. Millhorn	Eldorado county
Samuel Weaver	“
Hugh Fourey	“
Alexander Rich	Calaveras county
Thomas Mitchell	Eldorado county
E. H. Meredith	“
George Earl	Sacramento county
James Scoral	Folsom

The party had nine animals.

July 7th.—

J. Carles	Yreka
E. Lutman	“
H. Hawes	“

Three pack mules.

Terrible Calamity-3 Canoes Swamped and Three Lives Lost:

A gentleman just returned from Lummy River, (Mr. **A. A. Green**, formerly of San Francisco,) informs us that he fell in with **Capt. Lippales**, of the schooner Rover, who told him, that on Tuesday, while a large number of canoes were pursuing their way, in the open sea, towards Point Roberts, and had passed Birch Bay, they were struck by a gale, and three of them instantly swamped. **Capt. Lippales** succeeded in rescuing the occupants of two of the canoes, but three men in the third were drowned before he could extend to them succor.

The men rescued, were carried to Point Roberts, on the Rover.

This should serve as a melancholy warning to others, who will persist in periling their lives in these frail structures.

Accident. — Mr. **A. J. Morrell**, a gentleman said to be at the head of the land squatters of this place, while preparing his pistol with a view to resist the action of the wharf owners, on Wednesday, had the middle finger of his right hand blown off by its premature discharge.

Died. — At Sehome, July 7th, of chronic diarrhea, **James Bennett**, a native of Massachusetts, age 40 years.

Advertisement —

Mr. Editor: I notice in your paper the name of **L. P. Hanson** announced as a candidate for the office of Sheriff of this county. It gives me pleasure to state that I have known Mr. Hanson for the last five years; that while a resident of Sonoma County, Cal., he was selected for the position of Supervisor of the county, and filled the same three years, and to the interest and welfare of his constituents. He is a gentleman of honor and integrity, and will deal out justice to all men...

H. Roeder — Announces himself a Candidate for the re-election to the office of County Commissioner.

Democratic Candidates —

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For County Surveyor — **A. M. Poe**

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Sehome Hotel, Sehome, Bellingham Bay. **Jas. B. Larcombe & W. O. Smith**, Prop'rs. Board and Lodging by the day or week. The choicest Liquors at the bar.

Coroner's Inquest. — A coroner's inquest was held the 4th of July, on the body of **Thomas Senit**, who died suddenly on the afternoon of the 3d. From a post mortem examination made by **Dr. J.**

Ridgley, the cause of death, was ascertained to have been occasioned by ulceration of the stomach. Deceased was about 45 years of age, and an Irishman by birth.

Proceedings of the Whatcom Wharf Meeting. Whatcom, July 7th, 1858.

At a meeting held in the town of Whatcom, by the legal purchasers of the lots located on the E street Wharf, and lots immediately joining the Wharf on the northeast of D street and on the southwest of F Street, it was

Resolved, To organize and protect each and every signing member from any unlawful person or persons squatting on or driving piles on any of the land purchased in good faith from Mr. **A. M. Poe**, Secretary of said Wharf Co.

Mr. **P. H. Clayton** was elected to the Chair, and **P. F. O'Brien** Secretary.

After which, Mr. **A. M. Poe** was called upon to make a verbal statement...and after reading the articles of agreement entered into between Messrs. **Peabody & Co.**...

After which, **Mr. Garfield** was called for, and declined speaking, as he had no interest in the Wharf.

Mr. Clark moved the appointment of a Committee of three to draft a suitable resolution, which was carried, and the following Committee appointed: **Mr. Clark, A. M. Poe, P. F. O'Brien.**

Whereas, we, the undersigned property holders on the Whatcom E street Wharf, having understood that certain persons are unlawfully and unjustly trespassing upon our property—therefore

Resolved, That we, the legal property holders do hereby pledge ourselves to stand by each other in the protection of our rights.

P. F. O'Brien

A. M. Poe

Alex. Roberts

M. Phillips

H. M. Blumenthall

S. W. Quay

J. & S. W. Herring

Wm. C. Pettibone

L. S. Campbell

E. Sissa

H. Clays

Thos. Cleary

Louis Harris

P. Jacobs

E. Granelus

M. V. Stevens

John Cline

P. B. Anthony

Franz Pulvenmacher

John K. Liddell

W. Gallick

M. Buskin

Jas. M. Anthony

Gilbert & Teaboro

M. D. Plummer

J. S. Clark

E. Giddings, jr.

E. DeYoung

R. Josephi

S. Hart

H. C. Page

Wm. Otther

T. K. Toby

C. A. Sears

M. H. Pettibone

Jacob Kimmel

W. H. Williams

Peter Pons & Co.

E. L. Boardman

P. H. Clayton

David H. Ellis

TenEyck & McKenzie

A. Watters

S. Ashim

Gallinsky

H. Solomon & M.

J. H. Goldman

Wm B. Williams

E. L. Boardman

Geo. A. Jenkins

Samuel Turner

After which, all interested were invited to sign the above resolution, and upon motion of Mr. **J. Herring** the meeting adjourned to meet on Thursday morning, July 8th, 1858, at 8 o'clock. **P. F. O'Brien**, Sec'y.

The following letter was received from Mr. **A. J. Morrill**

Advertisements:

Sneath, Arnold & Co., Wholesale and Retail Dealers in all kinds of Groceries, Provisions, Mining Implements, Hardware...Whatcom

The Auditor and Recorder's Office is now permanently located in the new Court House, on the hill, near the Plaza. **J. W. Lysle**, Auditor and Recorder, Whatcom

Pioneer Store: **J. Alexander**, Wholesale and Retail Dealer in Groceries, Provisions, Liquors, Hardware, Crockery, Tinware, Dry Goods, Clothing, Boots and Shoes, Paints, Oils and Turpentine, &c., &c.

Ghirardelli & Andornetti, Dealers in Wines, Liquors and Provisions, G Street next to **Sneath, Arnold & Co.**, Whatcom...**D. Ghirardelli**, San Francisco, **T. B. Andornetti**, Whatcom

B. H. Peirson, M. D. **J. S. Cunningham**, M. D. Physicians and Surgeons, Office, Miners' Drug Store, Whatcom

Cortin, Pettibone & Co., Wholesale Dealers in Groceries, Provisions, Hardware, Boots and Shoes...Whatcom

Campbell's Exchange, Near What Cheer House. Choice Liquors and Segars at the Bar

R. White, Dealer in Groceries, Hardware, Mining Tools, Fresh Butter, Cheese...Whatcom

W. Bausman, Commissioner of Deeds of the State of California for Washington Territory. Office of the Northern Light.

Freeman & Co.'s Express, for San Francisco, Frazer River, **D. F. Newsom**, Agent

July 17, 1858

Supposed to be Drowned or Murdered.

Mathew C. C. Murphy, U. S. Deputy Surveyor, requests us to state, that Mr. **D. Hunt**, also a U. S. Deputy Surveyor, left his camp, near Whidby's in a canoe, on Monday, 5th Inst., to come to Whatcom. He was seen passing the Indian camp near the north end of Swinnimish Pass at noon of Tuesday, since which time, nothing has been heard of him. His canoe was picked up adrift in that vicinity on the following day.

Mr. Hunt was about 40 years of age, and had on a pair of gray satinet pants, a black wool hat and blue overcoat. He had also some money about his person, a silver watch, and Colt's

revolver. In the canoe was a one-gallon blue-painted water-keg and black leather valise. The canoe paddles were marked "D.H." The discovery of any of these articles may afford some clue to Mr. Hunt's fate.

Director of Customs Appointed. — **Major Van Bokkelen**, Deputy Collector of this district, who arrived by the Revenue Cutter, Jeff. Davis, informs us that he visits us for the purpose of appointing, and has appointed, **R. C. Page**, Esq., Inspector of Customs for this port. Mr. P. is one of the oldest residents of the Bay and universally esteemed.

The Gold Mines and The Trail. From Forts Yale and Hope. — *Confirmation of Previous Gold Reports.*

Thomas H. Johnson brought down several passengers in a canoe from Forts Yale and Hope on Monday. He left the former place on Friday morning and reports the river to be yet too high to enable the miners to work.

Another Arrival from Fort Hope; Further Confirmation of the Richness of the Diggings

Mr. **Josiah Butterfield**, formerly of Napa City, came down from Fort Hope on Monday and furnishes us the following information...

Additional from the Trail.

Mr. **G. W. Case**, formerly of Sacramento, came in from the Trail on Wednesday afternoon. He had been as far out as Summit Lake, about 125 miles from Whatcom.

The Trail was cut to Skagit River, 20 miles beyond the Summit. The reinforcements, including **Messrs. Clark** and **Crum**, had joined the workmen, who were going forward with more spirit and rapidity, than at any time previously.

The ferry boat, built by **Mr. Townsend**, was completed, and on the Lake, ferrying passengers. The Lake is ferried lengthwise, a distance of about seven miles...

Gold Discoveries on Skagit River.

Mr. **Jacob Kimmel**, formerly of San Francisco, returned from McDonald's Island, opposite the mouth of Skagit River, today (July 12th) and informs us that the prospecting party which went out a short time ago from the Upper sound, had returned to the Bar the day previous...

More Concerning Skagit River.

Maj. Van Bokkelen, who called upon us Wednesday, informs us, that the day before he left Port Townsend, **A. S. Buffington**, **J. K. Sukey**, and others, old settlers of Washington Territory, returned from a prospecting tour in the valley of Skagit River...

Mr. DeLacy's Letter. Summit Pass, July 8th, 1858.

Messrs. Roeder, Vail and Smith, Committee of the Trail—

Gentlemen:--I write to you to report that the Trail has reached the foot of the first pass beyond the Lake, and that if the weather (now very rainy) permits, we will be on the summit of the pass today...Respectfully, **W. W. DeLacy**

Coroner's Inquest. — A coroner's inquest was held Tuesday on the body of a Frenchman, name unknown, found along the shore of the Bay. A post mortem examination by **Dr. Ridgley** elicited the medical opinion to the following effect: The body displayed three wounds on the back, and one on the point of the shoulder, having the appearance of being inflicted with a hatchet. Neither of the wounds being sufficient to cause death, the supposition is that the man came to his end from drowning, while attempting to escape from further violence.

We could not learn the verdict of the inquest.

The Election. — The following officers were chosen at the election held in this county on Monday last: Representative to the Territorial Legislature, **John A. Tennant**; Sheriff, **Wm. A. Busey**; Auditor, **J. W. Lysle**; Assessor, **Thomas Wynn**; Surveyor, **A. M. Poe**; Treasurer, **Wm. Utter**; Constables, **J. E. Jewett**, **J. G. Chapman**; Commissioners, **H. Roeder**, **Geo Gallagher**; Justices, **Nelson Young**, **H. R. Crosbie**; Wreck Master, **J. W. Sackett**; Sup't Common Schools, **R. V. Peabody**; Prosecuting Attorney, **B. P. Anderson**. The highest number of votes polled was 73. There were two distinct tickets. The names of several of the candidates were on both.

Satisfied with the Prospect. — Mr. **James S. Clark**, one of our capitalists, came to this northern country with the intention of locating at Victoria. He thought he would first take a look round, however; and so visited Whatcom, Semiamhoo, Point Roberts, and her Majesty's port of entry on the Sound. His observation served to convince him, that Bellingham Bay was the stopping place. Consequently, he has invested largely in real estate; has an abiding confidence in the future; and could not be induced to sell out his interest at any amount.

The Sluice Washings. — Three of the miners mentioned by Mr. **Josiah Butterfield**, in another column, as having taken out five pounds of gold with sluices, on Texas Bar, stopped over night with **Mr. York** on Wednesday, and exhibited to him the largest proportion of the amount...

"Communication"

To the Directors of the Whatcom Wharf Company. Messrs. Sirs—In the proposition submitted by me to the Whatcom Wharf Co. on July 7th, 1858, I find I have exceeded my lawful rights and powers in the subject matter. Under the excitement of the moment I forgot, at that time, that there was no such Company as "**A. J. Morrell & Co.**" owning any real estate within the premises mentioned in my communication; and I therefore consider myself in honor bound to notify your Company that the proposition made by me on July 7th, 1858, is entirely null and void.

Yours, **A. J. Morrell**, Whatcom July 14th, 1858

Caution to the Public.

We hereby caution the People of Whatcom and all others concerned, not to purchase any Lots from the Wharf Company of the overflowed lands in front of the town of Whatcom that have

been staked out, surveyed and recorded by the undersigned. We give this caution for their benefit, not ours.

W. D. Burhaus and others, Whatcom July 12, 1858

Advertisements:

Drs. Craig & Ridgely, Surgeons and Physicians. Office for the present, at **D. F. Newsom & Bro.**'s Store, Division street, Whatcom. **R. O. Craig**, M. D., U.S.A. **L. Ridgely**, M.D.

Whatcom Mill Company. The undersigned are prepared to furnish sawed lumber to order, at short notice, at their mill, at the lowest cash prices.

A. C. Laatson & Co, Whatcom, July 17, 1858

Caution to the Public.—All persons are forbidden from using the grounds of **Benjamin Harris** as a place for the burial of the dead, on penalty of prosecution at law. His grounds are on Tomas' Point, near the lower Coal Mine.

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They Can't Do It. — **J. B. Donovan**, writing to the San Francisco *Bulletin*, from Victoria, says: "As to the best point from which to reach the mines, Whatcom has natural advantages; but Victoria has the Hudson Bay Company, and many other men of wealth interested in her cause, and they are making desperate efforts to break down Whatcom."

Served Him Right. — **Mr. Sikes**, constable elect, furnished to **Col. Fitzhugh** the information upon which that gentleman was enabled to make an arrest of a person for violating the law in selling liquor to the Indians. He was put in irons and sent to Fort Bellingham, there to be detained a prisoner until such time as the proper authorities can dispose of his case.

We had the pleasure of a visit from **Capt. Hyde**, Wednesday, of the Revenue Cutter Jeff. Davis, who requests us to contradict the statement made in certain of the San Francisco papers, to the effect that his crew had deserted...

Accident. — A man named **John Gray**, met with a serious accident at Sehome, on the afternoon of the 11th, by the falling of a tree, which resulted in the fracturing of the lower part of one of his limbs. He was removed by **Dr. Ridgley** to this place, and the necessary medical aid applied. Through the charitable efforts of Mr. **D. F. Newsom**, and a few others, he was provided with a roof, and suitable comforts, in his helpless and destitute conditions.

Assault With a Pistol. — Between the hours of two and three o'clock on Wednesday morning last, a man named **Thomas O'Neal**, not the merchant of that name from Napa, with a party of Indians, entered a drinking saloon on the alley between C and D streets, and asked for liquor, which was refused him by the proprietor. After some words of altercation, O'Neal drew a revolver and fired, the bullet grazing the left temple of the saloon keeper. O'Neal was arrested and taken before a Justice of the Peace, who, after the examination of four witnesses, decided that he had no jurisdiction in the premises; but assumed the responsibility of holding O'Neal over in the sum of \$200, to appear before the next sitting of the District Court. This appears to us to be a cheap valuation to be set upon a man's life.

Acknowledgments. — We are indebted to Mr. **D. F. Newsom**, of **Freeman & Co's.**, and **Wells, Fargo & Co's.** Expresses, for full files of San Francisco papers, by late arrivals; also to Mr. **John Scranton**, for copies of the Olympia papers.

Look Out for Thieves! — The tent of Mr. **Robert D. Miller**, on the hill, near the old jail, was entered on Tuesday, in his absence, and robbed of a fine black coat and a carpet bag. Thieves are about; and citizens would do well to look out for them.

July 24, 1858

Deputy Postmaster. — Mr. **J. G. Hyatt** has received the appointment from Mr. **R. V. Peabody**, of Deputy Postmaster, and has removed to the new building of **T. G. Richards & Co.**, on Center street, where he has provided a hundred boxes, at private expense, for the accommodation of the public. He assures us that the arrangements of the office are low such as to occasion no delay in the delivery of mail matter, and as not to be in any manner interfered with by other business transactions of the contiguous store room.

Billy Ballou. — In the hurry of getting our paper to press, two weeks ago, we neglected to return this gentleman acknowledgments for several express favors received. We now take pleasure in making the amende honorable. He has our thanks for a copy of the Victoria Gazette of the 21st inst.

An Excellent Member. — We are pleased to hear that **W. H. Wallace**, Esq., has been returned a representative to the Territorial Legislature from Pierce county. His fine talents and high standing as a citizen, will enable him to exercise an influence there, beneficial to the interests of the Territory.

Scat-Scat River—Mount Baker.

As yet, the explorations and surveys of this region, are of a limited and unsatisfactory nature...

Milton F. Mounts, in company with a prospecting party, entered at its mouth, in a canoe, and navigated it seventy miles. ...

...Several parties have determined upon ascending it. Among the number, Mr. **Henry Shipley**, formerly of the Sacramento Democratic State Journal, accompanied by six others..

Still Later from Scat-Scat River—Previous Accounts More Than Confirmed!

The arrival of Messrs. **Simeon Sawyer** and **Joshua Jones** from the upper Scat-Scat, enables us to give additional and confirmatory particulars concerning that noble stream.

..It was their intention to ascend higher; but they met **Messrs. Carter** and **Hosford** descending, who told them it was yet too early in the season.

...**Mr. Sawyer** is an old miner, from Downieville, and he says the appearance of the hills and gulches on the Scat-Scat, as high as he went, look equally as favorable for rich deposits of gold, as any of the branches of the Yuba.

P.S. Since the above was put in type, **Messrs. Sawyer, Jones** and **Butcher**, of Penn's Cove, came in to inform us that they had heard from **Messrs. Carter** and **Hosford**, who, in company with Mr. Mounts and brother, and two or three others, had procured a six months' supply of provisions, and gone back up the Scat-Scat!

New and Rich Gold Discoveries on Harrison River and its Tributaries; Easy of Access by the Whatcom Trail!

Mr. **A. M. Stetson** arrived in this city from Fort Langley by canoe, on Monday last. He brings intelligence of new and rich discoveries of gold on Harrison River and its tributaries.

From Thompson River—High Up.

Mr. **E. A. Macomber** came down from a point 60 miles above the Fort on Thompson River, arriving here Monday afternoon.

Favors Acknowledged.—We are under obligations to **Mr. Cole**, of **Wells, Fargo & Co's** express, for files of San Francisco papers, and to Mr. **D. F. Newsom**, of **Freeman's** express, and to the Alta express, for similar favors. Also to **Billy Ballou**, of the Frazer and Thompson Rivers express, for valuable information.

Improvements. — The County authorities are erecting a substantial bridge across Chinook Ravine, on Fourteenth street, one block above our office, and grading the approaches on either side, to make it easy of access.

T. G. Richards & Co. are clearing ground for the erection of a two story brick store and banking house. Twelve other large frame store buildings have been commenced in the last week, and one extensive stable.

A bulkhead is being constructed on Division street, which extends down to high water mark. An office for **Wells, Fargo & Co's** express, is going up on Thirteenth street.

Mr. Roeder has an office under way in the vicinity of the Northern Light office, and a dwelling house partially completed, on the upland, a short distance above; and **Mr. A. C. Latson** is getting out lumber for the construction of a dwelling house immediately adjoining the office of **Mr. Roeder**.

Mr. C. Etheridge has just completed a medium-sized pile-driver and scow, the former ready to be mounted, and which will be ready for operation as soon as the steam power is applied.

Corrected Orthography. — Gentlemen who profess to be learned in the orthography of the Chinook idiom, inform us that Chilliwack should be spelled Chilwheok; Lillywit, Lilliwoot; Skaget, Scat-Scat; Lummy, Lummi. Hereafter we shall endeavor to observe this corrected mode. “Scat-Scat” is in accordance with the U. S. Government surveys, and certainly sounds more like an Indian derivative than “Skaget.”

Our Governor Married. — From the Olympia Pioneer and Democrat we learn, that on the 12th last, His Excellency Governor **Fayette McMullen**, of this Territory, was united in matrimony to Miss **Mary Wood**, daughter of **Isaac Wood**, of Thurston county.

This is the first marriage notice we have been called upon to record since the establishment of our paper; and we are glad it embraces the name of the Chief Executive officer of the Territory, for the sake of the example.

Desperate Encounter. — A temporarily insane man, confined in the old block house, a few days ago attacked **Wm. Wolfe**, as he entered the building, and made an effort to get possession of that gentleman’s revolver. Wolfe grappled with him, and the encounter became desperate. The maniac succeeded in obtaining the weapon, and in the struggle, discharging three shots—one of them shooting Wolfe through the hand, a second bullet grazing his head, and the third wounding him slightly in the neck. The insane man is named **Waterhouse**. Wolfe is able to be about.

The Constitution Sunk.—**Billy Ballou**, who came over from Victoria Thursday morning, reports the steamship Constitution to have struck on a rock and sunk, in the attempt to enter that harbor, Tuesday evening...

Tall Timothy. — Judge **F. A. Chenoweth**, of Whidby’s Island, writing to **Mr. Corliss**, of this place, mentions having sent us a bundle of Timothy, the product of Whidby soil. We have not received the specimens alluded to, but are told that they measured eight feet, with heads from eight to ten inches long...

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Water at its Price. — Understanding that some of his Sacramento friends had recently been engaged in a very arduous race of speculation in town lots at Victoria; believing the operation calculated to make men thirsty; and knowing the extreme scarcity of pure drinking water at that place, **Col. Snowden**, the other day, procured a gallon demijohn, filled it with the aqueous

element, from one of the delightful springs of Sehome—labelled it carefully with an ivory surfaced wedding card, and dispatched it, per steamer Sierra Nevada, to Dr. Johnson Price; by him to be prescribed to his coadjutors in gill doses.

Advertisements:

Jerome Rice, Auctioneer and Commission Merchant, Sales Daily at 10 o'clock
A.M....Office at **A. H. Jayne & Co.**'s store, Whatcom...

Walker House, E street, 2 doors North of the Brick Building of **T. G. Richards & Co.**
The proprietor of this new establishment has the pleasure of announcing to the citizens of
Whatcom...**J. G. Walker**, Proprietor.

Empire Ranch, 32 miles from Whatcom, on the Trail! **H. Blumenthal & M. Phillips**,
proprietors, keep always on hand a large and fine assortment of Provisions and Liquors
suitable for Miners' outfits...

Boat Oars; boat Sculls; Boat Spikes; Boat Nails...**J. H. Robertson**, Division street

Wm. S. Spear **S. F. Parsons** **Spear & Parsons**, Real Estate Agents and
Conveyancers... Office at **J. H. Robertson's**, Division street, Whatcom

A Notable Fact: The undersigned will deliver at high water mark, in Whatcom, a superior
quality of Building Stone, in blocks suited to laying...Enquire at **W. D. Somerville's**
store, C Street. **J. M. Hurd**

Immense Excitement at Whatcom...Gold Discovery near the Lummi or Noot-sahk Rivers!

Mr. William Young, who has been engaged prospecting for the last fifteen days,
in the country lying between the Lummi or Nooksahk and Frazer Rivers, returned to this
city Saturday afternoon, 24th inst, bringing with him two beautiful specimens of coarse
gold...

Affidavit of Mr. Young, Washington Territory, Whatcom County: **William
Young**, resident of the Territory and County aforesaid, being first duly sworn, on oath
says, that he prospected in the region of country lying between the Lummi and Frazer
Rivers, for the space of six days, and that from every pan of dirt he washed he recovered
more or less specks of gold, and that the specks of gold so the pan would range from
eight to twenty, and that he obtained the two specimens sold to Mr. **James B. Clark**,
weighing one dollar, about four feet from the surface of the earth...

/s/ **W. Young**. Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 24th day of July 1858.
Andrew J. Moses, Notary Public. Attest:--**P. H. Clayton, P. F. O'Brien, Wm. C.
Pettibone, W. M. Huntoon.**

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Latest News from the Atlantic Side. – Through the politeness of **Mr. S. Hefron**, and **Mr.
Moore**, we were furnished with copies of the New York Herald and New Orleans True
Delta, several days in advance of the expresses.

Sumas Gold. — We hear numerous rumors of gold discoveries every week, but are careful of giving them publication till we have good assurance of their correctness. The Lummi discovery, sworn to, and published in today's paper, is regarded with some suspicion, although the nature of the testimony would seem to justify belief.

Mr. D. F. Newsom yesterday exhibited to us about \$15 worth of coarse gold, sold to him by **Tenas Canin**, chief of the Nootsahk tribe, who told him he procured it in exchange for a gun, from another Indian, who had taken it from Sumas River. One piece weighed \$6.

Sumas River is the outlet of a Lake of the same name, and empties into Frazer River twelve or fifteen miles above Fort Langley. The story may or may not be true. **Mr. Newsom** gives it as it was told to him. Time will afford a satisfactory answer.

The Gold Market. — In the last few days two hundred ounces of Frazer River gold dust have been purchased in this city, and by **Wilson & Co.** of Sehome. Several thousand dollars worth have also been placed on deposit with merchants by miners.

Indian Difficulties. — The Victoria Gazette learns, by the arrival of the steamer Umatilla at that place, that between the 20th and 26th of July, or about that time, a part of eight white men and a woman had been killed by the Indians, near the mouth of Frazer River...

Later. — **Mr. H. C. Gillespie** came in from Frazer River this morning. He heard of some boats having been fired into by the Indians, but did not learn of any volunteer party going to attack them. The story of eight men and a woman having been killed, was not generally credited at Ft. Langely.

Another Bridge. — A Substantial bridge is almost completed, on the Military Road, over Whatcom creek, a short distance above the mill.

Col. Fitzhugh informs us that he received a letter from San Francisco per last steamer, to the effect that the steamer Santa Cruz would clear from that port for Bellingham Bay, direct, on the 30th inst.

Wharf Contract Awarded.

The contract for completing the E Street Wharf a distance of 2,600 feet, to deep water, was yesterday (23d) awarded to **Etheridge & Co.** At low tide, the entire distance, excepting about 200 feet, is a naked beach, which can be walked or driven over with horses and vehicles.

Miners' Store. The proprietors of this establishment (at present located on Front Street) would call the attention of Miners and others to their stock of Goods, comprising

Groceries, Mining Implements, Clothing and Fancy Goods, which they will at all times offer as cheap as anybody.

C Barthrop **N. Phillips**

The Trail.

During the past and present weeks, there were several arrivals from the Trail...Prominent amongst those who had taken an active interest in the enterprise, was **Mr. B. C. Quigley**, a very energetic gentleman, and one, amongst those who are acquainted with him, of unimpeachable integrity.

Further, Important, and Reliable News from the Trail—Letters Received by Express from Mr. W. W. DeLacy!

Mr. Wm. H. Pullen arrived in town this morning at 11 o'clock, direct from Mr. W. W. DeLacy, with dispatches to **Col. Fitzhugh**, and **Messrs. Vail, Roeder and Smith**, Commissioners, which we hasten to lay before our readers...

...P.S. Since the above was put in type, **Mr. J. J. Murphy**, correspondent of the Alta California, **Mr. Anthony**, and **Mr. Stott**, have returned from Summit Lake, who fully confirm the above as being strictly reliable in every particular.

More Help. — **Col. B. F. Shaw** and **Shirley Ensign**, experienced woodsmen, left Whatcom the morning of the 28th, to join **Mr. DeLacy**, and under their services to assist on the Trail, should they be required by that gentleman. Since their departure, we received the flattering news from **Mr. DeLacy** contained in our extra of the 29th from which we infer that there are already as many superintendents and officers engaged on the work as can be rendered useful. **Mr. Clark**, who has charge of the workmen, is represented to be a host within himself.

Returned to the Skaget. — **Mr. Henry Shipley** and party, who started up the Skaget, some two weeks ago, and were compelled to return on account of having lost their course by running into a slough, or bayou, and exhausting their provisions, started back for the ascent of the stream on the 29th inst, with one month's provisions, accompanied by Messrs. **Jos French, N. T. Smith, John Pursell, T. Brainbridge, Charles Wilson, Mulligan, Wadsworth**, and others. **Cpts. Gibbs, Sawyer** and others preceded them by a few days. It is the intention of the last named party to explore the river with a view to future navigation.

The First Brick Building. — The two-story brick building of **T. G. Richards & Co.**, commenced a week ago, is progressing finely. The walls have gone up some six or eight feet, and have received the joice for the first floor. The iron shutters and doors are on the ground, so that no delay will be occasioned in carrying the edifice forward to a speedy completion.

The Pile Driver. — In two or three days, at farthest, we shall expect to hear the ponderous thumpings of this piece of machinery. Messrs. **Etheridge & Co.**, who have been awarded the contract for completing the E street Wharf, are also the proprietors of the pile driver...

Will Soon be Needed. — Immediately on the receipt of the encouraging news from the Trail, Thursday morning, certain of our citizens left in boats and canoes for Victoria, to buy up the idle mules and jacks belonging to the **Bull family**.

The "Skaget." — The change of orthography of the name of this river in our last number, created quite a sensation among the quid nuncs and savants. Several old residents protested so vehemently against what they termed an infraction of a well-established designation, that, in obedience to their assurances and protestations—without being entirely convinced of its correctness—we have consented to restore the former spelling of the name. *Skaget*, let it be, then.

James Tilton has been re-appointed by the President Surveyor-General of the Territory.

Through the politeness of **Mr. Woodcock**, we received by schooner, direct from Victoria, a late copy of the New York Herald, forwarded by Mr. **J. H. Kent**, of **Kent & Smith's Frazer River Express**.

Fine Wheat. — We were yesterday presented by Mr. **D. F. Newsom**, with a bunch of wheat, of volunteer growth, obtained from the grounds of **Mr. Pattle**, adjoining Sehome, which would bear favorable comparison with any specimens from either California or the Atlantic States. The heads were six inches long, crowded with full grains, and the stalks about five feet, of vigorous and healthful growth.

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"Inflated Stories."

The Sacramento Bee, with a lack of courtesy not usual to the California press, names the editors of this paper, and insinuates their complicity of falsehood in publishing the statement of Mr. **Chas. Brown**, which asserts that the Indians above the forks of Frazer and Thompson Rivers took out coarse gold and exhibited to him "pieces as large as pigeon eggs."

This was Mr. Brown's story, previously authenticated by general rumor, and which did not for a moment raise a doubt in our minds. The Victoria Gazette had proof of the existence of gold on the head waters of these Rivers, from **Mr. McLean**, a reliable gentleman connected with the Hudson Bay Company...

Melancholy Accident. — Mr. **Sam'l F. Forrest**, miner, a native of Connecticut, aged about 30 years, from Miner's Ravine, Placer county, California, was accidentally shot on the 2d inst., while hunting in the vicinity of Whatcom Lake, with several friends. His gun struck against the underbrush, discharging its contents into his stomach. He died almost instantly. A brother residing in this city took charge of his body, and had it decently interred Thursday, on the bank of Whatcom Lake.

Seriously Injured. — Monday last, all the residents within probable reach of a forest giant, which some axemen were engaged in chopping, on the hill near Chinook Ravine, deserted their quarters, and were grouped about in different places, to witness the fall, and if possible, escape from its dangers. Mr. **A. O. Pierce**, formerly a furniture dealer at San Francisco, impelled by a dangerous curiosity, ascended to the near vicinity of the tree; which, in its descent, carried a dead tree with it; a branch of which latter caught, or flew off and struck **Mr. Pierce**, producing a dislocation and fracture of the clavicles, (shoulder and collar bones,) together with the fracture of several ribs. **Dr. Ridgley** has charge of the case, and pronounces it critical, as well in view of the serious nature of the injuries, as the superadded fact, of the diseased condition of the patient's lungs.

Squatterism. — A suit of forcible entry and detainer, brought by **Henry Roeder** against **C. Ball** and others, squatters upon a portion of Mr. Roeder's claim, subject to overflow of the tides, was terminated, before **Justice Young** on the 31st ult, by a verdict of the jury in favor of the plaintiff. A writ of restitution was issued, and Mr. Roeder put in possession of the premises by officer **Jewett**. It is to be hoped that others will profit by the experience of Messrs **Ball & Co.**, and respect the rights of others, as they would have their own rights respected, under similar circumstances.

Steamer For the Sound. — We are informed that Messrs. **Hunt** and **Scranton**, mail contractors, are building a new steamer at Port Ludlow, to ply upon the waters of the Sound. Her keel was laid a month ago, and she is now being planked. She is to be a side-wheel, low pressure, 36 inch cylinder, with 10 feet stroke, and is expected to run at the rate of 18 miles an hour.

Live Yankee. — This fine bark has made two voyages to this harbor in the last six weeks. She is spoken of by her passengers as a fast sailer. They also compliment **Capt. Wiggin** and officers, for their watchfulness and gentlemanly bearing.

The following appointments by the President of the United States, for Washington and Oregon Territories, were confirmed by the Senate, before adjournment:

Hon. **O. B. McFadden**, Associate Justice, to be Chief Justice, and Judge **Wm. Strong** and **Col. E. C. Fitzhugh**, to be Associate Justices for this Territory.

James Tilton, Surveyor General, re-appointed.
For Oregon—Hon. **Geo H. Williams**, Chief Justice, and **Reuben P. Boise**,
Associate Justice.

Gen John Adair, Collector of Customs for Columbia River District, re-
appointed.

A Voyage to the Islands.

During the past week, having a couple of leisure days, in company with **Messrs. Rothenbutcher** and **Eaves**, we participated in the hazards and pleasures of a voyage to the Islands. Our conveyance was a staunch surfboat, of some three tons burthen, managed by **Capt. Ned Greenhug**e, a skillful sailor, so whose piloting we submitted in every confidence of a prosperous issue to our hopeful excursion.

No Fight. – We are informed by **Mr. Hanson** that there was no fight between the volunteer party who floated down Frazer River, and the Indians...

...The white woman in the hands of the Indians as a prisoner, is supposed to be **Mrs. Ford**, a sole trader on Frazer River, whose husband resides at Fort Langley.

The Gold Diggings on the Upper Frazer--

...Numerous arrivals from the head waters of Frazer River, of miners who have prospected the grounds... We were six days going up the same distance. The journey is a frightful one, and places a man's life in constant jeopardy. /s/ **H. C. Gillespie**

The undersigned, who constituted a portion of the party to whom **Mr. Gillespie** alludes, have no hesitation in endorsing his statements as substantially correct:

Wm. Gamblin, from Plumas Co, Cal.

Wm H. Tibbetts, “ “

August Fiss, “ “

A. Gibbons, “ “

Simeon Mataulick, Jackson, Amd'r Co.

Editors Northern Light, Sirs:--You will do the undersigned, late passengers by bark Live Yankee, and those who may contemplate leaving California for the gold mines on Frazer...Make Whatcom your starting point. Pay no attention to the absurd and false representations of boat runners and cappers at Esquimalt and Victoria.

J H Bradley

Geo W Smith

L H Deyo

Nathan Jordan

A O Bissell

J B Lathers

Pulaski S Warren

Eben Roberts

E C Springer

W H Sanford

D B Hanson

H M Porter

Perry Douglass

John Donovan

Chas F L Thompson

James Wise

Samuel Newell
Diomis Epple
Elnathan Rodman
P H Hendrickson
F L Godwin
Oliver S Sweetser
William Jackson

George Oakes
Geo S Andrews
Jas E Mitchell
Joshua C Smith
Oliver Bidwell
Issac H Hathaway

E Street Wharf. — In the past week, with the aid of the pile-driver, some 60 or 70 yards of this work have been constructed. The bulk of the lumber is on the ground, and the planking laid a part of the distance, and spiked down. The piles have been driven some six or seven hundred feet in all.

Another New Town. — The San Francisco Bulletin of the 24th July says: “**J. H. Wise**, (a son of the Governor of Virginia) and a party of San Francisco capitalists, are represented as being about to lay off a new town on the “**Fitzhugh** claim,” a tract of 160 acres of land lying between Whatcom and Sehome.

Married. — On board steamer Pacific, her last voyage from San Francisco, by **Capt. Robert Haley**, Mr. **Leon Smith**, first officer of the Pacific to **Mrs. Jane Louisa Weller**, both of San Francisco.

Advertisements:

C. Finkboner, Commission Merchant, and General. Next to the Northern Light office. Whatcom

E. B. Rail, D Street, between 14th and 15th, Whatcom, W. T., Wholesale and Retail Dealer in Cooking, Parlor and Box Stoves...

Rice and Baldwin, Auctioneers and Commission Merchants...**J. Rice**, Auctioneer

Notice. — All persons who have not paid the Road Tax assessed against them, are hereby notified by the Road Supervisor to appear at the Court House on Monday next, at 7 a.m. prepared to work out the same. All persons not so appearing, will be proceeded against in the manner provided by law. **J. E. Jewett**, Road Supervisor, Whatcom County.

Territory of Washington,
County of Whatcom

Personally appeared before me, a Justice of the Peace in and for said county, **Chancey Ball**, who makes oath and says, that he did not understand the true meaning of the language used in a certain instrument called an answer in a suit of forcible entry and retainer, wherein **Henry Roeder** was plaintiff, and himself and others defendants; in this,

that the said answer sworn to by him declares that he (**Chancey Ball**) and his co-defendants own in fee simple the land that was in dispute in the said suit; and that he did not intend to make oath in the said answer that the fee or title to the said land was in him and his co-defendants, but that he and they simple laid claim to the said land. /s/ **Chancy Ball**.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 2d day of August, A.D. 1858. /s/ **Nelson Young**, Justice of the Peace.

More Dust From Frazer River.

Mr. **J. J. Standefer**, formerly a resident of Yreka, California, came down from Texas Bar, on Frazer River, in a canoe, Wednesday, 28th ult...

Mr. Standefer desires us to say, that since it has become fashionable to doubt the word of those who speak simply the truth concerning the gold region, he is pleased to refer the public as to his character for veracity, to **Gen. Lamerick** and **Maj. Wood**, of Whatcom, and **Albert H. Brown** and **Dr. Horsley**, of Yreka, where he formerly resided.

Body Found. — Death from Thirst and Starvation. — Mr. **Henry Hanson**, who resides at Fort Langley, called upon us Monday, and gave us the following particulars: Four men started on the blind trail from Semiahmoo for Fort Langley, and got lost in the woods. While wandering about in the underbrush and among the fallen timber, endeavoring to find their way out, they came upon the body of a dead man, to whose blankets a small piece of paper was pinned, bearing this inscription: "July 6. Three days without food or water. **J. R. Dillerson**, of Sacramento City."

The men who discovered the body, were too near famished themselves to afford it burial. They reached Fort Langley haggard, torn and almost in a nude condition. When **Mr. Hanson** left, they were at his house, lying up for recovery.

Advertisements:

B. F. Dennison, Attorney and Counsellor at Law, Conveyancer and General Agent, Whatcom, W.T. Reference **Col. M. T. Simmons**, Indian Agent

The only Express from Whatcom to all Parts of Frazer River and Victoria, DIRECT!
Ballou's Pioneer Frazer River Express, To all points on Frazer River, connecting with
and Office at **Freeman & Co.**'s, Whatcom. **W. T. Ballou**, Proprietor

Stott, McNamee & Co., Commission and Forwarding House, Wholesale and Retail
Dealers in Provisions, Groceries...E Street, between 13th and 14th, Whatcom

Summit Lake House, On the Trail to Thompson River, **J. Townsend & Co.**,
Proprietors.

Washington Restaurant, Center Street, Whatcom. The undersigned have opened the above establishment, where they are prepared to receive and entertain the public with the best of accommodations...**Born & Gordon**, Proprietors.

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Late from Frazer River.

Mr. **Daniel B. Smith**, formerly of Redwood City, California, who has mined in various parts of that State for three or four years, left San Francisco for Frazer River on the 4th of last May, arriving at Fort Hope about the 23d...A few days ago **Mr. Smith** received letters from the Atlantic States, requiring his return, and he sold out his interest for one thousand dollars. He brought with him two thousand dollars in dust, which we have seen – now on deposit with **T. G. Richards & Co.**

.During his stay in the diggings, **Mr. Smith** became intimate with **Mr. Walker**, formerly a superintendent in the employ of the Hudson Bay Company, who has been on Frazer and its tributaries for five years.

. . .**Mr. C. E. Richards** authorizes us to say, that he has known **Mr. Smith** for several years as a gentleman upon whose statement the most implicit reliance can be placed.

Another Arrival from Frazer River.

We have later news from Frazer River by the arrival of Mr. **Thomas H. Johnson**, who runs a large freight and passenger canoe between Whatcom and Fort Yale. He made the trip in three days, bringing with him three pounds of gold dust.

Falsehoods Refuted.

The San Francisco Globe of the 2nd inst., publishes a letter under the caption of “A Truthful Epistle from a well-known citizen,” signed “**S. Pixley**,” in which the author makes these assertions: 1st. “The Trail has been entirely abandoned, and no honest man here dare, even on the streets...

This “**S. Pixley**,” we understand, is now in Whatcom. We desire him to give some explanation of these wicked falsehoods, or stand before the public branded with infamy.

Editorial Visit. – The Liliputian steamer Leviathan, (rather a contradiction of terms, that,) came into our harbor on Sunday, from Victoria. Among her passengers was **Columbus Bartlett**, Esq., one of the editors of the Gazette who was made welcome to our sanctum by a hearty shake of the hand. He spent one night in Whatcom; and left with the steamer Monday morning, for the paper village of Semiahmoo—with the intention, we presume, of securing two or three lots, in the event that **John Bull’s** town should go up!

. . .The same steamer favored us with a call on her return trip Tuesday afternoon, remaining over till Wednesday morning. **Capt. Bulger** paid us a visit, and informed us that it was his intention to run his little craft on the waters of the Sound.

Venison. – For ten or twelve days past the market has been overstocked with venison. Every day, more or less canoes arrive from the Islands with an increase to the supply already on hand. Monday evening Mr. **J. W. Davidson** and party brought in seven fine deer, the product of a few days' hunt.

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On The Trail. – **Col. R. N. Snowden** started his pack-train of 13 animals on the Trail for Thompson River, Thursday morning. It was joined by several other animals, and quite a number of men on foot. The Col. himself left yesterday, in the expectation of overtaking the train 15 miles out.

Capt. DeLacy's Aide. – With true generosity of character, **Capt. DeLacy** disclaims undivided honors in putting through the Trail. To the efforts of **Mr. Clark** and **C. C. Vail** he attributes a large portion of his success... There are other gentlemen also deserving of great praise for the interest which they took in the work. Among them may be named **Messrs. Crum, Pullen, Anthony, Shaw, Ensign** and **Stott**.

Seizures on the Gulf. – **Capt. A. L. Hyde**, of the revenue cutter Jeff. Davis, favored us with a cll yesterday.

Notice. — The Northern Light is sold at the counter; also to be procured at the following places: **H. C. Page**, Esq., at the Post Office; **A. H. Jayne**, and **Wells, Fargo & Co.'s Express** office.

Gold on the Nootsahk.

Several weeks ago **Mr. Young** made an affidavit that he had prospected and discovered gold near the Nootsahk or Lummi River, which was generally disbelieved; although some few persons, unemployed at the time, had their attention so much awakened by Mr. Young's statement as to determine upon giving the region spoken of by him a trial. Among others, Mr. **Wm. H. Pullen** (who accompanied **Mr. DeLacy** in his labors on the Trail, and was the first man to reach the open country), started on a prospecting tour to the Nootsahk region on the 11th inst. They struck the river at the ferry, and crossed five miles beyond, into the mountains, the bases of which they followed up for some 15 or 20 miles, until they reached certain ravines, where they commenced prospecting. They had only taken with them five days' provisions, and as these were almost exhausted, they could not spare the time necessary to dig to the bed rock. On the surface, wherever they made a trial of the earth, they found from five to one hundred scales of fine gold.

Mr. Pullen thinks that by sluice washing six or eight dollars per day might be made here...

Forced to Return. — A party of eighty-two men started for Thompson River several weeks ago, from Steilacoom, under the guidance of **Wm. H. Pierson**, who signs himself a “Rocky Mountain Expressman;” and after getting a considerable distance into the country of the hostile Indians, were deserted by that gentleman, who accompanied a party of Indians, with **Qualchin**, a chief, at their head, to Fort Simcoe, with the ostensible object of recovering back to them a number of their horses which had been captured by **Major Garnett**. He directed the party to push on, which they did for some time, till the dangers of attack and annihilation began to thicken around them, when they deemed it advisable to turn back.

From our Extra of Thursday. *CHEERING NEWS! THE TRAIL THROUGH! NO HUMBUG THIS TIME!* This moment (Thursday morning, August 19th, at 10 o’clock), Mr. **B. F. Shaw** has come in from the Trail, bringing a letter from Mr. **W. W. DeLacy**, announcing the *FINAL COMPLETION OF THE BELLINGHAM BAY TRAIL!*

This news is perfectly reliable. We have waited for it long and patiently, and it has come at last, in such a form as to cause a thrill of joy to awaken in every American bosom...

Mr. DeLacy’s Letter. — On the Trail, Aug. 17th, 1858. Editors Northern Light: Sirs: Will you please announce in your paper that the trail from Whatcom to Thompson’s River is now finished. It strikes the Fort Hope Trail in what is called on Anderson’s Map “Blackeye’s Portage.” I will be in town to-morrow, and will then be able to give you the particulars. **Col. Shaw**, who went with me to the Brigade Trail, can tell you more about it. Respectfully, **W. W. DeLacy**, Surveyor of the Trail.

Feu De Joix. — The intelligence of the final completion of the Trail, which was brought to the city by **Mr. Shaw**, on Thursday morning, was received with the most extravagant demonstrations of joy. Preparations were at once made for the firing of a hundred guns, and the organization of a cavalcade projected, to go out on the road, meet **Mr. DeLacy**, and escort him in, as he was understood to be but a short distance behind the cheering intelligence which he had dispatched in advance. Before this latter determination could be carried into effect, however, **Mr. DeLacy**, accompanied by Mr. **C. C. Vail** and several other gentlemen, arrived in town. They were immediately surrounded by a multitude of people, full of anxious inquiry, and who were not slow to testify their pleasure at seeing **Mr. DeLacy** and in giving him a cordial welcome from the scene of his arduous labors.

Mass Meeting of Citizens—Welcome to Capt. DeLacy.

Immediately after the arrival of **Capt. DeLacy** from the Trail on Thursday, handbills were issued calling a meeting of the citizens of Whatcom and Sehome, to give him an appropriate welcome...and in a few moment some four or five hundred people collected in front of **Curtin & Pettibone’s** store...The meeting was called to order by

Wm. S. Spear, Esq., who nominated the following list of officers, and the nominations were unanimously ratified by the acclamation of the meeting.

For President – **P. H. Clayton**

Vice-Presidents – **E. Chowed, V. Peabody, Henry Roeder, ? ? ?, John E.**

Vinson.

Secretary – **A. M. Poe**

...Capt. **DeLacy** spoke in high terms of the able support and assistance which he received at the hands of **Messrs. Clark** and **C. C. Vail**...

Three more cheers were given for **Capt. DeLacy** and the Trail, after which **Mr. Spear** offered the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That at the suggestion of **Capt. DeLacy**, the thanks of the people of Whatcom county are due, and hereby also tendered to Messrs. **J. S. Clark** and **C. C. Vail**, for important and indispensable services rendered to that gentleman in the construction of the Trail.

The compliment designed to be paid to **Capt. DeLacy**, and alluded to in the first resolution, is the tender of a Public Dinner. The following gentlemen were appointed a committee to carry out the objects of the resolution: Messrs. **E. C. Fitzhugh, J. L. Tillman, H. C. Page, A. M. Ebbetts, W. Spear.**

Notice to Tax-Payers. — The books of the County Assessor and the Annual Tax Roll have been placed in my possession; and those knowing themselves in arrears for taxes, are requested to come forward and pay the same before the first day of November next...**Wm Utter**, Treasurer of Whatcom County, W.T.

August 28, 1858

Notice—The Northern Light is sold at the counter; also to be procured from **J. J. Murphy**, at the Post Office.

Arrival of Cattle.—Fifty-three head of fine beef cattle from Olympia, were landed in this harbor from the barque Gold Hunter, on Monday, purchased at that place by **Mr. Crum**, and shipped for the benefit of the Whatcom market.

Two White Men Murdered by Indians—Excitement in Consequence.

The Coroner and several persons who accompanied him, on information previously received, arrived from Lummi Island on Friday afternoon in a canoe, with the bodies of a couple of murdered white men, found in the same blankets, on or near the beach.

It is supposed the murdered men were hunters...One of the victims was shot in the right breast, the muzzle of the gun being placed almost in immediate contact...soon after these facts—which are chiefly derived from popular rumor...we have received the verdict of the Coroner's jury, which is, that the deceased came to their death by "shots

from a gun, and wounds from a knife, by the hands of persons unknown." A post mortem examination was held over their bodies by **Dr. J. Ridgley**. The elder of the two was named **Jos. Dixon**, from Texas, aged about 55 years. The name of the other unknown; aged about 35...No further particulars.

Distances on Whatcom Trail.

We are indebted to Mr. **C. C. Vail** for the following table of distances on the Whatcom Trail:

The different points date from Whatcom, viz:

To Peterson's Prairie , grass	6 miles
Blumenthal & Phillips' Ranch , grass	12 miles
Lummi River, grass scarce	17 miles
Stott's Ranch , grass & barley	26 miles
Hatch's Ranch , grass	29 miles
Daniel's Ranch , grass 2 mls off trl	41 miles
Chilweok River, grass	59 miles
Summit Lake, opposite bank	98 miles
First wet prairie, grass	104 miles
To Summit, recruiting place	111 miles
Second wet prairie, grass	131 miles
Divide of mountain, grass	153 miles
Brigade Trail	173 miles
100 miles from the intersection of Brigade Trail, with plenty of water and grass	
Through to Fort Thompson,	<u>100 miles</u>
Total distance to Fort Thompson	273 miles

A Side Wheel Skiff. — We had the pleasure of taking an experimental ride with **Alderman McCullough**, yesterday, in a skiff of his own construction, propelled by side-wheels, man power. She is 30 feet long, 5 feet 8 inches across the beam, 2 feet 7 inches across the bottom, staunch built, and made excellent time.

The Leviathan. — **Capt. Bulger**, of the snug little steamer Leviathan, took our citizens by surprise on Thursday afternoon, by steaming directly into shore, near Division street, instead of anchoring a half mile out in the harbor, as has heretofore been the custom. Crowds of people were assembled to welcome the little craft, and **Capt. Bulger** received general commendation for the spirit of accommodation manifested in the performance of the feat.

Another Pile Driver. — **Tams & Co.** have now completed and ready for use, lying in the Whatcom harbor, a first-class Pile Driver, with gins s50 feet high, a hammer weighing 2110 lbs., with a steam engine of eight horse power.

Complimentary Dinner to Capt. W. W. DeLacy.

A complimentary dinner was given to **Capt. W. W. DeLacy**, at the “Walton House,” on Monday evening last. The guests, some eighty, in all were seated at 8 o’clock, **Col. E. C. Fitzhugh** presiding and partook of a very sumptuous meal.

After the cloth had been removed, the regular toasts were drank and responded to in the following order:

1st. **Capt. W. W. DeLacy** and the Bellingham Bay Trail: The fame of the former shall be echoed over the Cascades to the Rocky Mountains, and from the Rocky Mountains to the farthest seas...

Responded to by **Capt. DeLacy**.

2d. The Aids of **Capt. DeLacy**.

Responded to by Mr. **C. C. Vail** and **W. H. Pullen**, briefly.

3d. The President of the United States.

Responded to by **P. H. Clayton**, Esq.

4th. The Governor and Officers of Washington Territory.

Responded to by **H. R. Crosby**, Esq.

5th. The Press: First in the order of civilizing and enlightening pioneer communities.

Responded to by **W. Bausman**.

6th. The Pioneers of Washington Territory.

Responded to in Chinook, by **Maj. M. T. Simmons**, Indian Agent.

7th. The Ladies: Always in our hearts, at home or abroad.

Responded to by **Henry Shipley**, Esq.

8th. American soil, first, last, and all the time.

Responded to by **A. M. Poe**, Esq.

Volunteer toasts were next in order, a large number of which were offered, amid general outbursts of enjoyment, and responded to in appropriate and eloquent language.

By a guest. “The first Pile Drivers.”

Responded to by Mr. **Washington Tams** and **A. J. Miller**

By a guest. “The first Brick House.”

Responded to by **E. C. Richards**.

Mr. **W. D. Bagley** gave – “The Volunteers of Washington Territory.”

Responded to by **Mr. Shaw**.

By a guest. “Sehome.”

Responded to by Mr. **A. M. Ebbetts**, who gave – “The twin cities of Bellingham Bay: With the aid of **Capt. DeLacy**, they have extended an invitation to the sons of **John Bull** to unite with them in an iron embrace, through the medium of a Northwestern Pacific Railroad.”

Responded to by **Capt. DeLacy**.

By a guest. “The Express Companies.”

Responded to by **Mr. Newsom**.

By a guest. "The Whatcom E Street Wharf Company."

Responded to by **P. F. O'Brien.**"

By a guest. "The Auctioneers of Whatcom."

Responded to by Mr. **Jerome Rice.**

By a guest. "The Boatment of Whatcom."

Responded to by **Mr. Haley.**

The assembled guests were further addressed by Messrs. **Jenkins, Ellis, McGowan, Spear** and others.

Messrs. **O'Brien** and **Stewart** entertained the company with several songs.

A complimentary resolution was unanimously passed to the host, Mr. **David H. Walton**, for the highly creditable manner in which the banquet was served.

Mr. O'Brien said, that inasmuch as we had been complimenting our friends, it was no more than proper that we should also remember our enemies. He therefore proposed that a large sized leather medal be prepared and presented to the President of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, for the very especial pains they had uniformly taken to oppose the best interests of Whatcom.

On motion, the Chair appointed Messrs. **Spear, Bausman** and **Stott** a committee to prepare the medal and forward it.

On motion, **Mr. Clayton** was added to the committee.

On motion of **Mr. Ellis**, sustained by some very flattering remarks from that gentleman and Mr. Clayton, a resolution was adopted complimentary to **W. R. Garrison** for the partiality he had manifested with his steamships in favor of American soil.

A committee of three was appointed by the Chair to draft and forward the complimentary resolution to **Mr. Garrison.**

At a late hour, with three hearty cheers for **Capt. DeLacy** and the Trail, the meeting adjourned.

On The Trail. — Thursday morning Messrs. **Shirley, Ensign** and **Woodbury**, accompanied by several assistants, started on the Trail with seven heavily packed animals for Thompson River.

September 4, 1858

Sumas River and Prairie.

We had heard many reports concerning the beauty of Sumas Prairie, since our advent to Washington Territory, and felt anxious to behold it. This laudable desire was gratified by Mr. **E. C. Richards**, who a few days ago, placed animals at the disposal of a party consisting of Messrs. **Jayne, Crosby, Love**, and the editors of this paper, for an excursion to the region indicated...

On The Trail. – Monday last, Mr. **A. Alexander** started a pack-train of ten animals on the Trail for Thompson River.

Messrs. Stott, McNamee & Co., dispatched a train of nine animals for the same destination on Thursday.

On Pasture. — **Mr. Crum** drove 49 head of his cattle six miles, to the prairie, Monday, which lies directly on the Whatcom Trail, where the pasture is excellent, and they will be convenient for the Whatcom market...

Our thanks are due to **Wells, Fargo & Co.**, and **J. J. Murphy**, for files of California and Atlantic papers.

The True Site for a Town. — The many real estate speculators who came from California to this country with the view of suddenly enriching themselves by laying off towns and dealing in town lots, have entirely overlooked the claims of the Sumas Valley...

An excellent wagon road could be made to the Sumas Prairie for ten or twelve thousand dollars... The lovely valley is yet in its primeval state. How long before its soil is broken by the white man's plough-share?

Capture of Indian Murderers. — On Saturday last, **Col. M. T. Simmons**, Indian Agent, **Col. Shaw**, **C. C. Vail** and **Mr. Bailey**, accompanied by **Lt. Forsyth**, with 20 United States soldiers, waited on the principal chief of the Lummi tribe of Indians, and made a formal demand for the delivery up of the Indians who have committed the numerous murders recently perpetrated in this vicinity.

On Monday the chief, accompanied by the party mentioned above and a hundred and twenty warriors, proceeded to Samish Island, and returned Thursday afternoon with seven captives. Their canoes drew up in front of **Col. Fitzhugh's** residence, and that gentleman was saluted by a general discharge of musketry. The supposed murderers were conducted to Fort Bellingham, and placed in close confinement.

In making the arrests, one of the Indians resisted, and in the attempt to use his knife, which was seized by another Indian, drew it through his hand, inflicting a severe wound.

There is believed to be no evidence to convict the captive Indians of the murder of **Dixon** and **Freeman**, whose bodies were discovered on Lummi Island; but they stand accused of the blood of Deputy U. S. Surveyor **Hunt**, and others, by what is said to be incontestable evidence.

The sudden exodus of the Indians from Whatcom and vicinity, was in obedience to an order from **Col. Simmons** to that effect. They have repaired to their several fishing grounds.

Advertising:

H. C. Page, Inspector of Customs at Bellingham Bay. Office, in Post Office Building, Whatcom

September 11, 1858

The Two Semiahmoos.

At the beginning of the present week the little steamer Liviathan, **Capt. Martin Bulger**, carried a party of gentlemen on a voyage of pleasure and reconnaissance over to the Semiahmoos. We were fortunate in being of the number.

...The sites of the two towns is peculiar, and a description of them, to be well understood, should be accompanied by a diagram, or map, which, at this time, we are not prepared to furnish.

...Titles to low or the "Spit" are derived, originally, from Mr. **Wm. King Lear**, who uses every liberal effort to advance the interests and future prosperity of the town.

A pile-driver was about being mounted by **Capt. Wm. Dennis** and Mr. **James Godfrey**, (the latter of whom has his family on the "Spit,") for the construction of a wharf, which is to extend out into the Bay ninety or a hundred feet.

The town boasts some eight or ten comfortable residences, besides several smaller out-buildings and tents, containing, in all, a population of 18 or 20 souls. **Mr. Mitchell**, a member of the California Legislature last year from Tulare county, keeps the only hotel in the place, and entertains his patrons well. **Judge Tuttle**, a member of the same body, from Tuolumne county, is also a tent-dwelling inhabitant of the town. The last glance we had of him, he was standing in front of his canvas domicile, amid a halo of steam, arising from a heated frying pan, which he had just removed from the fire, redolent with the compound odor of numerous palatable ingredients.

A provision and grocery store, kept by **Mr. Gilmore**, representing the Sacramento house of **Sneath, Arnold & Co.**,--the only one in the place--was about being closed out for the want of patronage.

Our esteemed friend **S. B. Boswell**, is the moving spirit of Semiahmoo on the mainland, which is just across the channel and mud-flat from the "Spit." He is an enterprising gentleman, who encountered severe adversities by fire and flood in California; but who, notwithstanding, is striving, by every honest effort, to amend his shattered fortunes in his new location; and treats his friends with a warm-hearted cordiality that is truly refreshing.

The original titles of conveyance to lots in this town, rest in **Jack Shaw**, who acquired his rights, we believe, under a soldier's land warrant. The site of the town is on a bluff bank, amid the thick forest, in a slight clearing. A street has been excavated and a wharf commenced, which is to extend across the mud-flat to the channel.

Mr. **George W. Gift** has for several weeks past been engaged in cutting a Trail through to Fort Langley—a distance, as is asserted, of 16 or 18 miles—which, it was expected, would be completed during the present week...

Semiahmoo on the mainland, is the burying ground of a tribe of Indians of which **Semiahmoo** was chief. The resting place of that (perhaps) illustrious warrior, is marked by an inclosure, the palings of which are faced and surmounted by rude carvings, which cannot be gazed upon without exciting a smile.

The American Joint Boundary Commission. -- During our visit to the two Semiahmoos, we had the pleasure of spending an agreeable evening at the headquarters of the American Joint Boundary Commission, and of sharing the hospitalities of Mr. **Commissioner Campbell**, and the officers generally of the expedition.

The site of these headquarters is on the beach, flanked by a running stream of fresh water, about two miles west of Semiahmoo on the mainland; nearly laid off, in military style, with parade grounds, surrounded by guard-houses, and long rows of frame buildings, occupied by the officers, soldiers, attaches, commissary's stores, &c., of the Commission. The soldiers which constitute the escort, some 75 in number, are under command of **Capt. Woodruff**, and present an appearance of health, cleanliness, and general efficiency, worthy to be commended.

The organization of the Commission proper, is as follows:

Archibald Campbell, Commissioner

S. T. Park, 1st Lt. Top. Engineers, and Chief Astronomer

C. Gardner, Assistant Astronomer

W. G. Warren, Secretary

J. N. King, Quartermaster

George Gibbs, Geologist

Messrs. Harris and Major, Computers

Dr. Kennedy, Surgeon and Naturalist

Messrs. Herbs and Costa, Surveyors

As yet, we believe, nothing definite has been concluded on—no western initial point established—by the joint action of the two Commissioners, who will not be able to accomplish much the present year, owing to the advanced state of the season...

Trail Meeting. — A meeting of citizens was held on Tuesday evening, to receive the report of the commissioners appointed to let out the contract for improving the Trail. **Mr. Coe**, a competent superintendent and workman, it was ascertained, had bid for and received the job, at \$36 per day; with the understanding that he was to work ten hands. Volunteer labor was to be paid for at the rate of \$1 to the hand per day.

The work was commenced by **Mr. Coe** on Monday morning. With fifteen hands, he had reached six miles, to the small prairie, by nightfall of the same day. At this time, the labor is more than half completed to the Sumas Prairie.

Mr. Gillet, Surveyor, and party, started out on Wednesday morning, with the view of getting ahead of the workmen, and shortening the distance from Lummi River to the Sumas. Afterwards it is his intention to traverse the route, by a short-cut, to Chilliwehok River, avoiding two of the most difficult mountains on the Trail, and reducing the distance some 40 miles.

Fired At. — A gentleman just returned from Fort Langley, informs us, that a few days ago, as Mr. **Samuel McCullough**, formerly of Sacramento, was ascending Frazer River with his side-wheel skiff, he was hailed from a British brig lying in those waters, and ordered to lie-to. Mr. **McCullough** paid no attention to the command. He was hailed a

second time, and kept on his course, when a shot was fired across his bows—of course to frighten him. This decided Mr. **McCullough** to submit to the process of being fleeced out of the amount necessary to secure a “sufferance.”

Body Picked up.—The body of **Alfred Babcock**, who was drowned Sunday morning, 22d of August last, was picked up, floating in the waters of the Bay, a mile abreast of Fort Bellingham, on Thursday. The verdict of a Coroner’s jury was, that the deceased came to his death by accidental drowning.

From Frazer River.

Mr. **Peter Brando** arrived here from Fort Hope on Thursday afternoon. He reports Frazer River to have fallen about four feet since Monday.

He learned from passengers on board the *Wilson G. Hunt*, that the steamer *Sea Bird*, which was launched last week, and had gone to Victoria and taken on board 2000 tons of freight, and 60 passengers for a return trip to Fort Langley, caught fire in the Gulf, and was burned to the water’s edge. She was run upon the rocks, and all on board thus saved.

...**Ned McGowan** had a difficulty a few days ago on a Bar between Forts Hope and Yale, with a former member of the San Francisco Vigilance Committee, in which he struck his antagonist over the head with a club, doing him great injury. **Gov. Douglass** was inquiring into the facts, and it was thought would have **McGowan** arrested.