

The Weekly British Colonist.

Tuesday, June 19, 1866.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

Friday, June 15.

Highway Robbery.—A genuine son of the Emerald Isle, named Houllind, yesterday in the Police Court charged three Indians with highway robbery. The complainant stated that on the 4th June he came from Uplands farm, where he has been working for the last four years, to receive his pay from the cashier of the Hudson Bay Co., and on his return, after purchasing sundry articles of clothing and provisions, met six Indians near the residence of Mr. Pearce. The Indians came out from the bush, two being armed with muskets and others with knives; they surrounded him and called upon him to potlach or they would take his life. The complainant preferring to keep the latter in preference to his ticks, surrendered his goods. He had seen the ringleader in town. The magistrate, after hearing the man's statement, remanded the case for one day.

PHENIX (FOCA STRAITS) COAL AND LUMBER COMPANY.—An extraordinary meeting of the shareholders of this company was held on Wednesday, to receive the Director's report. The report was considered very satisfactory. It showed that a considerable quantity of coal had been taken out of the mine, and in consequence of the increased demand for the coal it was deemed necessary to put down machinery, and expend other sums of money in opening up the mine. A steam engine is to be used for pumping, and secure moorings are to be laid for the safety and accommodation of ships loading there. It was mentioned in the report that the recent quick trip of the steamer California was attributed to the superior quality of the coal for which a lively demand was arising in San Francisco.

FROM PORTLAND.—The fine steamer Fidelity, under the command of Captain M. E. Erskine, arrived from Portland last night at 10 o'clock, with 18 passengers and 40 tons of freight, having left Portland on Tuesday evening. Among the passengers were Allan Francis, Esq., U.S. Consul, and some U.S. soldiers for the San Juan garrison. The Fidelity on her trip down was detained by bad weather, besides being very foul, but on her return she experienced fair weather and made good time. Her passenger list and manifest appear elsewhere. She appears likely to command a steady trade between the two ports, for which she is well adapted.

CROSS CHARGES.—Two residents at Esquimalt, named Geere and Rabson, preferred cross charges of assault against one another yesterday in the police court, Mr. Bishop appearing for Geere, and Mr. Courtney for Rabson. It appeared from the evidence that the parties met at the boat landing, and some altercation arose respecting an old debt, when Rabson accused Geere of telling a lie, and Geere resented by striking him. After hearing the different statements, the magistrate postponed the case until Monday, recommending the parties in the interim to live on more neighborly terms and to settle their differences amicably.

LOST OVERBOARD.—A young soldier named Kennedy, belonging to it is said to Brooklyn and a passenger on board the steamer Fidelity, was sitting on the bulwarks of the steamer as she was leaving Astoria, and fell overboard. A comrade named Fenton jumped after him and bravely tried to save him, and every effort was made by those on board to rescue the drowning man, but in vain. The poor fellow sank to rise no more, and Fenton was himself saved with some difficulty. It is said that he had been drinking rather freely on shore with some companions.

JACK ASHORE.—A number of sailors on leave from H.M.S. Sutlej amused themselves last evening by parading the streets with an improvised band and drum band, and carrying banners and signs. The jolly tars when the fliers were tired joined lustily in "John Brown's body" and other choruses, appearing to enjoy themselves immensely.

STAMP'S NEW BUILDING.—This fine block is nearly completed and ready for occupation. Messrs. Thomas Wilson & Co., dry goods dealers of Yates street, are now removing to one of the basement stores, and will open their display of well-selected goods on Monday.

ARRIVED AT SAN FRANCISCO.—Among the passengers by the steamer Golden Age, which arrived at San Francisco from Panama on the 2d instant, we notice the names of Mr. J. Grahamslaw and wife of this city.

THE U. S. STEAMER LINCOLN left the harbor yesterday at 6 p.m. for Puget Sound. She took on board a quantity of coal from the Phoenix Coal and Lumber Co.

ARRESTED.—The police on the arrival of the Fidelity last night stepped on board and took in charge an individual whose description had travelled before him.

A STEAM FIRE ENGINE was received at Portland by the last trip of the Montana.

Saturday, June 16.

THE PORTLAND ARREST.—The young man who was arrested on his arrival by the Fidelity from Portland remains in custody, but we understand has made good his defalcations and will probably be liberated on the arrival of an interested party, who is expected by the Eliza Anderson.

A CURIOUS FISH.—We had yesterday an opportunity of inspecting one of the most extraordinary members of the finny order which we have yet seen on this coast, so prolific in objects interesting to naturalists. This fish is 4 feet 3 inches in length, and of the almost uniform thickness of the arm. The skin is smooth and glistens with iridescent hues of silver and gold, the dark hazel back and raised medial line standing forth in striking contrast to the pale silver tint of the rest of the body. The ventral fins are silvery tipped with black, and placed behind the abdomen, and the anal fins are of a greenish silvery hue. The tail is black, deeply and equally lobed with a circle of golden-colored scales around the root, where it joins the body. The dorsal precaudal fin is black and adipose, and the head pointed a tenth of the length of the body and armed with a set of the most murderous looking teeth; what, however, gives this strange fish the most bizarre looking appearance is the dorsal fin, which extends along nearly half the length of the fish, of the height of six inches, having the slender spines joined with a membrane of the most cobweb delicacy. Dr. Brown, whom we have consulted, informs us that it belongs to Cuvier's order, described in the Regne Animal as Malacopterygii Abdominales. Notwithstanding its very unsalmon-like appearance its nearest Zoological ally is the family Salmonidae, but it forms a new genus and most probably a totally new sub-family of that extensive group. Mr. Robert Homfray, C.E., to whom science is indebted for this addition to its stores, observed the fish in the possession of an Italian fisherman, who caught it accidentally by his hook getting entangled in its belly whilst it was pursuing other fish, but when hauling it out of the water it was seized by the gills by another and considerably damaged. It is now on exhibition at Mr. Ben Griffin's, and will no doubt be described in Dr. Brown's Ichthyology of Vancouver Island, for which that gentleman has accumulated ample materials during his explorations on this coast.

THE LATEST FASHIONS BY EXPRESS.—Just received at VICTORIA HOUSE, a charming assortment of BONNETS and HATS, AS WORN THIS SPRING IN EUROPE; the latest novelties in TRIMMINGS and ORNAMENTS, CLUNG LACE, rich MOIRE ANTIQUE and other SILKS, and a large variety of NEW SUMMER GOODS, too numerous to particularise. The MILLINERY will be found worthy of special attention. \* 2w

FOURTH OF JULY.—The Committee of the Mechanics' Institute have chartered the commodious stern-wheel steamer Alexandra for the excursion on the 4th of July to the American garrison at San Juan. There is a probability of her continuing the cruise to Selt Spring Island and Cowichan Bay. Full particulars will appear in the programme, which will be published in the course of a few days.

THE CEDAR HILL ROAD CASE.—Hatch and Ford appeared again on remand yesterday in the Police Court. Mr. J. W. Williams gave Ford an excellent character, and the Magistrate discharged him and placed him in the witness box, but did not elicit anything to fix suspicion upon Hatch. Mr. R. H. Jackson was also examined. The accused was finally remanded.

OUTSIDE.—The ship Helois from Nanaimo was on tide yesterday and another vessel was off Race Rocks. A steamer, supposed to be the Sparrowhawk, was seen passing the English Camp at San Juan Island. The Sparrowhawk is bound to Fraser River.

CRICKET.—We understand a cricket match between the Victoria Club and the players of H. M. Fleet now stationed at Esquimalt, is proposed for Saturday next. The Victorian cricketers will practice on Beacon Hill this afternoon.

CAPTURE OF NEW WESTMINSTER.—Some wag sent a telegram yesterday announcing the capture of the metropolis of the sister colony by Fenians.

REMANDED.—The Indian charged with highway robbery was yesterday further remanded.

Monday, June 18.

A DANGEROUS DOG.—A man named Wright was recently bitten by a savage dog belonging to a neighbor of Mrs. Copperman's on Store street, and his leg was so badly lacerated that he was yesterday removed to the Royal Hospital for treatment. The animal that inflicted the injuries is addicted, we are told, to rushing at people and blame is attached to his owner in an ample were made in one or two cases it might be the most effectual means of checking the evil.

MISSIONARY SERMONS.—The Lord Bishop of Columbia yesterday preached two highly interesting sermons at Christ Church Cathedral in behalf of the Missions of the Church of England, in which he recounted the result of his Diocesan visit to Mr. Duncan's missionary settlement at Metlakahla. Collections were made after each service, one half of which will be devoted to the building of a church at Metlakahla.

THE WEATHER.—The fall of rain during this spring has been most unusual, although the frequent evening showers have so far done more good than harm, and the country is everywhere looking beautiful. The hay crop this year promises to be most abundant, and root crops, grain, and fruit are also promising well. The last day or two have brought about a change, and dry weather looks as if it had now set in.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE POLICE?—We are given to understand that three of the most efficient officers of the police force have sent in their resignation for the end of the month, and that others are likely to follow; it would be well for the Executive to enquire strictly into this, as it will not be so easy to supply efficient officers in their places. We fear "there is something rotten in the state of Denmark."

THE SIDE-WALKS AGAIN.—We would again call the attention of the City Fathers to the very dangerous condition of some of the side-walks in various parts of the City. At the corner of Douglas and Fort streets, and on the east side of Douglas street leading from Fort there are regular pitfalls that might easily cause people to break their legs at night.

STILL ON THE ALERT.—H. M. S. Alert received orders on Saturday evening to proceed outside and anchor in such a position as would enable her to signal with the Sutelej in Esquimalt harbor. Rumors were rife on Saturday night that some message had been received causing the authorities to be on their guard.

FOR PORTLAND.—The fine iron propeller Fidelity, M. C. Erskine, Commander, will leave for the above port on Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock. For freight or passage apply on board or to Mr. John P. Couch, Wharf street.

NEW SCHOONER.—A fine-looking schooner called the Minerva came over from the Sound yesterday under jurmasts, with her spars on deck ready for being rigged.

VOLUNTEER PARADE.—The Volunteers will be inspected this evening at 8 o'clock by His Excellency the Governor, and the members are expected to muster in full force at James Bay at half-past seven.

BEACHED.—The steamer Fidelity has been beached, scraped and painted and is expected now to "walk the waters like a thing of life." As was expected, her bottom was found to be covered with barnacles and grass.

THE SIERRA NEVADA leaves San Francisco to-day for this port.

COMMERCIAL.

VICTORIA MARKETS. SATURDAY, June 16. There has been a slight improvement in trade during the past week without, however, producing any material changes in prices.

The arrivals from foreign ports have been the schooner Crosby and steamer Fidelity, bringing flour, grain, sugar, bacon, hams, butter, and other produce, value not specified, and the bark Rival, from San Francisco, with a miscellaneous cargo valued at \$30,600.

The Fidelity will leave for Portland on Wednesday, and it is to be hoped will be the means of establishing a lively and steady trade between the two ports.

Jobbing rates as follows: FLOUR—Extra, \$8.50 @ \$9.50 per bbl; Superfine, \$7.75 @ \$8.00; Common, \$5.50 @ \$6.00. RYE FLOUR—\$15 do. OATMEAL—\$9 @ 9 1/2 per sack. CORNMEAL—7 1/4 @ 8 do do. BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—\$7.75 @ \$8.00 per bbl. RICE—6 @ 8 per mat. SUGAR—Raw, 7 1/2 @ 9 1/2 per keg; Refined do 13 1/2 @ 15 do per case. COFFEE—25 @ 28 per sack. TEA—37 @ 42 per chest. BUTTER—Fresh, 45c @ 50c per lb per case; Salt, 37 @ 40 do per lb. CHEESE—22 @ 25 per do per case. LARD—26 @ 30 do. BACON AND HAMS—22c @ 28c do in lots to suit.

PUGET SOUND SHIPPING. PORT ANGELOS, June 16. June 12—Bark Victor, Greenleaf, master, entered from Honolulu, 21 days out. No papers—no news. Proceeded to Port Gamble. June 13—Ship Elizabeth Kimball, Banker, master, from Australia, via San Francisco, June 2nd. Proceeded to Port Gamble.

IMPORTS. Per sloop MYSTERY, from Puget Sound—10 tons oats, Value \$200. Per sloop LETHIA, from Puget Sound—196 head hogs, Value \$500. Per sloop ELIZA ANDERSON, from Puget Sound—17 sbs bacon, 1 cs lard, 40 bbls flour, 20 head cattle, 3 calves, 74 head sheep, 1 coop chickens, 2 horses, and 100 bales wool in transit for San Francisco. Value, \$2,300.00.

Per schooner A. CROSBY, from Portland—14 kgs butter, 2 cs lard, 2 cs cheese, 40 cs oil, 2 cs glassware, 36 sbs coal, 22 trunks, 1733 mats rice, 25 cs tomatoes, 12 bbls beef, 10 cs cornmeal, 2 cs bacon, 1 cs hams, 100 bbs candles, 79 cs boots & shoes, 2 cs rubber boots, 23 cs yeast powder, 609 sbs barley, 14 sbs wheat, 64 sbs beans, 500 sbs bran, 434 sbs flour, 1 pkg children carriages, 1 bale wheels, 2 bbls wheelbarrows, 14 bks champagne, 6 bbls mats, 1 bbl ratons, 2 bbls paper, 2 cs orange, 2 bgs garlic, 6 bales salt, 7 do kigs yams, 6 bbs ground nuts, 6 do salt pork, 7 do bean cake, 25 cs cigars, 250 cs alcohol, 25 bbls whiskey, 25 bbls alcohol, 125 cs tobacco, 60 chests tea, 1 cs gloves, 60 sbs bacon, 100 bbs vermicelli, 14 lbs sugar—Value \$30,940.00.

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June 13th.—Sch A. Crosby, Perkins, Astoria. Bk Rival, Blair, San Francisco. Slip Lady Franklin, Thornton, San Juan. June 14th.—Star Enterprise, Swanson, New Westminster. June 15th.—Star Fidelity, Erskine, Astoria. June 16th.—Star Enterprise, Swanson, New Westminster.

CLEARED. June 11.—Star Otter, Lewis, New Westminster. Star Enterprise, Swanson, New Westminster. Sloop Lady Franklin, Thornton, San Juan. June 12.—Sloop Louisa, Cutler, Chemain. Sloop Mystery, Slater, Port Angeles. Sloop Letitia, Adams, Port Angeles. June 13th.—Sch Goldstream, Hewitt, N. W. Coast of V. I. Star Eliza Anderson, Finch, Port Angeles. Slip Thornton, Warren, Comox. June 14th.—Star Enterprise, Swanson, New Westminster.

Star Emily Harris, Frain, Nanaimo. June 15th.—Slip Northern Light, Delgardo, Port Angeles. Bark Rival, Blair. June 16th.—Sch Propeller, Huson, N.W coast of Vancouver Island.

MARRIED. At Chehalis Point, Chehalis County, W. T., June 2d, 1866, by Rev. H. O. Rhoads, Mr. Francis Talbot to Miss Leona Luark, all of Chehalis County. On the 27th ult., by Rev. D. Bogley, David H. Webster to Miss Sarah A. Robison, of King Co., W. T.

On the 5th instant, at the residence of O. H. White, by E. A. Light, Probate Judge, James Ross to Mrs. Mary A. Settle, all of Pierce Co., W. T. On the 12th inst., at New Westminster, at the residence of the bride's father, by the Rev. D. Duff, of St. Andrew's Church, Mr. John S. Clute, merchant, youngest son of John S. Clute, Esq., of H.M. Customs, Pictou, C.W., to Jennie, second daughter of William Clarkson, Esq., of New Westminster.

DIED. On the 7th instant, near Seattle, Fla., youngest daughter of Seymour and Ann Wetmore, of inf. inflammation of the lungs, aged 2 years and 6 months.

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The amalgamation of the COLONIST and DAILY CHRONICLER renders it necessary to state the causes leading to the change, as well as a statement of the sentiments of the combined establishment. For some time past the reader could not have failed to perceive that the existence of two papers as paying institutions, was becoming a matter of impossibility, we but write the truth when we say that since the telegraph reached this city both papers sunk a large amount of their owners; that their efficiency was therefore fast being impaired, and that the public thereby. In this condition it became necessary that a proposition for the purchase of the Colonist plant and good will should be made. The proposition was accepted, and the amalgamation was completed. The late firm of Harries & Co. sically, our status has undergone complete change; political opinions are unaltered. We are a conditional Union of the in the continuance of our policy, with such modifications as may be deemed proper; in Government and the remuneration of those services may be dispensed with; and in the present of one Governor of the United Colonies with salary and a smaller staff than the present. In discussing the topics of the day we shall be decided in tone with personal, and to deal with their merits without regard to individual with whom they relate. Our position shall be independent. We are servants of no man, party and our columns will be communications on all topics of the public welfare without the political views expressed. In dealing with His Excellency we shall endeavor to treat the respect that is due to the position he occupies; but always criticise his official freely. When we believe him to be in the right, we shall say when we believe him to be wrong, he shall be told so in unmistakable terms. Both of the Legislature shall receive consideration at our hands exist by constitutional right exerts a wholesome check