

By Electric Telegraph SPECIAL TO THE DAILY BRITISH COLONIST Oregon. PORTLAND, Oct. 23.—The steamer Oriflamme still aground at Moody Island. Six feet of water at her bows. Eastern line still down. Legal Tenders in San Francisco 70 1/2 @ 70 1/2.

Oh!—Who is He? The Chicago Tribune publishes the following extract from a letter to Hon. Schuyler Colfax, written by an "intelligent American citizen" doing business in Victoria, British America:

VICTORIA, July 12, 1867. Hon. Schuyler Colfax: DEAR SIR: * * * The purchase of Russia America by our Government is here looked upon as a highly important transaction—a valuable acquisition to our country. The new territory will witness a great rush from California and Oregon next year, some to prospect for gold and other materials; others to embark in fishing, and others to speculate in "corner lots" and whatever may turn up. There is no doubt as to the great extent and value of the fishery coast. It is confidently believed that the fisheries will prove as productive and immense as those of New Zealand and Nova Scotia. You may be prepared to hear that in the precious metals our new possessions will rival California and go ahead of Cariboo.

This British Colony is still going down—fast depopulating—Victoria being nearly "played out," having not more than 1,000 or 1,500 inhabitants. The people of the Colony, Englishmen and all, saving the officials, are hoping, praying, and working to be attached to the United States. A petition to her Majesty is now being circulated and signed by the loyal subjects of Great Britain for Annexation to the United States, as the only means of preventing the country from relapsing into its preventive condition. We feel satisfied that the acquisition of Russian America will prove of great importance to the United States; and we hope the period is not far distant when British Columbia and Vancouver Island—the missing link in the chain which should unite the American possessions on the Pacific Coast—will be supplied, and that the Stars and Stripes shall wave as the only emblem of sovereignty from the Gulf of California to the Frozen Ocean.

With great respect, I have the honor to be, your obedient servant, Henry VIII.

Out of all the thirty or forty kings who have sat upon the English throne, Henry VIII. is the only one who, in common parlance, ever "earned his living." We owe a great deal of the comfort of the present day to that man's labors. It was he, and such as he, who made the art of sitting in easy chairs such a safe and general accomplishment for us moderns; he was just the man for the emergency of his time; and it is doubtful if we could honestly name any of his successors who would have brought the country so successfully through such an ordeal: neither of the Jameses nor the Charleses would have done it—Cromwell might, but through much bloodshed and hypocrisy; and it would be difficult to fix upon any one of the Georges who would have made a great religious reformer. Let us be just. Henry was no saint, but he was a wise and powerful king—a king in something more than his crown and sceptre—endowed with all the qualities of dauntless courage and immovable determination necessary for his work; a thorough Englishman, devoted to his country, who in turn was proud of him, and supported him unanimously in those very acts for which he has been so relentlessly maligned; this is a most significant fact. Their support was not the support of slaves through fear, as it is often represented, for they had twice revolted against him, and wrung from him concessions; but it was the support of men conscious of the necessity of what was done, from reasons which perhaps we are unable to appreciate; and if ever a man ended his career by pursuing an honest conviction what he had begun from motives of policy, we may safely conclude that man was Henry VIII. The domestic difficulty of his seven wives may be objected; but there is a great deal to be said yet upon that subject, and a great deal will be said when future historians shall use the materials which have been lately thrown open to them. We should remember this in our estimate of a great man, that his greatness will extend to all his actions; he will be great in his virtues and great in his vices. If you magnify a body, you will magnify its deformities as well as its beauties; and we must never estimate the failings of a great man by our own limited capacities. This is not the popular view of Henry's character, but it is possible that at some future day the recorded verdict of bygone generations will be reversed, or at least modified. The voluminous State Papers of his reign, which have only recently been gathered together, have a tendency to effect this

change. There is no prejudice so dear as a historic prejudice; we love our favorite villains, and will not allow their characters to be taken from them, therefore it is probable that to the end of all time the theories that Henry VIII. was a rascal, Macchiavelli a rogue, and Cromwell a saint, will find devoted disciples amongst those who read history without thinking.

LADY GEORGINA RUSSELL AND Mr. ARCHIBALD PEEL.—On Thursday morning the marriage of Lady Georgina Adelaide Russell, eldest daughter of Earl Russell, K.G., to Mr. Archibald Peel, third son of General the Right Hon. J. Peel, M.P., and Lady Alice Peel, was solemnized at Petersham Church, near Richmond. The bride, accompanied by her father, who gave her away, was received on her arrival at the church by the following bridesmaids:—Lady Agatha Russell, Miss May Drummond, Miss Kate Warburton, and Miss Ada F. Villiers. The church was handsomely decorated, and the whole of the school children were there to receive the bride and bridegroom on their arrival. The Rev. Lord Wriothesley Russell, canon of Windsor and chaplain in ordinary to the Queen assisted by the Rev. P. Nott, performed the ceremony. In consequence of the adverse weather few persons except those forming the wedding party were in the church. After the ceremony the newly-married couple repaired to Pembroke Lodge, Richmond Park, accompanied by their friends, to partake of breakfast. There were present his Royal Highness the Duke of Chartres, the Earl and Countess of Leven and Melville, and Lady Julia Melville, the Countess of Dalkeith, the Countess Dowager of Westmoreland, the Countess of Newburgh, the Countess of Kerry and Hon. Charles Gore, the Countess of Jersey and Mr. Branding, Lord and Lady Dunfermline, Lord and Lady Wriothesley Russell, Lady Gilbert Kennedy, Lady Augusta Onslow, Lady Bonwater and Miss Bowater, Lady Anne Baird, Lady Elizabeth Romilly and Miss Romilly, Lord Cosmo Russell, General the Right Hon. J. Peel, M.P., and Lady Alice Peel, M. Sabonoff, Colonel Palmer, Colonel Peel, Colonel Wilmer, Captain Morand, Rev. P. Nott, Mr. Maurice Drummond, Rev. Mr. Villiers, Miss Villiers, Mr. O. Russell, Mr. George Russell, Mr. Algephon Russell and Miss Russell, Miss Lister, Mr. William Harcourt, Miss Peel, Mr. and Mrs. Warburton, Mr. Melville, Mrs. William Russell, Mrs. Arthur Peel, Mrs. Owen, the Rev. Mr. Hugh, Mr. George Elliott, Mr. Weigall, &c. Shortly after 2 o'clock the newly married couple left Pembroke Lodge for Woburn Abbey, the Duke of Bedford's seat in Bedfordshire. Lady Georgina's presents were very numerous, and among them was a very handsome testimonial of regard from the domestics of her father's household.—Express.

Last summer, while the people of Chicago were agitated by fear of the cholera, a gentleman of that city was having his hair dressed by an English barber, who remarked, as he was vigorously removing the dandruff from his customer's scalp: "They says, sir, that the cholera is in the hair?" The gentleman sprang up in great consternation, from fear of contagion in the brush. "Oh, sir," said the barber, "I doesn't mean sir, the 'air of the 'ead, but the hair of the atmosphere."

A LIFE HISTORY IN BRIEF.—Here is a story from Paris: Adele D—, aged 26, was found dead yesterday in her lodgings in the Rue Esquirol. Near her lay the lifeless body of her little boy, aged two years. Abandoned and plunged in profound misery she had recourse to suicide by charcoal. Near the child lay a paper, on which the following words were written: "Poor little friend, come with me out of this world; I will not leave you here to be unhappy as your mother has been."

A "lovely girl," in Wisconsin, recently recovered fourteen hundred dollars damages in a breach of promise suit against a perfidious lover. Her lawyer congratulated her on the amount, when she exclaimed, with a ferocious glance at the mangled defendant, and nervously clenching her fingers, "I'd give every penny of it just to have one good pull at his hair!"

The French law abolishing imprisonment for debt came into operation at one minute past 12, July 22, at night. There were 92 prisoners in the debtor's jail at Clichy, to whom the gates were thrown open. 63 at once availed themselves of their liberty, enlivening the streets with their songs and shouts of joy, and the remainder left between 7 and 8 o'clock next morning.

An Irishman who was reprieved the night before his execution, and who wished to get rid of his wife, wrote her as follows: "I was yesterday hanged, and died like a hero; do as I did, and bear it like a man."

"I SAY, boy, is there anything to shoot about here?" inquired a sportsman of a boy he met. "Well," replied the boy, "nothing just about here, but our schoolmaster is just over the hill there cutting birch rods; you might walk up and pop him over."

Some men are like cats. You may stroke the tail the right way for many years, and hear nothing but purring; but accidentally tread on the tail, and all memory of former kindness is obliterated.

Shipping Intelligence. PORT OF VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA. ENTERED. Oct 21—Stmr New World, Wisnor, Port Townsend. Oct 22—Stmr Enterprise, Swanson, New Westminster. Oct 24—Sip Flyaway, Johnson, San Juan. Oct 21—Stmr Enterprise, Swanson, New Westminster. Oct 22—Sip Flyaway, Johnson, San Juan. Oct 23—Sip Flyaway, Johnson, San Juan.

FASENGERS. Per stmr NEW WORLD, from Puget Sound—Dr. Hemmings, Mrs. Hemmings, and child, Capt. Smith, USA, Isaac Carson, F. A. Clark, Thos. White, John Smith, C. J. Watson, J. Sutherland, H. J. Quail, J. Bates, O. Alderick, A. York, W. Watson, J. M. Hayes, J. M. Hayes, Mrs. Crosby, Mrs. Spaulding, J. R. Kanuff, A. Zee, Louis Sullivan, F. M. Sargent, Mr. Parsons, A. L. Moran, John G. W. Wilkinson, Rev. Father Debut, and 16 Clotchmen. Per stmr ELIZA ANDERSON from Puget Sound—James Elliot, J. M. Sargent, Mr. Parsons, A. L. Moran, John G. W. Wilkinson, Rev. Father Debut, and 16 Clotchmen.

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BIRTH. At Lyton, October 29th, the wife of Amador Molena, of a daughter. In this City, on the 24th October, the wife of Wm. R. Gibbon, of a daughter.

DIED. In this City, on the 25th, at her residence, corner of Rae and Blanchard streets, Annie Immel, the beloved wife of W. K. Gibbon, of this City, in the twenty-sixth year of her age, deeply lamented by all who knew her.

At the Royal Victoria Hospital, on the 23rd inst., Capt. M. G. Walker, aged 60 years, a native of St. Johns, New Brunswick.

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The Question of Judicial Whatsoever as to the propriety of Needham sitting as a Judge in British Columbia, or of the Hon. Mr. Wallace, who is a company in which the Hon. Chief Justice's personal contingency, has interest, and would thereby the relation of a creditor-bankrupt, it has little or nothing to do with the question whether of British Columbia has jurisdiction over the Island is a question of law, and Chief Justice, as a Judge, is a matter that interests the public interest. Perhaps, under the circumstances, a review of the position of the Island and the Court, and since the procedure may not be amiss, may tend, in some degree, to clear the public mind with regard to the matter. It is a matter of public interest, and it is a matter of public interest, and it is a matter of public interest.

Like the Colonies, were Judges in either Colony exclusive jurisdiction. Mr. Justice of the Supreme Court of British Columbia; Mr. Needham, Justice of the Supreme Court of Vancouver Island. The gentleman stated the highest judicial in their respective Colonies appeal was to England. Seymour that all the Civil Vancouver Island were "by the Act of Union, included in the dictum of Henry, and the public was understood that the matter referred to the Home Government adjustment. Nearly a month has elapsed since the was referred, and an unadvisedly has been observed Executive with regard to power and jurisdiction of the Courts. The ministerial fraternity has been as to "which King" the allegiance; the public has been decided before which Court they should look to "state of glorious uncertainty which, but for the raising of a dam, on Friday, it might have emerged. The decision of Justice on this point seems desirable. His Lordship's effect that when the legal matter was challenged he referred to the Colonial Office, the answer promptly returned that his Court was in no way affected by the Act of Union; that the Act creating the Court in existence; and that her Government had not intended respect, to interfere with the Court, then, we have the opinion of officers of the Crown to understand the extinction of the Colony of Vancouver Island, the Supreme Court of British Columbia, but that of the Colony of British Columbia, Mr. Needham is Judge of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, as before the Act of Union. Were otherwise—were he directed to sit on Vancouver Island on a commission which he now