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objects? That there is now, as there was Primary Education Compulsory. before, when this subject was agitated, some The discussions at the recent Social back-stair influence at work, nobody doubtsfor a wise Government would not needlessly Science Congress, in Great Britain, unsettle the minds of the people upon a subhave tended to increase the impresject that was considered settled, without havsion that the indifference or inability ing some object in view. The two terms of of parents as to education can only 'Non-conformists" and the "Conscience be met by legislation, which shall em- Cause," in the Education Committee's repower local authorities to compel the peris, sufficiently indicate that the spirit of attendance of children at free schools, proselytism is at work in the schools. "It is Compulsion is associated with ideas of hard to kick against the pricks." It is a surrender of civil and religious difficult to understand now non-contorning to the worship of the State Church by law liberty in an Englishman's mind; but e-tablished, when founded on principles conare we not daily compelled to pay scienticus and sincere, can with any protaxes to support officials against our result of the labors of the Solons of the will? and when we ask for a portion Council, at the Capital, may be, remains to to be appropriated for the continuance be seen. What the reflections of our of gratuitous education in Vanconver gracious Queen may be, 'if she learns that Island, are we not compelled to take while the salaries of the various officials no for an answer? The sentiments were duly voted no provision was made to in favor of adopting the measures for a flourishing condition at the time of the compulsory education were very Union of the two Uclonies, can be inferred favorably received at the great meet- from the great interest Her Majesty takes in ing at Manchester, and similar articles the ragged schools of London, and in all into that which we reprinted from the stitutions, having for their object the better-Spectator in the COLONIST a week or ing of the conditions of the poor. Her retwo ago, are being scattered by the presentative in British Colambia does not British press for general information. carry out her principles of social reform or It may not be generally known that political economy. Both he and his It may not be generally known that "no child under a certain age can now treason against the people of this Island by their be employed in a factory for wages act of damming up the stream of knowledge. without receiving education for at There are some individuals whose names apleast half his time." It has been be- pear upon the role of the select committee on fore remarked that parents were com- education, in whom little confidence can be pelled to provide shelter, food and placed when any just and liberal measure clothing for their offspring out of is proposed for the benefit or by the desire their own earnings. It is now further of the community of Victoria. One memasked, is it right any longer that these weakness has made himself notoriously ofpeople should not be bound also to fensive; he pledged himself to retrenchment attend to the moral and educational before he was elected for New Westminster. wants of their children when they How did he redeem the pledge? As hirelings are not asked to contribute towards will. The officials must have the liou's share those wants, but are offered education of the revenue, come by it how they might ; freely ? This principle of compulsion and he, like an obsequious crying jackall, is apparent, for if we neglect our duty was eager to provide it for them. If he-a to ourselves and our duty to our true type of one of the 'half educated polifellow-citizen, we bring ourselves ticians,' 'hangers on of government'-as set fellow-citizen, we bring ourselves under the strong arm of the law. The Manchester scheme is to lown local Manchester scheme is to levy local prehend the proposition 'that the increase rates for schools, so that the children of every nation ' depends directly upon the can walk in on Monday morning with standard cf comfort prevailing among the out the coppers in their hands and poorer classes of the population, and that without the feeling of shame for want education adds materially to that comfort, libelled by Capt. Frain to recover. \$72 as sale

of objection to compulsory education by the Education Committee was, that "Government could not interfere for" in the result of their labours upon this most as a means to an end. Thursday fear of exciting popular jealousy and LOCAL INTELLIGENCE

ling blocks, the rocks of offence, and continue the secular teaching that was successfully Willis Bond, the colored orator, bad called a adopted in Vancouver Island schools? Who meeting to consider the propriety of Governmental aid being extended to the Mechanics' Institute. About 100 persons attended. The orator made his appearance at eight o'clock, and requested that somebody would take the chair. There was no response ; so he said he "guessed" he'd "git along" without a chairman. The orator then commenced to "discurs" the question, and had warmed up considerably when there arose from the stove a smell as of somethicg burning. Presently one man sneezed-then another coughed loudly. Several others sneezed and coughed in rapid succession, and the orator all save Bond, who must have the lungs of a rhinoceros to withstand such instation. Bond stood his ground. Pepper could'nt crackers, but the snapping only created a panic on the stairs. They didn't stir Bond. Finally, three quarters of an hour having elapsed, about fifty persons managed to brave the fumes of the burning condiment and returned to the room. Bond recom. menced his address, by asking the assemblage if they didn't think that when the Gov'nor come to hear of this proceedings that he would think-that he would thinkthat he would think-thar was " something rotten in Denmark ?" Screams of laughter. There's something rotten in this room !" and a volley of fire-crackers responded. Bond then pitched into the Mechanics Institute for not allowing colored men to to have Gov'ment support because they was o exclusive. He then said he was going to show 'em a Yankee trick by " leavin' 'em thar and then," and started for the door, but he was brought back by a part of the audience, and compelled to begin again. He then "went after" the Institute, charging he menbers with kicking up this row ; and was proceeding to " define his position" in eloquent and forcible terms, when some fiend in human shape, not having the fear of Bond before his eyes, threw a bunch of crackers with a paper of cayenne pepper attached into the middle of the room, the smoke of which again asphyxiated the audience ard cleared the room-Bond leaving among the "fust." Grand tableau. LIBELLED .- The schooner Kate has been

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able to overcome that difficulty, would it not | be wise in our rulers to cast aside the stumb-

of them. In 1861, one of the grounds the public might have some faith and hope vage for rescuing the vessel from a " tight

Thursday, March 28th. The Theatre.

PEPPERING AN AUDIENCE-There was a | At last the bell rang, and a novel Chinese great time at Smith's hall last evening. scene was presented. A whole troupe of celestials, male and female, appeared in native costume, and were much excited on perceiving the Nassau baloon descending in a rather lopsided manner, in the car of which sat, or rather hung, Signor Calingami, who, on being safely landed, causes a panic among the pigtails. We cannot follow this novel interlude all through, suffice it to say that the comical dances, the combats, the decapitations, &c., were highly amusing. And when Caling ami, rushing away from his pursuers, turned a neat somersault into the bath-room, where the Princess Kimka (Jenny Arnot) and her attendants were performing their diurnal ablutions, and drove them out en deshabille, the paused. More coughing and sneezing. On being finally caught the stranger was made audience were fairly convulsed with laughter. "Pepper on the stove !" cried one of the to marry the Princess, but had to be placed in audience, There was a stampede for the a barrel to be shorn; on emerging from the stairs, and the room was soon emptied of tub he had dexterously removed his disguise, and joined with the rest of his Mongolian companions in the grand 'pyramid dance ' which The people filled the passage way and was so loudly encored on a previous occasion. stairs, shouting, groaning, coughing, sneez- Messrs. Rushton, Clarke, Keast, Marsh, &c., ing, pushing, yelling and laughing. But ably assisted in making the pantomine a such cess. The only hitch occurred in the orches-"phaze" him, so they tried a pack of fire; tra for want of proper rehearsal of the music. After another tiresome interval the band played the overture to the burlesque of Fra Diavilo, or the Beauty and the Brigands, specially arranged by Mr. Rhind, which was well executed and very well received. Our readers are too familiar with the plot

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of the original, from which this burlesque is taken; to render an outline of the story necessary; we shall therefore allude only to the performers. First on the list comes Lord Allcash (Mr Clarke) who, from constant practice, is becoming a clever actor; possessing the rare faculty of adapting himself to almost any line of business. The landlord of the "Jolly Brigands" happily fell to the lot of Mr. Griffin, and better landlord never wore sock or buskin: His personation of this little "jine," and contended that they hadn't ought part was the happiest of his efforts. Lorenzo, the Inn-spectre of Police, who is in love with the landlord's daughter, and haunts the tavern was represented by Mr Callingham, through whose acting a rich vein of humour always flows. Mr. Callingham both acted and sang on this night in first rate style. Beppo, the heavy ruffian, was apportioned to Mr. Rushton, we presume on account of his melo-dramatic. voice; the selection was a wise one, as we do not think any member of the company could have done more justice to the character than he did. Mr Rushton thoroughly understands stage business, and never loses a point, which local scenery than anything yet presented to is a great thing in burlesque where the dia- the public. Among the rest is a beautiful logue abounds in puns and plays upon words. view of the picturesque gorge in Victoria Mr. Keast, who has all the qualifications for be. Arm, which everybody will recognize at a coming an excellent actor, and is rapidly im- glance. Mr Petberick, who was engaged as proving, ably acted up to the first ruffian, as a working man by the Queen Charlotte Coal Giacomo, the "promising young bandit." Mr. Company, employed his leisure time while Farwell, disguised as the tall bearded carbinier, up north in taking these views. They repair appeared to be much more at home than in the resent both the of mines and other Island scene first piece. He and his ragamuffin comrades ery. We believe a few of the photographe. created much fun. We now come to the gem can be obtained from the artist. of the evening, Fra Diavolo himself. Instead

FROM COWICHAN DISTRICT .--- Affairs at this settlement appear to be flourishing. Reece's (Episcopal) Church has just been com pleted, and the rector and family are domiciled n a very substantial house. Great expectations are indulged in as to the favorable effect on age icultural districts, of the new tariff but in the absence a grist mill, it is difficult to see how the of farmers can compete with grain from the American side. The Indians are said to be in state of destitution. It would appear that during the salmon season the able-bodied men and women came to Victoria to make complaint concerning the Indian Reserve, and that during their stay here the weather came on rough and they were detained in town longer than they expected; the weirs at the mouth of Cowichan river were in the meantime broken down, and several days of the best run of the Salmon were lost, and the supplies are short in consequence. The gold prospecting party, lass fall, ascended Cowichan river as far as the lake, a distance of thirty miles-and discove ered a silver vein, which assays very fairly. Gold quarts and pay dirt on the river were discovered. A party is at the settlement, preparing to ascend the stream and fully testithe vein. Game of all kinds abounded in the vicinity of the lake. Black grouse were also reported. Another party, while prospecting tor coal, ascended the Kok-a-salis river, near the watershed of which a large valley of several thonsand acres of agricultural land was found. Several coal seams were discovered by this party. There is now no snow in Cowichan Valley. The cold during the winter ranged from 10 to 18 degrees below freezing. The cattle have run at large all winter and thrived. The Catholic priest at Cowichan is erecting a grist-mill for the Indians. At the Convent there are several young Indian girls who are being educated and instructed in household duties. It was reported that the American Indians are in the habit of bringing over cance loads of whisky, and what between the effects of this vile traffic and other causes, that starvation stares most of the natives in the face. VIEWS FROM NATURE,-We have been

presented with three photographs by Maypard, from crayon drawings, by Mr George Petherick, representing scenes in Queen Charlotte Island, which for elaborateness of detail and exquisitness of finish, we have not seen equalled. The originals from which the photographs are taken can be seen in the window of Fawcett's furnishing store, and we think all who see them will agree with us that they convey a more faithfal idea of our

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istrust. Now, what we want for British Columbia is a fund-a share of the taxes-to be administered by

Education, which sat the last two sessions of Parliament, have taken evidence of the highest value, as far as Great Britain s concerned; varied great questions of

policy have arisen, and many of the witnesses uggest material and fundamental alterations in the whole system of national education, and in the constitution of the department of

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the Government at present charged with its powerful influence upon the ice in the river, administration. One of the recommenda- and will tend to open navigation. As soon tions of the committee is the appointment of as the season is open, a large quant ty of a Minister of Public Instruction with a seat goods will be rushed forward, supplies in the in the Cabinet. Another is, "that power upper country of many articles being exshould be given to levy a rate for the promo- bausted. The "double duties expediency tion of education in certain cases." Again, act " will die on the 30th (Saturday), a fact they recommend " that to meet the difficulty that will also impart a favorable tone to the caused by the small area and population of spring trade, which threatened at one time to many parishes, small schools should be com- be entirely destroyed under the operation of bined under a good circulating master, or that iniquitous measure.

locality would render most convenient." But night last, arrived at 4 p. m. yesterday afterthe great difficulty that the Education Com- noon; she brings a number of passengers mission had to contend with in 1861 was and a full cargo of Oregon produce. The " that between the Government and the run up was pleasant and the time made managers religious differences must arise." quick. We are indebted to the officers of the Again, in 1865 and 1866 the committee met boat and to Capt. Wm. Kohl for important sup osing her to be Miss Boosey, were full Church party. They say "that the difficulty caused by religious differences should be met by the compulsory adoption of the ' Conscience Clause' in every trust deed, and

the Education Minister being empowered to suspend the annual grant to any school on prool of exclusion or undue restraint of nonconformists on religious grounds;" and further, " that the impediments to Education Wales, arising from the state of religious

pipion in that country, should be met by the aduption, in a liberal spirit, by a system that would not be open to conscientious ob-

jectors." In Ireland, we read of the war raging between the advocates of denominational or mixed religions instruction in the Common Schools. Thus we see that religion,

stacles, not true religion; and if we find that ney, will be taken back to Whidby Island, the wisdom of the British Parliament is un- in consequence of the high tariff.

Tuesday, March 26th.

THE PHENIX COMPANY'S COAL MINE .-- We persons elected by the popular will are glad to learn that the mining engineer and removable at the popular pleasure bas returned from an inspection of the Phce--no Government interference is re. nix Coal Co.'s mine, at Clallam bay, and quired. The Select Committee on reports most favorably as to its appearance. He thinks that one of the largest and best

seams of coal on the coast will be discovered there, and advises a vigorous prosecution of tunnelling. An amount of money sufficient to open the seam, will be advanced upon the security of the mine by the company that is represented by this gentl man.

THE FINE RAIN of yesterday will exert a

small parishes combined, with a good cen- ARRIVAL FROM PORTLAND. - The steamer tral school, as the circumstances of the Fideliter, from Portland, Oregon, on Saturday

> AGROUND. - The schooner Growler left this city yesterday morning for Puget Sound. The Captain of the Ranger reported her aground, when he came up in the afternoon, at Swan Island bar. She was, however, far out of the channel. She was loaded with fity tons of flour, small lots of butter, and

general merchandise, and two or three waggons .- Oregonian, 23d. AN EFFECT OF A HIGH DUTY ON FLOUR.

The Indians of this vicinity decline to buy four bere on which the duty has been paid; but go to Port Townsend, where they can purchase the commodity for \$1'50 per bbl appeared to such advantage as in Mrs Wicks. less, and smnggle it in.

or rather we would say sectariation, is the GOING BACK .- We hear that the cargo difficulty; creeds and catechisms the ob- produce brought over on the General Har-

at which the curtain fell on Tuesday night, we coald not pretend to accord the full little coat, vest, trowsers and stove pipe. We

Amateurs which the intrinsic merits and terms of Miss Jenny Arnot's performances, but published in the New York evening papers at our hands ; we therefore purpose devoting a little more space to-day to a critical notice of the entertainment.

At a few minutes past eight o'clock, the building being filled as full as it could conveniently hold and all those seated for whom sitting room could be found, the orchestra, consisting of eleven performers, with Mr Rhind at the piano, played a lively set of to view our old friend Mr L. Franklin as Mons. Octave Alfred Leclef, the very incarnation of a Gallic Apollo, in Craven's farce of "Done Brown." In his make-up, ictonation and gesticulation Mr Franklin was inimitable, while his comical admixture of English and French was as natural as it was ludicrous. His interview and quarrel with Fitzslang (Mr Godfrey Brown), a supposed husband, were very funny.

rival in the affections of a Miss Boosey, convulsed the house with laughter. Mr Brown is always good, and his acting on this occasion was worthy of his previous recutation The sudden flame kindled in his bosom for the landlady, Mrs Winks, on hearing that the was possessed of £2000, and his defiance of life and humor. O'Filliloo, an Irish brick-

layer and (b)odd fellow, found an excellent representative in Mr R. G. Marsh, who not only 'came' the brogue very creditably but threw considerable drollery into his conception of the character. Mr Boosey, the retired spirit merchant, with two weaknessesrescibility and strong grog-was personated by Mr B. P. Griffin, to whom we must pay of the club, we understand, will take place the equivocal compliment of saying that he within a month. evinced both weaknesses in the most natural

manner. Alfred Bingham (Mr.Farwell), the real lover of Miss Boosey, was what the bill set forth, " amiable, well-dressed and goodlooking." Mrs Marsh, in our opinion, never She not only acted with spirit but looked

quire jovenile.

A tedious interval occurred before the Pantomine was presented, which was occasioned, we learn, by the intricacy of the machinery and stage properties necessary for the piece. Tuesday.

her justice. Her acting throughout was marked with charming ease and graceful composure, and when she doffed the garb of the elegant young swell, and donned the still more becoming one of the bandit captain, she completely carried away the hearts of the audience -we can vouch for the male portion at least. While speaking in such high terms of one young lady, we must not do violence to the quadrilles and the curtain went up unfolding just claims of another (Miss Annie Pixley) who, as Zerlina, the village beauty, acquitted herself in the most fascinaing manner. The bed-room scene which might be made offensively broad, was represented by her in a manner so simple, chaste, and natural as to meet with loud applause. Her sister, Minnie, as Lady Allcash, displayed talent rare in a child of her age. Her ebullitions of temper and shrewish conduct towards her poor henpecked

> The supenumeraries men and girls, all did good service, and under the experienced many agement of Mr. Marsh, contributed much to the success of one of the best evenings we have spent with the Amateur Dramatic Club The only fault we have to find is with the length. of the performance, four hours and a half being too long to keep people cramped in marrrow and confined seats, to say nothing of the feelings of those who had to stand it out. A word to the wise is sufficient. A reduction might also be made in the orchestra, without mpairing its efficiency, as considerable practice s necessary to keep so many performers well together, and although some pieces were played with good effect, on Tuesday night. others proved a failure. The next performance

THE schooner Nor-wester returned yester day morning from Port Townsend, W.T., whither she had conveyed a cargo of Nam aimo ccal for the use of the revenue cutter Liccoln. She reports three vessels lying there bound up the Sound for cargoes of lum. ber.

THE STEAMER CALIFORNIA, according to authentic information received yesterday by telegraph, will leave San Francisco to-day. at noon, for this port. She brings a large freight, and will be due here on Monday or

the notice of the Volunteer Benefit at Majesty, as the name would imply, the audis at noon yesterday, reached us at 5 o'clock of a villainous looking disciple of His Satanie the theatre, which we gave yesterday, rendered ence were astonished by the sudden appear- last evening. The difference in time beance of a sweet looking, curly-headed youth tween the two places is 8 hours 10 minutes. "dressed to kill," in the most unexceptionable When the time was 10 minutes to 4 o'clock measure of justice to the exertions of the Lave always had occasion to speak in glowing flashing through the Atlantic cable. It was at 3 o'clock yesterday alternoon, which is high noon at San Francisco, it was then transmitted to the San Francisco evening apers and published by them at 4 o'clock, and was immediately sent through to Victoria. Had there been an evening paper here the despatch would have appeared last evening.

STARTLING RUMOUR .--- A report was around last evening that telegraphic intelligence had been received by Government from San Francisco relative to Fenian movements, and that an intimation had been received to the effect that an expedition was forming for the purpose of annoying Her Majesty's subjects in this quarter. We hope that there is no truth in this report ; but true or false, two much vigilance cannot be observed by the authorities.

THE CHAMPION RATTING BELT .- Mr J. T. Howard's ' Vic,' entered the ring last evening to contest the Champions belt with Lilly.' As she weighed two pounds heavier, Vic' had to kill two rats more within the ime allowed her, but she failed to dispose of number 12 in less than 2m. 48s., thus eaving 'Lilly,' who killed 10 rats in 1m. 48s., in undisputed possession of the silver collar, as the Champion ratter of Victoria.

SODA CREEK FLOURING MILL .- A private etter from Soda Creek, dated twelve days ago, states that steam had been raised, and that the machinery worked to a charm. The whole concern was expected to be in running order on the day following the one on which the letter was written. This mill will prove a great boon to the farmers in the Alexandria District.

LIQUOR LICENCE DEFAULTERS-Wm Miller is charged with neglecting to pay his licence for the past three quarters, and has been allowed three days in which to settle. Numerous summonses to other defaulters in the same line have been issued.

THE FLOUR THIEF-W. G. Ryan, who is accused by O. Gerritsen of robbing him of three quarters of a sack of flour, has been remanded for one week to enable the police to make inquiries concerning his character.