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to be hoped for the sake of humanity that the choice of a King will be hurried forward to a conclusion; and that the choice may be one who will take the reins of government from the incapable hands that now hold them. We are inclined to believe with the *Saturday Review* that the choice will fall on the Duke of Aosta, who is the heir under the treaty that finally gave the Spanish throne to the Bourbons; by which it was arranged that failing the Bourbons, Spain should return to the House of Savoy. The Duke is 34 years old, has a son just born, and inherits some share both of the ability and the passionate will of the successful House of Savoy. His accession would be hailed with pleasure throughout Europe, and he would soon make himself a second "Re Galantuomo."

genius and traditions, he is perfectly acquainted. The Liberals of Spain would find in him a barrier against the encroachments of the Church, and the peasantry a ban accustomed to the ways and prejudices of a Southern people." His inexperience may be against him, but his youth will give him aptitude for instruction, and his tendencies, from his knowledge of passing events in Italy, must be toward a liberal form of government. As will be seen from the above, we ignore altogether the efforts of that section of the revolutionists who espouse the cause of republicanism, because we believe it to be impossible in Spain as a permanent form of government; the fact that so many representatives are sent to the Constituent Assembly is no criterion, it simply results from the exuberance of the people in contemplating their new found liberty. The feelings, traditions and religion of the Spaniards are all opposed to Republicanism, and although the influence of the Bourbons is, for a time, neutralized, it is not dead; and so soon as the intoxication attendant upon the sudden relaxation of their bonds, becomes weakened in its influence on the people, so soon will these able students of human nature resume in a great measure their old way; hence the happiest solution of the existing problem would be that of the selection of the Duke of Aosta for King. If the present chaos takes the form as above suggested, a few more years may see Spain once again in the important position she formerly held in European politics; and a country rich in every resource calculated to make a people wealthy and happy utilized for the general benefit of the human race. For centuries the power and wealth of Spain have been wielded only for evil. We sincerely trust that with the dethronement of Isabella II, the Spanish people have cast from them their sloth and apathy and that she so long held them in bondage and that appeared, like the rust, to have eaten into their very souls.

Thursday, March 11.
The establishment at the Mechanics' Literary Institute realized all that we anticipated, and afforded the most agreeable evening's amusement to the large audience that thoroughly filled the hall. Mr. Hankin's rendering of "Marmion" was clear and well enunciated, throwing out in vivid colors all the beauty of the poem; he was loudly applauded. The Rev. Mr. Russ followed with a Lecture on "Our Country," which was listened to with much attention. The Rev. gentleman foretold a great future for this Colony. The Leigh Brothers executed a duet on the flute very sweetly, and were loudly cheered. Mr. Palmer performing the accompaniment with great neatness. Mr. Hankin says a racy reading from Dickens, that created much laughter. Mr. Hankin is certainly very clever in adapting his voice and manner to the humor of the moment; the reading was received with considerable applause. The Orchestral Band here, pleasantly varied the entertainment with the overture from "Messalio." Mr. Hankin again delighted the audience with a reading from Artemus Ward, conveying all the piquant humor of the lamented author, and causing great merriment. The auditory were caught up by the band with "God Save the Queen."

A SUB-LIEUTENANT left H. M. S. *Satellite*, a few days ago, taking with him a signalman. It was supposed at first that both had been drowned by the upsetting of a boat. But letters from the lieutenant placed since his departure from E. Quimait, place it beyond doubt that he and his comrade have crossed to the American side for the purpose of quitting the service. The young man is supposed to have adopted this course in consequence of an unconquerable aversion to the sea.

ARRIVAL OF THE BARK "CECROPS."—The North German bark *Cecrops*, Capt. George Weidling, consigned to Janion, Rhodes & Co., of this city, 145 days from Liverpool, anchored in the outer harbor at an early hour yesterday morning. The *Cecrops* sailed from Liverpool Docks on the 16th October, and passed Holyhead light on the 21st of the same month. From Holyhead to the 22° N. latitude in the Pacific, the bark was only 100 days; here she encountered a succession of squalls and gales accompanied by cross seas, losing jibboom, foretopgallantmast, and maintopgallantmast. From the 22°, to the Straits experienced northerly winds; entered the Straits nine days ago, but encountering a heavy gale off Neah Bay, ran outside again for safety. The *Cecrops* brings between 500 and 600 tons of freight, all well and cargo believed to be in excellent order. She will be towed alongside Janion, Rhodes & Co.'s wharf to-day, and will commence discharging immediately. The ship's manifest and consignees will appear to-morrow, she not having been entered at the Custom House yesterday.

FROM NANAIMO.—The *Sir James Douglas*, Capt. Clarke, arrived at 6 o'clock last evening from Nanaimo, bringing as passengers Revs. White and Aitkin, and Messrs. Bate, Austin and Meyer. The *Kanaka*, *Kakua*, was hanged at Nanaimo—the scene of his fearful crimes—at 7 o'clock yesterday morning. He ascended the scaffold unflinchingly, made no remarks, and struggled but slightly after the drop fell. His neck was evidently broken. The *Shooting Star* is loading with coal for San Francisco. The vessels *Kings-off* and *Washington* are on the way up from San Francisco to take in cargoes of coal.

J. A. McCrea, Esq. (formerly Chief Engineer of our Fire Department) was the recipient last evening of a flattering address from the Union Hook and Ladder Company, of which organization he has been an active member for nearly ten years—the company having been instituted partly through Mr. McCrea's exertions in 1859. The company, in uniform, proceeded with torches and music to Mr. McCrea's residence in Rae street, where the address was presented, and a cordial interchange of sentiment took place. Mr. McCrea leaves on the *Stephens* for California.

POLICE COURT.—A "broth of a boy" named Thomas Hearn, was brought before the Police Magistrate yesterday upon a charge of assaulting Mr. J. J. Jacobs, proprietor of the St. George Hotel. From the evidence it seemed that Thomas was employed at the hotel in the capacity of waiter; that he staid out overnight, came back tight and showed fight. His employer defended himself against the attack, and handed his recalcitrant employee over to the Police. Mr. Pemberton fined him \$25, with the alternative of two months' imprisonment.

The man Thomas Rowlands, who killed his partner, William Craig, on Whidby Island, a short time ago, was sentenced at Port Townsend to be hanged on the 7th of May next. The two men were runaway marines from the English service.

The pilot boat *Levy*, of Port Townsend, while out on a cruise a few days ago, killed 70 fur-seals that were lying asleep on the water off Cape Flattery. They yielded several barrels of oil besides the skins, which are valuable.

As the *Sir James Douglas* was leaving Nanaimo yesterday morning, smoke was observed in the distance as if from a steamer approaching from the North. The *Douglas*'s people thought that it proceeded from the *Stephens* coming down from Sitka.

QUEEN CHARLOTTE COAL MINE.—Councillor Gibbs has been awarded the contract for the construction of a wharf and tramway at the Queen Charlotte Coal Mining Company's Mine, at Skidgate Bay.

The steamship *Constantine* sailed from San Francisco for Victoria and Sitka at noon on Tuesday. She is a fine vessel, and is expected to arrive here on Friday.

Four large ships were seen off Race Rocks yesterday afternoon—two evidently bound for Nanaimo.

The steamship *Active* got off at 6 1/2 o'clock yesterday morning. She carried away some 45 passengers.

The *Sobad* steamers sailed at noon yesterday. Both carried considerable freight and a goodly number of passengers.

H. M. S. *SPARROWHAWK*, with Admiral Hastings on board, returned from Bute Inlet last evening.

To the Public.
The public are requested to suspend judgment in regard to the charges made in *The Colonist* of March 6th, 1869, against the undersigned. I shall here dissect them as far as possible in the limited space allowed, and if facts appear palpable to the originators of the foul slanders, I regret but cannot help it. Others have invoked the fire—let them meet the issue. It will be unnecessary to refer to anonymous charges, circulated by men of small calibre, in Victoria and elsewhere, as they carry their antidote with them, and are unworthy of an answer. There has, however, a star of the first magnitude presented itself—a slanderer of no ordinary pretensions, and to him I will give my attention more particularly, because he has attracted a large amount of public attention to a letter issued over the signature of J. W. Judd, Agent of the Union Mutual Life Insurance Company, at San Francisco, who has for the last three months been industriously circulating his slanders. I now propose to prove one or both of the following propositions: That this same J. W. Judd is one of the most accomplished deceivers in existence, or that his stupidity is dense beyond that of ordinary mortals. The letter is unquestionably the most cunningly devised false ever written since those of the immortal *Scop* when owls talked and asses preached; feeling that the compliment to Mr. Judd in referring to him as a base and unprincipled slanderer is fully earned. I will spare his blushes and proceed to facts—refuting the charges in paper and letter.

First, My true name is Robert F. Fitzgerald, and I have always used it as such and no other until I came here as secret detective for the United States Government, when I took the name of Wright in order to more successfully detect those running the blockade with smuggled goods, and being known by the name of Fitzgerald in San Francisco, where I should sometimes be called to visit. The public can at once see the necessity of changing the name as well as disguising the person. 2d. The charges of bigamy, forgery, &c., are false and the authors know them to be false when they made the assertions. 3d. I was General Agent of the Union Mutual Life Insurance Company at San Francisco, and after being robbed of over two thousand dollars by this same Judd, he charged me with swindling the Company; the following signed by him speaks for itself:

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 10th, 1868.
Now, in consideration of fifty dollars gold coin, the said R. F. Fitzgerald agrees to relinquish all claims, and give up his interest as agent of the Union Mutual Life Insurance Company to J. W. Judd, and it is mutually agreed that this is an amicable settlement.

(Signed) J. W. JUDD.
Attorney U. M. L. I. Co.
R. F. FITZGERALD, Agent of Late General Agent.

Witness, J. W. J. Pierson.

And in relation to an officer being despatched to Port Townsend for my arrest, as reported, was simply a rumor without foundation, as I am ready to meet any officer at any place he may designate without fear or favor. In regard to representing the *Zeus* Life, I was employed as General Superintendent of Agencies, and the agency was revoked upon the company receiving slanderous letters from this same Judd, without any proceedings, simply because I was a *real* Insurance Agent, and as he says was very successful. I will here say that I threatened to get out a circular showing this company's (the Union Mutual) deficit to a large amount, hence his object in maligning me to kill my influence with the public. The child spoken of in the article (my third child, unfortunately losing the two younger ones when quite young) is not adopted as alleged, and the names of Wilson, Emerson, and the sending of *Ku Klux* letters, or ever knowing any woman by the name of Chase, or being arrested for bigamy, forgery, or any other crime. I defy any man to show the proofs, and legal proceedings will be immediately instituted against all persons spreading such reports. Having a certificate of late date from a well known Superintendent of schools, I take the liberty to publish as follows:

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.
VICTORIA, W. T., Jan. 19, 1869.
This is to certify that I have this day examined the bearer R. F. Fitzgerald, and he is well qualified as to learning, ability and moral character to teach a school in Washington Territory.

(Signed) J. S. MAULSBY, Superintendent of Schools.

In conclusion, I would say that the rear of this (Judd) in a lion's skin need not discompoise any one as he is not at all dangerous, but a rather stupid animal; and if the diabolical scheme has not become impossible, he will hide his face for very disgust at the outrageous infamy perpetrated by him against an innocent man and family. Now, ye slanderers, remember *Levi's* wife and repent, and I trust the plan of *Satellite* will be so stretched and elongated as to cover even your deficiencies. For every word in this document I propose to hold myself personally responsible, and will dodge no ultimatum, legally or otherwise, and any demagogues of a malignant nature will receive my personal attention. With high sentiments of qualified regard, I re-write and subscribe myself, truly and respectfully,
R. F. FITZGERALD,
Late U. S. Detective, under the name of Wright.

Scotland.
BURNING OF THE PRINCE OF WALES THEATRE, GLASGOW.
The *North British Daily Mail* of the 14th inst. contains a full account of the destruction of the Prince of Wales theatre, announced by telegraph in the *Morning Post* of yesterday. It appears that at a quarter past eleven o'clock, at the conclusion of the performance of the pantomime of 'Valentine and Orson,' the audience was dismissed, and the theatre was vacated in a short time thereafter. Nothing was then observed to be wrong; but about five minutes after twelve on Thursday morning persons in the street gave the alarm that the theatre was on fire, flames coming from the roof above the gallery and that part of the stage nearest *St. Mary's* street. Considering the inflammable nature of the material the fire had to work upon, the roof soon fell and the fire broke out on the building, and particularly in the side-entrance part of which forms the corridor which led to the stalls and boxes. These stalls were crowded with spectators, but it was not until three o'clock that the flames had subsided. In fact, the fire did not cease raging till it had burned up everything that was combustible. It illuminated the whole of the northern quarter of the city, and the sparks were carried by a high wind, as far as St. George's road.

Several thousand persons witnessed the fire, many of them having come from distant parts of the city to the scene of the disaster, being led thither by the great glare in the sky. It is impossible to state at present the precise extent of the loss, but as far as we can learn, the building was insured by the proprietor, Mr. Hannay. Mr. Davis is insured for £2,000, but the value of his scenery and other properties is estimated at £8,000, so that his loss is £6,000. The actors, carpenters and musicians have lost their all—that is, their dresses, tools and instruments, and to add to the loss is the reflection that they may be a considerable time out of employment. We may add that the *Cowdandene* Mechanics' Hall, situated at the east end of the building, though contiguous to the stage of the theatre, has been saved. This is the fifth theatre in Glasgow which has been destroyed by fire. The first, a stone building, was the Queen street theatre; the second, the theatre—a brick erection—built by the Wizard of the North, in the Jail square; the third, the *Adelphi*, also in the Jail square, built of wood and tenanted by Mr. Miller, the Theatre Royal, in Dunlop street, a splendid stone building, and the last, the Prince of Wales. Mr. Cooke's citizens, in the Jail square, also met with the same fate. The Prince of Wales theatre, which was opened on the 23rd of August, 1867, was built on the site of the *Old Coliseum* in Stewart and Cowdandene streets. It had a neat but unpretending appearance.

England.
JOHN STUART MILL AND THE RUSSIAN LADIES.
The *Journal des Debats* extracts from the *Russian Gazette de l'Academie* the following letters, addressed by J. S. Mill to the ladies organizing the superior instruction of women at St. Petersburg:

MADAMES—I have learned with pleasure, mingled with admiration, that there are found in Russia women sufficiently enlightened and courageous to demand from their sex a participation in the various branches of higher historical, philological and scientific education, including the practical art of midwifery, and to give for this cause important support from the scientific world. That is what the most enlightened persons are asking, without having yet attained it, in the other countries of Europe. Thanks to you, madames, Russia is perhaps about to surpass them in speed; it would be a proof that civilization, relatively recent, sometimes accepts before the older civilizations great ideas of amelioration. The equal advent of both sexes to intellectual culture is important not only to women, which is assuredly a sufficient recommendation, but also to universal civilization. I am profoundly convinced that the moral and intellectual progress of the male sex runs a great risk of stopping, if not of receding, as long as that of the women remains behind, and that not only because nothing can replace the mother for the education of children, but also because the influence upon man himself of the character and ideas of the companion of his life cannot be insignificant; woman must either push him forward or hold him back. I applaud with all my heart your efforts, and those of the enlightened men who support them, and I reckon upon the perseverance, of which you have already shown proof, as a guarantee that you will not become discouraged, and that you will persevere by every means the justice of your cause, which, in an enlightened age, bids fair to meet in a short time an assured success. Pray receive, madames, the sincere expression of my high esteem and lively sympathy.

AVIGNON, Dec. 13.

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Via Colville and Co., d'Oreille Lake.

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