

Tuesday, October 16, 1866.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

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THEATRE.—"The Jewess," a sensational drama of the fifteenth century, was performed in the theatre last night; drawing a very full house. The principal characters were sustained by Miss Lee, as Rachel, the Jewess, Mr. Taylor, as Eleazar, her father, the old Jewish jeweler and money-lender, and Mr. Irwin, as the stern and haughty Cardinal De Broglie. The play is a very heavy one, and rather dragged till the third and last act, when the plot culminated in a very tragic manner, the Jewess Rachel, daughter of Eleazar, proving to be the long-lost child of the Cardinal, and the opportune revelation coming in just time to save the lives of Eleazar and his daughter. The after-piece, "An Hour in Seville," revived the spirits of the audience, the varied powers of Mrs. Irwin and the comicalities of Myers having full scope in their laughable farce. To-night Miss Lee appears in "Romeo and Juliet," a character which many have desired to see her assume. The farce is "The Swiss Cottage."

A MATTER FOR INQUIRY.—Nearly two years ago the crew of the schooner Thorpdyke were attacked by the Eucletaw Indians in Johnson Straits and two of them shot dead. The third was only saved by the opportune arrival of the schooner Nanaimo Packet, which conveyed the survivor and the dead bodies to Fort Rupert where the latter were buried. Although full particulars of the outrage (which was committed by Vancouver Island Indians) were given at the time in the local papers, nothing has been published since, and the inquiry has yet been done. A most satisfactory effect would doubtless be produced on the Northern Indians were the blow lately struck on the West Coast followed up by a thorough investigation into this affair and the prompt punishment of the murderers, and the injurious effects of the failure of the Chilcooten expedition might thus in a great measure be counteracted.

THE MAYORALTY.—Mr. John Copland has put forth his address to the electors of Victoria, stating his views upon which he solicits their suffrages in the coming contest for the chief magistracy of the city. Mr. Copland considers that the act of incorporation of 1862 can be worked and made subservient to many useful improvements in the city, while the more recent legislative enactments as to the half of one per cent tax on real estate (which is now paid to the Colonial Treasurer) will furnish sufficient means to liquidate the present city liabilities, and leave the corporate revenue for 1865 free. Should he be elected, he promises to strive for the redemption of the expenses of the corporation, and to suggest to the Council the expediency of equalizing the taxes, that they may be a lighter burden to the poor man.

THE "JENNY JONES."—This little steamer returned yesterday morning from Noah Bay and Cape Flattery, whither she had been on a tour of inspection of the Indian settlements in that locality with Governor Pickering of Washington Territory, and Allen Francis, Esq., United States Consul of this city. On her return, Captain Jones called at the Poca Spalls coal mine, and took on board some of their coal, which was tried and found to answer well for steam. The Jenny Jones on her outward trip made over nine knots an hour under steam alone.

SUBSCRIPTION BAZAR.—The well known and popular musicians Messrs. G. Sandri, Digby Palmer and G. St. Clair, intend giving two subscription halls at the Lyceum, the first to take place on the 3d November. The tickets for admission will be for a gentleman and ladies for the series, \$4; single tickets, \$3, supper not included. The moderate charge for admission and the guaranteed excellence of the music will no doubt ensure a full attendance at both societies.

BURIALS TO CARIBOO.—Miners who came down from Cariboo last week inform us that a saving of nearly ninety miles may be made by taking the new trail known as Capt. Mitchell's cut-off, which starts from South Fork Lake and comes out at Cochin's, and to the wagon road. Mitchell has cut the trail through himself, receiving some assistance from the Government. The trail runs for sixty miles through some of the very finest land in British Columbia.

BANK OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.—The quarterly return of this Bank to the 30th September, appears in our advertising columns. It is satisfactory to witness the evidence of prosperity manifested by our banking establishments.

KENNEDY FLAT.—The sale of lots on this site took place at the Land Office yesterday in the presence of a few traders and others from Leech River. Only six lots were disposed of, at a few cents above the Government upset price.

SOIREE.—The Lodge of Good Templars of this city intend holding a Soiree on Friday evening, in the Lyceum Hall. Tickets including supper, \$4. Professor St. Clair will supply the music.

ROBBERY ON OCEAN.—An Indian was caught last night in the act of stealing apples from the garden of the Rev. E. Ordean, on Humboldt street. He was arrested by the police and lodged in goal.

DRAWING A KNIFE.—A man named Courten was fined \$10 yesterday in the Police Court for drawing a knife on a colored man named Burnside.

THE CHILCOATEN MURDERERS.—From Rev. Mr. Browning, who has just returned from Cariboo, we learn some interesting particulars about the five Chilcoaten chiefs now under sentence of death at Alexandria. Their names are Tolloot, Klattaseen, Tappit, Beel and Teheneen. Tolloot is a small withered looking old fellow; Tappit and Beel are both large, powerful, sinister looking savages; Klattaseen is the youngest of the five, and a fine athletic bold looking man, and seems to take the lead among the group. The whole of them seem quite indifferent as to their fate. They are to be hanged as soon as the warrant arrives from the Governor. Mr. Browning entered into conversation with them, through an interpreter, asking them why they committed the murders? They replied that about two years ago a white man, whom they denoted as "the man," came up Bate Inlet in a boat, and came among them; he had a w-a-w with the tribe and took all their names down on a piece of paper, threatening to send the small-pox among them. Being afraid consequently that the white men would bring this scourge among them, they determined to kill them all. Mr. Browning told them it was said by some that Mr. Waddington's men had ill-used them, and therefore they had been murdered, but the prisoners denied that such was the reason. On Mr. Browning mentioning that Waddington had spoken highly of them all, Tolloot in particular, as being good men and sincere, he had also expressed his great surprise at their subsequent actions, they seemed highly gratified to hear of his good opinion of them. Mr. Browning again pressed for their reasons for the murders, but they were silent, and our informant is fully of opinion from their actions, that their sole aim was plunder. On being asked how many men they had killed they counted on their fingers twenty.

WILLIAMS CREEK HOSPITAL.—We understand that there is no blame to be attached to His Excellency Governor Seymour in reference to the late closing of the Williams Creek Hospital. The Government grant of £500 which was made last Spring was absorbed in paying the numerous debts contracted by the institution, leaving it dependent for support on voluntary contributions. When Governor Seymour visited Cariboo a deputation waited on him and laid the state of affairs before him, upon which he promised to see what could be done. His Excellency did not write after his arrival at New Westminster till October 7th, when a letter was sent to Mr. O'Reilly ordering him, and Mr. Cox after him, to pay all the debts and keep the hospital open under Government auspices till the Legislative Council met, when the matter will be brought before them and the Council asked to make an appropriation for the institution, and make the hospital a thoroughly Government establishment. The management of the hospital is likely to be improved this winter, stores having been introduced and the building more completely fitted up. Great praise is due to Dr. Chipp, who has given two months' gratuitous services to the hospital. The conduct of affairs under the Doctor's management has given great satisfaction, in marked contrast with that of his last winter, concerning which great complaints were made on the creek.

THE LATE TREATY OF 1857.—A resolution recently passed by the House of Representatives at Washington, and it is said will be presented to the Senate, authorizing President Lincoln to give notice to the British Government of the termination of the former to put an end to the treaty of 1857, respecting the naval forces of the two governments in the lakes of the North. Under the treaty as it has existed since 1817, neither the United States nor Great Britain has been permitted to have more than one armed vessel on the great inland seas. It appears to be the determination of the Washington Government to establish a naval depot on one of the lakes, thus rendering it necessary to have the treaty abrogated, which can be done by giving six months' notice to Her Majesty's Government. In the course of the discussion which preceded the adoption of the resolution in question, it was stated that while the Americans have no gunboats on the lakes, the British Government has a large number of such war vessels in the St. Lawrence river, which in the event of war, could be run into the lakes through the Canadian canals, the latter having been widened for the purpose of admitting them. It is scarcely necessary to state that the British have not, at the present time, a single war vessel of any description in any portion of the St. Lawrence River. And as her Majesty's Government evidently thought the interests of British North America would be subserved by disarming, the same may be said of the great inland seas of Canada. The last ship-of-war owned by Government in those waters was the steamer Cherokee, which vessel was constructed at Kingston at a immense expense, even the timber of which she was built having been sent from England, and subsequently sold for a song to some Canadian speculators, who had sufficient penetration to see that she could be released from her lake imprisonment by the removal of one or both of her paddle boxes, and a good thing of their purchase by bringing that beautiful steam frigate to Halifax, and subsequently selling her at a large advance to the Chilean Government. As however it is the expressed determination of the Washington Government to establish a naval depot on the Canadian lakes, the probabilities are that the British authorities will also have to return to the dockyard concern in that interesting quarter. —Montreal Gazette.

LARGE DEER.—A fine fat buck, weighing 240 pounds, was shot on Leech river last Saturday by a miner named McNeil. The animal was in prime condition, fourteen pounds of clear fat being taken from it. The Leech miners seem to fare well, between bear-berries, middle of venison, grouse stew and dishes of mountain trout.

POSTAL MATTERS AT NANAIMO.

EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST.—Will you grant me space in your valuable columns to make a few remarks regarding our postal arrangements, which could and ought to be conducted more for the benefit of the working class? The office hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., so that an outside laborer who works from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. cannot apply for his letters or papers by the first of the greatest importance. Any person applying after the hour stated in told with a growl to come the next day, when it would not occupy more than one minute to wait upon half a dozen people as the postmaster lives in the same room. It is high time a step was put to this grievance as we shall shortly be able to get our letters but once a week. I consider that the person who holds this position cannot be too obliging. The case would be different if he had to go half a mile to open the office, and what makes it more annoying is that the postman does not get their letters whenever they please. The post office really ought to be kept at one of the stores where an applicant could get his letters at any reasonable hour. Should he receive no pay for his services it is too bad, but if he does receive remuneration he ought certainly to oblige all parties as far as lies in his power. A SUFFERER.

EXCITING SWIMMING RACE.

The mile swimming race in the Thames on the 25th ult. for Sir William Fraser's gold medal, resulting in a dead heat between Mr. Hayes (the one mile amateur champion) and Mr. Coulter (a noted serpentine swimmer), it was arranged that the two men should again contend over the mile on Friday the 12th inst. Yesterday morning, however, Hayes declined to swim in consequence of a cold, and Mr. Coulter, secretary of the Humane Society, decided that Coulter should go over the course alone. Just as all were looking glum at the prospect of being disappointed in their hope of seeing a most interesting contest a lad named Harry Gurr, the winner of Sir W. Fraser's medal last year, volunteered to swim at the same time to oblige the company. This decision created great humor, and the interest being restored when it was known that Gurr was to strike it as a dead heat between Mr. Hayes and Mr. Gurr. Gurr's style of swimming was singular. 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