

## The Weekly Colonist.

Tuesday, January 12, 1864.

## Defies Again

We find the following report of proceedings which took place in the London Divorce Court, on the 13th Nov. last, before the Judge Ordinary, reported in the Times of the following day:

## DEPRIVES V. DEPRIVES.

The Queen's Advocate and Mr. Barnard appeared for the petitioner.

This was a petition for a dissolution of marriage, on the ground of adultery, coupled with cruelty. The petitioner was the daughter of Dr. LeMort, a physician in Bedford-square, and the respondent in Bedford-square was a gambler, manufacturer, in a large way of business. They were both Jews, and they were married in June, 1860, first before a registrar, and then by the Chief Rabbi. They lived together in Tavistock street, Covent Garden. Mrs. Deprives stated that at the end of a few months her husband's conduct became harsh and cruel. He also became extravagant and dissipated in his habits, and took to gambling. He got into pecuniary difficulties, and at last, in July, 1861, he was made a bankrupt. The respondent was then broken up, and they afterwards lived with Dr. LeMort, in Bedford-square, and at Mortlake. The respondent had formed an adulterous connexion with a girl named Hill, and he had to pay her £20 in order that she might not expose him to his wife. He had also been guilty of some acts of violence to his wife, and had otherwise treated her with cruelty. In the beginning of 1861, when she was pregnant, he had thrown her violently against a chair, because she had remonstrated with him about playing at cards. In July, 1862, he had seized her by the throat and tried to strangle her, because she told him he had not acted properly to her father. They had had words about his coming home late at night, and he had threatened to throw her out of the window. They had a quarrel because she remonstrated with him for riding on horseback after his bankruptcy. They were then in bed, and his language was so offensive that she got out of bed and sat on a chair, and he followed her out of bed and took hold of her chair, and she fell violently on the ground. In July, 1862, he left her at her father's house, and in the following month he sailed from Gravesend for Vancouver's Island. Dr. LeMort had received a letter from him since his arrival in the colony, confessing his misconduct, expressing remorse for his past life, and asking that he might not be divorced. Decree nisi granted.

## Germany and Denmark.

We read in the Constitutionnel:—The four military commissioners charged with preparing the Federal execution in Holstein, will shortly meet. General de Moltke, the Prussian commissary, is instructed to make a proposition according to the terms of which a portion of the Austro-Prussian corps d'armée would enter Holstein at the same time as the corps of execution of Saxony and Hanoverian troops of 6000 men. The measure is to shield the latter corps from an attack by the Danish troops, which at any given moment might be landed at Kiel or at Eckernförde. According to a letter from Berlin, England is endeavoring, in the eventuality of a blockade of the German ports, to obtain the entrance of the port of Hamburg for her trading vessels; but it is doubtful whether this privilege will be granted to the British Government.

A Leipzig journal says:—"The brigade to be furnished by Saxony for the purpose of carrying out federal execution against Denmark will consist of about 3000 men, including infantry, riflemen, cavalry, and two batteries of foot artillery, each with four guns. The troops have already received the order to be in readiness, and they will be commanded by Major-General von Schimpf in Leipzig. It is not yet decided who will assume the command in chief over the Saxony and Hanoverian troops, and therefore all reports to the contrary are incorrect. No orders to march have yet been given."

## The official Gazette of Stockholm.

In a leading article upon the Dan-German conflict says:—"It is now by no means the fault of Denmark if peace should be disturbed."

## Morocco.

Sad news had been received from the coast of Morocco by the Board of Deputies of British Jews. Far from releasing the two Jews still imprisoned on the charge of having been accomplices in the murder of the late Spanish Collector of Customs at Safi, the Spanish Consul has thrown into prison a Jew, far advanced in pregnancy, on no other ground but that she was in the habit of supplying the deceased with milk. The sufferings and tortures of these prisoners are described as truly horrible. The Spanish Consul remains inexorable. It now appears that the Moorish Court, by whom the accused were delivered up to the Consul, was terrified, and that the Cadi of Safi refused to condemn them, as there was no evidence of their guilt. It further appears that Spanish officials in other parts of Morocco, taking the cue from the minister at Tangier, are committing other outrages on Jews, and instigating the Moors to follow their example. Several instances of these outrages were brought under the notice of the Board. A general outbreak of the Moors against the Jews all over the coast is apprehended. The Rev. the Chief Rabbi, in a pathetic letter to the Board, depicted the dangers threatening these unfortunate people. Sir Moses Montefiore has been solicited by the Board to undertake a mission to Morocco in order to avert such a calamity. The cotemporary philanthropist has given his consent. It is expected that he will set out for Morocco as soon as he is in receipt of letters from the Foreign Office. We may add that Earl Russell had on this occasion again evinced the humanity which he has at all times pleaded the cause of the oppressed.

## HEBREW AND KING FROST.

The London Times says that but little science was displayed on either side. Hebrew's game throughout seemed to be to close and hug as to crush his antagonist at once by dashing him violently to the ground. King's tactics were different and more creditable.

## NANAIMO.

[BY A RESIDENT CORRESPONDENT.]

NANAIMO, V. I., 23d Dec. '63.

## POLICE MATTER.

A Nanaimo Indian named Clephan, was brought up before the magistrate, W. H. Franklyn, Esq., on the 18th inst., charged with stabbing Quinias, an Indian of the same tribe. The charge was fully proved against the poor man, who it appears had had a quarrel with the prosecutor a short time previous about whisky. Clephan, after the quarrel, perceiving an opportunity, way-laid Quinias, who when passing the spot where the former had secreted himself, was pounced upon and the wound inflicted. The magistrate explained on the vile practice of selling liquor to Indians, and pointed out the evil effects of drink, of which he said the present case was an example; he then committed the prisoner to Victoria Jail to take his trial at the next assizes.

On the following day a man named John Duncan was charged with giving liquor to an Indian in the presence of the constable and several other witnesses, though repeatedly warned by the constable against doing so. The Indian who is the above mentioned Clephan, was on his way to the schooner Meg Merrilies, in which vessel he is to be conveyed to Victoria, stated that Duncan was the man who sold him liquor when he stabbed Quinias. The magistrate did not consider the charge of selling the liquor proved, or he would, he said, have fined the prisoner \$250, or have given him six months' imprisonment with hard labor; he therefore dismissed that charge, but fined him \$50, or in default of payment, two months, for having given the liquor to Clephan. As he could not pay the fine, he was sent on board the Meg Merrilies, for passage to Victoria.

The expense entailed in sending prisoners to Victoria must be considerable, and would be altogether obviated if a proper jail were provided, as prisoners could be kept here and made to improve our own thoroughfares. The usefulness of the building now used as a jail has for a long time given rise to complaint. It is one of the coldest barns of a place, in which a man could be confined, besides being insecure and dirty.

## REPORTER.

## SAN DOMINGO.

The La Plata brings the following latest intelligence from San Domingo to the 25th of October:

Santo Plata was burnt by the Dominicans on the 4th of October. The town was entirely destroyed, excepting the warehouses of Messrs. Ginebra Brothers. All the merchants left were ruined. The fort was held by 1400 Spanish troops, under Brigadier Rivera, who was anxiously awaiting orders from the Spanish Government, and expecting reinforcements from Havana and Porto Rico. The Spanish were unable to fetch the water for the troops from Rio San Marcos, in consequence of the losses experienced from attacks of the enemy. They, however, obtained water from Samana, but with difficulty. The sanitary state of the Spanish army was very unsatisfactory. It was stated that General Yanga was pushing his way to the capital of San Domingo, held by the insurgents. General Santana remained in the same position, unable to proceed, and waiting for troops and ammunition from the Government. The insurgents were gaining ground, and it was generally thought that the Spaniards would be compelled to abandon the country. Porto Rico and Havana were left almost without troops, and it was feared the blacks would rise there also.

An unpleasant feeling existed at St. Thomas respecting the negroes, but the break was apprehended. Trade at St. Thomas was suffering greatly in consequence of the San Domingo insurrection, and many merchants are great losers.

ACCIDENT TO THE LILLOET.—This fine steamer has commenced her career unpropitiously. In addition to the other mishaps which befel her, we learn that on Sunday, while crossing the Gulf, bound to Victoria, she encountered rough weather, and her machinery became deranged and useless. Her wheel was also damaged and rendered unmanageable, and the steamer lay in a very precarious position, drifting towards shore. Efforts were made to moor the steamer before she struck, but the warp parted and she swung on the rocks in Plummer Pass, where she was found by the Enterprise on Tuesday.

Capt. Maestri supplied Capt. Wallace, who was in charge of the Lilloet, with tackle to enable him to get her off, and upon the return of the Enterprise yesterday she was found safely moored in a sheltered inlet above the Pass. Capt. Maestri was anxious to take her in tow and bring her to this port, but he deemed it more prudent, as the Lilloet had a good deal of water in her hold and daylight would soon be fading, to leave her where she was and to fetch her to-day. The Lilloet we regret to hear, has received considerable damage. Her passengers were transferred to the Enterprise.

JACK FROST.—The delightful clear calm frosty weather we have enjoyed for the last few days, has covered the small lakes and bays with a coating of ice sufficiently strong to allow the lovers of out-door sports to engage in skating and sliding to their heart's content. The ice on the View street swamp, Rock Bay pond, and Swan Lake, is from 2½ to 3 inches thick, and for the last day or two has been thronged by skaters and sliders engaged in that most exhilarating of all amusements. Yesterday the ice on Swan Lake was in splendid condition, and was crowded with hilarious groups till the shades of night began to fall. Were our winters all like the present, the most enjoyable climate in the world, as our summers leave nothing to be wished for. There has been a white frost for the last two nights, however, and the weather is now to shake their heads, and prognosticate a return to the damp drizzly weather of last month.

A BUNKER LINE OF TELEGRAPH.—Minister Clay writes from St. Petersburg to a gentleman in Washington:—"They have granted me a telegraph line charter, the line to run from the mouth of the Amoor River to America. It will unite all the continents and be the great work of the age. It will illustrate my mission to this country."

## LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

TUESDAY, JAN. 5.

THEATRE.—Considering the very dull state of the city after the holidays, the benefit of Miss Howard drew together a very fair audience last night to witness her performance of "Fanchon" in the "Twin Brothers." This is one of Miss Howard's favorite characters, and she certainly acquitted herself most admirably, drawing down repeated plaudits from the spectators. Messrs. J. H. Taylor, and Phelps enacted Landry and Didier, the twin brothers in the most faithful manner. Miss Bell Douglas, as "Fadast" the old grand mother, rendered the character extremely well, as she always does that particular line, and was deservedly applauded. Mr. Potter too, deserves special commendation for the excellent manner in which he gave Jean Barbeaux, the proud crusty old father of the two brothers; and we have seldom seen our old friend acquit himself more ably than in this character. The rest of the company performed their various roles very creditably, and the play as a whole passed off very successfully. At its conclusion, Miss Howard was called before the curtain, and with Mr. Taylor, was greeted with much applause. After repeated and vociferous calls, Mr. Potter also came forward, and made an extremely graceful bow to the audience, at the same time nearly stumbling over an immense bouquet which was thrown to him. Mr. Phelps, who was next loudly called for, made his appearance amid the customary applause and stated that, owing to circumstances over which the manager had no control, the theatre would be closed for the present.

CLOSING OF THE THEATRE.—We are very sorry to see that Mr. Ward, the energetic lessee of the theatre, feels himself compelled from a want of sufficient patronage to suspend the performances for the present, at least. It is really too bad that the only really talented and efficient company that has yet visited Victoria should be thus obliged to close their doors for such a cause. Mr. Ward has afforded our citizens an opportunity of enjoying the highest theatrical ability in this western world, and has never considered the expense while endeavoring and successfully to gratify every desire of his patrons, and surely he should have met with a more cordial and generous support, and not be compelled to see the season's arduous labors result only in pecuniary sacrifice. We hope that the public will not permit Mr. Ward to be a sufferer; we would suggest that a committee of the friends of the drama be at once formed, and endeavor to devise some means to accord to him such a liberal and satisfactory support as will induce him again to throw open the doors of the theatre with a reasonable hope of success.

MALICIOUS TRESPASS.—John Hoffman was charged yesterday in the Police Court with malicious trespass. John Johnson, the prosecutor, said he knew the prisoner well, and did not wish to prosecute him any more than the law would allow [laughter], but the prisoner had forcibly entered his house, and done wilful damage to the amount of \$16, and he wished the law to take its course. Mr. Bishop appeared for the prisoner, and said he could not deny having caused the damage, but his client was perfectly mad at the time from the effects of excessive indulgence, and he would throw himself upon the mercy of the court. Mr. Pemberton said the prisoner had narrowly escaped a charge of arson, and fined him \$25 or two months imprisonment.

TURNING THE TABLES.—Three men named Wallace, Sheppard and Fisher, were brought up on remand yesterday before Mr. Pemberton charged with feloniously stealing the sum of \$140 from the person of a man named Andrew Blyth, at the Miner's Restaurant. The prosecutor again appeared in Court in an undisturbed state to give evidence, and a charge having been entered against him for contempt of court, he was committed to prison for two days.

ASSAULT.—A man named Hugh Garfield, belonging to the steamer Emily Harris, was charged with violently assaulting William Ball, the cook of the same vessel and giving him two black eyes. The prisoner endeavored to prove provocation, but the magistrate nevertheless fined him \$25, with the option of two months in the chain gang.

DRAWING A KNIFE.—Joseph Swan was yesterday fined by Mr. Pemberton \$5 or 14 days imprisonment for threatening to stab Sergeant Hill. The magistrate imposed a light sentence in consequence of the prisoner having previously borne a good character.

LUCIUS O'BRIEN.—L. S. O'Brien who stands charged with assisting seamen to desert from H. M. service, was yesterday remanded for ten days. The magistrate stating that the evidence being weak he would accept O'Brien's own recognition for his appearance.

MR. GEORGE CRICKSHANK, late accountant in the Bank of British Columbia, has opened an office in Government street for the transaction of a general agency and brokerage business.

EDWIN KITSON, charged with stealing a cow of the value of \$36, the property of Wm. Mann, was yesterday remanded for two days.

## WEDNESDAY, JAN. 6.

CONNECTION.—In our report of Mr. McDonald's reply to Mr. Ewing in the City Council on Monday night, for the words that Judge Cameron had no right to render that decision, read "that the decision contained a great deal of matter that was not at all necessary to have gone into."

## GREEN EYED "LOBSTER."

Some excitement was occasioned yesterday from its having been currently reported that a lady residing at the St. Nicholas Hotel in this city had taken strychnine while laboring under the maddening influence of "unrequited love." On enquiring into the circumstances connected with this tragic affair we were enabled to gather that the lady in question (with a little boy) had arrived the week previously on the Eliza Anderson from Puget Sound and taken up her abode at the Hotel, the object of her visit remaining a mystery until yesterday, when she suddenly alarmed the inmates of the Hotel by declaring that she had swallowed strychnine in a cup of coffee, and that the child had partaken of the same, desiring that medical assistance be immediately sent for. Two or three physicians were in prompt attendance, and although the necessary remedies were administered, the "cup of cold poison" had evidently produced no deadly symptoms, and the patient gradually improved under their skillful treatment. During her hysterical ravings, she would be seized and divulge the secret which preyed upon her peace of mind. It would seem that two well known residents on the Sound were about to visit Victoria for the purpose (as was supposed) of having the gordian knot tied in this city. The heroine of the romance, who may or may not have had a prior claim on the affections of the gay Lothario, determined to anticipate his flight, and immediately started off in the Anderson. The lady and gentleman arrived a couple of days since in the schooner Eliza, and we understand repaired to the same Hotel. The issue of the romance of the parties was the catastrophe previously recorded, when the gentleman was taxed with perjury of the most unpardonable kind, and was likewise accused of having supplied the "deadly venom." It was however ascertained that the lady had herself purchased the bottle at a druggist's store on Yates street, and the opinion of the faculty is that she had partaken of very little if any of its contents. The little boy who, according to the mother's account, accidentally partook of some of the coffee, presented stronger indications of poisoning, but at last accounts no serious results were anticipated in either case.

A LOOSE CHARACTER.—A man named William Harris was charged yesterday in the Police Court with entering the premises of Andrew Astrio, with felonious intent. The complainant stated that on New Year's Eve, about 11 o'clock, the back door of his house on Store street was fastened, and hearing a noise he went to the back, and found the door open and the prisoner standing behind it. He was of opinion that prisoner could not have entered without a false key. Mr. Wright appeared for the accused and cross-examined the prosecutor, who stated that prisoner had been to his bar before, and had obtained drinks, but he knew him to be a suspicious character and kept his eye always upon him. He slept in his bar room purposely because prisoner was a neighbor. He missed a bag of flour and some blankets and other articles, but did not see the prisoner take them. A charge was here entered against the prisoner of being a rogue and vagabond, and Superintendent Smith was examined as to his previous bad character. Mr. Wright made the best defence he could for the prisoner, but Mr. Pemberton nevertheless committed him to prison for three months with hard labor. Mr. Wright asked the bench if permission would be granted to the American Consul to ship Harris away from the country. The magistrate said the term of imprisonment must first be served.

TIGER FIRE COMPANY.—The election of officers for this company for the ensuing half year, came off last night, and resulted as follows: Chas. Gowan, President, re-elected; S. L. Kelly, Foreman, re-elected; S. Duck, first assistant; Emanuel Levy, second do.; Frank Sylvester, Secretary; Philip S. Hall, Treasurer, re-elected.

U. S. S. NARRAGANSETT.—This steamer will probably complete her coaling to-day, and will again leave for the Sound. We police from papers received by the Anderson that the officers of this ship were invited to two balls during their last shore cruise; one at Olympia and the other at Seilaconia.

ALMANAC FOR 1864.—Mr. J. Corin, Stationer, of Port Street, has just published a large 24 x 30 Almanac for the present year. It furnishes a great variety of useful statistical information, and will form an indispensable adjunct to every counting-house and office in the city.

DESERTION.—Thomas Hall was charged yesterday before Mr. Pemberton with being a deserter from H. M. S. Camelson; and was ordered to be handed over to his own officers.

FROM THE SOUND.—The steamer Eliza Anderson, Capt. Finch, arrived yesterday morning from the Sound, bringing nearly 50 passengers and a cargo of live and dead stock, &c.

The gun boat Grappler has been beached in Esquimalt harbor, for the purpose of repairing the damage sustained during her late cruise to the north.

## THURSDAY, JAN. 7.

REMANDED.—Jon Sheppard, Wm. Fisher, and Richard Wallace, charged with stealing \$140 from Andrew Blyth, were remanded yesterday in the Police Court by Mr. O'Reilly for one day. Edwin Kitson, charged with cow stealing, was remanded until Saturday. McNiel being released on his own recognizance.

## SUICIDE AND INQUEST.

Yesterday morning about 10 o'clock, information was conveyed to the Police that an old man named William Daniels, who maintained his living by hawking trips about the streets, was lying dead in his shanty off Store street, with his head nearly blown off. Sergeant Ford was promptly on the spot and took charge of the premises. The scene which presented itself on opening the cabin door was most revolting. The old man lay on his back with his face and forehead almost entirely blown away. On his breast lay a small single barrel pistol and on the table by his bed side, a powder flask and some buck shot. An inquest was called by the Coroner, Dr. Dickson, at 7 p.m., at the Boomers, and the jury, with Mr. Mathieson as foreman, inspected the body. Two witnesses, Wm. Maxwell, a laborer, and Edwin Michael, warehouseman in the employ of Messrs. Dickson, Campbell & Co., were examined, and from the evidence of the latter it appeared that Daniels was alive and quite sober at half-past 8 a.m., and shortly before ten he was discovered in the state described. Mr. Michael had kindly taken some tea and soup to the old man, as he complained of being too ill to rise, but there was nothing in his manner to indicate an intention of self murder. Mr. Michael stated that he had not the slightest doubt that deceased killed himself by his own hand, and the only reason which he could assign for the act was that Daniels had been addicted to intemperate habits during the last two or three months, and the non-arrival of some expected remittance from California may have weighed upon his mind. The jury unanimously returned a verdict of *felix de se*, and the law consequently provides that the body shall be interred within 24 hours of the rendition of the verdict, between the hours of 9 and 12 at night, without the usual service being read. The unhappy suicide, we understand, was born near Chatham, in Kent, England, but has resided for some years on the Pacific Coast.

HOUSEBREAKING.—A daring and nearly successful attempt at robbery was committed a night or two ago at the house of Mr. Sayward, Collinson street. One of the family happened to awake during the night and discovered two men in the house, who, however, hastily decamped on the alarm being given. The rascals had effected an entrance by turning the door key from the outside by means of pincers. Housekeepers should take warning from this and bolt as well as lock their doors at night.

HOME MANUFACTURE.—Messrs. McDougal & Son have just completed, at their Foundry a large pump intended for the new Richmond claim, on Williams Creek, and to be sent up country forthwith. The pipe is 10 inches in diameter and 80 feet in length, and is calculated to raise from two to three hundred gallons of water per minute, either by steam or water power. It is the first and most complete piece of work of the kind which has yet been made in this city, and reflects great credit on the manufacturers.

TEMPERANCE MEETING.—A temperance meeting was held last night under the auspices of the I. O. of G. T. in the Rev. Mr. Macfie's Church on Fort street. The building was comfortably filled. The chair was taken at half past seven by Mr. E. C. Holden, and some appropriate addresses were delivered, the interludes being filled up by singing. The meeting lasted several hours, and the audience dispersed evidently pleased and instructed by the evening's entertainment.

THE POISONING CASE.—The unhappy woman who rashly attempted to destroy her life in the St. Nicholas Hotel on Tuesday last, is fortunately recovering from the effects of the poison. The poor little child, whose existence was so nearly terminated by the rash folly of its mother, is also so far restored as to be out of danger, although its sufferings were the most acute of the two. It is to be hoped that this narrow escape from a horrible fate may prove an effectual warning to the parties concerned.

RECKLESS DRIVING.—Two prostitutes driving rapidly along Government street yesterday afternoon, ran over a poor native woman, the wheel of the buggy passing over her bod but fortunately without inflicting any serious injury. The "fast" characters unconcernedly drove on, hardly giving themselves the trouble to look behind them. They deserve to be called before the Police magistrate for their recklessness.

FROM NEW WESTMINSTER.—The steamer Enterprise arrived yesterday afternoon from New Westminster with about 40 passengers and a small amount of treasure. Owing to the river being frozen over it is probable that the Enterprise will be compelled to discontinue making her usual trip for some days.

NAVAL.—The gunboat Forward will remain at Comox until the 8th or 10th, when she will return to Nanaimo to coal and thence to San Juan and Victoria. H. M. S. Camelson will sail on or about the 21st inst. for Comox and the northern settlements.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.—The House resumes its sittings to-day at 2 p.m. We understand that the Estimates for the year 1864 are now ready, and will probably be laid before the House at once.

FRASER RIVER FROZEN.—Dr. We learn from passengers by the Enterprise that Fraser River was, at latest accounts, one solid sheet of ice from Langley up which by this time has, in all probability, extended to the mouth of the river and rendered it un-navigable. The Enterprise, on her way to Victoria passed through a good deal of floating ice in the river. Capt. Irving, of the Reliance, is of opinion that the steamers will not be able to resume their regular trips up the Fraser for the next month or six weeks.