

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

**FOURTH OF JULY.**—By a notice in our advertising columns it will be seen that a grand Pic-Nic in celebration of the 89th anniversary of American Independence will take place at Cadboro Bay on the 4th prox., under the patronage of Allen Francis, Esq., U. S. Consul. The names of the Committee of Management will be given to-morrow, in the meantime the public are assured that every arrangement will be made to ensure the satisfaction and enjoyment of the guests. The proposed excursion of American citizens to Port Townsend has, we understand, fallen through, and since the large dancing platform and other fixtures used at the firemen's picnic remain on the ground, we may safely speak a day of thorough recreation and enjoyment to those who avail themselves of the occasion. The American citizens most scrupulously observe each of our national holidays, and we call upon Englishmen to return the compliment, more especially upon this the most eventful era in the history of that great nation since the days of Washington, by participating in the celebration.

**COD FISHING.**—The schooner Gazelle, Capt. Gollacer, returned from the Northwest Coast last evening with five or six tons of cured codfish and some 20 barrels of cod-liver oil, or "grosse-fish." Capt. Gollacer states that owing to his being rather late in the season, his trip was not so successful as was expected. His fishing ground was chiefly in the neighborhood of Queen Charlotte Island. The schooners Onward and Kate after fishing in the same vicinity with poor success, went higher up the coast to try their luck. Capt. Gollacer left Koskeemo three days ago and came down the outside passage. He states that the Indians at Koskeemo reported that Antoine, the murderer, had been there, but had left. He was supposed to be in hiding somewhere round the coast. The Gazelle spoke the North Star at Clayquot Sound, bound up. Parties desirous of obtaining some of the celebrated cod-liver oil now have an opportunity of doing so as Capt. Gollacer intends disposing of them here.

**CONFISCATED.**—A charge, was yesterday preferred against Stephen Hamilton, mate of the Franklin Adams, of unlawfully firing an air gun on Pickett & Co.'s wharf, being a place of public resort. It turned out that Hamilton had left the port, and the murderous weapon with which the accused and his accomplices had been amusing themselves by popping at rats belonged to Lyons of the Great Eastern Inn. The magistrate ordered the gun to be forfeited. Mr. Bishop appeared for the claimant, Lyons.

**THE RIFLE MATCH.**—The Volunteer Rifemen left last night at 10 o'clock for New Westminster by the steamer Enterprise. A large concourse of persons assembled on the Hudson Bay Company's wharf to witness their departure, and as the steamer moved off three cheers were given for the Volunteers. The band struck up "A life on the ocean wave," the lively strains of which air filling faintly and more faintly on the ear as the vessel glided away through the placid waters had a most pleasing effect.

**DEAD BODY FOUND.**—The body of W. A. Nixon, the compositor who was lately drowned, was found last evening about nine o'clock close to the spot where the remains of his unfortunate companion, J. B. Robinson, were picked up a few days ago. An inquest will be held on the body to-day at Equinault at one o'clock p. m. The funeral will take place from the Tiger Engine House at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

**ANOTHER FISHING CRUISE.**—The schooner Brant came into port last night from a cod-fishing cruise to Cape Flattery, in order to lay in a supply of salt for curing the fish. The Brant only fished a day and a-half, taking two and a-half barrels of fine cod. She will return to prosecute the fishery after laying in the necessary supplies.

**LEACH RIVER.**—Barnett, the Expressman, gives us the following:—The following companies are putting in flames: Never say die; Canadian; Fisher; Boulder; Albert Bar; Mountain Rose; Wrekin; Spring Vale; Allwood and Industry. The Last Chance and Dillon companies are wing-damming, and the Prince of Wales company are sluicing.

**CHARGE DISMISSED.**—Further evidence was yesterday taken on the charge preferred by Mr. Hodges against John Bond, son of William Bond, of stealing a horse, but the testimony was considered by the magistrate insufficient to substantiate the charge, and the case was accordingly dismissed.

**GAVE BONDS.**—The owners of the steamer Alexandra having yesterday furnished bonds in the sum of \$15,000, the steamer was temporarily released, and proceeded to New Westminster at five o'clock p. m.

**ON FIRE.**—The woods in the neighborhood of Works farm, we are told, are on fire, and the flames if they continue to extend will probably cause serious damage.

**TOWED OUT.**—The H. B. Company's str. Otter yesterday afternoon towed out the ship Mary Glover, bound to Freeport Mills, W. T., to load lumber for China.

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**COMMERCIAL.**  
Tuesday, June 27.  
**ARRIVED.**—The steamer Brother Jonathan, De Wolfe Commander, arrived from San Francisco and Portland yesterday morning at about half-past eight o'clock. She brought sixty passengers and a small freight. She sailed against six o'clock for San Francisco street.

**TASMANIAN SHIPMENTS.**—The shipments of Treasure yesterday, per Wells, Fargo & Co. were, Bank of British Columbia, \$25,664 67; Bank of British North America, \$11,640 54. Total, \$37,305 21.

**FROM STRAITS.**—The steamer Knight, master, arrived yesterday morning from a trading voyage to the Stekta river and other points on the North-West Coast. The International Telegraph Company's schooner Milton Badger arrived from New Westminster yesterday afternoon for repairs, after which she will proceed up the Northwest Coast on the Company's service.

**PORT ANGLAIS SHIPING.**—Arrived June 27th, the British mail ship Hamilla Mitchell, Bransome, to load lumber at Port Gamble. June 28th, British ship, Ganassques, Ritchie, for same mills. Sailed about two weeks ago, the bark Maria Bartlett, for San Francisco.

**FROM NANAIMO.**—The schooner A. Crosby arrived from Nanaimo yesterday en route to Portland with a cargo of coal.

**FROM NEW WESTMINSTER.**—The steamer Enterprise arrived yesterday afternoon with a few passengers and a Cariboo express.

**FOR BURNARD INLET.**—The schooner Amelia is loading with supplies for Burnard Inlet. Sailed about two weeks ago, the bark Maria Bartlett, for San Francisco.

**LOADED.**—The bark Palmetto had taken on board 200 tons of coal at Nanaimo, and was towed out of the harbor yesterday morning at 4 o'clock, by the Sir James Douglas, when she sailed for this port.

**FOR LEITCH.**—The schooner Maria Scott will sail in a day or two for Freeport, W. T., to load with lumber for Leitch.

**TRADE.**—The Royal Charlie will load at Freeport Mills for Australia.

**VICTORIA MARKET.**  
Saturday, July 1, 1865.  
Trade still continues dull; prices of flour and grain are lower, and are expected soon to fall very considerably, therefore only sales to meet present wants are effected.

The imports for the week have only been the cargo of the Brother Jonathan, with \$10,000 in merchandise from San Francisco—a quantity of flour, bacon, and other produce, value not specified, from Portland; and the Elias Anderson from the Sound, with stock and produce to the amount of \$2,110.

Jobbing rates as under:—  
Flour—Extra, \$14 @ \$15 1/2 Superfine \$12 @ \$13 1/2  
OATMEAL—\$10 @ \$11 1/2  
CORNFLOUR—\$7 1/2 @ \$8 1/2  
BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—\$3 1/2 @ \$4 1/2  
RICE—\$7 1/2 @ \$8 1/2  
BEANS—White, 6 @ 7 1/2 sack Bayos and Pink, 4 @ 4 1/2 do do  
ONIONS—30 @ 35 do do  
POTATOES—3 1/2 @ 3 do do  
WHEAT—4 1/2 @ 4 1/2 do do  
OATS—3 @ 3 1/2 do do  
BARLEY—3 1/2 @ 3 1/2 do do  
GRAIN—10 @ 10 1/2 do do  
MIDDINGS—4 1/2 @ 4 1/2 do do  
BRAN—2 1/2 @ 2 1/2 do do  
HAY—1 1/2 @ 1 1/2 do do  
TEA—3 1/2 @ 4 do do  
COFFEE—2 1/2 @ 2 1/2 do do  
SUGAR—10 @ 10 1/2 do do  
BOSTON STRIP—\$5 1/2 leg  
CANDLES—22 @ 25 do do  
BUTTER—Fresh—1 1/2 @ 1 1/2 do do; best salted 35, 42c do do; ordinary, 38c @ 40c do do  
CHEESE—Large—25c do; per case, 22c  
BACON AND HAMS—18c @ 25c do according to quality, and in lots to suit

**PASSENGERS.**  
Per star BROTHER JONATHAN, from San Francisco and Portland, S. J. De Wolfe, Commander—Sir James Douglas, Son, and Servant, W. A. G. Young, Lady and four children and Nurse, Mrs. Rhodes and three children, H. H. Stevens, Dugald, McTavish, George G. Parsons and wife, R. B. Powell, Rev. Ryan, Judge Lander, C. Walker, Captain Turnbull, D. McLaughlin, Thomas Morgan, Richard Cousins, A. McKay, B. Flood, D. McFadden, B. Libby, H. McLaughlin, W. H. Holman, J. Noles, J. Turner, C. Brownfield and family, Finley Campbell, Edward Harris, A. Mayan, Jas. Rowell, Jas. Debrant, John McDonald, Wm. Crockett, J. Ferguson, D. Cameron, M. Lichtenstein, J. Armstrong, and four Chinamen.

Per star ELIZA ANDERSON, from Puget Sound—W. J. Stronach, Antoine Stomping, Biddell, Taylor, Schneider, Mrs. Lyman, Jas. Shaw, Dake, Capt. Morris Robinson, John Coe, John Clark, two squaws.

**GOODS ON THE WAY.**  
From San Francisco to Nanaimo—June 15.  
Per bark KNIGHT BRUCE—300 cs bitters, 1 bc caavas, 1 frme felt, 2 cs hardware, 1 no iron safe, 3 cs metal, 10 frs butter, 6 cs cheese, 1 cs bacon, 4 cs lard, 1 cs hams. Value, \$2,995 09.

**EXPORTS.**  
Per schr A. CROSBY, to Portland—400 bbls lime, 40 tons salt, 40 tons pig iron.

**IMPORTS.**  
Per star BROTHER JONATHAN, from San Francisco—5 cs hardware, 2 do millinery goods, 6 cs clothing and apparel, 3 do paper, 3 do cigars, 4 do metal, nails, 6c, 1 do valves, 14 do lard, meal, 2c, 1 cs Yankee notions, 2 do nails, 2 cs clocks, 1 cs hats, 5 do drugs, 1 do reticules, 1 cs scissors, 62 cs machinery, 1 cs cheese, 5 cs hams, 1 cs instruments, 1 cs samples, 2 do stationery, 1 do leather, 5 do millinery, 1 do vegetables, 1 do horae, 25 mds, 20 head cattle, 2 do hogs—Value, \$10,000.

Per star BROTHER JONATHAN, from Portland—2431 cs flour, 64 pgs butter, 30 bcs cherries, 20 cs hams, 32 cs bacon, 17 bcs eggs, 16 cs wheat, 12 cs middling, 7 cs pepper, 2 bcs —, 1254 pgs mds, 83 pgs bran—Value not specified.

Per schr A. J. WEBSTER, from Burnard Inlet—157 bcs shingles—Value \$276.

Per star ELIZA ANDERSON, from Puget Sound—17 bcs wool, 1 kg butter, 1 bx eggs, 1 bbl turs, 1 horse, 2 do chickens. Value, \$2,110 80.

Per schr MILTON BADGER, from New York—80 bbls beef, 20 tons coal.

**MAILED.**  
June 26—Star Brothers Jonathan, De Wolfe, Astoria.  
Schr Annie, Elyin, Saanich.  
Schr A. J. Webster, Mills, Burnard Inlet.  
Schr Enterprise, Swanson, New Westminster.  
June 27—Schr Ringlander, Harper, Nanaimo.  
Boat Harriet, Dirk, San Juan.  
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On the 27th instant, at Holy Trinity Church, New Westminster, British Columbia, by the Rev. Henry Reeves, the Hon. Walter Moberly, M. L. A., to Blanche Compigne, third daughter of Horatio Compigne, Esq., of Gosport, Hants.

At Cameron town, on the 12th instant, by the Rev. D. Duff, William Allen to Janet Morris, late of Scotland, both residents of Wainwright Creek.

**DECEASED.**  
In New Westminster, on the 18th instant, Charles, son of Charles Broad, aged 12 years and 7 months.  
At Yale, on the 3d instant, William McColl, late sergeant of the R. M. Co. in the 48th regt. of foot, aged 24 years.  
On the 14th inst., by drowning, Joseph Robinson, of this city, aged 24 years.  
The funeral will take place to-day at 12 o'clock from the DeWitt Engine house.

At Edmonton House, Saskatchewan, District of Saskatchewan, on the 12th inst., by the Rev. J. C. Christie, Esq., Chas. Factor, Hon. Hudson's Bay Company's Service, aged 6 years 1 month, and 7 days—after an illness of four days.

**A CARD.**  
Persons desiring to advertise in "THE BRITISH COLONIST" will find it to their interest to have them appear in the first number, as there will be one thousand copies issued gratis in this city on or about the 8th of July. All orders promptly attended to by leaving the address at the office of the "British Colonist," No. 131, in the city.

**Notice.**  
THE AGENCY OF THE IMPERIAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY has this day been transferred to the undersigned, who is the only authorized Agent of the Company, and by whom all Policies will be issued and receipts given.  
J. ROBERTSON STEWART, Agent, Wharf Street, Victoria, V. I., July 1, 1865.

**IMPERIAL Fire Insurance Company.**  
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1, Old Broad street, and 16, Pall Mall.

**INVESTED CAPITAL.**  
One Million Six Hundred Thousand Pounds.  
Rates of Insurance and every information will be supplied at the Agents' office.

**NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.**  
The GENERAL ANNUAL MEETING of the IMPERIAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY will be held at the office at the Works, on Monday, July 10, 1865, at 12 o'clock.  
By order of the Board of Directors,  
C. W. B. THOMSON, Secretary.

**FOR SALE.**  
A large quantity of fire-arms, including a large quantity of muskets, rifles, and pistols, of various makes, and a large quantity of ammunition, for sale at a low price.

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