

The Weekly Colonist.

Tuesday, July 4, 1865.

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. Gollace, returned from the Northwest Coast last evening with five or six tons of cured codfish and some 20 barrels of coal-oil, or "grosse-fish." Capt. Gollace 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. Gollace 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 Clayoquot Sound, bound up. Parties desirous of obtaining some of the celebrated coal-oil will now have an opportunity of doing so as Capt. Gollace 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 Riflemen 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.

POLICE DRILL.—The police force in this city are now regularly instructed in military drill every morning by Sergt. McBride.

THE CORONER'S REPORT.—An inquest was held yesterday by Coroner Dickson on the body of W. A. Nixon at the Ship Tavern, Esquimalt; and after hearing the evidence the jury returned a verdict of "found drowned." The body was discovered with its coat and hat off, and some suppose that Robinson may have fallen overboard, and that Nixon in making an effort to save him was drowned. At four p. m. the remains were conveyed from the Tiger Company's Engine House to their last resting place, the funeral being followed by the firemen, of which body he was a member.

FROM NEW WESTMINSTER.—The steamer Alexandra arrived down last night at nine o'clock, bringing some eight or ten passengers and Dietz & Nelson's river express. Her news is anticipated by the Douglas. The Alexandra left yesterday noon, at which time a rumor was current at the wharf that the New Westminster firemen had made 45 points to the Victoria's 37, but nothing positive was known. In coming alongside the wharf, the Alexandra was carried by the high wind against the schooner Maria Scott, the latter sustaining some slight damage.

SONDAY SCHOOL PICNIC.—The children of the Sunday Schools connected with the Wesleyan and Presbyterian churches of this city, will unite for the purpose of holding a picnic on Tuesday next, the fourth of July. The picnic will be held on Meyer Harris' farm, at the head of Fort street, near the old skating pond, and it is expected that 150 children, besides their teachers, parents and friends will attend.

SUPREME COURT.—McGe v. Hall.—Mr. Drake applied yesterday to the Chief Justice in Chambers to have the certificate of the Registrar as to the accounts confirmed. Mr. McCreight instructed by Mr. Deness objected to certain items, and the Chief Justice directed the accounts to be taken in different manner, reserving the remainder of his judgment until the accounts are made up and the cause comes on for further direction.

BOUND OVER.—Mrs. Copperman, of Store street, was yesterday charged in the Police Court with assaulting her neighbor Mrs. Dobrin. A quarrel arose it appeared from the latter's children having broken a pane of glass belonging to the former, and the accused had recourse to a stick. The Magistrate ordered her to give bonds to keep the peace, herself in \$100 and two assistants in \$50 each.

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ORDINATION SERVICE.—We understand that there will be an Ordination Service in the Presbyterian Church, Pandora street, to-morrow forenoon, when Hon. D. Cameron and Messrs. John Wright, D. M. Lang, and J. H. Turner, will be appointed elders of the congregation. The services will commence at 11 o'clock.

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FRANK PROSPECTING.—Captain Layton returned to town yesterday, having been in command of a portion of the prospecting party despatched from Leech river under the auspices of the Government. A report of the proceedings of the prospectors will be made to the Governor before their departure given to the public.

Monday, July 3. FOURTH OF JULY PIC-NIC.—On Saturday the magistrates, on the application of Mr. Courtney, granted permission to Messrs. Mason & Revis, of the "Crooked Billie," to open a refreshment bar at Cadboro Bay on the 4th of July. The arrangements being made by the Committee are such as to ensure a most successful entertainment. The dancing platform has been enlarged and roofed over, and a good quadrille band, under Mr. Wilson, has been engaged to perform by sun and moonlight. Not the least attractive feature in the preparations will be the ice cream stand presided over by Signor Astico. The programme states that there will be dancing from 11 to 12 m., when the Declaration of Independence will be read and an oration delivered. The company will then partake of a cold collation, after which dancing and other amusements will be the order of the day. In the evening there will be a display of fireworks. The band will continue to play by moonlight until the "wee sma' hours."

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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 64. Total, \$37,305 31.

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VICTORIA MARKET.—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.

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

Per star MILON BADGER, from New York.—80 bbls beef, 20 tons coal.

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