

The Weekly British Colonist AND CHRONICLE.

Tuesday, November 26 1867.

We can easily understand how a person might think that annexation to the United States would better the condition of this Colony commercially... between European nations—differences which have involved England in many a bloody struggle.

between European nations—differences which have involved England in many a bloody struggle. So, too, it is manifestly better that we should trade with our American neighbors than to fight with them.

LECTURE.—Mrs W. C. Stowe's second lecture upon Spiritualism was given last evening, at the St. George Hotel. The lady claims to be "in a trance" while lecturing, and says that, although she can hear herself speak, she has no control over her mind while in that state.

THE COURT.—Our Government is absolutely a drag-chain on the progress of the country. The Court, Court Bill was signed on the 17th September. By its provisions the Summary Court is abolished and the Stipendiary Magistrate is created.

JAMES BAY WARD.—The election of a Councillor for James Bay Ward took place yesterday in front of the Police Barracks, where a large concourse of people was assembled and took a lively interest in the proceedings.

A MILL IMPROVEMENT.—Joe Eden was called to an account by the Police Magistrate, yesterday, for exercising his "five" on the piece of Wm. Muldeen, who appeared as complainant with his nasal architecture somewhat disfigured by the operation.

ABOUT KID GLOVES.—A New York fashion writer thus discourses of kid gloves: The new style of kid glove is finished with a cord and tassel, lacing on the back of the wrist for ornament, not use.

A PROSPEROUS SEASON.—The season now drawing to a close at the mines has been the most prosperous yet known in the colony. The receipts of gold for the past eight months have been larger than ever before.

THE THEATRE.—The manager has selected the "Porter's Knot," a beautiful domestic drama, and the farce of a "Kiss in the Dark" for this evening. The cast is a powerful one, including the interesting young debutante, Miss Youchin and Van Altham.

THE HUDSON BAY COMPANY'S STEAMER Enterprise sailed for Nanaimo and New Westminster yesterday morning. Among those on board were Mark Bate, Esq., and wife of Nanaimo, and Hon G. A. Walker.

"NATOR" OR THE HUMAN FROG. (F. Buckland, in Land and Water.) On Saturday last I was invited by Mr. C. M. Adams, the polite and active secretary of Cremorne Gardens, to give some account in Land and Water, of the subaqueous performance which is now being exhibited to the visitors at these gardens.

Getting close to the aquarium, I beheld "Nator" go through the following subaqueous performances. Firstly, he stands on his head; his head touches the bottom of the aquarium, his feet are at the top, like a couple of huge fishing floats. This is called the "minute trick," and is performed first in order to show the length of time that "Nator" can stay under water.

Thirdly, "Nator" sits down, tailor fashion, at the bottom of the aquarium, and grins at the people through the plate-glass front. He also opens and shuts his eyes under water, to show that this can be done.

Fourthly, He again descends, and eats under water a sponge-cake or a bun. He opens his mouth to show that he has really swallowed it. It is most difficult to swallow cake under water without also swallowing water.

Fifthly, Ascending to the surface, a soda-water bottle is handed to him; he dives with it to his perch at the bottom, and drinks down the contents, viz: a half pennyworth of milk; he chooses milk because of the color, and in order that the audience may see that he actually drinks it from the bottle; this is a most difficult trick, as it is hard to swallow the milk without the water getting into his mouth.

Sixthly, A lighted pipe is handed to him; he takes a few whiffs above water, and then descends with it; when under water he manages somehow to keep it alight, and to emit bubbles, which, coming to the surface, burst in little puffs of tobacco smoke. Coming to the surface, he shows that his pipe is still alight.

Seventhly, He does poses plastiques under water, placing himself in various attitudes, and then the piano strikes up the tune of "Froggy would a wooing go." The "human frog" dances to the music, frog fashion, at the bottom of the tank, water all the time singing the song. It is very curious to see the bubbles of air from his mouth, rushing up to the surface in greater or less numbers according to the number of words in the verse of a song which the spectator should follow in his mind.

When the Perth and Inverness Railway was first opened, some of the natives, accustomed to the well-known system of "haggling" practiced by the Highlanders, would often make their appearance at the little stations at the north, when some such dialogue as the following would ensue: Native: "What is the price?" Ticket clerk: "Two and eightpence."

Mr. P. W.—Some years ago, a lady from a Southern city went to pass a short time at a watering-place. The Sunday after her arrival she attended divine service at the small church of the place, and took her seat in the first convenient pew.

Madam, that is my hymn-book you have there. It does you credit, and the print is exceedingly clear. You must take great pleasure in it! This last repulse was complete, and nothing more was said till the service ended, when the intruder thanked her unwilling hostess for the use of her excellent pew, protesting that she had never been more comfortable in church.

It is an error to suppose that Burns was not generally appreciated in his life. He was eminently so. Before he had composed any of those exquisite songs, which he composed and Thomson's "Collection," he was hailed from the plow, and was received with honors and hospitalities by the leading persons of that lettered capital.

In a speech delivered by Sir John Bowring, at Dundee, lately, at the meeting of the British Association, Sir John urged that greater attention should be paid at our public schools to what are vulgarly called the three R's—reading, writing, and arithmetic. He stated when he was Governor of Hongkong, a highly connected young gentleman was sent out to him for public employment, bringing recommendations from very influential quarters.

At a recent meeting of the Highland Society, Professor Anderson was reported to have stated that a complete exhaustion had taken place of the guano in most of the northern Chincha Islands, and that the supply from the southern island is of an inferior quality. In consequence of this, a correspondent interested in the debt of Peru, which is secured by a loan of guano, expressed a hope that the agents would at once take note of the point, since if such statements were not met, the holders of Peruvian bonds would naturally feel anxious.

When the Perth and Inverness Railway was first opened, some of the natives, accustomed to the well-known system of "haggling" practiced by the Highlanders, would often make their appearance at the little stations at the north, when some such dialogue as the following would ensue: Native: "What is the price?" Ticket clerk: "Two and eightpence."

Mr. P. W.—Some years ago, a lady from a Southern city went to pass a short time at a watering-place. The Sunday after her arrival she attended divine service at the small church of the place, and took her seat in the first convenient pew.

Madam, that is my hymn-book you have there. It does you credit, and the print is exceedingly clear. You must take great pleasure in it! This last repulse was complete, and nothing more was said till the service ended, when the intruder thanked her unwilling hostess for the use of her excellent pew, protesting that she had never been more comfortable in church.

Madam, that is my hymn-book you have there. It does you credit, and the print is exceedingly clear. You must take great pleasure in it! This last repulse was complete, and nothing more was said till the service ended, when the intruder thanked her unwilling hostess for the use of her excellent pew, protesting that she had never been more comfortable in church.

The Weekly British Colonist AND CHRONICLE.

Tuesday, November 26 1867.

The British Columbian issue, has a labored article, in which it attempts to lead its few readers by inferring that the memorial presented to Majesty's Secretary for the subject of the Seatment was signed by only men. We do not wish to inform him and them that the memorial was signed by fifty gentlemen, either the proprietors or otherwise interested in the Colony, and that the memorial was signed by only men. We do not wish to inform him and them that the memorial was signed by fifty gentlemen, either the proprietors or otherwise interested in the Colony, and that the memorial was signed by only men.