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Electors of the Dis- t of Kootenay, B. C.

ERBROOK, Kootenay, B. C., May 15, 1886.

EMEN:—THE TIME IS APPROACHING he election of your representative in the Parliament, and I have the honor to offer candidate to fill that important post. ct of Kootenay is as yet in its youth, and he future prosperity of the population d upon the efforts that may be made for the the natural resources of the District in e it to a strong and healthy manhood. ong those resources stands the great lth which is known to exist. Although tion of this wealth has already been eveloped, through the energy, the per and the courage of the mining settlers, e admirable qualities will be neutralized back in the future unless vigorous efforts to facilitate the opportunities for prospect- to lighten the burdens of the prospec-

opinion that the taxes now imposed upon are too onerous, and that true political ill consist in giving every possible en- and assistance to the miner in order to to extract the wealth which lies buried , and thus enrich the state and reward

fact that easy means of communication place, and with the outer world, are of importance in the development of any , more especially so in the Kootenay Dis- there are nearly localities, pushing pros- ches, but which are now inaccessible for per trails. Good roads and trails would material influence in cheapening the pro- s and in helping to develop the agricul- ces of the country, and should you do me d electing me as your representative in ct to this branch of my special attention to this branch of my

enay District is rapidly attracting the at- ally deserves, and so many miners and arriving that the laws com- in its limits is too great for successful and administration. This difficulty will in- nch ratio with the population; and I am that active efforts should be made to ment district into two parts, each inde- he other.

mpathy with the present government, ed to contend against many difficulties, nbated them, on the whole, with success; be elected I should take an independent ngside "party."

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the First Division of date 16th May, advertisement of the defenders at be made twice, at intervals of a fort- British Colonist, published in Victoria, land, and the Dunfermline Journal, of all which intimation is hereby given. GRANT, S. S. C., Edinburgh, HUSBAND, Solicitor, Dunfermline, Pursuer's Agent.

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THE WEEKLY COLONIST.

NOTICE.

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Local and Provincial News.

(From the Daily Colonist, June 18.)

Honest Tom's Dream.

"I dreamt but last night; och! bad cess to my dreaming—
I'd die if I thought it would ever come to pass—
That the ballots were counted, and the government claiming
A victory brilliant—while I'd "gone to grass."
'And was it for this,' with an bitter a feeling
I appealed onto space and continued to ask
'And was it for this that I coaxed those electors
And coaxed to pack Sluggett?—a herculean task?
How I canvassed and talked! How I seized for a handle
The most paltry excuses for being returned!
Such as being in debt—which showed I was honest;
Yet here I am now, sir,—deliberately spurned!
How I asked them for plumpers! what care! I for Sluggett?
With the loss of defeat as a spur and a goad
To show over that scrubbed, grey-ish old fellow
Who for years is growing about his bad road,
In the whole of the district there is hardly a farmer
Whom, disparaging to speak, I did not take up "short"
And by declaring each question a personal thing
Have had no less than twenty write lauded from court
You should have seen how I bluffed them; why
I reverse the end of the argument
There was hardly a farmer who happened to roll
'I say Mr. Humphreys; did you?'—and then he'd remember
My first victim—Thompson—and draw back in his shell
'Sluggett is a good man; and I'll vote for him every time'
I have now learnt the lesson which twice has been taught,
By "those chawbacons" as they've not forgotten I've called them;
When present concession disappointment than ever I thought.
But I partly assuage the excess of my sorrow
In feel that in Gilmore there is sweet balm—
For the defeat that I suffered was shared by John Sluggett—
The man who referred to the third Psalm."

Personal.

At the Driard: Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Ferguson, Vancouver; Dr. Goldschmidt, Germany; Mr. Ashdown.

Gus Bonner, the advance agent of the "Bunch of Keys" comedy company arrived yesterday from the Sound.

Major Depont and Mr. John Dalby returned from Vancouver yesterday.

Archdeacon and Mrs. Scriven, Mrs. Clements, Mr. E. O. Neufelder, Mr. E. V. Bodwell and Mr. S. J. Pitts were among the arrivals from Vancouver yesterday.

Dr. J. D. Helmcken and bride will leave Edinburgh for Victoria on 1st July next.

Sergeant Plummer will leave for Quebec to-day, and from thence he will accompany Sheberbrooke, Esq., with the Canadian team.

Mr. H. E. Gulline will leave for San Francisco by the Queen of the Pacific to-day. Mr. G. will probably return in two weeks.

Mr. Walter Anderson arrived down from Vancouver yesterday.

Open Air Concert.

This afternoon, from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m., the band of H. M. S. Triumph, under Professor Agius, will play the following selections at government buildings:

Overture, "Primrose," Sergeant.
Selection, "Mikado," Sullivan.
Valse, "Tolk and Hanna," Agius.
Reminiscences "Of All Nations," Godfrey.
Galop, "Indian Mail," Lamothe.
Hawaiian "National Song," Berger.
"God Save the Queen."

Accidentally Killed His Son.

A shocking accident occurred on the Wenas on Wednesday, caused by the careless handling of firearms, and which resulted in the shooting and killing of a son by his father. Al. Ritter, a farmer on the Wenas, borrowed a breech-loading rifle and took it home. While Mr. Ritter was explaining its working to his wife the cartridge in the gun was exploded in some way but except being somewhat startled for a moment Mr. and Mrs. Ritter felt no alarm until they attempted to issue the course of the ball. A two-year-old son was sleeping on the bed in the room where the explosion took place, and the fact that no movement was perceptible from him caused the parents to hurry to his bedside, where it was found that the ball had entered the body at the left groin and ranged through his frame, coming out at the breast and again entering at the chin, lodging in the top of the head, and causing instantaneous death. While Mr. Ritter is to be censured for his lack of caution and his carelessness, the grief of himself and wife causes a general feeling of sympathy in their great sorrow.—*Yakima Signal.*

What Some People Say.

That Mrs. Yeomans, the eloquent temperance lecturer from Ontario, is expected to be in the city next week, and that arrangements are being made to hear her on her favorite topic. A treat of no ordinary character may be anticipated. More anon.

That the Times is nothing if not impertinent. Its insult in its yesterday's issue to Mr. Blackett, and through him to the workingmen, is little short of scandalous. But then the shady sheet is fast dragging its party into the mire.

That H. R. H. the Prince of Wales was married when he was twenty-one years and four months old. His eldest son, Prince Albert Victor, is twenty-two years and four months old. The Princess Elizabeth, eldest daughter of the Duke of Hesse, will attain her nineteenth year next September. She is a charming girl, amiable, accomplished, and entitled to a respectable dowry from Germany. Prince Albert Victor might do worse than to lead this fair descendant of the Brandenburgs to the hymeneal altar.—*Paris Letter in London World.*

That of the survivors of the Greely expedition, other than the commander, there are still in the signal service—Brainard at Washington, Long in New York, and Connell either in San Francisco or Los Angeles. Biederbeck, who was recently, was fired, has left the service and talks of studying a profession. The fifth, Frederick, is keeping a beer saloon in Milwaukee.

That Axel Gustafson, the temperance advocate and author, will visit America in August.

That Lady Sophia Macnamara has relinquished her appointment as lady-in-waiting to H. R. H. Princess Louise.

That an Irishman, owing to dreadful misfortunes, resolved to commit suicide. But as he did not wish it to be known, lest it should leave a stain on his family, he left a note on the table to the following effect: "I hope you will not think that I committed suicide. The pistol went off as I was cleaning it."

That Edward Atkinson, a well-known statistician, presents figures to show that the railroads of the United States give employment to 650,000 people, and transport 400,000,000 tons of freight annually, one-half of which is wood and fuel; and furthermore, it is proved that the freight rates are so low that the eastern mechanic can have a year's supply of food hauled from a distance of 1000 miles for the proceeds of a day's labor.

That it is Mr. Beaven's turn to call a meeting and give Mr. Carey a chance to throw cold water on *him* this time. One good turn deserves another.

That an editor in Ohio thus describes the warm weather in his diggings: "A small negro boy injudiciously leaned up against the sunny side of the house yesterday and fell asleep. In a few minutes he began to soften and in a quarter of an hour he ran all over the yard. His mother dipped him up in a washtub."

That the latest political "fact" unearthed by the Times is to the effect that E. G. Prior, J. C. Blackett and D. W. Higgins *have been drunk together!* This is a specimen of "genteel" journalism.

That when it became evident Vancouver would be burned, Mr. Marpole, Berry, of the Transfer Co., remembered that there were about 20 casks of powder stored in the transfer stable. He hurriedly hitched up a team, threw in the casks, covered them with blankets and started for False creek, where he dumped them into the water. If they had gone off in the stable there would probably have been great loss of life.—*Colonist.*

That a farmer in Condon, Neb., advertises for a wife, and specifies that she must be about six feet tall, weigh 250 pounds, have red hair, and be an atheist.

That of 175,000,000 of Moslems that according to Mr. Blunt, constitute the population of Islam, nearly 50,000,000 acknowledge the authority or influence of Britain.

That four well-known society young ladies startled Grand Rapids people recently by parading the streets in full Japanese costumes, umbrellas, "waddle," and all.

That Bell's Life, of London, after thirty-sixty-five years, announces that as a weekly it cannot compete with the London daily sporting journals, and accordingly will cease publication. No other sporting paper was ever so famous—and none ever will be again—as Bell's.

That two billion one hundred and sixty-five million bushels of wheat are consumed every year. Last year it was estimated that there was a deficiency of 56,000,000 bushels, and the year previous a surplus of 125,000,000. This would leave a surplus of 70,000,000 to supplement the coming harvest.

That the boycott is threatening the White house. According to a Washington correspondent of the Louisville Courier Journal, there is talk among the democrats of boycotting the president for his "undemocratic conduct." They hold that he has not done enough to help his party. How the boycott is to be applied is not stated.

That poor Dr. Burchard! His unfortunate "Rum, Romanism and Rebellion" seems destined to pursue him to the grave. The other day a majority of the graduating class of Rutger's female college petitioned that he should be asked to deliver the farewell address to them, and now the trustees have directed the president to reprimand them for doing so.

Vancouver Fire.

The constant interruption of telegraphic communication has hindered the reception through this source of news of the fire, and the information conveyed by those who arrive from Vancouver is very slight and very vague. The actual number of bodies as yet recovered is as indefinite as ever, and the full number of lives lost is at present, and probably always will be, greatly a matter of speculation. It seems, however, to be tolerably certain that in spite of the number of persons who sought safety in or on the water, none were drowned. Councillor Balfour, who came down yesterday, mentions a report that what were supposed to be the human remains of two more bodies had been discovered in the ruins. One of the victims of the conflagration was Mrs. Jane Housting, who had been acting as housekeeper for Mrs. J. Hartney.

Though the losses will foot up something like the figure we originally named—$500,000—the total amount of insurance is under $150,000. Funds, provisions and clothing for the sufferers continue to be sent to them, and measures for their relief go on with unabated vigor. On Sunday next the collections taken up in all of the churches of this city will be devoted to the same purpose, and the Victoria Operatic Society intend to give a performance of the "Chimes of Normandy" at the Victoria theatre on the 30th inst. for the benefit of the sufferers.

POLICE NOTES.—George Vienna, for refusing to pay to Mr. W. K. Bull the provincial revenue tax due from the man in his employ, was fined the nominal sum of $5; but the presiding magistrate, Mr. S. Johnson, remarked that if the offensive conduct of the defendant given in evidence was repeated, a very different penalty would be imposed.

Accident on the Phaeton.

Her majesty's ship Phaeton, 10, steel steam cruiser, Capt. E. H. Bayle, put into Plymouth Sound on Wednesday morning between 10 and 11 o'clock to land for medical treatment three of her crew who had been seriously injured by an alarming accident which occurred on board on the previous day when the vessel was about 100 miles off Plymouth. The Phaeton left Sheerness on Friday last for a week's experimental cruise in the Channel. It seems that the gun crews of the vessel were in quarters on Tuesday morning shortly before 11 o'clock for target practice. The bugle had sounded the "Cease fire" for the starboard guns, while the guns on the port side were being fired. One of the crews had been firing from a four-barreled Nordenfelt gun over the upper deck, when the order was passed along to them to discontinue practice, and word was sent at the same time to the Marines' gun crew to come forward and fire their rounds from the port side gun. After the order had been given for the marines to fire from the gun the lanyard, which contains the cartridges with which the gun is supplied, was removed, but both the crew who were leaving the gun and the men comprising the party who were taking over charge of it omitted, apparently, to ascertain whether there were any cartridges remaining in the barrels, or "pumped home" as it is technically known. The marine crew, acting under the directions of a bombardier of the Royal marine artillery, who was the captain of the gun, began to train the Nordenfeldt for the purpose of securing it and, when it was placed fore and aft, the lever, by some mishap, was touched, and the gun, which must have contained at least four cartridges in each of which there would be a bullet weighing about 1½ ounces, went off, with the result that a number of the other gun crews, who were stationed further forward cleaning 6-inch breechloading guns which had been fired, were struck by shot or the splinters caused by them. Some of the bullets, it was ascertained, went through two iron beams beside the bulkhead of the ship. The injured men, four in number, were attended to by the ship's doctor, but the wounds of three of them were found to be of so serious a character that it was deemed advisable to make for Plymouth without delay. Immediately on the Phaeton arriving at the port the injured men were landed in cots and taken to the Royal naval hospital at Stonehouse. Their names are Uriah Allen, 28, able seaman; Philip T. Guy, 23, able seaman; and William Sheddick, 17, boy. Captain G. S. Bosanquet, A. D. C., and Lieutenant H. M. T. Jones, senior staff officer of the Cambridge, gunnery ship, boarded the Phaeton shortly after her arrival by order of the port-admiral to hold an inquiry into the cause of the accident. The steam-steering gear of the Phaeton also broke down during the dog watch on Tuesday.—*Times.*

THROUGH TO THE PACIFIC.

Arrangements for the Canadian Pacific Through Service to Vancouver City.

Mr. Wm. Whyte, general superintendent Eastern Division Canadian Pacific railway, was lately in Toronto, where he was met by a reporter of the Globe. Mr. Whyte said a change had been made in the names of the divisions, and instead of his division being known as the Eastern, Ontario, and Quebec divisions, they were had been amalgamated under the name of the Eastern division. The rumors which have been afloat as to the opening of the through line to the Pacific coast were mentioned, and Mr. Whyte said that the time now set for the opening was the 28th of the present month. The road itself was practically ready for opening, but they were waiting for cars and locomotives, without which it would be impossible to keep up the working of the road. The train for Winnipeg instead of leaving Montreal at 2 p.m., as at present, and Toronto at 9.25 a.m. would leave at 8 p.m. from Montreal and 5 p.m. from Toronto. The time to Port Arthur will be shortened by about four hours on the Lake Superior section, between Cartier and Port Arthur. The train will reach Heron Bay about 7 o'clock in the morning, and passengers will thus be enabled to view the magnificent scenery on the north shore of Lake Superior, which is now impossible, because of the train passing through during the night. The train from Toronto leaving at 5 p.m. will arrive at Chatelaine Junction about 12.45 p.m., and will have a sleeper attached to North Bay, where a transfer will be made to the Montreal sleeper. The whole distance from Montreal to Vancouver will be traversed in 130 hours dead reckoning. The return train will arrive at Montreal at 8 a.m., instead of 12.35 p.m., as at present, and at Toronto at 11 a.m. The local trains between Havelock and Toronto will be discontinued, and the Winnipeg trains made to take their place.

Italian Summer Night Festival.

Don't forget the first Italian summer night festival of the German Singing Society, under the conductorship of Prof. Pfordner, at the Agricultural Grounds, Beacon Hill, this evening at 8 o'clock. The reception committee comprises Messrs. John Kurtz, Jacob Sehl, Sr., Prof. Pfordner, Dr. West, F. Kruger, Frank Campbell, Jr., John Decker and G. Appenstier. These names attest not only the respectability of the entertainment, but the excellence of the programme. The latter comprises dancing, illumination of the grounds, fireworks and a balloon ascension. The Queen City band will be in attendance. The hall will be handsomely decorated for the occasion, and all who see these alone will be well worth the price of admission. Part of the proceeds will be generously devoted to the relief of the Vancouver sufferers. The Victoria Transfer company's busses leave Frank Campbell's corner at 6 o'clock for the scene of this festival and will run every half hour.

A MISREPRESENTER.—The Evening Times, ever anxious to wrongfully abuse, calls *The Colonist* report of Mr. Carey's meeting a shameful perversion of facts. Perhaps this can be best answered by casually selecting a passage from each referring to a remark made by Mr. Carey:

He then contrasted the utility of the two bills for building the Island railway, and showed that whilst the Clemens bill excluded Chinese labor the Dunsmuir bill and the government made no such provision.—*Times.*

He alluded to the Clemens bill which exempted that company from taxation, and failed to impose a restriction upon Chinese labor.—*Colonist.*

We leave it to Mr. Carey, and those who heard him, to say which of the above quoted statements is correct.

BAPTIST CONFERENCE.—Yesterday morning's session of the Puget Sound Baptist Association was occupied with a matter of a serious character, and was discussed with closed doors. It came to a satisfactory conclusion, however, which was received with such delight by the delegates that they gave vent to their joy in prayer. The standing committees reported in the afternoon, and a public educational meeting was held in the evening. Rev. D. J. Nave presided, the speakers were Messrs. Hanson, Moore, Offerman and Dodds, and Master Hallsley and Huxtable, which was won by the former pair, and created much amusement. The prize for the winners was a silk whistle, upon which the victors played in turns. The boys and girls had a very pleasant time, many of the former adding to their enjoyment by a dip in the salt water; the success of the picnic is mainly due to the efforts of the teachers, who really worked hard to make the day a delightful one for the children under their charge. The prize list for races was not completed yesterday and those which were omitted will be competed for on Monday.

THE VANCOUVER FIRE.—A correspondent of the Guardian, who was at Vancouver when the fire broke out, writes: "The chickens that were out in the streets feeding on grasshoppers were roasted alive, and several persons shared their fate. The smell of burned flesh was horrible. On one of the principal streets at 5 o'clock I saw the dead body of a woman, and beside it the dead body of a child; the burned arm of the child was round the woman's neck, and the clothes on the right side of both bodies were burned to a crisp, the clothes on the other side scarcely scorched. Fifty persons must have perished in the flames. Up to this time nine dead bodies have been discovered. Hundreds went out to sea on logs, and other hundreds disappeared in the woods not knowing where to go in that blinding smoke.

Cranks at the Mint.

Lots of cranks visit the Philadelphia mint. The majority look sensible, and are well dressed, but some can be identified as insane at the distance of a block, and the attire of these is in keeping with their disordered intellects. Men and women who are a little "gone in the upper story," as the poet puts it, go to the mint usually with but one errand—to collect thousands of millions of dollars, which they firmly believe is there deposited to their credit. Most of them are from the city or vicinity, but one in a while one puts in an appearance who has come a goodly distance by half to get money supposed to be all ready. By long and painful experience the jolly chief usher of the mint has been led to adopt one invariable rule for the crazy visitors. He does not even fling them into the street. He don't order them away, or advise them to go to a place where intellects are cheaply repaired, but instead, he agrees to all they say, acknowledges that there are tens of thousands of millions of dollars, as the case may be, waiting for them, and then gets rid of them by some polite excuse of temporary delay in payment in their claims, or sends them on some fool's errands to see government officials who exist only in imagination.

Yesterday a lady with a wall eye, a ragged black cloak and a bushy head of uncombed hair, walked up Chestnut street steps of the mint and demanded to be introduced to the "treasurer of the United States."

"He is out," said the chief usher who had had a painful previous experience with his visitors.

"When will he be in?" she asked fiercely.

"I don't know, madame."

"Show me to the chief clerk!"

"He has just gone to lunch."

"When will he be in?"

"In a couple of hours."

"I'll wait," said the lady with the unfinished skull. I have $25,000 here on deposit. I'm going to draw it to-day. No nonsense, young man," and she sat down firmly on a leather covered chair.

By persuading her to let her money lie a day or two in order to "draw interest," she was induced to depart.

Not long ago a clean-shaven gentleman, 40 or 45, well dressed, looking the typical man of business, came to the mint and asked to see the cashier. He was taken to that official's office.

"I am Gen. Jackson," said the visitor "and I have several millions of deposit here, placed to my credit by my friend, the Baron Alphonse de Rothschild, of Paris."

"Ah, general, glad to see you. Be seated. Your money is all right."

"But I want to take it away."

"Pshaw!"

"I am sorry," said the official "but the fact is we have nothing but silver. Your deposit would fill several wagons. Leave your address and we will send it."

"General Jackson" thanked his informant, wrote John McKenzie, 11 Girard avenue, and left in the confident expectations of seeing his three millions carried home.

Some years ago when the chief usher of the mint hadn't much experience with cranks, a wild-eyed gentleman with a spare body and a fierce moustache, strode into the mint and asked for $100,000 which he said he had left there.

"Get out. You have no money here."

"Do you think I'm a fool? Don't know what's what? I tell you the money belongs to me. Hand it over, or I'll ——!" And the visitor stepped forward glowing with indignation, with his fist upraised.

She Makes Scolding Pay.

There is a little family in Kennebec County, says the Lewiston (Me.) Journal, in the inner circle of which a very curious custom prevails, and it must be admitted that the custom is one that might tend to break up a less liberal household. The family consists simply of a husband and wife, and they live happily enough, and there would not be a cloud on the horizon but for one thing—the husband's temper. In most respects he is an exemplary and kind husband, and as far as any one can see he is very fond of his wife; but when things go wrong during the day, or when he is not feeling well, it takes but little to make him extremely irritable. On such occasions he is wont to indulge in many expletives not found in the dictionary, and has been known to call his wife almost everything but an angel. Finally his wife became tired of this sort of thing, and even the extreme penitence of her husband when his irritation was over failed to suffice. Therefore taking him in one of his penitent moods, she made him agree to the following price-list of epithets:

Lay old thing, price ..... 5c Old waggle-tongue, Shiftless hussy, price 10c
Ugly spitfire, price ..... 15c Dirty old fool, price 15c
Old fool, price ..... 25c Miscellaneous 10c
Cross-patch, price 10c

Having once gotten him to agree to these terms, she procured a pasteboard box, and, having glued the cover on, she cut a slit in the top large enough to admit the passage of all coins, and then waited. It was not long before something went wrong, and as usual the husband launched out at the poor wife. But, paper and pencil in hand, she jotted down the epithets and made $2.35 that attack. When calmed down he cheerfully paid the bill, and the wife thinks she will have at least $100 saved up at the end of a year, unless he gets to laughing at seeing her make the pencil fly, and forgets to be mad altogether.

DEATH.—Mr. John McKenzie, C. E., of the Dominion government land office, called in to mourn the loss of a brother—Mr. Alexander C. McKenzie, who died on Thursday of consumption. The deceased gentleman had been a resident of the city about seven months, during which time he was an invalid. The funeral will take place this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock.

Marine.

Bark Chevy Chase, from Liverpool for Victoria, is seriously overdue, being 195 days out. The last heard of her was her being spoken 105 days ago the other side of the Horn.

Steamer Alexander left yesterday for the scene of the wreck of the ship John Stoodfield, to aid in the attempt to haul her off into deep water.

Spanish Hope, upon which repairs have been completed, was expected to leave yesterday for Roche harbor.

Theatrical Notes.

The physician who recently examined Frank Farrell informed him that he had a hole in his lung as big as an apple, and that he could not possibly live a year. He advised him to go to Colorado at once.

Helen Mason, a former society belle of Oakland, who has been connected with the Eastern stage for the past three years, has joined the Baldwin company.

San Sothern, a son of the late Ed. Sothern, of Lord Dundreary fame, is a member of John T. Raymond's company.

Mrs. McKee Rankin is planning to go East to visit her relatives. Her daughters will accompany her.

The new play in which Mantell stars next season is said to depict some peculiar phases of social life in New York city.

Isabel Morris is extensively paragraphed in the East as having arrived in Australia.

The latest is that Mr. and Mrs. McKee Rankin meditate an Eastern tour next season with the Golden Giant.

Agnes Thomas left for Australia under engagement to J. C. Williamson. She will proceed to England from there with Dot and Nina Boucicault to join Agnes Robertson-Boucicault's company.

Henry Holland and Katie Cleveland were among those who supported John A. Stevens during the recent New York engagement, in spite of the fact that the profession generally has given the latter the cold shoulder on account of the reputation he has gained for bilking people out of their salaries.

Tom Keene does not go to Europe this summer. He has come to the sensible conclusion that America is good enough to stay in as well as play in.

Nate Jacobs, formerly connected with the California Theatre in its palmy days, and now a "commercial traveler," gave Carrie Swain her early acrobatic training.

Overtures have been made to Jeffreys Lewis to play Sarah Bernhardt's great part in Théodora, which will be presented for the first time in America at Niblo's in New York.

Eastern managers are said to be rather envious of the "soft snap" that the Jamaica Romeo, Lewis Morrison, has struck with the millionaire mine-owner's Shakespearian combination.

Charles Queen, the champion clog-dancer, who came to this coast last fall with Haverly's Minstrels, was sent to Kansas city from Los Angeles this week. He is in the last stage of consumption.

Rumor has it that a popular actress who recently arrived in S. F. is under the surveillance of a private detective, who reports daily by telegraph to a jealous husband who is anxious to procure evidence for a divorce.

Coke on Etiquette.

Speaking of Judge Coke to a congressman from his state this evening he told the following: The senator live down on Sixth street, in strict retirement. Nobody is allowed to visit him without first sending up his card. When the recent spell of warm weather was at it height the front door was left open one evening. It happened that two of his political friends from Galveston were in the city and seeking his residence. Seeing Judge Coke through the lighted window they ascended and knocked at his room door. Being asked to enter the visitors stepped into the room, and were about to greet the senator joyfully, when he said:

"Gentlemen, I regret to say that it is a rule of this house that the cards of visitors must always be sent up to me. I have to request that you will observe the custom."

"Certainly we will," was the abashed reply as the visitors backed out of the apartment. They rang the bell, gave the servant girl their cards and waited patiently for her return. They were anxious to humor an old man's eccentricities. The girl reappeared, and the visitors almost fainted when she said:

"Senator Coke is not in."—*Chicago News.*

School Picnic.

A large picnic of the free school was held yesterday at Fort Bay, about six hundred children, fifteen teachers, and a large number of visitors attending. The trustees present were Messrs. Heisterman, Braden, McMicking and Higgins. Races and games were many and various, including a three-legged race between Messrs. Offerman and Dodds, and Master Hallsley and Huxtable, which was won by the former pair, and created much amusement. The prize for the winners was a tin whistle, upon which the victors played in turns. The boys and girls had a very pleasant time, many of the former adding to their enjoyment by a dip in the salt water; the success of the picnic is mainly due to the efforts of the teachers, who really worked hard to make the day a delightful one for the children under their charge. The prize list for races was not completed yesterday and those which were omitted will be competed for on Monday.

KING LUDWIG.

DETAILS CONNECTED WITH HIS SUICIDE.

The watch worn by the King, which was on his person when his corpse was recovered, had stopped at 6:54 last evening. Dr. Mueller, and Hubert the King's steward, had the bodies of the King and Dr. Gudden conveyed to the castle and placed in beds. Although there was neither any perceptible respiration nor pulse moving in either body, Dr. Mueller and his assistants of the ambulance corps attempted to restore animation in both, and only ceased their efforts at resuscitation at midnight, when life was proven to be extinct in both cases.

King Ludwig's suicide has cast a deep gloom over Munich. Now it is seen plainly that the people were deeply attached to the King, and evidences are everywhere manifest of popular sorrow caused by his tragic death.

The police have issued the following bulletin: "The King quietly submitted to the advice of the medical commission and left for Berg Castle. Yesterday evening the King went out for a walk in the park in company with Dr. Gudden. Their prolonged absence caused anxiety at the castle. The park and shores of the lake were searched and the bodies of the King and Dr. Gudden were found in the water. Both showed slight signs of animation. Efforts to restore life were, however, unavailing."

At 10 o'clock this morning the generals of the Bavarian army met and took the oath of allegiance to King Ludwig's brother, Otto, who at once assumed the title of king under the name of Otto I. He is three years younger than Ludwig, being born on April the 27th, 1848. Otto, however will be simply nominally king, as he is mentally incapable of governing, and Prince Luithold, his uncle, will remain regent. The generals of the army have taken the oath of allegiance to Prince Luithold as regent. The Bavarian troops took an oath similar to those sworn to by the generals.

There are evidences that a violent struggle occurred in the lake between the King and Dr. Gudden in the endeavor of the latter to rescue his patient, and many footprints can be seen in the soil at the bottom of the lake near where the bodies were found, and there are several bruises on Gudden's face, which were probably made by the King's fingernails. The King, before plunging into the lake, divested himself of his two coats, which were found on the bank and led to the discovery of the bodies.

According to the constitution Prince Otto, although deranged, becomes king. Luithold remains regent and will administer the affairs of the government.

The church bells have been sending forth muffled peals throughout the day, and excited and sorrowful crowds of people thronged the streets despite a heavy rain. The corpses will shortly be brought to Munich and laid in state.

The sworn deposition of June the 8th of physicians who examined Ludwig unanimously declare that Ludwig was gravely deranged, the affection taking the form known to lunacy experts as parencia, which is incurable. Further decay was certain. The malady absolutely deprived the king of free volition, and would prevent his governing for the remainder of his life.

The medical commission which examined the late king Ludwig reports that he ordered the Ministerial deputation headed by Count Holstein, which called upon him to procure his consent to the regency, to be flogged until they bled and then to have their eyes extracted.

Before his death the belief was spreading among the common people of Bavaria that the King's deposition was illegal. The people did not believe that he was insane. Precautions had been taken to prevent the populace from rising to restore the King.

LONDON, June 14.—Queen Victoria has offered the Counte de Paris, during his exile from France under the expulsion act, the use of Claremont Castle, where Louis Phillippe found a home and where he died. The Counte de Paris declined the Queen's offer on the ground that he does not intend to reside in England permanently.

The Kermadec Islands.

(Pall Mall Gazette).

The annexation of the Kermadec Islands is a good example of the manner in which the territory and responsibilities of the Empire keep on increasing in spite of ourselves. The Kermadecs are "unconsidered trifles" in reality; they are a few rocky uninhabited islands (save for a few white waifs thrown up by the ocean, and even their existence is uncertain) about six hundred miles to the north-east of New Zealand, on the way to Fiji, and several hundred miles east of Norfolk island. There is said to be no anchorage in the little archipelago, so that on the whole it would be difficult to find a more solitary spot on the face of the globe. Yet we hoist our flag over it, not because there is a chance that it will ever be of the smallest use to us, but merely in order that others may not plant their flag there, and so be an annoyance to New Zealand and Australia. To make the South Pacific an Australasian lake is, we know, the ambition of some important personages in the colonies, and there is no reason why we should not go on annexing every foothold in the South seas as we have just done the Kermadecs.

GONE PROSPECTING.—Messrs. W. McCullough, government assayer, and W. Halpenny, government guide, left for the interior of the island, via Goldstream yesterday morning. They will locate several quartz ledges, that are thought to exist on the headwaters of some of the small streams, and will determine the auriferous nature of the rocks of the localities they visit.

ALBERNI WAGON ROAD.—The contract for section number 8 of the Alberni and Nanaimo wagon road has been awarded to John Fraser, a settler at Alberni, and for sections 1, 3 and 4, to John Macp