

## The Weekly Colonist.

Tuesday, April 19, 1864.

## LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

Wednesday, April 13.

**FISHER'S CASE.**—Charles Fisher was yesterday brought up on remand, charged with being in possession of stolen goods, the property of Mr. J. H. Turner. Mr. Turner deposed that his store on Langley Street was broken into and robbed on the night of the 6th December last. He identified certain pieces of goods and articles of attire which were produced, as his property. Mr. Wright appeared for the prisoner, and cross-examined the witness very closely as to the identity of the goods, but failed to shake his testimony. Sergeant Wilmer proved the arrest of the prisoner and the seizure of the goods in the search of the premises the articles produced were found. Prisoner stated to him after the usual caution, that he had been trading in the sloop San Juan Packet, and had brought some of the goods from the Sound, where he purchased them at a sale. Mr. Wright cross-examined the officer narrowly. On the application of Sergeant Smith, the prisoner and the sloop Kitty were further remanded for one day.

**REPORTED LOSS OF THE SIERRA NEVADA.**—The following, from the Portland Oregonian, is what gave rise to the troublesome report which gained currency yesterday of the total loss of this steamer with all on board:—The steamer Sierra Nevada, which recently left for Oregon, was swamped on the Columbia bar, and all hands reported lost. She was freighted with a large number of passengers for the northern mines. The above startling intelligence from the Mining and Scientific Press, of the 26th, ult., is news to us. When the Sierra Nevada left this port on the 29th—three days after the publication of her disaster—she was in fine trim, and showed no signs of the terrible ducking above alluded to.

**SUPREME COURT.**—The case of Grier v. Oording came off in the Supreme Court yesterday, and resulted in a verdict of \$2,700 for the plaintiff, being \$700 more than the sum which had been paid into the Court.

**WAGES SUIT.**—*Johnson v. Shearnsmith.*—Defendant was sued for \$40, one month's wages alleged to be due. The defence was that it was a monthly agreement at \$40 on trial, and after the first week's service defendant gave plaintiff notice that he should not require his services. The magistrate held that it was a monthly agreement, and defendant was entitled to a month's notice; he therefore made an order for \$40, with costs.

**THE EMBURY ON CORMORANT STREET.**—Kinnow, a Queen Charlotte Indian, and Charley, a Hyab, were yesterday convicted of being concerned in the disturbance on Cormorant street, in which officer Conlan was assaulted, and were ordered to furnish bonds to be of good behavior.

**WE UNDERSTAND** that Supt. Smith will proceed in one of the gunboats to San Juan to make enquiries into disturbances which have recently occurred on that Island with Indians and others.

**STILL MISSING.**—Nothing has been heard of Mr. George Roberts and the two men who left this city on Wednesday last for San Juan in a Whale boat. They took with them a quantity of flour, bacon and other provisions, and the boat had a mast, sail and four oars. When found she contained only two oars, which were under the thwart. The presumption or rather the hope therefore is that they had encamped somewhere and had secured the rest of the gear and the provisions by the wind or tide. Further information is anxiously waited for by the friends of the parties, and we may perhaps be permitted to suggest that means be at once taken by the authorities to clear up the matter by instituting a search around the Island in the neighborhood.

**A "DIFFICULTY" ON FORT STREET.**—Yesterday afternoon Fort street was thrown into a considerable state of excitement by a "difficulty" which occurred between Mr. Attorney General Cary and Mr. McLaughlin. As the whole affair has been made public in the Police Court it is sufficient at present to state that the learned gentleman attempted to seek reparation for some grievance through the instrumentality of a horse-whip, but reckoned without his host and came off decidedly second best. Mr. Cary's face was much damaged.

**TRADE WITH CHINA.**—Messrs. Elliott & Stuart, the brewers, have shipped on board the Napoleon III, to China, a sample case of their Colonial brewed Ale, to ascertain how it will stand the test of the voyage, and whether it can find a market with our Eastern friends. A passenger on board also takes instructions from Messrs. Duncan & George, of this city, to procure orders for the shipment of lumber and spars.

**THOUGHTS IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**—We are credibly informed that the Honorable Alfred Langley has resigned his seat in the Legislative Council. It is also said that Hon. Roderick Finlayson has intimated his intention of sending in his resignation. Reputed cause—disgust on the part of these gentlemen at the present composition of this distinguished body.

**GOV. SEYMOUR ARRIVED.**—His Excellency the new Governor of British Columbia, with Dr. Birch, Colonial Secretary, and Capt. Holmes, Private Secretary, arrived last night by the steamer Panama.

**STEARING POTATOES.**—Jack, a Queen Charlotte Indian, was yesterday charged with stealing potatoes from Mr. Cary's property. It appeared that Jack, with a number of his friends, had made a clean sweep of a whole clamp, carrying off two or three tons of Irish apples. Jack was sent for three months to the chain-gang.

**THREE GOVERNORS AT ONE TIME!**—Wednesday, April 13th, 1864, will be a day of note in the annals of Victoria, having witnessed the arrival of two Governors and a nobleman! The presence of three Governors in this city at the same time may not again occur in the history of this Island.

**LUNACY.**—A commission de lunatic inquiry having issued against Thomas Williams of the What-Cheer Hotel, at the instance of his wife, an enquiry was instituted yesterday before the Registrar and a jury, and he was declared of unsound mind and incompetent to manage his affairs.

**COURT OF ASSIZE AND GENERAL GAOL DELIVERY.**—This Court is appointed to be held on Tuesday next, April 19th, at 10 a.m.

Friday, April 15.

**THE ROBBERY ON LANGLEY STREET.**—Charles Fisher and the sloop Kitty were again brought before the police magistrate yesterday upon the charge of being unlawfully possessed of certain goods and apparel, the property of Mr. J. H. Turner, dry goods merchant. The charge against the woman was first gone into, and after hearing the evidence of Mr. Turner and sergeant Wilmer she was received as Queen's evidence against Fisher. She stated that Fisher had purchased the goods in question from two men named Frank Burney and Bill. These two men have from the first been suspected by the police as concerned in the present and other burglaries. Fisher declined to make any statement, and both prisoners were committed for trial.

**THE FATE OF GEORGE ROBERTS.**—We learn from a friend of George Roberts's who went over on Tuesday to San Juan to ascertain the truth of the rumor, that there is very little doubt that the unfortunate man and his two companions have been drowned. Our informant has seen the whale-boat found by the Indians, and identified it at once as the one in which the missing men left Victoria. He states that the two oars which were found under the thwart were so placed before the boat left here, in order to keep some flour, &c. out of the wet. The party had an extra pair of oars with them. Nothing had been heard of the sad accident at San Juan.

**BUTE INLET ROAD.**—The sale of the Bute Inlet Wagon Road Company took place yesterday at noon, A. F. Main, auctioneer. Contrary to expectation, there was considerable bidding, which raised the price from \$5,000 to \$14,000, at which latter figure the whole property was knocked down to Mr. A. Waddington. This was considered rather cheap, in view of the large sums expended, amounting, it was stated, to \$50,000.

**GOVERNOR SEYMOUR.**—We are in a position to announce that His Excellency Governor Seymour will leave Victoria in one of H. M. Gunboats in time to reach New Westminster early on Wednesday next.

**WAGES SUIT.**—Charles Thomas, yesterday obtained an order in the police court against Mary Sheldon for \$37, for wages due.

**SUBSCRIPTION BALL.**—One of the most fashionable and agreeable balls ever given in this city took place in the Lyceum Hall on Thursday night. Shortly before 10 o'clock, the spacious room was well filled, and the dancing commenced to the excellent music of Messrs. Sandrie, Palmer, Maguire and Allen's quadrille band. Among the guests were His Excellency Governor Kennedy, Mrs. and the Misses Kennedy, and His Excellency Governor Seymour. Between 12 and 1 o'clock the supper room in the adjoining restaurant of the French Hotel was thrown open, displaying a tasteful arrangement of every delicacy the season could furnish. Dancing continued with the greatest spirit until Aurora's grey tints heralded the approach of day.

**OMISSION.**—The name of Silken Brothers & Co., agents for the North British and Mercantile Insurance Company, was inadvertently omitted from the list of signatures attached to the resolution presented from the Insurance Companies at the late Firemen's deputation to the Governor.

**GEORGE ROBERTS.**—The steamer Otter returned yesterday from San Juan, but nothing had been heard of George Roberts and his men. His friends now abandon all hope of his safety. In another column will be found a notice touching the property and effects of the missing man.

Monday, April 18.

**DROWNED.**—Yesterday afternoon, about 4 o'clock, the only son of Mr. Robert Williams of the Hudson Bay Company's service, a child of 3 years of age, was drowned in a water-hole adjoining the house. The parents of the little boy having missed him from the door proceeded to look for him among the neighboring bushes, but not finding him and seeing a box which closed the entrance to the hole pushed aside, rushed to the spot and were horrified to discover the body of the poor little one in the water. It was at once taken out, and Drs. Helmcken and Powell hastily sent for, but it was too late—the vital spark had fled. The child had been accompanied by a little dog, which seemed by the footmarks on the brink of the hole, to have made some attempt to extricate him, but without effect. An inquest will probably be held to-day.

**MORE EXCITEMENT ABOUT GOLDSTREAM.**—The holders of feet in the Goldstream Quartz leads were thrown into great excitement on Saturday by the announcement that Major Robertson, a gentleman of considerable mining experience, had assayed some of the rock taken by him from the Mt. Carmichael lead, and found it to contain over \$10,500 of gold and near \$24 of silver to the ton! A great demand for shares in this company was the result, and several hundred feet changed hands during the day. Shares rose from \$7 per share of (15 feet) to \$15.

**CAUTION TO TRAVELLERS.**—On Saturday evening a gentleman and lady who had arrived by the Brother Jonathan, proceeded to the St. George Hotel. Their baggage was deposited on the sidewalk and while the visitors were inside some rascals walked off with a large trunk containing chiefly wearing apparel. The trunk was soon missed, and after a diligent search it was discovered open on a vacant lot near by. The contents were scattered about on the ground, the thieves having evidently made a hurried search for money or jewelry, but finding none had fled.

**ANOTHER BURGLAR.**—A man named Harris, who recently served his time in the chain-gang, was apprehended on Saturday on a charge of burglary.

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**GOLD STREAM.**—A gentleman who visited the mines yesterday gives us the following particulars:—A number of men are working on the road to Goldstream diggings, chiefly on the portion between the lake and Thomas's; yesterday they were employed in putting a bridge over the slough in the wood, which will be a great improvement. In 8 or 10 days the road will be in good driving order through to the creek. Thomas has reduced the price of "drinks" to "one bit each, a boon highly appreciated by the thirsty traveller. A stable for horses is much needed at this point, and would, doubtless be well patronized. Small-bone's ditch is in statu quo; he now talks of sinking a shaft to reach the "bed rock." Two directors of the Gould and Curry were out yesterday to meet a man who contended the price of "drinks" to "one bit each, a boon highly appreciated by the thirsty traveller. A stable for horses is much needed at this point, and would, doubtless be well patronized. 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