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GOVERNOR KENNEDY.

Before this reaches the eye of the public Governor Kennedy will have probably arrivd, and will in due course receive an ovation from the inhabitants. If we erect arches, and ike the citizens of Rome at Cæsar's triumph. "put on our best attire, cull out a holiday, and strew flowers in his way," it is not, like the Roman citizens, to pander to the vanity of a conqueror, but to show a marked respect the representative of Her Majesty, and to offer a reception to a gentleman of whom much is expected. We have had our season of grumbling and discontent; but with the dawn of a hopeful future, we have buried the hatchet and accepted the calumet. We have given a farewell demonstration to the retiring governor, and now, in the same spirit of courtesy, we extend a warm and genuine welcome to his uccessor. Governor Kennedy arrives at the most important phase of our existence—the transforming period of youth to manhood. After the boisterous weather of our springe-the gales and showers of a blustering re are gradually gliding to the more

An auspicious period is opening to the coby, and an opportunity is afforded His Exsellency to become one of the most popular vernors. He commences his Vancouver Island career with a tabula rasa—the blank pages of his official book are clear and unsullied-no prejudicial connections encumber his policy, no injurious interests stand between him and the people's welfare. Acquainted with the working of free institutions in the Australian dependencies, he comes to us with a proper conception of what is due, in a political sense, to the enterprising population of a British colony. Had we received a governor from England, destitute of colonial experience, we should, in all probability, have had a man wedded inseparably to forms and customs unsuited to the exigencies of the more progressive communities of younger countries. As it is, however, we have reason to be gratified at obtaining a gentleman who has seen something of the world, and who comes to us free from that obstinacy and selfsufficiency which usually accompany limited

As a people, we are too prone to attach to the Executive some mysterious, undefined power, and expect from it the labors of a Hercules. So soon as Governor Kennedy enters Yates street he is told to "develop our resources," when he might with just as much reason be asked to "build our houses," or "till our soil." The fable of Jupiter and the Waggoner is always in requisition, and we are afraid that unless we have the necessary self-reliance and intelligence to develop our own material resources we shall have but a poor chance of the labor being performed by the representative of Her Majesty. The position of a Governor of a British colony is now well defined. The days of intermeddling Executives have, in nearly all the colonies, happily ceased, and the wise Governor no more than Queen Victoria attempts to interere in the political affairs of the country. To aid and encourage the inhabitants in every laudable enterprise—to endeavor, in colonies where the population is large, to remove by social reunions the ascerbities of political life-to give a tone to that society of which he should be the ornament and the head,—and to look after the constitutionality of the acts of the Legislature, are really the duties pertaining to his office. In our form of government, a little wider latitude is given, of course, to the Governor than in colonies having the full measure of responsibility; but owing to the deficiency of intellect or independence in our Legislature hitherto, the Ex-

representatives of the people. To place things, therefore, in their legitimate channel, will be one of the first duties of His Excel-

It is neither to the advantage ner is it the inclination of a wise Governor, to encroach on the people's preregatives. It may be well said, indeed, that liberty is the highest blessing that a colony as well as a nation can enjoy; that it must be first deserved before it can be enjoyed, and that it is the truest interest of the Executive no less than of the people, to employ all just and honest means that it may be both deserved and enjoyed. Out of the three Governors who ruled successively in the most prosperous of the Australian Colonies, the only one who was at all successful it his administration was the man who kept himself aloof from the intrigues ladder in the yard I get up the ladder. and wranglings of political life. He was muite content with the position analogous to studiously avoid placing himself in any posi-

Felix quem faciunt aliena pericula cautum -happy, whom others' dangers render pru dent. Our past Governor had to buy his experience, and oftentimes at the expense of his popularity : Governer Kennedy, if he be a sagacious man, will be able to borrow his from the late administration. He will discover that the blunders of the past were due mainly to the disregard of public opinion on the part of those in power, and that a Governor can be very materially injured by a staff of unscrupulous officials. Happily the cause of the complaint in the latter case has been to a great extent removed; but it will still require the utmost vigilance on the part of His Excellency to prevent his reputation suffering from the acts of his subordinates.

THE COAST STEAMER. It is to be hoped that there will be n

itch, and no difficulty in the way of getting

time. Much has been said and much has been written about encouraging our agriculhas been done. If there be one single acre of land on the Island which is worth culti-vating, it must not be neglected. Farming is not an occupation which results in large, or rapid profits, compared with other business carried on in these colonies, consequently our to come in, and told him to keep up farmers require some little help and encoutive scarcity and consequent high prices in California, we must feel the influence of the It is quite possible if we at once secure a constant and sufficient steam communication with Cowichan and Comox, we may in a few the evidence of what was termed by the medical profession alienation of intellect, plies of grain from those districts, but if we reglect them now, it is bopeless and useless to come. No men will go out to those far-away spots and settle down, unless they see some prospect of eventually building up a comfortable homestead around them, and one moreover whole thing will be a failure; whereas a fort- its walls. The programme commenced getting his provisions, cattle, seeds, and im- fessional performers, and gave a most times in the year, oftener if possible. We are likely also to have a population engaged forded infinite pleasure to the audience. establishment of a regular steamer will give out from the opening overture to the facilities to those engaged in this business which ought not to be lest sight of. There munication with all places on the coast is Society, and lady and gentlemen amateurs, made easy and regular, prospecting will go have so commendably and successfully example the coast is society. on more vigorously than heretofore, and our mineral resources will thus month by month

and year by year become more developed. ST. PATRICK'S DAY AT PORT ANGELOS .-On Thursday evening, Mr. Delgardno, proprietor of the hotel in Port Angelos, entertained a number of friends at a ball. The ecutive has been allowed, in too many instances, to supersede the functions of the being maintained until a late hour.

man amateur; Glee—"Gaily o'er the Ocean,"
lady and gentlemen amateurs; Solo Fantas-

SUICIDE AND INQUEST

An Inquest was held on Friday on the body of the unfortunate man Frederick Thompson, late a teacher, whose lifeless form was yesterday morning discovered suspended by a leather strap to a sleeping bunk in the deceased's room.

A jury was empanneled with Mr. Preston Bennett as foreman, and having proceeded to view the body the following evidence was taken.

Edward Reid, sworn-I am a tail on Fort Street, have known the deceased for quite content with the position analogous to that which Her Majesty held, and so like her obtained the general esteem of the inhabitants. It is, in fact, due to the monarche of Great Britain that her representative should studiously avoid placing himself in any positions. studiously avoid placing himself in any position that would bring him into conflict with the people, unless, indeed, in the exercise of his veto power in that emergency when Imperial interests might seem to be jeopardised.

This can be in any position and get him up as I want to see him. In eighbor replied, he owes me a loaf of bread, so I'il go and see him. He went, but got no answer. I said on his return, Thempson is in fer I saw him standing there. I made up my mind I would then see him in any position that would bring him up as I want to see him. My neighbor replied, he owes me a loaf of bread, so I'il go and see him. He went, but got no answer. I said on his return, Thempson is in fer I saw him standing there. I made up my mind I would then see him in any position that would bring him into conflict with the people, unless, indeed, in the exercise of his veto power in that emergency when Imperial interests might seem to be jeopardised. amining more minutely I discovered a strap round the man's neck, whereupon I remarked that man has hung himself. I managed to open the door with another key, and found im hanging as described and quite dead; be generally appeared to be depressed in ap He paid me \$6 about a week before eemed then to be very nervous and low paid the \$6. I heard on my way to see him that he had discharged his scholars; he was anything but communicative, but was a soher young man, and had I think seen better days. He had received a good education.

John Bagnall, sworn—I am a pians forte

maker, have known deceased since Sept. 1861. Met him first on board the Robert Lowe, on his voyage to this colony. His conduct was always very strange. He seemed to be more melancholy and desponding of late, and appeared to avoid meeting me. He dame to my house at 2 p. m. on Wednesday last, look-

ragement. If the accounts by the next with me, which he pover had done before; he steamer confirm the opinion at present pre- said he had lost some of his best scholars, vailing, as to the probability of a compara- and was not making enough to pay his test. We found two dewspapers of Thursday and Friday, under the door this morning: I know he was respectably connected in England change here most materially; and use must be was clerk in a banking house and served be made of it to develop our own resources. as a volunteer under Garibaldi; I am ware also that he has two sisters.

This concluded the testimony, and the Coroner called the attention of the jary to which included all sorts of insanity, but the law made no distinction, and he therefore recommended the jury to find that the demensed to rely upon them for any produce for years came to his death by his own hand, while of unsound mind, between the day he was last seen and the morning of his discovery.

The jury returned a verdiet accordingly.

PHILHARMONIC CONCERT. The grand concert in aid of the funds of which will not be out of reach of civilization; the Royal Hospital took, place in the if they are left to the mercy of the Indians, theatre Friday night, the building being filled without any protection, and without the with one of the most fashionable audimeans of communicating with Victoria, the ences we have yet seen collected within nightly steam communication would at the with Boyeldieu's overture of the "Calife de present moment afford all that is wanted. Bagdad" by the whole orchestra, led by It would enable the farmer to send in his Mons. Sandrie. The rendering of this faeggs, vegetables and butter to the Victoria vorite old piece of composition reflected the market, and he would have no difficulty in highest credit upon the amateur and proupon the colony for it; a subsidized steamer notice the "anvil chorus" from "Il Travain copper mining along our coasts, and the who were lavish in their plaudits throughgreat hopes that a considerable balance will be found available for the useful but seedy is every reason to expect that when the com- institution on whose behalf the Philharmonic erted themselves.

The following is the programme—Part I.— Overture—"Calife de Bagdad," Orchestra; Chorus—"Das Deutsche Vaterland," Con-ductor Prof. C. G. St. Clair, Germanis sing Verein; Quartette-" May day," lady and gentlemen amateurs; Solo-" Le Livre de Prieres," Melodie, lady amateur; Trio-Piano, Messrs. Passmore, Taylor and Prof. Digby Palmer; Solo-"The Wolf," gentle-

tic- Musical Gridiron," (invented by hims particulars of the SEIZURE self), J. Allen; Duetto Concertante-Finto et Piano—"Les Huguenots;" Song—"The Summer bloom has passed," lady amateur; Parisian Polka—Orchestra, composed by G.

PART II. Overture-" Tancredi"-Orchestra; Quartette—"O, Hills and Vales of Pleasure"—Lady and gentlemen Amateurs; Chorus-" Il Trovatore," with Orchestral accompaniment—Germania Sing Verein; Ca-vatina—" Robert le Diable"—Lady Amateur; Valse-" The Queen of Roses'-Orchestra; Duetto—" Love in thine Eyes forever Plays' Duetto—"Love in thine Eyes forever Plays"
—Lady and gentlemen Amateurs; Solo
Piano—"Sweet Home"—Digby Palmer;
Glee—"Softly fall the Shades of Evening"
—Lady and gentlemen Amateurs; Denmark
Quadrilie—"On Danish National Melodies"
—Arranged by G Sandrie; God Save the
Queen; The Solos—By ladies and gentlemen Amateurs; Choruses—By the audience

BEFORE HIS HONOR DAVID CAMERON, ESQ C. J.

Kerr vs. Hood .- Bishop for plaintiff, Green This was an action for balance of wages laimed by plaintiff for work done as a fore-

J. H. Kerr—I was engaged to go to work on the road between Cook's terry and Clinton. I went to work there. I was employed for 95 days. A receipt for \$298 82 was put in, signed by plaintiff, but the plaintiff had inter polated into the receipt, provided that no one

being given. There was proof that another foreman had received \$100 a-month. The verdict would therefore be for the plaintiff.

DeWolfe vs. Monaghan—Green for plaintiff. Drake for defendant.

This was an action for \$55, balance due for

tirely oblivious of dates when pressed as to the times at which he had delivered the wood. Dr. De Walfe had one item in his bill for at-Terence repuriated. His Honor gave a verdict for the plaintiff

for the amount claimed, less \$22 50. Ewing vs. Leschamps-Plaintiff in person. Drake for defendant This was an action for money due on a contract for building a cottage. Julyment post-

Howard vs. Smith-Green for plaintiff. An action for goods sold and delivered, undefended. Verdict for plaintiff.

A SPECIMEN MONEY LENDER -One rule

he had—that he would never compound. All or none, if he waited twenty years for it, was his motto; and the result was that he often tentot's Bay, to embark a cargo for Table ors went begging. Not that he was very fond of giving time. He would rather take his boarding party went along the work a cargo for Table Bay. The seizure particulars are differently related. One statement is, that when the debt in instalments, especially as that plan mate was at the gangway and that, when he had the advantage of earrying you before him much oftener. My solicitor once proposed that he should sign an agreement, allowing me three years' grace. Slammy, "why, I'm a drinking port wine. I spot. Again, it is said that a shell was sent shall be dead in three years." And he does on board while the captain and mate were on drink port wine. In the morning he can deck together, and that the mate was killed. hardly hold his pen. Not that it signifies Whichever way it may be, the mate has much, for he can't write anything, except the either died or been killed, the parties on the press him for a check when his clerk's not tity of coals which were stored on Penguin's can't write. "You ain't in no hurry," he'll she took a portion and burned the remainder; ain't had nothing to drink this morning; and ever, is known to show the illegality of the if I was to begin to-write, my hand shakes so Vanderbilt's proceedings. The Saxon was a plements from Victoria. To this protection the agriculturalists are entitled, and we shall always be prepared to advocate their claims always be prepared to advocate their claims. The Saxon was a loss of the specific performers, and gave a most of the specific performers protection performers, and gave a most of the specific performers per kind, "out of pure charity." He likes to tell to convey the mails to all the coast settle-ments, to the most distant, at least twelve Germania Sing Verein. Of the test we they were once worth. "A foolish fellow," he was re-christened the Saxon. It is affirmed they were once worth. "A foolish fellow," he will say, "poor Halfred—he was a linen-draper, he was-he had his £10,000 once; but he couldn't keep it, yer see." And so onbragging of the size of his victims as a sportsman of the stags he has brought down. They are usually reduced to a shocking state, these clerks-always drunk, shabby, and ill-tempered. I saw one drop down dead myself, and another had a fit just opposite my windows Yes! and then Slummy tells you with perfeet simplicity that he thinks they drank,-

Couldn't HELP IT .- After a marriage ceremony had been performed in one of the churches in Adrian, Michigan, the bride, when receiving the congratulations of be friends, shed tears, according to the established ridiculous custom, at the sight of which the groom followed suit with a copious flow of the briay fluid. After his friends succeeded in calming him, he said he couldn't help it; for he felt as bad about it as she did.

The following is taken from a Cape Town letter of the 20th of November:—
Captain Baldwin, of the Vanderbilt, has saized a British vessel in British waters, and sent it as a prize to New York, and also appropriated British property on British Territory. When the Vanderbilt left Simon's Bay, after being generously supplied with coals and other necessaries, it was believed by many that she must have gone to the far east, for that she must have gone to the far east, for the purpose of protecting American vessels homeward bound with cargoes. It seems, however, that some wag played a hoax on Captain Baldwin, and made him believe that the Georgia had gone to the Mauritius. Off he started, but when he got to the Mauritius no Georgia was there, and no information as to her whereabouts to be obtained. He left Mauritius on the 18th of last month and paid flying visits to Algea Bay and Simon's Bay, on his way down the coast, and then came on to Table Bay, paying us his first visit here on the morning of the 24th of October. The coaling was commenced on the rellowing merning, and two boats had got alongside when Governor Wodehouse sent assurance of his "highest consideration." but said he would much rather that Captain Baldwin should not trouble himself by taking in any black diamonds there. In fact, he strictly prohibited him from doing so; and, if there had been any disobedience on his part, the Valorous was at hand to, pay her respects. The Captain of the Vanderbits remonstrated, and the Federal Consul is said signed by plaintiff, but the plaintiff had interpolated into the receipt, provided that no one received more.

W. G. Colley—I worked as foreman of choppers for Mr. Hood last year, and received \$100 a-month.

Walter Moberly—I was engineer on Mr. Hood's road. Kerr brought a note up to me from Hood for employment. I set him on to work. He was engaged at first as foreman of cheppers.

Mr. Hood, for the defence, stated that he had made no agreement with Kerr as to the rate of wages.

His Honor said that this was a case in which the agreement had not been very clearly set out at the time the arrangement was made. The words in the receipt clearly showed that the arrangement was closed on the receipt being given. There was proof that another foreman had received \$100 a-month. The varieties would therefore be for the magnific. come up in a schooner from the guano islands finding the Vanderbilt in the bay, went on finding the Vanderbilt in the bay, went on beard, and either gave or sold some desirable information. Captain Baldwin determined that if he could not get coals freely; now that he had been put on the scent, he would in true piratical style go and take them. He started to "cruising," as the term goes, an

were seen on Penguin Island, and boats were sent off to communicate with them; but beore any one landed, they hid themselves, and could not be found. The Valorous then sent her boats into the inner barbor, and four men were found collecting guano. From these parties it was learned that the Vanderbilt had been there a few days before, and had seized the barque Saxon, which was lying at the time loading with wool off a small inlet in the harbor. The seizure took place within two miles of Penguin Island, which is British territory, and she was therefore in British waters. The crew were taken off, and put on board the schooner Isabella, of Cape Town, which was on her way to Hotboarding party went alongside the Saxon, the resisted them coming on board, an officer of the Vanderbilt said he would very soon show him that he would go on board, and pulling Three years!" said out a revolver he shot the mate dead on the letters of his own name, which he prints at spot having offered to show the grave. Havthe bottom of his cheeks, giving them to the ing concluded the seizure, the Vanderbilt declerk to fill up. It bothers him awfully to liberately proceeded to appropriate a quanthere, for he doesn't like to let you see he Island, said to be 250 tons. Que story is that say on these occasions. William'll be in in while another is that she took all the coals half an hour, and he shall bring it round. I away and did not burn any. Enough, howmonths or so ago in Table Bay, and was sold. that the reason of her capture was that she had part of the cargo of the Tuscaloosa on board, which she was about to take to some part unknown. It is well known that the Tuscaloosa is the tender of the Alabama-one of her captures, and formerly the American

> GLASS Houses .- The Columbian, which has been lately throwing stones at its Island contemporaries, for filching news, without giving it credit, has its Saturday's edition nearly filled with cribbings from the Colonist, for which no acknowledgment of any sort is vouchafed. All right neighbor ! you are welcome to make our news your own (though you have the best of the bargain), but don't sing out again if the shoe should perchance pinch by being put on the other leg.

bark Conrad. Under the circumstances she

could not be held liable to seizure.