

Personal. In assuming the duties of responsible political editor of this journal it would appear almost necessary that I should offer some words of explanation to the public.

Very brief trial sufficed to convince me that there was not room for two morning papers, and that in an anxious struggle for mere existence a weak and divided press might be productive of evil in the hour of the Colony's greatest need, by sowing the seed of discordant faction where union could alone conduce to Colonial prosperity.

It is in view of the larger questions likely almost immediately to press themselves upon the attention of the Colonists that I have been induced, in recognition of the importance of possessing a strong and united press, to connect myself with a journal which appeared to present the most fitting medium through which effectively to deal with Colonial affairs.

In assuming a new and in some respects novel position, I venture to think that those who have honoured me with their confidence and support in the past will not see in mere arbitrary conditions anything calculated to lessen the opportunity for promoting those great measures which admittedly underlie future prosperity.

I may be permitted to invite public attention to the recent union or amalgamation which has taken place in the press, as an example which might be followed with great advantage by the people. If it is important that there should be a united and, therefore, strong press to deal with cardinal political issues, how much more important is it that there should be a united and, therefore, strong public sentiment, ready to be brought to bear in the right direction.

Later from Sitka.—The U. S. Quarters' steamer Newbern, Captain Freeman, arrived from Sitka via Nanaimo, on Sunday evening, bringing twenty or thirty passengers, principally U. S. Army officers and discharged soldiers.

Started out.—Mr. E. T. Coleman, who left here a few weeks ago to 'do' Mouni Ranier, has abandoned the intention and started with Messrs. Denny and Wheeler from Seattle, to examine and explore the Snoqualmie Pass through the Cascade Range.

Postmasters Appointed.—Mr. Thomas James has been appointed Postmaster at Nanaimo; and Mr. Robert McLeese, Postmaster at Soda Creek, vice T. J. Senay, resigned. These appointments, we believe, are honorary, or at most, the allowance is nominal, as both gentlemen being engaged in trade, the advantage derived from the location of the postoffice in their respective establishments must be considerable.

Total Eclipse of the Sun.—On Saturday next, 7th inst., at noon, will occur the eclipse of the sun, which will be nearly total in this latitude—and passing from Siberia over Behring's Strait and across the continent to the Bermudas in the Atlantic Ocean, includes within its limits parts of Alaska, British America, Montana, Dacotah, Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky and North Carolina.

From Puget Sound.—The str. W. G. Hunt, Capt. Wait, arrived from Puget Sound at 6 o'clock last evening with a large number of passengers, among whom were Gov. Moore, M. W. Wait Esq. wife and family, Rev. Dr. Lindsley, wife and family. The fires across the Sound are abating, and stages are again making their regular trips. Capt. Myrick has our thanks for customary favours. The Seattle Intelligencer says there is a rumor afloat that Collector F. A. Wilson intends resigning his official position, and Hon Allan Francis, late U. S. Consul at Victoria, is among the number mentioned who have an eye to the vacancy. The new steamer Olympia is on her way from New York to Puget Sound. A very large ship is being built at Port Madison.

Arrival of the Lady Lampson.—The H. B. Co.'s new ship Lady Lampson, Capt. Gaudin, sailed from the West India Docks Feb. 22nd. Left the docks the 24th; was detained with strong gales from the Western Channel; took departure from Uabant 6th March; crossed the Equator 25th March; passed Cape Horn 1st May; had strong gales of west wind; saw Cape Horn again the 12th; crossed the Equator 12th June; from thence light westerly winds and calms; made Destruction Island on 30th July, and anchored in Esquimalt the 31st at 11 p.m. The vessel will commence discharging immediately. Goods for Victoria consignees will be brought round by the Com. steamers.

Terrible Fires.—Raged for some days in the vicinity of Nanaimo. Mr. Brown, a farmer, with the aid of neighbors and friends from Nanaimo, fought the flames for 72 hours and succeeded in saving his crops, but lost much of his fencing. Mr. Westwood, who sowed all his land with barley, lost his entire crop, and is thrown upon the world penniless with a wife and six children to support. Mr. Sabiston's fine farm was seriously threatened. He escaped with the destruction of part of his fencing and crops. During the progress of the flames a panic extended among the settlers, and the women and children were sent to town for safety. The Nanaimites worked nobly in aid of the distressed farmers. In the case of Westwood, one-half the townspeople went out to his assistance.

Local Business.—Following are the officers of the Good Templars' Lodge, installed on Friday evening last—R. Butler, W. C. T.; J. Work, W. V. T.; J. Freeman, W. E. H. S.; W. McDowell, W. L. H. S.; W. Jones, W. T.; P. Duros, W. F. S.; J. Vaughan, W. S.; G. Graham, W. A. S.; A. Levi, W. I. G.; D. Lago, W. O. G.; D. Richards, W. G.; W. Reynolds, W. M.; O. Jackson, W. D. M. Mr. Bunster was yesterday sworn in as councillor. John Wall was fined \$25 yesterday for beating Manuel Narvete; and M. Onesa was bound over to keep the peace for six months for spitting upon the same individual.

The Steamers.—The Oregonian of the 30th ult. says: "The next steamer from San Francisco after the Pacific, (which sailed on the 27th) will be the Oriflamme, which is to sail August 5th." It is probable that the Oriflamme will bring up his Excellency Governor Musgrave. The Gassie Telfair sails for this place to-day.

Nanaimo Moving.—We learn that the people of Nanaimo have held a school meeting and appointed a Local Board of Trustees, with a view to availing themselves of the provisions of the new School Ordinance.

An insane man, wearing pants and soiled white shirt, and minus hat and coat, is knocking about the suburbs of the city between Dallas road and Beacon Hill. His presence in the neighborhood is thought to have had something to do with the recent hayrick fire.

The ship General Cobb, laden with spars for San Francisco at Sayward's mills, Saanich, was towed down on Sunday by the steamer Fly and sailed immediately for San Francisco.

A Mr. Bourdoff has died at the age of 100 at Sitka. He had been 60 years in the employ of the Fur Company.

The schooner Black Diamond, with 105 tons of coal from Nanaimo, arrived in Esquimalt harbor yesterday.

The steamer Emily Harris yesterday brought around the canals used by Capt. Walker in floating the wrecked bark Delaware.

Governor Musgrave.—It was reported late last night that Governor Musgrave is expected to arrive here to-day on the U. S. Pensacola. Doubtful.

The ship Grace Darling, from San Francisco, to load with coal at Nanaimo, arrived last night. She will carry 1600 tons.

Scrofulous Sores Healed.—Mr. R. S. Johnstone, of Marysville, Cal., says: "Ever since my childhood I have been a great sufferer from running scrofulous sores. In the spring of 1868 I used 25 bottles of Bristol's Sarsaparilla, with occasional doses of Bristol's Pills, and have not had a single sore for over two years, and feel stronger and in better health than I ever was before."

Cheap Shaving.—Having recovered his health, Fred Payne's shop is again open to the public. Prices as before.

Seventh Industrial Exhibition. Mechanics' Institute. City of San Francisco. Will be Open to the Public at 11 a. m. 14th September, 1869.

Lea & Perrins' Worcestershire Sauce. Declared by Connoisseurs to be the Only Good Sauce.

Pickles, Sauces, Jams &c. &c. Manufactured by Crosse & Blackwell, 50, SOHO SQUARE, LONDON.

Fraud. On the 27th June, 1866, MOTEWALLAH, a Printer, was convicted at the Supreme Court, Calcutta, of counterfeiting the name of Lea & Perrins' Worcestershire Sauce.

Dinneford's Solution of Magnesia. A safe and gentle medicine for Infants, Children, Delicate Females, and for the sickness of Pregnancy, Dinneford's Magnesia is indispensable.

Advertisement for Dinneford's Fluid Magnesia, describing its benefits for various ailments.

Advertisement for the Seventh Industrial Exhibition at the Mechanics' Institute.

Advertisement for the Board of Managers of the Seventh Industrial Exhibition, detailing the location and features.

Advertisement for Lea & Perrins' Worcestershire Sauce, highlighting its quality and availability.

Advertisement for Pickles, Sauces, and Jams, manufactured by Crosse & Blackwell.

Advertisement for Dinneford's Solution of Magnesia, a medicinal product.

Advertisement for Dinneford's Fluid Magnesia, describing its use as a laxative.

Advertisement for Dinneford's Fluid Magnesia, listing its benefits for children and pregnant women.

Advertisement for Dinneford's Fluid Magnesia, mentioning its availability in various forms.

Advertisement for Dinneford's Fluid Magnesia, providing contact information for agents.

Advertisement for Ayer's Sarsaparilla, for purifying the blood.

Detailed medical text for Ayer's Sarsaparilla, describing its effectiveness for various blood-related conditions.

Advertisement for Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, for relief of coughs and lung issues.

Advertisement for Ayer's Ague Cure, for treating fevers and agues.

Advertisement for Judson's Simple Dyes, for coloring fabrics.

Advertisement for Judson's Simple Dyes, highlighting their ease of use.

Advertisement for Judson's Simple Dyes, listing the colors available.

Advertisement for Judson's Simple Dyes, providing information on where to purchase.

Advertisement for Judson's Simple Dyes, including a list of colors and prices.

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