

The Weekly Colonist

Tuesday, March 3, 1864

THE TELEGRAPH SCHEME. The Bill to enable the California State Telegraph Company to extend their line to this city, was laid before the House yesterday, and it is justly deemed of such importance that the House has been asked to suspend the standing orders, so that it may be passed with as short detention as possible. The rules of the House in regard to private bills, require that a notice of three weeks be given before any such bill can be introduced; but the enforcement of this in the present instance, and at this late period of the session of Parliament, would simply have the effect of throwing out the bill for the session, and might postpone the much desired arrangement to the next session.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE

TRAGEDY, March 1. Strasser Row.—John Thompson was again brought before the Police Magistrate yesterday charged with assaulting 'Adi' Took, a Chinaman. The prosecutor swore that he was proceeding to Johnson street when he was met by the prisoner, who, without any provocation, committed an assault and struck him with his fist. Another Chinaman stated that he saw the prisoner strike the prosecutor. Mr. Wright appeared for the prisoner and called a young man who stated that he saw the prisoner followed by the prosecutor and other Chinamen enter a saloon on Johnson street. Thompson said he did not want to fight as he was under bonds. On getting inside a scuffle ensued, and the parties fell against the screen, witness slipped to separate them and Thompson ran down to Store street followed by the Chinaman. A man named Wells was next called and put a different phase upon the case by stating that he saw

it said, to come here, stabbed his knotechman, another well known man, who killed the Epistolary chief, Kiochichman. Minnie is almost dead from wounds received. Breakin and his tillson are at Thompson in his house. The Comox Indians are frightened out of their senses. The Kuchawas, who have for some time been threatening to do, on the Comox Indians, now say they will do it on a moment and warn the white people to keep out of the way.

Gold Stream.—Scrap of intelligence which reach us at intervals from these diggings tend to confirm the opinion which we have always entertained, that Gold Stream is still destined to become a great centre point of attraction. From a gentleman who visited the locality yesterday, we learn that the Ceranbis Co. had struck some very rich looking quartz. The Douglas Co. are setting to work with an extensive party of four men are directing the channel of the river by the bridge with a view to washing the bottom dirt. There are four or five companies working steadily on different parts of the stream and their labor has had considerable success in their ultimate success.

THE GENERAL COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT for the reception of Governor Kennedy, have met, and after due deliberation have unanimously agreed to submit the following arrangements as the order of the day. Having counted with confidence that the sum pledged by the general committee at its last meeting, would be forthcoming without any additional calls being made on the members of this committee. Your committee have endeavored to make the arrangements worthy of the occasion and the liberal spirit of our citizens. They contemplate erecting three arches with appropriate flags and other devices, and to erect a platform for ladies. Plans of which are here submitted. Two bands have been engaged, a carriage to be drawn by six horses, with coachman; two positions leaders on. They have appointed to act as Grand Marshal Mr. W. J. McDonald with Mr. Chas. Street and Mr. J. T. Piddell as assistants. They have arranged for the firing of salutes.

THE GOVERNOR'S BANQUET. A deputation yesterday waited upon His Excellency (Sir Jas. Douglas) to invite him to a Banquet. We understand His Excellency accepted the invitation for the 10 inst. It is understood that Capt. Kennedy, his successor, will not have arrived by that time. The Banquet is to take place in the Theatre, which will be handsomely decorated for the occasion. The services of a well selected orchestra have been engaged and the fair sex will occupy the dress circle and boxes. Mons. Diard has been entrusted with the preparation of the dinner. The tickets which include everything are fixed at \$10 each, and may be had on application to the Committee. We may fairly predict that this banquet will far exceed anything of the kind which has yet taken place in Victoria.

THE LATE DEATH OF A YOUNG INDIAN BOY. The Flathead tribe was found lying a few feet from the road near the Rock Bay bridge. When first discovered, he was lying on his back with his head resting against a log, and a pool of blood underneath. The head of the deceased bore unmistakable signs of violence, and an enquiry was instituted by the Police which resulted in proof of foul play being obtained. Unfortunately, however, the officer who succeeded in collecting the evidence was himself a corpse the same evening. Yesterday the coroner held an inquest at the Boomerang, and after the jury (Mr. Pierpont foreman) inspected the body, evidence of the finding was taken, and the inquest adjourned until Friday evening next, at 7 p.m.

THE WATER WORKS.—Yesterday the Western Company introduced a supply of water from their main into the San Francisco Bath-house, Government street, this being the first house into which it has been brought from this source.

THE COFFER MINES.—The schooner Laura and a whaleboat left the harbor on Sunday morning with twelve miners on board bound for the Departure Bay and Sainger Island copper mines. They were sent up by the contractors, who intend pushing the works vigorously through.

THE TELEGRAPH PERITION. The following petition of the California State Telegraph Company, through their President, H. W. Carpenter, was laid before the House of Assembly on Monday, by Mr. De Cosmos. The humble Petition of Horace W. Carpenter, of Oakland, in the State of California, whose name is hereto subscribed, Sheweth, That the California State Telegraph Company is a company duly incorporated pursuant to the laws of the State of California, one of the United States of America, and has constructed lines of Telegraph extending through the State and connecting with the telegraphic systems of the Atlantic States and of the British Colonies in North America; and whereas the President of the said California State Telegraph Company has been authorized by a resolution of the Board of Directors of a said Company to represent the said Company and to bid the same in all matters and things connected with the extension and construction of its telegraphic lines from California northward; and whereas it is expedient to enable the said Company to extend its telegraphic lines to the City of Victoria, with a view of increasing the facilities of the said city for communication with the Pacific and Atlantic States of the United States and with the Canadas;

MINING ENTERPRISES. In Barrick's Colonist. Besides the Anchor Red-Rock, Elmer and the Astorian Company on Williams Creek, we hear of two new joint stock Companies which have been formed to develop the mineral resources of the neighboring territory. One in the Gooch Creek Red-Rock. Frisco Company with a capital of five thousand dollars divided into twenty shares and the other is the Horseshoe Creek Mining Company, with a capital of seven thousand dollars divided into seventy shares. Both companies have obtained leases from the Government, and none of the stock will be thrown in the market. Gooch Creek falls into the Cariboo Lake group, whereas the other falls into the Cariboo Lake group, whereas the other falls into the Cariboo Lake group.

DEATH AT THE HOSPITAL.—After a night of intense agony, death put an end to the sufferings of the poor lad, Thomas Searle, who fell from the main top-gallant yard of the Princess Royal on Sunday. His funeral we understand will take place from the H.B. Company's Wharf at 2 p.m., to-day.

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RECEPTION COMMITTEE. The adjourned meeting of the general committee of management was held at the Council Chamber Tuesday, at 11 o'clock. Mr. John Wright occupied the chair, and Mr. J. T. Piddell officiated as secretary. The various sub-committees brought up their reports, and on all arrangements were made for the reception of Governor Kennedy.

HERWOOD COAL COMPANY.—The schooner Alpha will take up to-day for the use of this company, a complete set of boring rods, and all other tools necessary for carrying on extensive operations. A large number of men are already employed, and have completed a road through from the mine to the landing at Departure Bay, a distance of three miles. The company intend carrying on the works in a very extensive manner, and expect to take out 500 or 600 tons per day. The price, we understand, will be \$3 per ton.

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Various small advertisements and notices on the left margin, including 'The Weekly Colonist', 'The Telegraph Scheme', and 'Local Intelligence'.

Large advertisement for 'Sporborg & Rueff, COMMISSION MERCHANTS, Importers and Wholesale Dealers' for 'Groceries, Provisions, Boots and Shoes'. Includes contact information for G.H. Harrington & Co. Marine Architects.