

Tuesday, August 1, 1865.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

Tuesday, July 25.

THE YOUNG CULPIT.—Ruins Hall, the small slave boy charged with stealing a watch, was brought up before the police magistrate yesterday. Willis Bond, who espoused the cause of the younger, informed the bench that a lady friend was willing to take the lad under her care, and that the child, who had never been to any church or school, was scarcely cognizant of the nature of the offence he had committed. He was not there to defend the lad, but to befriend him as a father, and he would see that the boy was taken care of and removed to Salt Spring Island. Mr. Pemberton, after a feeble allusion to the irregularity of Bond's addressing the Court until he had assumed the wig and gown, imposed a fine of \$10 or three months' imprisonment, with leave to the party paying the fine to have the amount repaid in wages, and expressed his regret that he could not order the young offender to be whipped, as he believed him to be a bad boy.

CITY IMPROVEMENTS.—Government street presents a more animated appearance at present than it has done during the present season. The Bank of British Columbia are putting in a handsome entrance to their new counting room on Bastion street, now being rapidly completed; the doorway is of fine blocks of Salt Spring freestone, and will greatly improve the appearance of the present front. Mr. Banks' building, a few doors below, is fast progressing, and the buildings at Zelner's corner are being taken down, while a huge pile of bricks shows that more substantial structures will soon replace the wooden tenements. Altogether the appearance of the street is very encouraging, showing that our citizens have still faith to invest their capital in the country.

FROM ALBERNI.—The steamer Thames, Capt. Henderson, arrived from Alberni last evening at 9 o'clock, having left on Saturday last. She broke her shaft four hours after leaving, and came in under sail. The Thames brought down Mr. and Mrs. George from the Mills, having taken up a man on her last trip to take care of the property. The bark Fray Benito left on Saturday with lumber for Callao. The Thames saw the bark Forward on Sunday bound up.

THE CRICKET CHALLENGE.—A meeting of cricketers was held at the Crooked Billet last evening, at which it was decided to send a challenge to the Victoria Cricket Club today, to play a match about the last week in August. The game is put off till that date in order to allow the Victorian players an opportunity to "get their bands in" by practice.

IN DANGER.—The Telegraph Company's bark Palmetto and Golden Gate, now on their way north with coal and supplies for carrying on the work, are said to be in the direct track of the Shenandoah, now cruising in these northern waters, and may not unlikely be snapped up by her. It is to be hoped that news of the peace may reach the privates before any damage is done to these vessels.

GOOD NEWS FOR NANAIMO.—We understand that Mr. Bell, of Falkner, Bell & Co., San Francisco, now on a visit to this city, has been making arrangements with the Vancouver Coal Company with a view of obtaining from Nanaimo the supply of coal required by the San Francisco Gas Company.

REMANDED.—Skilgass, the accomplished old Indian thief in whose possession a quantity of stolen property has been found, was yesterday further remanded for two days for identification of some lumber believed to have been taken from Judge Cameron's mill, and the rest of the abstracted property.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION.—Mr. Malcolm Munro, who is engaged in contract work in British Columbia, has resigned his seat in the City Council as one of the members for Johnson street ward, and an election of a Councillor to fill the vacant seat will therefore be forthwith held.

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\$3000. The Vancouver Coal Company have liberally offered a suitable site, on condition that a school house be forthwith erected. The people of Nanaimo are extremely anxious to have the Superintendent's suggestion carried out, and offer to subscribe funds to assist in the building. A communication from Saanich was laid before the Board, making the very liberal offer of five acres of land for a school site, and also offering to put up a school house if the Board would supply them with a teacher. As there are, however, only six children within six miles of the proposed site, the Board doubted whether they could comply with the request at present, but an effort will probably be made to send a teacher for a portion of the time. The Board decided that no pupils shall be received at the public schools of the colony below six or above 18 years of age. The Central School will be formally opened on Tuesday next, August 1st. The Colonial School, at the head of Fort street, will also open on the same day.

THE AMATEURS.—A general meeting of the members of the Amateur Dramatic Association was held yesterday at four o'clock, at the Bee Hive Hotel. After the consideration of matters of finance, and the purchase of stage dresses and properties, it was decided that the society take the initiative in tendering to Miss Julia Gould Collins a complimentary benefit. Miss Collins has ever been foremost in leading her side on public occasions, and is deserving of some substantial recognition of the value of her vocal and dramatic services. Should the proposed benefit take place, the Amateurs will probably give a new version of the burlesque performed with such success during the visit of the New Westminster riflemen.

THE SHENANDOAH.—U. S. Consul Francis and Judge Lander of Washington Territory, waited on His Excellency Governor Kennedy day before yesterday, to request that one of Her Majesty's vessels on this station should be sent to inflict the rebel cruiser Shenandoah that peace had been declared, and to put a stop to her depredations. His Excellency replied that he feared he could do nothing in the matter; besides, the notification to be legal, would require to come from an official source.

APOLOGIC.—We have to apologize to our readers for the appearance our paper presents this morning. Owing to the non-arrival of our supplies of printing paper per

bark Ann Adamson, now long overdue from England, and to the scarcity of the article in San Francisco, we are obliged to use the only substitute in the city, and print on two single sheets, of an inferior quality. We hope to receive a stock of the usual quality by the Sierra Nevada on Thursday.

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STILL LOWER.—Those useful esculents, potatoes, continue to decline in price. Fresh Sound potatoes were selling in large quantities yesterday on the wharves at 1½ cents per pound. About two tons changed hands at that rate. We shall soon commence exporting to San Francisco.

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THE SHENANDOAH.—The *British Columbian* of Tuesday says: "We understand that a requisition, sent from California through Mr. Booker, the British Consul at San Francisco, to Governor Kennedy, went down by the Enterprise on Saturday, requesting that a ship-of-war or gunboat should be despatched to put a stop to the depredations of the Shenandoah. The mission proposed is not a hostile one, but simply to make Capt. Waddell aware of the altered position of affairs, and of which he must be still in ignorance."

KOOTENAY.—A private letter from Commissioner O'Reilly dated Kootenay mines, June 20th, states that in consequence of the high stage of water things were quiet, but that the water was falling, and in a short time it was expected that the miners would be actively at work. There are about fifteen hundred men in the mines. Mr. O'Reilly had about \$20,000 of Government money in his possession.

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BOARDING SCHOOL.—

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Mrs. WILSON BROWN.—

Church Bank House.—

VICTORIA, V. I.—

PATRONS.—

DR. HELMCKEN.—Speaker House of Assembly.

ALICE FRANCIS, Esq.—United States Consul.

HENRY RHODES, Esq.—H. M. Consul.

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