

The Weekly British Colonist.

Tuesday, April 24, 1866.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

Tuesday, April 17.

INQUEST AND FUNERAL OF THE LATE MR. TOOBY.—An inquest on the body of Mr. Henry N. Tooby, whose melancholy death we recorded yesterday, was held at 1 p.m. in the Police Court by the Stipendiary Magistrate. The evidence of Messrs. Green, Cretnay and Wilmer satisfied the jury that the unfortunate deceased at the time he committed the fatal deed was wandering in his mind, and a verdict of "suicide while laboring under temporary insanity" was recorded. At 4 o'clock the remains were placed in Mr. Lewis' plumed hearse and conveyed to Christ Church, followed by a respectable procession of the friends of the deceased; Mr. Sebright Green and Mr. Jacob being Chief Mourners. The Burial Service was read by the Ven. Archdeacon Gilson, and the body was then conveyed to the Cemetery where the last rites were performed.

STOLEN GOODS.—On Sunday night as Sergeant Welch was on duty on Pandora street he heard heavy footsteps crossing through the mud, and turning his lantern in the direction detected two white men heavily laden with spoil. He immediately gave chase and pursued the men who had evidently just robbed some house, being unable to run with their loads, the scamps dropped their plunder consisting of clothing, bed curtains, parasols and other household articles and made off through a vacant lot. The articles may be claimed at the police office.

FROM BRITISH COLUMBIA.—The steamer California, Capt. John S. Butters, under charge of pilot Titcomb, returned yesterday afternoon at 3:45 from New Westminster with a small express and about 40 passengers, among whom were the Hon. H. M. Ball, Col. and Mrs. Foster, Mr. John Robson editor of the British Columbian and others. There had been no fresh arrivals from up above since the departure of the Enterprise and consequently no later news from above.

GOING TO BIG BEND.—Mons. B. Deffis, the valued Cariboo correspondent of the Colonist, last season will leave this morning by the Enterprise en route to Cariboo. Although communication may at the outset be irregular and opportunities for corresponding less frequent, we nevertheless hope to hear occasionally from our old correspondent, whose communications are always perused with interest.

EXPLORING EXHIBITION.—T. Elwyn, Esq., formerly Gold Commissioner in Cariboo, has been appointed Agent for the British Columbia Government, with the expedition of the Western Union Telegraph Company, about to explore the line of route through the Stekin territory.

SEYMOUR.—The Surveyor General of British Columbia notifies that the townsite of Seymour, at the northeastern extremity of Shuswap Lake will be immediately laid out and the lots sold by public auction on the spot, at noon on Saturday, the 9th June next.

THE YATES STREET ROBBERY.—Russian Tom was charged yesterday on suspicion of having robbed the premises of Mr. Eugene Thomas on Yates street. Sergeant Welch said the evidence was not complete and asked for a remand of two days which was granted.

TOWED IN.—The Russian ship Casarewitch was towed into the harbor yesterday by the Sir James Douglas and taken to Messrs. Janion, Green & Rhodes' wharf where she will commence loading.

TO BE CONVEYED NORTH.—The remains of the wife of Capt. Alexandroff of the Casarewitch, will be placed in a leaden coffin for conveyance to the Russian possessions.

ALBION IRON WORKS.—We learn that Messrs. Spratt & Kriemler have received instructions to make a large boiler to be taken to Sitka on the Russian ship Casarewitch.

FOR NEW WESTMINSTER.—The steamer Enterprise will leave for Fraser River this morning at 10 o'clock.

THE CABLE.—The Forward is now receiving on board the portion of the cable to extend from San Juan Island to Caddboro Bay.

FOR NANAIMO.—The steamer Sir James Douglas leaves this morning at 8 o'clock for the above port.

Wednesday, April 18.

"PROBABLY A LIE."—Under this head our Portland exchange, the Oregonian, politely remarks: We have so little confidence in the integrity of Victoria reports concerning matters touching upon the mines, that we very much question the truth of the telegraphic report this morning from New Westminster. Those people are not to be trusted in everything.

FROM SAN FRANCISCO.—The brig T. W. Lucas arrived yesterday in Royal Roads, ten days from San Francisco, with one passenger, Mr. C. Houslow, and freight as per manifest published in Monday's Colonist, valued at \$24,448. The list of consignees and memoranda will be found under the proper head.

SPRING RIDGE WATER WORKS BILL.—A special meeting of a Committee of the whole Council was held yesterday afternoon in the Council Chamber, Councillor Layzell in the chair, to discuss the private bill now before the House of Assembly. After the correspondence between the Council and the Assembly on the subject had been read the Mayor rose to dissent from the remarks made in the House on the previous day as reported in the papers. His Worship stated that the Council had been desired to express their opinion on the bill, that communications courteously expressed had been sent on the 24th March, desiring a conference, and on 10th April, stating that the Committee of the Council had completed its labors and were ready to report. No replies to either communication had been received, but on the very same 10th day of April the private bill committee reported in favor of the bill. His Worship here read the report in the House and expressed indignation at the Speaker's language towards them. It came with bad grace from the hon. gentleman, seeing that the Council had collected and were still collecting taxes, and that the hon. member supported the incorporation bill and the amended bill. The Council received communications from the Government authorities acknowledging them as a legal body, and if they were not so then money was being received under false pretences. This body presented at the present time an exact copy of good order and parliamentary conduct, which others might well follow. He also thought it did not come with good grace or even decency from the Chairman of Private Bills Committee, after asking for and obtaining the Council's views to call upon the Council to petition the House in order to express those views. The Council would sacrifice its dignity by so doing, and he therefore moved that no further steps be taken at present regarding the bill. Mr. Jeffrey, sen., was the next speaker, and this old gentleman who is usually mild as mothers' milk, forgot his suavity and pitched into the gentlemen "calling themselves a Select Committee" for insulting the Council by first asking their opinion "and then treating them with contempt." The Chairman of the Private Bills Committee (Mr. DeCosmos) when he said that the bill was unopposed "told an untruth—a lie!" (cries of order). "He couldn't help it as it was the real truth. The Speaker had insulted them as well, but had not asked their opinion." Mr. Gowen did not think the newspaper reports should be taken as official. Mr. Lewis did not approve of the meeting, which required twenty-four hours' notice, and should not have been called upon the strength of reports in the press, which were not allowed to be noticed in the regular meetings. He looked upon it as child's play and ridiculed the supposed insult in the Speaker's words. The Mayor said this was an adjourned meeting of the Committee. Mr. Hebbard agreed with the views that had been expressed by the Mayor, and in order that the public might know that their report had been made, and they did not intend to petition, he moved "That the Committee, having already made their report on the bill by request of the Select Committee of the House of Assembly, decline to take any further action in the matter. The Mayor withdrew his motion in favor of the amendment, which was carried, Mr. Lewis contra, and the Committee rose.

SOL FA CLASS.—We were pleased to notice a large attendance of members at the last meeting, about 130 children and adults were present, and all manifested great interest in the instruction. The class is composed of both Protestants and Catholics and is altogether non-sectarian, the only object being to teach the pleasing science of music. Judging from appearance the class promises to become a means of much musical instruction. We are informed that this evening will be the last opportunity afforded to join as none will be admitted after to-night. No lovers of music should miss this chance when all are so freely invited to attend.

PRESENTATION TO JOE EDEN.—To-day a handsome belt manufactured by Mr. Newbury of Government street, with a chaste solid gold buckle and clasp, the handiwork of Mr. Watson, of Yates street, will be presented, together with a purse, to Joe Eden, who will take his departure by the California. The present emanates from a few of Joe's admirers as the following inscription neatly engraved on the face of the buckle explains: "Presented to Joe Eden by a few admirers of the pluck he displayed in his victorious fight with George Baker for \$500 a side, near Victoria, V. I., February 25th, 1866." The gift is one of which the recipient may feel proud. It will be on view until the departure of the steamer at the Bee Hive Hotel.

THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY met yesterday at 3 p.m. Present—Messrs. DeCosmos, Cochrane, Powell, Dickson, McClure, Tolmie, Ash, Trimble, Duncan. A message was received from the Governor in connection with the loss of the mail steamer Labouchere. The rules were suspended and the House went into Committee of the Whole to discuss the matter with closed doors. After some deliberation a resolution was passed and a deputation appointed to wait upon His Excellency to-day at 11 a.m.

WAGES CASE.—Anthony Elliott was summoned by Chas. Canfield for \$48 50, for part of 3 months wages as a farm laborer, at the rate of \$20 per month. The defendant put in a contra account for \$22 50 for milk, \$15 for rent, and \$6 for wood, potatoes and turnips, and said the plaintiff had lived almost entirely on milk. The bench allowed \$11 26 for milk, and the \$6 for potatoes, etc., but as the defendant had stated that the plaintiff could live in the house as long as he liked, and did not say anything about rent, he disallowed that item, and made an order for plaintiff for \$31 25.

THE SUBSIDY CONTRACT.—We understand that the contract with the Hudson Bay Co. for running the Labouchere to San Francisco for twelve months was not to be completed until the arrival of that vessel from below and an inspection of her accommodation. The \$5,000 bonds will not, as is generally supposed, be forfeited; as it was expressly understood that the dangers of the sea should be excepted. There is every probability of the contract being fulfilled forthwith by some other steamer.

Thursday, April 19.

FOUND DROWNED.—Yesterday morning at eight o'clock a little orphan half-breed boy, eight years of age, the adopted child of Mr. Gorrissen, baker, of Humboldt street, was discovered drowned in a deep well in the rear of the premises. The boy had been missing the previous evening. At 2 p.m. an inquest was held in the Police Court before the Police Magistrate and a jury with Mr. Fell as foreman. Mr. Gorrissen was examined, but could not throw any light upon the manner in which the deceased came by his death. A young boy named Moses deposed that he last saw deceased in company with two Indian boys and a little girl. One of the boys, who came from San Juan Island, was playing horses with the deceased, and driving him in the vicinity of the well by holding the back of his coat. The jury having inspected the body and the well, which had a small opening at the top just sufficient to admit the body, at the suggestion of the magistrate returned an open verdict of "found drowned," leaving it to the police to institute further inquiry with a view to ascertaining whether any foul play had been used. The jury coupled with the verdict a recommendation that the police keep a watchful eye upon persons who transgressed the law by leaving their wells exposed. On the way to Beacon Hill there is a dangerous well left quite open, into which a little boy fell a short time ago and had a narrow escape of his life.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—This body met yesterday. Present—the Hons. Chief Justice (presiding), Colonial Secretary, Attorney General, Donald Fraser, H. Rhodes. Mr. Cochrane's bill to amend the Real Estate Tax Act came up for second reading and elicited a lengthy and stormy debate from the Hons. Colonial Secretary, Attorney General and H. Rhodes for, and the Hons. Chief Justice and D. Fraser against the measure. The hon. Colonial Secretary urged the second reading, as the bill could be amended in Committee, and he should then suggest that the Treasurer of the Colony be authorized to redeem the lands sold by the Sheriff for arrears of taxes within the year and to pay the 20 per cent. allowed by law, such payments to form a charge on the property. The second reading was finally carried.

BALL IN THE LYCEUM HALL.—The second annual ball given by Mrs. Digby Palmer in connection with her dancing class came off last evening, and was highly successful. The various pupils and a host of their friends attended and danced with a genuine relish and animation to most excellent music provided by Messrs. Palmer, Sandrie, Bushell, Foreman and others. At midnight a good supper was laid out in the Hotel de France, which was also discussed with a good relish, after which dancing was resumed and not allowed to flag until the programme and the dancers were both exhausted. The stewards acquitted themselves to the entire satisfaction of their fair friends, and all the arrangements gave satisfaction.

JOE EDEN, the young amateur bruiser was presented yesterday, at the Bee Hive Hotel, with the belt described in yesterday's Colonist. He courteously accepted the compliment, and before proceeding on board the California left a photographic remembrance at Spencer's gallery to gratify his friends. Joe was accompanied to the steamer by some of his warmest admirers, and was cheered on leaving the wharf. He takes a good reputation away with him, which we hope will not be sullied by his having made his debut as a pugilist.

BANKRUPT COURT.—Re Dennes. The bankrupt did not appear, and the Solicitor for the petitioning creditor not wishing to press the matter, the examination was postponed for one week. Re Matheson.—This bankrupt again came up for his second examination, which was postponed to await the issue of the action of Matheson vs. Stewart.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.—The steamer California left for San Francisco yesterday at 5:30 p.m., taking a large freight and about 60 or 70 passengers. Captain Butters detained the steamer for an hour and a half waiting for the Enterprise from Fraser river. The steamer moved off amid cheers and waving of handkerchiefs.

GAMBLING PROHIBITED.—Private correspondence says that Judge Cox has caused conspicuous notices to be posted about Williams Creek, intimating that gambling would be strictly prohibited, and all offenders punished.

COL. MOODY, R.E., has retired on half pay, with the honorary rank of Major General. The command of the Royal Engineers of the Chatham District has been conferred upon Lieut. Col. E. W. Ward, on the half pay list.

THE CABLE.—The operation of winding the second section of the submarine cable on the reel proceeds slowly, but Mr. Haynes expects that the Forward will be ready to start again by the end of the week.

FOR HONOLULU.—The steamer Thames is now loaded and will be ready to leave in a day or two for the above port.

FROM NEW WESTMINSTER.—The steamer Enterprise, Captain Swanson, arrived yesterday from Fraser river, bringing an express and a few passengers, among whom was Mr. D. M. Lang, Manager of the Bank of British Columbia. Mr. F. J. Barnard, of Express notoriety, came down on the Lillooet. The Customs receipts at New Westminster for the week ending Saturday, April 14th, were:—Duties, \$4,038 23; harbor dues, \$78 16; headmoney, \$116; tonnage dues, \$352 50; fees, \$1. Total, \$4,581 89. Number of passengers entering at this port during same period, 116.

ANOTHER STEAMER.—Charles W. Wallace, Esq., who left for San Francisco yesterday by the Enterprise, is empowered by the Government to make arrangements for immediately putting on another steamer to carry out the subsidy contract. In the meantime rumor hath it that we are to have a steamer on Saturday or Sunday, the Del Norte having been reported at Seattle as leaving for Victoria on Tuesday the 17th. This report needs further confirmation.

THE BRIG T. W. LUCAS, from San Francisco, got into port yesterday, and moored alongside the Hudson Bay Company's wharf.

THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY did not meet yesterday.

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COUNTRY ITEMS. (The Columbian.) Reilly, Gold Commissioner District, arrived at Yale on and immediately proceeded to the Columbia River via Mr. O'Reilly will be assigned to the district, which embraces various portions, by Messrs. Gaggin and Stant Commissioners. Big Bend mines are being worked from Yale. Among the re the Hudson Bay Company, Messrs. Nelson & Co., Freight averages 7 cents per ton. 19 cents per pound, for freight goods to But very little is offering merchants are unwilling to accept for the week ending to \$1,209 83. Cate Creek to Savana's ledge, and the Chief Com passed through Yale on inspect and take it over, if any Company have made a ers. Dodge & Co., who are their teams and trains to loading 400,000 pounds of Bend mines. d from Yale to the Green be in fine order. Beyond considerable snow on the Hudson Bay Company are depts for goods for the at Savana's Ferry and

Troups had left the to Blackfoot via Boise