

A Man with a Grievance!

ESS ERRORS:—It appears from this paper that the President of the Elocution and Debating Class of the "Literary and Mechanical Institute" has a grievance against some people, to parade their vexatious annoyances to the whole world; to prefer to keep those matters in the way for the President of the Elocution and Debating Class to rush into print and before the general public in the name of one with reference to the introduction of a matter at the Rooms of the Institute; not; one would have thought that a simple announcement of the fact, in a communication addressed privately to the Society, would have answered every purpose. There is a pompous parade of the circumstance before the general public of Vancouver and the wide world, as if it were really one of some importance. I am sure Mr. Cochrane may consider howing his solicitor and anxiety for the honor of placing him in an honorable position amongst them, in as he has done. For my part, I prefer hostility to such exhibitions of friendship. From the patronising position that Mr. Cochrane takes up, coupled with his airs of regret, for having to express it, it might be supposed the class was in a highly flourishing condition—instead of Mr. Cochrane has taken place for his President, and the Elocution for some weeks past, has fallen into disrepute; and now what has been the result that has been committed that has forth these animadversions of Mr. Cochrane? The simple circumstance of the Governor's speech being read in the class, followed by critical remarks, and the view of reviving the dormant interest of the Institute! And had Mr. Cochrane taken a playful view of the matter without allowing his dander to get up, as he has done, the whole affair would have passed pleasantly—nobody hurt, and everybody entertained and informed. It is a matter of regret that when Mr. Cochrane's chair in such disgust on the night in question, he had not altogether left the room, remained in the camp as a spy, where he left as a deserter. Why put forth this community the eccentric observations of Mr. Fell about the desire of Englishmen to fall to rush into the "arms of the British" because disgusted with British rule, and leave out much valuable common sense. Mr. Cochrane, unless deaf, must have noticed that there was no endorsement of the sentiments expressed by Mr. Fell. It was anything but ingenious of Mr. Cochrane to lug in matter, neck and heels, as a fair sample character of the evening's remarks; to be sorry to lose Mr. Cochrane, for we in the main he is a very good fellow, who endeavor to get on without him.

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regards the injury likely to arise to the members of the discussion of political subjects is well known by every member that he present time only when discussions nature occur is any interest exhibited, results so far have been beneficial. not true, as Mr. C. states, that the of annexation was discussed last evening. A gentleman, in the of his remarks, observed that he pursued by Governor Seymour was the effect of causing people to talk of ion, and this was the only remark of any member against almost any discussion. If calls this discussing the subject of annexation, he calls it something which no man in the community would call

AN EX-PRESIDENT.

Nova Scotia. FAX, Dec 29—Heavy gales from the since Thursday night. Telegraph have been prostrated and other damage. Several vessels have been damaged wharves.

There were no cases before the Police table yesterday.

THE PILLS—Confidential Advice.—To all persons

FROM bilious headaches, disordered stomach, or flatulency, these Pills are most strongly recommended. They are the best and quickest mode of ease, without weakening or irritating the system. Holloway's Pills are especially useful in every case of biliousness, which usually precedes, unless remedial measures be adopted, the development of asthma, bronchitis, and congestion of the lungs. They are also the best for all dangerous and irregularities of the circulation, and prevent the return of the liver to a state of biliousness, and quickly carrying it from the use of these Pills ward off low spirits, listlessness, and nervous feelings often called "nervous."

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The Weekly British Columbian AND CHRONICLE.

Tuesday, February 5, 1867.

"Facts and Acts."

In the Governor's late speech we perceive that mention is made of several Acts that in the opinion of His Excellency should be repealed, and of others that should be extended over the United Colony. There are, however, several other Acts still in force on the Island to which no allusion has been made, and which, we think, might be beneficially amended and extended to the mainland. Among the laws to which we refer there is none that possesses more real importance than the Homestead Act. The old Colony of British Columbia was not blessed with a measure of the kind; but if it is not too proud to take a lesson in legislation from its more advanced, though not so unwieldy consort, it has a glorious opportunity offered it of in some degree repairing the faults of past legislation by extending the provisions of the Act over the length and breadth of its limits. As perfection is not to be expected on this mundane sphere, it would be idle to suppose that the production of Vancouver lawgivers can be faultless. Even Vancouver statesmen are not infallible, for we find that the Act allows an irresponsible bachelor the privilege of registering a homestead of the same value as that allowed a man of family. Now, we have no objections to bachelors as bachelors; in fact, we have a great respect for many of them, believing that most of the unfortunate fellows can furnish good reasons for not wishing to enter a state of doubleblessedness; but we do not think that a man without a family should enjoy the same privilege under the Homestead Act as a man of family, or that he is entitled to the same consideration and protection. Take, for instance, any single man in the Colony, and see how light his expenditure must be in comparison with that of a man with a wife and five or six children dependent upon him for food and raiment. The original idea of a Homestead Act was to prevent families suddenly reduced in circumstances from sinking into a state of utter destitution. The law was intended to shield the wife and children of the bankrupt from want; and the clause that exempts the property of a single man from seizure perverts the object had in view by the framers of the first Homestead Act. In the same law we find a clause that compels a party registering a homestead to reside upon it. Now this clause is also faulty and unjust. We know more than one family in Victoria who own property remote from their place of business, and who are compelled to reside near the centre of town and lease their homesteads to others; were they to fail to-morrow the creditors could seize and sell every stick they possess. This is another palpable injustice, and one that should be remedied. A married man should be allowed to record \$2500 worth of realty as a homestead, and whether he resides upon it or not, the property should be sacred from his creditors, provided it were shown (as the Act provides) that he was solvent when he effected the registration. With the exceptions we have pointed out, we believe the provisions of the Homestead Act may be extended over the entire Colony with beneficial results.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

Wednesday, Jan. 30th.

FEMALE INFIRMARY.—The lecture on "Egypt and the Pyramids," delivered by His Lordship the Bishop of the Diocese, took place last evening at the Boys' Collegiate School Room, Humboldt street, Chief Justice Needham in the chair. The different places, commencing with the point of departure from England, touched at en route to Egypt, were beautifully illustrated by dissolving views. Southampton, the Needles, Gibraltar, Malta, Alexandria, the Old Ferry at Cairo, Boulah, a street in Cairo, the Temple of Karnah at Thebes, the interior of the Pyramid of Cheops, a section of the same, and a second street view in Cairo. Each of these interesting views, as they were exquisitely delineated on the canvas, were gracefully described by his lordship, who briefly sketched their history and ancient grandeur, and embellished his subjects with some fine poetry. His Lordship described minutely the different stages on the overland route to India, and demonstrated the great advantage and sustenance it lent to Egypt, and the ultimate decline that must follow the adoption of another route by England to her eastern possessions. By an easy transition, his Lordship pointed out the great importance of the most facile route between the Eastern and Western Hemispheres, and stated that measures were being taken to construct that route across what will shortly be the territory of confederated British America. His Lordship lucidly described the wealth and prosperity which must follow the accomplishment of this great work to the world at large, and these Colonies in particular, and concluded his eloquent discourse amidst the plaudits of a delighted audience. The Hon Chief Justice proposed a vote of thanks to right reverend lecturer, which terminated a highly intellectual evening's entertainment. The views, were very beautifully colored, and assisted materially in conveying the descriptions of his lordship to the minds of his hearers. During the intervals between the changing of the scenes, sweet music was discoursed from a harmonium.

WOLVES.—These animals are unusually

bold this winter, coming even to the outskirts of the town: A few days ago Mr John Dick was out with his gun along the Comox road, and when about 400 yards from his house, he saw a wolf coming leisurely towards him along the trail as if bound on a mission to town. Mr Dick got under cover and waited until the animal had got within easy range when he blazed away and dropped him with a ball in the head. While engaged in the act of reloading Loup No. 2 came along, and on reaching his dead comrade without the slightest compunction proceeded to disembowel him after the most approved wolfish fashion. While engaged in the unnatural act, the rifle spoke again and successfully, and No. 2 took his place alongside No. 1. One animal measured 7 feet 3 inches from tip to tip, the other 7 feet.—Nanaimo Gazette.

BELLGERRY.—The members of the

Washington Territory Legislature have voted themselves and each of the clerks a ride out of a number sent out some years ago by the Federal Government. The papers protest against the vote, believing that the honorable members wish to furnish their private armories at the expense of Uncle Sam.

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A general Municipal Law, one with simple machinery, that will not require a great amount of money to keep in running order, and that will be suited to every town in the Colony containing a fixed number of inhabitants, is also essential. The present Incorporation Act of Victoria is a poor affair, and the Corporation would be most thankful to exchange it for a more suitable substitute that might easily be obtained under a General Law.

Then there are the Legal Professions. On the Island the old English system of separating the professions is kept up; while on the mainland, all distinctions are swept away, and barristers may practice as attorneys, or vice versa, or both—as they like it! One fee secures a client proper legal advice. The law is thus placed within the reach of the poorest, and although the traditional awe with which Englishmen regard horsehair, when made up in the shape of bag-wigs and placed on the heads of legal gentlemen, is greatly lessened, we have yet to learn that the efficacy of the law has been in any respect impaired by the union of the professions.

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LINE DOWN—FLOODS.—The telegraph

line, for two or three days, has failed to work through, in consequence of the late storm which threw it down somewhere south of Roseburg. It remains down for the reason that the streams in the southern part of the State are so swollen as to prevent their passage. Very high water is reported, also, at Eugene city, and throughout all the country above that point. The telegraph people have had a really hard time this winter to keep their line working. What with the winds, snow, rain and floods, the line has been broken down several times a week for the last two months, and it has required a constant exercise of vigilance and energy to keep it working so much as it has done.—Oregonian.

FROM LEACH RIVER.—We learn that the

excavations for the dike are completed, the frame work for the flume, about 4500 feet, was fixed in its place, and the lumber was in course of being sawn. Snow on the trail about Greenwood's Jay about 8 to 10 inches deep, thence inwards and on the flats very little snow: there were about 20 men mining, who seemed perfectly satisfied, and expressed great confidence in the results of the next summer's work. Our informant tried about 3 or 4 pans of dirt from the bench that will be washed away by the dike, from which he got about 10 to 15 cents to the pan. The gold is very pretty in appearance and of very fine quality.

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The Capital Question in another Light.

Messrs ERRORS:—In a previous letter, I endeavored to point out that anxiety relative to the position of the seat of Government was not as His Excellency seemed to intimate, a symptom of great local depression, and only a mere proof that we wished to have few thousand dollars a year expended among us, regardless of the consequences elsewhere, but that the alarm arose from a contemplation of the conduct of the Government of British Columbia during the last three years, and fear, lest the one great maxim of policy, which, during that period, seems to have thrown all others into the shade—namely, to build up New Westminster, or rather to attempt it, will continue to prevail with even more telling and disastrous effect upon the entire Colony than heretofore. I have read the British Columbian, with the hope of finding some argument in favor of New Westminster, and can find only three, which may be briefly stated: Firstly, That the Union Act merges Vancouver Island in British Columbia in consequence of the unconditional Union resolutions of one branch of our Legislature, and that such merger should leave the Capital undisturbed, that is, at New Westminster; and that there is a breach of faith on our part in urging the contrary. Now if the act had said anything on the subject, which it does not, I could imagine there was perhaps some force in the objection; though even then such an argument would seriously be impaired by reason of the silence of the Governor and the Legislative Council of Vancouver Island on the matter.

Again, the idea of merger is very inaccurate.

Vancouver Island is not extinguished. The notion is fanciful. Her representation is provided for by the act, though inadequately; and why should not her representatives, as well as those of British Columbia, outside of New Westminster, who seem to be ignored in the inquiry, urge that the position of the seat of Government should be in a locality where the interests of the United Colony require it to be placed? I take it that the Imperial Parliament, in substance, simply united the two Colonies. The title of the Colony of British Columbia which is adopted is shorter than that of British Columbia and Vancouver Island; probably there was no better reason than this for the selection of the former expression; had the latter, and I may add, the more accurate title been adopted, the objection, such as it is, could not have existed. It is taking a very low estimate of the dignity of the Imperial Parliament to suppose that they should seek, by a side wind, to fetter public opinion in the United Colony in a matter which might be, and indeed is, one of vital importance. It may be suggested, indeed, that some unknown agency procured the preparation of the bill in that manner, with a view to afford an argument in favor of New Westminster; but even after all that has happened I should be unwilling to conclude that disingenuous or capriciously erroneous advice had been given to the Imperial authorities with that object.

The second argument advanced by your

contemporary was the strength of the position of New Westminster in a military point of view. I know nothing, unfortunately, of these matters, but I have observed that a position is not looked upon as strong when closely surrounded by dense forests; and it does strike one that a few Fenians, with two or three small field pieces, placed on the south bank of the Fraser in the thick timber, would cause great havoc in the business part of that town, and readily demolish the residence of His Excellency. The volunteers, no doubt, would do their duty, but to attempt to cross the Fraser under fire for the purpose of attacking the invaders would, I should think, be very hazardous, and yet what other course could they adopt?

The third argument was, that New West-

minster must be one terminus of a great railway from the Pacific to the Atlantic. I fear it will be long before any such work is undertaken. We have heard of the "Bute Inlet route" and of the "Bellinck Arm route," and, these I am mistaken, both have been freely denounced by the British Columbian as visionary. The former, I trust, has some chance of proving a reality, but, till last week, I have never heard even a "visionary" suggest that such a road could be made in New Westminster; but as your contemporary prudently refrained from entering into particulars, I forbear from further remarks on this head.

I am taking up too much space in your

valuable newspaper, and as I don't think it necessary to comment further at present on the arguments which have been urged in favor of New Westminster as the seat of Government, I shall conclude for the present. Your obedient servant,

CITIZEN.

Politics in the Elocution Class—Re-

signation of the President.

GOVERNMENT STREET, Victoria, V.I., B.C., Jan. 29, 1867.

To the Secretary of the Elocution Class, Mechanics' Institute.

SIR,—In resigning the position of President of the Elocution Class connected with the Mechanics' Institute, I would state that I do so with great regret; but, both in justice to myself and the members who elected me to that honorable office, I cannot do otherwise, as I believe that the introduction of political subjects, however proper at other times and in other places, is improper and out of place in a literary association, and will only prove detrimental to the interests of the class.

I have always been, and shall always be, ready to express my political views, whether in support of or in opposition to the Government, on all fitting occasions; but I cannot consent to become a party to turning a literary class, which I believe calculated to do much both for the amusement and instruction of its members, into a political club in which annexation to a foreign power can be and even was last evening discussed unchecked.

I remain, sir, your obedient servant,

JOHN J. COCHRANE.

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL will reassemble

to-day. We have arranged for the daily transmission over the wires of special telegrams containing reports of the proceedings.

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