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The News.

The complete failure of General Sherman's mission to Mexico is announced by telegraph. The General found the road through that wretched country a more difficult one to travel over than the one by which he marched through Georgia, and he has abandoned the attempt to mediate between the conflicting parties as hoped. No less than three factions now claim to the honor of presiding over Mexico: First, there are the Imperialists, represented by Maximilian; then the Liberals, who put forward Juarez as the embodiment of republican views; lastly, the Ortegists, who claim that the term of office of Juarez as President has expired, and that his successor is Ortega. Maximilian's strength lies in this division in the Liberal ranks. Notwithstanding they show no mercy to the Imperialists when the chance to fall into their hands and slaughter them relentlessly, they show no mercy to each other when they come in contact, but cut each other's throats as readily as they would those of the greatest strangers to the soil. Escabeda—one of Juarez's best generals—lately fell into the hands of the Ortegists, and fell a victim to the blood thirsty propensity of his captors. This atrocious act will divide the two parties more than ever, and may contribute to seat Maximilian firmly on the throne. A more troublesome, truculent set of fellows than these Mexicans does not exist, and the United States should take warning from the lesson that France has just paid so dearly to learn, and leave them to work out their own destiny. An army of occupation could only be maintained at an awful sacrifice of life and treasure; and to annex the country would be to hang a curse about her neck. The Fenians seems to have again placed their trust in a "humbug" and a "rascal," if any credit is to be attached to the statement of the "Fenian Military Commander of Ireland." Stephens has probably pocketed the funds contributed by his gullible countrymen in America and may next be heard of in some quiet English village, leading a life of luxurious ease, and snapping his fingers across the Irish Channel at his "long suffering and down-trodden countrymen." The wonderful performance of the yacht Henrietta, which crossed the Atlantic in 12 days and 22 hours, beating her two competitors, will create a great sensation among English yachtmen. The money staked was $20,000 on each boat, and the winning boat belongs [we believe] to the son of the proprietor of the New York *Herald*.

Our Coal Supply.

A marked decrease, we regret to find, has taken place in our coal exports for the year ending December, 1866. On reference to the statement, which we publish in another column, it will be seen that there were shipped from Nanaimo last year a total of 25,212¾ tons against 32,818¾ tons for the preceding year—the difference being 7,606 tons. The falling off is principally in our home trade. In the year 1865, there were shipped to Victoria and Esquimalt 12,626 tons, while for the year just closed the shipments to these places only amount to 8,290 tons. The quantity of coal sent to San Francisco is also considerably less last year than in 1865. What has become of the project to charter the "Ajax" and other large steamers to carry our coal to the Bay City? The scheme, we understand, is warmly recommended by the Company's local manager. Were such an arrangement entered into, an immediate market would be found for our coal, and a surer channel opened for rendering the trade more profitable to the Company and more beneficial to the Colony. The reputation of Nanaimo Coal for marine purposes is daily becoming greater, yet the demand is not half adequate to the means of supply. The reason is obvious; the coal, instead of being at San Francisco is stocked at Nanaimo. Why not establish an agency at San Francisco, where a supply of the article may always be depended on, and where orders to any extent may be filled? The scarcity of shipping and consequent high freights at San Francisco have operated disadvantageously to Nanaimo coal interests—all idle vessels having been chartered to carry grain to Australia and the East; but there exists no reason why a company as wealthy and responsible as the Vancouver Coal Company should not sail vessels of its own, and thus steadily furnish the most remote parts of the coast with their production. The large mill-owners on Puget Sound had no reliable means of disposing of their stocks of lumber until they adopted the plan of putting on ships of their own, and their business is therefore not affected by a scarcity of ships or a high rate of freight. Our coal trade, one of our few available sources of export, cannot be too carefully fostered and encouraged, and unless some more certain means of finding a foreign market be adopted, we shall have a still greater diminution to record at the close of 1867.

Capital Meeting.

At eight o'clock this evening the people of Victoria will be called on to express their views upon the important question of the location of the capital. So far as New Westminster is concerned, all are agreed that regard for the proper discharge of the public service, the convenience of the colonists, and the comfort of the officials, demand that the seat of Government should be at once removed to Victoria as a temporary location. Whatever may be the feeling in favor of its permanent resting-place, the question will probably be settled by the Council that will meet on the 24th inst. It is important, therefore, that the Island representatives should go well instructed as to the views of their constituents, and that at the meeting this evening the question should be temperately but fully discussed. We hope to see a full attendance of all classes.

MASQUERADE BALL—A grand masquerade soiree, said to be one of the greatest successes ever achieved on the coast, took place at the Turn Verein Hall, Portland, on Tuesday evening last. The fancy dresses were so varied and some of them so costly as even to astonish the participants themselves. The most gorgeous female costume was that of Pocahontas, worn by Miss J. Meyer. Other ladies appeared as pages, morning and evening star, *la fille de regiment*, Highland lassie, Bavarian flower girls, etc., all of which were much admired. One lady, who personated a reporter, was attired in an eccentric costume made of newspapers, which is said to have been admirably executed. The gentlemen also showed great taste and ingenuity in their dresses.

THE CROSBY, a schooner that left Nanaimo six weeks ago, was seen by the Fideliter off Columbia Bar on the 3d inst;

DIRECT STEAM COMMUNICATION.—As we opined last week, the *Columbian* was again wrong in its surmise regarding the direct steam communication subsidy to New Westminster. A notice in the *Government Gazette* of Saturday last calls for sealed tenders addressed to "The Postmaster General," for direct steam communication, including conveyance of Mails for a period of six months, and also for a period of twelve months:

1. For two direct trips in each month between San Francisco and Esquimalt and back.

For three direct trips in two months, do

2. For two direct trips in each month between San Francisco and Victoria and back.

For three direct trips in two months, do

In each of the above instances the ocean steamer will be required to remain until communication by steamer has been held with New Westminster.

3. For two direct trips in each month between San Francisco and New Westminster and back, calling at Victoria both going and returning.

For three direct trips in two months, do

The maximum rates proposed to be charged for freight and passengers, the names of the vessels proposed to be employed in the service, and the proposed dates of arrival and departure from the different ports are to be stated.

The names of two respectable persons must also be given, who are willing to become surety to the extent of Five Thousand Dollars for the due performance of the service.

The service to commence on the expiration of present contract with California Steam Navigation Company.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

The tenders will be received until the 14th of February.

EDUCATIONAL.—Nothing new has transpired concerning educational matters since the visit of the Board to His Excellency; it appears probable, however, that no decision will be taken till the meeting of the Legislative Council. The common schools, both in Victoria and throughout the Island, will be reopened this morning, under some discouragement, it is true, but with the hope that no interruption will be given to a system of education which has worked well and has done much towards keeping many families [illegible] who would [illegible] is hoped that parents will enforce punctuality on the part of their children, as any neglect of their studies will retard the progress of other pupils in the same class as well as their own.

MAN SHOT AT COMOX—The steamer Sir James Douglas brought down yesterday from the East coast Mr Henry Harrup, who was seriously injured at Comox by the discharge of a pistol shot under the following circumstances: Harrup and others, it appears, were passing the day at Holder & Hart's store, and all hands had been imbibing somewhat freely. Holder began flourishing a loaded revolver about for amusement, and was prevailed upon by those present to fire off the charges. On coming to the last charge Holder turned toward Harrup and fired, the ball taking effect in Harrup's back and injuring his spine. The sufferer is now in the Royal Hospital, and his condition is considered critical. Holder came down by the same conveyance.

VICTORIA THEATRE.—Mr Marsh introduced the clever young Pixley Sisters to a fair audience on Saturday evening. Miss Annie, a modest little Miss of fifteen summers, possesses a powerful soprano voice, which has evidently been highly cultivated. Miss Annie also danced the highland fling most gracefully, and appeared for the first time in a farce as Fanchette, a character which she assumed with astonishing cleverness. Miss Minnie is a comical little genius, and delighted the audience with song and dance. The Pixley's were well supported by the ever popular Marsh Family. On Tuesday, there will be a second and last performance. Go, everybody, and see the Pixleys.

THE WESTMINSTER VOLUNTEERS had a great time on Wednesday evening at the Hyack Hall, on which occasion His Excellency and Mrs Seymour were present, and the prizes won by the Volunteers in 1866 were presented by Mrs Seymour. After the presentation ceremony was over the Volunteers broke ranks and the company present joined in dance. The *Examiner* gives a highfalutin account of the affair, going off in exstacies at the "mingling of beauty and bravery."

THE GOVERNOR'S RECENT VISIT TO NANAIMO—Governor Seymour's reply to the Nanaimo address, and correspondence between His Excellency and Mr R. Dunsmuir, have been published. The charge of disrespect to the inhabitants of Nanaimo appears to have been a mountain conjured up out of a molehill. His Excellency frankly explains the circumstances, and expresses a deep regret "that a regard for the convenience of the inhabitants of Nanaimo should have been construed into a want of respect."

SHIP BUILDING.—A firm across the Sound have embarked their capital in ship-building, on the principle that obtains in the Eastern Provinces. The vessels will be built, loaded with lumber and spars, and sent abroad and sold with their cargoes. The Sound [illegible] advantage for the prosecution of this [illegible] of industry, [illegible] to be had [illegible] other part of [illegible].

ELEGANT HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.—We would direct the attention of house-keepers and dealers to the sale of furniture belonging to Mr L'Hotelier, which will take place to-morrow. The furniture consists of fine parlor, dining and bedroom sets, an elegant grand piano, fancy ornaments, mahogany tables, &c., all of which will be sold for cash to the highest bidder.

SUDDEN DEATH.—We are informed by Mr Lammon, who arrived from the upper country a few days ago, that a Mr Walters, who was going up with Mr Felker to the latter's ranch, was found dead in his bed at Lytton. He had shown symptoms of being unwell at Yale, but did not seem to be seriously ill. He is one of three brothers, two of whom were married. He was a single man.—*Examiner.*

CHURCH HILL IMPROVEMENTS.—A twelve-foot gravelled walk has been made from Church Hill along the Female College, and as far east as Mr Cochrane's; another walk has been laid along the side of the cemetery, to Meares street, from the residence of Bishop Hills; and a portion of the hill which obstructs the view of the Cathedral looking east, is being levelled and graded.

THE STEAMER FIDELITER arrived from Portland at noon yesterday, having left that port on Friday last, and crossed Columbia River bar without difficulty. The weather during the trip was fine. We are indebted to the officers of the steamer for late papers. Part of the freight is destined for New Westminster, and the remainder for this place.

FROM THE EAST COAST.—The steamer Sir James Douglas returned [illegible] from [illegible] about fifteen passengers and some freight. New Year's Day was kept as a holiday at Nanaimo; a salute was fired from the Bastion at noon and mirth and festivity reigned.

FELIX AGAIN!—'Colonel Felix O'Byrne, of Washington,' says a correspondent of the New York *Herald*, writing from Buffalo, Nov. 5th, 'was serenaded at his hotel in this city this evening.' Felix, it appears, has become a leader in the Fenian army. Heaven save the Fenian cause now—especially the treasury.—*Oregon Herald.*

RETRENCHMENT.—We understand that among the officials who have been notified of the intended reduction of salaries, is Capt. Prichard, Governor of the Gaol. The amount £50. In our list of reductions previously published, was that of the Landing Waiter, to the amount of £50. This, we have since learned, is an error.—*Examiner.*

A FIRST DIVIDEND of five per cent. in the Oppenheimer estate will be payable to morrow, at the office of Messrs Weissenburger & Schloesser. The affairs of the concern are represented as most satisfactory.

MR DAVID MCCULLOCH, late of the Bank of British Columbia, was entertained at dinner by his New Westminster friends on the 28th ult., and was presented with a highly complimentary address.

THE steamer Fideliter will leave this forenoon for New Westminster where she will discharge her freight for that place, and ship 400 bbls salmon and cranberries for Portland.

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL is called to meet on the 24th inst., at the Council Chamber, New Westminster, for the dispatch of business.

FROM THE RIVER.—The steamer Enterprise arrived from Fraser river, on Saturday afternoon, with 40 passengers and a small amount of treasure.

☞ The Oregon *Statesman*, the second paper established in Oregon, has died of the Johnson ague, and the plant has been succeeded by the *American Unionist*.

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.—The Elocution Class will meet this evening, when readings and recitations will be given by several members.

DECLINES:—It is rumored that Mr Nicol, of Nanaimo, declines to serve as Legislative Councillor.

A PORTION of the wheelhouse of a steamer came ashore on the coast of Oregon a few days ago.

SNOW fell freely at the Dalles and Cascades in Oregon on the 26th December.

The Mayor as a Legislative Councillor.

MESSRS. EDITORS—In reference to the letter from a citizen in yesterday's COLONIST, I think he is under a slight misconception on two points, viz.: 1st Mayor Macdonald's position in the Legislative Council as Mayor of Victoria, instead of as a "Magistrate," in accordance with the British Columbian Constitution—for whatever doubt there may be as to the legality of his position of "Magistrate," there can be none as to the illegality of that as Mayor of Victoria, it being contrary to the Act by virtue of which he is Mayor. And as regards the 2nd point, I will just observe that, however imperfect the Incorporation Act may be (and no doubt it is) it needs not Mayor Macdonald's presence in the Legislative Council to give it vitality, but only a slight return of prosperity to justify the City Fathers in enforcing its provisions.

ANOTHER CITIZEN,

The Mayor as a Legislative Councillor.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—Several letters have appeared in your journal, of late, referring to the appointment of the Mayor of the city, to a seat in the Council. The questions raised are, first:—Is there anything in the Incorporation Act, to prevent the Mayor accepting the appointment? Second—Can the positions of Mayor of Victoria and member of the Council be united, without the duties of one office interfering with the other?

These questions may be left for Mayor Macdonald to decide. A perusal of the Act will show whether there is any legal disqualification. A third question is, whether, in case of a fresh appointment, Victoria would have a more zealous and trustworthy representative? Those who think the chances favorable, are right in asking Mr Macdonald to decline the appointment; and if the majority of the citizens signify a wish to that effect, there can be no doubt that it would be complied with, otherwise, Mr Macdonald, by relinquishing his seat in the Council, would be neglecting the interests of the Colony, at a most critical juncture.

YET ANOTHER CITIZEN,

THE FATE OF FAST LIVERS AND FAST THINKERS.—Call the roll of the young men of 1830, says a Paris paper, and ask where they are? De Balzac is dead—coffee killed him. Frederick Soulie is dead—the victim of coffee and licentiousness. Eugene Briffant died a madman in the Charanton Lunatic Asylum. Grandville went mad, and breathed his last in a private insane house. Lassailly died at the Charangion Lunatic Asylum, raving mad. Love Weimers died from opium eating and licentiousness. Rabbe, after suffering agony from a loathsome disease, took poison to end his prolonged torture. Alfred Musset died a victim to the bottle and the cigar. Count Alfred D'Orsay was killed by cigars and licentiousness. Henry Beyley from coffee and women. Hyppolyte Royer Collard died from coffee and tobacco. Gerard de Nerval, after oscilation between plenty and want, abstemiousness and licentiousness, went mad and hung himself. All died of softening of the brain or spinal marrow, or swelling of the heart; all mowed down in the prime of life. in the meridian of their intellect and fame. Eugene Sue's name is added to the fatal list—coffee and women were his ruin. He died away from his friends, away from his family, away from the home he had adorned with such elaborate care, an exile in a foreign land. Who would have predicted such an end to Eugene Sue's in 1841, when he was the favorite of Paris, rolling in wealth, coveted by every one, and a dandy of the most aristocratic pretensions.

ONE GLASS OF WINE—A very interesting story of the birth, parentage and rise to power of the Emperor of France, is given in Harper's Magazine. Included in that article we also find the history of one glass of wine, as follows: The Duke of Orleans, the oldest son of King Louis Phillipe, was the inheritor of whatever rights the royal family could transmit. He was a noble young man—physically and intellectually noble. One morning he invited a few companions with him as he was about to take his departure from Paris to join his regiment. In the conviviality of the hour he drank too much wine. He did not become intoxicated; he was not in any respect a dissipated man. His character was lofty and noble. But in that joyous hour he drank a glass too much. He lost the balance of his body and his mind. Bidding adieu to his companions, he entered the carriage. But for that extra glass of wine he would have alighted on his feet. His head struck the pavement. Senseless, bleeding, he was taken into a beer shop, and died. That extra glass of wine overthrew the Orleans dynasty, confiscated their property of one hundred millions of dollars, and sent the whole family into exile.

A New and Grand Epoch in Medicine.—Dr. MAGGIEL is the founder of a new Medical System! The quantitarians, whose vast internal doses enfeeble the stomach and paralyze the bowels, must give precedence to the man who restores health and appetite, with from one to two of his extraordinary Pills, and cures the most virulent sores with a box or so his wonderful and all-healing Salve. These two great specifics of the Doctor are fast superseding all the stereotyped nostrum of the day. Extraordinary cures by Maggiel's Pills and Salve have opened the eyes of the public to the inefficiency of the (so-called) remedies of others, and upon which people have so long blindly depended. Maggiel's Pills are not of the class that are swallowed by the dozen, and of which every box full taken creates an absolute necessity for another. One or two of Maggiel's Pills suffices to place the bowels in perfect order, tone the stomach, create an appetite, and render the spirits light and buoyant. There is no griping, and no reaction in the form of constipation. If the liver is affected, its functions are restored, and if the nervous system is feeble, it is invigorated. This last quality makes the medicines very desirable for the wants of delicate females. Ulcerous and eruptive diseases are literally extinguished by the disenfectant power of Maggiel's Salve. In fact, it is here announced that **Maggiel's Bilious, Dyspeptic and Diarrhea Pills** cure where all others fail. While for Burns Scalds, Chilblains, Cuts, and all abrasions of the skin **Maggiel's Salve** is infallible. Sold by J. MAGGIEL, 11 Pine street, New York, and all Druggists, at 25 cents per box.