

Visitors at the Mechanics' Institute.

Yesterday morning Mr. Charles Keen, in company with Mr. Sprent, the Vice President of the Mechanics' Institute, visited the library and reading-room, and expressed himself much pleased with the tasteful and comfortable appearance of the rooms.

His Excellency has kindly consented to preside at the formal opening of the Institute, which will take place early next week.

THE KEAN ENGAGEMENT.—Mr. and Mrs. Kean will appear in the theatre on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights, which will terminate their engagement with Mr. Ward.

Whisky Charges Diminished.—The charge against McLean and Butler for supplying spirits to Indians was returned yesterday in the Police Court.

CONVULSIONS.—Sporadic symptoms, whether depending on functional derangement of the nervous centres, are happily modified by the tonic and alterative power of the PERUVIAN SYRUP.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Dyspepsia, indigestion, flatulency, heartburn, biliousness, nausea, want of appetite, French flatulency, &c., are the most distressing of the ailments of the stomach.

NERVOUS DEBILITY.—It is quite common to find in the female sex persons suffering from what is called "weak nerves," which is really one of the most distressing ailments which really one of the most distressing ailments which really one of the most distressing ailments.

ST. RITA'S DANCE.—The dancing and mortifying nervous affection is not generally either a natural or a hereditary ailment, but is generally a result of some error in diet, or of some other cause.

DR. HOSTETTER'S STOMACH BITTERS.—It invigorates, strengthens, and purifies the system, and aids the stomach in the performance of its functions. It is a sovereign specific for impurities of the blood, and for all diseases arising from a disordered stomach.

FRASER RIVER BRACONS.—By an advertisement in this morning's paper it will be seen that the Bracons on the North and South Sandheads at the Mouth of Fraser river have been carried away by the late gales.

AN ACCIDENT AT LEECH RIVER.—We learn that a man has been accidentally shot through the foot at Leech River. The wound is not dangerous.

YACHTING AT NAHAINO.—The steamer Fidelity, London, arrived from Nahaino on Saturday night at 10.30, with Captain Nicol, 24 other passengers and ten tons of freight.

GOVERNMENT SECRETARY AND PRIVATE SECRETARY.—Judge Bell, left yesterday for New Westminster on the steamer Otter.

COMMERCIAL.

FOR FUGER OLYMPIA.—The steamer Jenny Jones sailed for Olympia and way ports yesterday afternoon, at 2 o'clock.

FROM THE SOUND.—The steamer G. S. Wright, Capt. Lewis, arrived yesterday from Olympia and way ports on the Sound, with 25 passengers, and a freight of live stock and produce as per manifest.

FROM NAHAINO.—The steamer Fidelity, Capt. London, arrived last evening from Nahaino and way settlements, with 32 passengers, and 50 tons of coal to R. Brodick.

SHIPPING AT NAHAINO.—The schooner Crosby for Portland, and the steamer Emily Harris and schooner M. J. Merrill for this port, were loading at Nahaino, yesterday morning.

FROM NEW WESTMINSTER.—The steamer Otter arrived from New Westminster yesterday afternoon at half-past three o'clock, with 25 passengers and a small freight.

FROM PORT ANGELES.—The schooner Northern Light arrived yesterday afternoon with passengers from Port Angeles.

FROM NAHAINO.—The steamer Fidelity called yesterday morning at 8 o'clock for Albert, with 6 passengers and a full freight of mill supplies.

FROM NAHAINO.—The bark Golden Gate sailed yesterday morning at 8 o'clock for Seattle, to load with lumber for San Francisco.

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