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Weekly Colonist.

FRIDAY, MAY 22, 1885.

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From the Daily Colonist, May 17.

THE WEEKLY COLONIST.

The attention of subscribers is directed to the announcement in another column. The weekly edition of this paper is now permanently enlarged to Eight Pages or 64 columns of solid reading matter. While making the announcement we are also enabled to state that the subscription rates are reduced to the following scale:

For one year	$2.50
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RIEL AS A PENITENT.

He Prays and Wanders in His Speech.

SAYS HE IS NOT THE LEADER

Affecting Scenes When the Prisoners Left.

Indians Told the War is Over.

(Exclusive to The Colonist.)

CLARKES CROSSING, May 16.—Riel's appearance is like a common half-breed and looks very dilapidated. He spends most of his time talking in a wandering manner and praying.

A band of Indians coming in from the west to-day to help Riel were met by the half-breeds who told them the war was over. Some of the prisoners were placed on board the boat to-day. In parting from their families there were many pitiful scenes of women crying and holding up babies for the fathers to kiss.

Riel, while riding into camp, expressed himself to his captors as follows: "I do not think this trouble will die without result, as the complaints of farmers will now be regarded with some degree of attention." When told that his books and papers had been captured, he said, "I am glad; this will show I am not the leader of the rebellion. I have been encouraged by people of good standing at and about Prince Albert, who invited me over from Montana." He asked if they would give him a fair trial, civil or martial. Armstrong told him he would be tried by court martial law and Riel drew a long breath but said nothing. He spoke again of not being the head man of the rebellion and then commenced praying, and made signs of the cross. He asked whether his family would be blown up with Gatling guns and then said he did not want to be selfish and hoped none of the half-breeds would suffer.

WINNIPEG, May 16.—The general opinion here is that an attempt will be made to get Riel off on the plea of insanity. Stories have been freely floating about regarding his unsoundness of mind. There is always a chance, however, that a bullet from a volunteer's or scout's rifle will find him. The Dominion government is said to be much embarrassed by his capture.

For our Sick and Wounded Soldiers in the Northwest.

Mrs. A. W. Ross gratefully acknowledges the following contributions to the Northwest Volunteer Hospital Fund:—$10 each from Messrs. R. P. Rithet, J. Robson, S. Duck, A. E. B. Davie, D. W. Higgins, C. T. Dupont, G. A. Keefer, G. A. Walkem and Oppenheimer Bros.

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Total	$238.50
Disbursed for sewing material, etc.	24.90
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Together with two packages surgeon's lint and two packages absorbent cotton from D. E. Campbell; also a quantity of underwear from Mr. Hawkins, Mrs. Heathorne and Mrs. Bell, and valuable aid in sewing from Mesdames Higgins, Aikman, Tuck, Gamble, Bell, Ferguson, Dunn, Carmichael, Angus, J. B. Ferguson and Gore. Thanks are also due to *The Colonist* and Times offices for inserting advertisements, etc. The above amount in the shape of money and clothing, etc., will at once be forwarded to Winnipeg's mayor who will hand it over to the proper officials.

The Kwong Lee Case.

At a quarter to twelve o'clock yesterday the jury in this suit came into court and announced their inability to arrive at a verdict. The chief justice then discharged them, remarking that the case was so plain that he was suprised and pained that they had been unable to come to a decision. The impression, his lordship said, among the Chinese would be that white juries are open to bribery.

Turning to the high sheriff the chief justice instructed that gentleman to require the attendance on Monday of Loo Chuck Fan, defendant in the case, to answer a charge of intimidating witnesses

THE EMPLOYMENT BUREAU

Damaging Charges Against its Managers.

Some damaging accusations have been made during the past few days against Capt. Powers and his associate or agent, Wm. McDougall, jr., who have represented themselves as authorized to employ men to work upon the Island railway. It has been their custom to charge applicants for engagement to work on the line the sum of $2 apiece, and to hand each a printed scrap of paper with blanks duly filled in. Here is one of them: "I, the undersigned, do hereby agree to proceed to Chemainus, B. C., and to report myself immediately after arrival to Messrs. Bell, Larkin & Patterson, or their agent, and I hereby engage myself to work for the said Messrs. Bell, Larkin & Patterson at such employment as I may be found suitable for at the published schedule of wages."

Then follows the signature of the would-be employé, in this instance, J. M. Edwards. The paper is dated May 8th, 1885, and closes with the words: "Endorsed. Wm. McDougall, jr."

J. M. Edwards (above named) informs us that Capt. Powers charged him $2 for getting him the job, added, apparently in self-extenuation, that he only got 75 cents of it for himself, and directed Edwards to leave by the boat for Chemainus. This the latter did last Monday, and upon landing was told by Mr. Riley, (the managing clerk for the contractors at that point), that there were no vacancies for graders or rock-workers,—capacities in which Edwards had been engaged by the labor agents. Mr. Riley then read the note, and said: "These persons will be getting themselves into trouble if they don't look out." The upshot of it was that Edwards journeyed 9 miles, visiting the camps without success, and returning the same distance, got upon the boat and came down again to Victoria—out of pocket to the extent of $9.65 through the representations of Capt. Powers and his endorser, Wm. McDougall, junior.

This is one of many instances in which men have been sent up by the employment agency, only to find there was no work for them, and also that those who sent them did so without proper authority.

We understand that Edwards has put the matter into the hands of a lawyer, who may possibly put it into the hands of the police. This being so, it is now not only perfectly in order, but also highly expedient for an explanation to be given by the captain and his associate coworker, Wm. McDougall, junior.

New Westminster.

(Columbian.)

Sergt. Kinsella has organized a company of young ladies for drill, and is teaching them how to walk and develop muscle. Over 30 young ladies, we believe, are attending these exercises, and it is said they show a great deal more aptitude than the men. A military organization that embraces so many young women should be resistless.

On Thursday Mr. John Tyre, of Langley, had the misfortune to get his right leg fractured below the knee while working with a stumping machine. He was cared for by his neighbors, Mr. Johnson (for whom he was working at the time), and Mr. McKee. Medical assistance was obtained from this city.

The surveyor general has arrived, but under circumstances which make it very doubtful whether his operations will be successful. It seems the surveyors are tied down to such low wages for assistants that they will not be able to employ anybody but Chinamen!

A subscriber at Langley complains of the steam ferry arrangements, and makes the following statement: "Last Sunday a messenger was sent from here (Langley) by the road to New Westminster for a doctor. The case was serious—delay might be death. At Brownsville no ferry at the time. Some one, in pity and without charge, took him over, returning with the doctor. All speed was made to and fro. The doctor returned to get some medicine, the messenger following on a fresh horse. No ferry again. Some one took the doctor over, but the messenger was delayed at Mr. Punch's all night. Crossed by first ferry on Monday morning, when *payment of one dollar was demanded for the passage to and fro on Sunday!* It this is your ferry law, no better plan can be adopted to drive people away from New Westminster." The circumstances stated by our correspondent are certainly such as to constitute a grievance. If the ferry by-laws give the ferryman a right to collect under such circumstances, we think the ferryman was not justified in enforcing that right.

TROUBLE FEARED.

Astoria Fishermen Strike for 60 Cents.

A Portland news correspondent at Astoria has telegraphed that there had been a strike among the fishermen engaged at the salmon canneries at that place. The fishermen had been getting 45 and 50 cents per fish and struck for an advance of 10 cents. A meeting was held at the court house at Astoria Tuesday afternoon to take action in the matter. The four canners present said that they could only speak for themselves; that as far as they were concerned they were paying all they could afford to pay, one of the number very pointedly saying, in effect, "If you want to strike, go ahead and strike; no one is going to object; the cannerymen are willing, but all that I ask is that you do not fool about it, either strike or go to work; I don't want my boats and nets lying idle and want to know just where I am." After considerable discussion, it was finally ordered that a general strike be inaugurated for higher wages. Last evening the trouble threatened to be serious, owing to threats to release some of the strikers who had been arrested.

Personal.

James A. Grahame, Esq., with Mrs. Grahame and family, will leave for Montreal on Tuesday and will be absent some time. Their many friends here will wish them a pleasant journey.

Mr. Geo. H. Holbrook, general advertising agent for the California Fig Syrup Co., with his wife and child are at the Driard.

Mr. C. B. Haynes of the Pioneer-Press Co., St. Paul, is at the Driard.

Mr. and Mrs. McNish returned to Victoria to-day after an absence of eighteen months.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Talbot, of Colfax, W. T., Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Shaw and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hill, of Walla Walla arrived by the Sound steamer to-day and are registered at the Driard.

The Late Departure.

The *route* taken by the legal light whose *lapsus* made a departure necessary was, it is asserted, by canoe from Saanich to San Juan and thence to Tacoma. It is possible that matters will be so arranged as to permit of his return, but in view of his blasted professional career here, such a result is doubtful. Every sympathy is expressed for those who are the innocent participators of his disgrace.

The Temperance Question.

The Agricultural Hall, South Saanich, was, last Friday evening, the scene of a well-attended temperance meeting, presided over by Mr. Sluggett. Among those who spoke were Messrs. Humber, Rudge, Gray and Ellis. Large numbers took the pledge, and it is reported that more are anxious to follow the good example.

NANAIMO.—A sailor named William Callaghan broke his thigh by falling from the side of the ship Helicon to the floating tender between the ship and the wharf. . . The funeral of the late Frank Holden was numerously attended. The deepest sympathy is expressed for his relatives. . . Mr. Halpenny has gone back to Alberni and will settle immigrants all along the line of travel. D. H. McNeil is assisting to settle up Comox.

What Some People Say.

That a young villain named Jordan proposed to Senator Sharon to kill Sarah Althea and the senator had him handed over to the police.

That the total amount of cash found missing in counting the money left in the United States treasury by the republicans is exactly two cents.

That the three men in England who pay the highest assessed value of personal property are Giles Lodor, $15,000,000; Richard Thornton, $14,000,000; and Baron Lionel Rothschild, $13,500,000.

That some very beautiful specimens of artistic needlework and hand painting are being prepared bd the ladies of the St. John's Aid Society for "The Old English Market."

That all the small people should save their quarters to spend at Paul's cheap stall at "The Old English Market."

That the Murdock affair at Eagle Pass is regarded here as nothing more nor less than an official outrage. His rights have been invaded and the provincial government must protect and reinstate him at all hazards.

That Riel will find his capture to be a terrible Ri-el-ity. The subject of this joke is not expected to see it.

That Pluvius in a genial mood last night rendered grateful service to the farmers.

That matrimonial infelicity received a striking illustration the other night when a matron has compelled by her liege lord's violence to take to the roof of the veranda over the sidewalk where, attired simply and solely in a *robe de nuit*, which fluttered in the breeze in a manner decidedly chilling. She held the fort until a friendly ladder, procured in answer to her cries, enabled her to descend to *terra firma*.

That "doctor," said a despairing patient to his physician, "I am in a dreadful condition. I can neither lay nor sit. What shall I do?" "I think you had better roost," was the reply.

That a London newsboy was heard shouting the other day: "War between hus and Russia; terrible slaughter of the hafrican!"

That it is said that in the works of Shakespeare there are more than 550 quotations, allusions, references and sentiments derived from the Scriptures.

That owing to the growing indisposition toward matrimony of the young men of Victoria, it is proposed to pass a law imposing a heavy tax on all bachelors over twenty-five years of age.

That the buying of Russians by the Vienna clique has created a scandal. It is charged that it bought them on information from the imperial court to the effect that if it was necessary Germany would interfere to prevent hostilities. The disclosure looks like a solution of the whole question.

That the guns now preparing for the royal navy and the merchant cruisers include a large supply of the new six-pounder quick-firing guns. In appearance the weapon resembles a light field gun, but it fires a metal cartridge like a rifle or carbine, and it is loaded at the breech. It is capable of firing ten or twelve rounds per minute. The gun is more than seven feet long, and weighs seven hundred weight. Its barrel has a bore of 22 inches, and the cartridge of more than a foot in length. The guns are chiefly intended as a defence against torpedo boats, and they will be mounted on the upper decks and turrets, and, if necessary, in the rigging also.

That a little girl in Pennsylvania, who had listened to a temperance address for the first time in her life, was so impressed and interested that she went home and wrote out the following rather novel pledge: "I promise not to drink rum, or wine, or brandy, or smoke, or swear, or tease either." She signed it, and got several of her playmates to sign it also.

That the Irish jaunting car, which has been under a cloud since a certain brutal tragedy in Phœnix Park, may be looked upon as rehabilitated now that the Royal party has "jowted" upon one through the Gap of Dunloe.

That situations in the Bank of England are much coveted, but the average salary of the 1,100 employes of that great institution is only $1,365, including what is paid in pensions, and the governor of the bank receives only $5,000.

That "what shall we do with our girls?" asks the excited western parent. Teach them to cook, wash, bake and make their own dresses.

That the scores made at the butts at the prize-shooting last Saturday were low. The reason for this was *not* "the cat." It was "the wind."

Marine.

Steamship Barnard Castle from San Francisco passed up for Departure Bay yesterday morning.

Cargo from the Cambrian Prince will be delivered at Turner, Beeton & Co.'s wharf to-morrow as per notice in the advertising columns.

Ships Majestic and Helicon are under the Nanaimo shutes.

U. S. survey steamer C. P. Patterson sailed from Departure Bay for Alaska.

Steamship Empire with a cargo of Wellington coal sailed Thursday.

Ship State of Maine from Nanaimo for San Francisco, passed down yesterday morning in tow of the steamer Alexander.

British ship Narwhal, Capt. Weston, from Yokohama, arrived in ballast yesterday afternoon.

LONDON, May 15.—The British steamer Numidia arrived at Carnes to-day. She has been in collision off Durleston Head with the steamer Messina. Ten of the latter's crew were drowned.

The Sunday Review.

The first number of the Sunday Review, another candidate for public patronage, was distributed around town last night. As an advertising medium for gratuitous distribution its eight neatly-printed pages of reading and business notices will doubtless find favor with those who peruse it.

Meat.

It is said that the three years' contract for supplying the direct mail steamers between here and San Francisco with fresh and salt meats has been awarded to Messrs. Van Volkenburgh & Co.

LOOK OUT for the procession of Baird's Mammoth Minstrels who will play here Monday and Tuesday. They will leave Portland this morning, arriving at Seattle in the evening and at once go on board the steamer Evangel sailing at 4 a. m. Monday morning for Victoria direct. At 3 p. m. Monday the grand street parade takes place. Secure your seats.

BASE BALL.—A match game of base ball was played yesterday afternoon at Beacon Hill between the Amitys and a picked nine. Nine innings were played, the score being 20 to 10 in favor of the Amitys.

NAVAL.—The British man-of-war Canada has sailed for Halifax. The Canada had been in New York harbor for some time, supposed to be watching the movements of the Russian corvette Strelok.

CANNERY FOR SALE.—J. P. Davies & Co. advertise the British Union Packing Company buildings, plant and land for sale by public auction on the 1st June.

PIONEER.—Richard Stokes, in 1858, and for many years subsequently, a prominent citizen, died yesterday after a long illness.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY.—The programme for this celebration will be found in the advertising columns. Arrangements have been made for a most elaborate celebration.

AN elegant line of art paintings are on view at Dufour Co.'s, and will be sold Wednesday.

WEATHER indications, North Pacific, fair.

THE new passenger tariff over Oregon railways is 4 cents a mile.

BOUND TO TURN UP.

Giacometti's Efforts to Elude a Financial Nemesis.

"Pare San Antonio! there he is again!"

The scene was Esquimalt, the time was yesterday, and the speaker who was evidently an Italian, stood with step arrested, and with eyes, whose orbs plainly bespoke the stupefaction of their owner, fixed upon the advancing form of a man about twenty yards distant. He who approached had evidently been the first to make the recognition; but his countenance while expressing eagerness boded but little friendship. The animated conversation that ensued was conducted in that most musical language of sunny climes—the representatives of the ancient Latins.

The conversation, as we have said, was animated, but it was short; and at its conclusion, our reporter who had, with a certain curiosity (professional, not personal) heard and watched the proceedings, addressed the utterer of the preliminary ejaculation, asking him the reason of the hullabaloo. The gentleman from the land of the olive and fig was not at first disposed to be communicative, but an adjournment to a saloon caused the latter named individual to anticipate the "buzzing" by at once commencing to relieve himself of the subject that was for the moment the absorbing topic in his mind. "About the seven year ago," he commenced, "I live at the city Rome, near the gates of the Pons Palatinus." For the sake of better intelligibility we will resume his story, without his style, by relating his statement that his name was Giacometti Villetanti; and that he was by profession a cutter of stone. Passing over how he cut expensive marble for the Palazzo L'Allegro, and how he carved his way for freedom with Garibaldi we come to his account of bitter and long continued reverses. A married man, he was compelled to contract petty liabilities until the burden became too heavy for his shoulders. Creditors became clamorous, and none more so than Andrea Simoni, who to the extent of 7½ piastres, never failed to remind Giacometti of the obligation. This, coupled with some incident with which the word "amo" was implicated caused the narrator of his troubles to take passage in a fruit ship to England;—forgetting in his hurry Mrs. Villetanti and all the lower case ditto. Arrived in that vast capital, London, Villetanti in his struggle for existence found it necessary to turn his talents to advantage,—which finally resulted (times being bad) in his turning the handle of a barrel-organ. Going to his abode one night near the hill of Holborn, Giacometti found himself confronted by Andrea who demanded (need we say without avail) the instant refund of the 7½ piastres. The result was a black eye for the luckless Giacometti, and a system of persecution which developed itself in the stereotyped police admonition of "Move on, there!" He did move on; moved out to New York; and there on the sixth flat of a tenement house again met Andrea, who jumped him with a demand for his 7½ piastres; and compelled him to leave the leave the Italian quarter by spreading the report that he was a member of the dreaded Vendetta. For two years Villetanti pursued his trade in the States unmolested; and those two years were years of calm and peace. But that longing for change which at times with o'er mastering power possesses the spirit of the exile, came to Giacometti Villetanti, and in an evil hour Giacometti came to British Columbia. 'Twas in an evil hour indeed; for, as Giacometti informed us in a hoarse whisper, the man whom he met yesterday in the town of Esquimalt was none other than Andrea Simoni, who at once demanded his seven-and-a-half piastres!

Blue Ribbon Club.

The meeting of the Blue Ribbon Club at their hall last evening was opened by the choir singing "Bringing in the Sheaves," after which Rev. Mr. Barss offered prayer. Miss Nellie Rudge recited, "We started Life together, John." Miss Smith played an instrumental solo on the piano, after which Rev. Mr. Barss gave an interesting address speaking on the three heads, "Education, Organization and Legislation." Mr. Eli Higgins recited "The Union Jack," and in reply to an encore gave the "Charge of the Light Brigade." Mrs. Wright, of Seattle, and Mr. Miller sang a duet entitled "Matrimonial Sweets," and received an ovation when they sang "The Musical Trial." Mr. West, from New Brunswick, complimented the president on the success of the Saturday evening meetings, and described the success of the Scott Act in the east. The orchestra and band as usual gave some choice music during the evening, and a very interesting programme was concluded by the audience singing "God Save the Queen."

The Church Militant at the Royal City.

A church and the military are at loggerheads at the Royal City. A short time ago the militia officers decided to have four Sunday parades of their corps, and agreed to visit the churches of each denomination represented at New Westminster every succeeding Sunday morning until the round had been made. The first church in order visited by the companies was the Holy Trinity, where Archdeacon Woods delivered an excellent and appropriate sermon. At the evening service of the Presbyterian Church, Rev. Mr. McKay delivered a sermon, in the course of which he referred to the Sunday parade of the volunteers as a desecration of the Sabbath, and said that had he been a volunteer under orders to parade on the Lord's Day he should have disobeyed. About the same time a letter appeared in a local newspaper denouncing the church parades and advising the men to disobey the orders of their officers. The sermon and the communication have caused a tremendous sensation in the otherwise staid and quiet burgh; and both minister and newspaper have been reported to the militia department at Ottawa on a charge of inciting the militia to insubordination. Another church parade will take place to-day, and the occasion is regarded with more than usual interest by the inhabitants, who intend to accompany the "bould soger boys" to church *en masse*.

A Gloomy Survey for Some of Them.

In connection with the survey of the mainland railway lands, Mr. E. A. Wilmot, C. E., who was at the head of the local corps of government surveyors upon these lands last year, left yesterday morning for Ottawa, to represent it is said, the antagonistic attitude taken by Captain Deville towards the local surveyors, who have, with one solitary exception, been suspended.

The Island Road.

The rapid progress of the McLellan contract of the Island railway is very apparent, even to a superficial observer while driving from Victoria to Goldstream. The first point where one meets the road is shortly after leaving Craigflower bridge, where gangs of men are at work blasting and grading. Just before reaching Parson's bridge a large number of white men are at work constructing trestle-work for a long fill to meet the grade at the opposite side of the wagon-road. The camps of the workmen are scattered all along the road until Goldstream is reached.

The railway will cross about 150 feet below the romantic fall of water. Grading on either side of the stream is completed, and the bridge crossing the deep ravine will soon be erected. At the west side of the stream Mr. Antonelli's contract begins, extending for a distance of five miles. This is principally rock work, the hardest piece on the whole McLellan contract. Already one mile of the grade is completed for the ties and rails. About one hundred whites and 250 Chinese are engaged on this sub-contract. There are several extensive rock cuttings and very deep fills, and also a tunnel of 200 feet on this five mile stretch. It is expected that the rails will be laid to beyond Goldstream and the construction train running to that point by about the first week in September.

Respecting Canned Goods.

An Ottawa dispatch says: The minister of inland revenue having found the law respecting canned goods, which he introduced last season, impracticable in its working, has given notice that on Wednesday he will move that it is expedient to amend the act as follows: That the name and address of the packer shall be stamped on each can; that distinctive marks be applied to goods produced from dried articles and put up in cans; that the weights, if marked on such cans, shall be correctly marked; that the standard size of cans may be prescribed and that no incorrect date shall be stamped on any can; such provisions not to apply to foreign canned goods of a description not put up in Canada and which are exempted by the governor-in-council.

Baird's Minstrels.

This great company appeared for the first time last evening. The house was packed and the company took the house by storm. The entertainment was really the best of the kind ever given here. The jokes are new and the witicisms clear cut and fresh. The first part comprised of the usual minstrelsy, was exceedingly good. The chief end men were the renowned John Mack, J. Kennedy and Ed. J. Connelly. The best vocal efforts were by Mr. Theo. Jackson, who sang "Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep" with brilliant effect, and Mr. Connelly's "Paps's Baby Boy." "The great Ross" personated a female and sang two ballads in a rich soprano. Mayor Gorman's lightning drill is a most edifying feature. The banjo playing and the clog dancing was exceptionally good. The performance concluded with a most amusing comedy entitled "Americans Abroad," which kept the house in roars. This company will go from here to San Francisco where they will captivate that city. A change of programme will be given to-night.

Supreme Court.

(Before Sir M. B. Begbie, C. J.)

MONDAY, May 18th.

INTIMIDATING WITNESSES.

His lordship said that the first thing to be considered was the case of intimadation of a witness by Loo Chuck Fan the defendant in the Chinese case on which the jury disagreed. His lordship asked counsel why Loo Chuck should not be committed.

Mr. Drake contended that the evidence was unreliable; that both plaintiff and defendant showed violent tempers, and that he did not believe threats were made.

His Lordship reviewed the evidence in the matter and said that while there was no doubt that both men were very passionate, yet the evidence was most unreliable on the defendant's side, and the evidence of the two witnesses on the other tallied.

There was further argument, Mr. Drake contending that if the defendant was committed, it would influence the jury to a great extent on the trial of the partnership case.

The attorney-general thought that it would be impolitic at the present time to incarcerate the defendant as the trial had unfortunately to be gone through again, and it might defeat, to a certain extent, the ends of justice.

His Lordship said he had considered all the points of the case, and believed that the threats had been used. He thought the binding of the defendant to keep the peace would be rather an impotent conclusion; still he would agree to such a course for the present and bind him to keep the peace in the sum of $1,000, two sureties of $500 each. But he would have to convince the Chinese that such threats could not pass without this court inflicting adequate punishment.

A RECEIVER.

The above been done, Hon. Mr. Davie, counsel for the plaintiff, moved for the appointment of a receiver until the case, that would have again to be heard, had been concluded, and the partnership ratified or denied by a verdict.

His Lordship said that juries were sworn to find according to the evidence, and not as to what they thought just or right. Juries sometimes forgot this and took it into their heads to find as they thought. This was evidently the case with the gentlemen in the next room, some of whom talked of giving the brother compensation, whereas if he was not partner it was evident that he should be a member of the chain gang.

Mr. Drake, Q. C., opposed the application on the ground that the partnership was disputed, and also that it would be necessary to also appoint a receiver for the San Francisco and Chinese houses.

His Lordship said that he would stand over the case *sine die*.

SEDUCTION.

Lakin vs. Irving—This case which is one in which the plaintiff sues for the sum of $5,000 for the alleged seduction of his daughter was adjourned until Thursday at noon.

Personal.

Mrs. M. McDowell, who has been suffering from typhoid fever with complications, was still very low yesterday; but the crisis is thought to have been passed.

Mr. George Gregg, representing the famous medicine house of J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass., is at the Driard.

Capt. Nicholles, who has been suffering from fever, is about again.

Mr. J. B. Ferguson, of Ferguson & Co., leaves for Winnipeg and Eastern Canada to-day.

Mr. M. Connolly, drydock contractor, arrived by the Geo. E. Starr yesterday from a business trip to Texas.

Marine.

Ship Cambrian Prince will go to Oyster Bay on Wednesday to unload railway iron.

The ship State of Maine was towed to sea by the Alexander on Sunday, for San Francisco, with 2,000 tons Vancouver coal.

Ship Empire was towed to sea yesterday, bound for Manilla in ballast. This vessel has been lying in the roads for a couple of months, and will load at Manilla for New York.

Bark Majestic is loading coal at the Vancouver shutes for San Francisco.

Steamship Queen of the Pacific sailed from San Francisco for Victoria yesterday.

Steamship G. W. Elder will sail for San Francisco at noon to-day.

The contract for raising the capsized ship Earl of Dalhousie has been let to the Union Iron works, San Francisco.

Police Court.

[Before Mr. Edwin Johnson.]

The man Baker, believed to be of unsound mind, was further remanded for eight days.

Dan McLaughlin, charged with fighting in the public streets, was discharged, it being proved that he was only acting in self-defence.

A young man, named Wallace, was charged with stealing $24 50 from Richard Paine in the Grand Pacific Hotel. The prisoner was remanded until to-day, bail being accepted in the sum of $500.

THE GREEK CASE.—The evidence of Messrs. Eckstein, Spinks (re-called), Chas. Wilson, Hon. Mr. Smithe and J. P. Walls was taken before Mr. E. M. Johnson yesterday. This closed the case for the crown, and the prisoner was remanded until to-day.

PAINFUL ACCIDENT.—While a young man was working a circular saw at Kempster's brick yard, Gorge road, his left hand was caught in the saw, the little finger almost severed and the third finger badly lacerated. The injured man was driven to the office of Dr. Taylor, who took the broken bones out and dressed the wounds. The little finger, though only held on by the epidermis, will be saved.

FOR THE NORTHWEST WAR.—Mr. J. B. Ferguson, who leaves to-day for Winnipeg, will bear with him a check for the sum of money collected by Mrs. A. W. Ross and a large trunk full of clothing made by the ladies' working party to be applied to the use of the volunteers in the Northwest.

BY ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH

EXCLUSIVE DISPATCHES TO THE COLONIST.

OUR CABLE LETTER.

LONDON, May 16.—The quarrel in the cabinet over the advisability of renewing the Irish crimes act came to a head this evening. A minority of the ministers, headed by Chamberlain, president of the board of trade, voted for the enactment of the act. This minority was finally overborne, and the government have decided to prepare a renewal for two years of the act in a modified form. Parnellites are indignant at the government for this decision. They have privately warned the ministers that any attempt to renew the act, even in a mitigated form, will be the throwing of the home rule vote in the English constituencies with the opposition. Ministerial arrangements have been made to bring the present parliamentary session to a close by the middle of July at the farthest, but in all likelihood this intention will be thwarted by the determination of Parnell's followers to resist the passage of the renewal bill. Parnell is a master of parliamentary tactics, and if the

RENEWAL BILL BE OBJECTIONABLE

to his party there can be no doubt that he will so obstruct its passage as to prolong the session uncomfortably. He may be able to extend the session several weeks and then tire out the government. Gladstone's promises to give Ireland certain schemes for the extension of local self-government and to facilitate land purchases in Ireland have failed to soften the Irish opposition to the policy. Concerning the Irish crimes act, they will accept nothing short of an abandonment of the whole act.

The approach of the general election campaign is bringing forward unexpected political strength among British workmen. They are concentrating everywhere upon

LABOR CANDIDATES FOR PARLIAMENTARY SEATS.

This is noticeable particularly in many of the larger boroughs, such for instance as Glasgow, Newcastle and other centres of manufacturing industries. Workingmen in these places are engaged in raising subscriptions for the purpose of sending workmen to parliament. There can hardly be a doubt that the reason there are at present so few representatives of poor men in parliament to-day is the fact that no man with a secured livelihood can afford to accept an unsalaried parliamentary seat and few labor constituencies can afford to pay salaries by subscriptions. If members were to day salaried like American congressmen the house of commons would soon be revolutionized in its character. Joseph Arch, the agricultural laborers' candidate, has consented to contest the constituency of West Norfolk and is supported by the liberal leaders. There is a movement organized in the Parnell lines to raise a number of workmen to

MAGISTRATE BENCHES

in Lancashire and Yorkshire and several members of trades associations have already been offered magistrate appointments. Parliamentary circles are greatly excited over

ATTACKS ON THE CHARACTER OF GLADSTONE,

Sir Charles Dilke, colonial secretary, and the Marquis of Hartington, secretary of war, made in letters sent to the Paris Nouvelle Revue by Count Paul Vasali. Advance sheets of the letters have been supplied to a number of English papers. The Count's letters give a number of scandals against the three gentlemen named. Some of these scandals are old, but many of them are new. It will, perhaps, be news to most American readers that Gladstone is vulnerable to gossip, especially to gossip concerning women; but Count Vasali refers circumstantially to the premier as having been engaged in a not very creditable intrigue with a lovely woman described as "Laura B," who is known to many, and who is described in the Count's letter as a woman who has contracted some very respectable debts in Paris society—"the only thing about her," says Vasali, "which can be called respectable." The Count in the part of his literature in which he associates the name of the British premier with that of "Laura B." declares the beauty referred had on one occasion sent her portrait to the old admirer, and Mrs. Gladstone, who jealously watches over the whims and fancies of her husband, sent the portrait back. Concerning the same subject Count Paul Vasali says, among other things, "I cannot tell you whether the relations of the 'grand old man' with Mrs. Langtry have ever really stepped beyond the bounds of a certain sentimentalism; but I can tell you that he has not ceased to pay his court to women. He has a passion for *billet doux*, and even from his seat in parliament he sends notes to one of his beautiful assistants, which are handed by discreet messengers under the eyes of Mrs. Gladstone, and are suppressed. Commenting upon rumors about Gladstone's alleged relations with Madame Novidoff, the editor of Nouvelle Revue, which is publishing Count Vasali's letters, declares, as a friend of this lady, that the reports are false. He adds, however, that he cannot affirm that a woman of such intelligence as that possessed by Mme. Novidoff is not flattered by the sentiments which she inspires in Gladstone; but he denies she has ever responded with even a shadow of flirtation. Count Vasali refers to Lord Hartington's alleged long connection with a celebrated duchess. The count says the marquis does not attempt to please any other women. "She governs him entirely," the count says, "and is discreet enough to respect the proprieties of society, which, thankful for this concession, closes its eyes. Equally unscrupulous is Vasali's reference to Sir Charles Dilke: "An advocate for cremation," the count says, "he had his young wife cremated and another woman alive makes him glow with a gentle flame. Fair, intelligent and distinguished, the friend of Sir Charles is not as grand a lady as the friend of the Marquis of Hartington; but she still takes him away from the vulgar. Being married she will break the ties which enchain to share of the life which she has conquered." 'Tis rumored that steps will be taken to suppress the publication of Vasali's letters in English papers. The British government to-day issued diplomatic papers which state that Her Majesty's government will be compelled to regard

AS A HOSTILE ACT ANY MOVEMENT BY RUSSIA

toward Herat. On the other hand it is announced that Russia has spontaneously disclaimed any menacing intention with regard to Herat. The British government is therefore favorably inclined to consider that the question at issue between England and Russia has reached a settlement satisfactory to both countries. The documents submitted to parliament to-day cover the Anglo-Russian dispute up to the time of the Penj