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European Affairs.

The news by this mail is not of a deeply interesting nature, although there is sufficient information in the files before us to reward many hours' reading. A great gathering of the working classes has taken place at Birmingham. There were 200,000 people present. The meeting was addressed from six stands. Mr Bright was there in the full blaze of Democratic glory, and made a speech, two hours long, which was remarkable for its eloquent invective and cutting sarcasm. He compared the Derby Government to Christy's Minstrels, on the ground that the latter, being really white, are artificially blackened for dramatic effect, while the new administration, being politically black, are artificially whitened for the same reason. In concluding his great effort, Mr Bright exhorted his audience to turn every workshop, every factory, every working man's organization, into a branch of one great Reform Association, "to raise the spirit of the people against these slanderers of a great and noble nation," that had been declared unfit for self-government. The result of this demonstration, will probably be the introduction of a Tory Reform Bill at the next session of Parliament. Mr Bright has been invited to enter on an Irish campaign by the Irish Liberals, who were to hold a meeting at Dublin early in October. Mr Eyre, the dismissed Governor of Jamaica, has been entertained at Southampton at a banquet, at which one hundred gentlemen and many ladies were present. The principal speakers were: Lord Cardigan, Lord Hardwicke, the Rev. C. Kingsley, Lord Shrewsbury, and Mr Eyre himself. The latter made the best speech of the evening, and explained "to the satisfaction of the company, at least, how and why the atrocities were committed—claiming that it was only by the adoption of severe and vigorous measures that Jamaica was saved to England. The London press, with the exception of the *Standard*, denounces the banquet. The *Times* cites the example of the disgraced Governor Darling, of Victoria, who not only declined to accept a testimonial of £50,000 from the Australians, but declined a banquet or any demonstration in his behalf in England. Perhaps he pursued the wisest course; but we can see no impropriety in Mr Eyre—who was tried, convicted, and executed in the journals of public opinion before an investigation into his official acts had been made—seizing the first opportunity that offered for explaining the motives that dictated his course in suppressing the rebellion. Mr Beales, revising barrister for the County of Middlesex, who took a prominent part in the recent Hyde Park Reform demonstration, has not been reappointed by Lord Chief Justice Cockburn. The Lord Chief Justice of course explains that while he has perfect confidence in Mr Beales' strict judicial impartiality, he thinks it undesirable for the public that any one who plunges hotly into the very thick of partizan politics should hold the judicial scales between the parties, not because it is difficult to hold them fairly, but because it is difficult for the public to believe that he holds them perfectly fairly when they see him identified with very strong parties and

strong views. The Lord Chief Justice is obviously right. It would have been wiser for Mr Beales to resign, or decline reappointment, on finding himself compelled to take a prominent part in a hot party struggle. The refusal to appoint Mr Beales cannot be attributed to party influence, the Chief Justice himself being an extreme Liberal. The Great Eastern Railway Company has come to grief through bad management. After deducting from the revenue of the past year working expenses at the ruinous rate of 56 per cent, and interest on debentures and

other works for which the necessary capital could not be raised, there remains sufficient only to pay interest on preference stock created before the amalgamation. This means that ordinary shareholders will not receive a dividend of any kind, that holders of preferential shares created since 1862 will receive nothing until next year, if then, and that a company working 700 miles of railway has been obliged to suspend payment. The election commission have worked steadily at their task by proving that in such places as Yarmouth, Totnes, Reigate and Lancaster, extension of bribes. A fountain of corruption has been discovered in each borough, and bribery of the grossest description exposed. The French press is still furious at Prussian aggrandisement, and the fury is supposed to be agreeable to Napoleon but the writers may yet show that Napoleon, so far from enlarging the borders of France, has petrified them, showing that might endanger the Napoleonic regime. The bill for the annexation of Hanover, Hesse-Cassel, Nassau and Frankfurt has passed the Prussian Chamber. A humble petition, laid at the feet of King William of Prussia, by three Hanoverian officials, entreating him to continue the Hanoverian dynasty, was denied. The Prussian King, on raising the suppliants, said that the King of Hanover had been offered his choice of alliance or hostility. He had accepted the latter with his eyes open. Providence was on the side of Prussia, and demanded the annexation now irrevocably determined on. The pathetic scene ended with one of the embassy prostrating his will with almost Oriental humility to the inevitable. Nothing remained, he said, "but to convert the bitterness and excitement partially created by the intention of annexation into a sentiment of hopeless resignation to the unavoidable decrees of Providence." Referring to this petition and its fate, the *Paris Memorial Diplomatique* says: "What good in consulting the national wish or interrogating public opinion by a plebiscite? Would it not be offending divinity and defying destiny? What matters if the inhabitants resist? Their conversion will only be all the more meritorious; grace will only be all the more efficacious for it. Is not the Prussian army 'the finest in the civilized world,' in M. von Bismarck's eyes? and is not a king by right divine the most paternal of monarchs? By annexing peoples, what does he do? He engages, as his great heart dictates, to conquer them afterwards by affection. Here again we see the admirable harmony of Providence, and the King of Prussia, there can be no doubt, is the confidant of God; he belongs to His privy council. It is time that public opinion should speak to prevent M. von Bismarck abusing his victory further. It must not only stop him in his ambitious covetousness, but also oblige him to submit his annexation projects, if not to the Prussian Chambers—incompetent to pronounce on international questions—at least to the sanction of the great Powers intrusted to watch over the maintenance of the balance of power."

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

Monday, Oct 22.

DEATH OF A STRANGER.—On Friday morning an expressman drove up to the County Hospital and informed the physician in attendance that he had a very sick man in his wagon. The dying man was brought in, and in a very few minutes expired. Inquiries made by the Coroner elicited the facts that deceased was an Englishman or Irishman, named James Wood or James Wilcox, who came but a few days since from Victoria, where he had been in the Hospital. His age was about 39 years, and his disease pneumonia. If deceased had any friends in San Francisco, they are requested to call on Doctor Harris.—*San Francisco Alta.*

The Enterprise on Saturday evening brought down 60 passengers.

The Ball.

The farewell ball given by the citizens of Victoria to His Excellency the Governor, Mrs and the Misses Kennedy, on Friday evening, was one of the most gratifying manifestations of the good will and respect of the inhabitants that could have been extended to the distinguished guests, in the short interval prior to their departure from these shores, and it was a happy thought that a form of demonstration in place of the contemplated banquet, in which comparatively few could have participated, was substituted, and that every party away with their pleasurable recollections of the last days spent amongst us, but the people will long treasure up the 19th of October as an occasion—while affording them the greatest enjoyment, of also marking their high estimation of the social worth of a kind, hospitable and amiable family. To the committee entrusted with the management of the details, and those who assisted them, is unquestionably due the great success of the entertainment. Difficulties presented themselves; in the first place no suitable room could be obtained, and when the House of Assembly was finally decided upon, fresh obstacles had to be surmounted on account of the distance of the Hall from town, and the necessity of placing the price of admission at a figure that would enable all classes to join in the demonstration. However, in spite of these difficulties, the Committee went to work with a spirit and energy that did them credit, and the success of their exertions was witnessed by all who were present on Friday evening. It is only just at the same time to state that they received material assistance from the Navy, the Hudson Bay Co. and other sources.

At 8 o'clock the rattling of wheels indicated that the guests were beginning to arrive, and the first exclamation heard from those who entered the ballroom, was one of agreeable surprise at the elegant decorations, perfected under the tasty supervision of Capt Hankin. At the head of the room was a large crown, enclosed in a wreath of evergreens and flowers; on either side being the initials V. B. Stars formed by ships' bayonets, also glittered on the walls, the cornices, windows, &c., being prettily ornamented with evergreens. The room was lighted by chandeliers formed of bayonets and scones at the sides. In addition to the ladies' and gentlemen's dressing rooms, neatly furnished retiring rooms and card rooms had been provided, and the verandah on one side of the building was enclosed with flags, forming a cool promenade after the fatigues of the dance where refreshing beverages were served. Shortly before 9 o'clock, His Excellency, attired in the uniform of the civil service, arrived, and was received outside by a guard of honor from the ranks of the volunteers under Adjutant Vinter. On entering the room, the splendid band of H. M. S. Suttle, whose services were kindly lent by the Admiral for the occasion, struck up God save the Queen, from the gallery. The first quadrille was then danced, His Excellency selecting for his partner Mrs Denman, His Worship the Mayor Mrs Kennedy, Admiral Denman Miss G. Kennedy, Administrator Birch, Miss Kennedy, and Capt. Coode Mrs W. A. G. Young. At this time, the room was gradually filling and after 10 o'clock it was estimated that at least 230 persons were present. The scene when the stirring and irresistible strains of the noble band set the votaries of the light tripping goddess in motion, was peculiarly animated and enchanting, the glittering uniforms of naval, military, marine and civil officers, adding much to the effect. The room was crowded to its utmost capacity, the dancers finding it somewhat difficult to circumnavigate the bounding billows of muslin, tarlatan and tulle, but in spite of this inconvenience, mirth and enjoyment were depicted on every countenance. Shortly after midnight, dancing was suspended for a while, and the company partook of refreshments laid out in the rooms on the right and left of the entrance. Shortly after this, Governor Kennedy and family shook hands with their friends and took their leave. Dancing continued with unabated spirit until the entire programme of 22 dances had been exhausted. The lights were not put out until 4 a. m.

In supplying the following list of those who were present, it is possible from the difficulty of the undertaking that we may be guilty of some omissions, and we would ask of any person who may be unwittingly ignored to excipate us from the charge of wilful neglect:

His Excellency Governor Kennedy, C.B., Mrs Kennedy, Miss Kennedy, and Miss G. Kennedy; the Hon Administrator Birch, and Mr. Maunsell; Admiral the Hon Joseph Denman, and Mrs Denman; Flag Lieut Sir Lambton Lorraine, Sir James Douglas,

K.C.B., Mayor Franklyn, U. S. Consul Francis, Mrs and Miss Francis, the Hon Chief Justice, Mrs and Miss Needham, the Hon Colonial Secretary, Mrs Young and Miss Armstrong; the Hon Attorney General Mrs Wood, and Miss Leggett, Mr H. Wakeford, and Mrs Wakeford; the Hon Treasurer Watson, Registrar General Alston; Sheriff Adamson and Mrs Adamson, Superintendent Hankin, and Mrs Hankin; Assessors Wyllie, and Miss Wyllie; Mr H. Wootton, and other officials. Capt Coode, Capt Sullivan, and the officers of the Victoria, Capt Gardner, and officers of H. M. S. Sparrowhawk; the officers of H. M. S. Malacca, Capt Franklin, and officers of the U.S.S. Saginaw, Lieut Sparshott, R. M., the Hon Mr and Mrs Rhodes, Dr and Mrs Tolmie, Dr and Mrs Powell, Mr and Mrs Cochran, Mrs and Miss Harris, Mr and Mrs A. Munro, Mr J. Trutch, Mrs Trutch, and Mrs O'Reilly; Mr and Mrs Roscoe, Dr and Mrs Bellamy, Mr McDonald, Mrs Moriarty, and Miss Reid; Mr and Mrs S. Green, Capt and Mrs Good; Mr and Mrs Ward; Mr Mrs and the Misses David; Dr and Mrs Nicholles; Mr and Mrs Turner and Miss Bertram; Mr and Mrs Rushton; Mr and Mrs Shepherd; Mr and Mrs Bacon; Mr and Mrs C. F. Green; Mr and the Misses McKenzie, Mrs and Miss Tuzo; Mr and Mrs Newton; Mr and Miss Pidwell; Mr and Mrs Langley; Mr and Mrs Mallandaine; Mrs Plummer, Mr and Miss Work; Mr and Mrs Charles; Mrs Munro, Mrs and Miss Pitts; Mr, Mrs and Miss Davies; Mr and Mrs Grunbaum; Mr, Mrs and Miss Denny; Mr and Mrs Fawcett; Mr and Mrs Sparrow; Mr and Mrs Tait; Mr and Mrs Eugene Thomas; Mr and Mrs Pike; Mrs Fisher, Mrs Tucker, Mrs Anstey, Mrs Ogilvie, Mr and Miss Hutchinson. The Misses Woods (2), Anderson, Palmer, Thain, Kelly, Ryan, Tynon, Leighton, Myers, Capt Layton, Messrs McCreight, Walker, Norris, Burnaby, Stewart, Drake, Bishop, Jackson Vinter, Johnston, Torrens, A. R. Green, Stuart, Howell, Siffen, Findlay, Hepburn, Wallace, Engelhardt, Peele, Wigham, Capt Clarke, Neal, Backus, Blair, Toller, Jacob, Hurd Nesbitt, Fowler, Mrs Davis, sen'r and jun'r; Blunt, Powell, Williams, Gillon, Lindsay, Nathan, Andrew, Theakstone, Harris, Smith, A. Wilson, G. Hankin, McCutchan, R. H. Wilson, Callingham, Rhind, Hilton, Cretnay, Welch, W and J Harries, etc.

O, Mrs GAMP!—Under this head the *San Francisco News Letter* has the following amusing bit at the annexation farce enacted here: "Which it appears to me werry natural that the Victorians should wish to see their selves annexed to these United States. What, with taxes, and rates, and having no custom 'ouse duties, and one and another sich effe'nt notions, it's a wonder to me as they hasn't annexed long ago. It wory only last week as I wor a sayin' to Mrs Harris, 'Mrs Harris, ma'am,' says I, 'affairs in Wancover is werry unsatisfactory. The bars of Fraser river is exhausted.' 'Mercy on us, Sairey,' says Mrs Harris to me, 'wot have exhausted them pore bars?' 'Mrs Harris,' says I, 'did you mean, mum, to disperse my pronunciation of the English langwidge?' 'Deed, Sairey,' says she, 'and I did not.' 'Werry well, mum,' says I, 'I accept your apology. And their taxes is 'igh, and goes into the pockets of officials, which our taxes they never does, as you werry well knows, Mrs Harris. And they dislikes the government of the mother country; their affairs is managed with a most as much intelligence as hose of the Merriken Territory of Washington, which Collector Victor Smith he was the collector of! The Victorians has everythink to gain by the annexation. There's the income tax, and the eternal revenue tax, and the custom 'ouse tax, and the millitary poll tax, and more taxes than I could name in a hour, Mrs Harris,' says I, 'and the policy of our Government is well known; if the Victorians was to petition to be took in, the authorities at Washington would do it! Mark Sairey's words, mum,' says I, 'they would take them in! And, moreover, the Victorians can't help themselves,' says I, 'because the policy of our Government, which it is werry well known, will annex 'em bye and bye.' 'Sairey,' says Mrs Harris to me, 'wot a 'ed you 'ave got!' " Further on the same paper says: "Mrs Gamp (Alta?) is gravely clucking about the lunatic suggestion of some denationalized Victorian, who proposed annexation to the United States (and whose proposition was most promptly hooted down.)"

"TAKEN UNTO HIMSELF A RE."—Mr Richard Stark, one of our most respected pioneer residents, has become a Benedict—having married a young lady at Sprague, Connecticut. We are pleased to learn that there is a prospect of Mr Stark returning to settle amongst us.

CATHEDRAL.—DEPARTURE OF THE GOVERNOR.—Yesterday, the Lord Bishop of Columbia concluded an excellent sermon at the Cathedral with the following allusion to the approaching departure of Governor Kennedy and family: "It is not unfitting before I conclude that I should make allusion to a circumstance which is in the minds of all to-day, that this is the last time we shall have amongst us in this House of God a family whose kindness and sympathy, and whose example in every attitude, as a community at large, we cannot but consider the event as one of unusual importance. Many who do not attend here will participate in the regrets which we, as a congregation, especially feel. For have we not walked together in the House of God as friends, and have we not all been strengthened and encouraged in our holy duties by their example; How constantly has that seat been occupied, notwithstanding all weathers, and how steady the support we have had in all our congregational undertakings. I am sure I represent the general feeling of this congregation when I say we shall long remember them with affection, respect and gratitude, that we shall follow them with our Christian interest to whatever part of the world they may be called, and that our prayers are now offered for their safe journeying homewards, and for their future health and fullest happiness." The kind words of the Bishop quite overcame the members of the Governor's family who were present.

DEATH OF A BRITISH CONSUL.—A Californian exchange notices the death on the 6th August, in Papeete, Island of Tahiti, S. I., of Alexander Salmon, H. B. M. Consul, and appends the following tribute to his memory: "Mr Salmon has been identified with the Society Islands since civilization first obtained a foothold therein, and we deem it meet that this passing notice, at least, should bear willing witness that there are hearts and homes in California that feel the loss of one of Nature's noblemen."

SNEERING AT THE BALL.—The youth who presbents to 'do' the local part of the *Telegraph* instead of attending to his duty, and giving his readers a single line about the splendid entertainment in honor of Governor Kennedy and family, which would have been the only news item of public interest in his dreary columns, sneers at the ball, and vainly tries to be facetious about the description of it that is to appear in the columns of this paper. We can well afford to bestow a smile of pity on the poor thing, as in his innocence, he only publishes a well known fact; that for news the public have to refer to the columns of this paper. There is another point, however, which the poor boy in his "sour grapes" item omitted to mention, and we are, therefore, compelled to do so for him, and that is, that the treason-mongers of the *Telegraph* were ostracised by a committee of their own citizens.

THE REAL ESTATE TAX.—A very large amount of money has been received at the Sheriff's office, within the past few days, from delinquent tax payers. Some of the men who were loudest in their denunciations of the tax, and most prolific in their advice to others not to pay, were among the first to bustle down to the office and settle. The Real Estate Tax, now that we have a Tariff, should and will be repealed; but so long as it remains on the statute-book, it will have to be paid.

THE "ACTIVE."—For the information of our lazy cotemporary, who neglected to announce the fact, we would state that the Active arrived on Saturday morning and left for New Westminster on the morning of the next day. She will sail for San Francisco at three o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

BOAT RACE.—The boat race on Saturday, between Joe Eden and J. Harman, for \$25 a-side, was won easily by the latter. Harman proved himself a fine rower, coming in over 200 yards ahead of his opponent in good style. The distance was from the Gorge to James Bay Bridge.

MURDER OF AN INDIAN.—The dead body of an Indian boy, with the head crushed in, was found lying in an alley-way, near Cormorant street, on Saturday morning. Three Bella-Coola Indians have been arrested on suspicion of having done the killing. An inquest will be held to-day.

JULIA GOULD COLLINS HALL has received \$350 at San Francisco, for damages sustained by her wardrobe during the passage from Victoria to San Francisco, on board the bark Emily Banning.

THE P. R.—Mace and Goss, whose recent encounter for the championship of England was pronounced so disgraceful, have settled their differences, Mace being declared the victor.