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The News

It was at one time reported that cholera had almost entirely disappeared in the East, and to-day we are startled with the intelligence that this fearful scourge has reappeared with increased virulence in New York city, and has attacked the soldiers stationed at Hart Island and Governor's Island, nineteen deaths being officially reported, besides several cases in the city. We have no desire whatever to be alarmists, but prevention is better than cure, and it now behoves the authorities to give the subject the consideration that its importance demands, and, in view of the not improbable importation of the malady to the Pacific, to obtain the earliest advice of its appearance at San Francisco in order that the enforcement of quarantine laws and other precautionary measures may be adopted to arrest, if possible, the progress of the unwelcome visitor to our shores. From Europe our telegram is only *ten days old!* So far, the proposed armistice had produced no practical results. Prussia, it is hinted, declined all terms, remaining firm in her demands, while Italy, regardless of the French mandate, was advancing on Venetia. Our recent prognostication, it would seem, is on the eve of being realized; instead of the cession of Venetia to France resulting in a peaceful solution of difficulties, it has tended only to fan the flame, and one of the London journals goes so far as to foreshadow a general European war. The Derby Ministry has tendered its friendly advice to the Court at Florence to accept mediation, and the French official organ asserts that attempts were being renewed for a peaceful settlement, but we question much whether the "friendly advice" of the combined neutral powers can now effect that end. Prussia was still pushing her victorious way south. The free city of Frankfort-on-the-Main, on the borders of Bavaria, where the Federal Diet sits for nine months out of the twelve, was threatened, while Prague, the capital of Bohemia, a strongly fortified city, of 200,000 inhabitants, had either fallen or was likely to fall. This would give the Prussians the key to Vienna, where we may look for the next great struggle. The Italians on the other hand have met with another severe defeat at Borgoforte, on the Po, near Mantua, and despite the withdrawal of Austrian troops appear to be making no headway in Venetia.

☞ The Customs receipts at New Westminster for week ending July 14th, were $5,159 99. Number of passengers, 40.

EVERETT'S EXCHANGE.—The bench on Saturday further postponed the application for the license of this house until Monday.

H. M. SURVEYING STEAMER BEAVER left for Queen Charlotte Island yesterday morning.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

Monday, July 23.

Sunday in Camp.

Divine service was held yesterday at 3 p. m., in the Volunteer camp near Clover Point by the Chaplain, the Rev. Thos. Somerville, M. A. A reading desk was improvised of drums and flags, the Volunteers being drawn up in the form of a semi-circle and seats placed for the accommodation of the ladies on either side of the minister. A large number of listeners were present, including His Excellency the Governor, Chief Justice Needham, the Mayor, officers of the Volunteer officers. Service was opened by the Band performing the Hallelujah Chorus from the Messiah, and after appropriate prayer and the lessons of the day, the chaplain preached from Cor. 16 c. 13 v. "Quit you like men, be strong," the sermon being listened to by persons of all denominations with deep interest. We shall not pretend to follow the reverend gentleman through his eloquent discourse as we should fail to do it justice. He commenced by alluding to the recent invasion of Canadian soil and of the demonstrations made by the Volunteers who were only a portion of many) when the tocsin of alarm was sounded and the heart of the country beat with one throb of loyalty. Happily, however, the danger had passed away, and the sword of the enemy had pierced their own side; but there remained another enemy who was always plotting the destruction of the good soldier, and against whom he must maintain a perpetual warfare. The character of that great soldier, St. Paul, whose duty was not to lead legions to the field, but who, nevertheless, ranked foremost in the galaxy of the great, was sketched in a masterly manner. His history was traced, from his conversion from a prosecutor to a christian and guardian of society, and it was shown how this poor, insignificant crippled man had "fought the good fight" and learned to "be strong." His was an example worthy of the emulation of all. The reverend gentleman's address abounded in choice mataphor, and in fine moral sentiment, his application of the words of his text to the individual case of each one of his hearers went home to the hearts of all present.

After further prayer and hymns the blessing was pronounced, the volunteers dispersed to their tents, and Capt. Lang and the other officers extending their hospitality to a number of their friends.

FROM KOOTENAY.—Mr Weil, a merchant of Kootenay District, B. C., returned to this city on Saturday. Mr Weil left Wild Horse creek, June 26, and experienced considerable trouble in getting through owing to the high stage of the water, which inundated the trails—especially the trail built by Dewdney, which he found utterly impassable. The mining news is very encouraging. Many companies were doing well on Wild Horse. There were about 800 white and Chinese miners, all of whom were at work. A ditch, to cost $12,000, was being brought in and several companies were preparing for hydraulic mining on a large scale. Rich prospects were reported on Finlay creek, distant sixty miles from Wild Horse. Mr Weil brought down $9000 in gold dust.

THE SHUSWAP SILVER LEAD.—Mr Jefferson Carter, of Portland, who returned from Shuswap Lake on Saturday, reports unfavorably of the appearance of the silver leads there. Mr. Carter is one of a company of capitalists who have organized to open one of the leads and thoroughly prospect the country for mineral deposits. It is said that the company have been deceived by the misrepresentations of a prospector, who, it is reported has gone down the Columbia River to avoid exposure.

THE POLICE INQUIRY.—After all the blatherumskite about the Police, it appears that the Committee have not held a meeting for two weeks. What is the matter? We were disposed to believe, from the manner in which the Committee commenced their work that some astounding developments were about to be made. Why not continue the investigation? If there is a grievance the public ought to know it; and if none, a report to exculpate the man now under suspicion of wrong-doing should be made. This apathy is unaccountable; but it is the way in which the same "crowd" always do public business. Like unreliable guns they go off half-cocked and spoil a good "shot" by their rashness.

RAIN AT NANAIMO.—The steamer Emily Harris, from Nanaimo, reports a heavy storm of wind and rain at that place on Friday. So inclement was the weather, that a grand pic-nic projected for that day was not held in consequence. Not a drop of rain fell at Victoria on Friday.

THE CRAIGFLOWER SCHOOL.—In noticing the examination of Craigflower School in Saturday's paper, omission was made of the name of the Superintendent of Education, Mr Waddington, who was present throughout, and addressed the pupils at the commencement and close of the exercises. He was happy to witness the improvement in the progress of the scholars since the examination a year since, and wishes us on this occasion to urge on parents and guardians the necessity of sending their young ones to school regularly. In a statement made out, it was shown that some of the children were nearly about the number in which school is held when holidays are taken into account.

THE BRIDGES.—The James Bay Bridge, like that which spans Rock Bay, is falling into decay. The last-named structure has been minus a plank for several days, and on Saturday we noticed that one of the first-named bridges is worn nearly through. Both defects should be remedied.

CARIBOO NEWS.—The Cariboo news we lay before our readers to-day is important. The rich discoveries on Williams creek, and the continued good news from William and Grouse creeks will go far towards restoring confidence in business circles.

☞ We are indebted to Jules David, Esq., who arrived on Saturday in a canoe from New Westminster, for a copy of the *British Columbian*.

WANT OF CONFIDENCE.—It is reported that a vote of "want of confidence" in the Executive will be brought before the Assembly shortly.

THE U. S. S. SAGINAW, detailed to convey the telegraph expedition to Behring's Straits, met with severe weather after leaving San Francisco, and put back for repairs.

☞ Fine large salmon, from Fraser River, brought down by the Alexandra, sold rapidly on the wharf as soon as landed at "bit" apiece.

☞ Mosquitoes are more troublesome than ever before on the Lower Fraser. They are regular gallinippers in size and propensity.

☞ The Sir James Douglas returned from Nanaimo and Comox on Saturday. Nothing new.

☞ A special despatch states that the mail steamer will leave San Francisco for Victoria on the 28th—next Saturday.

☞ Mr W. H. Woodcock is about to erect a grist mill at Soda creek, B. C.

☞ A cattle disease has broken out in one of the cow-counties of California.

☞ Gen. Halleck and Staff have returned to Portland from Puget Sound.

Cariboo.

[From the British Columbian.]

GROUSE CREEK.

Quesnelmouth, July 17.—The Heron Co. have bottomed the shaft in their drift at 10 feet, and find prospects of from $2 to $10 to the pan. The pay dirt is about 6 feet in depth.

OTHER CREEKS

Antler Creek is doing well; also Last Chance. Fountain Creek, near Beaver Pass, is being worked by a number of Chinamen. The ground is about 9 feet deep, and pays Chiness wages.

CHISHOLM CREEK.

A man named Williams is making $5 and $6 a day by himself in an old tunnel run by Capt. Evans.

The Post-office at Van Winkle has been discontinued on account of the resignation of the late Postmaster there, who declined to act longer without remuneration.

BANKRUPTCY COURT.

J. B. A. Reviere, bankrupt, appeared and made application for his certificate. Mr D Oppenheimer, the creditors' assignee, stated that he had examined the bankrupt's books, and found that he had paid out over $3,000 more than he had received, and that the books were quite unintelligible. The Court—"I don't think that it is the least use for me to give you a certificate of conformity."

WILLIAMS CREEK

July 16th—There is very little change in mining matters throughout the Creek since our last general report. Everyone is busily employed, and during week days it would be difficult to find an idle man around towns, which is certainly an improved feature over previous seasons. The Watson Co. washed up for the week about 26 ounces; Never Sweat co'y washed for the week 30 oz; Cariboo co'y washed up till Thursday 36 oz; Morning Star co'y for the week 30½ oz; California Tunnel co'y for the week 94 oz; Last Chance co'y washed for the week 100 oz; Cameron co'y 126 ounces for the week; Forest Rose co'y for the week, 100 oz; Prairy Flower co'y for the week 100 oz; Raby co'y for the week over 100 oz., Dead Broke co'y made last week $20 a day, and the Rankin about $19 a day to the hand.

SHOUT'S GULCH.

The water in this gulch continues to hold out well, and is enabling companies who are ground-sluicing to proceed with their work advantageously.

In Conklin's Gulch the Reid co'y have begun to take out pay from their middle shaft. They washed yesterday nearly 40 oz. We understand the members of the Red Rock Flume co'y on Stevens Creek have abandoned the undertaking, after two years fruitless efforts to strike pay.

CANYON CREEK.

Quesnelmouth, July 17.—More extensive prospects and great excitement. Miners [illegible] Canyon Creek. They bring down with them a few hundred dollars worth of gold dust similar to former prospects.

They have also several rich quartz specimens, and report the whole country to be full of veins of gold bearing quartz. They will return in a few days with provisions, tools and hydraulic pipe to wash the banks. The necessity of a trail from the mouth of Cottonwood river is severely felt; a few hundred dollars would complete one from the head of steamboat navigation and [illegible] miles within a day's ride. Captain Spaulding, J. [illegible] at the new diggings in [illegible] Weather warm.

[illegible] Saturday last, while Mr Barnard, accompanied by his son and Mr McGreavy, were taking a drive to Mr Colbreath's farm, near Soda Creek, they narrowly escaped being precipitated over an embankment at or near the Deep Creek Crossing. It appears that the road at this point is somewhat narrow and sideling, giving the buggy a swerve beyond recovery. At this crisis, however, with much presence of mind, the occupants, Mr McGreavy assisting the youth, alighted safely upon terra firma; in the meanwhile the horses and conveyance had got under full headway thundering down the precipice, some 300 feet to fetch up at the bottom. The buggy was smashed to atoms, beyond repair, and the animals severely injured.

European Gossip.

The equine tendencies of modern Frenchmen are developing very fast. There are several papers in Paris devoted to turf matters, and the passion for betting pervades all classes. This new passion—new at least in Frenchmen—is setting its stamp on almost every branch of industrial art. In the jewelers' windows you see gold ear-rings fashioned like horse shoes, with stirrups slung across and dangling as drops; golden horse-shoes, large enough for an ordinary pony, inclosing miniature pictures in enamel, of horse races, steeple chases, etc., are used as buckles to ladies' belts. Gentlemen's scarf pins and sleeve links are also formed after horses patterns—jockeys, saddles, whips, bridles and the like. The fashionable collar for gentlemen is extremely large, with turn down corners, on which appear dogs and horses heads as large as silver dollars. The shirt itself is spotted with smaller horse-shoes, or with the heads of bull dogs and horses. Pocket handkerchiefs are similarly adorned, and the mania for *le sport* has introduced dogs and horses heads in lieu of coats of arms and cyphers in the headings of note paper.

It is, perhaps, not generally known that the French prize of 50,000 francs, for the most important application of the voltaic pile to industrial purposes, is open to all nations. Competitor's names will be received at any time within five years from the date of the decree, [April 18] and the claims will be examined by a commission appointed by the Minister of Public Instruction.

One of the passengers that left Southampton for London, per rail the other day, was a live alligator nearly 15 feet long. It came to England from Greytown, and was conveyed to London in a canoe half filled with water, partly covered over with boarding. The canoe was fastened upon a railway truck, and was destined for a gentleman residing in the North.

The invasion of locusts, which has devastated Algeria, has now crossed the Mediterranean and penetrated into Greece. The *Courier*, of Athens, states that, in several districts, clouds of those insects have descended on the fields and threaten to destroy the harvest. The authorities had not adopted any means to combat this visitation.

It is now understood, in Paris, that the Emperor intends, gradually, to pull down the whole Palace of the Tuileries, and rebuild it with a magnificence in accordance with the massive and ornate pavilions of the new Louvre. But all reckoning must now be subservient to what war will permit.

Notwithstanding the numerous defections from the French Society for the Translation of the Bible, the plan has not been abandoned, and a committee, consisting of an equal number of Protestant clergymen, Jewish rabbis and Roman Catholic priests, has been appointed to begin the work.

The Emperor of France has subscribed 25000 from his private purse toward the prizes to be distributed on the first of July, 1867, to the exhibitors at the Universal Exhibition. The total value of the prizes will amount to 800,000 francs.

The London *Star* states, on the best authority, that two of the lions [illegible] cast in bronze, and that there is scarcely any doubt that the four lions will occupy their long vacant pedestals, in Tratalgar Square, before the end of the autumn.

Mr Bismarck's name is likely to take its place in the slang French vocabulary. It appears that, when a person is suspected of foul play at cards, or marking twice at billiards, he is said to *bismarquer*, as equivalent to *tricher*, and the insinuation is resented as an insult.

A new and splendid restaurant was opened in London lately. The grill or gridiron on which chops and steaks are cooked is of the most costly description—the bars are of silver, while the ornamentation in front is gold.

A new half-penny newspaper, *La Fornee*, has appeared in Paris. Its editor is M. Habeneck, and the first number contains a letter from M. Pelletan on literary articles in the press.

Dr. Sklow, who hurled a stick at the King of Prussia, has been pronounced insane, and has been placed in a public lunatic asylum.

The journals of Geneva mention numerous accidents from the fall of avalanches, in consequence of a sudden melting of the snow.

"Eight hours' work, eight hours' play, eight hours' sleep, and [illegible]" the motto of an association of workmen in Lancashire.

A grandson of the great naturalist, Cuvier, has just been appointed a sub-Governor of the Bank of France.

THE EYE-STRING.—The following is one of the latest styles in which business puffing is worked up by the English papers:

In the interior of a railway carriage are seated a gentleman and a lady. The gentleman is bronzed, apparently, by long residence in a hot climate. His hair and whiskers are jet black, but the crow's foot is visible at either temple. The lady is attired in the height of fashion, in a style suitable to youth and beauty.

Gent—Would you object to having the window up? Many years of Australian life have made me very sensitive to drafts.

Lady (aside)—That voice! (To gentleman.) Oh, not in the least! (Aside again.) It is Eustace.

Gent (emphatically)—Thank you! (Aside.) Those accents!

Lady—Did you speak?

Gent—I beg your pardon. Your voice recalled recollections of fifty years ago. It reminded me of one who in other times, but—no matter. Your features, too, are strangely like hers—only, if you will allow me to say so, the complexion is even more brilliant.

Lady—Oh! might I ask her name?

Gent—Her name was Rose.

Lady—It is my own.

Gent—Is it impossible that I am speaking to her daughter?

Lady—You are speaking to herself.

Gent—Heavens! Why, no. No, Surely.

Lady—Yes, indeed.

Gent—But that fresh—excuse my rudeness—that youthful color?

Lady—That raven hair!

Gent—I'll be candid with you. It is a wig—the gentleman's real head of hair, or invisible peruke—warranted to defy detection.

Lady—Eustace, I will return your confidence. I owe my bloom to the art of Madame Esther.

Gent—Enameled love. My rose, my own lost Rose found! My rose unfaded!

Lady—Your rose will fade no more. She has been rendered beautiful——

Gent—Oh, how beautiful! Let me fold thee in my arms.

(They embrace as well as they can. The dye of his whiskers blackens her face, and the paint of her cheeks comes off on the end of his nose.)

Gent—Beautiful!

Lady—Beautiful forever.

(Railway guard appears at the window.)

Guard—Change here for Dovedale.

(They hobble out.)

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—The Sure Cure.—As the battle of life has to be fought alike by the naturally feeble and constitutionally strong, how momentous is it to preserve the former class from adventitious ailments. A scratch on the leg, slight swelling or inflammation about the ancles, which could have been removed at once by Holloway's Medicaments, grow from the want of the commonest precautions into grievous maladies which throw the sufferer on the bed of sickness and his family on the parish. Every peasant's home should have Holloway's remedies. They will save both parents and children from much misery, and, above all, they will dispel their diseases at a trifling cost when contrasted with a Doctor's heavy charges.