

The Weekly British Colonist and Chronicle.

Tuesday, March 12, 1867.

The New Tariff.

We sincerely hope that while considering the proposed new Tariff, the Legislative Council, in endeavoring to avoid Charybdis will not be wrecked on Scylla; or that in passing the proposed scale of duties with a view to increasing the revenue, it will not go to such an extreme as to prohibit the importation of certain articles in daily request that cannot be profitably produced here.

protection to millers; beyond the latter rate, the duty approaches prohibition, and, should it be laid on, will have a tendency to check importations, while the charge for flour manufactured in the Colony will always be higher by 50 cents per barrel than it would be were the duty fixed at a reasonable rate.

Premium for a Quartz Mill.

The Council has done wisely in voting \$5000 as a premium for the first quartz mill that may be erected in Columbia district. The principle might be extended to other districts with benefit.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

Tuesday, March 5th.

DEFECTIVE STEPS.—Some two months ago a man-of-war's man tumbled into the harbor at the landing at Esquimaux and was drowned. The Coroner's jury called the attention of the authorities to the fact that the life was lost in consequence of the defective state of the steps at the landing, and recommended their repair; but no action has been taken.

WRECK OF A SLOOP.—The sloop General Havelock, from New Brighton, in Plumper's Pass, and bound for Victoria with a load of hogs and farm produce, ran on Ten Mile Point, a short distance beyond Cadboro Bay, at nine o'clock on Sunday night, and almost immediately afterwards went to pieces.

THE NEW WORLD.—This splendid steamer—the largest afloat in these waters—arrived at 1 o'clock last night. She can carry 500 passengers and has excellent accommodation for freight and cattle.

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.—The Council met at 7 o'clock last evening, all the Councillors present but Mr R. Lewis, and in the absence of the Mayor Mr C. Gowen was moved to the chair. The Council merely met to confirm the last minutes, when it resolved itself into committees of the whole to take action on the rental tax returns, Councillor Gibbs in the chair.

EDUCATIONAL.—A meeting of the Board of Education was held yesterday, at which His Excellency's message on Education was discussed at some length. It was finally resolved, before taking further steps, that the Superintendent write for fuller information respecting the extraordinary assertions made by the late Governor (Kennedy) and W. A. G. Young, Esq., as to the conduct of the Board.

RIFLE CORPS.—The Volunteers turned out last evening after drill and marched from the barracks to Government street preceded by their band. The officer commanding announced that the remittance had been sent to England to pay for the sword presented by the Corps to Captain Lang; and that he also was glad to inform the men that the balance of last year's Government grant had been handed to the Corps.

THE BRITISH COLUMBIAN.—This brilliant sheet has entered upon its seventh and last volume. Latterly, following the example of its more respectable and successful rival, the Columbian has been rather more decent than formerly; but reformation comes too late. The miserable old sheet is doomed; and well does it deserve its fate.

A MISTAKE.—It was Riley (one of the saved) who fought Primer (one of the lost) whereby by the late boat casualty at Esquimaux occurred, and not Dawson, who is said to have been a most inoffensive man and greatly lamented by his shipmates.

GOING HOME.—The remark of Mr Birch, in the Council, the other day, to the effect that he should "not long be the recipient of Colonial money," is proof that he will shortly leave for home. The sooner the better.

P. B. WHANNEL, who in 1858 was magistrate at Yale, and whose eccentricities while holding that position are green in the memory of most pioneers, has been arrested at San Francisco on a charge of riot.

DISCHARGED.—The Siwash, Jim, arrested on suspicion of having robbed Mrs Copperman, was yesterday discharged from custody. There appears to be little or no hope of the thief being detected.

DISMISSED.—The complaint of stealing a watch, preferred against Francis Hall, has been dismissed in the Police Court, no evidence to criminate the accused having come to light.

Thursday, March 7th.

SUDDEN DEATH OF MR. JOHN J. COCHRANE.—Those who met Mr Cochrane yesterday afternoon in the enjoyment of robust health, and busily engaged in his usual avocations, will scarcely realize the fact that a few minutes after six o'clock in the evening he was a piece of insensate clay! The circumstances attending this melancholy occurrence, so far as we care to make public to-day, are these: Mr Cochrane came home at 6 o'clock from his office, and complaining to his wife of feeling unwell, immediately passed up stairs and commenced to undress; while so doing he was seized with a spasmodic fall to the floor, but quickly recovering, his feet, removed the remainder of his clothing, and sprang into bed. He then complained of a burning sensation in the stomach, appeared to be in great agony for a few moments, when he was seized with another spasm and died. Drs Ash and Dickson were sent for, but long before their arrival the unfortunate gentleman had expired. It was reported last evening that Dr Dickson had pronounced the cause of death to be apoplexy. An inquest will be held to-day by Mr Pemberton. Mr Cochrane was aged about 46 years, and leaves a wife and four beautiful children to mourn his untimely end. He came to this country in 1859, and has been an enterprising and valuable citizen. During the last session of the Island Assembly he sat for Saanich District.

SINCE the process of photographing upon silk and linen has been perfected in France, many persons have their portraits upon their lines instead of their names or initials. Washing, it is said, does not injure the portrait.

THE Assizes at New Westminster will sit on the 4th of April.

FIRE INSURANCE BUSINESS IN SAN FRANCISCO.—According to official returns, the premiums received by the various Insurance Companies of San Francisco, for the month of December, were apportioned as follows: Pacific, \$39,489; Union, \$22,390; Fireman's \$16,653; Merchants' Mutual Marine, \$16,453; National, \$15,719; North British and Mercantile, \$9,746; Occidental, \$9,000; Builders', \$8,051; San Francisco, \$7,455; Imperial, \$7,164; California Home, \$5,281; Home Mutual, \$5,185; California Fire, \$5,148; British and Foreign Marine, \$4,481. Total premiums received in one month by 14 companies, \$172,215. Averaging the rate of insurance at 1 1/2 per cent, which is believed to be a correct allowance, the value of the property insured December would be about \$14,000,000; and at the same rate for 12 months the risks assumed by our local insurance companies in one year would amount to \$168,000,000—a sum within \$32,000,000 of the assessed value of all the taxable property in the State, according to a late statement from the Controller, which makes the total of assessed values \$200,000,000. The California companies are: the Pacific, capital stock \$750,000—about to be increased to \$1,000,000; Union, \$750,000; Fireman's Fund, \$500,000; National, \$1,000,000; Home Mutual, \$1,000,000; Merchants' Mutual, \$300,000; San Francisco, \$300,000; Occidental, \$300,000; California, \$200,000; Builders', \$50,000. The total capital of these ten companies is \$5,350,000, and the amount paid in \$4,407,649. Their outstanding risks, December 31st, amounted to \$48,405,461. The amount of risks written during the year was \$81,045,209. Their income last year was \$1,720,892; disbursements, \$1,241,562. The dividends declared during the year 1866 were as follows: Pacific, \$180,000; Union, \$75,000; Fireman's Fund, \$86,828; California, \$36,000; San Francisco, \$35,925. The Pacific, Union and California dividends were equal to 2 per cent a month on the par value of their stock. The Fireman's Fund and San Francisco dividends were equal to 1 1/2 per cent. Other companies made dividends of 1 per cent and less. Only a portion of the profits from business is divided among the stock holders, the balance called the surplus, is retained to meet any contingency or extraordinary expense the company may have. The new buildings being erected for the home companies are among the finest in the city. The Pacific building, on the northeast corner of California and Leidesdorf street, covers a lot 30 by 80 feet, and will cost \$125,000. The Fireman's Fund building, corner of California and Sansone, cost \$100,000. The Union purchased a house and lot for \$60,000, which is valued now at \$90,000. The company has also bought the business of the California Lloyds for \$300,000, and a portion of the business of the California Home, which is relinquishing business. The Merchant's Mutual fitted up the old Tehama Hotel on California street, at a cost, with lot, of \$80,000.—Bulletin.

LECTURE.—It will be observed from our advertising columns that P. Comrie, Esq., M.D., of H. M. S. Sparrowhawk, will this evening deliver the first of two lectures on "Air and Water." We understand that the lecture will be illustrated by a series of chemical experiments, and as it will have a bearing upon the sanitary condition of the city, we hope that the citizens will avail themselves of the occasion.

A STRANGE STORY is told about an egg merchant in one of the Paris markets. Having been indisposed he had kept his warehouse at a high temperature, and on the recommendation of his doctor. A morning or two ago he was awakened by a strange noise and on jumping up, he saw on the floor about a hundred and fifty chickens, which had been hatched by the heat, while the floor was strewn with egg shells.

ACCIDENT.—After being cast off from the steamer Isabel, at an early hour yesterday morning, the bark Rival suddenly luffed and ran into the steamer, carrying away a portion of one of the latter's paddle-boxes, and doing damage to the extent of about \$100. The Rival then stood off down the Strait with a fair wind, and the Isabel came to her wharf. A few hours' work yesterday "fixed things."

THE Glasgow Herald announces the apprehension in the city of a local debtor having large liabilities. He had been lodging in a hotel there, and was found in the disguise of female attire, with a Paisley shawl, a velvet bonnet and veil, and a large brooch, with no want of crinolines.

FROM BURRARD INLET.—At Capt. Stamp's mills we learn that the machinery has all been set, and that the arrival of belting is only awaited to set everything in motion. The snow has been deep at the Inlet, but the fall was not so great as at New Westminster.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.—A special meeting of this body will be held to-day, at two o'clock, and as we understand that a matter of very great importance will come before the Chamber for discussion, we hope that the attendance will be full.

THE schooner Black Diamond, laden with Nanaimo Coal, arrived yesterday in tow of the Steamer Diana. The Schooner landed the steam engine at Bellingham Bay, and on her return trip called at Nanaimo for the cargo of coal.

RELIGIOUS.—Yesterday being Ash Wednesday, the usual religious services in connection with the day were held at the Cathedral, St. John's, and the Catholic churches in this city.

FURNISHED HOUSES and apartments in Paris are now only let to occupiers for a short period, and in many cases, no engagement is made to extend beyond the month of January.

THE FLY.—This steamer has been sold to Captain Frain, and will be rebuilt, renamed and refurnished, and placed in a profitable trade.

A PETITION to His Excellency, praying for the release of the woman Sampson, has received many signatures at Nanaimo.

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THE PEOPLE'S FRIEND. PERRY DAVIS' VEGETABLE PAIN KILLER. The Greatest Family Medicine of the Age.

Taken internally, it cures sudden colds, coughs, etc., weak stomach, general debility, nervous sore mouth, canker, liver complaint, dyspepsia or indigestion, cramp and pain in the stomach, bowel complaint, painter's colic, Asiatic cholera, diarrhoea, and dysentery.

APPLIED EXTERNALLY, cures felons, boils and old sores, severe burns and scalds, cuts, bruises and sprains, swollen joints, ringworm and tetter, broken breasts, frosted feet, chilblains, toothache, pain in the face, neuralgia and rheumatism. It is a SURE REMEDY FOR AGUE AND CHILLS AND FEVER.

A New and Grand Epoch in Medicine.—Dr. MAGGIE is the founder of a New Medical System. The quack has, whose vast internal doses on the stomach and paralyze the bowels, must give precedence to the man who restores health and affords relief to one to two of his extraordinary Pills, and cures the most violent sores with a box or so of the wonderful and all-healing Salve. These two great specifics of the doctor are just appearing all the stereotyped nostrums of the day. Extraordinary cures by Maggie'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. Maggie's Pills are not of the class that are swallowed by the dozen, and of which every box fills the stomach, or in absolute ignorance for another. One or two of Maggie's Pills suffice 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. Uterous and ovarian diseases are literally extinguished by the disintegrating power of Maggie's Salve. In fact, it is here announced that Maggie's Bileous, Dyspeptic and Diarrhetic Pills cure where all others fail. Write for circulars, Scudder, Chubbins, Oats, and all abstractions of the salve. Maggie's Salve is infallible. Sold by J. MAGGIE, 1 Pine Street, New York, and all Druggists, at all countries.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Indigestion and Liver Complaints.—The digestion cannot be long or seriously deranged without the derangement being perceptible on the countenance. These Pills prevent both unpleasant consequences; they improve the appetite, and with the increase of desire for food, they augment the powers of digestion and assimilation in the stomach. Holloway's Pills deal most satisfactorily with the deranged or diseased condition of the many organs engaged in extracting nourishment for our bodies from our various diet—the liver, stomach and bowels, over all of which they exercise the most salutary control. By purging at an early stage of his malady, the sufferer is enabled to exercise his Pills, the dyspeptic is speedily restored to health and strength, and his salivaceous gradually vanishes.

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