

The Great Anniversary.

What a blessed dispensation that Queen

Victoria was born. And what a blessing

of that great event only comes round ence a

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be in danger of exploding. Were the occa-

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properly treated even now, if they are met, id a spirit of liberality and enlightened ap-preciation, and made the recipients of these kindly offices of maternal care, so much

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Che Weekly British Galanist The Great Naval Regatta. Wednesday, to which many had looked Wednesday, June 1, 1870 forward with a feeling of pleasurable antici-

pation, as affording an opportunity of witparton, as shoring an opportunity of with nessing the grandest sight the Pacific had ever known, dawned brightly. The towns of Victoria and Eequimal awoke early, and long before the time fixed upon for the com-mencement of the Regatta the roads leading to Esquimal were lined with an eager crowd of allowing the provide a contract of the second abe was only born once-that the anniversary Esquimall were inced with an eager crowd of pleasure seekers, passing quickly on towards the scene of enjoyment. The stores in the city were closed at an early hour and at 11 o'clock the American steamer Olympia, with 800 passengers, cleared from her wharf and ran round to Esquimalt. The Olympia was followed at noon by the steamer Enterprise, with 600 avancements and half the there is an year. Without such an opportunity of givsion of more frequent occurrence, they would rab roand to Ecquinalt. The Olympia was followed at noon by the steamer Euterprise, with 600 excursionists, and before the time of starting the first boats had arrived the wharves, the steamers and the ships of war were black with prople. It is estimated that, including the ships' crews, at one time not tewer than five thousand spectators were present. The ten vessels of war, viz, the Zealons, Liverpool, Liftey, Phobe, Pearl, Scylis, Charybdis, Endymion, Sparrowhawk and Boxer were gaily dressed in holiday attire, the bows of flags extending from jib-boom to spankerboom end, and presenting a obarming appearance. Many of the exten-sionists visited the ships. All were welcom-ed with the cordiality and politeness ohar-acteristic of the British sailor. The capa-gious harbor was dotted with craft of every description, from the steam-launches of the frigates to the dingies and Whitehall boats from Victoria, all of which were donstantly darting hither and thither, conveying pas-sengers to and from the ships. Shortly be-fore one o'clock a oracking breeze from the west sprang up and soon every boat which be in danger of going clean daft. Two whole days have been sport, in these demonstra-tions of loyalty for which the people of Bri-tish Columbia are remarkable, and we have not done yet. We wonder if distance intensifies one's loyalty; for, somehow, it appears to us that loyalty to the Queen becomes a desper, a more pervading sentiment away out bere than it does nearer home. It has comstimes occurred to us whether the Queen jects-how it has weathered all storms, over-come all temptations, survived all the chills, come all temptations, survived all the chills-ing neglect of past misrale. Perhaps if Her Mejesty were aware of it, we would be more kindly treated; for of all her forty-five children we are apt to think British Colum-bia, the youngest and the one of fairest promise, has been permitted to imbibe least of mother's milk. We ared when yet its eyes were scarcely open, it has been bottle-fed, dragged well-nigh to death by beartless,

engers to and from the ships. Shortly de-fed, dragged well-nigh to death by beartless, hireling nurses, who secured the cream for themselves, giving it only the skim-milk. Certain it is that the great anniversary has never been more generally and more hearti-ly kept in any colony than it has in this. And what more conclusive reply, could pos-sibly be given to the petition said to have been received from here by President Grant, come months ago, taking him to take the earltest opportunity of acquising' British Columbia? Her Majesty has no more loyal subjects in the whole of her yast dominions played operatic and other mule and the guests-together with a number of ladies and gentlemen who had innobed with Capt Lyons on board the Charybdis-improvised a dance and maintained it with much animation for The committee for the management of the

Regatta were :

The committee for the management of the respected in the past she will have none more prosperous. We hope Greaton Maggrave will let the Queen know what the Colony is, and what it is expable of becoming unders. liberal and judicious policy. The Departure. Nearly two weeks ago the Flying Squadron dropped anchor in out har-hor. It will leave early to-morrow morning. A fortnight is not long ; but in this instance it seems to have sped with amaging swiftness. But it has been sufficiently long te endear many of the officers and men of the Flying Squadron to our people. Certainly a more agreeable and gentlemanly set of officers could not well be desired. Its would be difficult to pick their superiors from Her Majesty's Navy. During their brief stay they have entered with great heartiness and good nature into every public amusement and pbilanthropic en-

heartiness and good nature into every public amusement and philanthropic en-terprise, and have, at the same time, excited themselves to contribute to the amusement of the public. Two things are matter of regret: The first is that they must leave us so soon; the second is they their minit to this colour has hear

The last race of all and the most amu The last race of all and the most amusing was between ten Gopper Pante, propelled with coal shovels. The crews of these punts were dressed in the most groterque and fan-tastic manner. Some represented squawe, Africans, Indiane, &c. One fellow with a long white beard, personated Neptune. Another represented an officer with tin medals pinned to his breast. A third wore a great bonnet and enormous wa erfall and penjer. During the alternoon the connercourse was around the ships and back to Foster's Pier. The Sparrowhawk's reached the winning buoy first, but went on the wrong side. The Zealous' came next and made the same mistake; and the Endymion's, more wary, took the right side and, although the third in, carried off the prize. One of those merry tellows exhibited a tin sign on which

merry tellows exhibited a tin sign on which was painted—' Farewell to the hungry six,' meaning the, six ships comprising the Fly-ing Squadron. This race closed the Regatts. The sun had begun to deeline, and the tired, though happy, excursionists betook themselves to their various conveyances and started for their bomes. The Regatts was in all re-spects successful and the warm thacks of the public are gratefully extended Admirals Farquhar and Horuby and the clicers of H M Fleet on this station for the kind in-terest manifested by them in providing a terest manifested by them in providing a pleasant day's recreation for the residents of Victoria and vicinity as well as those of Puget Sound. The Regatta was the largest ever held on the American side of the Pa. cific and the most enjoyable. An analysis of the record shows that the Soylla won three the record shows that the Soylie won three races; the Zealous three, the Sparrowhawk one, the Boxer one, the Liverpool one, the Phose one, the Endymion two and the Lil-fey one, In one of the sailing races the Pearl's onter was capaized, and the meh-were picked up by the Zealous' entire The three prizes carried off by the Zealous amounted to \$65.

A Washington correspondent of the New York Herald says : General Banks is to present to the House of Reprensatives to-morrow a petition from John Warren for damages against Great Britain to the tune of half a million dollars, because he was arrested and tried as a Febian conspirator, contrary to the laws in such cases made and provided, Mr. Warren, it will be remembered, was arrested, tried and convicted as a British subject, although he proved himself to be a naturalized American citizen. The charges against him were based mainly upon words spoken and acts committed in America, for which he contends he caunot be touched in Great Britain. He declares he committed no overt act in Great Britain or Irelan I, and that it he had done so he was entitled to trial by a mixed jury. It is not known what ac-tion will be taken in regard to the matter.

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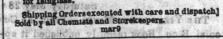
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