Tuesday, Petruary 14, 1865.

THE DESPERATE STRAITS

It is a poor cause that has to resort to personality and abuse for success. The by one and Mr. M'Clure by another. All M'Olure at one time said of Mr. DeCosmos, and what Mr. DeCosmos said of somebody else. So far as the paragraphs attributed to the former gentleman are concerned, however, Mr. M'Clure never penned a line of one of them; and if he had written a hundred such, and Mr. DeCosmos was ten times more seon earth has it all to do with whether Vanconver Island should continue her free port to the detriment of the country, or abolish it and become one colony with British Columbia? The fact of burking the argument by the introduction of these personal matters, shows how atterly discomfited the opponents of Union and Tariff heve become. They have first tried their principles in their entirety -free port and separation-but they found that the principles were too unpopular, and that nothing stood before them but ignominious defeat. They then tried an olla podrida of political doctrines—a mixture of union with separation, and free port with tariffbut the absurdity of the thing was too palpable, and this failed. Now they have come back to first principles-free port with an extravagant distribution of twenty-dollar pieces, and separation with a hundred tongued Billingsgate. Newspapers have, under the influence, suddenly veered round, and we are left to-day the only journal in the colony that maintains the Union and Tariff. What is the estimyoilog

All this speaks volumes for the interest which Wharl street feels it has got in the maintenance of the free port; but it also shows what systematic efforts are being made to stifle public opinion, and make the country subservient to a few men who represent the most temporary interests in it. The thing is so outrageous the efforts made to corrupt the weaker portion of our inhabitants so palpable—that it is no wonder the people are becoming thoroughly aroused on the subject. These enemies to the country must be taught a lesson-and they will receive it before the election is over. We care not for all the opposition the free port men can legitimately bring; for their numbers are small and their reasoning not very convincing: but when we see in the open day, and without any attempt at concealment, a regularly organised scheme for purchasing votes and destroying the morality of the poorer class of the community, we think it high time that the people generally should take the matter into their consideration. The life or death supplied with food and clothing on board the of Vancouver Island is really trembling in the balance. Let corruption win the daylet free trade and separation conquer-and real estate will descend in Victoria like an avalanche, crushing every landholder in ruin -population will continue to depart because we have not employment to give the working classes, and the future of the country will be one of utter despair. It is the interest as well as duty, therefore, of every elector to be of death has made sad havoc. up and doing. Let us not only beat the free port candidates by a sweeping majority, but let us do it in a manner that will crush at once and for ever that party that has been hitherte imposing its ruinous policy on the son Bay Company, and 11 passengers. The country. The recent news from Melbourne, Otter will tow her into Esquimalt to be lightas will be seen elsewhere, shows us a similar ened, as she is drawing 17 feet of water. crisis in the condition of the colony of Victoria. There protection was demanded, as it is here, for the purpose of creating home industry, and the working men, as they will do here, carried the day. In a few days the great contest will come off; let every man who has got an interest in the colony exert himself to the utmost and send Messrs. DeCosmos and M'Clure—the Union and Tariff candidates ahead of their opponents by a hundred of a mujority. Let no man be induced under any pretence to split his vote. The question is free port and separation, or Union and Tariff, and any division in the voting will only show that the party guilty of such an absurdity is unworthy of the franchise, for he will stultify his vote only through fear, bribery, or igno-

THE CHRONICLE'S CHANGE.

VICTORIA, Feb. 8, 1864. TO THE EDITOR OF THE BRITISH COLONIST, -Please to inform me what kind of influence has been brought to bear on the Morning Chronicle which has caused the Editor of that paper to desert his colors at the eleventh bour and throw himself body and soul into the arms of the supporters of the free port? It is truly humiliating to think a man could self his principles for a paltry gain, especially at a time like the present when every honest and conscientions man is trying to promote the interests of Vancouver Island by supporting Drake, for the plaintiff.

BISHOP HILLS.—We learn that the mar-

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

Tuesday, February 7. UNDER WRIT OF HABEAS Coards.—Application was made by My Cary, instructed by Mr. Copland, yesterday, to Judge Cameron for the discharge of Henry Simpson, committed by the magistrate enemies of Union and Tariff, finding their of Sasnich to the common gaol on a charge opposition hopeless, have come down to of whisky selling. The prisoner was brought scurrility, in the vain endeavor to sully what up by Mr. McBride, gaoler, under a writ of they cannot beat. Mr. DeCosmos is assailed habeas corpus. Mr. Cary contended that the commitment was illegal, as the only evidence adduced against him was that of two Indians the political crimes with which men can be who had not been duly sworn. The Chief charged are heaped upon them. Newspaper Justice said that it was not necessary to go paragraphs are raked up to show what Mr. far for a cause to discharge the prisoner. The commitment showed on its face a vital defect. The return to the writ contained a copy of the commitment of the prisoner to the common gaol, and a copy of the information showing that the witnesses had not been sworn. The law made exceptions in favor of witnesses who were Quakers or Moravians, whose affirmations were received in lieu of vere in the political warfare of 1859-60, what dians of this colony, and there must be a on earth has it all to do with whether Van- legal oath to justify a magistrate in convicting. In this case an affirmation only had been taken, and the commitment was therefore illegal. The order of the court was that the prisoner be discharged.

THE WESLEYAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY .-The annual meeting of the Wesleyan Missionary Society took place last night in the Methodist Church, Pandora street. His chair, and the body of the church was filled by a numerous and respectable audience. composed of the members of the congregatior, and other friends of the cause. His Excellency in a few appropriate remarks opened the proceedings, and addresses were delivered by the Revs. Dr. Evans, John Hall, and Browning. Several pieces of music were executed by the choir in very good aste, during the evening. A statement of the affairs of the society was laid before the meeting detailing the labors of the year, and showing most satisfactory results in the cause

RIFLE VOLUNTEERS .- The bandmaster, Mr. W. Haines, was presented last evening with a beautiful baton by the members of the band, in acknowledgment of his services as their teacher and leader. The article was manufactured by Mr. Watson, Jeweler, of Yates street, and the manner in which the chased work about it is executed does credit non-electors to listen to speeches in favor of to his art and taste. It will be gratifying to the recipient of the gift to hear that the rapid improvement of the band since he took the charge is a subject of general remark.

THE PASSPORT SYSTEM .- U. S. Consul Francis has issued some twenty passports to American citizens since February 1st, under the new regulations of the Federal Government, chiefly to passengers by the steamship Pacific yesterday. A number of passengers who have gone down without procuring the necessary documents will probably encounter some annoyance and perhaps detention on their arrival at San Francisco.

SEIPWRECK IN THE STRAITS.—Capt. Burns, apologising for his absence at Alberni, where of the steamship Pacific, on his way to this he said he had gone to quell a disturbance port on Sunday last, picked up three sailers among the Indians. His remarks were refrom the wreck of the Fanny, castaway near Shoalwater Bay. The men were steamship, and brought to this city, where their case will be attended to by Mr. Francis, U. S. Consul.

IN MEMORIAM .- On Sunday next Christ Church will be hung with mourning, in memory of the late Mrs. Helmcken, a mark of respect to the family of Sir James Douglas who have attended service there regularly since the erection of the building, as also to the worthy Rector, in whose family the hand journal. We have eyer found Mr. McMillan

FROM ENGLAND The Princess Royal arrived in Royal Roads on Sunday evening, 144 days from London. She has a miscellaneous freight, consigned to the Hud-

THE LATE AMATEUR PERFORMANCE. The nett proceeds of the Amateur performance given in aid of the Female Infirmary amounted to \$196 25.

Wednesday, February 8.

THE NEW BUOY ON BROTCHIE'S LEDGE-Capt. Pike was yesterday engaged in superintending the laying down of the new Gov ernment beacon on Brotchie's Ledge, which about ten minutes' walk from where the now presents a most conspicuous mark to the schooner was loaded at Burrard's Inlet, shot mariner. It consists of a fine cedar spar 42 through the body. He had left New Westfeet in length and rounded down to 14 in.x9 minster on Friday, and had stopped at a
in., and is painted white. It is firmly shackled to a block of stone weighing 22 cwt.,
and is anchored in 22 teet at high tide, thus
an Indian. showing 20 feet above high water mark. The spar has been very well shaped and placed, as it stands erect out of the water like a ship's mast. The pilots deserve credit for the manner in which they have executed

SUPREME COURT-The case of Holbrook ats. Culverwell occupied the entire day yesterday before a special jury. The plaintiff's case was concluded and the defendant's case will be heard to-day. The cause of action arose out of transactions between the plain - Ointment. These are genuine remedies indeed, tiff and defendant relative to the purchase of claims against the British Columbian Stage Company. Mr. McCreight, instructed by Mr. Bishop, appeared for the defence, and Messrs. Ring and Cary, instructed by Mr. Cot health and ease

BARRISTERS' AND ATTORNEYS' BILL The Bishop Hills with Miss King was to take place on the 3rd January, and the happy pair would leave for Victoria on the 17th

AT A MEETING of the Germania Sing Versin, held last evening, the following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing six months : For President, J. L. Jangerman, Vice President, Thos. Geiger, Secretary, J. Sehl, re-elected; Treasurer, Wm. Lohse, reelected ; Librarian, C. A. Schmid, re-elected.

NAVAL-The gurboat Grappler, having on board His Excellency the Governor and daughter, the Colonial Secretary and Rev. Mr. Dundas, steamed out of the barbor yesterday morning at 10 o'clock to Race Rocks Light-house, and returned at 4 p.m.

Thursday, February 9. FUNERAL OF MRS. HELMCKEN-The burial of this estimable and deeply lamented lady took place yesterday. From an early hour in the morning flags in all parts of the city were displayed at half-mast, and as the hour approached crowds of sympathising friends, among whom were His Excellency the Govoaths, but the exceptions did not apply to In- ernor, Members of the Legislature, Officers of the Navy, &c., took their way to Christ Church to join in the services for the departed. At three o'clock the mournful procession was observed approaching from Dr. Helmcken's residence, and soon it reached the church, when the coffin was borne into the edifiee, preceded by the Rev. A. C. Garrett, Archdeacon Gilson and Rev. E. Cridge, the last reading the appropriate service. The Rev. Archdescon then occupied Excellency the Governor kindly occupied the the desk and read the usual portions from the was performed on the organ. The coffin was then again placed in the hearse and conveyed to the cemetery, followed by nearly 1,000 persons. Arrived at the grave the beautiful and touching burial service was read and the "narrow house" soon hid all that was mortal of the lamented deceased from the sight of her disconsolate relatives and their sorrowing friends. The bodies o two infant children of the deceased, who had been buried in the garden adjoining Dr. Helmcken's residence, were also interred at the same time, in accordance with a previous expressed wish of their mother. It may, perhaps mitigate the intensity of the grief of the bereaved husband to know that so deep and general sympathy is felt for him in his heavy affliction.

> THE SPROAT-YOUNG MEETING. - Bond's Athenœum Hall, on Quadra street, was filled last night by an assemblage of electors and the free port. Mr. Arthur Fellows was in the chair. Mr. C. B. Young occupied the greater part of the evening, alternately denouncing Messrs. DeCosmos and M'Clure. and lauding himself and his course in the House. According to the ex-honorable, all the useful legislation in the House had either been initiated or amended by his efforts. The speaker could scarcely elicit a cheer save from the few supporters who sat around him. Mr. Young made an unfortunate allusion to his having employed native labor instead of white, which brought down on him the displeasure of the audience to such an extent as to prevent his remarks being heard. Mr. Burnaby spoke on behalf of Mr. Sproat, ceived with much questioning and some interuptions. Mr. Stronach concluded by a short and, for that gentleman, a very lame speech. The meeting on the whole was a complete failure, and contrasted most painfully with the great success of the mass meeting of Messrs. DeCosmos and M'Clure in the Theatre on Monday night.

CHANGE OF PERPETETORSHIP .- Mr. J. E. McMillan we understand has sold out his interest in the morning Chronicle to Mr. W. T. Long, who for some time has been engaged in the reporting department of that a gentleman of high principles and strict integrity, and we much regret his withdrawal from the editorial chair of our morning contemporary, in which capacity he was the unswerving advocate of liberal and enlightened

VOLUNTEER BALL-The Victoria Volunteer Rifle Corps gave their first ball last evening in the Lyceum Hall. His Excellency the Governor and the Col. Sec. were present, and also a large number of our principal citizens. The music of the band of the corps was excellent, and spoke highly for the proficiency made by them during the short time they have been organized.

INDIAN SHOT .- A sailor belonging to the schooner Onward states that an Indian was found on Saturday morning last, on a trail

SUPREME COURT.—The case of Culverwell vs. Holbrook occupied the attention of the Court all day yesterday. The defendant was examined at great length.

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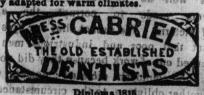
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