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[DATES TO THE 12TH JUNE.]

The Legislature is still in session but drawing to its close, without apparently doing much of importance, if we except one or two things. By last accounts it was seriously exercised by and angrily discussing the propriety of the application of the word hoopilimeaai by the *Advertiser* to some of its members; and as the charge was supplemented by others, differing in their degree of offensiveness, the Assembly deemed them altogether worthy of public notice. The discussion took a wide range, because the insulting terms were supposed to be aimed at the King and to high officials of friendly governments. The meaning of the native word is supposed to be something of a cross between our own words "tuft-hunter" and "lickspittle." The Assembly, we should say, is decidedly in favor of going after the *Advertiser* with a sharp stick.——A very important movement is on foot, with good prospects of success, of importing Japanese immigrants. They are to come out under specific contracts for three years on trial at $4 a month, with board and medicine found, and a free passage to Honolulu and back to Japan if demanded, on the expiration of the three years. One hundred and eighty are to come first, and if their report be favorable, any number of men and women are prepared to follow on the same terms. The authorities and public anticipate great results from these Japanese immigrants. They are spoken of as docile, industrious and accustomed to cultivating sugar, rice, cotton, and the staple products of the Islands. How the world progresses. A few years ago it was unavoidable death for a Japanese to return home after once leaving his country, even if blown out to sea and shipwrecked. Now they voluntarily seek the charms of Western civilization after centuries of isolation, and desire participation in its glories and achievements. For this great change, destined in the end to work a complete revolution, we must thank California and British Columbia. There is no denying the fact, for it becomes more patent every day, that both China and Japan can only be conquered and revolutionized through the Pacific. How earnestly then should every Englishman work to get this Colony connected with Canada, that she may at once enter upon the greatness of her brilliant future. It reflects severely upon our sluggishness that all people on the Pacific except ourselves are working in the right direction. Is it wise or patriotic to stand by with our hands in pocket and see others no better off than ourselves, rob us of this great prize? It was not once so with Englishmen.—The annihilation of time and space by the modern appliances of steam and telegraph was forcibly illustrated by the Wm. Wilson, which arrived at Honolulu from Sydney on 16th ultimo. On the same day they received intelligence of important events from distant and widely spread portions of the globe, showing that those nations only are out of the world whose country lies off the great routes of trade and travel; and we may also learn a lesson from this fact of the growing necessity for consolidation. From Sydney via London they heard of the attempted assassination of Prince Alfred on the 12th of March in 64 days. Yet the news travelled a long route; by steamer to Port du Galle, Aden and Alexandria, thence by telegraph to London and San Francisco, and thence by sail to Honolulu. The news passed over more than one-third of the globe, yet reached the Islands in *less time* than a sailing vessel could go direct from Sydney.—Earthquakes are quite lively again and causing serious apprehensions of another eruption. One shock occurred on the 4th of May at Hilo, another on the 27th in Kona, said to be equal to the great shock of 2nd April, and by the latter extensive damage was caused at Kau. It is a great pity we cannot get a good shaking up. What a world of good a first-class shock would do us.—The Hon. John Li has met with a severe accident by a fall from his horse, breaking his collar bone and otherwise seriously injuring him. He lay for some time on the roadside, and was only discovered by his horse returning home without him.—The officers and men of H. M. S. Reindeer gave a grand entertainment at the theatre in behalf of the Kau Relief Fund, and realized $200. They afterwards gave a concert on board their ship, which was attended by all the *elite*, and the officers of the U. S. S. Mohongo, and which is also spoken of as a very successful affair. The press speaks in a very complimentary way of the charitable disposition and abilities of our Naval peoplef requenting the Islands.-Horseflesh is wonderfully cheap at present in Honolulu. Anything in the shape of a horse with four legs is selling at *two bits* a piece, and being bagged by the tax collectors at four bits each, under some new law passed by the Assembly for taxing horses.—The only foreign arrival up to our dates was the Kinau, from this port with fish. The *Gazette* has a complimentary notice of the expected arrival of the Favorite, which sailed hence on her first trip a few days since. It is said such a vessel is much needed for the Hilo trade.

Friday, July 17.

THE WRECK OF THE SUWANEE.—The Sparrowhawk arrived at three o'clock yesterday morning, having on board 135 officers and men of the unfortunate Suwanee. Lieut. Clarke and 25 men are left in charge of the wreck. The men were all landed in good order, and were found comfortably encamped on shore when the Sparrowhawk arrived at the scene of the disaster. The fore part of the vessel has gone down below water five fathoms, the after part still hangs on the rock. Officers and men speak in the warmest manner of the treatment received from the officers and crew of the Sparrowhawk, since misfortune overtook them. The men have all been transferred to the Pensacola. Four twenty-pounder guns and two howitzers have been landed on shore close by, and the 9 in. guns, of which there are six, have been buoyed on the wreck. The property of the officers has been saved, as up to the time of abandoning the vessel the birth deck had not been flooded.

RAILWAYS IN INDIA.—A few years since the English Government guaranteed the interest on $440,000,000, for the construction of 4600 miles of railroad in India. The system has worked so well that last year several of the companies exceeded the five per cent. of guaranteed interest, and were able to declare surplus dividends. What will be said to this by men who will maintain there is no future to this Colony? Only a few years since the English people guaranteed the interest upon *four hundred and forty millions!* and most of that investment is now paying over five per cent. Let them give us *one fourth* of that sum and we will create a kingdom as valuable as India, which will command the commerce and traffic of the world, and where investments of this sort will pay ten per cent. A few years does much in this age, and our turn is coming. Instead of building up the *world* let the capital of England be confined to her own dominions.

Aldeane, by LAURA PRESTON, published by A. ROMAN & Co., SAN FRANCISCO.—This novel does not belong to the sensational school, and in it we have none of the murders bigamies or seductions with which lady authoresses have made us so familiar with of late. It is a pleasant little tale of a young lady, who, being turned out of her home by her supposed stepfather, earns her livelihood as a governess in the family of a Southern planter, and as a reward for her virtues eventually finds her real father, and, what is more important, marries the object of her choice, after all the villains in the plot have met their just termination. The characters are tolerably well drawn, the incidents natural and probable, and being written in a pleasant style the book will, we doubt not, find admirers. For sale by Hibben & Co., Government street.

DOWN WITH THEM—Yesterday the war against the thistles was commenced in earnest It will be vain however for the Corporation to destroy the thistles disfiguring the public thoroughfares unless those on adjacent private lots are also cut down. Half a dozen left to seed will make them quite as bad next year, and there ought to be some power compelling the parties owning unoccupied lots to keep them clear of these pests.

MARTIN THE WIZARD.—This popular magician will give a farewell exhibition on Saturday night at the Theatre Royal. The evening's performance will be under the patronage of His Excellency the Governor and His Worship the Mayor. The abilities of Mr Martin are already known and appreciated here, and we doubt not he will have a good house.

THE LATE FIRE—The boiler and some castings, with the brick work belonging to the distillery consumed on Wednesday night, escaped injury. A carpenter who worked on the premises a short time since has been arrested on suspicion, and was remanded yesterday at the Police Court for three days. A fire inquest will be held to-day.

HARD TO PLEASE.—Many beautiful women when walking in the public thoroughfares, seem very angry if they are gazed at, and sadly annoyed if they are not. Who is wise enough to tell the brethren which is the better plan to adopt? In answer to this query we have always found it safer to make a pretty woman angry than to disappoint her.

THE assessed value of the personal and real property in San Francisco is enrolled at $58,668,102. The principle of assessment we believe, is to enrol property at one-fifth less than its actual value, so that considering her age, San Francisco may be regarded as a very rich city.

DIED.—Sir Benjamin Lee Guiness, M. P. for Dublin City, the eminent brewer and the restorer of St Patrick's Cathedral, at a cost of over £100,000, died in London on the 19th of May last, in his 71st year.

THE MONETA sailed for San Francisco yesterday. The Nazarine from China, was towed out of Esquimalt harbor for Burrard Inlet by the Grappler, yesterday, to load with lumber at Capt Stamp's mill.

FOR THE NORTH.—The Sparrowhawk returns this morning to visit the scene of the late Indian outrage.

A LARGE vessel has been seen in the Straits these last two days, supposed to be an Italian, on her way to Burrard Inlet.

THE BRIG BYZANTIUM—This vessel returned from Alberni yesterday bringing whatever lumber and other material belonging to the mill remained at that place.

IT IS said the Grappler will leave immediately for the Suwanee wreck.

Letter from Lillooet.

EDITOR COLONIST,—May I venture to hope that your powerful voice, as the leading organ of public opinion in the Colony, will be raised in favor of the interests of our district, which are constantly jeopardized by the unskilful hands in whose care they are left. In favoring litigation, in the rigid application of inapplicable laws, (the Sunday law for instance) in interfering as *censor morum* with the amusements, occupation and business of our inhabitants; to wit, the Magistrate's answer to the only saloon keeper in Lillooet, and to Mr Tynon when they prayed to be allowed to have a dance on the Queen's birthday, in the vain endeavour to 'straiten up the district,' as Mr Sanders is reported to have said, 'from the confusion in which Mr Elliott had left it,' he will govern us off the face of the country. Mr Elliott is deeply regretted, and it is adding insult to injury in alluding to his administration in such terms. It were well for our present magistrate if he had one particle of the learning, wisdom and kind heartedness of his predecessor.

It was earnestly mooted before the Grand Jury at our last assizes, whether they should not petition for the magistrate's removal; but for some reason or other the matter was allowed to drop by common consent. Men are not disposed to thrust themselves into dangerous notoriety, particularly if swayed by business considerations, and they will bear patiently and silently with many blunders and abuses. I see, however, in your impression of the 4th inst, that one voice has been raised against this state of things. Mr Ker has been too cruelly persecuted to have longer listened to cautious advisers, and there is a point at which 'silence means consent, inaction cowardice.' He has dared 'to blow the horn,' and he must be prepared to 'draw the sword.' He has shown his personal grievance to be a danger to the public, and it now rests with higher authority to decide what should best be done.

Truly Yours,

LILLOOET.

Lillooet, July 7th, 1868.

The "Moneta."

EDITOR COLONIST,—The report of this case in yesterday's issue is certainly far from being a very correct one, and was evidently given to you by some one interested on the part of the Moneta, and necessarily antagonistic to the Isabel, which, to my mind, is in very bad taste, especially when it is considered that the matter is now under advisement by the learned Chief Justice and two Naval associates. I will not animadvert as to the nature or character of the evidence given in Court, because I consider it would be unfair to do so at the present time. I must say however that the witnesses who testified on the part of the claiment are as respectable and trustworthy in every sense of the word as your reporter's favorites.

Your report gave that portion only which was in defendant's favor. I must say that it was not contended at the investigation that the drunkenness of the crew was the chief ground for a salvage claim, far from it; but as increasing the difficulty there would have been in any case in saving the Moneta from total loss, but for steam assistance.

SPECTATOR.

Cariboo News.

(From the Sentinel of the 2nd and 6th June.)

On the 28th ult., Robt. Buddle, a native of Scotland, died at the Royal Hospital..... The 1st of July being the day on which the half-yearly trades licenses became due; $5000 were received at the Treasury, Richfield..... Wheat is being ground at the Soda Creek Mill for half a cent per pound.

MINING INTELLIGENCE.

WILLIAM CREEK

Wash-ups for the week:—Forest Rose, 103 ozs; Lillooet, 60 ozs; Raby, 50 oz; Baldhead, 60 ozs; Cariboo about wages; Sheepskin, 25 ozs; Aurora, 35 oz; Welsh, about wages; California, 40 ozs. Two hydraulic companies have commenced to wash up; the Cornish co 88 oz for the week. The Wilson co washed up for the two last weeks 60 and 90 ozs respectively.

STOUT GULCH.

The Floyd co washed up 60 ozs for the week; the Alturas did not clean up; the Taft Vale 200 ozs; the Jenkins 75 ozs; the Mucho Oro 58 ozs.

CONKLIN GULCH.

The Reed co. and the Renfrew are paying wages.

M'ARTHUR GULCH

The Try-again co is taking out good pay, and the New Brunswick co wages.

LOWHEE CREEK

The Calavaras is still paying well at the rate of 150 ozs per week.

BEGGS GULCH.

Two companies are making wages.

MOSQUITO GULCH.

We learn that the Minnehaha declared a dividend of $204 to the interest for the week, and the Tom and Jerry cleaned up 23 ozs. The other claims have done as well as usual.

STRIKES.—A company of Cornishmen struck a prospect of $1 25 to the pan, on Martin Gulch, on Tuesday evening. Quite a number rushed to the new strike, and in a few hours the whole creek was staked off. The Hiawatha co bottomed their shaft on Tuesday, at a depth of 75 feet, and found the bed-rock pitching towards Red Gulch. They got a prospect of 3 ozs on the bed-rock. The Never Fail co got their wheel running yesterday, and commenced sinking. Tom and Jerry co have commenced work again. The Hiawatha claim helps to drain their shaft. The Morning Star co washed up their ground sluice bed yesterday, preparatory to laying the sluice-boxes, and took up about 20 ozs oro.

AUCTION.—J. Brunn & Co. will dispose of their entire stock of Custom-made Clothing, Gentlemen's Furnishing Goods, Hats and Caps, together with the Store Shelves and Counters, and a large Fire Proof Safe, within one month from date. Until then, the stock will be offered at very low prices to suit everybody.—J BRUNN & Co., orner Yates and Langley streets. *

Japan.

The Japan *Gazette* of May 29th gives the following further particulars of the war:

A Japanese gives the annexed account of the recent fighting between Aidzu and others of the Northern princes and that portion of the Mikado's forces who were marching on Yedo from the northwest. The "Kwangun" here mentioned is the name given to the officers charged by H. M. the Mikado to take possession of the late Tycoon's territory, and "Zo Kugun" is the appellation bestowed on the refractory Daimios who will not "cave in" at the summons of the Choku shi or Imperial ambassador or messenger.

Lords Hi-ku-ni, Choshin and Kasama's men were mostly killed and wounded by Kwangun's armies. At O-yama Satsumabu no kami, Lord of Mibu and commander of Mikado troops, was in the fight badly hurt by bursting of shot from large guns. He was leading the first troops. 18th day no fighting. 19th. Zokugun's troops marched to Utzo-no-mi-ya, and here was another battle, and Kasama's and Mibu's men were defeated after burning the temple and city; only a few of that daimio's men escaped to Ta-te-ba-yashi.

20th day, morning—Utzu-mo-mi-ye Castle was robbed by Zokugun's troops, and the Tycoon flag was put up and the view was very beautiful.

21st. At Hats-ka-no-bana, between Mibu and Ishi-bashi, there began a great battle between the Kwangun's men of Auma and Eushius and other daimios, and they were defeated again.

22nd. Castle of Mibu is robbed by Zokugun's men, and the troops in the Castle ran away and left the guns and powder.

23rd. Another fight began at Sekiyado, the result not yet heard; but Kwangun's troops must be defeated, as Zokugun's men come from every way and attacked all round.

It is said that on Tuesday last 1400 men were killed in a fight at Ooji—a few miles out of Yedo. These numbers seem to us to be much exaggerated—but that the battle was fought and terminated disadvantageously for the Satsuma party is beyond a doubt.

We believe that the following information is both positive and correct. Many skirmishes and isolated fights have taken place, but as yet no general attack has been made. The Northern princes, however, with Kanga and Sendai, at their head, have formed a coalition far stronger than the old one of the south, which succeeded in ousting the old government, and getting possession of the Mikado.

It is believed that the Mikado will remain in Osaka, and the Castle is to be restored for his occupancy. An arsenal, mint and an official quarter are to be built in and around it. Probably, after a time, a police will be built near the old one—but the site is not yet decided upon.

We yesterday heard a curious report that the High Priest of Kioto has taken him to task for interfering in temporal affairs, saying that his office is to deal with his ancestors, the gods, and not with men, ordering him to return to Kioto and to pay a heavy fine to the church.

At Osaka, May 23rd, Sir Harry S. Parks presented to the Mikado his letters accrediting him as the British Minister Plenipotentiary to Japan. He was escorted through the city by a party of soldiers belonging to the Princes Satsuma and Bizen, the latter being of the clan who gave the original trouble at Kobe. Besides these there was an English guard sufficiently strong for protection, had any underhand work been attempted.

The following private letter, dated Yokohama, June 4th, is written by a gentleman holding a prominent position in Japan:

Two weeks ago I went up to Yedo in the Monocacy, and remained a few days. Found everything very quiet. The troops both of the Mikado and his opponents had generally moved out of the city, and some skirmishes and fights had taken place between them north of Yedo. The political condition of the country is about as when you were here. The Tycoon has submitted to the Mikado, and gone into retirement in the Castle of Mito. He gave orders for his army and navy to surrender, but the soldiers mostly deserted with their arms, and the navy got up steam and went off. The army has since partially organized as *remins*, contrary to the orders of the Tycoon, and several battles have been fought, resulting generally in favor of the *remins*. The navy came back to Yedo; and a portion of the ships have been surrendered, but the Tycoon party still keeps the best of them. This place is in possession of the Mikado's people, two of his Ministers for Foreign Affairs being here. All foreign soldiers and marines who were in port protecting the place when you were here have been withdrawn, and we are now protected by the Mikado. The Monocacy and Iroquois are still here, and I am expecting Admiral Rowan in the Catagua the 1st of July.

THE Supreme Court of the State of New York have issued a perpetual injunction against Eaton and Jenkins for counterfeiting Ayer's Cathartic Pills holding them responsible for the cruel imposition in what they have done and restraining them from further like injury to the public. If any class of our people more than another needs the interposition of law to shield them from imposture, it is the sick and suffering who are unable to protect themselves. A remedy so universally employed as Ayer's Pills by all classes, both to cure and prevent disease, should as it does, have every security the law can afford it, from counterfeit and imitation. [Cabinet Schenectady.] *

VICTORIA RIFLE CORPS.—Class firing, 3rd class, Tuesday and Friday at 4 p. m. By Order J. GORDON VINTER, Lieut and Adj.