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DeCosmos' Telegraph Bill.

This Bill is essentially a private one, as its history, provisions and object clearly show, and we risk nothing in saying that its provisions had no precedent or parallel in the legislation of any country. The Bill was prepared by a legal gentleman in this city, to the order of, and paid for by, Mr DeCosmos. It was printed at his office, and copies have been carefully kept from the public. Its chief provisions are substantially as follows:—The Telegraph Company are compelled to supply to all publishers in the place applying for the same, all general and special news dispatches running over their line at the maximum rate of one cent per word, and on the same terms as to credit, discount, abatement or advantage. In the second place, it entitles any publisher to [illegible] the dispatches sent to his office by the Company whatever portions of news he may choose, returning the remainder to the Company, and paying only for what is retained. In the third place, it compels the Company to keep and publicly exhibit a book containing true and complete entries of all transactions with newspaper publishers, showing every payment, credit, discount, abatement, or advantage. These provisions are to be enforced under severe pains and penalties. We leave it to the intelligent reader to say whether we were not justified in characterising the Bill as 'extraordinary, inquisitorial, and impudent' Just see how it would operate: The *Colonist* receives and publishes about eighteen hundred words a day, being for the most part the dispatches sent from San Francisco to Portland for the papers published in the latter city. The Telegraph Company would, had Mr DeCosmos his way, be compelled to supply these two thousand words to the *Standard*, whose enterprising (?) publisher might select, say, five, or this everlasting six hundred words, throwing the fourteen or fifteen hundred words upon the hands of the Company, paying only for what he retained. It may be said, in answer to this, that the publisher of the *Colonist* would do the same, and thus both would be on an equal footing. Quite so; but look at results. If the publisher of the *Standard* culled five or six hundred words from the two thousand, thereby getting rid of an expenditure of $14, or $15 a day, the publisher of the *Colonist* would be compelled to do likewise as a measure of self-protection, and the result would be that the public would have to be content with one-fourth of the telegraphic news ordinarily contained in this journal. In other words, this provision, should it become law, would enable the publisher of one paper to restrain the publisher of another from giving the public any more news than he himself might feel able or willing to publish. Thus, even assuming that the Telegraph Company would submit to such an extraordinary imposition, the Bill would be an undue interference with the rights of the publisher. But it is simply ridiculous to suppose that any Telegraph Company, whether foreign or domestic, would submit to this or the other provisions of the Bill. Least of all can it be imagined that a powerful foreign company, in receipt of millions annually, would submit to such legislation in respect of a branch merely piercing this Colony at a single point and which connection is maintained at an annual loss. There is every reason, therefore, to apprehend that to enforce such unreasonable and unheard of provisions would be to sever our telegraphic connection with the rest of the world, and that, too, at a moment when the Colony can ill afford it. Let us see how the withdrawal of the line would affect the owner of the Bill: He recently allowed himself to be led into making a contract with the Telegraph Company which he cannot but feel does not fulfil his expectations. That contract is binding upon the Telegraph Company, but the contractor extricate himself from it? Ah! we have it! The contract contains the following: 'In case the said Telegraph Company should abandon its line of telegraph to Victoria at any time before the expiration of said period of three years, then this contract shall cease and determine.' Does not the reader see the point? Pass an Act that will cause the company to 'abandon the line' to this colony and the owner of the bill is released from his contract. How Mr Ashton was induced to father the Bill which for two weeks sought in vain for a paternal protector in the ranks of the popular members in the Legislature, we do not pretend to say; but the most charitable conclusion is that he good-naturedly consented to introduce a measure with the provisions of which he had not an opportunity of making himself acquainted.

Thursday, March 14.

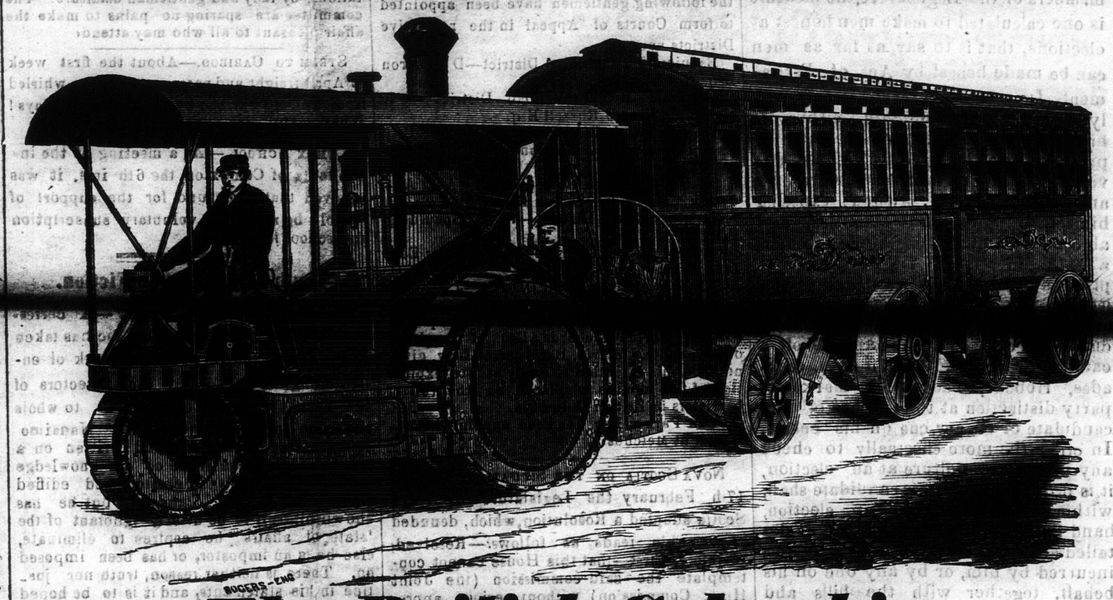
"Dame Europa's School."

The Misses Green, Photographers, Fort St. have kindly placed on our table a phamphlet of 28 pages, recently published in England, and bearing the following somewhat apocryphal title: "The fight at Dame Europa's School; showing how the German Boy thrashed the French Boy; and how the English Boy looked on." The pamphlet is written in very clever and humorous style, and the reception with which it met in England may be imagined from the circumstance of its having already passed through the one hundred and twenty-second thousand. The reader will scarcely need to be told that the little work is a description of the position of parties during the recent terrible struggle between France and Prussia. Louis, William, Alick, Joseph and John are represented as five monitors appointed to keep the smaller boys in order. A quarrel arises one day between Louis and William about a strip of garden in the possession of the former but claimed by the latter. The boys and William is represented as getting the best of the fight, pursuing Louis across his flower-beds and standing before his beautiful arbor, threatening to detach it. John is represented as sitting in his workshop, across a little stream, intent on making sixpences and shillings, occupying the position of a neutral occasionally going over to the boys, however, to stanch their wounds and perform little acts of kindness. Louis and William fight every little boy, observes Dame Europa, when dinner is half over. Does beyond know where they are? And then bit by bit she learns the whole story. 'And pray, John, why did you not separate them,' demanded the Dame. 'Please ma'am' answered Johnny, 'I was a *neutral*.' 'A what sir,' said she. 'A neutral, ma'am.' 'Just precisely what you had no business to be,' she returned: 'Neutral is just a fine name for coward.' And then she asks John which side he took, and is informed that he took both sides. 'Well, and how did you manage that, Master John?' There was a tittering and whispering about the forms, and then a chorus of voices said, 'Please 'em he sucked up to both of them.' And the Dame indignantly replies, 'Just what neutrals always do; sucked up to both, I suppose, and pleased neither.' The Dame then proceeds to lecture John severely, telling him that he has been ill advised by his chief fags, Bill and Bob, and that had he such fags as Ben and Hugh he would not have been brought into so false a position. Finally she tells him that having abused the trust committed to him as one of the five monitors, his office must be taken from him; whereupon a chorus of voices plead for him. 'Please 'em *do* let him off this time. He was so kind to Louis and William when they were bad. He brought them water, and bathed their faces and stopped the bleeding, and did all sorts of things for them. Please 'em do let him off.' And Dame Europa lets him off.

DIAMONDS.—A Cape journal publishes an official statement, from which it appears that during 1870, 5661 diamonds were shipped from Port Elizabeth, valued at £125,000, and an estimate giving the total value of the stones shipped from the Cape as £220,000. The *Times* upon this suggests that the value of diamonds must fall. Whereupon Mr Harry Emanuel says the American demand is far in excess of the supply, that the Cape diamonds are very poor, and that the value will not decline perceptibly. He may be right or not, but the odd thing is the imaginary value placed upon the discovery of the stones. Here is a whole colony gone wild about mines which promise to yield in time about one tenth of the sum that any new cultivation such as tobacco would produce.

ACCIDENT TO THE FINZEL.—The British bark Finzel, which sailed hence on Saturday for Valparaiso, while beating out of the Straits on Sunday was struck by a heavy sea which washed the wheel from the captain's hand and dashed him to the deck The wheel was broken and a tiller was rigged and the bark put about, reaching the outer harbor yesterday morning. She will sail again to-morrow.

STEAM TO CARIBOO!



The British Columbia
GENERAL TRANSPORTATION COMPANY

Will place Four of THOMSON'S PATENT ROAD STEAMERS on the route between Yale and Barkerville in the First Week in April, and will be prepared to enter into Contracts for the conveyance of Freight from Yale to Soda Creek in EIGHT DAYS. Through Contracts will be made as soon as the condition of the road above Quesnelmouth permits.

Rates of Passage will be advertised in due time.

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PUGET SOUND ITEMS.—The steamer Chehalis was sold at Seattle on Friday by the Deputy U S Marshal. It was knocked down to Mr G. A Miege, of Port Madison, for $2500.....On Friday John G Moxley, a fireman on board the steamer Black Diamond dropped dead on board that steamer while she was at Alvord's on White River. Disease of the heart was understood to be the cause.....The Nanaimo Packet, recently sunk at Cypress Island, has been raised and taken to Port Townsend where she will be repaired and put under the stars and stripes.....The District of Columbia has been organized into a Territory, and Henry P Cooke, of the banking firm of Jay, Cooke & Co has been nominated Governor thereof.....The stockholders of the Puget Sound Woolen Manufacturing Co have determined to put their mill in operation at an early day.....A correspondent of the *Transcript*, writing about Kalama, says he thinks none are fully satisfied as to the future of "Kalamity," as the town is now facetiously called.....It is reported that the ship Revere is laid up, and that Pope & Talbot have laid up six of their vessels, owing to the deadness of the lumber market.

POLICE COURT.—John Brown (not the John Brown whose soul is marching on), for stealing a knife from a squaw, will pass the next three months in the chaingang.....John Kelley, for assaulting Chas Fisher, paid $10 into the Colonial Treasury.....And a squaw, overcome by the ardent, was fined ten dollars per quarter.

THE LITERARY INSTITUTE—The entertainment last night was well attended The worthy President led off with Thackery's 'Snobs' Then came a song by Mr Roscoe, followed by the Wedding March by Mr and Mrs Bushell and Mr Haynes The first part concluded with a song by Mr Grunbaum. Part Second opened with the Marine Glee by Mr E Johnson Mrs Bushell played Annie Laurie beautifully upon the harmonium Messrs Roscoe and Good sang a duet, followed by a song by Mr Grunbaum, the entertainment concluding with the National Anthem in which the audience generally joined.

SAFETY OF THE VERUNA.—This little propeller for the safety of which grave apprehensions have been felt for the past fortnight, has been heard from. She put into Shoalwater Bay for shelter, after getting a severe pounding when off the coast, the effects of which she withstood nobly. Her Captain has gone overland to Portland, and will return to take his little craft into the Columbia river as soon as the five-months gale has blown its last breath.

BELLINGHAM BAY LOTS.—The sale of town lots at Bellingham Bay by Mr Franklin will commence at 12 o'clock, noon, today. The lots are 54x125 feet and eligibly situated near the water-front. The coal-wealth of Bellingham Bay—apart from the railway interests which are bound to concentrate there—is sufficient to create a large city on its shores. The title to the lands to be offered to-day is indisputable.

SALE OF A COAL MINE.—The North Pacific Railroad Company have purchased the coal mine of the Bellingham Bay Company and all the adjoining lands upon which they could lay their hands.

THE COURT OF REVISION sat yesterday.—Present—K. McKenzie, Esq, (chairman), A. C. Elliot Esq, and W. J. Macdonald, Esq. A communication was read from the City Council, stating that the real estate roll had been passed. Several appeals were heard and the Court adjourned till Monday next.

IN AID OF A GOOD OBJECT.—The French residents of Victoria propose giving in the course of a few days, a grand instrumental and vocal concert in aid of the fund for the relief of suffering French. As every city on the continent has contributed to the fund, why should Victoria hold back?

THE REV MORLEY PUNSHON.—It was intimated in these columns a few weeks ago that the popular and talented divine whose name heads this paragraph contemplated paying a visit to this coast and to this colony in the course of the approaching spring. On Friday last the Rev. M. Russ, of this city, received a telegram from Mr. Punshon, stating that he expected to arrive here on or about the 10th proximo.

THE walls of the brick building at the corner of Blanchard and Fort streets, which was consumed by fire some ten months since, are in process of reconstruction for the owner, Mr Alex Phillips.

NEW STAGE COACH.—A fine new stage coach, built at Gerow's carriage shop and trimmed and furnished at Dalby, Wilson & Co's, will be sent forward on the Enterprise to-morrow. The coach is for Gerow & Johnson, mail contractors.

THE OLYMPIA.—The steamer arrived yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the ports on Puget Sound bringing 50 passengers and a quantity of live stock. She will sail at 10: 30 o'clock this morning.

LANGLEY'S PACIFIC COAST DIRECTORY.—We have already noticed the appearance of Langley's *Pacific Coast Directory*. Yesterday Mr Dee Bryant arrived with copies of the valuable work, which he will deliver to Victoria subscribers.

THE NEXT ENTERTAINMENT—The managers of the Mechanics Literary Institute have arranged for a grand dramatic and musical entertainment at the Theatre on Monday evening next.

PERSONAL.—We had the pleasure yesterday of a visit from Mr D. L. Stevens, who represents the well known firm of R. A. Swain & Co. San Francisco. Mr Stevens is making a business tour of the country north of San Francisco.

THE WEST COAST.—The sloop Thornton, Capt Brown, came in from the West Coast yesterday. The captain reports stormy weather but no wrecks; Indians quiet.

FOR OPHIRMEA.—Ten or twelve miners from Montana, and a like number from the Sound, arrived by the Olympia yesterday, and for Omenica.

THE mail steamer Isabel, Capt Starr, with 60 passengers and the mails arrived at 9.30 o'clock last evening from the Sound, and will sail this morning on the return trip.

COURT OF REVISION.—The next sitting of this Court will take place on Monday next, 20th ult., at 11 o'clock a.m. when appeals will be heard.

DISTRICT MEETING.—The District meeting of the Wesleyan Methodist Mission will be held in this city on the 10th proximo.

MR W. MOBERLY, formerly of this Colony, has received an appointment as engineer of the North Pacific Railroad.

Two more road steamers and six experienced engineers are on their way from England for Barnard & Beedy.

THE steamer Enterprise will sail for New Westminster at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THE bark Finzel put back yesterday morning and came to anchor in Royal Roads, to ride out the Southerly blow.

THE G. S. Wright will sail from Portland to-morrow for Victoria.

Bishop Hills.

EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST.—Will you allow me space to say that your local contemporary is incorrect when he states that Bishop Hills has accepted a rectorship in England.

On the contrary, the Bishop has never for one moment wavered in his devotion to the good cause in this Colony, as his early presence in [illegible] for advancing the interests of the Church will prove. I am, yours truly, LAYMAN.

Mrch 13th, 1871.

Comox Schools.

COMOX, March 8th, 1871.

EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST.—A public meeting was held here on the 6th inst, at the instance of the Local School Board, to consider in what manner the funds necessary to support the school for the year 1871 were to be obtained.

Owing to the unsatisfactory results of the voluntary subscription system as practised in 1870, it way moved that a tax of two dollars per head be collected from each male resident above the age of twenty years.

Against this an amendment was moved that the fund be raised by subscription and school fees, which amendment was carried by a majority of three.

It is feared that this will have a disastrous effect upon thr school because the manner in which the appointment of a schoolmaster was effected, the one casting the blame on the other and the refusal of the Local Board to produce the correspondence on the subject, although asked for it at two public meetings, together with the total inadequacy of the present school system to meet the wants and wishes of the settlers, have so disgusted the majority of the people that they refuse longer to countenance such a system.

A LOT OF US.