Tuesday, April 25, 1865.

From our Daily of Thursday, April 20.

COMMEMORATION OF THE DEATH OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

Victoria yesterday mourned the untimely death of Abraham Lincoln. Citizens of every nationality joined with Americans in rendering homage to the memory of a great and good man. Pursuant to a desire expressed in the report of the committee of American residents the day was observed not only by Americans but by the people generally as a holyday. The Government offices and all places of business were closed, and many shops, stores and buildings were draped in mourning. Every tenement possessing a flag-post, from the Government buildings at James Bay to the humblest cabin, floated its flag at half-mast, as also did Her Majesty's ships Cameleon, Forward and Grappler, displaying the American flag at their main. The whole community evidently felt that the cause of humanity had (Applause.) His justice, generosity, and insustained an irreparable loss.

Long before the appointed time for Mr-Garfield's address the theatre began to fill with ladies and gentlemen, and at three o'clock the building was crowded to its utmost capacity. Governor Kennedy, Mrs. Kennedy, the Misses Kennedy, and Henry Wakeford, Esq., occupied their usual box, and T. L. Wood, Esq., Attorney-General, and family, with others, occupied another box.

On the platform we observed the following gentlemen :- Allen Francis, U. S. Consul; A. H. Guild, P. M. Backus, James Gamble, D. A. Edgar, J. P. Couch, F. Tarbell, G. Sutro, S. N. Moody, Julius Loewi, Bowman, Sporborg, S. Lichtenstein, J. P. Cranford, the Mayor, Rev. C. T. Woods, C. B. Young, Dr. Tolmie, M.L.A., Robt. Burnaby, M.L.A., B. Finlayson, M.L.C., D. B. Ring, J. S. Drummond, J. Banks and many others, also several ladies.

The theatre had been appropriately hung in crape, black velvet and other emblems of mourning, under the superintendence of Mr.

At three o'clock the chairman, Mr. Francis, introduced Mr. Garfield to the audience with the following remarks:

Countrymen and Friends,—A few days ago intelligence was received which rejoiced our hearts in the prospects of a termination of our sountry's troubles. That news thrilled our hearts with joy, receiving a cordial response from all nationalities in Victoria. To-day, our rejoicings are turned to mouraing-our hopes to silent fear and grief. Our country to day mourns the loss of its Chief. Freedom has lost her champion—Human Rights one of its greatest leaders, and Liberty one of her fenders. For more than thirty years I have known Abraham Lincoln. I have young man, laboring and struggling with his own hands and intellect to sustain the wants of life. I have stood by him and with him in all his political struggles. He was an admirer and follower of the great and immortal statesman Henry Clay. I have known him as a husband, father, neighbor and friend. "None knew him but to love; none named him but to praise." He was the only man I ever knew who had not a personal enemy. Politically, he had many, but even these always conceded to him honesty of conviction and of purpose. I have heard the eloquent and lame ted Dougla-, with whom he had many unsuccessful political contests, say that Abraham Lincoln was the only man in the political arena whom he feared; that he was too honest and too candid ever to be a sucseesful politician. I need say no more. Our country's history will do justice to his services, his memory, and his virtues. Ladies and gentlemen, I have the honor of presenting to you the Hon. M. Garfield, of Washington

Mr. Garfield then stepped forward and addressed the vast audience with his accustomed ability and eloquence. The remarks of the speaker were listened to with profound attention. In giving a synopsis of the oration to suit our space, we feel that we shall necessarily be compelled to detract much from its beauties and merits. Mr. Garfield expressed the regret he felt at having to address to large a concourse of persons without proper preparation. They had met to mourn the loss of a great man. The chief of a great nation who, called upon to preside over the destines of a people under circumstances the most trying, had tallen before the full harvest of his labours had been gathered in. bereavement a fit and proper occasion to express the deep sympathy we feel for her affliction, as well as the grief which afflicts our hearts at this sudden and lamentable event. But how shall we give expression to our sorrow,—in what words shall we speak of the mighty dead who has fallen, or bewail his loss? To us, ou these distant shores, he was not only the Chief Magistra: of our beloved country, but the embodime t and representative of the principles we cherish, and which we had hoped, through him, to see carried out and established.

Called to preside over the desining of our over. He thanked the numerous assemblage of citizens of various nations met here upon a foreign shore to do honor to a man whose every thought and effort was on behalf of on behalf of its Chief Magistrate, and the echoes of its sorrow reverberate through the world and vibrate the chords of every heart, He had fallen, and they could now pause to all inexperienced as he was in the administration of Government, many doubted his ability to cope and results of his public career. He required with the mighty difficulties and dangers which encompassed the nation. Questions the most momentous and altogether new in the country's history were presented, and upon their solution depended not only its welfare, but its existence as a nation. To meet these successfully required the greatest wisdom, firmness and moderation. But He who holds in the hollow of His hand the destinies of rations mistakes not His secrets in the no funeral ceremony, he needed no monument. The pageantry of death and the sculptured marble could add no element of perpetuity to his fame. With his own band he had carved an obelisk more imperishable than stone, a mounment more brilliant than gold. He had laid the foundations of that monument deep and strong in the hearts and afdecrions of his countrymen. By his public acts alone he had piled stone appn stone until the pinnacle had reached mid Heaven and leaping to the summit he stood there before the world the embodiment of rational universal his world, the embodiment of rational universal his brought to the discharge of his great and around the line of the citer of free his literations of the effect of free his literations of the individual citizen so of the nobserved in England and America.

Born in the very humblest walks of life and upon the verge of civilization and reared among the hardy poneers of the far west, where the progress of the white man invathe world the embodiment of rational univer-

ded the haunt of the savage and wild beast, with limited means for social or intellectual culture, he had advanced step by step through different grades until he had been twice elected Chief Magistrate of the American

Deep in unfathomable mines
Of never-latting skill.
Treasures up His vast designs,
And works His sovereign will.

nation by the voluntary suffrages of a free

people—the highest honor that could be conferred on him. All men started from the

same level. Lincoln was elected President

in 1860-inaugurated March 4th, and within 20 days the first gun boomed on Sumter and

one of the greatest rebellions the world ever

witnessed was inaugurated. In the face of

all the difficulties that beset his path he

firmly, consistently, and boldly took a stand

on behalf of the preservation of the Union,

legrity bad long since passed into a proverb

in the community where he lived. He had

fallen. A great wrong had been committed

against his country, and the nation mourned in sackcloth and ashes in its humli-

ation. The proud boast of America had been that while rulers and despots in

other lands were compelled to surround them.

selves with a hireling soldiery, their Caief

Magistrate had moved through life an exalted

but private citizen, enshrined in the hearts, and secure in the midst of the people who had

placed him in that high position, and by whose

universal sentiment he was sustained; but

that boast was gone, and it could no longer be

United States of America was sacred, and

that he needed no body guard. He had fallen,

and the altar of reconciliation had been

sprinkled with the best blood of America.

It would add thousands to the strength of the

North and detract thousands from the South

[applause], and he called upon his fellow

countrymen here and elsewhere, to unite with

him in their present necessity before High

Heaven, and over the bleeding corpse of their murdered Chief Magistrate to

solemnly swear, that neither by word, deed,

or vote would they sustain, countenance,

or favor the present rebellion or the perpetrators of this great crime, and that all that they have, and all that they are shall be

devoted to their country until rebellion shall

be crushed out—treason cease in the land and a lasting peace be obtained, wherein the

lives and property of all Americans and for-eigners who visit their shores shall be equally

respected. (Loud applause). The speaker

here dilated at some Jength upon the ques-

tion of slavery; its origin, progress, nature, attendant evils and its inevitable results

were clearly and ably portrayed. Its grad-ual emancipation in some of the Northern

States was described, also the effect of the

discovery of the Cotton Gin when the culti-

vation of that article became so profitable

produced and the shackles of slavery were

there rivetted with tenfold force. The ground

taken by the speaker was that slavery was

incompatible with a voluntary Government

under which all must of necessity become free.

The legal title to the bond servant being

gone, equity gave none. This war with

all its attendant horrors was the penalty of

viduals must suffer, and he looked upon Mr

Lincoln's death as the crowning calamity.

Was their cup of misery yet full? and would the hand of retributive justice be

stayed? Had the blood of white men, crown

ed by the sacrifice of the Chief Magistrate,

yet atoned for the transgression of God's law of which his country had been guilty

for the last 70 years? Then Abraham Lin-

con had not died in vain, and they might

indulge in the hope that the sins of the

country had now been sufficiently expiated,

and that peace and happiness would again

Mr. Garfield then read the following reso-

lutions, and moved their adoption, which was

Whereas, it has pleased the Almighty Ruler of

the assassin;
And whereas, the intelligence of this great ca-

lamity, not only to our country, but to the cause of Truth and Bumanity throughout the world, has been received by us with feelings of the most profound sorrow, we deem this hour of our country's bereavement a fit and proper occasion to express

Called to preside over the destinies of our coun-

with the mighty difficulties and dangers which

tinies of rations mistakes not His agents in the accomplishment of His vast desi ns; and, therefore Abreham Lincoln was found to possess the necessary qualifications to conduct his country through the trying ordeal to which she has been applied to

subjected—to preserve the stability of the Govern-ment, and at the same time vindicate the correct-

take their place in the land.

carried unanimously.

that unhallowed system. Nations like indi-

We, therefore, the citizens of the United States, residing in Victoria, Vancouver Island, for the purpose of expressing our sense of our country's

Resolved-First-That while humbly bowing to Resolved—First—That while humbly bowing to the decrees of an All-wise Providence, which has permitted our beloved country to be afflicted by the death of its Chief Magistrate, at a period so momentous in its history, our hearts are filled with the deepest grief, and with our country we mourn in its affliction.

Resolved—Second—That in the death of Abraham Lincoln—the wise, the noble, the good—the the nation has suffered a great and irreparable loss, and the kindly nature of the departed President has enshrined his name deeply in the affections of his afflicted countrymen, who feel that Liberty wept when Lincoln fell.

that the freedom cemented by the blood of their ancestors should remain intact and treason and rebellion should not obtain a footbold within its borders. Called upon to preside over a great nation at a time of its great peril and suffering, the wisdom

Liberty wept when Lincoln fell.

Resolved—Third—That we feel the keenest sorrow for the bereaved widow and family of the deof his counsels, the firmness of his positions, and his inflexible perseverance ceased President, and tender to them our warmest had nearly vanquished the public enemy and

sympathy in their great distress.

Resolved—Fourth—That we bow in humble submission to the inscrutable decrees of Almighty silenced the opposition when, in the midst of his labor and realisation of his hopes, he was Submission to the inscrutable decrees of Almighty God, and invoke His biessings upon William H. Seward, Secretary of State of the United States of America, and we fervently hope that he may be speedily restored to his wonted health and faculties, and that our country may long continue to enjoy the benefits of his known wisdom and ability. struck down by the hand of the assassin. The private virtues of Mr. Lincoln were no less solid than his public career had been brilliant. As a husband, father, neighbor, and friend the tongue of scandal had never breathed a word of reproach against him.

At the termination of the address, Mr. Garfield was loudly applauded.

The Chairman then briefly thanked the audience for their attention, and closed the

THE FIRST DESPATCH .- By the arrival of

the steamer Enterprise Wednesday morning

we were placed in possession of an extra of the N. P. Times, containing the first despatch received in New Westminster by wire som Seattle. No mention is made in our exchanges of the completion of the line, but we presume it must now be in working said that the person of the President of the order. The despatches are in substance the same as appeared in the Colonist of yesterday; we have, however, the following additional paragraph relating to the murder of the President and the escape of the assassin, which will be read with interest:—" Miss Harris, who was in the President's box at the time of the assassination, says before the The act would be deplored North and South. President and the escape of the assassin, commission of the foul deed, the assassin came to the door of the box, and looked in, and took a survey of the different positions of its occupants. It was thought at the time it was either a mistake or a piece of impertinence. The circumstance attracted no particular attention, but upon his entering the box again, Major Rathburn asked the intruder his business, when he rushed past him without making a reply, placing the pistol close to the President's head, actually in contact with it, and fired. Then springing upon the cushioned balustrade, he made a backward plunge with his knife at Mr. Lincoln Major Rathburn sprang forward to protect the President, and received a stab in the arm The murderer then jumped on the stage and effected his escape. Mrs. Lincoln saw the form of the person go down from the box, she thought Mr. Lincoln had been out looking for him on the floor, and barely saw the person jump to the stage when all was over. She turned her eyes towards the box, and that an additional impetus was given to the specing his head drooped forward upon his 19 and 46, Southampton Row, London, war, 244 Strand (near Temple Bar), London; also breast, all at once realized what had transpired. From the moment the President was shot to the time of his death he was insensible, exhibiting no signs of pain; the blood troubled his breathing, often making it exceedingly difficult.

> A LARGE CARGO-The ship Aquila, now loading at Nanaimo for San Francisco, will take in a cargo of 1800 tons of coal, the largest load yet shipped in any one vessel from that
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> Draw the attention of Druggists, Chemists, and Storekeepers, to their Old-Established House, as Shippers and Manufacturers of port. The Aquila is the ship which brought out the ironclad Camanche from New York, and sunk with her in the harbor of San Francisco. She is commanded by Capt. Sayward, formerly of the brig Sheet Anchor.

MISS BATEMAN AS "JULIA." - On the 30th January Miss Bateman appeared at the Adelphi Theatre, London, as Julia, in the "Hunchback." All the papers speak of her performance in the highest terms. The Times says: " Mies Bateman having played no other character than Leah, in the drama of that name, during her brilliant career in London and the provinces, the announcement that she would perform Julia, in the "Hunchback," filled the Adelphi Theatre Hunchback, hilled the Adelphi Theatre the Universe, in the all-wise dispensation of His Providence, to afflict the people of the United States by permitting Abraham Lincoln, their Chief Magistrate, to be stricken down in the prime of life and in the midst of usefulness by the hand of those who hesitated during the first act rose to acclamation at the fourth. The young lady had to prove that she is not a one part actress, and her proof has more than surpassed all expectations"

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