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A Disloyal Extravaganza.

Every true-hearted loyalist in this community must rejoice in the knowledge of the fact that the meetingor meetings for there were three of them on Saturday night proved so far as the attempt to excite the populace to treason and disloyalty went, a most thorough, complete, and India Cheers, interspered with groans from a few crons fizzle. The opposition to the rowdes in the pit] Who has called the those present had come to "gass" and not to traitorous schemes of McClure & Co., meeting? asked Bond, as he would like to benefit the Colony. [Laughter.] This was is fierce and determined, and the

Government-may have abroad. We unite them.

- LOCAL INTELLIGENCE. THE ANNEXATIONISTS IN COUNCIL

TREASON SPOUTING AT THE THEATRE.

LUDICROUS SCENES!

LOYALTY TRIUMPHANT! A serio-comico-tragico meeting took place in the Victoria Theatre on Saturday night, in pursuance of a eall that appeared in an obscure print of Friday evening, the object of which was understood to before the doors were opened, a tremendous

invitation failed to induce that individual to present himself and the disorder continued until Mr Hebbard suddenly popped out from the prompter's corner of the stage, and asked the meeting to appoint a Chairman. The meeting responded by calling on Hebbard to take the chair himself; but that gentleman declined the honor, and vanished from eight almost as quickly as he had appeared. Catching sight of James Thorne, a beer-y-looking individual bawled out for him to take the chair. Nothing loth, Mr Thorne ascended the platform, the perpendicular and his body a recumbent position. The laughter which this little incident created having subsided and Mr Thorne having regained his feet, Mr Leigh was called to the chair, which he took without meeting with a mishap, after thanking the assemblage for the dubicus honor conferred. The Chair called on the promoters of the meeting to some faward and explain its object. A long pause ensued.

The Chair and Judge Begbie (the latter with a mour and Judge Begbie (the latter with a wiew to enlist the sympathies of the Caribonius the could be placed in either? There were only two things to save the country—reciprocity with the United States and a more liberal form of Government. [Hisses and a more liber "FFD."-This meeting's a sell. laughter.].

to be. [Cheers.] He was an adopted Brit- Mr Norris vehemently denounced ish subject; he had studied the English Constitution well before he took the oath of allegiance, and he saw no reason to recant.

[Cheers, interspered with groans from a few The Chair said it was plain that some of the chair said it was plain

for a treason- emerging from the very locality from which able purpose—none other than to hold the call emanated, mounted the platform. To say something. The "dorg" on succeeded in making himself heard, when he was instantly muzzled by Mr Cuthbert and held out to Her Majesty the threat of an- He was received by a fearful storm of hisses, a close prisoner for the remainder of the nexation to the United States, unless mingled with applause. Cries of "Downing a thirsty-looking Fenian, but being empty the dictates of McClure & Co., were street," "delegate," "office hunter," etc., te- was cast aside. The eight individuals havsubmitted to. The intention of the sounded through the house for some time. promoters was to pack the building did not see the gentlemen present who were Mr Thomas Cretney advanced to the orcheswith their friends, but the loyalists to move the resolutions or take the chair. It a to speak to Mr McClure, when a person as British subjects, the petitioners feel at asking for a severance of their connection were too numerous for the schemers, Voice—They're afraid, d—n them, the trailaid hold of his coat-tails and pulled him asking for a severance of their connection and outnumbered them so greatly that tors.] [Cheers] Mr McClure continued back into the crowd. Mr Watson tried to the first two meetings proved a tris that no one was satisfied with the condition speak, but was howled down. The Chairman than read Mr. Watson's approximant chant vindication of the loyalty of of the country. The speaker here proceeded the colonists. At the third meeting in his favorite style, to depreciate the re-solve with three cheers for the Queen." The -which was commenced with C. B. sources of this Colony, and to predict that in amendment was carried amid the greatest Young as chairman, a 'cooked' resolu, six months half of the people in it would tion was presented and carried. This bave fled. A "little yaller dorg" now in the majority, rising to its feet. A vote of mounted the stage and set up such a furious thanks was awarded the Chairman, and a however, was not effected until the how at the speaker, that the Chairman was loyal people, supposing the gathering compelled to take 1 im (the dcrg) on his knees over when the gas was out, had left to quiet him.] Mr McClure continued that the place. Proper measures will, of the political privileges had been taken from course, be taken at once to counteract the country. [A voice-Quite right.] Had any possible influence that the resolu- the Colonies been united 18 months agotions—which will, doubtless, receive a [Voice—You divided them !] Union would solution being put, which was done, and it severe rebuke from Her Majesty's have done good. But there was no hope now for us since our representative institutious in its favour. MrMcClure asked if they were in cannot, however, but congratulate the want 'em! we're better without 'em!] Her people on the great victory they have Majesty's Government cared very little for us. won, Steps are being taken to form a A great uproar here arose, during which Loyal League for the protection and the terms "traitor" and "toady" were freely preservation of British interests on bandied, and the "yaller dorg," having left the Pacific, so that a movement that his comfortable quarters on the Chairman's was intended to be damaging to those knee joined his howl to the general clamor. very interests will really conserve and Disputes arose in different parts of the house between individuals, in the midst of which Mr. Alston-Gentlemen,-(hisses and apthe Chairman rose and vociferated for order, plause) gentlemen, (renewed disturbance) which was at last obtained, and the speaker gentlemen-(great uproar from those who proceeded: The House passed Union reso- left insured at being toland parties and proceeded. The House passed Union reso- gentlemen, I am here, (voice, we see you're lutions and got no reply. [Voice -" You're there), (laughter) I am here as a British subnot worth it"] and now it's necessary to ject. Mr. Aiston was again interrupted. bring our condition to Her Majesty's notice. How are we to do it? [Voice-Send you

WEEKLY BRITISH COLONIST applause. Loud calls were made for Willis deliberate conviction that Mr McClure was 1 surpassed the best efforts of our dramatic Bond to take the chair, but a most spressing a "regular muff." "Scissors" was requestinvitation failed to induce that individual to ed to take the platform, which he did, and

ing loth, Mr Thorne ascended the platform, tled off the stage, and was heard from no and was on the point of "taking the chair," when his foot slipped on the stage and he "took the floor instead—his feet assuming took the floor instead—his feet assuming mour and Judge Begbie (the latter with a

Mr Alston advanced to the table. A scene of great confusion ensued. Excited men leaped on the platform, and arguments were going on in every corner. There was a good Willis Bond here advanced and said that deal of hustling and swearing, and Mr Alston never in his life had he had anything to do proposed "Three cheers for the Queen," with se dirty a thing as this meeting bid fair which were given with tremendous enthu-

see them come forward like men.

"F F D" attempted to speak from his seat in the pit, but was hewled down by the row.

The Chair—Then I won't put it.

Eight men, the "yaller dorg," and

ing succeeded in talking all at once, and renwhich was "that this meeting do low disenthusiasm and waving of hats-the loyal portion of the audience, which was largely portion of the audience left.

Mr McClure called for a new Chairman. Capt. Stamp was proposed, elected and conducted to the chair, amid great cheering. The Captain called on the audience to act like Britons and show both sides fair play. He would limit Mr McClure to fifteen minutes.

Mr McClure insisted on the reciprocity rewas carried unanimously-both sides voting favour of a liberal form of government? Mr Cochrane-Of course, everybody is in favour of that.

The audience replied unanimously in favor. Mr McClure then continued to express his views, gradually approaching the question of The Chairman informed him that his time

ing. He was received with cheers and

Another ludicrous scene here occurred or the stage. Mr. Thorne and Mr. Layzelle, got as a delegate and then we'll be rid of you. To good naturedly thrusting Mr. L. into a [Great laughter, and loud yelping from the seat. Two or three bellicose individuals "dorg."] At this moment, a gentleman made a rush for the centre of the stage to called out that the Chairman had fallen assault persons standing there, but were held by their friends; an apple thrown from asleep—an insinuation that brought that gentleman to his feet with a request that order platform on the head, and bounding back be preserved. Uproarious laughter followed this sally, and the speaker continued, not the audience to put an end to the "treason." without constant interruptions: Reciprocity able jabber." Men wild with excitement with the United States and a cheap and darted to the front of the stage, waved their be to consider the advisability of annexing liberal form of government were desired, arms and gesticulated fiercely, rolled their meeting was called for 7½ o'clock; but owing to a demand having been made by the agent for the owners of the premises for chiramen the position of seris, and Vancouver Island off again to return and renew the pantowas only a receptacle for British subjects mime. The moment anything exciting took erowd of people who had assembled in front, citizens. [F. F. D.—It's a lie!] Where are be heard ten inches distant from the speaker's did not gain admittance until nearly 8'o'clock. we to get our population from. [Voice—nose. Off the stage the audience appeared The rent having at last been paid, the crowd From China. The Americans were the to have come for fun and they had it. "Scissors" advanced to ascend the platform, (which numbered fully six hundred persons) only people who could develop this country's but was pulled back by the collar: Mr. poured in and speedily filled the house. The resources. Vociferous groaning and cries Cretpey essayed to address the Chair, but his meeting soon became impatient at seeing no of "you're a Fenian." An old man in the coat tails were again employed to reduce one on the stand prepared to open the prosecution. The impatience was manifested "Soissors," here rose and declared it as his

s ociation at burlesque. The Chairman's the public meeting line that has yet taken patience was by this time exhausted, and he ped for order which was at last obtained. en he said : "Gentlemen, it is clear that y's won't hear the other side, and that there are some among you who are not loyal to the Old Flag. I therefore declare this meeting

those emitted by two burners in the body of the hall, all the lights went out, and threefourths of the assemblage immediately left the scene. About 150 persons lingered, when a frightful looking specimen proposed three grouns for the CHRONICLE, which were given with a hearty good will by the disloyalists who remained A proposition was then made for another meeting, and a new chairman was called for. C. B. Young was chosen and took his seat, Mr. McClure then continued his harangue the burthen of which was annexation, and offered the following which was received with groans and

WHEREAS, Nature has given to Vancouver Island resources calculated to make her the great manufacturing country on the Pacific Coast; but owing to the fact of the United States market being shut out from the Island by the heavy import duties of the Republic, those resources have lain and are destined to lie for years undeveloped; and whereas the Government of the colony has been hitherto of an illiberal and expensive character, standing in the way of the settlement of the country, and oppressing the people with taxation beyond their capacity, and whereas Her Majesty's Government has, by the late act of Union, taken away even the few checks which the people previously had on Executive extravagance and oppression and reduced the population to political servi-

Be it resolved, that a respectful petition to Her Majesty be drawn up for general signature, pointing out the impossibility of this colory being settled so long as it is excluded from the markets of the contiguous United States, and so long as the Government is irresponsible as well as unduly expensive to the people; and praying to Her Majesty as

full measure of Responsible Government, and the best efforts of Her Ministers to obtain for this colony reciprocity with the United States-failing this that Her Majesty would be graciously pleased to make such arrangements with the Government of the United States as will admit of this colony being annexed to the said United States; with the mother country; but showing also that a people accustomed to the political ly to a system of Government that places them in the humiliating attitude of seris Not a soul came forward to second the

resolution-not a man besides McClure had the pluck to say a word in its favor. Even the Chairman looked as if he would like to apologise for being seen in such bad com-

Mr Cochiane came forward and, in most eloquent language, denounced the meeting and its promoters. He said that what Mr Mc-Clure had so far stated was true, that the policy of Great Britain with regard to her Colonies was to allow them to separate from her when they were able to protect and govern themselves, but it was not her policy to nexation to a foreign power. He was astonished that Mr McClure dared to come before any meeting of intelligent men to propose annexation, when in the paper he edited day after day, and column after column, he declared the Colony to be ruined and bankrupt. That if evils existed, there was a legal and proper mode to represent the evils and have them remedied. That Mr McClure had stated that the Colony must rise and through the Press declares through the length and breadth of England and the United States. that they would have their rights. Mr Cochrane would wish to know if he intended to do this by means of his own paper, the Even-ing Telegraph, if so he (Mr C.) need not say it would be a contemptible failure, and. further, would add that any man who dared to enunciate such sentiments, was a TRAITOR to the flag he pretended to honor, and only deserved the reward of traitors. In conclusion, he would distinctly state, that should the meeting endorse by its vote the tissue of clap-trap urged by Mr McClure the sentiment of the British Colonists of

Mr McClure attempted to reply to Mr Cochrane; but he could only term Bishop Hills a usurer, and accuse Mr Cochrane of turning a sick woman with her children, out of their house.

Mr Cochrane-Sir, you are a liar. The Chairman (who had suffered Mr Mc. Clure to proceed with his disloyal language unchecked, and had not interposed when he abused Mr Cochrane) was suddenly seized with a fit of virtuous indignation, and declared that such language was highly improper and that he would not sit in the Chair and allow it to be used.

Mr Cochrane-Then how did you dare allow that man to abuse me? The Chairman-He didn't call you a liar.

Mr Cochrar e-He called me worse. The question was then taken on the amble and resolution, which were carried by a small majority. The meeting then broke up with three leable groans for the COLONIST & CHRONICLE, and three sickly cheers for the

And thus ended the merriest, the oddest,

and the most supremely ridiculous failure in place in this Colony.

VERY LIKE A WHALE ?- When the Volume teers were crossing Esquimalt harbor, returning from Saturday's rifle match, a la some two or three hundred yards distance. A few rifle bullets was immediately fired at it, two of which, it is thought, took effect, and when about to bear down and finish him with a harpoon, in the shape of a bayonet, he suddenly turned to see, though showing evident signs of having been wounded. It caused a good deal of amusement amongst those in view of the affair.

ACCIDENT .- A young seaman named Kennedy belonging to the Sutlej, received a severe accident on Friday at the naval store yard at Esquimalt, losing the thumb and two fingers of one band and having his face and head lacerated from the effects of a blast. Another of the men was also injured, but not so severely; it is feared that poor Kennedy will not survive. They were engaged rock blasting; it is laid with imperfect tools, and before they had time to leave after applying the fuse, the unfortunate explosion

ACCIDENT AT CLALLAM BAY .- On Saturday, two carpenters in the employ of the Phoenix Coal Company, met with a narrow escape from death. They put to sea in a canoe which upset in a tide-rip. They succeeded in holding on to the frail bark until Mr Agnesley, the Assistant Engineer of the mine, swam out with a line, which he made fast to the cance and she was hauled ashore. The men who thus escaped a watery grave are named Thomas Williams and Thomas

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE .- The de locution class will commence f programme embraces addresses Presidents of the Institute and debating class and recitations, readings, &c , by members. The charms of music will also be invoked, and glees, solos, duetts, &c., will add to the evening's amusement. Admission free to members of the Institute. The presence of ladies will be hailed with welcome.

CRICKET,-A match between the players of H. M. Fleet and the Victoria Club will Colwood: the Victoria team will comprise Messrs. Barnett, Drake, Ellis, Green, Howard, Howell, Layton, Richardson, Tye, Wallace and Whittaker. An omnibus will leave the Bee Hive Hotel at 9 a. m., sharp, for the conveyance of the eleven. Punctuality in leaving is essential as play cannot be continued later than 5 30 p. m.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE .- On Friday evening last a large number of ladies and gentlemen were entertained at Government House by Governor Kennedy and family. The party was understood to be the last that will be allow a separation with a view to their an- given at Government House until the repairs shall have been completed. The guests who were most hospitably entertained, separated at 1 30 a. m. The work of dismantling the mansion will be commenced to-day.

ARRIVAL OF THE ACTIVE.—The steamer Active, Capt. Williams, arrived yesterday at 11 a. m. from San Francisco, bringing 72 pass sengers and a miscellaneous cargo. She experienced fine weather on the passage, and made the run up in four days. The Active leaves this morning at 7 o'clock for New Westminster, and will sail on Wednesday, at 4 p. m., for San Francisco.

Он!—The Telegraph announces that Gove ernor Kennedy will probably get the gove ernorship of South Australia, with a salary of £4000. Why, we thought the non-confidence resolutions of the Assembly had squelched in support of his treason, that such was not His Excellency. In place of that, they appear to have contributed to his promotion! What a weighty influence the Assembly must possess at home when their censure, instead of blasting a man, actually raises him in the estimation of his superior officers.

BURNING OF A NEWSPAPER OFFICE.-The British Columbian newspaper office at New Westminster, was destroyed by fire on Satura day evening last. Everything was destroyed, and the property-valued at \$4000-was ups insured. The fire was undoubtedly the work of an incendiary. We are extremely sorry to learn of the misfortune that has befallen our cotemporaries and hope that the suspension of their paper will be only temporary.

DESERTERS .- At the meeting on Saturday evening, Mr. McClure bitterly complained that several gentlemen (?) who had promised to support him, had not made their appearance. Shortly afterwards we observed two well known annexationists sneak up the steps and occupy a place on the platform.