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Standard Life Assurance Company

STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY—Now is the time to assure. The eighth division of the profits of this company falls to be made on the 15th of November next. The necessary investigation which precedes the declaration of profits has been in progress for some time, and the Directors hope to be able to submit their Report early in 1871. The close of the present Bonus Period is on the 15th November, 1870. Persons who may assure before that date will have a share in the Division of Profits to be made in 1871 which will include the whole divisible profits which have accrued since 15th November, 1865. The Standard is one of the oldest and most extensive Institutions existing in Great Britain for the Assurance of Lives. It was established in Edinburgh in 1825, and its progress has been most successful. The funds, invested chiefly in mortgages on the security of land, amount to upwards of Four Millions Sterling, and its income at this date exceeds £700,000 per annum. Mr. Robert Barnaby is the British Columbia agent.

Runaway

RUNAWAY.—Yesterday, as Messrs. De Cosmos and Fell were returning from the Spanish Show, the side of the buggy seat in which they were riding gave way, precipitating the latter over the wheel. The horse took fright and ran at full speed until it overtook Messrs. Robertson and Robson, where, in turning out to pass them, the buggy caught against a projecting log and was brought to a sudden stand, causing Mr. De Cosmos to perform an astonishing feat of ground and lofty tumbling, and alight on his head some 20 feet in advance, the horse, thus disencumbered from the buggy, continuing its mad career towards town. Fortunately neither gentleman was seriously hurt, they were brought home by Mr. Alexander, opposite whose place the mishap occurred.

Post Office Items

POST OFFICE ITEMS.—We give the following extra-condensed summary from the Seattle Intelligencer: The post office has been greatly improved. On a tree in Mr. G. F. Fry's garden are three distinct growths of pears. A daughter of Mr. Lord was bitten by a spider and her life was considered in danger. Bellingham Bay is attracting much attention just now. Mr. Orogan has bought out Mr. Davis' interest in the stage line, and will continue the business. An addition is being built to Capt. Finch's wharf. The bark Carlotta, which was on the rocks at Neah Bay, is on the beach above Seabeck, being repaired.

Arrival of the California

ARRIVAL OF THE CALIFORNIA.—The N. P. T. Co's steamship California arrived at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon from Portland, and after sending ashore passengers and the mail and express, called for Olympia and way ports. Her return is looked for about Thursday, when, after landing Victoria freight, she will sail for Nanaimo and take in coal for Portland. The California connected at Astoria with the sidewheel steamer California from San Francisco.

Bain's Mansion

BAIN'S MANSION.—The steamer Enterprise arrived on Sunday from New Westminster with 30 passengers, a Cariboo mail and Bain's Express. Mr. Nelson's return for New Westminster District is deemed secure by his friends. An Indian has been arrested at Nanaimo for murdering the settler Hamilton and burning the body with his cabin. The report of the discovery of 'new and rich diggings near Viable Creek is repeated by the arrival of the Enterprise.

Discharged

DISCHARGED.—Richard Anthony Symonds, who was on Friday last arrested on a charge of stealing a lead pipe from a well, was yesterday brought up upon remand, and satisfied the court that there was no intent to steal, but as one who used the well, merely took the pipe, which had fallen off, home for safety.

Tours

TOURS.—The new capital of France lies in the department of the Indre-and-Loire, on the rivers Loire and Cher, 140 miles from Paris. The population is 52,000, who produce silk stuffs, woollens, hosiery and leather. It was built, strange to say, by Henry V of England, and contains many valuable and costly buildings. Tours was the scene of the repulse of Saracens by Charles Martel, in 732, and in subsequent ages its castle, built on a rock, served more than once as a place of refuge for the royal family in times of commotion.

Jewish New Year

JEWISH NEW YEAR.—The stores of the principal Hebrew merchants were closed yesterday in observance of New Year.

Mount Douglas

MOUNT DOUGLAS.—A number of practical quartz miners visited Mount Douglas yesterday and examined the seam of quartz. They report that the workmen have sunk five feet and that the seam is three feet in width. The indications of silver they consider excellent.

Lillooet District

LILLOOET DISTRICT.—Mr. Tynon's election in this District is conceded even by Mr. Humphrey's friends. All the English and Canadian votes will be cast in favor of Mr. Tynon, who is a young man of ability and respectability. The contest will be lively, but by no means close.

Rad River

RAD RIVER.—Latest news from Fort Garry says that Rad, O'Donoghue and Lapite have made good their escape from the territory. Lieut-Governor Aroibald had arrived and was well received.

A Short Year

A SHORT YEAR.—An obscure morning paper published in this city yesterday, the Jewish New Year commenced yesterday evening at 6 o'clock and will end to-morrow.

Ashcroft Fall Races

ASHCROFT FALL RACES.—The Ashcroft Fall Races are unavoidably postponed until the 18th and 19th proximo. A large meeting is anticipated.

Sir Gordon Gray

SIR GORDON GRAY, accompanied by the Marquis of Sligo, has arrived at San Francisco en route to New Zealand.

Mrs. F. Farrell

MRS. F. FARRELL has been appointed postmaster public for Washington Territory, and has opened an office at Olympia.

Harvesting on the Mainland

HARVESTING ON THE MAINLAND is over and the results very satisfactory. The early frost has nipped a part of the crops slightly.

Removal

REMOVAL.—That the Standard is about to be turned into an evening paper. It has been weekly issue for some time.

Gold at New York

GOLD AT NEW YORK is 113 1/2. Greenbacks are at Victoria, 85.

Nanaimo Candidates

NANAIMO CANDIDATES.—As the general election is approaching I desire to obtain space in your columns to advance a warning to the voters in this District, and to remind them that the decisions of the forthcoming Council will undoubtedly be more important to the future welfare of the Colony than any of the former sessions; inasmuch as the Confederation scheme will be the main foundation of the labor of that honorable body. In the first place I would state that if the careless class of voters persist in supporting a man who is totally unfit to represent the interests of Nanaimo, they will be sure to regret the step when the Council is dissolved and they find the chosen one, who was elected more for fun than for the good of the District, has failed in bringing the people even their just share of benefits. Men who could perjure their consciences for such an end, deserve to receive a punishment adequate to their sin, [for such I conceive it to be] and it will be well for those people who think of supporting the wrong man in such a spirit, to consider before they cast their votes, an explanation of the foregoing I would say, that the candidates on the table for Nanaimo are the Hon. John Robson and Mr. Arthur Bannister. With the political career of the latter former gentleman we are well acquainted, and such knowledge is a safe guarantee of what he can do in the chosen. Whether he will be honest in fulfilling his promise, and will work hard for our interest remains to be proved in the indefatigable manner in which he labored for New Westminster, might inspire a confidence in this respect also, and should he fail to exercise his political power even on our behalf, we shall know how to secure him another time. Mr. Bannister on the other hand has neither political career, nor (as he has acknowledged) competency in his own, and I do not think he is versed in any of the political issues of the last eight or ten years, being an easy-going, jolly fellow, socially speaking, but totally worthless as a politician. This of course is universally known, and I do not think it necessary to repeat it.

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