

The Weekly Colonist.

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LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

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TO-DAY'S CELEBRATION.—We notice a most creditable desire amongst all classes of the community to join with Americans in observing this day as a general holiday. The various stores and places of business will be closed at an early hour, and every family and every individual throwing aside all thoughts of duty, time and other cares, will seek their own mode of enjoyment. Cadboro Bay will of course be the chief point of attraction, and we are told by the Livery Stable keepers that never in their experience was the demand for vehicles on any one day nearly so great as on this occasion. We are pleased that it should be so; such social interchanges not only promote good fellowship among the different nationalities, but also serve to make people more happy and cheerful, more contented and better pleased with themselves and mankind at large. As an evidence of the growing desire on the part of Englishmen and Americans to fraternize we may here mention that the two garrisons on San Juan Island have a joint picnic to-day. All who desire information respecting the Cadboro Bay celebration will find full particulars in the advertising columns of the newspapers. There will also be a large gathering of Sunday School children and their friends in the neighborhood of the Female Infirmary.

SCHOOL EXAMINATION.—The annual examination of Victoria District School, Mr. Burr, teacher, was held yesterday. Mr. Waddington, Superintendent of Education, was present also Ven. Archdeacon Gilson, Rev. E. Urge, Dr. Tolmie, Mr. E. G. Alston and several other gentlemen, with a few ladies. His Excellency, the Governor arrived at one o'clock, and remained till the close of the proceedings. The school-roll numbers some 60 scholars, of whom about 50 were in attendance comprising a large proportion of colored children, many of whom occupied the most advanced classes. The examination was conducted by Mr. Waddington, assisted by the teacher, and was chiefly in the elementary branches. The reading and spelling of the pupils was very good, and creditable to Mr. Burr. In the rudiments of grammar, geography, and arithmetic, they seemed also well versed, although in the last-mentioned study their exercises are confounding. &c. &c., which we think rather objectionable in a country where dollars and cents are the universal currency. Mr. Burr states, however, that the latter system is so simple as to require no special instruction. At the conclusion of the examination His Excellency addressed the children in a neat and appropriate manner, and they were then dismissed after giving three cheers for the Governor.

ODF FELLOW'S SOCIETY.—At the semi-annual meeting of Victoria Lodge, No. 1, I.O.O.F., held last evening, the following gentlemen were installed as officers by P. G. Moses Sporborg, assisted by C. Gowan, G. M. and Dr. Cohen as G. W.; John Weiler, N.G., elected; Wm. H. Thain, V.G., elected; E. C. Holden, R.S., elected; Geo. Creighton, P.S., elected; Alex. Phillips, T. Appointed Officers: William C. King, Warden; Charles Gowan, Con. P. J. Hall, G.; Jacob Sehl, J.G.; Alex. Robertson, R.S.N.G.; F. Peterson, L.S.N.G.; D. Bence, L.S.V.G.; H. O. Horchner, L.S.V.G.; Thomas Hammond, R.S.; Henry Pi Cope, L.S.S.; N. Koshland, Junior Past Grand.

"SUMMARY" PROCEEDING.—B. H. Hunter, the individual who perambulated the streets in a state of nature, much to the alarm of certain peaceable citizens, and subsequently started to a race of a certain hotel on Government street by presenting himself at the door of their sleeping apartments, was yesterday brought before the police magistrate charged with being of unsound mind. The accused alleged that his medical attendant had been the cause of his aberration by administering too much opium. He was remanded for two days.

The BYNKEST CUT.—Observing yesterday a large flag-staff that of yore proudly flaunted the "stars and bars" being removed from an establishment on Langley street, we ventured an enquiry as to its future destination, and were informed that the spar will be planted at the residence of the American Consul, on Fort street, and will this morning float the "stars and stripes" in honor of Independence Day.

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passenger entering at this port during same period, 213. Columbian.

NEW PANAMA STEAMER.—The new steamer Colorado, of the Pacific Mail Line, arrived on July 1st in San Francisco, from New York, via Cape Horn.

VOLUNTEER CONCERT.—We understand that a concert in aid of the band fund of the Volunteer Corps will take place in a few days. The band is an institution well deserving the support of the entire community.

REMOVED OFFICE.—W. A. G. Young, Esq., Colonial Secretary, yesterday resumed the duties of his office.

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CRAIGFLOWER SCHOOL.—We are sorry to learn that this institution has been of late suffering from the most wretched mismanagement. The new Superintendent of Education, Mr. Waddington, has, we understand, recently paid the school an official visit, and it is rumored found the system of teaching most inefficient, and the backwardness of the pupils most pitiable, exhibiting the grossest negligence on the part of the managers. A new teacher has just been appointed, but having been only a few weeks in office, he has not as yet had sufficient time to effect the requisite improvements. It is plainly evident that the state of the public schools of the colony requires the most thoughtful and enlightened consideration of the Board of Education. It is deplorable to think that the children of this community should so long have suffered through the incompetence and negligence of teachers, and one of the first and most obvious duties of the Board should be to establish a proper standard of qualification as to the ability and character of public school teachers.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.—This body met yesterday at two o'clock, Dr. Tolmie in the chair. A message was received from His Excellency the Governor ratifying the appointment of Mr. Jessup as head master of the Victoria School. The Board recommended to His Excellency the appointment of Mrs. Fisher as female teacher, at a salary of \$60 per month. The appointment of an assistant male teacher was also considered. Mr. Nichol, of the Cedar Hill School, being spoken of for that position; the matter was however deferred till next meeting. The school is to be opened on the 1st of August.

THE CULVERWELL CASE.—The furniture of the bankrupt Culverwell was yesterday ordered by the Chief Justice to be sold and the proceeds paid into court pending the action between the trade assignees and the mortgagees. The furniture will be sold by Daniel Scott & Co. at their auction rooms, this morning, at 11 o'clock.

LICENSING COURT.—A general annual Licensing Court will be held at the Police office on Wednesday next, July 12th, at 12 o'clock.

COURT OF REVISION.—Messrs. Trounce,

Stahlschmidt, and James Lowe, have been

reappointed members of the Trades' License Court of Revision.

THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE.—We learn that the popular burlesque of Bombastes Furioso, with local adaptations, will be given by Americans during the return matches.

Friday, July 7.

BODIES FOUND.—Yesterday the bodies of two men were found, one in the harbor, and the other in the vicinity of Trial Island. An inquest was held on the bodies at seven o'clock last night, and both were identified. That found in the harbor was proved to be the remains of bandsman Douglas, who left Victoria on Monday night last in a state of intoxication to go to Esquimalt, and is supposed to have fallen off one of the bridges. The other was shown to be that of Turner, one of the two unfortunate men who were recently drowned from a canoe near Trial Island. The jury returned a verdict of found drowned.

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—met yesterday afternoon and after confirming the minutes of last meeting, adjourned till one o'clock to-day, when it will be formally prorogued by the Governor. Several Bills now before the Council, including Imprisonment for Debt, Weights and Measures, Estates of Deceased Persons, Homestead, Franchise, Pilot, and Marriage License Bills, will thus be remanded for two days.

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