

The Weekly Colonist

Tuesday, December 13, 1864

Later Eastern News

DATES TO NOVEMBER 23. CHICAGO, Nov. 22.—Atlanta smoldered in ruins on the 14th, and on the 15th the expedition cut loose from its communications...

THE DEATH OF JOHANNA MAGUIRE. The inquest on the body of the woman Johanna Maguire was resumed last evening in the Police Court at 7 o'clock.

LATER FROM BENTINCK ARM

ATTRACTION COAL DISCOVERED ON MILLBANK SOUND. The schooner Onward, Capt. McKay, arrived yesterday from Bentinck Arm with the horses used by the Government in the Chilcooten Expedition...

EUROPEAN NEWS

The Moravian from Liverpool, November 16th has arrived. The Bank of England has reduced the rate to eight per cent.

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The intelligence received yesterday by the Brother Jonathan is, on account of telegraphic suspension, but five days later than previous advices, being only up to the 28th inst. The news from Sherman is obtained, as before, from Southern sources. His successful march cannot well be disguised or concealed, and we have therefore hints from the Richmond papers as to his whereabouts. It appears that, after burning and destroying several villages on his march, he advanced upon Milledgeville, the capital of Georgia, about thirty miles to the north-east of Macon. The place was taken on the 19th ult., but was relinquished after being partially destroyed, and the Federal army then directed its march in a south-easterly direction towards Savannah. The advance upon Macon was merely a feint, as was also a subsequent march towards Augusta. It is evidently Sherman's intention to get to the sea-board as quickly as he conveniently can, and before any properly organized arrangements are made to throw obstacles in his way. From Milledgeville to Savannah is a distance of 168 miles—a long march, no doubt, through an enemy's country, but one which apparently will not be much harassed by the enemy's troops. The fact is the Confederates cannot spare men even to impede materially Sherman's progress. Hood got too far away north, when Sherman commenced his march from Atlanta, and Beauregard at Corinth in Mississippi is just as helpless to succor the Georgians as Hood is in Tennessee. If Sherman had stopped to take either Macon or Augusta—that is, provided either of the places was at all adequately defended—he might have been placed in a rather precarious predicament. The Federal commander is, however, fully imbued with the Napoleonic idea of rapidity in marches. He knows it can be done, upon Savannah being the end of his march, and he is determined to do it. The Confederates cannot make proper provision for their supplies, and the fact is, the Federal army is marching through the country, bringing the horrors of war to every village, and there is nothing to stop its advance. Hood is cut off from all communication with Lee, and the same may be said of Beauregard, but the climax of the Confederate misfortune is that Lee cannot afford a regiment for Georgia's defence. Grant has felt his enemy's lines so effectively and in such close proximity to Richmond, that the Confederates' commander dare not weaken any one of his positions. In hourly expectation of attack from the combined forces of the Federal army and Navy—for the Dutch Gap Canal is probably completed—Lee is kept too much on the qui vive for the safety of Richmond to have a distant State. On the other hand, it may be said Tennessee is experiencing the effects of Confederate invasion. Hood, although not able to defend Georgia, is powerful enough to menace Tennessee, and so we have him advancing on Columbia and threatening Nashville. Gen. Thomas, who was left by Sherman to look after Hood, has evidently been outnumbered by the Confederate commander, and has fallen back to Franklin, on the line of railway between Swann, Columbia, and Nashville, ten miles south of the latter city. At this place the Federal General is receiving reinforcements prior to giving Hood battle. There is, however, a wide difference between the expeditions of Hood and Sherman. With the former it is only the most temporary success that can be hoped for; he is certain to be driven back and his lines of supply subject to dangerous interference. With Sherman, however, at Savannah, two of the most important States of the Confederacy—whether Tennessee or Georgia—will be almost at the feet of the Federal army. The great manufacturing and military depots of the South in Georgia and South Carolina will be liable to capture or destruction. Augusta, the head of navigation on the Savannah river, is bound to be taken, and Charleston becomes almost as vulnerable; for 115 miles along the coast will bring Sherman's legions to the city which has undergone and continues to undergo so terrible a bombardment from the Federal fleet. With Savannah in the hands of the North an invulnerable water base will be afforded Sherman for all his operations in the interior, and reinforcements can be forwarded from Washington or New York at a few days' notice. Altogether we look upon the march of Sherman towards the sea-board as one involving the complete disorganization of the Confederacy.

The Danish Peace Conference.—The Copenhagen Protocol of recent date, marking upon the conclusion of peace being at hand says that Denmark has consented to a round sum of 9,000,000 rixdaggers, the share which the Duchies are to have in the public property of Denmark. The amount is consequently to be deducted from the portion of the Danish public debt, which it had been arranged should fall to the charge of the Duchies. A telegram from Vienna says the 9th sitting of the Conference took place October 11th. It daily was becoming more apparent that the negotiations, which were being vigorously carried on, were taking a favorable turn.

The Chesawaritch.—The Chesawaritch was won by Lord Coventry's horse Thalesis, the favorite mare Gratitude being a good second.

HOME ITEMS.

From English papers to October 22.

We have our English files to Oct. 22d, from which we select the following: The sum of £5000 has been handed to the Birmingham General Hospital as the proceeds of the late musical festival. A meeting was held on the 16th at Newcastle West, for the purpose of taking into consideration the erection of a monument to the late Smith O'Brien. Mr. W. H. Gladstone, son of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, has acceded to a request to become a candidate for Blackburn at the next election. On the 14th, the Fellows of Balliol College, Oxford, came to a resolution which would honorably admit Roman Catholics undergraduates to that great and learned society. Mr. Williams, the manager in London of the Mercantile and Exchange Bank, was found dead in his bed on the morning of the 18th. The affairs of the bank are in no way compromised by the sad event. Mr. Williams, the manager in London of the Mercantile and Exchange Bank, was found dead in his bed on the morning of the 18th. The affairs of the bank are in no way compromised by the sad event. According to the Opinion Nationale, King Victor Emmanuel, whilst on his way from Mandria to Turin, was subjected to a brutal attack, which, though not calculated to endanger his life, was of the most heinous description. The Opinion does not state what was the nature of this "brutal attack," and the other papers are silent on the subject. The marriage of Commander the Hon. Ernest C. C. Cochrane, youngest son of the late Earl of Dundonald, to Miss Adelaide Blackall, only daughter of Major Blackall, Governor of Sierra Leone, took place on the 15th ult. at the Cathedral at Free Town, the capital of the settlement. The Bishop of Sierra Leone performed the ceremony. A special train passed through Nantes on the 15th, conveying to St. Nazaire about 600 Belgian volunteers on their way to Mexico. These men will embark on board the Louisiana and the Florida steam-packets for Vera Cruz. Their uniform is becoming, and resembles that of the Chasseurs de Vincennes, with the exception of the head-dress, which consists of a Tyrolean hat surrounded by a band of yellow twisted worsted. The question between the Bishop of Natal and the Bishop of Capetown will come before the Privy Council immediately after the forthcoming Michaelmas term; and the point at issue is whether the Judicial Committee have any jurisdiction in the matter. The Bishop of Capetown says they have not, and that Dr. Colenso can only appeal against the sentence of deposition to the Archbishop of Canterbury, as patriarch of the church. Sir Rutherford Alcock, the British Envoy to Japan, had collected a formidable force of 2000 men, and 1500 soldiers in his recent operations in the East. He has now less than 3000 stand of arms and some 7000 men, and he believes now, as we have believed from the time Grant set himself down before Petersburg and Richmond, that Sherman's movement is a mere bluff, and that the Federal army will be driven back to the sea-board, and that the Confederates will be able to capture or destroy the great manufacturing and military depots of the South in Georgia and South Carolina. The fact that one of the vessels of the Royal Engineers from Chatham to be present at the operation.

THE DESTRUCTION OF THE GREAT EXHIBITION BUILDING.—On Monday a considerable number of persons visited the neighborhood of the Great Exhibition Building, which has been announced that it was intended to be blown down the two towers that supported the great dome adjacent to the Horticultural gardens, in the Exhibition road, but the operation was postponed for a day, or two to enable Sir John Burgoyne and the other members of the Royal Engineers from Chatham to be present at the operation.

GREAT FIRE IN LONDON.—A fearful conflagration took place on the 16th in the Belgrave road, London. The great works of Messrs. Smith & Co., known as the Planico Patent Works, were entirely destroyed by fire. The fact that one of the vessels of the Royal Engineers from Chatham to be present at the operation.

THE DEATH OF THE OLDEST MINISTER IN SCOTLAND.—The Scotch Courant records the death of the Rev. Mr. Young, United Presbyterian Minister, in his 92nd year, and the 65th of his ministry. Mr. Young was ordained to the pastoral charge of Logieholm in 1800, and at the time of his death was the oldest minister of the United Presbyterian Church, and the oldest officiating minister of all the religious denominations of Scotland.

IT IS SAID THAT MR. WILKIE COLLINS IS TO SECURE £30000 FOR HIS PROPOSED NOVEL IN THE CORNISH MAGAZINE, and is still at liberty to republish it in a complete form after it has appeared in the periodical. The times are changed indeed since Dr. Johnson was obliged to dance attendance in Lord Chesterfield's ante-room in the vain hope of obtaining a paltry dedication fee.

THE IDEA OF A GENERAL CONGRESS IS BEING AGAIN REVIVED IN PARIS. The Sicils asserts that the Cabinets of Vienna, Berlin, and St. Petersburg no longer look upon the plan "with disfavor," and that "even England is beginning to regard it with less dislike."

IN ALGERIA THE FRENCH ARMS HAVE OBTAINED A GREAT SUCCESS. General Jolivet has defeated Si Lala in a pitched battle; in consequence of which several of the tribes have made their submission. The prevailing rumor is, that the instruction is far from being put in force, and that the Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol has prohibited that vain and foolish young man Brother Ignatius from preaching in his diocese. This step was taken in response to a memorial signed by the Rural Dean and many of the clergy and laity of Bristol.

ABOUT 2 O'CLOCK ON TUESDAY MORNING, the 11th inst., as the crew of the fishing-boat

which will excite most interest at the present moment. He touched on the subject of the American, on the Franco-Italian Convention, on the cessation to Greece of the Ionian Islands, and on other kindred questions affecting our foreign relations. The subject of all these is the strife in America—a subject which Mr. Gladstone appears to have approached in a thoroughly cosmopolitan and unprejudiced manner. The phrase in this speech which will excite most interest on the Western shores of the Atlantic is an abstract opinion thus expressed: "He had always great doubts as to the practicability of reducing to subjugation any large portion of a country that manifested a determined opposition to separate, which many may regard as a repetition of the 'Jefferson Davis has made a nation' speech, which he delivered in Newcastle-on-Tyne a couple of years ago; but the context of his speech shows that Mr. Gladstone addressed himself to American affairs in a spirit which no man, whatever portion of the continent he may belong to, can gainsay. And indeed the same remark applies to the view which he took of Italian affairs."

Mr. Tenneyson is said to have already made £10,000 by his "Enoch Arden." It is reported that the Prince Frederick of Schleswig (the Duke's son) will marry a rich American young lady. An illustrated edition of Victor Hugo's "Les Misérables," lately produced, went off so quickly that 20,000 more were sold in a few days, and 1,500 more ordered.

On Tuesday Lord Palmerston completed his 80th year, having been born at Broadlands, Hants, on the 20th of October, 1784. The Yacht "Yeggs" has again despatched a party to England in order to purchase more horses to add to his extensive stud. Among the deaths we find this day record are those of three nonagenarians, of the respective ages of 94, 91, and 90. Two died at Witham, and one at Romford, both in the county of Essex; they were all females.

We are authorized to state that the alleged project of interference in the affairs of Greece, announced by the Times on the 19th instant, is wholly without foundation.—Post. Ma. Roszuck.—The hon. member for Sheffield has been compelled, through ill health, to forego two engagements to appear in public—one at Sheffield, the other at Huddersfield.

The Emperor and Empress of Russia, travelling in strict incognito, have repaired to Nice. Vice-Admiral Henry, James Gorville, C. B., died, on Tuesday, after a long illness, at his country seat in Berkshire, aged 70. Mr. Gladstone's son, instead of contesting Chester, as was announced a few days since, has taken one of the Liberal candidates for Blackburn.

The health of the Earl of Carlisle is gradually improving. His medical attendants now report that he is able to sit up and converse a little, though still very feeble. Lord Wodehouse, the new Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland, has appointed Mr. Edmond Wodehouse, son of the Governor of the Cape Colony, his Private Secretary.

Instructions have been sent out by the War Office for the return of several of the regiments which have been engaged in the recent operations in the East. The troops will be sent to the depot at Aldershot, and will be there for some time. Great preparations are everywhere making for the rejoicings that are to take place to celebrate the Jubilee, or 50th anniversary, of the union between Sweden and Norway.

QUESTIONS OF POLICE.—Suffered by Gas-powder Explosion.—You state, gentlemen, that an explosion of gaspowder is not fire; permit me to prove to you, by demonstration, that it is.—(Insurance Directors collapse suddenly).—Punch.

TALIA FUTOR.—We hear of a new farce on the subject of the Banting regime. The name is to be taken from that of Mr. Anderson's tremendous Surrey spectacle, and is to be "A Fight with Fat."

SOMETHING STRANGE ABOUT HER.—Jim Mace and his friends, we hear, lately went to charter a West Indian steamer for their pugilistic purposes. The Steam Company, however, objected on the ground that the boat was only used for carrying the Pacific Mail.

MR. GREENOUGH, the well known American sculptor, has just sent his design to London a bust of the distinguished actress Miss Helen Faucit, which, as a work of art, has received the highest commendation from the amateurs of Paris.

ATTEMPTED MURDER OF A SWEETHEART.—Yesterday Henry Augustus Mann, who attacked an explosion of gaspowder, is not fire; permit me to prove to you, by demonstration, that it is.—(Insurance Directors collapse suddenly).—Punch.

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Gleaser, of Eyemouth, were fishing off St. Abb's Head, about seven miles from the Berwickshire coast, they were run into by the steamer Dalrymple, of Dundee, while on her way to Newcastle. The whole crew of the Gleaser, consisting of six men, were thrown into the sea. Life-buoys were cast from the steamer, and two of the men saved; but the other four were lost.

THE "SOUTHERN" BAZAAR IN LIVERPOOL.—On Tuesday, one of the most magnificent bazaars ever held in the north of England was opened at the St. George's Hall, in aid of the "Southern Prisoners' Relief Fund." A number of stalls, named after the different Confederate States were held by ladies of Southern birth or proclivities, including Lady Warholite, Lady de Hoghton, &c. The bazaar was so densely crowded that locomotion was almost impossible, and the business transacted was exceedingly profitable to the relief fund, amounting with subscription, to over £19,000.

A MURDER CASE IN INDIA.—A "murderous outrage has recently taken place on the East India Railway between Abundopore and Bostore; a gentleman travelling in a single-deck carriage, a grand ball, and a most magnificent dinner, the two last being held in the St. Lawrence Hall, and being among the finest affairs of the kind ever given in the Province. Speeches were made by many of the most prominent statesmen of the six colonies, among which those of Hon. Mr. Gray of New Brunswick and Hon. D'Arcy McGee, of Montreal, were particularly eloquent. The Gazette makes the following comments on the occasion:

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THE FEDERALS MARCHING SAVANNAH. HOOD ADVANCING ON COLUMBIA. TENNESSEE.

The Florida Destroyer

Gen. Beauregard had issued a proclamation, dated Corinth, the 12th, calling the people of Georgia to lay waste to everything around Sherman, in his near his flank, and announcing that soon he will be there.

The Intelligencer publishes the following: A gentleman who left Griffin on the 10th inst., reports that Hood's army of 20,000 men, who were advancing westward, estimated at from 25,000 to 30,000, came on the McDonough river on the Jonesboro road. He reports that Hood's army of 20,000 men, who were advancing westward, estimated at from 25,000 to 30,000, came on the McDonough river on the Jonesboro road.

When our informant left our informant were falling back to Gainesville, probably that at this time Sherman's army was within 10 miles of Gainesville, and he would rapidly demonstrate the fact. We learn that Gov. Brown's residence at Canton was burned to the ground a few days ago. The academy, hotels and jail, with a third of the best dwelling houses were also burned.

SAVANNAH, Nov. 21.—A private letter from Macon, this morning, states that (Federal) crossed the Ocmulgee in yesterday at Planter's Factory, 8 m. Indian Springs. It is reported that 20,000 strong. This would seem to be on the belief that Augusta is the Central Railroad was destroyed 20th and telegraph cut. Communication between Savannah and Macon is cut. The wires between Gordon and Macon were cut.

LOUISVILLE, Nov. 25.—General V. Smith has arrived at Louisville with his command. He reports that he has 20,000 strong, with 16 batteries of artillery, and 1000 men of the 1st Kentucky Cavalry. He reports that he has 20,000 strong, with 16 batteries of artillery, and 1000 men of the 1st Kentucky Cavalry.

MEMPHIS, Nov. 25.—A man named Charles Heyburn, while in a state of insanity, murdered his mother by cutting her throat with a razor. It seems from the evidence adduced at the inquest, that the unhappy man had previously been afflicted with insanity, and had, some time since, attempted the life of his wife. The old lady, who was 76 years of age, was quietly sleeping in her bed, when her son stole in, without a light, felt for her throat, and with a razor, inflicted a frightful wound, so large indeed that the person's hand could be placed in the gash. The wretched son then rushed to his bed, his hands covered with blood, when arrested at once admitted, and in some sense justified the act. The deed caused an intense excitement in the neighborhood, and indeed throughout the city. The murderer has been a good character, was kind to his mother and other relatives, and but for the falling of his brain would never in all probability have committed so horrible a crime.

THE PROVINCIAL SECRETARY.—Mr. Bell, M.P. for North Lanark, has resigned and Hon. Wm. McDougall, the new Provincial Secretary under the Federal policy, will be returned without opposition.

MYSTERIOUS AFFAIR IN PRUSSIA.—A Breslau journal says:—"Scarcely has the murder of the 'boots' of a Madgeburg hotel, the mutilation of a porter, and other excesses committed by officers ceased to be the subject of public conversation than another revolting act of violence is reported of the military in our city. It appears that at the lodging of one of our officers a sort of revel took place in which two girls participated, one of whom, with her hair, an excellent character. Next morning one of the girls was conveyed out of the house dead, while the other was sent home in a dangerous state. It was affirmed that those 'accidents' resulted from coal-smoke or gas, but this version commands no credit, because two officers who undoubtedly belonged to the party are in perfectly good health! If civilians had been implicated in an affair of this kind the strictest enquiry would have been made, and the suspected persons would have been subjected to a very minute examination. But in the present case the Court did nothing of the kind, because the gentlemen—we had better say officers—can only be tried by Court-martial. The latter dispatched two physicians to examine the corpse, but the result of the inquiry has not been reported. On the other hand, the undertakers appeared next morning, and quietly removed the body to its place of interment. As to any further steps in this awful affair, we do not hear that any have been taken, or that any intention prevails to remove the mystery in which the tragedy is at present clothed."

NEW MEXICO.—M. W. Waitt & Co., Government street, have laid on our table the following pieces of new music received by the steamer: "Echoes of Killarney" by Brinley Richards, for the piano; "Hurrah Storm Galop" arranged for violin and piano, by S. Winner; "I wait my Love" a sweet little serenade, by West; Calicut's fine old ballad "Come in and shut the door," with new words; and a new serenade entitled "Schlaf wohl, du süsser engel, du!" with German and English words, by Abt. The well known composer of some of the most popular German airs.

Another letter says:—"The Confederates, and within a week the rebels will be campaigning."

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—Inform the Army of the Potomac says that news of Lincoln's re-election has largely increased. Desertions from the rebel army are numerous, and an opportunity to escape is being seized by many of the soldiers.

The Tribune's special from the rebel country on the north bank of the river is one week late. The report is applicable for the mud. There is no position by our troops.

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LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

Wednesday, Dec. 7.

VICTORIA VOLUNTEER BATTALIONS.—The first compulsory drill of this company was held last evening in the drill-room. The following election of non-commissioned officers was also made: Sergeant Siffken to be Color-Sergeant, vice Waddington, gone to England; Corporal Bowden to be Sergeant, vice Siffken, promoted; Private Engelhardt to be Corporal, vice Bowden, promoted.

THE NATHAN-BOTTEL BEGOT.—Samuel Nathan, was yesterday sent for trial on the charge preferred against him by Mary Boyle. We understand that she has laid further information charging him with feloniously taking possession of certain articles of jewelry, &c., belonging to her, by falsely representing himself to be her husband. A search warrant was granted by the magistrate, and the accused was held to bail to appear on Thursday, Dec. 8.

CASE HARDENED.—William Harris, one of the regulars recently discharged from Pemberton's sappers and miners, was brought up yesterday in the Police Court charged as a rogue and vagabond. Mr. Courtney defended the accused. Sergeant McBride deposed to the prisoner having been confined on several charges. A man named Alexander McGregor was sworn who made out a clear case of light fingering against the prisoner, by which the latter relieved him of two sovereigns and fifty cents. A Hindoo named Mahomet Assan was also heard, who saw what transpired between the two parties, and the Magistrate said he must re-arrest Harris in his service for three months, and regretted that he had not the power to make nine or twelve.

ARREST CASE.—Samuel Ibbotson was charged yesterday in the Police Court by John Gerrison with an assault. The case was referred for one day in consequence of the legal advisers of the complainant being unable to attend. The alleged offence arose out of a case of disputed possession.

FRIDAY, DEC. 9.

YOUNGER CONDUCTOR.—Terence McCarthy was charged yesterday before Mr. Pemberton with threatening to shoot Mr. Joseph Beauchamp Matthews, of Leech river, and with drawing a knife upon him. The accused was ordered to give bonds to be of good behavior for six months.

FIRES.—It was reported yesterday by arrivals from the North that the schooner Amelia had been arrested at Comox by Special Constable Davis for improperly loading mast liquor on the Indian reserve, and that she subsequently gave the officer the slip and put to sea.

SCALPED.—A little boy, son of Mr. James Todd, of Cedar Hill, was seriously scalped yesterday by the upsetting of a kettle of boiling water over his arm. Dr. Haggis was yesterday summoned to the aid of the poor child who was suffering intense pain from the accident.

SAVED.—The two fine boys, sons of Capt. Olney, who were supposed to have been drowned by the upsetting of the Brandt, are it appears alive and residing at Olympia, W. T., where they are left in a state of destitution dependent on public charity.

THE SECOND CHARGE AGAINST SAMUEL NATHAN.—Mr. Courtney appeared yesterday on behalf of Mary Boyle, the prosecutrix, and applied to Mr. Pemberton to adjourn the hearing of the second charge preferred by her against Nathan to enable him to procure additional evidence. The application was granted, and by consent Mr. Courtney examined a witness for the defence who intended leaving by the mail steamer. Nathan Levi, sworn to have spoken to Mrs. Nathan, and heard her allude to a particular marriage; it was sitting in Nathan's house on William Creek in June last and Mrs. Nathan began to draw comparisons between the people of this country and Melbourne; she then said that a number of friends of her's and her husband's came to see the wedding in Melbourne; I heard Mrs. Nathan once say to J. Griffin, then she was excited, "You have got me away from my husband and now you throw me off."

FOUND DEAD.—An unfortunate Indian woman was found dead yesterday morning in a vacant lot on Stone street, adjoining Coker's blacksmith's shop. The poor creature had evidently fallen down in a state of drunkenness on the previous night, and being unable to get up had succumbed to the combined effects of drink and frost. The body lay exposed for several hours, and was at length carried off by some natives.

MURDER AND BATTERY.—Samuel H. Fisher, a tyro, appeared yesterday in the Police Court with a battered countenance, resembling Hector's after the commencement of the championship fight, the police stated that they had arrested two Indians whom Fisher had accused of assaulting him, but as the latter seemed unwilling to make any charge against them they were discharged.

SNOW.—There was a heavy fall of snow yesterday, which with a shift of wind in the afternoon turned to rain. In the evening the Metcalf and Nooks mountains were observed to be thickly covered with a crust of white snow that will no doubt rest there for some time to come. At Leech river the snow has yesterday seven inches deep.

ANOTHER MARINE ACCIDENT.—The bark Havof, bound to Alberni mills, to load lumber for Australia, left the harbor yesterday afternoon in tow of the steamer Caledonia, and on reaching the entrance of the harbor the south-west wind and head-tide proved too much for the steamer, and the bark was blown ground on Macaulay point, where she remained all last night. The Otter got up steam to go to her assistance, but the wind was too fresh to enable her to accomplish anything.

SUPREMACY COURT.—The only case before his Honor the Chief Justice yesterday was Beck vs. Moses Phillips, being an action for the value of the schooner Sag Juan Pabek, sold by the latter to the former, and which had since been seized by the G. S. authorities for infraction of the revenue laws. The plaintiff claimed \$145, on the ground that defendant was aware of her inability to secure when he sold her. Plaintiff was non-suited.

DEATH IN HOSPITAL.—A man named Arthur Thacker died in the Royal Hospital yesterday. Deceased who had only been two days in hospital, was a native of England, a printer by occupation, and was thirty years of age. His death was caused by interperna.

ARRIVAL OF MR. AND MRS. KEAN.—These distinguished personages arrived yesterday by the Brother Jonathan and took up their abode at the George Hotel. A deputation from the Kean Committee, consisting of Messrs. L. Franklin, H. Nathan, Geo. Quick-shank, W. S. Green, J. D. McKay, and A. D. Bell, shortly afterwards waited upon Mr. and Mrs. Kean to welcome them to these shores. In the afternoon Mr. Kean called upon His Excellency the Governor, whose acquaintance he had formerly made. Mr. Geo. Coppin, the well known manager and comedian, with Messrs. Cathart, Everett and Miss Chapman also arrived yesterday.

THE DISASTER TO THE OTTER.—This vessel, which drifted on the rocks at McLaughlin Point on Thursday evening while being towed out of the harbor by the Caledonia, was brought into port yesterday by the Otter, under the direction of John Costello, who with a gang of men engaged all night keeping her free from water. She sustained considerable damage from contact with the rocks, and will require to be hove down to be repaired. The damage done, including cost of towing, \$500 to Costello, &c., will probably be from \$2000 to \$3000. The cause of the accident was the Caledonia's machinery giving out.

MARINE BALL.—The Vancouver and Victoria Ledges met last night and decided upon giving a grand ball on St. John's Day, Dec. 27th. Messrs. Goldstone, Holden, and Nease, of the former ledge, and Messrs. Curtis, McCrea, and Banks, of the latter, were chosen to act as committees to carry out the preliminary arrangements.

PROGRAMME.—Portion of the hull of a large vessel was seen drifting in the Straits, on Thursday evening last by the captain of a small steamer which arrived yesterday from Clalm Bay. Part of the vessel was seen to be a large iron vessel, and seemed to have belonged to a large sized craft.

SKATING.—The late hard frosts have furnished some good ice for the lovers of this healthful and delightful exercise. On Harris' pond, behind the slaughterhouse, Fort street, there is some good skating ground, and on Swan Lake the ice is said to be in splendid condition, and strong enough for safety.

DISCHARGED.—Robt. Becham was brought yesterday before Mr. Pemberton, by Sergeant Blake, on suspicion of being a stranger from H. M. S. Charley, but was discharged. A further charge preferred against him by Alfred Cottle of stealing a boat and pair of seals, valued at \$250, was dismissed.

TREASURY STRIKINGS.—Bank of British Columbia, \$181,414 25; Bank of Prince North America, \$49,402 20; W. L. Fargo & Co., \$48,238 80. Total, \$379,155 25.

THE OTTER.—Our attention has been directed to an erroneous statement in the notice of the accident which befell this vessel on Friday afternoon, and we are requested by the pilot in charge (Capt. Pike), to place the following correct particulars before the public. The Otter left the harbor in tow of the steamer Caledonia about 3 p. m., and proceeded safely as far as Macaulay's point, when the machinery of the steamer became deranged so as to preclude her from making headway with the vessel. The wind was fresh from South-east with some sea, and the result was that she got so near the rocks that an anchor was of no use although lowered was let go. She fell broadside on, and remained so until half-past six a. m., when the Otter came to her relief and towed her to Pickett's wharf, the pilot still being in charge, and continuing so at the present moment. Costello and a gang of men were employed by the captain to pump and render whatever assistance was required of them by the pilot or other person having charge of any control whatever over the ship except Captain Pike. The damage done was as at first supposed. She now lies opposite Pickett's yard, and will be cared for for examination.

INCORRECT.—In our advertising columns will be found an official contradiction of the rumor that the wharf at the Poca Straits Coal Mine had been swept away, together with 250 tons coal, by the late storms. The real damage was most trifling in extent, and will be covered by an outlay of \$50. We are informed that the wharf which planked over is capable of holding 1000 tons of coal. The company are now offering in charter vessels to ship coal to Victoria at the same rates as paid from Nanaimo.

THE SINKING.—The discovery of these diggings, we observe, has been proclaimed in many of the London and provincial and most of the Canadian papers. The accounts published are those which appeared in the Colonist after the discovery of the \$72 nugget by Booth of the Industry Company. Because winter has now nearly silenced the news from the mines our readers abroad are not cognizant of the rapidity of the progress of the discovery, and that the excitement consequent on their first discovery should have to some extent abated.

TRADE WITH THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS.—It has long been a subject of remark among commercial men that a source of profitable employment in the manufacture of sugar, and the raising of the rapidly increasing sugar trade of the Hawaiian Islands has been altogether overlooked in this colony, where the material for the purpose is so abundant and accessible. By a notice in our advertising columns it will be seen that a gentleman in Oregon has taken the initiative, and we doubt not he will speedily reap the benefit that his enterprise deserves.

THE IDAHO STAGE ROBBERY AND MURDER BY the vigilance of Sergeant McBride, Smith, one of the supposed accomplices in the robbery of the Idaho stage and murder of the driver was on Saturday arrested and lodged in goal. Smith was on 21st to Victoria in the sloop Deerfoot, not accepting that a requisition from the other side was in the hands of the authorities, and was considerably surprised on learning the nature of the officer's business. His confederates are believed to be in the neighborhood, and efforts have been made to secure them also.

RIGHT REVEREND BISHOP DENNIS.—This esteemed Prelate of the Catholic Church who has been unwell for some time past left by the Brother Jonathan for San Francisco, hoping to benefit by a change of climate. We learn that should his health permit he contemplates journeying on to Central America, and possibly to the Northern part of South America. From his co-religionists he will seek to receive offerings to enable him, on his return to Victoria, to erect a Cathedral Church in this city. It is expected he will be absent about a year.

SKATING.—A number of men and boys were dispersing themselves on Saturday on the pond beyond the new female Infirmary known as Harris' pond. The ice was strong though the snow which had previously fallen made the surface somewhat rough for skaters. The various troubles which occurred produced indefinite fun. The highly scientific evolutions of a well-known Captain of a British Columbian steamer were the subject of universal notice. The thaw of yesterday has unfortunately put an end to this healthful pastime.

MERCHANTS' INSTITUTE.—The Managing Committee of the Merchants' Literary Institute have engaged two large rooms in Hibben & Carswell's brick building, Yates street, as a reading room and library. The rooms are being fitted up with all possible despatch, and will be opened for the use of subscribers about the beginning of next week.

DISCHARGED.—Edward Whitney, detained in custody on a charge of ill-using the late Johannes Maguire, was on Saturday discharged by the Police Magistrate. The accused admitted to a former statement, that the poor woman had been ill-treated but not by his hands. Mr. Courtney defended him.

THE NEXT STEAMER.—Capt. De Wolfe, of the Brother Jonathan, stated while on his last trip here, that the next steamer would sail from San Francisco for Victoria via Portland, on the 11th inst. (yesterday). She may accordingly be expected here about next Tuesday morning.

SAILED.—H. M. S. Sailed by Admiral the Hon. J. Dalrymple and Mrs. Dennison on board the Equinox for the South Pacific on Saturday forenoon. She will be absent several months.

FOR THE NORTH.—The Company's steamer Lauchouche left yesterday for New Westminster to clear for a trading voyage to the North.

OUR SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY.—With this number the Colonist enters upon the seventh year of its existence. From a diminutive weekly fledgling of 10x15 feet ushered into being in a humble little office on Wharf street when Victoria was but a sorry village containing a few log houses and shanties, the paper gradually spread its wings until it assumed its present dimensions on 28x42 being coming not only the leading journal of these colonies but the largest and most prosperous daily north of San Francisco. It is a fact worthy of note that while the circulation of the largest daily newspaper published in San Francisco does not reach one in every thirteen of the inhabitants of that city, the Colonist is now taken by at least one in five of the estimated population of Victoria and the neighborhood. The progress of the paper is not only a fair index of the prosperity of the place, but may be accepted as a gratifying proof of the reading propensities of our people.

THE CAMBRIDGEHIRE STAMPS.—This, with the exception of the Liverpool Autumn Cup, regarded in English sporting circles as the greatest handicap of the season, was to be run on the 13th October, and was longed for with considerable interest. Grassie, Dickie and Stockinger were the three leading favorites, although outsiders were backed and bet on. The race was considered an open one, but a London paper says: "The performance of

the first and second in the Cesarewitch, Grassie and Thalesia, must be looked on as very mediocre, seeing that the latter had much to do to beat the former by a head, though both carried ridiculously light weights for four-year-olds, and the wretched nature of the performance, and the bad class of horses which ran, is further shown by the fact that Ackworth, an indifferent performer, and a gelding, gave a stone and the year to the pair, and was close up with them. The Cambridgehire, from the nature of the course is not a race in which weight tells so much as in the Cesarewitch, and we usually see a good class three-year-old successful here, no matter at what weights."

THEATRICAL.—Mr. John Collins, the celebrated Irish actor and vocalist has been engaged by Mr. Benjamin Webster, the popular lessee of the Adelphi, London, to open the fall season in that city. Mr. Collins has won popular opinions in Hibernian characters and with Irish melodies during his sojourn in the United States.

SONGS FROM "SUPPER AT THE MILL."—BY JEAN PROLOW.

When sparrows build, and the leaves break forth,
My old sorrow waken and cries
And the dark night, when I lie in bed,
And the night wind howls in my ears,
And the stars shine in the sky,
And the moon looks down on me,
Oh, my love, and my own love,
And my love that loved me so,
Where ever a thorn in the world above,
Where they listen for words below?
Nay, I spoke once, and it grieved thee sore,
I remember that day I said, "I love thee more,
And now thou wilt hear me no more—no more,
Till the sea gives up her dead."
Thou didst set thy foot on the ship, and sail on,
Thou wert sad, for thy love did not avail,
How could I know I should love thee away,
When that day I held thee dear?
How could I tell I should love thee to-day,
Whom that day I held not dear?
How did I not love thee the year?
We shall walk no more through the sodden plain,
With the faded weeds o'erspread,
Which shall stand no more by the setting main,
Where the dark waves drive o'erhead.
We shall part no more in the wind and the rain,
Where thy last farewell was said:
But perhaps I shall meet thee and know thee again,
When the sea gives up her dead.

COMMERCIAL.

FROM COMOX.—The steamer Emily Harris and the sloop Lucia arrived yesterday from Comox. Severe weather had been experienced on the coast.

SAILED.—The bark Kinnaird sailed from Royal Roads yesterday forenoon for New Zealand.

FROM PORT ANGELES.—The schooner Winged Racer arrived yesterday morning with a load of potatoes and turnips.

FROM WAIRAU ISLAND.—The schooner Leah arrived yesterday morning with a full cargo of hops, poultry and farm produce.

FOR NANAIMO.—The schooner A. Crocker arrived yesterday morning for Nanaimo to load with coal for Portland.

BOUND DOWN.—Two British barks, lumber laden, lay at Port Angeles on Wednesday night.

ARRIVAL OF THE MAIL.—The steamer Brother Jonathan arrived from San Francisco and Portland yesterday at 11 a. m., with 42 passengers and a cargo of general merchandise. She was accompanied to sea again for San Francisco direct last night at 12 o'clock.

FROM SAN FRANCISCO.—The bark Golden Gate, Capt. Harrington, arrived yesterday from San Francisco with a miscellaneous cargo consigned to Messrs. Pickett & Co.

LOADING.—The T. Lee was still loading at Liverpool, the Mindoro at London, and the Franklin Adams at San Francisco for this port at latest dates.

FROM PORT ANGELES.—The steamer Jenny Jones arrived on Saturday from Olympia and way ports with a few passengers, and a cargo of live stock and produce. She called at San Juan and landed 300 head of sheep at Bellevue. She did not call at Seattle on her return, but no later news has been received at Olympia, the wires being laid high at 12 o'clock.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.—The mail steamer Brother Jonathan left on Saturday morning early for San Francisco direct. She took only few passengers.

VICTORIA MARKETS.

FLOUR AND GRAIN.—Business in these articles has been broken during the past week, anticipating the probable closing of Fraser river, by ice. Notwithstanding that the San Francisco markets show a slight reduction on former rates, on many articles, prices here are firm, with an upward tendency on several articles.

The imports into this port for the week have been the cargoes of the mail steamer Brother Jonathan and bark G. Ida Gate, from San Francisco, the schooner Crosby, with grain and other produce from Portland, and the usual imports, amounting to about \$50,000, from Puget Sound. Jobbing rates are as under:—
FLOUR—extra \$13 50 @ \$14 50 per bbl; self, \$12 50 @ \$13 50; superfine \$12 50 @ \$13 50; Oregon brands \$12 50 @ \$13 50 per bbl.
CORNMEAL, \$9 50 @ \$10 50 per bbl.
OATMEAL, \$9 50 @ \$10 50 per bbl.
WHEAT, \$3 50 @ \$4 50 per sack.
BARLEY, \$1 50 @ \$2 50 per sack.
MIDDLES, \$3 50 @ \$4 50 per sack.
BEAN, \$3 50 @ \$4 50 per sack.
HAY, \$17 50 @ \$19 50 per ton.
COFFEE, \$22 50 @ \$24 50 per sack.
RICE, 7 50 @ 8 50 per sack; refined, 12 50 @ 13 50 per sack.
BRAN, \$3 50 @ \$4 50 per sack.
DRIED APPLES, \$2 50 @ \$3 50 per box.
DRIED PEACHES, \$2 50 @ \$3 50 per box.
BACON, 1 50 @ 2 50 per side.
HAMS, 1 50 @ 2 50 per side.

SAN FRANCISCO MARKETS.

From the N. E. Bulletin.
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Flour and Grain are all easier for the buyer. We have a sale of 7000 half sacks of Hill's extra, on private terms. The cargo of Hill's extra, say 1,800,000 lbs, has all been sold

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PUBLIC OPINION IN ENGLAND

A few numbers back we gave the two very important speeches lately in England by Mr. Gladstone and Stanley. Taking them together, they probably approach nearer than anything the enlightened public opinion of Britain. As emanations from men so respected, and in the interests of great conflicting political parties in

Liberal and Conservative—they are setting indices of the gradual dwindling of the old party lines. Both statesmen in the necessity of diminishing the burdens of centralizing rather than of the Empire, and of reducing the forces by withdrawing them as far as possible from the colonies and dependencies.

Both agree in the policy of non-intervention in foreign affairs, and in desiring that attention to matters nearer all of which would indicate that the diplomacy is to be expanded, and that the policy, generally speaking, approved by a Parliamentary opposition, Stanley believes in a reduction of the tax, but not in the popular cry of "every other;" for two substantial reasons: first, that it would destroy the direct and indirect taxation, and heavier proportion of the burden who do not at present contribute to the raising a large revenue on any

On the great question of extension, Stanley thinks that is inclined to the notion of the people on the application of the House of Commons will take place next spring. The question which, in his opinion, demands the attention of Parliament, English law, he considers, as modern reforms—perhaps the most complicated in Europe—was consolidated and simplified. That "investing" no doubt, labor at the hands of persons to whom Parliament has not otherwise the task is not a difficult. There is that astronomical sum of purchased commissions in the hands of a few individuals, who are in a position to do as they please, so far as regards the law. There is the question of the law of entail, which is a relic of the law of entailment. It is known that the administration of the public family, and he could not conceive of investment for the time and