

THE NEWS.

The important despatches from the East and Europe crowd out the editorial. The news will be found more than usually interesting to English readers.

Thursday, March 5. Was it really the case?—W. H. Russell in his work on Canada, tells the following story—another illustration of 'How not to do it'—He says that some thirty years ago the old first look was dealt out to the men along the borders, and of course flint was needed.

Home Healthism.—At the Stafford Asylum, last week, the chief witness in a case were two young girls, about 14 years old, who are employed in canal boats.

Royal Hospital.—Thirteen patients remain at the Royal Hospital. There are several bad cases of paralysis—youthful and active men, stricken with the malady—most frequently the left foot and leg; left side of the body, left arm, and often the left side of the head and one-half (the left) of the tongue being affected.

Whiskey Smuggling.—Patrick Darcy, an old transgressor, was yesterday brought up on a charge of selling whiskey to an Indian.

Discretion.—Murphy was arrested and brought before the Police Magistrate on a charge of aspersion of being a deserter from her Majesty's Navy.

The Bazaar of the Tiger Steam Fire Engine Fund will come off to-night. The Albemarle Troupe, Mr. Bartholomew and the Wizard having volunteered their services.

The Fly.—This steamer—chartered to convey legal gentlemen and witnesses to Port Townsend, W. T., where the case against the bark Aid will be tried—made two trips between the ports yesterday.

The Emma yesterday towed the brig Orient out of the harbor. The Orient is bound for Moody & Co's mills, Burrard Inlet, to load with lumber for San Francisco.

The young man convicted of skylarking at the St. George Hotel was yesterday put under heavy bonds to be of good behaviour. The other accused party was discharged.

DUNK.—Bill and Jim, a brace of Hydras, were fined one dollar each for being drunk, and a pale-face hombra was fined a like sum for a similar offence.

A COURT-MARTIAL will be held to-day at San Juan Island upon several soldiers of the American garrison, who are accused of various offences.

The Cariboo Express arrived at New Westminster on Tuesday, and will be brought down by the Enterprise.

COUNCIL MEETING.—An Executive Council meeting will be held at New Westminster to-day.

The steamer Enterprise left for New Westminster yesterday. Among the passengers were Hon. W. A. G. Young.

The Paper Hunt.—EDITOR COLONIST.—We regret that Mr. Pemberton should have any cause of complaint against the gentlemen who joined in the hunt on Saturday. It was far from their intention to do injury to any land or go where they were not welcome.

The Promoters of the Horn.

A Gloomy Picture of New England.

Under this head, the Boston Commercial Bulletin of last Saturday has an article, full of sorrows and complaints, pitiful to read and more pitiful to contemplate. It says:—In no part of the country is industry at so low an ebb, capital so unremunerative in its investments, and their joint products so poorly paid for, as here in New England, at the present time.

There are in Philadelphia 80,830 brick buildings, 6,825 stone buildings, and 19,819 frame buildings. Of the brick buildings, 762 are one story, 16,517 two story, 58,468 three story, and 5,058 four story and over.

There are also a number of iron buildings in the city, whilst the aggregate number of buildings of all kinds is 101,504.

Congressional Ill-Temper.

The New York correspondent of the San Francisco Bulletin says:—The blood of parties in Congress is rising to fever heat—the fight is growing fast and furious.

BUT it seems as if they were prepared to brave all consequences. Even those members ordinarily the most calm and sedate have worked themselves up to a passion, and utter the most insulting accusations against the Radicals.

But they do not hesitate to denounce the action of Congress as 'a revolutionary, a gross usurpation, fanatical, cowardly, tricky,' and a great many other harsh things.

Indulging in the privileges of Leap Year, the work women in a corset shop at West Brookfield, Mass., recently gave their employers a sleigh ride to Brimfield.

Newburyport, Mass., has ghost of the most ghastly and approved sort. It visits young and sentimental women, and is so genteel and spiritual that it is never seen, but only felt.

The oldest inhabitant of Detroit is a negro, 114 years of age. He has been married times without number, and has now for a spouse a girl of 59.

Miscellaneous Items.

One of the Japanese lately performing in Norwich, Conn., who belongs to a religious sect in his native country that obliges him to indulge in a meal of live coals twice a week—Thursdays and Sundays—entertained a small party at the Wauregan House on Sunday evening last.

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A lady who had two children sick with measles wrote to a friend for the best remedy. The friend had just received a note from another lady, inquiring the way to pickle cucumbers.

About the beginning of the late war, a woman ran away from her husband in Mississippi, carrying with her \$20,000.

known. It is conjectured, however, that she is partially insane. She has been taken home by her relatives.

Four men entered the house of John Bennerhoff, at Titusville, Pa., on Thursday evening, bound the whole family of five persons, and then robbed the house of over \$100,000 in government bonds and greenbacks.

An outraged husband publishes the following flattering description of his runaway wife: 'My wife is about five feet high, has light brown hair, right eye out, the other is of a pale blue color; has a pimple on left temple, near eye; pug nose; a scar across one arm; is stoop-shouldered; has short, thick feet, and, easily makes the acquaintance of strangers.'

A lady in Lawrence, Mass., suddenly awoke the other night with the impression that her little girl was in danger. Feeling her way in the dark to the child's crib, directed by a strong impulse, she put her finger into the little sleeper's mouth, and to her astonishment took from thence a large pin.

An ingenious mechanic in Bloomfield, Conn., has made a 'Mosaic fiddle' from one hundred and forty different pieces of wood, and is now at work upon a combination organ and piano, which will consist of from nine thousand to ten thousand pieces.

A clergyman being much pressed by a lady of his acquaintance to preach a sermon the first Sunday after her marriage, complied, and chose the following passage in the Psalms as his text: 'And there shall be abundance of peace—while the moon endureth.'

Five persons recently died in New Orleans in one week, who were aged respectively 104, 105, 106, 107, and 111 years. And still the climate of New Orleans is said to be unhealthy!

'Look here, boy,' said a nervous old gentleman to an urchin, who was munching sugar candy at a lecture, 'you are annoying me very much.' 'No, I ain't; I'm gnawing this ers candy,' replied the urchin.

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PETROLEUM IN CHINA.—An oil-bearing stratum, 300 miles square, yielding petroleum of a superior quality, has been discovered near the town of Kakin, China.

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They have enjoyed the luxury of trying a President down in Panama, which, as Mr. Boutwell is determined to inflict impeachment upon us, even if he has to do it alone, becomes quite instructing and entertaining.

A SAD CASE.—Some shocking facts were elicited at a coroner's inquest, held at Brigham, South Devon, concerning the death of a child named Matilda Buffett, aged 10 years.

A NEW CHARGE AGAINST SEWARD.—The New York Times says: Mr. Seward's house in Washington was recently set on fire, and for the timely discovery by one of the sentries at the door, the inmates would have had a very good chance of suffocation.

BORN TO BE DROWNED.—Mr. Stephen Britt, for many years harbor-master of the port of Rye, was drowned recently by the upsetting of a boat in that harbor.

Dickens has realised \$20,000 from his four readings in Boston, and it is estimated that during his stay in this country his entire profit will reach \$200,000.

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V. I. LAND REGISTRY OFFICE got one public office in the country on its own way and leaves a surplus to return of the V. I. Land Registry Office in the Government Gazette in 1862 the number of applicants in 1863, 729; in 1864, 647; in 1865, 445; in 1867, 366.

No registration of Title has been made in the Registry Office since the 1st of January 1868.

From a paper which Captain Simons has kindly given to the American Minister, Burlington, who, with his wife, were detained by the Chinese, were rescued by Lieut. Dugan, who, with a Marine and blue-jackets, on the 26th inst., arriving in the party and escort them safely.

BANKRUPT.—MR. CHARLES BENEFIT, undered this gentleman's dear Druggist, is fixed for next week. The piece 'Stark Waters Run Deep'—Clark lately made a 'palpat' character of Walter Miffins at the Swan.

The Weekly British Colonialist AND CHRONICLE.

Tuesday, March 10 1868.

Additional dispatches from the East indicate that Congress is terribly in earnest in its onslaught upon the President. The House of Representatives (or Lower House) by a two-thirds vote has passed a resolution of impeachment, and the Senate (or Upper House) has referred the resolution to a Select Committee of seven to examine into the charges and report the result of the examination. The Lower House indicts the President on ex parte evidence. The Upper House may suspend from office, place the President under arrest, and hear testimony for and against his impeachment. The Senate is both judge and jury. A motion to expel the Chief Magistrate from office will require the sanction of two-thirds of the Senators present. Were all the States represented, there would be 72 members of the Senate; but deducting 20 members for the 10 States unrepresented, we have a total of 52 Senators—only some 15 of whom are Democrats or Conservative Republicans. Were all the States represented upon the basis of partial suffrage, as it existed before the Civil War, impeachment would be impossible, because the 20 seats now vacant would be occupied by political friends of the President, leaving the Senate a majority of only two votes, instead of a two-thirds majority as now. The cogent reason the Radicals have for declining to admit Southern Senators to seats is perfectly plain. The Impeachers really command a larger number of votes than they legally require to effect their object, and, unless wiser counsels should prevail, we regard the dismissal of Mr Johnson, so far as Congress can bring it about, as a foregone conclusion. We await with a feeling of much anxiety intelligence as to the result of this unprecedented action on the part of Congress.

On Sunday the 15th, a Cornish took the child into her some breakfast, and another's evidence, all the since was a little boiled day afternoon, the mother, coal or candles, went out and when she returned at the child, whom she had seen. Death soon followed. The dwelling, a two-roomed, quite devoid of furniture, of a bundle of straw and which were covered by For this miserable shelter weekly, and earned what being and charring—English

AGAINST SEWARD.—The says: Mr Seward's home recently set on fire, and by discovery by one of the or, the inmates would have d. chance of suffocation. the amiable organs of the demands to know why allowed to watch the doors of State. No rebel in that may possibly be true; ident that somebody else is n having it taken. We do atch in question costs the year; the burden, seem intolerable. If sees—Mr Seward from a violent or by fire, the country consent to have it doubled.

Mr Stephen Britt, labor-master of the port of recently by the upsetting labor. He was the last of six sons, every one of by drowning. This strange ally impressed the mind of g. Stephen, that he abandoned and relinquished (even harbor steam-tur, which age of.—English Paper.

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PRACTICAL JOKING.—Three young men o this city were summoned yesterday before Mr Pemberton to answer a charge of skylarking at the St. George Hotel, on Saturday evening last. The skylarking complained of consisted in piling chairs and sofas in positions where persons entering or leaving their rooms, in the dark would be apt to break their shins and skin their noses. Mr Bishop appeared to prosecute, and Mr Courtney to defend. One of the persons pleaded guilty and was ordered to appear for sentence on Wednesday; the charge against another was dismissed; and the case of the third, upon his own request, was laid over until Wednesday.

THE MARVIN-BANK CASE.—The argument for a new trial in the above case was concluded yesterday and judgment reserved, to be given in writing, which will probably be rendered in a day or two, as His Lordship remarked that his mind was made up in the case, but its importance demanded a written rather than a verbal judgment. In the course of the argument a proposition to fix the rate of interest at five per cent—the English rate—was accepted by Marvin's counsel but declined by the counsel for the Bank, whereupon the Court fixed the rate of interest at one per cent per month.

AN AMERICAN PREDICTION.—Henry Ward Beecher, who visited several of the cities of the Upper Provinces in November, says: "Beyond a question, Montreal is destined to become a great city. With the exception of New York, we do not know of another position on the continent which, in climate, inland connections, foreign relations, and local advantages for manufacturing, can compare with Montreal. If nature had set out to express her mind on purpose respecting the proper site for a large city, she could hardly have improved upon Montreal."

THE schooner Robert Cowan, towed by the Isabel, started for Burrard Inlet yesterday afternoon. She will partially load with lumber at Stamp's mills, and returning to this port will fill up with general merchandise for Honolulu, S. I.

CHIEF JUSTICE NEEDHAM, Rev Mr Somerville and Lunay Franklin, Esq, have been selected to act as judges of the prize essay on the beauties of the scenery of Beacon Hill. The Chief Justice will award the prizes.

THE Isabel, having in tow the American ship Shooting Star, arrived from Nanaimo yesterday morning. The ship is laden with coal for San Francisco.

THE VOLUNTEERS, under the command of Capt. Pease, marched out last evening and presented a good appearance. They were preceded by their fine band.

H. M. S. Sparrowhawk returned from New Westminster via San Juan yesterday morning.

SILVER HUNTERS.—A number of men are engaged in prospecting the mountains in the vicinity of Cape Elzetter for silver lodes.

The ship Marmora's cargo is all out. She will load at Burrard Inlet for Shanghai.

THE RECIPROcity Treaty.—Importance of the Canadian Trade.

From a paper which Capt. Crowell, of the ship Simoda, has kindly given us, we learn that the American Minister to China, Mr Burlingame, who, with his wife and staff, were telegraphed by the Chinese at Hongkong, were rescued by Lieut Dunlop, of H. M. S. gunboat Dove, who, with a detachment of Marines and bluejackets, made a forced march of 25 miles, arriving in time to rescue the party and escort them to Hongkong safely. The same paper says: "It is not amiss to allude here to the insignificant fact that lawless robbers took and plundered at will under the very shadow of the Imperial Capital." The Ambassador of China was almost captured by these wild flying bandits, and had to wait forty-eight hours ere he was delivered, and yet he was only 45 miles from Peking and about the same distance from Tientsin.

OUR MILITARY ORGANIZATION.—The Spectator wants to know why it should cost two millions to send an expedition to Abyssinia and an equal sum to reinforce Canada a year or two ago? We keep up in India, at a cost of seventeen millions a year, an army of 250,000 men, supported, from the circumstances of the country, to be permanently ready for active service. We keep up, in the rest of the British empire, at a cost of £15,000,000, an army of 120,000 men, also supported, when necessity arises, to be available for duty. The cost of the departments in both countries—of ordnance, transport, commissariat, and so on—amounts to millions, which are supposed to be expended with a view to securing readiness for war. And, finally, we spend ten millions on a fleet, capable, as we all congratulate ourselves, on going anywhere and doing anything. In short, we spend altogether, forty-two millions, twice the French expenditure, upon inferior armaments, and then, when a mere section, a single legion as it were, of that force is required for active service, we have at once to spend millions more, in a frantic hurry, and under circumstances which compel us to raise the price of the things we want in half the markets of the world. Surely there is some grievous waste, some evidence of defective organization? Mobility is the first characteristic of efficient armies, and some of the British army never is mobile. We construct an infinite cost a delicate, steady, and experience shows, a very powerful engine, and then somehow have to pay almost its value for fuel and grease to get it in motion. There is transport, for example. We are always paying for transport at a rate which makes foreign ship-owners pale with envy, and upsets the calculations of the best financiers, yet the transport of troops ought surely to be one of the duties of a navy, one of the fighting agencies supposed to be provided out of the £210,000,000, half the cost of the railway system, which we spend on armaments every five years.

A heavy penalty has fallen upon some of our interests. The imposition of a heavy duty upon timber has caused severe injury to our shipping interest, otherwise subjected to embarrassing disabilities, while it has placed a premium on shipbuilding at St. Johns and in the ports of Great Britain. The returns of the former province of Canada show that during the last fiscal year their imports increased six millions, and that the increase was entirely with Great Britain, while the purchases from the United States were below those of 1865-6, indicating that the diversion of the exports of the provinces to other countries is attended with an increase of its purchases from such countries. The exports of the province show a decline of about five millions upon 1865-6, the prospect of the abrogation of the treaty having induced large purchases by our people to save the subsequent import duties, but they are, at the same time, about five millions in excess of the figures of 1864-5, showing that our neighbors are by no means dependent upon us for a market for their products. It was, certainly, a most unwise policy which led to the abrogation of the treaty. The fact of our being able, under the agreement, to exchange a much larger amount of products than had proved possible previously, was a sufficient evidence of the advantage to both parties, and no stronger argument for its continuance needed to be advanced, for every exchange implies mutual profit. Now, however, we are beginning to see the results of our act; and yet in this year's trade returns we have only a slight indication of what we may expect in the future. The natural course of Canadian trade is to this country; but as we have built a wall around ourselves, and thus obstructed the natural channel, a new one is being forced. The movement at first was hardly perceptible, but is at length beginning to indicate its course; and let it once work out for itself another route and it will require more than the restoration of the reciprocity treaty to restore it. We have a good illustration of this idea in the course of Western trade, which formerly sought the seaboard by way of New Orleans. The war shut up the Mississippi and all the trade was forced towards the East. Now, although that river has long been open, the new channel continues to carry off the prize.

But there are already among us palpable symptoms of a desire to negotiate a new treaty. Several interests complain of injury from the repeal, while none profess to be especially benefited. Probably the question of resuming reciprocal relations with the New Dominion may be introduced into Congress at the coming session, and we trust will result in the reopening of negotiations for that object.

A Pending Affair of Honor at Washington.—A duel is on the tapis here between a major general and an ex-captain of the Army of the Potomac. The difficulty originated at the opera on Monday evening in this way:—The captain referred to, who is noted for his gallantry and politeness, occupied a seat in the orchestra, and seeing in the private box a friend with whom he desired to speak he endeavored to pass out in the direction nearest the point he sought. On the same line of seats with the captain was the major general, at a distance of some three or four chairs from the end. The occupants of all the intermediate seats, with the exception of the major general, quietly arose to let the captain pass out. The man of two stars, however, was leaning against the row of seats in front, and showed no sign of moving aside. The captain said to him "general, please allow me to pass out for a moment." The major general answered, without moving, "This is not the way to pass, sir. You shall not get out this way. Go around the other way." "General," said the Captain, "I thought you were a gentleman. You are a general, and ought to be a gentleman, but you behave like a ruffian. Allow me to pass."

At this point a person in military uniform who was in company with the general remarked to the captain, "This is not the way, sir, in which to address a general." "A general," said the captain, "is not a general, but a man. Allow me to pass, sir, please." The general refused to budge, and the captain, seeing a number of ladies about, and unwilling to interrupt the performance by a row, restrained his indignation and passed out in an opposite direction.

It is said that the captain has since sent a challenge to the general, and proclaims that he will brand him in the newspapers if he refuses to receive it. The affair causes quite an excitement here, as the parties are both well known and have many friends in Washington. New York Herald Correspondent.

We learn from the Citizen that Mr. Howe is not a very violent impostor, that he has his doubts as to the probabilities of success in the appeal which would be made by petition and delegation to England, and that the Colonist.

THE GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.—(From the Toronto Globe.) Captain Tyler, of the Royal Engineers, and Mr. Eberall, who were commissioned by the Grand Trunk directors to examine and report upon the condition of the railway, have made their report. Reference is made in it to the competition by land and water to which the line is subjected. After examining at some length the necessities that existed for a large outlay in maintenance and renewal, they estimate that when the line is in good working order, a saving of £115,000 a year in working expenses will be effected. From the use of peat fuel a saving of £40,000 a year is considered not impossible. They deprecate the expense of laying a third rail from Port Erie to Sarnia, but recommend that the Detroit and Huron road be made a broad gauge, and that the Intercolonial bridge at Buffalo be constructed. The climate of Canada has been blamed over much for the failure of rails. The commissioners think that the material of which the rails were made was bad, and that the rails in use would not have been durable in any climate. Testimony is borne to the ability and honesty with which the line is managed by the Managing Director and his officers. The amount necessary to place the line in its proper state is estimated at £500,000. But inasmuch as the Intercolonial railway may be expected to increase the traffic, a further expenditure of £114,000 would be a moderate amount to add for contingencies. A total expenditure of £900,000 might, therefore, be anticipated, to do justice to the property and to Canada. The Commissioners think that the Government of Canada may now be fairly asked for further assistance to improve the credit of the Company. It seems, as it is, that further assistance from our Government is out of the question. Canada has already given the Company £3,111,500 sterling, besides affording every aid in the way of legislation. Directly or indirectly, our Government has sunk about \$30,000,000 in the enterprise, and if our country has been a gainer by the railway we have not shirked our share of the expenditure incurred. We suppose we have a sort of claim upon the Company in respect of the amount contributed by us, but we should not object to releasing the claim altogether and cutting connection with the concern now and forever.

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"One night, in going home from my father's house, Lamb observed a lighted parlor window in Berkeley street; Portman square, and an unmistakable party-dinner inside enjoying themselves after their kind. Wordsworth's lines at once recurred to him, and clinging to the area railings, he shook them and shrieked, 'You damned party in a parlor!' Mr. Proctor says that Lamb was almost respectful to Wordsworth; but there were times when he forgot this respect. I have heard Leigh Hunt relate that one evening, meeting Wordsworth at a friend's house, (Lamb) shook him by the nose, instead of by the hand, with this greeting, 'How d'ye do, old Lake Poet?' And recollect, in the year 1844, hearing Haydon, the artist, in that painting room of his where, two years later, he died by his own hand, tell a story of Wordsworth and Lamb, which, I believe, has appeared in print, but which is so good that it will bear repetition. There was a party at somebody's house, at which were several of the literary celebrities of the day. The guests also included a very pretentious gentleman, who intended to draw out Wordsworth by such questions as 'What, sir, is your opinion of Milton?' The great man received these invitations to literary discourse with much coldness and a very lofty manner, bordering on disdain, until he discovered that his questioner held a post of great influence in the Stamp Office, with which Wordsworth himself was also connected, when, with that servility which I am afraid belonged to the chief of the Lake School, after he had become a Tory, he exhibited the utmost deference to the foolish gentleman. Being annoyed at this, Lamb (who was a little excited with wine) roared out whenever the unfortunate man opened his lips, 'What a damned sight to see!'"

"Key-diddle-diddle! my man John! I brood an' dequ' Went to bed with his breeches on!" "Coleridge, who was also one of the party, endeavored to soothe him with his most honeyed accents. 'Now, Charles, don't Charles! really you know... But Charles was deaf to remonstrances, and the terrible chant of 'Key-diddle-diddle! my man John!' rose louder and louder the more the foolish gentleman displayed his folly.' At length James & Horace Smith (I forget which went up to the distaff of the evening's harmony) said, 'In my thirty-third year, Lamb, and was wot of poetry; I'm sure you'll accompany me—and we got 'hime out without more ado.'"

GREENBACKS AS GOOD AS GOLD.—The Boston Journal's Washington correspondent telegraphs as follows, Dec. 25:—Probably no subject has been more often discussed than the constitutionality of the act declaring the federal currency notes or greenbacks, a legal tender in all payments, and yet though the act was passed long since, and though very many excellent jurists have disputed its validity, the matter has never received a decisive adjudication. A case, however, is now being argued before the United States Supreme Court which it is thought will settle the question of this vexed question. The case comes from Oregon, whose statutes require payment of taxes, when collected by the sheriffs, to be made in coin to the several counties by whom they are levied. The sheriff, in this case, having paid the amount collected by him in currency to the county officer, the argument will be resumed on Monday next by Reverdy Johnson.

A married lady living in Utica, New York, wanted a fashionable autumn outfit, which her husband would not buy for her. So she wrote a note in dignified hand, expressing great admiration and asking the favor of a personal interview at a certain time and place. The unsuspecting husband kept the appointment, dressed in his best, and when the strange lady lifted her veil he beheld the features of his own dear wife, who that very day was expecting in the possession of her own new dress, black bonnet, and other nice affairs of that kind. He was so shocked that he presented her with twice and who for that reason was compelled to neglect his paper for one day, wrote, the day after the following excuse: 'We were unable to issue our paper yesterday in consequence of the arrival of two extra males.'

THE GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.—(From the Toronto Globe.) Captain Tyler, of the Royal Engineers, and Mr. Eberall, who were commissioned by the Grand Trunk directors to examine and report upon the condition of the railway, have made their report. Reference is made in it to the competition by land and water to which the line is subjected. After examining at some length the necessities that existed for a large outlay in maintenance and renewal, they estimate that when the line is in good working order, a saving of £115,000 a year in working expenses will be effected. From the use of peat fuel a saving of £40,000 a year is considered not impossible. They deprecate the expense of laying a third rail from Port Erie to Sarnia, but recommend that the Detroit and Huron road be made a broad gauge, and that the Intercolonial bridge at Buffalo be constructed. The climate of Canada has been blamed over much for the failure of rails. The commissioners think that the material of which the rails were made was bad, and that the rails in use would not have been durable in any climate. Testimony is borne to the ability and honesty with which the line is managed by the Managing Director and his officers. The amount necessary to place the line in its proper state is estimated at £500,000. But inasmuch as the Intercolonial railway may be expected to increase the traffic, a further expenditure of £114,000 would be a moderate amount to add for contingencies. A total expenditure of £900,000 might, therefore, be anticipated, to do justice to the property and to Canada. The Commissioners think that the Government of Canada may now be fairly asked for further assistance to improve the credit of the Company. It seems, as it is, that further assistance from our Government is out of the question. Canada has already given the Company £3,111,500 sterling, besides affording every aid in the way of legislation. Directly or indirectly, our Government has sunk about \$30,000,000 in the enterprise, and if our country has been a gainer by the railway we have not shirked our share of the expenditure incurred. We suppose we have a sort of claim upon the Company in respect of the amount contributed by us, but we should not object to releasing the claim altogether and cutting connection with the concern now and forever.

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"One night, in going home from my father's house, Lamb observed a lighted parlor window in Berkeley street; Portman square, and an unmistakable party-dinner inside enjoying themselves after their kind. Wordsworth's lines at once recurred to him, and clinging to the area railings, he shook them and shrieked, 'You damned party in a parlor!' Mr. Proctor says that Lamb was almost respectful to Wordsworth; but there were times when he forgot this respect. I have heard Leigh Hunt relate that one evening, meeting Wordsworth at a friend's house, (Lamb) shook him by the nose, instead of by the hand, with this greeting, 'How d'ye do, old Lake Poet?' And recollect, in the year 1844, hearing Haydon, the artist, in that painting room of his where, two years later, he died by his own hand, tell a story of Wordsworth and Lamb, which, I believe, has appeared in print, but which is so good that it will bear repetition. There was a party at somebody's house, at which were several of the literary celebrities of the day. The guests also included a very pretentious gentleman, who intended to draw out Wordsworth by such questions as 'What, sir, is your opinion of Milton?' The great man received these invitations to literary discourse with much coldness and a very lofty manner, bordering on disdain, until he discovered that his questioner held a post of great influence in the Stamp Office, with which Wordsworth himself was also connected, when, with that servility which I am afraid belonged to the chief of the Lake School, after he had become a Tory, he exhibited the utmost deference to the foolish gentleman. Being annoyed at this, Lamb (who was a little excited with wine) roared out whenever the unfortunate man opened his lips, 'What a damned sight to see!'"

"Key-diddle-diddle! my man John! I brood an' dequ' Went to bed with his breeches on!" "Coleridge, who was also one of the party, endeavored to soothe him with his most honeyed accents. 'Now, Charles, don't Charles! really you know... But Charles was deaf to remonstrances, and the terrible chant of 'Key-diddle-diddle! my man John!' rose louder and louder the more the foolish gentleman displayed his folly.' At length James & Horace Smith (I forget which went up to the distaff of the evening's harmony) said, 'In my thirty-third year, Lamb, and was wot of poetry; I'm sure you'll accompany me—and we got 'hime out without more ado.'"

GREENBACKS AS GOOD AS GOLD.—The Boston Journal's Washington correspondent telegraphs as follows, Dec. 25:—Probably no subject has been more often discussed than the constitutionality of the act declaring the federal currency notes or greenbacks, a legal tender in all payments, and yet though the act was passed long since, and though very many excellent jurists have disputed its validity, the matter has never received a decisive adjudication. A case, however, is now being argued before the United States Supreme Court which it is thought will settle the question of this vexed question. The case comes from Oregon, whose statutes require payment of taxes, when collected by the sheriffs, to be made in coin to the several counties by whom they are levied. The sheriff, in this case, having paid the amount collected by him in currency to the county officer, the argument will be resumed on Monday next by Reverdy Johnson.

A married lady living in Utica, New York, wanted a fashionable autumn outfit, which her husband would not buy for her. So she wrote a note in dignified hand, expressing great admiration and asking the favor of a personal interview at a certain time and place. The unsuspecting husband kept the appointment, dressed in his best, and when the strange lady lifted her veil he beheld the features of his own dear wife, who that very day was expecting in the possession of her own new dress, black bonnet, and other nice affairs of that kind. He was so shocked that he presented her with twice and who for that reason was compelled to neglect his paper for one day, wrote, the day after the following excuse: 'We were unable to issue our paper yesterday in consequence of the arrival of two extra males.'

We learn from the Citizen that Mr. Howe is not a very violent impostor, that he has his doubts as to the probabilities of success in the appeal which would be made by petition and delegation to England, and that the Colonist.

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On the 18th ultimo Cariboo—our mainstay, and next to Victoria, the most numerously populated section of the Colony—had been six weeks without a mail. With its usual lack of energy and forethought, the Executive had failed to provide for a mail service during the winter months, and the miners who remained through the season in the diggings have been deprived of the privilege of receiving intelligence from their friends abroad. But for occasional visits from Barnard's Express, it appears, from letters we publish to-day, communication with the lower country would have been impossible, and not a word of news would have reached the snow-bound miners until the return of spring. This neglect on the part of the Government cannot be too severely censured; and we are not in the least surprised that the indignation of our correspondents is aroused thereat. It appears the mails were regularly forwarded to the New Westminster office (once by a special steamer) on their arrival at Victoria, and there they seem to have remained until a person on his way to Cariboo was persuaded to carry them, which he appears to have done very much at his leisure and without any intention of subjecting the tips of his ears or the point of his nose to the touch of Jack Frost by exposing himself in extreme cold weather. The do-nothing policy of the Executive is not a new thing. It has been developed here in other respects besides that of mail delivery for a long time. An apathetic, listless air pervades every department of Government in the Colony. We pay an enormous sum of money yearly to have our officials show us "how not to do it." We have a small brigade of Colonial Secretaries, Private Secretaries, and Under Secretaries; a Postmaster General and an Assistant at New Westminster; but while there always seem plenty of officers to decide how the public business should be done, there is never any one found to do it. They are all officers with no privates. In England or Canada a policy of this kind would be called laziness; here it is regarded as diplomacy. Hence it is that we hear of despatches on questions vitally affecting the Colony's interests not having reached London months after they were promised and due there; of delays in the settlement of the Capital question; of an indefinite postponement of the meeting of the Council; and latest of all, the non delivery of the mails in the most important portion of the Colony, while to the most insignificant hamlet in the country a special steamer is found necessary to carry the bags on the arrival of a mail steamer. The excuse will be, as a matter of course, a want of funds to perform the service. Too bad—too bad! Money can always be had for the support of useless drones and imbeciles, who are drag-chains to the progress of the country; but when it comes to pushing forward a work of real utility, by furthering which the public interests will be subserved, the plaintive cry of "No money!" is rung in our ears. We tell the people of this Island, and of Cariboo that there is but one remedy for our ills—but one avenue through which we can escape from the toils of the official locusts who are eating our substance—and that remedy and that avenue is CONFIDENCE. There is not the slightest hope of reforming this administration—it is too effectually steeped in "diplomacy" ever to be of practical use again to any one—even itself.

Abstract of Rain Register. Table with columns for January and February, showing rain fall, greatest fall in one day, and number of rainy days.

DISMISSED.—The charge against the Indian who was remanded yesterday, for throwing a squaw over the railing on Market Alley, was dismissed for the want of sufficient evidence, the woman herself being so drunk at the time she could not remember the facts.

From Big Bend.

We have received the following items of news from Mr John A Mars, who left Big Bend on the 4th February, arriving here on the 1st inst. The winter was severe. During one week in January the cold was intense, freezing the mercury every night. The cold weather continued for about five weeks, during which no snow fell. The snow lay about four feet deep. With the advent of Feb'y the weather moderated and snow commenced to fall. There were 73 men wintering on the three creeks, 53 of whom were on French creek. Mining operations had been suspended on account of the severe cold. The Blue Nose Co. had commenced taking out dirt for future washing. The dirt seems to be good, the gold plainly appearing in it. The Texas Co. had commenced their tunnel in the hill and were getting fair prospects. The Discovery Co. were sinking a shaft on the flat in front of the town. On McCollooh's creek two companies had been working all winter, taking out some gold. Great confidence was felt in the richness of this creek, and it was expected that about 100 men would leave Colville on the opening of the season for these diggings. The markets were well supplied with goods and provisions. On French creek, flour 20c; beef, 25c; bacon, 75c; potatoes, 15c; onions, 20c. (the stocks of vegetables were laid in last fall) sugar, 50c; candles, \$1; tea, \$1 50 to \$2; coffee, green, 75c. The steamer Forty-nine is expected to make her first trip the coming season on the 10th or 15th of May. Travelling was very bad over to Seymour. Snow ten feet deep on the divide. No trails; no way-side inns; nobody living at Seymour. Travelling on snow-shoes from French Creek to Thompson river. The Lakes are frozen over solid. The fall hunt of fur-bearing animals had been a failure. Stock was wintering well on the Kamloops, Thompson and Bonaparte ranges. From Bonaparte to Salter's the snow had mostly disappeared. Thence to Yale sleighing was good. Ice nearly all the way from Yale to Coe's ranch. The people wintering in Big Bend complain bitterly, and it would appear not without reason, of neglect in mail matters. They have had neither mail nor express since the middle of November. They had raised a fund and dispatched Mr Robinson out to Cornwall's for a mail, supposing that one or more mails would be lying there, but unfortunately none were to be had. The messenger came out with our informant, and would remain there a week in the hope that a Big Bend mail would arrive.—Columbian.

RECEPTION AT THE WHITE HOUSE.—"Jenkins," of the Washington Intelligencer, thus speaks of a recent reception at the White House:—"The brilliantly illuminated parlors, wherein the rays of hundreds of flashing lights were reflected back from mirrored walls; the many beautiful ladies, whose robes of rustling silk, of glistening satin, and soft velvet trailed gracefully over the yielding carpets; the sumptuous surroundings, the rare exotics, scattered everywhere in luxuriant profusion—all combined to form a picture of unrivalled loveliness; while the extraordinary strains of the Marine Band, floating with softened cadence upon the perfumed air, fell on the enraptured ear with wondrous sweetness. It is not strange, then that people linger till long after the hour of eleven, for who could not enjoy such a scene as this for hours at a time without wearying of its ever-changing beauties."

CARIBOO.—Dates from Cariboo to the 18th received yesterday, state that the Cariboo Company had struck a rich deposit of gold in their claim from which was taken 350 ounces in a few days; but a thaw suddenly occurring the shaft filled with water and work was suspended. An interest in the claim was sold for \$4000. Several claims on Mesquite Gulch were paying largely. The Grouse Creek Flame Company's claim was yielding about \$700 per day.

RICH STRIKE.—A splendid prospect has been obtained in the Morning Star claim, on William creek. A telegram was received in Victoria on Wednesday and two interests were purchased from claimholders residing in the city at a handsome figure. The Morning Star claim is situated on William creek, just opposite Conklin gulch. A rich strike on Antler is also reported.

STILL FROZEN.—The ice still continues firm in the river above the Harrison. Mr Guerra, a constable from the upper country, walked upon the ice from Yale to within five miles of the Harrison mouth, on Saturday last. The river, we believe, was never known to have been frozen across at Yale before the present winter.

ALARMING STATEMENT.—An unknown individual, possessing an unaccounted propensity for practical jokes, caused some alarm in town yesterday by his having placed under the door of Engineer Johnson a letter, stating that a plot was organized to disable the fire engine, cut the alarm ropes, and set fire to the town.—Examiner.

DOOR BREAKING.—Peter Girard, a stranger from Orcas Island, was yesterday brought before the police court for breaking a door, the property of Edward Wood, in Cormorant street. The accused pleaded as an excuse drunkenness, and had no knowledge of his acts. He was fined \$10.

WESLEYAN MISSION.—We learn that Rev Dr Evans will shortly return to Canada, and that at the Annual District Meeting, soon to be held here, a new Superintendent of the Mission will be appointed. Two missionaries are expected from Canada in the course of a few weeks.

DELUGES ENGINE Co.—At the Annual Meeting of this company last evening W. Lobse was elected Foreman; W. Wilson, 1st Assistant; M. Baker, 2d Assistant; Secretary, J. Vinter; Treasurer, J. Sehl, (re-elected.) Standing Committee, F. Geiger, J. Lewin, Geo. Norris, Jr.

ALL ABOARD.—The work of placing the cable on board the ship Nightingale, at Esquimalt, was completed yesterday. The ship will take on board a quantity of wire and will sail for New York city in about ten days from date.

THE PRIZE ESSAYS.—The judges met yesterday to examine the prize essays on Beacon Hill scenery. Due notice of the selection of an evening for the reading of the essay selected as the best, will be given.

THE POWDER MAGAZINE.—We understand that Admiral Hastings has expressed his readiness to remove the gunpowder magazine to safer quarters in Esquimalt harbor.

THE MAIL STEAMER.—The mail steamer on board, which left San Francisco on the 10th of February, arrived at New York on Monday.

POSTPONED.—The sailing of the steamer California, from San Francisco for Victoria, until Tuesday next.

The Cariboo Mail.

BARKERVILLE, Feb 18th, 1868.

EDITOR COLONIST:—Can you tell us anything as to the whereabouts of the Royal mail, which is said to have left Victoria some two months ago? We hear upon the street that it was dispatched from Westminster early in January, to be brought through from Yale by some unfortunate gentleman out of employment. Now we have waited patiently six weeks for a mail; but to think that we must still wait four or five weeks longer is really too much to ask from this community, shut out as we are from all the world. We look anxiously for the arrival of the mails and it is as little as the Government can do to send us one regularly once every three weeks. In fact, why was the mail not sent with the Express, or since Mr Barnard pushes the Express through, why is the mail left on the road? Four fifths of our population receive nothing by Express, but rely entirely upon the mail for their letters and papers. You can readily fancy, then, that we are decidedly out of humour just now. Perhaps by reminding our worthy Governor that fifteen hundred people in Cariboo would like to get their letters and papers from home, as well as himself, he may do as he would be done by, and send our mails in such a way as to ensure their being delivered within a reasonable time.

The Cariboo Mail.

EDITOR COLONIST:—Did you ever hear of King O'Toole and his goose? Once upon a time, we are told, there lived a certain King O'Toole in Munster who had a favorite goose. The goose, however, like its master, got old, and at last got so infirm that it could not accompany the king in his daily walks nor provide his table with fish from the lake as it used to do; in fact, the poor goose's days appeared to be numbered, when, one day, St. Kevin, who dwelt in the odor of sanctity, came to the king on a begging mission for the church, like some of our reversed friends in this colony; but the king was not in a giving mood, his temper was soured, and he thought that the Saint didn't do much more for his living than some of the reverend gentlemen aforesaid, so he told him he wouldn't give him a copper unless he could restore the old goose to youth. "And what will you give me, then?" said the Saint. "I'll give you all the ground she flies round," sneered the king. "It's a bargain!" said the Saint. "Up with you, my boy!" And up started the goose and flew round about fifty miles over the king's best land. So the king recovered his favorite in its pristine vigor and beauty, but lost his land.

It seems to me now that we have some political Saint Kevins among us, who are disposed to re-convert the sons of King O'Toole's geese. After the express had waited fifteen days in Yale for our up mails, the New Westminster political economists refuse to pay Mr Barnard for carrying them, though it is now 48 days since we had a foreign mail on William creek—the mainstay of the colony, without whose gold the colony would collapse in a week, and all the hungry officials who are fighting for the spoils in the capital would be turned adrift to seek a living some where else, where, perhaps, they might be better appreciated.

seven weeks without communication with the outer world, and the Lord only knows how much longer we shall be in the same predicament, because the imbecile Government we are cursed with, and which neglects everything but taxation, instead of sending the mails by a reliable conveyance prefer to send them by King O'Toole and his geese. But O'Toole hasn't a goose that can fly as fast as his old namesake's bird, and whenever it does reach here (if it doesn't stick in the snow till summer) I am afraid that the treasury will find this trip of O'Toole's Goose Express to be about as expensive to the Colony as the flight of the old Goose was to the King.

"WHERE'S O'TOOLE?"

William Creek, February 18, 1868.

Martyrdom for Respectability.

The late Mr. Prichard, Cigar-maker, recently of Bromley, has been a great ethical problem to the London Press. There is no doubt as to the facts of his case. He lost £3,000 by becoming security for a friend, and then starved slowly himself, his wife and five children, in order to avoid the—to him—apparently intolerable necessity of asking aid as a pauper. His rent was paid regularly to quarter-day, apparently by a less needy brother. On Monday, the 2nd of December, when a charitable neighbor, Mr. J. H. Ellis (who had tried perseveringly but unsuccessfully on the preceding Saturday to gain admittance), at length entered the house, he found, on entering the back kitchen, a very small back room on the ground floor,—he had been dead two days,—Mrs Prichard quite insensible, and five children huddled together on a piece of bedding, without bedstead, in various stages of starvation. The shutter was closed, and the room quite dark. The furniture had all been pawned. None of the family had left it for days, and the room was, consequently, in an intolerable state. On the previous Friday half a loaf of bread had been divided between the children, the father and mother being too ill to eat. On the Saturday Mr Prichard suddenly asked for food. There was none for him; and he soon after fell forward on his face and died,—or, as the poor child, his daughter, pathetically described it, "he was praying for mother and us, and then he fell over on the floor, and has been sleeping there ever since." The few books in the house seem to have been religious books. They were worthless to pawn, and, indeed, the only things of the smallest value left were a portrait of Mr Prichard, and one, better executed, of Mrs Prichard's mother. Mr Prichard himself, though too poor to have a shirt, had on him a paper collar, with a bit of black silk inside it, apparently cut from his wife's apron, by way of ribbon. There was also a small Pembroke table, on which Mr Prichard had been in the habit of making up some cleaning powders by the sale of which he earned the little money they obtained in the latter days of his life. Apparently, the children had been all taught to love each other, and were very fond of their parents. The eldest girl, who had nursed the baby through these last days, was delirious when the state of the family was discovered, but in her delirium talked of nothing but food for the baby. When she came to herself, and found that fire had been provided, she remarked at once that now there was fire, it would be possible to make broth for her mother of a raw knuckle bone,—well gnawed,—which had never been cooked, on account of the want of fire. Mrs Prichard, who would have died, the surgeon said, if assistance had been a single hour delayed, no sooner recovered her senses than she began to ask for George, of whose death she had never known, though he had apparently been dead two days in the same room with her, during which, however, she herself had been insensible. When some friend prayed by her bedside, she immediately asked why George did not come into prayers, as he used to do. Every incident seems to show a thoroughly united and thoroughly pious family. Mr Prichard's last words were those of prayer; and yet, while praying for his wife and children he had never been able to ask parish assistance for them.—London Spectator.

A LONDON paper gives the following account of an exhibition at Egyptian Hall of a company of Arabs who describe themselves as "the tribe of Aissa-Houba, the African convulsionnaires, snake-charmers, fire-eaters and conjurers." It is said that the tribe claim the power of eating, without danger, anything that may be offered to them. Their common food would seem to be burning charcoal or lighted torches, while they derive an agreeable variety of diet from chewing wigs, the prickly leaves of the cactus, or the flesh of live snakes, or swallowing sharp-edged pebbles and ten-penny nails. Their amusements are equally exceptional in their nature. To balance one's self upon a naked sword, or to allow two strong men to press a similar instrument against one's bare stomach, is a diversion from which most Englishmen would shrink with repugnance and alarm; but to these curious strangers it appears to be a matter of perfect indifference—indeed, rather an agreeable relaxation than otherwise; while, when the desire for sport is strong upon them, they will run swords into their bodies, carry about serpents hanging to their tongues, pierce

their mouths and cheeks with long needles, or rather skewers, or allow a dozen strong men to haul at a rope which is twisted round their bodies until one would imagine that all their internal organs must be squeezed into a jelly, and the cordage appears to be gradually entering into the flesh of the abdomen. Curious as are these tricks—and tricks we presume they are, although we confess ourselves unable to penetrate the secret of the illusions—they are by no means altogether agreeable to witness; but another, in which one of the performers appears to remove, or actually removes his eye from the socket with the point of a sword, is absolutely revolting. The audience yesterday afternoon was composed entirely of men, but even for some of them this part of the performance was a little too strong. In the presence of ladies it would be quite inadmissible. The performers were watched most closely, but as far as we are aware no one who was present yesterday detected the secret by which they were enabled to execute these wonderful tricks. When one of the Arabs ate a wine glass you could hear him champing the material with his teeth, while the heat of the burning charcoal which another of them held in his mouth was tested by the simple but effectual expedient of lighting vesuvians at the pieces while they were between his lips. The same man exposed his face and neck to the influence of a flame which not only did not burn his skin, but did not even singe a slight beard and moustache with which his sable countenance was ornamented; while another held a bundle of flaming brands under his shirt, and in close proximity to his naked flesh, without appearing to sustain any inconvenience.

THE IRISH IN ENGLAND.—At the last census in 1861, among the 20,066,324 persons found in England and Wales 601,634 were natives of Ireland, being nearly three in every hundred. At the preceding census in 1851 the number was not quite so large, being only a little over 2.9 per hundred. One thing, however, must not be overlooked; that the children born in England of Irish parents are counted among the English people, and that, partly at least as the result of this, an unusually large proportion of the Irish in England—in 1861 nearly five-sixths—are adults of 20 years and upwards. Reckoning only males, the census of 1861 shows 9,776,259 males of all ages in England, and among them were 298,720 natives of Ireland, being 3 per cent of the whole number; or the Irishmen in England 20 years old or upwards were more than 4.5 per cent of the whole male population of that age. It was estimated by the Registrar General that the Irish in England were sustained at their number by an immigration of nearly 18,000 a year. Of the Irish male persons of all ages in England at the last census rather more than 100,000, above a third of the whole number, were in Lancashire. In Liverpool, with a total male population of 215,716, 40,059 males were natives of Ireland. In Manchester and Salford 22,096 of the 217,596 males were persons born in Ireland. Other Lancashire towns show considerable numbers of natives of Ireland. In Bolton they were 2,424 of the 33,759 males, and in Preston 2,810 in 35,068. Many other towns in the north show the tendency of the Irish part of the population to the towns. The census gives 4,933 natives of Ireland in the 100,133 male persons of all ages in Leeds; 2,458 in 49,263 in Bradford; 3,365 in 92,140 in Sheffield; 2,524 in 25,264; in Stockport; 1,270 in 16,896 in Gateshead; 1,426 in 46,598 in Hull; 2,297 in 37,818 in Sunderland; 3,322 in 54,062 in Newcastle. The town of Warrington in now separately given, but in the district the members are 1,985 in 22,305 males of all ages. Coming south, we find 1,854 in the 30,610 males in Wolverhampton; 5,812 in 143,996 in Birmingham; 1,966 in 68,043 in Bristol; 2,472 in 43,868 in Merthyr Tydfil; 1,048 in 11,458 in Newport. In London there were at the last census 3,307,781 male persons, and 47,587 of them, 3.6 per cent, were born in Ireland. In Scotland the Irish are chiefly clustered in places where there is a good demand for unskilled labour. In Glasgow, and also in Dundee, the census shows nearly 16 per cent of the inhabitants natives of Ireland; in Edinburgh 5 per cent.

AN IVORY TUMOR OF THE OUTER JAW.—On the 30th ultimo, remarks the Lancet, Sir William Ferguson removed a remarkable tumor of the upper jaw from a healthy young man aged 21. The deformity produced by the growth was very considerable, the eye being dislocated to the outer side, but still retaining its power of vision. The tumor was of a dense osseous nature, the greater part of it being as hard as ivory. It was of twelve years' growth, and was of the size of the clenched fist. Thanks to the exertions of some adventurer, a portion of skin covering the tumor had been destroyed by caustic in the vain hope of thus getting rid of the disorder. The operator experienced unusual difficulties in the progress of the operation, owing to the extent and density of the mass to be removed. He succeeded at length, however, in isolating the growth, and excising it with very little loss of blood. We regret to hear that the patient died very suddenly on Tuesday morning. Sir William Ferguson's patient reminded us forcibly of a case recorded by Mr Hilton in the first volume of the Guy Hospital Reports, which was that of a man aged 36, who for 23 years had suffered from a large bony tumor of the left upper jaw, which eventually spontaneously separated, leaving an enormous chasm behind it, which is represented in a drawing accompanying the paper in question. In that case the ivory-like mass weighed 143 lbs. The eyeball had been displaced and destroyed 17 years before the tumor separated. In Sir William Ferguson's case surgery interfered at an earlier date, and the patient, had he lived, would have retained the use of this important organ.

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Friday Mr. CLARKE'S BENEFIT.—In other attractions to be present occasion of Mr Clarke's benefit, night next, Mr Bushell has set of Waltzes for the orchestra termed "the V. A. D. C." Amateurs wish not only to give substantial benefit, but to afford of Victoria one of the rarest musical treats they have ever

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INVENTION.—Mr P Cadell, of this city, has invented an apparatus for gold washing in alluvial diggings. The apparatus may be driven by water, horse or steam power.

A RULE WITHOUT A CAPITAL.—The translation of a curious work on Abyssinia has just appeared in London. The book was written by one Jean Cossika, a Turk, and contains the following curious paragraph: "Theodore has a perfect idea of centralization."

Has the reader ever heard of a British Colony, which had for its head a Governor whose policy on the Seat of Government resembled King Theodore's?

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A PERILOUS FALL.—On Wednesday evening last Jim, a Fort Rupert Indian, threw a klootchman over the railing of the bridge in Market Alley, who, after falling some twenty feet struck on the back of her head in the soft earth and became somewhat stunned; but in the course of a half hour seemed none the worse for her fall.

IN DIFFICULTY.—Jim, a Hydash Indian, for breaking Her Majesty's peace by fighting with a female fillicium, was yesterday required to give bonds in the sum of \$25 for good behaviour, or enter the chain-gang service for two weeks. It seemed an extremely doubtful case whether the benefit accruing to the revenue of the country would be in the form of money or labor.

A VICTIM.—An unfortunate man appeared before the Police Court yesterday on the charge of drunkenness. In answer to the charge he said that he came over on the Anderson on Tuesday morning, and went into one of the whiskey shops in town and became intoxicated; and when he had recovered he found himself in custody without any money.

THE BARK OAK HILL has arrived at Port Townsend in 8 days from San Francisco, and reports the loss, at Coos Bay, of the brig Sheet Anchor. A large new schooner was 35 days overdue at San Francisco from one of the ports on the California Coast and is believed to have gone down with all on board.

WHISKEY SELLING.—Gabriel Sabrah was brought before Mr. Pemberton on a charge of supplying liquor to Indians, to which he pleaded guilty and was fined \$50, or in default three months' imprisonment with hard labor.

TRADES LICENSE.—All persons neglecting to pay their trades license for the six months ending 30th June will, after to-morrow, be liable to a summary dealing on the part of the Court.

COURT.—On Tuesday, the 17th inst. a Summary Court will be held by the Stipendiary Magistrate. To-morrow will be the last day for issuing summonses for the same.

THE PERFORMANCE for the benefit of the Steam Fire Engine Fund came off last evening and was largely attended. A handsome sum must have been realized.

THE WIZARD.—Martin will open his budget of wonders at the Alhambra again this evening. Go and see him.

THE SHIP SIMODA, Capt. Crowell, will load at Moody & Co's Mills, Burrard Inlet, for Shanghai, China.

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The Naturalization Question—British Subjects vs. American Citizens.

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No State has a right to demand that its subjects should be tried by jury at all, the system of trial by jury being unknown to international law, and not yet adopted by the municipal law of all or nearly all, civilized nations.

An English lady, affected with kleptomania, has invented a dodge that would do credit to a professional. She fastens a silk thread to a small coin, and when the person by her side is about to open her purse to pay for the article she presents the coin, with the remark that it has just dropped.

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A few days only have elapsed since his Eminence, in proof of his obedience to the Pope, resolved on leaving Naples. The letter which announced this submission was placed in the hands of Cardinal Antonelli early in the afternoon, and it had been anticipated by a telegram, in which, as well as in the latter, his Eminence gave his word of honour to the Pope that he would return immediately, and in both of which he prayed His Holiness to stay the publication of the emanated brief.

With sentiments of profound veneration, asking for the Apostolic benediction, I subscribe myself your most humble and devoted servant. GIROLAMO, CARDINAL D'ANDREA, Bishop of Sabina, Abbot of Subiaco.

It is unwise, perhaps, to anticipate the reception which awaits his Eminence, but if the information which reaches us from Rome be correct, he will be sentenced to reclusion in a monastery for an indefinite time. The great desire is to exclude him from the next Conclave, and though his return might, it would appear, baffle the machinations of his enemies, still the Papal Government is never at a loss for ways and means of effecting its object.

Yes, the eruptions of which have been hitherto a source of amusement, has this week awakened considerable apprehension. Every day almost it has presented a different appearance. On Monday it was covered with a mantle of snow, which was striped with intervals with broad stripes of lava, and the explosive force of the mountain began again to increase, throwing out smoke and dark coloured sand, with slight detonations.

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It was necessary to detach the scientific instruments from the walls and place them on the ground in order to preserve them from the strong undulatory shocks. Persons who were present at the time compare their sensations with those which they have felt on board a vessel when rocked by the waves. On the same day the inhabitants of Torre del Greco were again in so much apprehension of another disaster that Palmieri went over to examine the extinct holes which in 1861 spread devastation over the city.

Crowds of visitors have come in to see this wondrous spectacle, and, among others, some of the members of the Turin Alpine Club.

Protection against Dental Quackery.

At a recent State convention of Dentists held in Utica, N. Y., the profession saw the necessity of some law to regulate the practice of dental surgery, and to protect the public against the evils of dental quackery. It is acknowledged that dental surgery is of the utmost importance to the community at large, yet at the same time it is left without the least legal mark of distinction, and without even recognition by the enactment of a single law.

Sewing Women's Wages.

The poor women of New York are suffering an unusual season of distress this winter, aggravated by a competition for the very little work offering from the wives and daughters of the farmers of the country adjacent to that city. The New York Sun says the railroads are daily filled with goods destined for the interior of the State, where agents distribute them among the farmers' wives and daughters, who in their leisure moments make pin money by working on them.

Snow Storms.—The greatest snow storm recorded in Russia occurred on the steppes of Kirghes in Siberia, in 1827, destroying 285,000,000 horses, 30,000,000 cattle, 1,000,000 sheep and 10,000 camels. The greatest recorded in England is that of 1814, in which, for 48 hours, the snow fell so furiously that drifts of 16, 20 and 24 feet were recorded in various places. In the South of Scotland, in 1820, there were 13 drifty days, which killed nine-tenths of all the sheep. On Eskdale Moor, out of 20,000, only 45 were left alive, and the shepherds everywhere built up huge semi-circular walls of the dead creatures to afford shelter to the living till the gale should end.

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Yesterday we gave place to an article from Hunt's Merchants Magazine—the highest commercial authority in the United States—upon the subject of a renewal of the Reciprocity Treaty with Canada. The writer asserts that the "policy which led to the abrogation of the Treaty was unwise" and that "several interests complain of injury from the repeal, while none profess to be especially benefitted."

are an eminently practical people, turned their attention to other markets, and before the close of the first summer after the Treaty had been knocked on the head were in intimate commercial relations with the West Indies, Central and South America and Western Africa, snatching the bulk of the trade of those countries from the Eastern merchants by supplying their customers with goods equal in quality but lower priced. Trade with the Mother Country was also pushed, and the two years and a half which have elapsed since Canada was thrown back upon her own resources, and the dormant energies of her people roused to action by the blow aimed at their existence, has witnessed a large increase in the export trade of the country.

HENRY WARD BEECHER'S CHURCH.—The New York correspondent of the Portland Oregonian says: "If money be the root of all evil, there was a deep old snag planted in Plymouth Church, whose premiums for the highest seats, under the quick hammer and glib tongue of the auctioneer, ran up to \$425 each. The pews and extra chairs were appraised at \$12,000; and the premiums bid exceeded that sum by \$36,736 50, making the total income of the church for one year, from pew rents alone, the magnificent sum of \$48,736 50."

MARTIAL VISIT.—The Victoria Volunteer Rifle Corps, accompanied by their band, on Monday evening marched down to Esquimalt and gave the inhabitants an exhibition of their proficiency in military drill, and also of their musical requirements. No QUORUM.—There was no meeting of the Municipal Council last evening, there not being a sufficient number of Councillors present to form a quorum.

charge which the Lord Chief-Justice of the Queen's Bench delivered to the jury, that the right of the Times to publish its report stood in need of judicial affirmation. His Lordship discussed the subject at length, and it is impossible to doubt (indeed, there was no evidence to prove the contrary) that the report was a fair one, and says: "That being so, I am prepared to direct you in point of law that it was a privileged publication, and one which cannot be the subject of an action."

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BERLIN, Feb 25.—The new treaty provides that the Germans must obtain a license to emigrate, which shall be returned when those who, after taking out naturalization papers and residing in a foreign country five years, shall be released from militia service in Germany.

LONDON, Feb 25.—The House of Lords has agreed to a bill renewing the suspension of the writ of habeas corpus in Ireland.

BARCELONA, Feb 25.—The report that a treaty had been signed between the United States and the North German Confederation relative to the rights and privileges of naturalized American citizens of German birth, exempting them from home military service, which has heretofore been claimed, is premature.

LONDON, Feb 25.—Lord Derby has resigned the Premiership and his resignation has been accepted by the Queen.

LORD STANLEY announced Earl Derby's resignation in the House of Commons, and Gladstone responded with much delicacy expressed his sorrow at the causes which compelled his resignation.

LONDON, Feb 26.—Lord Chelmsford has resigned the position of High Chancellor and Lord Cairnes will be his successor.

The Times, commenting upon Cabinet changes, says Derby's resignation was a foregone conclusion, so also was the accession of Disraeli to the premiership.

The Morning Post declares that Disraeli becomes Prime Minister less on account of merit than because there is no one else fit for the place.

The Standard says Disraeli's task as Chancellor of the Exchequer was a great difficulty but he was best fitted by courage, tact, experience, and close relation with Earl Derby to succeed in the still more difficult task devolving upon him as Premier.

The Telegraph intimates that Disraeli cannot expect the same indulgence shown his veteran predecessor.

A great meeting of the friends of the United States was held last night at St. James' Hall. John Bright was chairman and made a speech arousing the sympathy of the audience for the American people by an eloquent allusion to their conduct during the rebellion.

The Daily Times has an editorial on the resignation of Minister Adams. It says all England will lament his departure.

BERLIN, Feb 25.—The obligations of the new treaty apply with reciprocity to the Germans and Americans. Engagements between the two countries in regard to extradition will be made, terminable at the end of ten years.

Vienna to negotiate a treaty with Austria. LONDON, Feb 27.—The royal assent is given to the bill for the suspension of the habeas corpus. G. W. Hunt, Under Secretary of the Treasury, is appointed Chancellor of the Exchequer.

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WASHINGTON, Feb 25.—Stevens and Bingham appeared at the door of the Senate at one o'clock. Stevens, after recognition by the presiding officer, said:—In obedience to the order of the House, we appear before you and in the name of the House of Representatives, and of all of the people of the United States, we do impeach Andrew Johnson, &c.

Resolved—That the message from the House relating to the impeachment, be referred to a committee of seven. Resolution adopted.

WASHINGTON, Feb 26.—Justice Carter has fully discharged Gen. Thomas, giving as his reason that it is well known that Thomas did not seek to evade the press of law in any regard, and will be ready to answer when called upon.

The Herald's special says General Thomas has sued Stanton for false imprisonment, laying his damages at \$250,000.

WASHINGTON, Feb 29.—In the Senate Thayer introduced a bill to abolish the office of Adjutant General of the Army. Referred.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the action in relation to impeachment. A motion to delay the trial until all the States are represented was lost.

The Senate then considered the rules, section by section, and adopted several of them.

In the House, after some preliminary business, Botwell, chairman of the select committee, presented articles of impeachment against the President. They consist of ten articles.

Article 1st reiterates former suspension of Stanton, August 12th, and the re of the Senate to concur therein; charges the President with high crimes and misdemeanors in issuing the order for the removal of Stanton, on February 21st.

interim without the authority of law, the Senate being in session at the time. Article 3rd states that the President, without the authority of law, while the Senate was in session, had appointed Lorenzo Thomas to be Secretary of War, ad interim, without the advice and consent of the Senate, and in violation of the Constitution, no vacancy having happened in said office during the recess of the Senate, and no vacancy existing at the time. Article 4th recites that the President mindful of his office and oath of office, and in violation of the Constitution and laws, did unlawfully conspire with Adjutant General Lorenzo Thomas, and other parties unknown to the House of Representatives, with intent by intimidation and threats to hinder and prevent Edwin M. Stanton, the duly appointed Secretary of War, from holding said office, contrary to and in violation of the Constitution of the United States and the provisions of the Act to define and punish certain conspiracies, approved July 31, 1861. Article 5th reiterates previous article, but charges the President with conspiracy with Thomas and others by force to prevent and hinder the execution of the Tenure of Office Act, and attempting to prevent Stanton from being Secretary of War. Article 6th says the unlawfully conspired with Lorenzo Thomas by force to seize the property of the United States in the War Department. Remaining articles similar to these. WASHINGTON, Feb 2.—Barron's telegraph to the State Department that the treaty with the North German Confederation was signed and mailed February 22d via England. It provides that emigration shall be free, and that naturalization changes the nationality of the subject. It is believed that similar treaties will soon be negotiated with other foreign powers. CHICAGO, Feb 2.—Washington special says the President has begun to prepare for his trial. NEW YORK, Feb 25.—The Herald's London despatch states that at a meeting on Tuesday evening John Bright spoke strongly in favor of the Government policy and power of the American people, and the duty of England to cultivate friendly relations with them. NOVA SCOTIA. NEW YORK, Feb 25.—Despatches from Halifax state that the debate on the resolution to remove the capital was considered yesterday, and an address to the Queen embodying a resolution was sent to the Lieutenant Governor to be submitted to the Queen. BRISTOL'S Sarsaparilla IN LARGE BOTTLES. A DIET DRINK THE PERMANENT CURE MOST DANGEROUS AND CONFIRMED CASES Scrofula or King's Evil, Old Sores, Boils Tumors, Abscesses, Ulcers, &c. GENUINE HONDURAS SARSAPARILLA PURE AND RELIABLE CURE FOR SYPHILIS. G. SUTRO & CO., Corner of Yates and Wharf Streets, IMPORTERS OF Groceries, Provisions, and TOBACCO.

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