nts. aber 24. -Leichhardt, A.S.N. Co.'s a November 24. Leichhardt, A.S.N. Co.'s a, 459 tons, Captain J. M'Lean, from Sydney November 21. Passengers: Mrs. E. P. Ashdown, Mrs. Penfold and family, Miss Mitchell, Miss M. Nolan, Miss C. M. Parr, Rev. W. H. Roberts, Rev. T. H. Gibson, Mesars. S. Hoffnung, S. Samper, T. H. Peares, C. N. Daniels, J. Edwards, J. Downie, T. Merritt, T. Booth, A. J. Beveridge, D. Love, F. C. Parr, C. W. Bucknell, T. Meakle, D. J. Sopen, and 20 in the steerage. H. O'Reilly, agent.

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November 23.—Varalla, A.S.N. Co.'s s., 303
tons, Captain A. T. Edwards, for Rockhampton
and Mackey. Passengers: Judge Blake, Mesers.
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November 23.—Lady Darling, schooner, 109 tons, Captain J. Williams, for the South Sea Islands via Mackay. C. Munro and Co., agents.

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Arakoon, s., f. om the Tweed River: 193 mats sugar, 4 casks molasses, 75 bags maize, and 8 hides.

Itswich STEAMERS.—The Louisa, from Messra. D. L. Brown and Co.'s wharf, at an early hour; and the Emu, from the A.S.N. Co.'s wharf, at half-past 11 o'clock, this morning.

The City of Brisbane, s., which left the wharf for Sydney on Wednesday afternoon, at four c'clock, anchored in the Hay for the night, and put to sea by the South Passage yesterday morning, at half-past 5 o'clock.

The Verific a bound to Rockhampton and

ing, at half-pact 5 o'clock.

The Yaralin, s., bound to Rockhampton and Mackay, took her departure from the A.S.N. Co.'s wharf yesterday afternoon, shortly after 4 o'clock, and probably cleared Cape Moreton last night.

the Blackbird, s., is advertised to be despatched from the Commercial wharf, for Townsville, Trinity Bay, and Cooktown, to-day.

The Leichhardt, s., proceeds on to-morrow (Saturday) morning at 7 o'clock for Cooktown, calling, as is usual, at Keppel Bay (Rockhampton), Flat-top Island (Mackay), Bowen, Townsville, Cardwell, and Trinity Bay.

The Florence Irving, a, to arrive early this morning, from the usual round trip to Cooktown, will be despatched for Sydney, to-morrow Saturday, at noon. The Edina, s., due at the Commercial wharf

from Sydney to-morrow (Saturday) morning, is to leave ag in for Mary's rough that afternoon, at 1 o'clock.

The Lady Bowen, s., is due at this port in the course of to-day, from Rockhampton, Gladstone, and Maryborough,

and Maryborough.

The James Paterson, s., bound from Sydney to Maryborough direct, will pass Cape Moreton to-morrow (Saturday) morning.

The Balcutha, s., from Sydney direct, will probably arrive at Rockhampton to-night.

The Lady Young, s., from Brisbane, calling at Laryborough and Gladstone, is due at Rock-ampton to-night. The Victoria, s., will arrive at Cooktown early this morning from Sydney, Bowen, and Towns-

The Egmont, s., is due at Cooktown to-night, rom Brisbane, calling at Townsville and Trinity

Bay.
The Black Swan, s., is expected to leave St.
Lawrence for Rockhampton to morrow (Satur-

day).
The Timmee, s., arrived at Rockhampton yes-terday aftern-on from Brisbane, Maryborough, and Bundaberg. and bundaring, s., from Rockhampton direct, arrived at Sydney on Wednesday and it sgain on the berth for Rockhampton.

The Lord Achley, a, he expected to leave Cook-town for Brisbane, calling at the usual interme-diate parts, to morrow (Saturdey). The Governor Blackilles, is appointed to leave Sydney for Brisbane this afternoon.

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The Leichhardt, a., cleared Sydney Heads on Wednesday, at 4 p.m., passed Snaoky Cape on Wednesday, at 2.30 p.m., rounded Cape Moreton last evening at 8.20 p.m., and arrived at the AS.N. Co. wharf the more ang at half-past 1 o'clock, having experienced north-westerly winds, with fine weather, throughout the passes until the South Passage was reached, when a heavy thurderstorm was not with with very thick weather.

a heavy thurderstorm was met with with very thick weather. The May Queen, schooner, bound on a critise to the South Sea Island was possing out of Mercton Eapy yesterday morning.

The Mary Grant, trig, for Sydney, with a cargo of sawn timber, was towed down the river by the Norseman yesterday morning.

The Mystery, schooner, bound to Mackay, was at anchor off the Water Police hall yesterday. The Firefly, brig, from Newcastle, with costs, was towed up the river yesterday, and discharges at the Gas Company's wharf.

A brig and a schooner were in sight from Cape Moreton yesterday morning.

The Lo, a honner, bound from this port to Normanton, crossed Wide Bay Bar on Weinesday.

Kurmanton, cro-sed Wide Bay Bar on Weilnes-day.

The Queen of Nations, barque, from Brisbane, arrived at Sydney on Wednesday last.

A Graeris with Diarn.—Her Majesty's ship Tenedos is homeword bound, after four years in the Pacific station. On July 20 she was making for the Guif of Penas when a gale sprang up, which made Cape Trasmostes on lee shore. Towards night it mederated, and Captain Polfor the Gulf of Penas when a gale sprang up, which made Cape Treamontes on lee shore. Towards night it mederated, and Captain Pollad, before turning in for the night, ordered fines to be banked, and the ship to proceed under topsall. She went spinning on at nine knot, an hour, the shore being supposed to be thirty miles distant. About two in the morning Lieutenant Graham, officer of the watch, roused the captain, saying he felt uneasy, and asking if the course should be changed or steam get up. Captain Pollard, however, ordered to keep out the same course small four o'clock. Soon afterwards land was sighted close under the lee bow. The helm was instantly ported, and the ship was answering excellently when the Lokout man shouted, "Breakers on statishard low." Lieutenant Graham rushed forward, and through the intense dubbases awa gleantic rock right ahead about Low yards away. It was instantly seen that she could not clear it by passing towards the open sea, and whether there was any channel between the rock and the mainland could not be even guessed. To venture this was the only chunce, however, and Graham, without one moment for reflection, had to act. He shouted, "Helm hard starboard! square yards! clear lower deck! call the captain! Every order was obeyed with lightning alacrity! and there enoued a few moments of intense excitement and suspense. On rushed the Tenedos apparently to certain destruction. Less than a minute after she swept through a narrow channel, almost grazing the hoge rock on one side, and within a hundred yards of the mainland on the other. As ten score men rushed up from below, and saw how narrowly they had excepted destruction, even hardy sallors burst finto tears, and Lieutenant Graham was over-whelmed with thanks and congratulations.—

BHIP MAILS.

Mails will be made up and closed at the General Post Office as under:—
For Rockhampton, Mackay, Sowen, Townsville, Cardwell, Cairns, and Cooktown, per Leichhardt a: For newspapers, and book-packets, 6.45 p.m.; registered letters, 4 p.m.; ordinary letters, 7.45 p.m.; and for late-fee letters, 8 p.m., to-day (Friday).

VESSELS TO ARRIVE.
Towoomba, barque, 585, Captain Kirkpatrick,
from London for Bribbane; passed Deal
August 16. A. Shaw and Co., agenta. From
London for Rockhampton, with 303 immigrants; sailed August 19. W. and M. C.
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British Nation, ship, 1302, Captain A. Carnell, from London for Brisbane; from Plymouth, with 305 imaigrants, on August 27. Parbury, Lamb, and Co., agents, parties, parties,

from London for Bristonie; anied September 2. Clarke, Hodgson, and Co., agents.

ifeshire, ship, 700, Captain R. M. Ness, from Glasgow for Brisbane, September 13. D. L. Brown and Co., agents.

cottish Knight, barque, 875, Captain Macralane, from London for Townsville; passed Deal September 23. Clifton, Aplin, and Co., agents.

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don; from Peal September 2... Co., agents.
Ammershagen, ship, 867, from Hamburg for Maryborough, with immigrants. Berens, Ran-miger, and Co., agents.
Martaban, ship, 781, Captain George Cook, from Loudon for Brisbane. Bright Brothers and Co., agents.
Woodlark, ship, 869, Captain George Largie, from Loudon for Brisbane. Parbury, Lamb,

from London for Brisbane. Parbury, Lamo, and Co. agents. bulkchester, barque, 634, Captain Lee, from London for Brisbane. Quinlan and Co.,

London for Brisbane. Quinlan and Co., agents.
Garnock, barque, 677, Captain E. T. Kerr, from London. Berens, Ranniger, and Co., agents. Adventurer, barque, 697, Captain Braithwaite, from London.
Arab Steed, ahip, 635, Captain J. Shaw, from London for Brisbane. G. Baff and Co., agents.
Glamis, ship, 1180, Captain J. Key, from London for Brisbane. Parbury, Lamb, and Co., agents.

agenta. amora, ship, 1200, Captain T. Elsden, from Liverpool for Brisbane. Parbury, Lamb, and

Co., agents.

Minora, brig. 249, Captain C. Grankie, from
Adelaide; salled October 27. Quinlan and
Co., agents.

Wandering Minstrel, barque, 361, from Foo-

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phie, barque, 253, Captain Brunshagen, from
Adelaide. Quinlan and Co., agents.

NOTICE TO MASTERS OF STEAMERS NAVIGATING THE LOGAN AND ALBERT RIVERS. TEAMERS navigating the Logan and Albert Rivers are, on approaching, and when passing under the Vatala and Waterford Bridges, to REDUCE the SPEED of their engines as as is compatible with the keeping of the vessels

un fer proper command.
G. P. HEATH, Com. R.N.,
Portmaster.
Part Office November 22, 1876. 6700

Commercial.

COURSER Office, Thursday Evening. Tag Customs revenue collected at the port of Brisbane to-day amounted to £720 15s. 11d.
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LONDON.-Messra, R. W. Ronald and Sons, in

their circular of september 28, write the following in reference to the wood market:—

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ber 23, 1576.

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THE Issue of this Popular Journal for SATURDAY, November 25, will include a Four-page Supplement, and contain— EDITORIAL ARTICLES.—Lund Legislation of the Session—The Mother Colony of the Aus-tralias—The Abuse of Patronage.

POLITICAL FROTE.

PARLIAMENTARY PROFESTINGS of the week

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STATION, FARM, AND GARDEN.—Forthcoming
Shows—Farm and Garden Reminders for
December—The Marsupial Plague—The
National Association—Wide Bay and Burnett Pastoral and Agricultural Society—
The Price of Maise—Canefields of the
United States and West Indics—Analysis
of Soils—Sugar in East Moreton—Farming on the Darling Downs—New Whest
—Queensland Acclimatisation Society—
Washing and Shearing at Mount Abon-

CORDENTO CO PERENCE.—About American Cane Planting and Culture—Sida Retusa—Profitable Dairying—Warts on Fowls.

MINAR.—Thornborough—The Palmer—Charters Towers—The Normanby—Machinery for the Northern Goldfields—The Metal Market.

FLOTSAN AND JETSAN.—Morals of Abou Ben Adhem.—The Point of the Joke—Ever of Thee.

SPORTING. - Racing Notes and Calcudar - Cricket Cotonial.—Sydney, Melbourne, and New Zealand Letters.

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Excition AND Founds.—The War in the East:
by Submarine Cable—Echoes from Home
—Germany and Russia—a Tragic Event
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the Turk makes War.

THE LADIES COLUMN,—Roses—Tortured out of Shape—Hints for Visitors—Female In-tellect: Harriet Martineau and George Sand—Lady Clerks in the Civil Service.

CURRENT NEWS.
COUNTRY NEWS from all parts of the Colony.
STORE MOVEMENTS and State of Country.
LATEST WEATHER TELEGRAMS.
LATEST KUROPEAN and Intercolonial Telegrams.

MAP OF THE BUNDABERG DIS-TRICT. TRIGI.

Will be issued a large lithegraph Map of the Bundaburg District, showing the Townships, Reserves, Russ, Lands open for Selection, &c., &c.

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ABSTRACT OF SALES BY AUCTION THIS DAY. MESSRS. J. B. ELLIS & CO., at Eleven o'clock, at their Rooms: Household Furniture, Groceries, Saddle, Perfumery, Guas, Rifies, Crockery, Pancy Goods, and Sundries.

MR. J. B. DICKSOM, at Eleven o'clock, at his Mart: Drapery, Olicloth, &c.

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RALPH —On the 19th November, at Brisbane, Mary J. only daughter of Joseph Poarson. Dublin, and beloved wife of Henry Ralph, late of London, aged 21 The Brisbane Courier.

(PUBLISHED DAILY.)

Friday, November 24, 1876.

THE Select Committee appointed to enquire into the general question of Polynesian labor have finished their work and brought up their report, which is now before the public. When this committee was first moved for in the Legislative Assembly it was very generally believed that the object was to delay legislation on the subject rather than to gain information. subject rather than to gain information and the report which is now before u fully justifies that opinion. We are led to believe that, for the production of this report, the country has been put to an expense of about £400, and we cannot refrain from protesting against such an expenditure being entrusted to such hands as the members of this committee. The question of the employment of Polynesian labor in the colony is of vital importance to a very large number of the community—to the sugar planters on one hand, and to the working men on the other—whilst the abuses which are said to exist in some cases in the manne of obtaining and treating these islander seriously affect the good name of the colony. The question being of this importance, it would not have been too much to expect that some of the lead-ing members of the Assembly should taken an interest in an that was necessary, and should have been members of any committee appointed for that purpose. The committee, however, which was constituted on the motion of Mr. Walter Scott, consisted of himself, as the mover, and Messrs. Amhurst, Low Stevenson, Bailey, J. Thorn, and the Colonial Secretary. Not one of these gentlemen, except Mr. Stewart, has any pretension to be classed as a leading man gentiemen, except Mr. Stewart, has any pretension to be classed as a leading man on either side of the House, nor are they persons whose decision on the Polynesian question would be acceptable to the country as being the verdict of an intellicountry as being the verdact of an intelligent and impartial jury. Mr. Stewart was necessarily prevented by the duties of his office from attending regularly at the meetings of the committee, and Mr. J. Thorn, not being a resident in Brisbane, was also little more than a nominal number of it. The warking committee many member of it. The working committee was thus actually composed of Mesers. W. Scott, Bailey, Stevenson, Amhurst, and Low, and it is by these gentlemen that the ex-penditure to which we have alluded has been incurred for the purpose of produc-

ing the report before us.

We consider that the tone of the report and the manner in which the examin of the witnesses was conducted, justify us in saying that no enquiry into the general question of Polynesian labor was ever attempted to be carried out by the committee; their principal object would committee; their principal object would seem to have been to throw discredit on the report of Mr. Sheridan, the Polynesian inspector at Maryborough, and to make things generally as disagreeable for that gentleman as possible. The report is divided into six sections, of which the first two are devoted to a general statement of the opinion of the committee, that everything in connection with the Metal Market.

THE EXPLORER.—The Road to Trinity Bay—
From Port Darwin to Normanton.

THE SERTCHER.—On the Future Treatment of the Queenaland Aborigines.

THE ESSAYIST.—An Intercolonial Railway and that the treatment of the islanders below the polynesian traffic is just as it should be, and that the treatment of the islanders below to be presented by the polynesian traffic is just as it should be, and that the treatment of the islanders below to be presented by the polynesian traffic is just as it should be, and that the treatment of the islanders below to be presented by the polynesian traffic is just as it should be, and that the treatment of the islanders below to be presented by the polynesian traffic is just as it should be, and that the treatment of the islanders below to be presented by the polynesian traffic is just as it should be, and that the treatment of the islanders below to be presented by the polynesian traffic is just as it should be, and that the treatment of the islanders below to be presented by the polynesian traffic is just as it should be, and that the treatment of the islanders below to be presented by the polynesian traffic is just as it should be, and that the treatment of the islanders below to be presented by the polynesian traffic is just as it should be presented by the polynesian traffic is just as it should be presented by the polynesian traffic is just as it should be presented by the polynesian traffic is just as it should be presented by the polynesian traffic is just as it should be presented by the polynesian traffic is just as it should be presented by the polynesian traffic is just as it should be presented by the polynesian traffic is just as it should be presented by the polynesian traffic is just as it should be presented by the polynesian traffic is just as it should be presented by the polynesian traffic is just as it should be presented by the polynesian traffic is just as it should be presented by the polynesian traffic is just as it should be presented by the polyn has been, in nearly all cases, human and kind. The third section recommend and kind. The third section recommends that the station-owners in the interior shall not be deprived of the services of these men, as there is no good reason for restricting their employment. The fourth recommends that where necessary the dietary scale be amended, but does not say who should be the judge as to the necessity. The fifth recommends. as to the necessity. The fifth recom-mends that wages should be paid half-yearly. The sixth recommends that the pay of the Government agents on board of Polynesian labor vessels be increased; deplores Mr. Sheridan's conduct in writing the report which is so obnoxious to the friends of the labor trade; and winds up by virtuously denouncing the Govern-ments and people of Noumea and Fiji, who, we are assured, are in the habit of

who, we are assured, are in the nant of treating these islanders in the manner which the Queenslanders are falsely accused of doing.

It is acknowledged that one of the statements made by Mr. Sheridan was proved, and on referring to the evidence. proved, and on referring to the evidence we find that it was the one relating to the flogging of Polynesians on plantations.

not even express approval or disapproval of the practice. The paragraph relating to Noumea and Fiji is gratuitously impertinent to the Governments of the to Noumea and Fiji is gratultously imper-tinent to the Governments of these settle-ments; it is uncalled for, because the committee was not appointed to enquire into the condition of the Polynesians in those islands, and not a single grain of evidence was taken by the committee which would justify them in pronouncing on the question even if it had been submitted to them. Mr. Bailey adds a rider to the report, expressing his opinion that a larger number of women should accompany the men.

pany the men.

On reading the evidence attached to the report no one can avoid perceiving the extreme bias of the committee. Everyleading question which could possibly elicit answers suitable for their names in saked and extracted if the questions which might possibly have drawn forth information unfavorable to the traffic were entirely suppressed.

The examination of Mr. Sheridan The examination of Mr. Sheridan, whose opinions on the subject of this traffic are at variance with those of the committee, was conducted in the style of

a cross-examination of a hostile witness by an Old Bailey lawyer, and reflects dis-credit on all concerned in it, except Mr. Sheridan. In illustration of our remarks about leading questions asked and others omitted, we will point to some of the evidence. It was one of the principal blacks of the committee to the principal objects of the committee to prove that the islanders are not bought from the chief and paid for in "trade." For that pur-pose every witness engaged in the trade was asked whether the "trade" was given to the chief or to the recruits themselves and in most cases the witnesses declared that it was given to the recruits. One witness, however, a Mr. Curtis, who had been a Government Agent employed in the traffic, stated, in answer to question 174, that the trade was given to the chief, but being plied with further questions, he, in answer to question 179, declared it was given to the recruits, and no notice was taken of the discrepancy between his statements. One statement between his statements. One state ande by Mr. Horrocks, the Assistant Im migration Agent, in his letter to the Colonial Secretary, and which attracted much attention prior to the report of this ommittee, was that, after "trade" had committee, was that, after trade man-been given, recruits who escaped were brought back and handed over to the vessels by the other islanders. Not a single question upon this subject was asked by the committee. Several witnesses were examined as to the necessity for the employment of Polynesians in the interior, and they all showed very clearly that the cheapness of the labor was its great re-commendation. One employer stated commendation. One employer stated that his wool-pressing used to cost him £60 per annum, and that he now gets it done by Kanakas for a small fraction of that amount. As some justification for the attempt to supplant the white laborer, it was stated that in the squatting districts he was a "cull" idle and upper districts he was a "cull," idle and unre liable, and inferior as a laborer to the Polynesian, whilst white immigrants are worse than no labor at all. It is neces-sary, however, that the public should have some idea of the relation which, in the opinion of pastoral employers, should exist between master and servant in the interior, in order that they may properly appreciate the complaints of the em-ployers. We shall therefore quote a portion of the evidence of Captain Sadleir, the Police Magistrate of Tambo. Captain Sadleir had received information that a Kanaka had been beaten by his master at Ravens bourne station, and on enquiry the offence was not denied, but no proceed-

ings were taken.

We extract the following from the

Q. 1252 (by Mr. Stewart).—Do you consider that under the Polynesian Act they have the right to whip anybody!

right to whip anybody?

A.—No.
Q. 1253.—Would you not prosecute them under the Act?

A.—Yes, if the whipping was severe.
Q 1254.—But if it was not severe?

A.—Sometimes a small amount of correction is necessary, and as Inspector, I should not prosecute unless there was undue violence.
Q. 1255.—Supposing a white man had been whipped would you not prosecute?

A.—Certainly.
Q. 1256.—Even if it had not been worse than the whipping of this boy?

A.—He did not seem to be trustable.
Q. 1277.—But the overseer admitted that he struck him?

A .- Yes, with a whip or stick on the back. Q. 1258 (by Mr. Amhurst).—I suppose it would be such a case of assault as would be punished by the fine of is.!

A.—Yes. I believe that a master may correct a servant. I remember a case where it was ruled that he could do so; I have been reading up some works on the subject lately.

Q. 1259 (by Mr. Stewart).—Were those recent publications!

ablications?

A.—They are standard works.

Q. 1260.—Do you mean to say that masters any strike their servants?

A.—It allows that.

The committee did not attempt to correct Captain Sadleir's ideas, nor express any disapproval of his opinions, which passed without comment. This gentleman is appointed by Government to ad-minister the law in the far interior of the country in a district where a large num-ber of the cases coming before him are likely to be disputes between master and

We leave it to our readers to judge how far the decisions of a magistrate holding such very peculiar ideas of their relationship are likely to be such as the public woul are likely to be such as the public would consider equitable. As the report and evidence occupy eighty-eight pages of closely printed matter, it is impossible to do more in a single article than just skim it. The evidence, however, clearly proves that in several places, and in different districts, the lash has been in in different districts, the lash has been in use by employers of Polynesians, and that no attempt has been made to punish the outrage, whilst one high official, especially appointed to protect these laborers, justi-fies its employment, and states that he would not interfere, unless undue punish-ment was inflicted. We think that the publication of this report will have a very different effect from that intended by the committee if the public will only read the

Victualiers' Protective Association is announced to be held this evening, at eight o'clock, at the

the moods and changes, the chances and mis-chances, of human efficiency have to be not down and themosforth become some portion of that history of the time which the journalist of these days is expected to write. journalist of these days is expected to write. We have to-day, as part of this sometimes most painful duty, to record the death of a lady esteemed and beloved by those who had the privilege of her personal acquaintance, and who had, by a life of setive and wise benevolence, become known and respected far and near for superior attainments and qualities of mind

devoted to purposes the most worthy. The facts are, briefly, that about half-past ten o'clock yesterday morning, while Mrs. John Douglas was driving past Newstead gate, on the Break-fast Creek-road, the pony attached to the vehicle shied at a draywheel which lay in the road, and running the vehicle up a steep bank, caused it to upset. Mrs. Douglas was thrown out, and received injuries which rendered her unconscious from the time of the accident occurring till half-past four o'clock in the afternoon. From that time till about ten o'clock last night, Mrs. Douglas had regained consciousness, but soon after ex-pired. Drs. Hobbs and Bancroft were in atten-

melancholy results were announced.

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President moved a resolution affirming the desirability of the Quemsland Government open-ing up negotiations with the Governments of New South Wales and Victoria, with a view to secure as speedily as possible the construction of a telegraphic communication from Normanton to Singapore. The motion was well received by the House, and formally agreed to. Mr Heussler carried a motion, that there be laid upon the table all offers to construct light railways or tramways received by the Government during the months of May, June, and July, of during the months of May, June, and July, of the present year. In reply to a question from Mr. Sandeman, the Postmaster-General said he understood that rain gauges were some time since ordered to be kept at the telegraph stations throughout the colony, but either from want of funds or some other cause the practice had fallen into disuse. He would, however, give the matter his attention. The Department of Justice Bill passed through committee, without amendment. passed through committee, without amendment and ordered to be returned to the Assembly Mr. Mein said there was no business of impor-tance for the following day (to-day), except per-haps the Loau Bill, should it pass the Assembly time for that sitting. He therefore mov that the House adjourn till Tuesday next. Ad-

In the Legislative Assembly yesterday, Mr. Palmer moved for a committee to consider the desirableness of the Torres Straits mail contract being passed with a view to increasing the rate of apeed to ten knots per neur,
Brisbane the commencement and terminus of the
postal service, the cost not to exceed £40,000 per
annum. He said the contractors had always
done their work satisfactorily, but the present arrangement did not give residents of Southern Queensland an opportunity of reply by return of post at this end of the line during one-half of the year, and urged other reasons for the proposed revision. He also commented strongly upon the onduct of the Government in not carrying ou their engagements entered into with this colony at the intercolonial conference of 1878, to con-tribute towards the mail subsidy. Mr. Thorn did not see the necessity for disturbing the existing contract, which seemed to satisfy the tion to the E. and A. Company, who received £20,000 per annum for a nine-knot service another company of a ten-knot service for the same amount of subsidy. Mr. Dickson opposed the motion on the ground of expense. Mr. Pettigrew also spoke against it ; but, on the Mr. John Scott's motion to consider the desirability of providing a fund for the destruction o marsupials was also agreed to. Mr. Tyrel with on the Supplementary Loan Estimate for the construction of the first section of the Southern Railway extension towards the border, remark-ing, as he did so, that the matter had already been thoroughly discussed, and the plans and been thoroughly discussed, and the plans and surveys approved by both Houses. He there-fore thought that no good could result from pressing this motion, which was withdrawn accordingly. The report of the Select Committee on Mr. Kelsey's case was adopted, on division by 17 to 11, the Ministry voting against it. Mr Tyrel moved for a committee to take into con ration the desirability of £2500 being place the Loan Estimates for the construction of a bridge over Quart-pot Creek. Mr. Thorn admitted the rould not accept the usual promise of taking the ation, and bringing it b the Cabinet, but if Mr. Thorn gave his word that the work should be attended to he would be stisfied. The motion was then withdrawn. Mr-Walsh moved the resolution standing in his name for a committee to consider the proposal for £5000 for the construction and repairs of a railway survey from Cooktown to a point on the road from Cooktown to the Palmer and a raiway survey from Cooktown to a point on the road from Cooktown to the Palmer and Hodgkinson goldfields; and of £1500 for a road from Cooktown to Finch's Bay, the latter being only carried by the Speaker's casting vote. Mr. Amhurst's motion for a sum not exceeding £150, to pay the passage of the widow of the late Mr. F. Y. Williams, of Gympie, home to England, was negatived. Mr. Thompson carried a motion to consider the desirableness of a loan of £2000 being granted to the Ipswind Grammar School. Mr. Murphy's motion for £2000 being granted to the Ipswind Grammar School. Mr. Murphy's motion for £2000 for main roads from Cooktown and from Trinity Bay, was lost by 14 to 8. Mr. Thompson's motion relating to reserves for aboriginals was postponed, because of the absence of the Minister for Lands. On the motion of Mr. Graham, the report from the Select Committee on the Warwick to Killarney and Farn Creek roads, was adopted. Mr. M'Loan's motion for a Committee of the Whole to consider the desirableness of introducing a bill to enable owners and occupiers of propesty in certain districts to prohibit she sale of intoxicating liquors, was agreed to, on the understanding that the bill would be brought in next sension, and the House adjourned as eleven o'clock till Monday next.

"FORMORA" was again repeated at the Queens-

"FORMORA" was again repeated at the Queens-land Theatre last evening. To-night the per-formance will consist of Boucleault's sensetional drams, "The Flying Soud," which it is announced will be accompanied with new scenery, in the preparation of which no expense has been Telegraphic.

PROTER'S PERSONAL [DY SUBMARINE TELEGRAPH.]

England. THE EASTERN QUESTION.

The speech delivered by the Caar of Russia at Moscow, in reference to the position of the Eastern question, was received with much enthusiasm. The Russian Press view it as a complete reply to the policy of the British

The King of Greece announces a policy of rmed neutrality.

The Porte objects to state its views resp

a Conference of the Great Fowers for the settle-ment of the war between Turkey and Servia and Montesegro until informed of the questions to

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November 22 Much indignation is expres

members of the Legislative Council who voted against the Gymple Railway.

A crushing of 269 tons from the Glanmire Prospectors' Reef, has yielded 471 ounces gold; and 33 tons, from No. 8, North Hilton, crushed

Several good showers of rain have fallen ately.

PROM OUR OWN CORRI The weather is hot, and thunderste prevalent. Five hours' rain fell on Tuesday night, and the country is looking well.

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The weather is extremely hot and dry, and

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Hamilton station, Queensland, was sold to-day or £20,000.

An old woman named Porster, seventy-six An action, was found sitting on the rocks, Coogee Bay, to-day, dead.

An action, brought by Mr. Want, the solicitor, against Mr. Montague, former proprietor of Punch, for libel, was settled to-day by the

lefendant apologising in court.

A woman named Davies has been arrested at Dubbo on the charge of child murder.

Welhourne [AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATED PRESS.] Heavy rains fell to-day. The statistics show

that over four inches have fallen this month. Adelaide

A lunatic, named Creghan, died to-day from

the effects of swallowing a large pi A LETTER in another column, adverting to the admitted necessity for making our lines of railway as cheaply as possible, asks whether it is desirable to go to the expense of fencing in the western extension towards Roma. The writer has been given to understand that this is to be done at a cost of about £320 a mile, or upwards of £50,000 for the whole distance from Dalby to Roma, and throws out the hint that a far better use could be made of the money in further railway extension. A long stretch of country through which the line passes is very poor, with scarcely any stock upon it, and where this is the case, it does seem a needless expense to protect the line on both sides with a substantial fence.

end the suggestion to the notice of the Minister for Works. WE understand that the A.S.N. Company have intimated to the Government their willingness to run weekly mail steamers between Brisbane and Cooktown, retaining the present ports of call, in consideration of the subsidy being raised to £8000 per annum, or £2500 beyond what is paid under the existing contract—which, by-theway, will shortly expire—for a fortnightly ser-vice. The offer seems to be one deserving the favorable consideration of the Government, as the advantage of a regular weekly mail over the present uncertain arrangements would be very great, both to the northern ports and to Bris-bane. The additional cost would not amount to more than is ordinarily paid for running a cost on an inland mail line, where comparatively few persons would be benefited by the expenditure.

A DISTRESSING accident occurred vesterday, at pression that it had already been ordered. He from Brisbane. About noon, William Weldon, a would promise, however, that the bridge should be constructed out of votes already taken, if the motion were withdrawn. Mr. Tyrel said he through, when Mr. Charles Walker, who was working about twenty-five feet off, he liar sound from the saw, and, looking up-saw Weldon as if he had been caught in the saw and pitched away from it. On going over to him, he found the poor fellows left arm completely shattered at the elbow joint, also the left leg in a similar state just below the knee, the flesh torn away, and the main roads, and a similar amount for the storage of water in the Warrago district. The item for roads was lost, but that for water storage was agreed to. Mr. Murphy carried motions to take into consideration the desirablenance of Control of the propose of conveying him to the heart of the purpose of conveying him to the heart of the purpose of conveying him to the heart of the purpose of conveying him to the heart of the purpose of conveying him to the heart of the purpose of conveying him to the heart of the purpose of conveying him to the heart of the purpose of the p not proceeded more than five miles, however, when death brought relief to the sufferer. The body was brought 'in and placed in the morgue. The father of the deceased, we are informed, is at Cabcolture, in charge of Captain Miller's plantation, and a brother is said to be working at Edd's coach-building establishment in Bris.

AT the City Police Court vesterday, be sir. Mawiins, Police Magistrate, three drunkards and a person charged with vagrancy were dis-charged; two drunkards were fined 10s. each, or in default twenty-four hours' imprisonment; one person charged with the larcenty of a ring was discharged. Ellon Ingham, on a similar charge, was remanded till this morning; and a person charged with suspicion of manulaughter was discharged.

An effort is being made to secure the laying of a submarine telegraph cable from the western coast of the United States to the western coast of the United States to Asia. A bill favoring such an enterprise passed the United States Sanate a short time since, but it has been recalled from the House of Representatives for further consideration. It is stated that, under present arrangements, a message from the Fradic States to China, Japan, or Australia, has to travel 25,000 miles to reach its destination, with corresponding cost, while if the proposed cable is laid the distance will be reduced to 6000 miles, and the cost of communication will be reduced also at least 60 ner cost.

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