

SHIP NEWS.

ARRIVALS.

January 10.—Governor La Trobe, cutter, from Melbourne, with 18 passengers.
 January 10.—Lillias, schooner, Smith master, from Melbourne, in ballast.
 January 11.—Devonshire, schooner, Sutton master, from Melbourne. 8 passengers.

DEPARTURES.

January 12.—Governor La Trobe, cutter, for Melbourne.
 January 11.—Lillias, schooner, for Hobart Town. Passengers, Mrs Smith, Mrs Broadribb, and Mr Austin. Cargo, sheep, principally fat wethers.

VESSELS IN HARBOUR DURING THE WEEK.

Majestic, barque, 366 tons, Smith master.
 Socrates, barque, 150 tons, Ruffie master.
 Lillias, schooner, Smith master.
 Devonshire, schooner, Sutton master.
 Governor La Trobe, cutter.

MELBOURNE ARRIVALS.—January 9. Ariadne, barque, from Greenock; 11. Jewess, brig, from Sydney; 12. Helen Thompson, ship, from Greenock via Adelaide; Platina, barque, from Sydney.

CLEARED OUT.—January 9. Clydesdale, barque, for Sydney. 11. Triganina, schooner, for Hobart Town; Harvest Home, barque, for Calcutta.

The John Cooper, and Mary for Adelaide, Port Phillip and Sydney, had sailed from Greenock prior to the departure of the Ariadne.

A new vessel, the Edina, was loading at Greenock for Adelaide and Port Phillip when the Ariadne sailed.

OVERLAND VISITORS.

H. Baynton, Esq.; — Marr, Esq.; J. McCulloch, Esq.; Captain Webster, J.P.

TO OUR READERS.

The third letter to Lord John Russell has not reached us, owing to the sudden change in the Post Office regulations.

Geelong Advertiser.

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TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.

We feel a pleasure in having it in our power to announce that the new post office regulations will enable us to publish early on Saturday morning instead of in the evening as heretofore. We can now guarantee punctuality in the delivery to every subscriber within one mile of the township.

Considerable uncertainty has hitherto existed with regard to the delivery of country papers; we have tried several plans to remedy this. Complete files of the paper have been left under envelope at the stores and inns where the subscribers put down their names. Many parties have thus obtained two copies; and others may have never received them. The settlers themselves are to blame for a want of explicitness in their directions. In future all country papers will be sent to the post office, unless specially ordered to be left elsewhere. But it must be borne in mind that the postmaster is not required by law to perform this extra task. It is entirely an obliging accommodation on his part for which he can only receive the thanks of the settlers and ourselves.

CORIO.

Buildings are springing up. Workmen begin to find their way hither. The wool drays are crowding to Point Henry. A barque has crossed the bar laden with building materials—(no thanks to Government.) More wool ships announced. A lookout may be kept for the steamer Aphrasia. The Bank and the Auc-

tion Company's branch are looked for. Every one appears active and cheerful. The town will double itself in two months. This prosperity is founded on action, and not on speculation. The Melbourne people are giddy from their sudden elevation. Like the silly milkmaid they toss their heads too high, and had better listen to Madame Gautrot's song, "Helas! je repandu mon lait."

We have said that the steamer is coming. But where is the wharf to receive her? We cannot discover what THE GANG is about. We exposed some of its manoeuvres a fortnight ago; since which, we cannot discover a trace of its proceedings, for good or for evil. All is bustle and cheerfulness in private undertakings; and the dull sickening delay of a lazy government is thereby rendered the more tiring. The district is so prosperous and the weather so pleasant, that we cannot find it in our heart to be more severe upon them this week.

IMMIGRATION.

It must be highly gratifying to our readers in the west, who have been suffering immense losses from the want of servants to keep pace with their enterprising spirit, that arrangements have been made for an effectual, though distant measure of relief. Mr Rickett has been authorised to proceed to England to engage farm-servants under indenture for three years. The opportunity of procuring servants through this channel is open to all who may be willing to cover the small additional expense incurred thereby. The sum required for each servant, is three pounds, one half on subscribing, and the other half on arrival of the indentured servant.

A small and respectable meeting was held at Geelong on Tuesday last, on this question, preliminary to a more general and public gathering.

We heartily approve of this method of sending missionaries to the benighted peasantry of England. The results to the colony will be no less beneficial. It will show that we are in earnest; that our demand for labour is not idle croaking; and when it is seen that we put our own shoulders to the wheel, then may we expect assistance from others.

This missionary system has been found to work well in the West Indies, where it has been tried extensively. Demerara and Trinidad sent agents to various parts of the United States, for the purpose of inducing the free negroes to emigrate. A great amount of labour has thus been procured, and the system has effected more for the amelioration of slavery in the United States than all the sermonizing and sneechiving of the abolitionists. We mean nothing disrespectful in this comparison: The cases are exactly parallel, although they may appear as different as light and darkness.

DISMEMBERMENT OF THE COLONY.

The Melbourne Press has undergone a strange revulsion of feeling lately. But yesterday, 'twas 'brimful of wrath' To-day it sheds tears over its fallen foe. The Gazette is particularly chop-fallen, and even

the Patriot bestows 'the passing tribute of a sigh.' The excessive commiseration of the Gazette reminds us of the tale, that travellers often shed tears when they hear the cries of crocodiles or hyenas, which are so like those of a human being in distress, that the unwary are often tempted out of the road which they ought to pursue.

Now we are so hard-hearted as to laugh at this folly. If there be any weight in their present arguments, we ought immediately to petition for the restoration of the ancien regime. Or is it only meant that Twofold Bay, Manero, and the banks of the Murrumbidgee, should be delivered up to the martyrdom from which we have just escaped ourselves? But perhaps it would be a fairer inference to suppose that this pity is merely an overflow of "malagrowthering," more from malicious mockery than real feeling.

SPECIAL SURVEYS.

We refer to the fourth page for a very important document emanating from the Land and Emigration Board, declaratory of the manner of procedure and routine of business under the new Regulations, leaving minor details, of course, to the local authorities. The Patriot is the only paper which has got this piece of news; it is not even likely that the Governor himself has received notice of it. The Patriot appears to increase daily in weight and authority, without which the most plausible writers are useless if not dangerous.

The Special Survey system, hitherto peculiar to South Australia, is now to be incorporated with our Land Regulations. Any one paying £5120 into the Treasury may fix upon any portion of the unreserved territory, and "demand" that eight square miles shall be surveyed and made over to him, (subject of course to regulations as to extent of water frontage, and depth of back run.) We have never paid much attention to this system; but it strikes us that the price per acre ought to be higher, in consideration of the great advantages conferred by the unlimited range of selection.

From the spirited activity of the Home Government, we may look for the arrival of capitalists by every ship, bringing with them land orders and immigrants. We hope Sir George Gipps is ready with the "efficient and well-appointed land office," which he is commanded "IMMEDIATELY to constitute." We also hope that he has it in his discretionary power to prevent any special survey being claimed so as to include the suburban reserves.

POST OFFICE REGULATIONS.

There has been much ado about nothing in manufacturing the mighty details of the late changes, but we cannot see that any real benefit has resulted therefrom. There has been a jumbling and changing of items, whilst the sum total remains unaltered. The alteration of the days has effected no saving of time. The Sydney Mail reaches Melbourne late on Tuesday night, and leaves early on Wednesday morning, so that no one can send answers by return of Post. The Mail arrives here on Thursday afternoon, and is despatched on Saturday morning. The only real alteration, is, that a bag is made up in Geelong for Sydney direct, so that it will now be necessary for parties sending foreign and other ship letters to specify

whether they are required to be forwarded via Melbourne, or via Sydney.

SEAMEN.—The want of an efficient Water Police at William's town has been severely felt. From one ship (the *Salsette*) the crew deserted to a man. The crimping system has been almost entirely rooted out of Sydney, by the new act, and it is confidently rumoured that Lieutenant Addis, R.N. of Geelong, will be appointed a Water Police Magistrate, to accomplish the same reformation in Hobson's Bay. We congratulate the Melbourne public on this acquisition, although at the same time we thereby suffer a great loss at Corio.

The reporter to the Port Phillip Gazette offers an apology for not giving a full report of the Regatta, by acknowledging that he was in a glorious state of obliviousness, and forgot the race, the press, and his patrons the public altogether.

MELBOURNE.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS

No further intelligence has been received from the wreck of the unfortunate *Clonmel*. The vessels which sailed to bring up the passengers are hourly expected.

The Regatta, as you may guess, has engrossed the attention of the inhabitants of this gay province. The horse, the gigs, the phaetons, and the carriages crowded the shore, while every variety of aquatic conveyance studded the bay. The scene was enlivening and gratifying even to the casual observer; what then must have been the ideas of those who had seen the same expanse a few years before, when it was a dreary void—when all was motionless save the ripple of the wave, and all was silent save the occasional screech of a startled bird. Now, the gaudy streamers were flying around an hundred "taut and dashy poles,"—the lesser craft were skipping over the ripple caused by the general commotion; Commerce put on the mask of gaiety, and Mirth appeared subdued, not destroyed, by Rationality.

The Regatta however was seen to great disadvantage from the Beach, where the greater number of the spectators were assembled. To make these sports agreeable, the boats should approach close to the Beach as well as to William's Town.

Although the constant cry is Money, Money! still the people here do not seem to be very short of it, for at a sale of English furniture lately, many articles fetched from 200 to 250 per cent. upon the English prices; and at a sale of an insolvent's goods, the prices realized for some articles were higher than their former retail price.

THE HURDLE RACE, [COMMUNICATED]

The Hurdle Race on Wednesday excited the admiration of the spectators, it was by far the most severe race that ever took place in the colony; the horses entered were Mr Gourlay's *Una*, Mr M'Nall's *Clinker*, Mr Wood's *Will if I can*, Mr Powlett's *Peter*, Mr Wright's *Tulip*, and Mr M'Leod's *Barber*. In the first heat *Barber* took the lead, did the first leap in good style and kept it up to the second leap, when he fell, throwing his rider, who again mounted, but was passed by *Una*, and *Clinker*, who took the fence abreast and proceeded at a rapid pace to the third leap, when *Will-if-I-can* came up with *Clinker*, the mare then took the lead and kept it to the fourth leap when *Will-if-I-can* came up and passed the mare a considerable dis-

tance, the mare then took her leap steady and clearly showed her superiority by passing him previous to his taking the fifth leap; Mr Gourly not being able to check her speed she came against the fence with great force throwing her rider, *Will-if-I-can* came in taking the leap in good style; no other horse being up for some time. *Tulip* threw his rider Mr Hunter at the second leap which he shied at; the other horses were in evident distress.

In the second heat *Una* ridden by Mr Hunter, took the lead followed by *Clinker* and *Will-if-I-can*; the heat lay between them; none were enabled to come up to the mare, although the whip and spur were not spared. Mr Wood was thrown at the fourth leap; the mare came in at a canter.

The third heat was much the same, but from the severity of the running the whole of the horses were much distressed.

THE REGATTA.

Tuesday and yesterday were grand days in Melbourne, or rather at Hobson's Bay, whither by twelve o'clock, nearly the whole of the population had repaired, some in boats, some to the beach in vehicles and a-foot, and some to partake of the hospitality of the gallant seamen in port.

The Regatta was to have commenced at twelve o'clock, but some delay took place at the outset. The races came off in the following order:

First Race, for open boats under 10 tons—*Eagle*, Willis; *Fanny*, Gilligan; *Innocence*, Buckley; *Agonist*, Bowden; and *Mary Ann*, Bowden. The race was won by the *Eagle*, the others following in the order in which they are placed.

Second Race, for four oared gigs—*Red Rover*, Storey; *Eagle*, Willis; and *Cecilia*, Jenkins. Won by the *Red Rover*.

Third Race, for first class boats—*John*, Cummins; *Midge*, Fowler; *Bonjah Maiden*, Langhorne; *Mary Jane*, Buckley. Won by the *John*.

Fourth race for five oared whale boats.—*Nancy*, Ward; *Hero*, Storey; *Argyle*, Tonkins (withdrawn.) Won by the *Nancy*.

Two other races were proposed but did not take place in consequence of their not being sufficient entries. The sailing boats started from the *Jane* round a white flag to the north, a blue flag off the Marine Hotel, a red flag off the Quarantine Ground, round a boy and won by passing a boat with a red flag, moored off the *Jane*. The whale boats sailed the same course omitting the blue and red flags.

The Hurdle race came off yesterday. Five horses started. Mr Gourlay's *Una*, owner rider, Mr N. Leod's *Barber*, owner rider, Mr M'Nall's *Clinker*, rode by Mr Moss, and Mr Wright's *Tulip*, rode by Mr Hunter. The contest lay between *Una* and *Will-if-I-can*, but the race was won easily by the former, Mr Wood having been thrown from his horse and severely hurt, at the fourth leap. There were several other spills, but not of material consequence.

The amusements were wound up last night with a ball at the Caledonian Hotel.—*Patriot*.

STEAM.—We have to acknowledge the receipt, by the Helen Thomson, of the prospectus of the "South Australia, Australia Felix, and Van Diemen's Land Steam Navigation Company," capital £100,000 in 2,000 shares of £50 each. We have not space in our present number to give publicity at full length of the Prospectus, but we shall endeavour to do so in our next. Four steamers are to be sent to the Colonies the *Courier* &c