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## CITY NEWS.

**MORTALITY.**—Deaths in this city, yesterday :—Wm. M. Henshaw, 31, Providence, R. I., cholera, (son of Bishop Henshaw); A. Glevens, 43, Cambridgeport, Mass. cholera; Enoch H. Dorman, 36, Machias, Me.; Florence Newell, 2 years, Sandwich Islands, dysentery; Andrew Bradbury, 59, Maine, cholera; G. C. Henderson, 35, Missouri, cholera; James N. Forintey, 36, Maryland, dysentery; S. Jewett, 54, Middlebury, Vt.; David T. Hovey, 25, East Machias, Me. cholera; Joseph Zuber, 39, Switzerland, dropsy of chest; Mr. Bellows, accidental death; sailor, name unknown.

**CHOLERA.**—The number of deaths in this city, yesterday, from this disease, was smaller than on any day for a week previous. Many new cases were reported, however, by the physicians—nine cases in a small neighborhood. One physician reported five cases. The public should bear in mind that many of these cases were in very filthy locations, one of which was a pond last winter, which has been filled up with dirt and filth, and since built upon, and beneath the house is a pig pen. In another case one person was found dead and others sick in an iron house, which had no means of ventilation save by the door. Cleanliness and fresh air are essential to health.

**UNWHOLESOME MEAT.**—The fact is undeniable that much of the meat exposed for sale by the butchers of this city, is wholly unfit for food. A few weeks ago it was in proof before the Recorder of this city that one butcher not unfrequently dressed calves which had "gin cout," from disease and sold the meat to his customers. Fifty dollars was the penalty for the offence, but who can say how much sickness was scattered by that same diseased meat? A correspondent asks what is done with the sick calves which lay on our wharves for whole days in the hot sun. Sure enough, what is done with them? Before they are quite gone, the butcher's knife is put into them, and then,

most likely, the public eat them. Who has not seen these poor animals on Central wharf? They are brought here from some distant ranche, and bound fast, unable to move a foot. In that condition they remain upon the wharf or in boats until a customer is found, and all this time (for whole days) no food or water is given to them. Many of the poor animals do not survive the horrible usage they receive. A doctor who has observed the same thing, says that he would as soon take poison as eat veal the way it now comes to market. Under such circumstances, it is no wonder that sickness prevails. If the Board of Health will rigidly scrutinise the condition of our markets and restaurants, and report the facts to the Council, so that a stringent ordinance can be framed to meet the evil complained of, the public will be greatly benefited.

THE ENGINE COMPANIES were out yesterday, trying their machines and filling the reservoirs. Some of the engines need considerable repairs to place them in a condition to render efficient service.

BENEFIT OF MR. STARK.—To-night has been set apart at the Jenny Lind Theatre as the Benefit of Mr. STARK, on which occasion he will appear as "Hamlet." This greatest drama of the greatest poet is well cast, and in its presentation to-night the managers offer a treat to the public which we hope to see appreciated by an overflowing house. Give him a bumper.

MURDERS BY INDIANS AT HUMBOLDT BAY.—By the arrival of the brig Colorado, last evening, from Humboldt Bay, we learn that Mr. D. Turner, of Kentucky, while on his way to the mines with a drove of cattle, was attacked by three Mad River Indians about 20 miles from the settlement, and killed. On the 31st October a party of Elke River Indians attacked Mr. James S. Fryer, at his ranche, and killed him. When discovered, dead, he had nine wounds on his body and five on his head, inflicted by arrows, axes and knives. After murdering Mr. F. they plundered the house of everything. Mr. F. was a native of England, and was only 26 years of age. A party of about twenty proceeded from Humboldt and Eureka in pursuit of the murderers, and had put to death seventeen Indians.