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What Some People Say

That the Japanese laws compel fish to be sold alive.

That Buffalo has a business firm named Irish & English.

That the campaign in Tonquin cost the French $90,000,000.

That if our juvenile contemporary had consulted the notice-board of the city council on Wednesday it would have discovered that Coun. Dowdy did give notice of an intention to move for $100 compensation for such of the assessors.

That the American humming-bird can whip the English sparrow.

That the Prater, in Vienna, Austria, is the largest public park in the world.

That the town of Good Hatchet, in Idaho, is owned by Bad Axe, in Michigan.

That Sill mines in Virginia are reported to be richer than those of Cornwall.

That the Parygians, a people of Asia Minor, were the first to coin gold and silver.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

Third Day's Doings—Awarding of the Governor General's Medals.

At the "assembly" yesterday all the contestants were present, but were somewhat disappointed at the continued foggy state of the atmosphere, which precluded all long range shooting. About noon, however, the fog lifted sufficiently to enable all matches to be completed for.

The day's work was commenced by the firing of match number eight, for the

CHATEAU CLARENCE CUP,

open as to number, and ranges 200, 400 and 600 yards, the round at each range; Snider rifle, government issue; entrance, 50 cents. First prize, challenge cup, presented by Hon. A. Chapleau, secretary of state, and $12.50; second prize, $10; third prize, $7.50; fourth prize, $5.

The following is the score in detail:

1. E. R. Thompson, Victoria	56
2. Lieut. Woolcott, V. B.	54
3. Capt. Wolfenden, B. C. G. A.	53
4. Captain Fletcher	49
5. E. Smith	48
6. Lieut. McColl, N. W. B.	47
7. Quinnt Keebury, B. C. G. A.	47
8. J. Wilmot	46
9. E. A. Wilmot	44

The next contest was number nine, or the

REPRESENTATIVE TEAM MATCH,

to be competed for by teams of eight officers, non-commissioned officers and men, selected as follows: From H. M. ships at Esquimalt, from each corps of militia in the district, from the Washington National guard at Seattle, and from civilian members of the association. Ranges 200 and 500 yards, seven rounds at each range; Snider rifle, government issue; except the Seattle team, which may use their service weapon; entrance, 60 each team; to the winning team a silver cup, presented by the association; a competition may be held amongst the members of the winning team, at any time or place, to decide the individual winner of the cup. No Seattle team took part in this match, and the result was as follows:

Civilian team	331
H. M. S. Satellite	326
Victoria Rifle team	320
H. M. S. Triumph team	280
H. M. S. Constance team	275
B. C. G. A. team	266

The highest individual scores made was by Lay Corporal Savage, R. M. A., attached to H. M. S. Satellite, who made 72. After the match the 600 yards range of match number six was fired.

VICTORIA CORPORATION MATCH.

The prizes and particulars of this match were published in yesterday's *Colonist*, and resulted with the following score:

1. Lieut. Wilson	73
2. Sergeant Scoullar, N. W. B.	71
3. Captain Jones, B. C. G. A.	65
4. Captain Fletcher	67
5. E. Gillard, Gunner, B. N.	67
6. Captain Prior, B. C. G. A.	66
7. Captain Wolfenden, B. C. G. A.	65
8. Capt. Green, V. B.	65
9. Lieutenant Woolcott, V. B.	65
10. Lieutenant-Colonel Holmes, C. A.	60
11. Lieutenant McColl, N. W. B.	60

As the conclusion of this match the

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for the highest aggregate in 500 and 600 yards, in competitions, numbers three, five and six, silver medal, presented by His Excellency the Marquis of Lansdowne, governor-general.

The medals were awarded to

Capt. Jones, B. C. G. A. (silver medal) .110
Capt. Wolfenden, B. C. G. A. (second medal) .100

It is the intention of the officers of the Victoria Rifles to present their claim for the Laurie silver bugle, their team being the only one entered for that contest.

Contrary to expectation the programme was not completed yesterday; there yet remain two matches to be contested, and a competition will be held at the close of the meeting for the selection of a representative on the Canadian team to Wimbledon in 1886, and will be open to efficient members of the active militia only, who will be required to sign an undertaking that in the event of their selection they will join the team when called upon.

Marine.

The bark Hermine will commence discharging cargo at Welch, Rithet & Co.'s wharf this morning.

The steamer Etta White left at 10 o'clock yesterday morning with the Pacific Slope in tow for Moodyville.

It has transpired that the Haddingtonshire went ashore in a fog. She had all well on. The report condemns the captain, who was lost, for recklessness.

The British bark Hermine will load cargo of salmon for London under charter to Messrs. Robert Ward & Co.

H. M. S. Triumph.

Thursday being general admission day, hundreds from the city embraced the opportunity of visiting the above renowned war ship now harbored at Esquimalt. The day was fine, which contributed to the hilarity and comfort of the sight-seers. The Triumph is the flagship of the Pacific squadron, and although about eighty years of age is one of the best equipped and manned ships in the British navy, and is under the direct command of Sir Cooper Key, Bart., an honored and popular officer, who is now also admiral of the squadron. The arrangements for the reception of the public were all that could be desired, and the courtesy of the officers and men in explaining the various accoutrements of naval warfare were highly commended. The public generally would do well to make the Triumph a visit, and we augur for them an instructive treat and a genial and cordial reception.

INCENDIARISM.—Two attempts were made on Wednesday last to burn the residence of Mr. R. Brown, of the Standard office. A watch was set for the individual, but yesterday morning he made another attempt to burn the house, fortunately without success, and got off without being seen. The would-be incendiary is probably insane, or would not be so bold and persistent in his nefarious work.

An Important Discovery.

The most important Discovery of this which brings the most good to the greatest number. Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs, and Colds, will preserve the health and save life, and is a priceless boon to the afflicted. Not only does it positively cure Consumption, but Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, Asthma, Hoarseness, and all affections of the Throat, Chest, and Lungs, yield at once to its wonderful curative powers. If you doubt this, get a Trial Bottle Free at Langley & Co.'s dw

My Boyhood in the Land of Sinim.

The following interesting account of a boy's life in the flowery kingdom was read before a San Francisco missionary society by W. J. Gardner, a youngster, son of Mr. Vroman, at present in this city, who has favored us with the manuscript for publication:

I was born at Canton, and lived there mostly during the thirteen years that I remained in China. To reach this city, which is the principal one in Southern China, and the second in the empire as regards commerce and wealth, from Hong Kong one may avail himself of two means of conveyance. Taking passage on board of one of the daily steamers plying between these two places. These steamers are built in the same style as the river steamers are in this country, and a passenger will find nearly as good accommodation for the six hours' passage that he will remain on board as can be furnished him here. Or he may take

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which will take him to Canton. It takes the distance between the two places, about ninety miles, in two or three days. I have frequently had the pleasure of seeing these cumbrous concerns dropping far astern of me a very little while. We on board a steamer seemed to have sent the western civilization that was then outstripping the native, as we passed by this innocent junk.

As you approach Canton you come in sight of a high pagoda, which is one of the entrances to the city. Passing under this pagoda, you find yourself in a narrow street, with high walls on either side, literally frowning down upon you. The

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times, and time beginning with very slow time, and gradually accelerating in speed until he cannot possibly do better. The idea of this performance I cannot think, unless it be to inform the citizens of the time. As for the pawnshops, you will probably ask what is there to be struck with them? Well, there could be nothing if Chinese pawnbrokers flourish with the same security from robbers as their brethren do in this country. But in China pawnbrokers' establishments seem to be special objects of prey to robbers. A pawnbroker in this city has no safer place for his stock which he told me he received when a pawnshop which he formerly kept in China was being robbed. For a protection, therefore, from robbers, and also to be out of reach as far as possible from fires, these pawnshops are built about as high as the watch-towers. They look

MORE LIKE GRIM FORTRESSES

in a small degree of the lawless times of Europe, centuries ago, than peaceful business establishments of the nineteenth century. Their total lack of ornamentation, worse than our factories, being without windows, excepting iron gratings or narrow slits can be called windows, and the dull gray color of the brick they are built of, conduce to make them look a most unpleasing appearance to the city.

To return to the steamer; when it has steamed fairly abreast of the city, you are astonished with the large number of small craft that swarm on every part of the river you can set eyes on. They are of every description; in fact, their variety will make you doubt the truth of Solomon's words when he declared that there was nothing new under the sun. When the steamer goes alongside the wharf, these small boats swarm on the side with marvelous rapidity, and their owners, generally women, will scramble on board, and as soon as he is freed, jump in, and roll himself in the mud to cool his burning and blessing back.

(To be Continued.)

ON ROLLERS.—The covered building for the new skating rink is nearly completed, and almost two-thirds of it is now being used. When fully finished, the skating portion of the rink will be 180 x 60 feet, with 14 feet all round for spectators. The amusement has become immensely popular lately, and every night there is a large crowd of both sexes at the rink, indulging in the fascinating exercise. The management contemplate giving a grand masquerade about three weeks hence, which promises to be a very pleasant affair. The sides of the skaters at the rink last night was very similar to that made in ice rinks, and as soon as the rink is thoroughly enclosed this will be very little missed outside.

PHOTOGRAPHED.—Mrs. Maynard has photographed the handsome and substantial new bridge just erected across the arm at Point Ellice. The picture is a faithful representation of the admirable structure and completely refutes the canard backed, very like a whale falsehood of an evening contemporary. Those who have not seen the bridge should look at the photo.

INSURANCE.—Mr. R. D. Pitt has shown us the documents which authorize him to accept risks in British Columbia as agent for the Great Western Mutual Aid Association. Without knowing anything of the standing of the association, so far as Mr. Pitt's papers are concerned they seem straight and unimpeachable.

TO AN EXTENSION.—The steamer Princess Louise will steam to Spratt's wharf and from thence will be hauled on Cook's ways and undergo a thorough overhauling and repairing.

DO YOU wish a beautiful complexion Then use Ayer's Sarsaparilla. It cleans and purifies the blood, and thereby removes blotches and pimples from the skin, making it smooth and clear, and giving it a bright and healthy appearance. dw

THE FLOOD IN CHINA.

A Graphic Description of Horrors Witnessed at Canton and Vicinity.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26.—Details of destruction in Canton, China, and vicinity by the recent gale and rain-storm there have been received by private parties in this city. More than 10,000 persons lost their lives, and by far the greater number left are in a starving condition. Entire villages were engulfed, and the rice and silk crop in the vicinity were almost ruined. Rain fell in the latter part of June, filling and overflowing many rivers. A foreigner who was an eye witness to the scene of devastation reports that one night the boat he occupied anchored near a bamboo grove, and by morning the water had risen to the tops of the bamboos. At other points it rose as high as forty feet during the night time. The inhabitants fled from the high land dumped into the hillsides. At Kanin, a market place situated on the confluence of two of the rivers, the water rose with the tide, and bringing water from the north and west, a majority of the inhabitants were drowned by the water breaking through the embankment. Some escaped to a pier on rising ground in the neighborhood, but the water continued to rise, and gradually overtopped the elevation, drowning those who stood upon it.

TYPES OF DISTRESS.

Seventeen Chinese graduates in Canton, hearing of the distress prevalent in their native villages, took passage on a boat, with a view to proceeding home, to render what assistance they could. On the way the boat was capsized, and all who were in it drowned. In some places parents tied their children on high branches of trees, whilst they instituted measures for their general safety. The trees were washed up by the roots, and the heart-rending cries of the children were silenced in the surging water.

The body of a bride, dressed in her bridal robes was found floating in the street at Canton. A large tub was also seen. It was picked up, and found to contain a boy and a girl. With them was found a paper, stating their names and the day and hour of their birth. The parents had instituted this means to save the lives of their offspring. The writer adds that the suffering which thousands are enduring is heart-rending, parents weeping with tears in their eyes to their children's requests for food that they have none. People are obliged to use the filthy ditch water, and fearful of the disease which will ensue upon the subsidence of the water, will greatly aggravate the horrors of the situation. Meantime all that is being done by the inhabitants to abate these misery is the beating of gongs, the burning of incense and the burying of prayers to idols.

The Fishing Expedition.

Capt. Pettendrigh, Mr. Mowat, and some other gentlemen who accompanied them, returned from the North Arm of Burrard Inlet on Monday. Besides large quantities of crabs they brought samples of bream, rock cod, tommy cod, and whiting, taken from the deep waters of the arm. No lobsters were found, although some still suppose they exist there. The water was so deep (in some places nearly 700 feet) that a proper search could not be made with the appliances taken by the party. The nearest approach to one of the kind was a specimen of what is believed to be a young lobster. It was less than an inch in length, and not old enough to afford any very reliable information. Mr. Mowat and Mr. Bole took careful soundings to ascertain the temperature of the water. From the surface to a depth of 18 feet the average temperature was 60. From 18 feet to 140 it was found to average 55. This is surprisingly high, and has led to the supposition that the warm Japanese currents go up the whole length of the inlet. The ground was found well suited for lobster culture, and there was abundance of the different kinds of weeds upon which they delight to feed. Beds are also excellent beds for oyster culture, but it would be absolutely necessary to destroy the star fish which are exceedingly plentiful everywhere.—*Colonist.*

WARS VS. CHINESE.—Yesterday evening a white boy and a Chinaman had several rounds in Oriental alley to the edification of quite a crowd of onlookers. A couple of the Celestial's front teeth disappeared down his throat from a well-put blow, and the Mongol of course went after the police to have his opponent arrested on a charge of assault.

MUSICAL.—The band which escorted the A. O. U. W. societies to the Philharmonic on Thursday evening was the "Queen City Band," formerly the Amateur Band. The boys have attained to a high degree of efficiency, and now discourse very sweet and correct music whenever they appear.

THE Beacons is now several days overdue, probably on account of smoke and fog. No anxiety is felt, as Capt. Williams is a very careful navigator and will take no chances.

BAPTIST CHURCH.—Work was commenced yesterday on the foundation of the new building to be erected for the Baptist church. The site is on Herald street, near Blanchard. It is expected that in a few weeks a neat and substantial building will be completed and ready for occupation.

ST. ANN'S CONVENT SCHOOL.—This excellent educational institution will open next Tuesday, 1st September.

GAMES will be in season on and after the 1st proximo, next Tuesday. The amusement grounds have already repaired to the dicriets to be on hand at the opening of the fray.

THE Western Slope returned from Burrard Inlet yesterday. On Monday she will take the place of the Yosemite on the Westminster route, and on Wednesday will return to Burrard Inlet.

RESTRICTION ACT.—Only one Chinaman arrived yesterday and he had a proper certificate from the British consul as to his identity.

THE SUSPECTED MURDER.—R. E. Proctor has been further remanded for three days.

TRAIN RUNNING.—Yesterday a train ran from Oyster Bay to Chemainus on the Island road, a distance of fifteen miles.

The best medical authorities acknowledge the great value of Ayer's Cathartic Pills, and frequently prescribe their use with the utmost confidence, well knowing that they are the most effectual remedy ever devised for diseases caused by derangements of the stomach, liver and bowels. dw

CURIOSITIES, ANCIENT OR MODERN, bought, sold or exchanged. Indian totem poles, figures, masks, bowls, tools, Indian dress, &c, in carved stone, wood, ivory, bone, &c. Mineral specimens, old coins, shells or Indian relics of any kind. Correspond with Nathan Joseph & Co., 641 Clay street, San Francisco. 6mdw*

THE POINT ELLICE BRIDGE.

An Effective Card from the Builder.

TO THE EDITOR:—That the man who built the Quesnelle bridge should have the effrontery to criticize the Point Ellice structure and to assert that he knows something about bridge-building is an extreme example of Arctic cheek. A man of ordinary nerve and brass who had been in any way connected with that cold-blooded steal would hang his head for very shame. This man Adams took the contract for the Quesnelle bridge for $27,500 (A bridge-builder who knew his business would have been glad to have had it for $20,000, the times and the locality duly considered), and before he got through it cost the government $35,196.96, and then the bridge fell down the first year after it was built. These are facts, and I challenge contradiction. This man of iron-jaw and infinite gall asserts that there is twice the iron in the Quesnelle bridge than there is in the Point Ellice bridge. I ask the public to peruse the following letters:

VICTORIA, Aug. 27, 1885.

DEAR SIR:—At your request I have examined my books, and beg to inform you that there were 55,449 pounds of wrought and cast iron work furnished by me for the Quesnelle river bridge.

Yours, respectfully,
JOSEPH SEWATT.

To J. McMULLEN, Esq.

VICTORIA, Aug. 27, 1885.

J. McMULLEN, Esq., Victoria:—This is to certify that this company have supplied you with 96,670 pounds of iron for the Point Ellice bridge.

Yours faithfully,
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