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A THREATENED CONTEST.

Result of a Feud Between Two Branches of Odd Fellows.

MILWAUKEE, January 2.—A feud of long standing between the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows and a branch of that order known as the Patriachial Circle, is expected to culminate in either the wholesale secession of the Patriarchs from the parent body, or the entire absorption of the latter order. The Patriarchial Circle was organized in Milwaukee as a progressive display rank of Odd Fellowship, though claiming to be distinct in its operations. Since the second year of its establishment there has been a contest between the members of the non-patriarchial faction of Odd Fellows. Though frowned upon by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, the circle has increased in numercial and financial strength until now it is a powerful secret society, principally rooted in Wisconsin, Illinois and Ohio, and almost entirley confined to the Northwestern States. It has 114 subordinate temples, and a membership exceeding 5000.

At the recent meeting of the Sovereign Grand Lodge action was taken to completely stamp out the Patriarchal Circle or to compel its members to abandon all claims to Odd Fellowship. The Committee on Credentials refused to recognize delegates who were members of the Patriarchal Circle, and a series of resolutions was adopted requiring all subordinate lodges not to recognize as an Odd Fellow or admit to the lodge any member of the Patriarchal Circle. The resolutions go into effect on Janury 12th. In his circular of instructions the Grand Sire threatens upon the refusal of subordinate jurisdiction to obey the order to expel patriarchs who decline to give up allegiance to the circle, and to suspend the charters of and blot out all offending lodges. This it is thought, will create a war all along the line. The patriarch, it is said, will dispute the expulsion in the courts, if necessary.

THE OCEAN CARRYING TRADE.

The British and Scottish Ship-Owners Despondent.

(Cor. St. Louis Globe-Demorat.)

LONDON, Dec. 29.—Everybody in England who is interested, directly or indirectly in trade is now anxiously studying the commercial outlook for 1886. The general belief is rather doleful, but some expert economists declare that reaction from the long depression of trade has already begun. They admit that just at the beginning of the year there will be an unsual number of bankruptcies, but they think that these will only clear the commercial atmosphere, and should not be regarded with serious alarm. They predict that general trade will steadily improve after the first week or two of January, and that there will be a large increase in the volume of railway traffic in 1886 as compared with the present year. This hopeful forecast does not, however, include the British shipping trade. The prospects of English shipowners are but little improved, and the out-look for Scotch shipping is as bad as ever. A tremendous amount of capital is tied up at Scotch wharves in the shape of steamships which are rusting and rotting for lack of employment. In the Leith docks alone fifteen steamers are lying idle. Some of them have not been in commission for many months. All of them have been laid off because they could not earn enough for their own maintenance out of the low rates for which freights have been forced by keen competition. These fifteen vessels have an aggregate capacity of 12,627 tons, and they are worth $1,500,000. This is only one example of the general condition of the ocean carrying trade of Scotland. The above figures would have to be multiplied many times to represent the total tonnage and value of the steamers lying idle in all the Scotch ports. The overproduction of steam freights is generally assigned as the cause of this state of affairs, but this is not its only cause. Close competition in the past has stimulated ingenuity in the construction of vessels and engines, with a view to economizing fuel and labor. Great strides have been made in this direction by the innovative mechanics of the Clyde. The result is that vessels that were considered almost perfect a few years ago cannot now compete with the new craft, which carry less coal, thus saving part of the cost for fuel and leaving more room for freight, and which can be handled by smaller crews. There is some hopeful indication for the shipowners. The returns from the Clyde shipbuilding district prove that there has been less building this year than by 35 per cent. If this rate of decrease is maintained the greatest cause of the depression in freights will disappear. The number and tonnage of vessels afloat will again be proportionate to the amount of freight to be carried, and rates can be raised to a profitable rate.

PARALYZED.—A man in an insensible state of intoxication, was yesterday afternoon found lying in a doorway at the foot of Johnson street, his head severely cut by a fall against the curb-stone. His face was covered with blood and a pool of blood lying on the sidewalk. The police were informed and the man taken care of.

COLONIAL EXHIBITION.—Entries for the colonial exhibition will be received up to March, and not later. Still, it is imperative that entry be made and articles arranged for shipment with Mr. Jessop at the earliest possible opportunity.

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Local and Provincial News.

From the Daily Colonist, January 16.

WONDERFUL DISCOVERY OF A POLITICAL INTRIGUE.

Hans Breiman's "Barty" Redivious.

The Government to be Hoist by a New Petard.

If You Don't Believe It Just Read the Following from the "Hard Times."

It is very well known among the leading government supporters in the city that Mr. Theodore Davie is intriguing against the government. With the assistance of Mr. D. W. Higgins he is endeavoring to form a third party, or rather he expects to win over enough government supporters to throw overboard at least two of the present cabinet. The Hon. John Robson and D. W. Higgins cannot sail in the same boat much longer; the weaker must go to the wall or the bottom. The attorney-general is mentioned by the conspirators as a probable colleague, and possibly the Hon. Mr. Smithe will be suffered to come into the new party if he is satisfied with a minor position and can bring any following with him. As for the fourth member of the cabinet, he is a dead duck, and can never be re-elected. The plot is rapidly thickening, and before the approaching session of the house is over the Davie–Higgins faction may be expected to play their trump card. Mr. Smithe may profess to disbelieve these rumors; but both he and Mr. Robson must know that they were not only current for many weeks, but that there is good foundation for them.—*Times, Yesterday.*

Frozen Pipes.

The frost has stopped the flow of water through many house pipes, and the following item is therefore of peculiar significance at this time. A device has been brought forward for protecting water pipes against freezing, the arrangement being based upon the fact that water in motion will remain liquid at a lower temperature than water at rest. One end of a copper rod, placed outside the building, is secured to a bracket, and the other end is attached to one arm of a weighted elbow lever; to the other arm of the lever is secured a rod, which passes into the building and operates a valve in the water pipe. By means of turn buckles, the length of the copper rod can be adjusted so that before the temperature reaches the point at which there would be danger of the water in the pipes freezing, the valve will be opened to allow a flow of water; beyond this point the valve opening will increase and the flow become more rapid as the cold becomes more intense, and as the temperature rises the valve is closed. This plan sets a current in the pipes, which replaces the water as it grows cold by the warmer water from the main. Whether the valve be opened or closed, the service pipes are always in working order.

New Westminster.

(Special to The Colonist.)

NEW WESTMINSTER, Jan. 15.

Thermometer last night fell to 16. To-night at 8 p. m. it stood at 25, weather beautifully clear.

Mail contractor Nowells from Chilliwhack has just arrived and reports the wagonroad from opposite New Westminster to Chilliwhack almost impassable from fallen timber brought down in the late storm. The telegraph line for miles is a complete wreck. A gang of men go through to-morrow to assist those who have been working at them for the past two days, and it is hoped that communication as far as the boundary will be restored by Monday. No particulars as to the damage done south of the line have yet been received.

An inquest on Walker's body will be held to-morrow.

Yale—Weather clear and cool.

Personal.

Gaoler Moresby returned to New Westminster yesterday morning.

Mr. Thos. Williams, of Pavilion, N. Y., and Mr. G. Clark, Portland, are at the Occidental.

Capt. McKinnon, of the Victoria harbor lighthouse, is very ill.

Mr. R. L. T. Galbraith M. P. P., Mr. P. H. Gray and Mr. F. G. Vernon arrived last evening by the Queen of the Pacific from San Francisco.

POLICE OF POULTRY.—Two members of the police force were out yesterday with several citizens whose roosts had been robbed. A Chinese chicken ranche on the Burnside road was visited, where it was noticed by the police that from a dozen spring chickens with which the business started a few months ago, the number had increased to over a hundred, including birds of all sizes, breeds and color, and some of whom dated their birth back to several springs ago. Those who had lost birds said many there "looked like theirs," but being unable to swear to them as their property, and the birds themselves being unable to give any information on the subject, nothing came of the search.

POLICE NOTES.—Mrs. Maloney, an Indian woman, who from her name is probably the relict of some departed gentleman from the old country, was charged with being drunk, and fined $5 or one week. James Hobbs, a marine, charged with stealing shoes from a city store, was sent to his ship for punishment. The case of robbery brought by Sam Sing, a musician in a Chinese gambling house, was laid over until this morning.

THE telegraph lines south of New Westminster were completely wrecked by the late tempest, and will require rebuilding.

THE BURRARD INLET TRAGEDY.

The Awful Work of a Crazy Man.

Death of the Murderer and One of His Intended Victims.

The authenticated particulars of the shocking tragedy at north arm Burrard Inlet are, that on Tuesday morning, Daniel J. Robson and James Smith, partners in a ranche on the north arm of the Fraser, went out with a man named Walker to hunt for a timber claim at Burrard Inlet. Nothing unusual occurred until after dinner at Walker's cabin, which they reached on Wednesday. Walker, taking his rifle, went outside. Returning almost immediately, he accused them of having come to clear him out, and ordered them to return to town at once. They got up and were retreating to the door, fasing Walker as they did so, who, saying "I guess I had better do for you both now," pointed the rifle at Robson's breast. Robson, in striking the rifle aside, received the bullet in the right leg, above the knee joint, a part of the bullet, which became divided, striking Smith on the toe and breaking the bone. The struggle that then ensued was for life or death. Smith wrenched the rifle from Walker and threw it out of the cabin. Walker then rushed at Smith with a butcher knife, which Smith grasped by the blade, and both men in the deadly tussle fell to the floor. At this moment Robson, lying disabled, made a move as though to assist Smith, whereupon Walker let go his hold of Smith, who, finding his hand free caught up a burning brand and rained blow after blow on Walker's head. Walker cried out to Smith that he was killing him. Smith answered "and I will if you don't drop that knife." Walker then asked Smith if he would desist if he gave up the knife. Being told yes, he dropped the knife, which Smith threw away. Walker rose up and again attacked Smith, by whom he was knocked down and threatened with death if he stirred. Smith then tried to stop the hemorrhage from Robson's wound, and bound and fastened Walker's legs together to prevent his escape. While carrying his partner to a place of safety, Robson was rowed down to Port Moody by Smith. Medical assistance was obtained at 8 p. m. on Wednesday from New Westminster, but too late, for by that time Robson was dead. The special constables sent to arrest the murderer returned to Port Moody on Thursday morning with the news that they had found his dead body lying on the cabin floor, and an examination showed that his head had been completely smashed in. Death must have ensued shortly after Smith left the scene. The week previous to the tragedy Walker had exhibited signs of *delirium tremens*. An inquest was held, and the verdict found was:—"We find that Daniel J. Robson came to his death by having the head of the arm of Burrard Inlet on the 13th instant by a gunshot wound inflicted by the hands of John D. Walker."

Municipal Police Court.

[Before Edwin Johnson and A. McLean, Esqs.]

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEIZURE OF "STONE MAN."

FRIDAY, Jan. 15.

Mr. T. Davie appeared for the claimant, Captain McAllum, and stated that owing to other engagements, he would lead the case conducted by Captain McAllum in person.

Mr. Gannaway, of Drake, Jackson & Helmcken, appeared for the collector of customs.

Captain McAllum took the witness stand. I bought the figure and paid $1500 for it; I went to the bank of British North America and got fifteen one hundred dollar notes and gave to the vendor; I have never seen Gilbert since the day he sold me the figure, which was the 8th day of August last.

To Mr. Gannaway—If the figure belongs to the Miocene period, which I thought it did, it would be worth over $100,000. It would be what scientists have been looking for for the last fifty years. It is expected that if a fossil human remains is found of that period it will be of giant size.

Officer Shephard did call on me about the 15th of August and stated that I had been swindled, and had better lay an information against them, and he would go and arrest the parties and recover my money. I told him I would attend to my own business, and I refused to have the men arrested because I believed the fossil was genuine, and I had the sworn statement of the parties that they had dug the figure up on this island.

Mr. Hamley—Captain McAllum called at my office after the seizure and I told him I would assist him all I could in catching the men who had swindled him. He replied in an insulting manner that he did not need my assistance. The customs officers reported to me that there was a piece of rough stone carried out to a lot on Pembroke street after the seizure as a deception, and it was represented by Capt. McAllum that the piece of granite was the stone imported. I have never had the piece of granite, and have no control over it. I considered it a mere deception.

Capt. McCallum called an expert, who said the figure had been made by human hands, but it appeared to be ancient, which appearance might have been produced by water. It would take thousands of years to produce the appearance by water, but the same appearance could be produced in a few hours by acids.

Mrs. Scott—I live in Happy Valley; I am wife of Louis Scott; have lived within British Columbia since 1858; I live in less than a quarter of a mile from the spot where Mr. Gilbert claims to have dug up the figure; Gilbert first came with a two horse wagon; the wagon was heavily loaded with something in the bed of the wagon covered with canvas; the next Tuesday after that they came and asked me and my husband to go and look at a curiosity; it was the stone man in question; the hole out of which they claimed to have dug the figure was not over 18 inches deep; I saw them a few nights previous down at the place where the hole was with a light; the hole was not large enough for the figure to come out; they went back afterwards and dug the hole deeper; I saw Capt. McCullum and Gilbert going down together in a buggy on the 15th of August; there was an everlasting stream of fresh water within forty yards of where they dug the hole.

This closed the evidence, and the magistrates announced they would reserve their decision.

Municipal Elections Elsewhere.

NEW WESTMINSTER, Jan. 15.—The municipal elections passed off quietly, all the old council, with one exception, being re-elected. The voting was light; not one third of the total vote was cast. The result is as follows: Mayor, R. Dickinson, majority over James Kennedy, 93. Councillors—St. Andrew's ward: Messrs. Ferris and Lord; St. Patrick's: Messrs. Douglas and Calbeck.

LADNER'S LANDING, Jan. 14.—The only election contests in Delta municipality were for councillors in wards 3 and 5, where J. R. Southerby and Robert McKee were respectively elected.

NANAIMO, Jan. 15.—For mayor: Bate, 185; Gibson, 152. Councillors—Middle ward: J. Hilbert, 90; W. E. Webb, 102; W. Wilson, 89. South ward: Bevilockway, 66; Knight, 94. North ward: Horne, 68; Chas. Wilson, 34.

What Some People Say.

That the Washington territory legislature has passed a local option bill, which is similar in its provisions to the Scott act of Canada.

That an English company has perfected its arrangements for providing sick chambers with telephones. The object is to give persons suffering from contagious diseases a chance to talk with their friends. Speaking tubes are inadmissible on account of the infectious nature of the breath.

That Jeanne Marie Dubosey was found guilty by a coroner's jury at Jersey of the murder of Marie Riot, a servant in a public-house. The deceased having refused to serve liquor to the accused, who was drunk, the latter set fire to her dress with a lighted newspaper.

That the U. S. land commissioner has decided that the Northern Pacific Railway Co. have no claim to lands between Portland and Tacoma. This decision affects the odd numbered sections of land, sighty miles in width, for a distance of 106 miles, aggregating some 2,500,000 acres, estimated to be worth $2,500,000.

That it is now claimed that the line "Tho' lost to sight to memory dear," whose origin has long baffled research, was published in 1701 in The Greenwich Magazine, and that it was written by Ruthven Jenkyns.

That the empress of China has no hesitation in expressing her opinion that reforms in social and religious matters are needed, and that China can no longer keep up her isolation from the rest of the world.

That the faith cure prospers in Sweden, where the Hotel Lion does a thriving business at Stockholm, and another hotel-keeper advertises "rooms where one may be alone with God, at the lowest price, including service, cure and board."

That Germany has explained with reference to the occupation of Samoa that when amicable relations have been arranged, the German flag, which was hoisted over Samoa, will be hauled down. Germany has no intention to violate the neutrality agreement with England and America.

That the customs and excise returns for December show a marked improvement in receipts from these two sources. From customs the finance minister has received $256,770 more than in December, 1884. From excise the receipts are $750,000 more.

That tall ladies who don't like their height may console themselves with the fact that the handsomest woman in Italy stands nearly seven feet high.

That it is said that it is no longer the style for girls to learn to play on the banjo, from which a critic infers that they now play on the instrument without learning.

That Monsignor Fabre of Montreal has issued a circular to his clergy, in which he strongly condemns the tobogganing and snowshoe costumes of females.

That the New York Grant monument committee, which proposed to erect a monument costing $1,000,000, has now reduced its ideas to $500,000.

That it is now stated that the Canadian parliament will not be called together until March.

That the Canadian Pacific railroad has disposed of the $25,000,000 bonds, held by the Dominion government, at par.

That Lieut. Howard denies having scalped an Indian at Batoche, but admits having cut a scalp lock from young Whitecap.

That four deaths of small-pox occurred in one family at Chicago last week.

That Moody and Sankey commenced a short revivalist campaign in Montreal on January 3.

That the street peddlers in Philadelphia did a thriving business on New Year's day in false moustaches, beards and whiskers. The boys who sold cards bearing the inscription, "When I am Full Take Me Home," were also successful in selling out.

That Oxford has 111 of its sons in the new parliament and Cambridge 82. Of the public schools Eton has 72, Harrow 45 and Rugby 27.

That the total value of the trade of India exceeds $250,000,000 annually.

That extraordinary numbers of Jews are going to England from Germany, Russia and Roumania.

That an old scheme has been revived in France to connect Marseilles with the River Rhone by a canal.

That roller skating is dying out at the east.

That Judge Dwinelle died suddenly on the 12th instant at San Francisco.

That a remarkable illustration of the depreciation of land in England is afforded by a transaction in Lincolnshire. The Minting Park estate of 540 acres had a mortgage of £15,000 upon it. The mortgages worked it for some time at a heavy loss, and have finally sold it for £3,000.

That Mme. Patti finds herself in high favor among the Parisians. "The French now talk of her," writes Edward King, "as if she had made her debut here and were a child of Paris. They are quite wild to see her on the stage once more." She is to sing for these new worshippers soon after New Year's.

That at the Stockport (Eng.) county court, Judge Hughes decided in an unexpected manner, a claim which had been put in by a professional pedestrian named Peter St. Leger, of Macclesfield, for the recovery from Daniel Ward, of Handforth, of a gold watch. The plaintiff and the defendant's son had competed in a walking match, of which the defendant was judge. The defendant decided in favor of his son, but the plaintiff alleged that his son had walked one lap too little. The judge decided to have the match walked over again in his own presence next month, and chose a gentleman in court to assist him in judging.

That a volcano on Chernabura island, Cook's Inlet, Alaska, is in a state of active eruption.

That the dead cats in Eastern Pennsylvania are thrown in the great furnace of a foundry and cremated. Even in life these animals exhibit cream-ating proclivities.

That the Bowdoin Paper Company will build a dam at Lisbon Falls, Maine, and invest from $500,000 to $1,000,000 in a pulp and paper plant at that point.

That E. W. Stechhan, the Portland theatre man, was knocked down in Indiana, the other night by two men, who robbed him of $80 and his railroad tickets.

That the Mono county (Cal.) bank has failed. Liabilities $45,000.

DYNAMITER OR THIEF—OR BOTH!—Late last night a Chinaman was arrested on Herald street, where he had been detected trying to sell a quantity of gunpowder—about 30 pounds—to any one who might choose to purchase. A policeman "happened" along and took John and his wares to the gaol, where the quality of the powder could be inspected at leisure.

BURIAL.—The funeral of the late Henry D. Saunders took place yesterday from the late residence on Kane street, at 2:15 p.m., leaving Christ church for the cemetery half an hour later. The pallbearers were T. C. Jones, F. Schl, J. Sears, J. Braden, J. Ford, and J. Maynard.

INTERIOR WEATHER CLEAR AND VERY COLD.

Ice Jam at Port Hammond—Skating Accident.

Acquittal of Smith for Killing Walker.

(Special Correspondence.)

YALE, Jan. 16.—The weather throughout the upper country is bright, clear and very cold, with a heavy north wind. Last night was the coldest of the season: There is every appearance of a heavy frost to-night.

NEW WESTMINSTER, Jan. 16.—The weather to-night clear and cold; thermometer 25. The river is now clear of ice here, but a large jam is reported above Port Hammond. If this breaks to-night it is thought it will jam at a point below this city and hold.

An accident occurred this afternoon at Burnaby Lake. While a number of ladies and gentlemen were skating on the lake, when he sang the "Charge of Balaklava," a splendid English song. Mr. Brayden's speech was a first-class temperance oration on the evil of moderation. Miss Humber played a splendid selection, and is an excellent pianist. Mr. Newell gave a character speech, and Mr. Humber thanked all those who voted for the temperance ticket, and stated that he hoped all would be satisfied with his efforts at the close of the year. The entertainment closed with the "National Anthem."

Marine.

At Hong Kong, January 9th, the bark Spartan was loading for Victoria.

H. B. Co.'s ship Titania, having repaired damages, sailed from London on the 10th January for Victoria.

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—There is increased anxiety for the safety of the American ship Undaunted, which left this port for Philadelphia last Friday. The tug boat reported at the Delaware breakwater that during the storm she had cast off and let the ship go when 12 miles southeast of Abscomb light. Since then nothing has been heard from her. Besides Captain Hamilton and his family there were on board, Harry Long, a Pennsylvania pilot, and ten riggers from New York. The regular crew had not been shipped.

Bark Cassandra Adams, with V. C. coal, and steamship Wellington, with Wellington coal, have sailed for San Francisco.

An Unwise Demonstration.

On Thursday evening a number of citizens, to show their dissatisfaction of the scurrilous attacks on Mayor Bate, which recently appeared in Dr. O'Brian's paper, assembled in front of the doctor's residence, and serenaded him with horns and tin cans. Although Dr. O'Brian's course has brought down on him the general contempt of the community, we think such a demonstration, especially at his private house, was altogether uncalled for, and we feel certain that those who took part in the affair, now that the excitement is over, sincerely wish it had not taken place. So far as the breaking of a pane of glass was concerned, we are informed by a reliable eye witness, that that was purely accidental and without malice or intention. Allowances certainly have to be made for the excitement of a keenly contested election, but we repeat that a more appropriate and less objectionable way, might have been adopted to show the general dissatisfaction at the introduction of personal and private attacks in our local political issues. A man's public acts are fair game for criticism, but his private life should be held sacred.—*Nanaimo Free Press.*

HEAVY LAND CLAIM.—At San Francisco John K. Moore has instituted suit demanding the return to him of land worth over one hundred million dollars and asks for judgment against the defendants for an additional three hundred million dollars claimed as income from said land. The tract claimed embraces over 160 acres of land in that city and includes the Black Point military reservation, the new City Hall and a portion of Golden Gate park. The plaintiff claims title through a Mexican grant made to Fernando Marchine, which was purchased by him. The court is also asked to decree that the city under the various acts of congress and of the legislature has merely been the trustee of Marchine, and that the present owners of the property and the city be compelled to make restitution.

TURNING THE TABLES.—When Hibbs is released the United States will be obliged to return him to Victoria, where the British authorities will give back to him the money he accumulated by means of his enterprising talents. It is understood that he will sue Postmaster Inspector Murphy for damages, and also bring suit in the court of claims at Washington for indemnity from the United States.—*Seattle Post-Intelligencer.*

THE NANAIMO ELECTION.—The Free Press says: The vote polled was the largest ever cast in this city for municipal positions. Mayor Bate has again been re-elected by the handsome majority of 33, in spite of the determined and scurrilous opposition. For the Middle ward the councillors of last year—Messrs. W. E. Webb, John Hilbert and W. Wilson—have been returned by handsome majorities. For the South and North wards new blood has been returned—for the former Messrs. James Knight, and G. Bevilockway, and for the latter Messrs. A. G. Horne and Charles Wilson.

HIT HIM WITH A HATCHET.—Hama, a representative of the aboriginal tribes, was hunting for a policeman at midnight with a hatchet in his hand. This, he stated to a reporter, a Klootchman had attacked him with, striking him in the back, but only succeeded in marring the overcoat badly. He wanted a "skookman," and had been hunting an hour on Government street for one.

OVERHEARD ON THE STREETS.—Stranger—"Cold weather, isn't it? Wish it was over; I want to go and strike it rich at Granite creek." Citizen—"It can't be too cold for me. If it only keeps like this I can do far better in Victoria than any one will at the mines." "Indeed, how is that?" Citizen—"I can see you don't know me, sir. *I am a plumber!*"

OATH OF OFFICE.—The mayor and councillors elect will take the oath of office, before the chief justice, at the supreme court on Monday next.

SKATING.—Numbers of persons enjoyed the healthful recreation of skating yesterday afternoon and evening, on King's pond and Skinner's bottom.

YALE.—Mr. Wm. Elly, a butcher, of Yale, while insane from drink, leaped into Fraser river on Wednesday night, and was swept away by the flood.

No sufferer from any scrofulous disease, who will try Ayer's Sarsaparilla, need despair of a cure. It will purge the blood of all impurities, thereby destroying the germs from which scrofula is developed, and will infuse new life and vigor throughout the whole physical organization. dw

Blue Ribbon Meeting.

The large hall was well filled last evening and the programme varied and attractive. The choir, under Leader McConnel sang "Drive the Wedge," after which Vice-President S. Gray opened the meeting with prayer. The band, under Signor Agius, played a fine selection, and President Rudge made a stirring speech which was rapturously applauded. Miss Hamilton gave a recitation which was followed by a song by Mr. Vick, entitled "The Golden Shore." Mr. Sutton's temperance speech was very good and effective. Mr. Duffy, of H. M. S. Triumph, sang "Hail Victoria," a new song dedicated to England's noble queen, and received an encore to which he responded by singing another fine solo. Mr. Mackien sang "Where is My Boy To-night," a pretty solo. Professors Hookway and Stramberg played a nice selection on piano and violin. Vice president Grey made a first-class temperance speech and was interrupted by loud applause. A little member of the Band of Hope gave a short recitation, after which Mr. Oram sang "Far Away," which received an encore, when he sang the "Charge of Balaklava," a splendid English song. Mr. Brayden's speech was a first-class temperance oration on the evil of moderation. Miss Humber played a splendid selection, and is an excellent pianist. Mr. Newell gave a character speech, and Mr. Humber thanked all those who voted for the temperance ticket, and stated that he hoped all would be satisfied with his efforts at the close of the year. The entertainment closed with the "National Anthem."

Marine.

British bark Hattie E. Tapley, which put into San Francisco from here in a leaky condition, has had her decks calked, a steam donkey placed on board, and sails the early part of next week for Sydney.

The steamship Wellington passed down yesterday morning coal laden from Departure Bay for San Francisco.

Steamer Queen of the Pacific, with passengers and 165 tons of freight from San Francisco arrived last evening, having made the run in the quick time of 56 hours.

On Dec. 9th British bark Nellie May sailed from Yokohama for Victoria.

H. B. Company's new ship Titania, 957 tons, which sailed in December from London for Victoria, returned to London on the 7th inst. for repairs, having damaged her outwater.

At Hongkong, Dec. 9th, the British bark Nanaimo was in port.

Steam Pleasure Yacht.

The new steam yacht Saturna, built by Alex. Strachan for Pike & Payne, of Saturna island, took a trial trip yesterday, with Capt Jaggers at the helm, from Victoria harbor to Esquimalt and back at the rate of between nine and ten knots per hour. There were also on board, Messrs. A. Gray, W. Bullen, Inspector Vigor, and Messrs. Bryce and Strachan. The yacht is a shapely little thing with 48 feet of keel, 11 feet 6 in. beam, and depth of hold 5 feet 6 inches. The machinery, which includes a steel marine boiler of 25-horse power, was provided by the Albion Iron Works. The yacht, which it is intended shall be used solely for pleasure, will be fitted up with every view to internal comfort.

"LOUIS RIEL."—Mr. George T. Snow, the actor, who has not been appearing on the boards lately, was asked last evening by a reporter of this paper why he was wasting his talents. "Don't say anything about it," said Mr. S., "and I will tell you. I have nearly finished a dramatization of the late uprising, which I am going to call 'Louis Riel, or the Northwest Rebellion.' The company that is playing the piece in the states will be Riel's mother on the stage, but I shall keep her off." Mr. S. will take the part of Riel, and, it is whispered, intends to demonstrate in the closing scene the possibility of being suspended for an indefinite period without danger to respiration.

OVERHEARD ON THE STREETS.—Stranger—"Cold weather, isn't it? Wish it was over; I want to go and strike it rich at Granite creek." Citizen—"It can't be too cold for me. If it only keeps like this I can do far better in Victoria than any one will at the mines." "Indeed, how is that?" Citizen—"I can see you don't know me, sir. *I am a plumber!*"

FALSE ALARM.—An alarm of fire was sounded from corner Montreal and Kingston Streets, James Bay, last evening, and the fire department quickly responded to the call. It proved to be a false alarm, however, and was probably done by some miscreant, who, it is hoped, will be captured.

DEATH.—City Constable Thomas Millar received a telegram on Thursday announcing the death of Mr. John Haggarty, father of Mrs. T. Millar, at North Sydney, Cape Breton, at the advanced age of 94 years.—*Free Press.*

SKATING.—The continued cold weather has made the ice in excellent condition, and large numbers of skaters were enjoying the exhilirating exercise on Skinner's bottom, where there is a fine stretch of glassy surface.

SAANICH BALL.—The annual ball given at the agricultural hall, South Saanich, on Friday evening last, under the auspices of the directors and members of the agricultural society, was a grand success. Music was furnished by Prof. Haynes band, and the constable department was under the indefatigable superintendence of the ladies of the district. There was a good attendance and the time was merrily tripped away until an early hour in the morning.

OUR ENGLISH LETTER.

Composition of the English Government.

The Eastern Question—Shakespeare's Personality—The Salvation Army.

(Special Correspondence of The Colonist.)

LONDON, Dec 25th.

While most others are inclined to rest and be satisfied with the general results, the political arithmeticians seem never to tire of manipulating the returns—subtracting, multiplying, and dividing, striking rations, and plunging for the fourth term. But the following figures ought to set the matter at rest. Of the 638 members of the last parliament the liberals had 343, the conservatives 249, and the Irish 86. Of the 670 members of the new parliament the liberals have 333, the conservatives 250, and the Irish 86. Therefore, this election has made the liberal position about 4 per cent. worse; the conservative position about 1.7 per cent. worse; and the Irish position about 5½ per cent. better. There are

MORE ROMAN CATHOLICS

in the newly-elected house of commons than have been returned to any parliament since the reformation, Ireland naturally sends the great majority of them—a contingent of seventy-nine, under Mr. Parnell. Scotland sends the first Catholic that has spoken in the name of that headquarters of Presbyterianism since the time of John Knox. England sends three Catholics, of whom two are liberal and one conservative. It is rather curious that there should have been so small a representation of British Catholics in the houses of legislature, so entirely out of proportion to their effective numbers in the community. Compared with the Quakers, who are infinitely more insignificant, numerically, than the Catholics, they have been allowed out with considerable energy and kept back by intolerable prejudice. The new departure is a good augury for the disappearance of the *odium theologicum* from our political life. It is indeed time that that medieval ghost should be "laid" with the rest of its noxious troop. It is understood that

SIR A. D. WOLFF'S DEPARTURE

for Upper Egypt is indefinitely postponed, the friendly negotiations provided for in the Anglo-Turkish convention having become a dead letter through the resumption of hostilities by the rebels. While such is the intelligence that comes to hand from Cairo, nothing very conclusive has reached here from Belgrade. It is stated that the

WARLIKE FEELING IN THE CAPITAL

continues unabated, in spite of the presence of the international commissioners. Europe is anxious to see the Balkan states at peace with each other. There is now a pretty general feeling that Bulgaria will be permitted to keep what she has got. The powers, it is said, have agreed to a personal union between Bulgaria and East Roumelia. When hostilities arose out of their unifaction, the military capacity of Alexander was not calculated upon. There were some incidents in the earlier part of his rule that did not recommend him to England. But in this emergency he has shown himself fully equal to the position. Recently he accepted the services of a body of soldiers exclusively Jews. They exhibited the most dauntless bravery. As was befitting in the circumstances, Prince Alexander gave the commander of the host a

MEDAL FOR VALOUR;

and publicly eulogised the corps as having emulated the heroism of the Maccabees. Mr. James Maclehose, one of the most noted of Scottish publishers, has just died in Glasgow. The greater part of his life was spent in that city, of which he may almost be said to have been a native, his birthplace—Govan—being practically a suburb thereof. With the exception of a few years passed in London, Mr. Maclehose never quitted the commercial capital of Scotland. Beginning business there in 1838, he witnessed the marvellous expansion of Glasgow, and found his fortune growing with its advancement. When I mention that he was the lifelong friend of Daniel Macmillan, his character may be pretty fairly guessed. Mr. Maclehose was one of those publishers who aim at being something more than successful business men. He had a wide and accurate knowledge of literature, exquisite taste and great decision of character. Glasgow has long been famous for its printing, and Mr. Maclehose seemed anxious to emulate the renown of Foulis, whose folio edition of Virgil is one of the finest examples of typography that ever issued from the press. Mr. Maclehose was the publisher of the philosophical speculation of Principal Caird, and of his scarcely less distinguished brother, the professor. These all men of really strong and generous natures, Mr. Maclehose was deeply imbued with the *genius loci*.

LORD SALISBURY

is shortly to publish the results of some work in chemical analysis. He is, I believe, the first premier who has sought recreation in science, though we have had many who have dallied with the muses. Pulteney knew the classics well, and in them found repose from political warfare; so did Fox, when his fortunes did not permit of gaming. Bolingbroke was something of a philosopher, and Pitt the younger thought a good deal of himself as a metrical translator. Broughton knew a good deal of the literature of science, but a very little about science properly so called. Lord Beaconsfield began his life as a novelist, and Mr. Gladstone's prowess in the Homeric field is well known. But Lord Salisbury is the only statesman "of the first water," so far as I know, who has donned the chemist's apron and gone in for qualitative and quantitative analysis. To such effect, withal, that in his judgment the results are worth publication in that "dry-lighted world" of science, where there is no respect of persons, but a prime minister's fallacy or an archbishop's error is as pitilessly exposed as an errand boy's mistake in adding a few pence.

ALL LOVERS OF SHAKESPEARE

will be glad to hear that there is no longer any exaggeration in saying that the problem of the Sonnets may be regarded as solved—if not beyond all question, at least as nearly as we may hope to approach to a definite conclusion. Fifty years ago the theory was started that William Herbert, afterwards Earl of Pembroke, Shakespeare's friend whose beauty and virtue are so warmly eulogised now, through the researches of Mr. Thomas Tyler, who is about to publish in a volume the contributions which he has made during many years towards the elucidation of the difficulty, in the columns of the Athenaeum and the Academy. Internal evidence demands a chronology which corresponds with the known chronology of Herbert's life. We are promised, in addition, sundry other new facts concerning Shakespeare's own personality; and it is a pleasing circumstance that it is through the enlightened interest of the Marquis of Salisbury in the whole of the researches of Mr. Tyler, that this new light is now being thrown upon the biography of the world's greatest poet.

Mr. Booth,

THE "GENERAL" OF THE SALVATION ARMY, has issued his year book for 1885. It contains a record of what is called the "salvation war," and gives a list of the money received from the various departments of the Salvation army from October, 1884, to October, 1885. From these it appears that no less a sum than £76,168, 18s. 4d. has been collected and expended in the twelve months for the work of the "army" in different parts of the world. They carry on operations in Australia, New Zealand, California, Canada, Germany, France, Switzerland, India, Italy, South Africa, Sweden, and the United States. The great centre, however, of their operations is in this country. According to the return, the Salvation army had in the United Kingdom in 1884, 637 "corps," and abroad 273, altogether 910. In 1885 they had 902 corps in this country, and 520 abroad, in all 1,322. There has been an increase, therefore, this year compared with last, of 412 corps. In 1884 the "army" had 2,164 officers; and in 1885, 3,076, being an increase of 912. In 1884 they held 17,470 weekly services, and in 1885 they held 25,496, being an increase of 8,026 weekly services in the year 1885, over those held in the year 1884. These figures give roughly some idea of the energy of the religious organization under the direction of Mr. Booth, but they furnish only a faint conception of the activity that displays itself in all the departments of the society. Mr. Booth's idea is to apply military organization and methods to spiritual work. The book from which these facts are taken is filled with accounts of the efforts of members of the "army" in different parts of the world.

The following deaths have to be chronicled: The Earl of Guildford; Sir George Harrison, M. P. for Edinburgh southern division; Captain Sir Frederick J. O. Evans, R.N., K.C.B., F.R.S.; and Major Dugald J. P. Campbell, the city marshal.

KOOTENAY.

Items of Interest from that District.