Bott said the engineer had left no margin for contingencies, but the estimate of the cost of different branches of the work was very liberal, and that it was not desirable to undertake the work until 15 per cent. was added to the estimate. In considering this question, continued Mr. Beaven, we should keep in mind the engineer's figures, $15,200 per mile. The government said the railway would cost $17,500 per mile, and they had guaranteed $25,000 per mile, simply because the statute gave them power to do so. But the statute said if the road cost less than $25,000 per mile the smaller amount should be acted upon. The whole basis of the attorney-general's argument was that it would cost the province less to guarantee the principal and interest than it would cost to guarantee the interest only. It was plain that the government had done something that the legislature did not authorize them to do. He could not see how members could have confidence in a government that abused the powers placed in their hands. A railway engineer said the railway would cost $15,200 per mile, Mr. Abbott said that was a liberal estimate, the Government said it would cost $17,500 per mile and the government guaranteed $25,000 per mile. He stated when the Shuswap & Okanagan guarantee bill was before the house that the engineer's estimate of the cost of the road was far below the amount of that company's bonds, upon which the government guaranteed interest. Now it was common report that the Shuswap & Okanagan railway was built for less than the guarantee. With this experience in their possession the government should know better than to repeat the mistake in the Slocan railway. With that knowledge before them, it appeared as though there was some subtle influence in the executive to make the members of that body act as they did. The government would have to answer to the country for this abuse of power. It was also provided in the railway aid act that no guarantee shall be given until the work had been approved by the Dominion government, and the Dominion subsidy of $3200 per mile had been paid. The Dominion government had not yet accepted the work. It is true that the company had paid into the provincial treasury $118,400, the amount they expected to receive as Dominion subsidy. The public accounts committee had found out that this amount had been paid in, but they could not obtain the agreement under which it had been paid. The member for Cassiar asked the gentleman in charge of the treasury for the agreement, but he said he did not have it. The provincial secretary and the minister of finance were asked for it, and it was then learned that it was in the attorney-general's office. After a number of excuses had been given why it should not be laid before the committee, the attorney-general said point blank that he would not allow the committee to see it. This was an example of the obstacles placed in the way of committees who were endeavoring to obtain information for the members of the house. As far as the official was concerned he did everything he could for the committee, but he could not make the attorney-general produce the agreement. That agreement was one of the mysteries about this matter. The amount paid in by the company had been absorbed. How then was it to take the place of the Dominion subsidy? Of course the province was responsible and good for it, and it was placed in the hands of the government for a certain purpose and under certain conditions it would have to be returned to the company. The question was, what authority had the government for doing what they had done? They had treated the legislature as a nonentity and had taken the whole matter into their own hands. Was the government right in guaranteeing the maximum amount allowed by the statute with the information they had?

It being six o'clock, and the government having decided not to sit in the evening, Mr. Beaven moved the adjournment of the debate, which was carried and the house adjourned.

March 14.

The speaker took the chair at two o'clock. Prayers by the Rev. P. McF. Macleod.

Dr. Watt moved that in accordance with the practice in this and other provinces and in the Dominion, but for the more efficient carrying out thereof, it is an order of this house that as soon as the public accounts or other departmental reports are printed and ready for distribution, the Queen's printer be and is hereby directed to send a copy to each member of this house and to the various newspapers and public libraries in the province. Dr. Watt said it was the practice in other provinces to do this.

Hon. Mr. Beaven said it would no doubt be beneficial to do the same in British Columbia. The practice here, however, was to first refer the reports to the Lieutenant-Governor, who instructed the members of the executive to present them to the house. He moved in amendment to strike out all the words after that and insert "a respectful address be presented to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor informing His Honor that this house is of opinion that as soon as the public accounts and other reports have been printed and referred to the Lieutenant-Governor they should be sent to the members of the house and otherwise made public."

The amendment was accepted and the resolution was passed.

Dr. Watt moved that whereas many of the Indian reservations throughout the province, especially in the interior, comprise vast areas of the best agricultural lands, which are either altogether uncultivated by the Indians, or if cultivated, then in many cases in such a slovenly way as to injure rather than improve the land, seeding it as well as adjoining property with noxious weeds; and whereas in most cases a much smaller area would suffice for the wants of the Indians, and the surplus if thrown open to settlement for whites would be of permanent advantage to the province; therefore, resolved, that in the opinion of this house steps should be taken at once to acquire back the interests of the tribes in those reservations, or portions thereof, suitable for agriculture, on equitable terms of purchase or exchange, and that thereupon such re-acquired lands will be thrown open for settlement on such terms as may be agreed upon.

The mover said a similar resolution had been introduced in the Dominion house some time ago, and he read from Hansard some of the arguments used in favor of it.

Hon. Mr. Vernon said the government had always held that the Indians should be given the same rights as the settler occupying lands adjoining the reservations. It was not easy to prove that the Indians had a larger area of land than they needed. They were increasing the size of their farms year by year and were producing a large amount of grain. Unless the Indians would agree to it, he did not see how the resolution could be of any use. After a discussion of the matter he hoped the resolution would be withdrawn.

Mr. Speaker ruled the resolution out of order, as it would lead up to the expenditure of public money.

Mr. Forster moved that whereas a return of the house has been printed showing, among other things a detailed statement of the expenditure in connection with the bureau of labor statistics; and whereas in said statement certain items appear as follows: Collector of statistics, 7th September to 31st October, 1893, at $100 per month, $170.97; clerk, 7th September, 1893, to 31st January, 1894, at $60 per month, $288; purchase of buggy for collector, $110; purchase of team of horses for collector, $180; purchase saddle horse for collector, $50; purchase of saddle, harness, etc., $71.50; care of horses and horse hire, $14; expenses in travelling, $158.25; and whereas in said statement no explanation is given as to the object for which such expense was incurred nor the locality in which the money was spent; therefore be it resolved that a further return be granted giving the name of the collector of statistics, the name of the clerk, the localities in which they operated and all statistics collected. The mover said what he objected to was that the return was deficient. He would like to know what had been done for the money. A collector who had a horse and buggy should be able to collect a great many statistics. But he had not seen any statistics.

Dr. Watt asked the minister of mines the following questions re Lightning creek, Cariboo, lease: 1. What sums have been paid into the treasury since the lease was granted: (a) by the original grantees, Harper & Cameron; (b) by the present holders of the lease. 2. Who are the present holders of the lease; when was it granted to them, for what period, and on what terms as to rent and work? 3. Have the terms of the lease been complied with as to the work to be done; and, if not, is the ground now open for location by others?

Hon. Col. Baker answered: 1. (a) $300; (b) $1,000. 2. J. C. Prevost and H. S. Mason, the receiver of the estate of T. Harper; lease granted to them on March 31st, 1891, for 15 years, with privilege of renewal for ten years, at a rental of $50 annually for two years, and $1,000 annually for the remaining thirteen years; the terms of the lease have not been complied with, and the ground is now open for location by others.

Hon. Mr. Beaven, on consideration of the report of the bill to incorporate the Victoria Electric Light and Railway company, moved to strike out clause 22, which provides for the exemption of the company's property from provincial taxation. If the company was exempt from taxation other property would have to pay it.

Mr. Croft thought it would be doing an injustice to the company not to exempt them from taxation in view of the fact that they had assisted in developing the suburbs of Victoria.

Mr. Grant considered that the clause should remain in the bill. It was necessary to assist the company.

The amendment was negatived and the report was adopted.

Mr. Speaker said the clause could not have any effect until it had been approved by the government.

The Kaslo-Slocan Railway company's bill was finally passed.

Mr. Sword rose to a point of order on the Consolidated Electric Railway & Light company's bill. The bill, he said, provided for something that was neither mentioned in the advertisement nor in the petition. Neither the petition nor advertisement mentioned the Vancouver and New Westminster Tramway company, which was mentioned in the bill. He would like to know if the bill was in order.

Mr. Speaker reserved his decision.

The Chilliwack Drainage bill passed through committee and was reported without amendment.

The report on the Cariboo railway bill was adopted.

The Brunette Saw Mill company's bill was passed through the same stage.

In committee on the bill relating to public works in the township of Richmond, Mr. Sword moved an amendment to strike out in clause 13 of the preamble the words "and to provide for the payment by the said municipal corporation of the township of Richmond of the damages awarded by the jury on the trial of the said action and the costs of the said suit."

Hon. Mr. Davie said in mercy to all parties the litigation should be ended. The amendment would only prolong litigation.

Hon. Mr. Beaven said it was a very objectionable thing to bring in a ... to set aside the verdict of a court. There would be no objection to the bill if it provided for the payment of money due McLean Bros., but there was an objection to paying McLean Bros. damages.

There was a long discussion on the proposed amendment, being very much a repetition of what was said on the second reading. Mr. Horne and Mr. Brown got a little personal, but nothing serious resulted. Mr. Grant made a remark that Mr. Brown considered as a reflection on him.

Mr. Brown—I would be ashamed to state so many deliberate untruths and misrepresentations.

Mr. Grant—My character for truthfulness is just as well established as is that of the hon. gentleman from New Westminster city. Nothing better could be expected from the member for New Westminster city.

The committee rose and reported progress.

Hon. Mr. Davie presented a message from the Lieutenant-Governor enclosing a bill respecting the British Columbia Southern railway.

The house rose at six o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

The house again went into committee on the bill relating to certain works in the township of Richmond. The division on Mr. Sword's amendment was 8 to 8, and Mr. Stoddart, who was in the chair, voted against it, leaving the preamble as it was.

Mr. Sword introduced other amendments with the same object in view, and they were also negatived. The bill was reported complete.

Mr. Speaker delivered a ruling on Mr. Sword's point of order, holding that the Consolidated Electric Railway & Light company's bill was out of order. The speaker ruled that the point was well taken, as the preamble of the bill did not agree with the petition and the advertisement. He was willing to consider any suggestions as to a means of reviving the bill.

The report on the dentistry bill was adopted.

The house went into committee, Mr. Booth in the chair, to consider the pharmacy bill. Mr. Forster moved that the committee rise. The motion was adopted, thus killing the bill.

The order for the second reading of Mr. Keith's pharmacy bill was discharged.

Hon. Mr. Davie moved the second reading of the bill to protect the bottlers and manufacturers of beverages. The object of the bill was to prevent the purloining of bottles. (Laughter.)

Mr. Semlin said he was not satisfied that the measure was a necessary one. The bill would be a great inconvenience. If a man purchased a bottle that bottle belonged to him.

Hon. Mr. Beaven said the legislature should stop at protecting bottles. Were the police to prosecute a boy for selling bottles?

Mr. Hunter thought the bill might be workable if it referred to labels. It would be rather inconvenient for a man to send to England to obtain permission to have in his possession a bottle belonging to some English firm.

The second reading was negatived.

Mr. Grant moved the second reading of the municipality act amendment bill. He explained that the bill was prepared by a committee, and would be open to amendment in committee of the whole.

The bill was read a second time, as was also Hon. Mr. Davie's municipal bill. Both will be considered in committee to-morrow.

The house adjourned at ten o'clock.

TRUSTEE ELECTION.

Glover Elected by 45 Majority—A Quiet Contest.

The result of to-day's trustee election is as follows:

Glover	144
Hall	99
Majority for Glover	45

Thousand Dollars Reward.

The provincial government to-day offered a reward of $1,000 for information that would lead to the arrest and conviction of the party or parties who attempted to blow up the home of Mr. Sharpe in Wellington yesterday. Every possible effort will be made by Supt. Hussey to apprehend the would-be murderers. It is believed that the reward will prove tempting to accomplices of the principals in the outrage. Supt. Hussey received a report on the explosion to-day from Chief Constable Stewart at Nanaimo. The facts do not vary from what has already been published.

Miss Humber, who for several years has filled the position of organist of the Centennial Methodist church, was last evening presented with an address accompanied by a purse. The congregation of the church took this means of showing their appreciation of Miss Humber's voluntary services as organist. The presentation was made at Mr. and Mrs. Noah Shakespeare's house, where an "at home" in aid of the church was being held. The address was presented by Mr. Shakespeare and was as follows:

Victoria, March 14, 1894.

Our Dear Miss Humber:—We have availed ourselves of this favorable opportunity of expressing, in some small measure, the indebtedness we owe to you for your faithful services, during so many years, as organist of the Centennial Methodist Church. We are satisfied that if we failed to express our recognition of your services, we would be guilty of great injustice to you, and would show on our part a lack of our appreciation which would be unworthy the name of Methodists. Your regularity, not only at each of the Sunday services, but also at the various practices necessary to the proper preparation for the Sunday services, has not been unnoticed, and, although ano remuneration has been given you, we are pleased to believe that other and higher motives have been your constant stimulus. The small token of appreciation accompanying these few words of thanks is far from expressing our sense of indebtedness to you, and we hope you will in no wise regard it as such. We pray God's blessing to rest abundantly upon you, and that at Christ's Coming you may be found worthy to join the heavenly choir, and in that happy land beyond we trust that we, with you, may be attuned to sing His praises forever more.

Signed on behalf of the congregation of Centennial Methodist Church.

NOAH SHAKESPEARE.

British Unity.

London, March 15.—Sir Albert Rolitte, M.P., president of the associated chamber of commerce, speaking at a meeting of that body to-day, said the enthusiasm displayed by the colonies in regard to the Pacific cable scheme and reciprocal trade afforded fresh proof of the possibility of commercial union in the British empire. Sir Albert's remarks met with hearty approval.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria.
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BRIEF LOCALS.

Gleanings of City and Provincial News in a Condensed Form.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

—The bark Richard III arrived in the roads this morning. It is reported that she is in a leaky condition and it may be that she will have to be docked.

—Active preparations are being made for the annual spring concert in aid of St. Paul's Presbyterian church in the Victoria West hall, on Thursday evening, the 27th inst. A first-class programme in every respect will be presented.

—The steamer Danube arrived last evening from the north via Vancouver. There has been an unusually large amount of snow up north this winter, it being six feet deep in many places, and it was again falling when the Danube left. This the canners say is the sign of a good salmon run. Officer Bledsoe brought down from Alert Bay two Indian men, suspected of being connected with the Savary Island murder. Nothing has been heard of Lynn, the white man suspected of the crime.

—Letters received from Yokohama give advices of the safe arrival there of the sealing schooners Casco, Diana, Enterprise, Dora Sieward, and Agnes McDonald. The latter made the run over in 40 days, the Casco in 45 and the Enterprise in 54 days. This sets at rest the rumor that the Enterprise had been wrecked. She did not meet with an accident on the way over. The Maud S had been out to the sealing grounds but had to return to port with a couple of sick men. The weather on the Japan coast up to date of writing had been very rough, consequently no sealing could be done.

—The pulpit of St. Andrew's church will be supplied for the next four Sabbaths by the Rev. R. D. Fraser, M. A., of Bowmanville, Ont. Mr. Fraser is a son of the late Ven. Dr. Wm. Fraser, who was one of the pioneer Presbyterian ministers of Ontario, and was one of the few who celebrated his jubilee, and was minister of only one charge, Bond Head, from the beginning to the end of his ministry. He was also joint clerk of the General Assembly from 1866 up to the time of his death, upwards of a year ago. Mr. Fraser has had a successful ministerial experience of about 20 years in Toronto and Bowmanville. He is expected to arrive on Thursday or Friday evening's boat.

—A Whatcom dispatch says: "Cowboy" Terry, who was caught last week smuggling Chinamen near Sumas, waived examination at Sumas to-day, and was bound over in $1,750 bail to await the action of the United States grand jury. He expects to be convicted at the trial and to get one year in the penitentiary. Speaking to-day of the Sedro affair two years ago and the killing of Deputy Sheriff Poor, he admitted that he attempted to smuggle the Chinamen, but finding that capture was almost certain, he wired Poor, who, he said, was his friend, intending to deliver them over to him and Holden. He and Poor had just reached the place where he told the Chinamen to meet him, when the shooting commenced, as he says, by Baird and Buchanan.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

—During February the B. C. Benevolent Society paid out $375.65 for charity.

—The school election yesterday led to a land office business in revenue tax receipts. Tax Collector Carter disposed of 66 during the day.

—The Young Men's Institute gave a card party last evening in the club rooms. There was a good attendance and all had a very enjoyable time.

—Seven hundred cubic feet of the fireproof concrete to be used under the tile flooring of the parliament buildings has been prepared by Mr. Drake.

—The annual meeting of the Victoria Lacrosse Club will be held on Friday evening next, 16th instant, at 8 o'clock sharp, in the B. C. Pioneer Hall, Broad street.

—Those who wish to enjoy a panorama of historical events by a master painter will do well to attend the lecture of Rev. S. Cleaver, B. A., in the James Bay Methodist school room this evening.

—The battalion band now furnishes music each evening for the physical exercise with arms which concludes the drill of the B. C. B. G. A. It increases the interest and attractiveness of the drill and interest.

—Perseverance lodge, No. 1, I. O. G. T., met last evening when an instrumental programme was well rendered. The attendance was good. Triumph lodge of Esquimalt is to entertain and officer Perseverance lodge next Tuesday evening.

—Mrs. Perry, of this city, one of the passengers on the steamship City of Puebla, returned home on the City of Kingston this morning. The majority of the passengers remained on the Puebla and will go down on the steamship Walla Walla.

—The Epworth League of the Metropolitan Methodist church have elected the following officers for the ensuing term: President, A. L. Campbell; 1st Vice-President, A. Charlton; 2nd Vice-President, Miss L. Dunnington; 3rd Vice-President, J. H. Siddall; 4th Vice-President, Mrs. Siddall; Secretary, E. Whittington; Treasurer, Mr. Cline; Organist, Miss Watchorn.

—Hon. D. W. Higgins, speaker of the legislature entertained the following gentlemen at dinner last evening: Major Muirhead, Captain McCallum, Captain A. W. Jones, A. C. Flumerfelt, Lieut. Templar, Lieut. Barnes, Hon. Theo. Davie, Henry Croft, M. P. P., J. M. Kellie, M. P. P., J. W. Horne, M. P. P., C. C. McKenzie, M. P. P., Thornton Fell, Dr. T. J. Jones, R. E. Gosnell, F. M. Rattenbury, E. Baynes-Reed, A. B. Gray and W. F. Bullen.

—The report that Henry Saunders had resigned as school trustee is not correct. Mr. Hayward, chairman of the school trustees, said this morning that Mr. Saunders had tendered his resignation but he had looked up the act and found to his satisfaction that he was in no way disqualified to hold office. There the matter will probably end unless some ratepayer should get the courts to pass upon the alleged technicality against his standing as a trustee.

—Thomas Addison, Victor Croade, W. Kibble, James Bealing, four marines on H. M. S. Pheasant, took charge of an Esquimalt tramcar yesterday and ran it pretty much to suit themselves. They abused the conductor and motorneer, used vile language to the passengers, damaged the car and had a good time generally. They were summoned to-day and in provincial police court before Stipendiary Magistrate Macrae to-morrow afternoon they will have an opportunity to explain.

—The steamer Walla Walla which sails this evening for California will take the passengers that were on board the disabled steamer City of Puebla. The cabin passengers booked to go south by the Walla Walla exclusive of the Puebla's passengers are: W. E. Drake, E. G. Anderson, T. S. Gore, Mrs. H. C. Halfpenny, Mrs. W. J. Quinlan, F. M. Black, William Craft and wife, Mrs. T. S. Gore, B. J. Short, M. Dean, W. Dugan, S. Sea, jr., F. A. Gowen, M. Connelly, A. Munn, Fred Steel, Mrs. E. Perry and child.

—Robert Thompson and William Ellis are in custody on a charge of having attempted to rob the house of W. A. Ward on the Esquimalt road last night. They will be heard in the provincial police court to-morrow.

—There were 200 coolies on the Empress of India yesterday who are on their way to the West Indies. They are under contract to go to work on plantations there. They go east over the C. P. R. and will go by steamer direct to the islands.

—E. A. Jordan, police magistrate of Vancouver, to Miss Nellie Withrow of this city, are to be married this evening at 5 o'clock at St. John's church by Rev. P. Jenns. J. M. O'Brien, of the Vancouver World, and R. W. Armstrong, also of Vancouver, have undertaken the duties that devolve on the groomsmen. The bride will be attended by her sister, Miss G. Withrow and Miss L. Staples. The newly married couple will leave this city by the steamer Walla Walla for California where they will spend their honeymoon.

—The Single Tax club adopted the following last night: "That this club is of opinion that any increase in the property qualification for mayor and aldermen is inadvisable and against the interests of the citizens; and that this club therefore forward to the provincial members for the city a strong protest against any such action;" and "That this meeting heartily endorses the principle of civic ownerships of electric lighting systems, and hereby pledges itself to support the electric lighting by-law to be submitted to the vote of the ratepayers on the 20th instant."

—An inquest was held at South Saanich yesterday by Coroner Hasell to examine into the death of the infant daughter of Joseph Walker, who was accidentally shot on Saturday. Provincial Constable Hutcheson represented the crown and summoned the following jury: William Thompson, foreman; Rev. F. G. Christmas, Richard Thompson, Richard Ewart, William Tolmie and Arthur Reynerd. The only witnesses were the bereaved parents who stated the facts as had already been published. The jury returned a verdict that the child came to her death by accidental gun shot wounds inflicted by her father.

—All persons assessed for real estate within the city will be entitled to vote upon the electric light loan by-law on Tuesday next. In the event of the by-law passing it is proposed to spend the money approximately as follows

Five boilers of 400 horse power and engine (portable Corless) 325 horse power	$14,000
Lining poles, etc	11,000
Dynamos	6,000
Lamps	5,000
Leaving balance for site, building, superintendence, discount on debentures, etc	19,000
	$55,000

This will leave a large reserve for boiler, engine and dynamo power to allow for future extensions.

—No. 1 Company, B. C. B. G. A., held its regular weekly drill last night. After the drill an impromptu concert took place. Sergeant-Major Anderson was master of ceremonies and under his direction the following progamme was given: Cornet solo, Trumpeter Maynard; songs, Company Sergeant-Major Anderson, Quartermaster-Sergeant Muir, Lieutenant Monro, Mr. Ball, Gunners Munroe, Quigley and Scott, Mr. Jamieson and Battalion Sergeant-Major Mulcahy; mouth organ selections, Gunner Wilson; song, Bombardier Handley; cornet solo, Gunner Maynard; song, Gunner Wilkerson. The accompanist was Sergeant Keith Middleton. A number of members of the other companies were present. Coffee and cake was served during the evening.

—Mayor Teague and Police Magistrate Macrae, sitting as a board of licensing commissioners, passed upon a large number of applications, mostly for transfers, this afternoon. The only case of special importance was the application of Wm. Baines for a license for the Osborne house. Harry Helmcken appeared for the applicant, while H. G. Hall, representing the First Presbyterian and Metropolitan Methodist churches, opposed the granting of the license. After hearing exhaustive arguments from both sides, the court announced that the matter would be postponed until the return from California of Dr. I. W. Powell, the third member of the commission. Mayor Teague announced during the afternoon that a number of disorderly houses would receive consideration and their licenses would be taken away. He referred to places where liquor was sold to abandoned women and where there was gambling. These two things it was intended should be stopped. There would be no injustice and tyranny, but firmness and justice.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

—Twenty-two milch cows were received from the Sound this morning by Dairyman McRae.

—J. Heany has bought out the truck and dray business of J. Bennett and has moved his office to 22 Yates street.

—Mail matter is being received at Esquimalt for H. M. S. Hyacinth and it is presumed that it will not be long before she returns. It is said that the Pheasant will be ordered to Behring Sea as soon as the first of the fleet returns from the south.

—There was a large attendance at the organ recital and service of song held last evening at St. James' church. The order of service published last evening was rendered by the full choir under the leadership of George Jay, jr.

—J. G. Rothwell, deputy postmaster-general of Hawaii, who was here some time ago, has been removed from office by the provisional government on the ground that he is not thoroughly in sympathy with the party in power.

—Frank Adams, of the firm of E. B. Marvin & Co., has been advised of the arrival in Yokohama of the sealer E. B. Marvin, which made a run of two days less than the Agnes McDonald. The Marvin had a terribly rough passage, losing her foretopmast, jibboom and some of her sails. She was in a succession of gales with seas mountains high and that she went through with so little damage is a credit to her builders and crew.

—Ald. H. A. Munn has a motion on the city hall bulletin board for consideration at Monday night's meeting of the city council. It is that the auditor be requested to prepare and lay before the council at the first regular meeting in each month during the year a statement showing: first, the amount appropriated for each service, second, the amount paid out or authorized to be paid out, and third, the balance unexpended and still to the credit of each service.

—The members of Loyal Occidental lodge, I. O. O. F., M. U., gave a reception last evening in their hall on Broad street. Dr. Wade, chairman, gave a short address setting forth the history of the Manchester Unity. Mr. Wallis rendered a couple of comic songs and Messrs. Ross, Monro, Perfect, Floyd, Porter and Lawson also aided in the entertainment. Mr. Burrill was accompanist. After the programme was rendered refreshments were served.

—The members of the Liberal association and their friends will spend a social evening to-morrow night in the Philharmonic hall, Fort street. Short speeches will be made by several speakers, while songs, recitations and cigars will help to entertain those present. The association is rapidly increasing in numbers, and many others intend to become members at to-morrow evening's meeting. All those interested in the Liberal cause are invited to be present.

—Mayor Teague presided at a social and entertainment in the James Bay Methodist church last night. The event of the evening was a lecture on the conquest and civilization of Mexico by Cortes. He dealt with the subject entertainingly, dwelling upon the many incidents of the 18 months from the landing of Cortes at Vera Cruz in 1519 to his entry into Montezuma's capital. The lecture was divided into two parts, a musical programme being given between the parts.

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