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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

The Weather at Carmanah.

CARMANAH, Nov. 3—9 a m.—Barometer, 29.60; temperature, 52. moderate south-east wind, steady; no vessels in sight.

Rumor's Voice.

Rumor has it that Mayor Grant will again be a candidate for the mayoralty upon the expiration of his present term of office.

Salmon Receipts.

The steamer Maude took a full load of Northern salmon to New Westminster, yesterday, for trans-shipment to the Rothesay Bay, now loading for England. The Danube will clear up the Northern output on her next trip, the Barbara Boscowitz having a full salmon freight, and being now due.

Fall Assizes.

The docket at the Fall assizes of 1891 promises to be the heaviest for some time, two abduction cases, one of arson, and several others of little less importance, besides the ordinary run of larcenies, etc., being on the list. The cases already number thirteen, and there is still plenty of time for more to be added.

Larceny of Rifles.

Henry G. Haven was brought before Mr. E. Johnson, S. M., yesterday morning, charged with the larceny of two rifles. The pieces were identified by Mr. W. H. Snider, of Saanich, as his property. They had been stolen from his house. The prisoner pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to six months' imprisonment with hard labor.

Their Fun was Expensive.

The four Chinamen who finished a little game of fan-tan with a free fight, on Sunday night, were fined collectively $100 in yesterday's police court. This was duly paid and included the city's bill for surgical attendance, as each of the quarrelsome quartette had received wounds that required the doctor's needle. On the whole, the Celestials consider that they escaped very luckily.

Donations for October.

The provincial royal Jubilee hospital thankfully acknowledge the following donations for October: Mrs. A. A. Green, clothing; Mrs. C. Kent, bed linen and books; Mrs. R. Finlayson, bed linen; Ladies' Auxiliary, fruit, jellies, groceries, etc., from the ball; Mrs. McTavish, dinner napkins and fruit; Mrs. D. Harvie, half dozen nightshirts and a quantity of clothing; King's Daughters, magazines and flowers; Rice Mills, two bags flour.

The Westminster Southern.

The Westminster Southern Railway is practically completed, and trains could be run at once if it were not that there still remains some surfacing to do between Fairhaven and Seattle. This should have been completed before, but some little unforseen delays interfered. However, everything will be in readiness before the 15th of the present month to put on the train service between Seattle and Westminster. The South Westminster extension will be ballasted this week.—Daily Columbian.

Big Pay.

The report is brought from the Sombrio river, which empties itself into the sea on the south-west coast of Vancouver Island, that rich placer discoveries have recently been made there, gold being taken out in quantities as liberal as those told of in the early days when men picked up a fortune in a week. Six prospectors who struck the Sombrio during the summer, are credited with taking out $800 each in two weeks, not bad pay even for lucky miners. Further news from the creek and more definite will be eagerly looked for

The Customs Difficulty.

Yesterday afternoon, the post-office authorities received a telegram from Ottawa instructing them to carry out old arrangements in the matter of forwarding packages to the Custom House, until the affair was settled on a firm basis. Yesterday, the big pile of parcels that have been accumulating in the post-office for the past four days were transferred to the Custom House, where they were duly receipted for in the usual course of business, and finally handed over to their various owners, much to the satisfaction of those who have been put to considerable inconvenience during the past four days by their non-delivery.

From Hatzic Prairie.

Mr. E. Davies, from Hatzic Prairie, by the steamer Irving, reports wild geese and ducks very plentiful in the numerous sloughs around the prairie, grouse being more abundant this season than last. The $700 granted by the Government for the extension of the road through to the Stave River Valley is nearly all spent, the road having been extended over four miles this summer. Mr. Davies, on his return, will go with a party on a trapping and prospecting tour for two months, to the head of Stave lake. A short route, whereby three miles are saved, has been discovered from his farm to the lake, and a trail is being cut by the settlers so that they can get in and out this fall with their provisions.

In Distress.

The steam collier Marie, which called off the Outer wharf late on Monday night, on her way up to Nanaimo for coal, brought news of the steamship Wellington being in distress. The Wellington was *en route* to San Francisco, and when about 50 miles off Point Disappointment, the crank shaft of her propeller broke, leaving the steamer disabled. It was not long, however, before the Marie sighted her, and gave her a line. She succeeded in towing her for about twenty miles, but owing to the rough weather, was then compelled to let go. This is the second mishap the Wellington has encountered during the past few months or so. The steamship San Bonita which sailed for San Francisco, yesterday morning, has received orders to sight her, if possible, and tow her into port.

Union is Strength.

The Sailors' Union of the Pacific, whose operations in San Francisco are fully understood all over the coast, yesterday, established a branch office on Bastion Square, in this city, the first office opened out of United States territory. The headquarters of the association are at San Francisco, and branches are in operation in Seattle, Port Townsend, Portland, Eureka, San Pedro and San Diego. Mr. H. Beckley, who will act as manager here, says that the union now manns so many ships running into British Columbia that an office in the province is absolutely necessary The aim is to work with the employers, not against them, and to furnish strictly competent and reliable men. Mr. Beckley claims that the union will be the first of any importance in British Columbia. "Of course," he remarks, "there's the 'Longshoremen's and Sailors' Protective Union, but that's nothing; by the time we've been here a few months we expect to unionize all the sailors going out of the provincial ports, sealers included. As soon as it is found necessary, other branch offices will be opened in Vancouver, Nanaimo and New Westminster."

Rogers vs. Hurst.

In chambers, yesterday, before Mr. Justice Crease; Mr. Wootton, for plaintiff, applied for an order, authorizing the payment out of court of $200, now in the hands of the receiver, to the credit of this case. Application granted.

Ladies' Work.

A largely attended meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary, of the Jubilee Hospital, was held in the Board of Trade rooms, yesterday afternoon Most encouraging reports were submitted, and a resolution arrived at to continue the good work.

Set at Liberty.

In the Supreme Court, yesterday, before his lordship, the Chief Justice, Mr. S. P. Mills applied to make rule absolute for a writ of *habeas corpus* in the case of the Indian Ellamas, who had been sentenced by Indian Agent Pidcock to three months' imprisonment for an infraction of the Indian Act, and one month for assaulting a constable at Alert Bay. Mr. Mills argued that the commitments were bad in law, and, his lordship concurring, the prisoner was discharged.

The Bridge Gone.

The heavy rains of the last few days have had the effect of demolishing the temporary bridge over the Cowichan, which the railway company erected to meet the demands of traffic until the substantial structure now building is complete. Drifting logs were the immediate cause of the loss of the bridge. At present passengers and baggage are transferred by canoe ferry from side to side of the river, the trains making close connections, and inconvenient delays being thus avoided.

A Partnership Trouble.

The case of Williams vs. Lenndin was again up at the Provincial Court, yesterday, before Mr. E. Johnson, S.M. The two men carry on the business of the Willows Hotel, they being partners in the concern. According to agreement, neither was to draw more than $25 per month without mutual consent, and Williams, some weeks ago, had his partner arrested on a charge of robbery, for having broken this rule. Lenndin was, yesterday, remanded, but allowed out on his own recognizance in a sum of $1,000.

Protestant Orphans' Home.

The ladies' committee thankfully acknowledge the following donations in Oct.: Clothing, Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. Christie, Mrs. W. H. Dorman, Mrs. McMicking, Mrs. Hutcheson, Mrs. Johnston; two bags rice, Rice Mills; fruit, J. & A. Clearihue, Mr. G. Rogers, Mrs Drake; papers, Mrs Sorby; two bags Hungarian flour, Mrs. Mouat; coal, I. F. McIntosh; milk, Mrs. D. Harris; cake and meat, "a Friend;" three boxes grapes, "Little Friends in England;" knives, forks and spoons, Mrs. J. W. Williams.

A Dismal Failure.

The elaborate machinery and Diamond drill used by General Banks and his associates in boring for coal at Fort Rupert, were entered for shipment to Seattle, yesterday, the experiment being abandoned. The cores brought up by the drill were also taken to the States, and it is likely will find a place in some museum They furnish a very interesting object lesson on the geology of the country, the various strata being outlined as clearly as if they had been gone over with the paint brush. The diameter of the bore is about three inches; not a very large hole, but sufficiently large to sink $30,000 in.

Pandora Avenue Church.

The Ladies' Aid of the Pandora Street Methodist Church gave a social last evening which was well patronized. A good programme was furnished by the ladies, who had the room looking the prettiest it has for some time past. Small tables were placed about the apartment, and each table had a large bouquet of flowers in the centre of it. The after portion of the evening was set apart for every person to enjoy him or herself, and in the meanwhile plenty of eatables were served. Among those who took part in the proceedings were Rev. C. Watson, Miss O'Neil, Miss Berridge, Mr. Firth, Mrs. Gardner, Mr. Sargison and Mrs. Hall.

Singular Phenomenon.

A few days ago, Finlayson & Day had a strange experience while taking their cattle to their winter range, at Jackfish Lake. Their band, numbering 220 head, was on a sandbar, within forty yards of the north bank of the river, when most of the animals showed a reluctance to take to the water. After a long time had been spent in trying to force them in, a portion of the band, including a number of calves under a month old, made a break for a smaller sandbar, but no sooner had they got a footing on it than they sank out of sight, nothing being seen except a seething, turbulent agitation of the island. The herdsmen thought they had seen the last of their stock, but, in less time than it takes to read this, the current caught the agitated sand and carried it down stream, leaving the cattle swimming in deep water, with no sign of the island left. All were then safely landed, with the exception of one animal, that was smothered.—Battleford Herald.

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

THE OAR.

There is every prospect that Hanlan and Stephenson will again come together in a race that will be run in faster time than the world has ever yet seen. The Australian has made many friends and will find plenty of backers here. He rowed his last race under a considerable disadvantage, and an explanation of the circumstances is due to him. In practice, a day or so before the race, his boat collided with a snag and got badly broken. There was no time to replace it before the contest, so it was roughly patched, and made to answer. It was lopsided, however, and consequently steered false, while, to make matters worse, during the race it sprang a leak, and took in fully half a gallon of water.

M'LEAN WAXES WISE.

NEW WESTMINSTER, Nov. 3.—McLean has lost a week trying to make a match with Hanlan, and having failed has decided to let it go. There is talk of a race between McKay, of Victoria, and McLean.

FOOTBALL.

A cablegram from London says the Canadian-American football players scored a notable victory yesterday, by defeating Stoke, one of the English league clubs, by two goals to one.

THE RING.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 3.—Harry Corbett received a telegram from his brother Jim saying that he (Jim) had accepted a match with Maher, the Irish champion, and asking him to ascertain what purse either the Occidental or Pacific Club would give for a fight.

SANE OR INSANE.

Further Testimony as to the Mental Status of Thaddeus Harper.

The hearing of the case of Harper *v.* Cameron was continued, yesterday, in the Supreme Court.

Dr. Helmcken was recalled and subjected to further examination as to the mental condition of Harper. He gave it as his opinion that the man had not fully recovered from the effects of the accident which had upset his mind. He did not believe him capable of conducting any heavy transaction.

Mayor Grant was put in the box, and deposed to having known Harper for a long time. He had had business transactions with the man and found him a sharp, shrewd fellow, but after the accident there was a visible change in him for the worse.

B. C. Pottengell gave similar testimony. He had known Harper for many years. Before the accident Harper was a good business man, but, after it, he was not so. Witness did not believe that Harper had recovered from the effects of the accident.

George Atkinson also spoke of the business propensities of Harper before the accident, and his failure after that event.

A. W. Beasland gave evidence as to Harper's business ability before the accident, and the change which had taken place afterwards. Harper was not near as sharp a man as he was before the accident.

Richard Quick deposed that he had been in this province since 1862, and had been mining all his life. He knew Lightning Creek in the Cariboo country, and in 1880 there were little prospects there, many of the claims having been abandoned. He would not give $25 for Harper's claim (laughter).

R. V. Devlin deposed to having mined for 24 years, and among other places visited by him was Lightning Creek. He did not form a very high opinion of the creek. Harper's opinion of it would never be realized.

Mr. Bodwell here called for the production of the deed of assignment from Cameron to Harper.

Mr. Wilson replied that it was not in his possession.

Several witnesses were examined to prove that search had been made for the assignment, but unsuccessfully.

The court adjourned until 10.30, this morning, when the case for the defence will be opened.

TIMBER WASTE.

(Seattle Telegraph.)

The Canada Lumberman, discussing the conservation of forests, speaks in very strong terms concerning the waste of timber. It says: "Probably fifteen times as much timber is being destroyed without profit to a living soul as is now being utilized in the forests of British Columbia and Washington; it is a terrible waste, but there is no present prospect that it will be stopped." Mr. Phillips, forest commissioner for the province of Ontario, says that after thirty years the only supply of good timber, as things are going now, will be the Southern states, Washington and British Columbia. An unbroken belt of timber extends from the mouth of the St. Lawrence river across Quebec and south of Hudson Bay out into the prairie country; then it sweeps in a great northerly curve westward to the Rocky Mountains, and down through the passes in this and the Cascade Range to the Pacific Coast, but, excepting what is found at the eastern and western extremities of this belt, the timber has no present commercial value.

In the back spruce lands of Maine and the Eastern Canadian provinces careful forestry is becoming more general, and the results are highly satisfactory. The rule is to cut with care, to save all small and growing trees, and to keep a rigid look out for fires. It is not too soon to urge upon all persons having the control of timber lands in this state the necessity for the adoption of similar rules, and especially the last. The amount of timber required in this country for annual consumption will increase as population increases, and a greatly augmented export from the Pacific ports is to be anticipated. At first glance the forests of this state seem inexhaustible; but they are far from it. Fire may not do much injury to the full-grown trees; but it destroys the young growth. While much of the timber lands west of the mountains is highly adapted for agriculture, there is a large area in this state, now heavily wooded, which is valuable only as a timber preserve. If fire can be kept out of it, a young and vigorous growth will be making all the time, and if the large trees are cut with care, there is no good reason why the same ground may not be gone over again at not very long intervals, although of course the second growth would be much smaller than that which is now available. If the state laws are not sufficient to properly protect the forests from recklessness on the part of those using fire for clearing land, for camp fires or other legitimate purposes, they should be so amended as to be made effectual.

CHEMAINUS CORRESPONDENCE.

Mr. T. D. Conway has returned from the West Coast, where he has been spending some time repairing the new telegraph line, which has been broken down by falling timbers.

Mr. S. G. Lewis has been suffering much during the past week from a gathering on his arm.

Three would-be thieves attempted to gain an entrance to Mr. Lewis' store one night last week. The clerk was awakened by their noise, and waited patiently to receive them, but, luckily for themselves, they gave up the attempt.

The sawmill has closed down, and as a consequence several families are leaving town.

Several machinists and carpenters have been retained to finish the mill. The company intend enlarging the wharf considerably this winter, and thus prevent the possibility of being overcrowded in future.

The hunters have met with very good results during the past few weeks. The ducks are flocking to the coast and the river in great numbers. They will make up in a great measure for the scarcity of the grouse, which has no doubt been caused by the cold, wet spring, which would kill off many of their young.

Heavy rains and high winds have prevailed during the past week. One sloop was upset in the harbor last Monday.

For Over Fifty Years

MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP has been used for over fifty years by millions of mothers for their children when teething, with perfect success. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic, and is the best remedy for Diarrhœa. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately. Sold by Druggists in every part of the world. Twenty-five cents a bottle. Be sure and ask for "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup," and take no other kind. aul-d&w-1y

Well Recommended.

DEAR SIRS,—I am happy to say I have used Hagyard's Yellow Oil for burns, bruises, sprains and cuts and find that there is nothing better. I recommend it to all my friends around here.

ALAN G. MCLEOD, Souris, Man.

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A Fraternal Visit.

At the regular meeting of Columbia Lodge, No 2, I. O. O. F., last evening, two new members were initiated, and it was decided to pay an official visit to Dominion Lodge, No. 4, this evening.

Diplomas are Ready.

Diplomas won at the recent exhibition of the B. C. Agricultural Association are now ready, for those fortunate in winning them, at the office of the Secretary, Mr. W. H. Bainbridge.

Submerged.

A small sloop that was once used as bum boat in Esquimalt harbor, was anchored in James Bay a few week ago, for the purpose of selling her. Since then she has been totally submerged, and has remained under water for the past week or so.

Cross Dry Shod.

A slight mistake was made in yesterday's issue, in referring to the destruction of the temporary bridge over the Cowichan; the ferry is not called into service, passengers being able to walk across on the permanent structure now building.

Fort Rupert Coal.

It is stated by a gentleman in possession of the facts, that the boring operations at Fort Rupert cost $13,000, instead of $30,000 as stated in yesterday's paper. There is a probability that further borings, in a different section, will be made next season.

Funeral of the Late James Blake.

The funeral of the late Mr. James Blake took place, yesterday afternoon, from Hayward's undertaking establishment. The impressive burial service of the Reformed Episcopal church was read at the grave by Revd. C. E. Dobbs.

An Inquest Ordered.

Coroner Morrison will hold an inquest on the body of the Indian found dead under very suspicious circumstances in Saanich last Saturday, at the provincial court, on Friday afternoon; the necessary witnesses arrive over by steamer this evening.

St. James' High Tea.

Every preparation is being made for the sale of plain work and fancy work in St. James' hall, James Bay, on Tuesday evening. Two fine features of the bazaar will be the high tea, and the music of the Warspite band, the latter a treat which cannot be enjoyed much longer.

H.M.S. Champion.

This man of war, just arrived from Chili, went into dock, yesterday morning, where she will remain several days. It is expected that her crew will go out of commission on December 1st and go home to England; the new crew, to man the Champion, will arrive early in January.

A Field of Pheasants.

The field opposite Armsdale was full of pheasants, yesterday, and several young men, who would call themselves sportsmen, were out with their guns, despite the by-law to the contrary notwithstanding. Nor were they careful marksmen, and several shots went wide of their mark, to the terror of ladies in the neighborhood.

They Landed in Mud.

A stylish young lady leading a horse, and a stylish young man carrying the wreck of a handsome cart, passed up Fort street, homeward bound, yesterday afternoon. The wreck was caused by an upset, in which fortunately no bones were broken, but which effectually spoiled the pleasures of the day for one couple.

In Token of Esteem.

Mr. C. G. Cunningham, of the N.E.T. & L. Co., who has been employed as foreman of the lighting department here for some time past, left last night for Lynn, Mass., where he will fill an important office in the works of the Thomson-Housen company. Before his departure he was presented by his fellow-workers with a novel watch charm in solid gold, a pretty model of a five-light transformer, the workmanship of which reflects credit on the manufacturing jewellers, Minor & Kingham.

Y.M.C.A. Notes.

On Sunday evening next, Rev. Percival Jeans, rector of St. John's church, will preach on "The Choice of Companions, or the Influence of Associations."

The date for the Mendelssohn Concert has been finally arranged for Friday evening, December 18th. It will be one of the musical events of the season.

November 8th to 14th will be a regular young men's week in the city. In almost every church on Sunday the 8th, one service will be devoted to the interests of young men. The meetings at the rooms will be made of special interest and a large attendance is looked for.

Back From the Old Land.

Ex-Mayor C. E. Redfern has just returned from the land of his birth, "Merrie England," where he has spent the past three months very pleasantly. He found business in the old country much improved since his last visit, sixteen years ago; while politics, even at the time of Parnell's death, caused little excitement. In London, Mr. Redfern met Hon. J. H. Turner, who is daily expected home, and Mr. Godfrey Brown, formerly of Victoria, and afterward finance minister of Hawaii. The homeward trip to New York was one of the roughest on record, the Etruria, which should have arrived in New York, on Saturday, about noon, not making port until Sunday night. Crossing the continent by the C.P.R., Mr. Redfern was in snow most of the way, the white fields commencing 300 miles east of Winnipeg and continuing until this side of the Selkirks. It was snowing hard, and quite wintry, when the Manitoba capital was passed.

Thunder Hill Mine.

The development company formed to open up the Thunder Hill mine, on the Upper Columbia lake, East Kootenay, has been successfully floated, and work on the property, which was referred to in a local item about ten days ago, is being vigorously prosecuted. The assays from a large number of samples sent down from the first ten feet, average 24 ounces in silver. The latest report from the mine is made by Mr. James Brady, C. E., under date of October 20th. From this report the appended extract is made:

"I am happy to be able to report satisfactory progress and favorable results since my last letter. I have cross-cut the lode about 30 feet from "C" up to the face; all in quartz, with a good showing of ore nearly all the way, and am now coming in with a deep open cut to develop the ore body to a greater depth. I sent some fair samples of ore from this part of the mine to Mr. Harvey, of the Golden Smelter, for assay, with the following results:"

No. 1.—Copp., 5.09 per cent.; sil., 30.36 oz.; gold, $1.50.

No. 2.—Copp., 2.5 per cent.; sil., 17.70 oz.; gold, $2.50.

"These were not assayed for lead, but No. 1 carried about 50 per cent. of that metal. By comparing these with the assays in the prospectus you will see how the ore has improved in silver value, even in the short distance we have gone down. It will probably keep improving as we go deeper, as the upper part of the lode is very much oxydized and of course a great deal of the silver has been leached out.

A Sealer's Salary.

At the Provincial Court, yesterday morning, before Mr. E. Johnson, S.M., Edward Nugent got a decree for $125 against Richard Hall. Nugent had been engaged on board the sealer Geneva for the Behring Sea, and prior to the departure of that craft he was charged by the captain wfth disobeying orders and arrested. Upon investigation the case was dismissed, but the Geneva started on her voyage without Nugent. He claimed wages for the season and got a decree.

Jones-Watson.

Mr. Frank C. Jones, Grand Prairie, was yesterday evening married to Miss Cora M. Watson, eldest daughter of Mr. W. Watson. The ceremony was performed at the residence of the bride's father, 23 Henry street, by Rev. J. H. White, Mr. Geo. A. Harding acting as best man, and Miss Etta Watson as bridesmaid. The wedding presents were as numerous as they were appropriate, and a merry party of friends enjoyed themselves until the departure of the morning boat, when they bade adieu to the newly weded couple, who started on their honeymoon.

HARPER VS. CAMERON.

Opening of the Case for the Defence—Disputed Documentary Evidence.

The case of Harper vs. Cameron was continued, yesterday, in the Supreme Court. The evidence for the plaintiff having closed, on Tuesday evening, it was announced that the defence would begin the following morning. This fact seemed to have revived the interest in the case, as shown by the large attendance of spectators.

Mr. McPhillips, for the defence, addressed the jury at considerable length, pointing out that no proof had been given of the insanity of Harper, except that immediately after the accident he suffered mentally as well as physically. It would be shown that since the date of the accident Harper had transacted business on a large scale, and successfully. After this evidence His Lordship and the jury would have no difficulty in arriving at the conclusion that, however much Harper might have changed in his manner, he still retained business capabilities of a more than ordinary character. No attempt had been made by the prosecution to prove fraud, and it only now remained to show that, at the time of the transactions forming the basis of this action, Harper was a sane and responsible man.

Mr. Wilson proceeded to hand in a lot of documentary evidence, but this course of procedure was objected to by the prosecution, on the ground that each paper should be properly proved.

Among the papers was an affidavit sworn to by Thaddeus Harper, the plaintiff, before Mr. E. V. Bodwell, as a commissioner for administering oaths in B.C.

Mr. Bodwell was sworn, and identified the affidavit as sworn to before him, but as to the contents of the document he knew nothing.

The document was admitted, as were also certain bills of sale made by Harper and involving considerable sums of money.

The day was chiefly occupied by discussions among the legal gentlemen as to the admissibility of the documents submitted, and when adjournment took place the juror's looked a tired lot of men, having sat for hours listening to points of law in which they were altogether uninterested.

MAY PROVE A MURDER.

A Chinaman Shot Down in the Night Near Koksilah.

The little settlement of Koksilah, on the E. & N. railway, was thrown into unusual excitement, early yesterday morning, by the news that a shooting had occurred, during the night, which may at any time have a fatal termination. A Chinaman is the victim, and a man known to the settlement only by the name of Joe is under arrest, the charge not being laid as yet.

The Chinaman states that, while walking on a lonely road, about a mile out of town, he was pounced upon by Joe, and shot before he could utter a word. Joe, on the other hand, says he fired in self-defence. From neither can further particulars be obtained, the Chinaman being in too critical a condition to go into details, and Joe not being inclined to talk. The police have the case in hand, and will soon get at the facts.

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

FOOTBALL.

CORRIG BLUES V. CORRIG WHITES.

The decisive match between the above rival Corrig College teams was played yesterday at Beacon Hill. The teams were again very evenly matched. During the first half time neither team scored anything, and it was not till near the end of the game that Cartwright, from two brilliant passes by Goward, scored two goals for the Whites in quick succession. The lads play really well together now, and should make a splendid match with the Victoria Association Football Club eleven on Saturday. The teams yesterday were:

R. Smith	Goal	G. Wilson
D. Macleod, G. Johnston	Backs	R. Field, F. Green
B. Green, H. Wilson, F. Prevost	Half Backs	B. Vernon, J. Macleod, J. Hunter
E. Hornsby, D. Hunter, C. Cartwright	Right Wing	R. Wilson, P. Macleod, P. Higgins
W. Pemberton, A. Goward	Left Wing	R. Warlock, R. Fell
	Centre	

The Victoria Club has accepted the challenge of Westminster for a match here on Thanksgiving-day. The game will probably be played on the Caledonian grounds.

WRESTLING.

The wrestling match at Nanaimo on Monday evening between Stewart and Horrobin resulted in a draw, after 99½ minutes' hard and exciting work, during which three bouts were contested, the first fall being taken by Horrobin in 37½ minutes, the second by Stewart in 8¼ minutes, and the third bout being declared a draw after 53¼ minutes' wrestling.

THE RING.

Thomas J. Hunt, of H. M. S. Nymphe, is out in a challenge to box any man in the Pacific fleet an unlimited number of rounds for the championship of the fleet.

HAMMER THROWING.

D. S. McLeod, who is now in town, has completed arrangements for a hammer throwing match with Dunbar, of St. Paul, Minn., for $1,000 a side and the championship of America, to come off either here or in Nanaimo, on the 28th instant. Both men are in fine condition, and they are well matched, so the contest will, no doubt, be keen.

WRESTLING.

D. S. McLeod announces that if Durett, the Tacoma champion, will come to this city, he will arrange a match, agreeing to throw the Tacoman five times within an hour.

SCHOOL TROUBLES.

To be Taken Up and Discussed at a Special Meeting of the City Council.

Victoria's Fire Department—Facts and Figures Which Merit the Attention of the Citizens.

At the weekly meeting of the City Council, last night, the following were present: Mayor Grant, in the chair; Ald. Smith, Coughlan, McKillican, Munn, Robertson, Holland, Renouf and Richards.

THE OLD PEOPLE'S HOME.

ALD. RENOUF rose to a question of privilege. He quoted a letter appearing in the newspapers, asking what was being done with the moneys subscribed towards the Old People's Home. As Chairman of the Committee of the Old People's Home, he wished it clearly understood that they had no control over these sums. By resolution of the Council, City Treasurer Kent had been authorized to receive subscriptions, and all moneys were to be handed over to him.

It was also proposed that a public meeting be convened for the purpose of discussing this subject, but this had not been held. The committee were in no way responsible for the money alluded to by the newspaper correspondent.

THE MAYOR explained that the money subscribed by Capt. Powers was in his (the Mayor's) hands, and he alone was responsible for it. As far as the Old People's Home was concerned, Mr. Teague was engaged in preparing plans and specifications, which he had kindly undertaken to supply free. The Home was to be built on the site kindly given by Mr. Rithet, and was estimated to cost some $10,000. For this amount he (the Mayor) had promises. The project originated with him, and, as far as the subscriptions were concerned, they were in his hands, and he would account for them. There was a further sum of $200 given him by an old man, who was to be supported during lifetime, and whether or not this should go to the temporary home or the new one, he was not quite sure.

ALD. SMITH believed he could lay his finger on the writer of the letter.

THE MAYOR thought it perfectly justifiable for a man to write on abstract questions under a *nom de plume*, but he who would make a personal attack in this form was nothing but a coward, an assessin behind the hedge. He did not care a snap of his finger for the coward who would attack a man in this way. There had been too much of this sort of thing in the public press of late.

COMMUNICATIONS.

A communication was read from Messrs. R. P. Rithet & Co., offering to hand over a quantity of water pipe, at cost price, to the city. There were about 123 lengths, some of which had been shortened.

ALD. COUGHLAN suggested that the pipes be taken over, and held as an asset for next year.

ALD. MCKILLICAN thought the Council were in duty bound to take over this pipe, which had been stored in the old corporation yard, Pandora street. Mr. Rithet could have made sale of those pipes in Vancouver at the time.

ALD. RENOUF moved that the letter be referred to the Water Works committee, with power to act. Agreed to.

The residents on Maclure street petitioned for a sidewalk. Referred to Street committee.

Thos. Hendry wrote, complaining of the blocking of Pleasant street by the timber from Lee's sawmill. Referred to Police committee.

A letter was read from the Marine Department, asking if the corporation would light the Beacoche Ledge bay, by electricity, and if so at what cost.

It was decided to inform Capt. Lewis that the corporation could not undertake the work.

The residents of Upper Belcher street wrote complaining of the state of that thoroughfare, which they represented as positively dangerous. Referred to Street Committee with power to act.

A letter was read from Gilbert Clayton East, asking for a bonus of $50 for extra services rendered by him during the City Clerk's absence. Referred to Hall Committee.

THE SCHOOL BOARD TROUBLE.

MESSRS. EBERTS and TAYLOR recommended the payment of $750 for rights of way for sewage works. Approved.

ALD. RICHARDS handed in a copy of the resolution passed by the Public School Board on the previous evening, as published in yesterday morning's COLONIST. Attached to the resolution was the following report:

That the Chairman believes in the exercise of the unwarrantable power ascribed to him above; and in the curtailing of the powers, usefulness, and dignity of the Trustee Board; and that he endeavors to justify his own act, as expressed above, is evident from the defeat of the following resolution and the adoption of the following amendment by his own casting vote:—

Resolution: "That inasmuch as the wishes of this Board, as embodied in a resolution passed at a meeting of this Board on the 31st of October last, have not been carried out, Resolved, That the Principal of the Boys' School proceed forthwith to carry out the wishes of the Board as contained in said resolution."

Amendment. (Carried by casting vote.) "That the instructions already given by resolution of 31st of October, 1891, to the Principal of the Boys' School be cancelled."

In view of the above facts, and in view of the fact that the document from the Council of Public Instruction, on which the Chairman founded his first action as expressed above, had not been presented to the Board, and on which we were therefore afforded no opportunity of reconsidering or amending our decisions:

We therefore respectfully beg to represent to your honorable body that we can no longer act in harmony with the present Chairman of the Trustee Board, and except a new Chairman be appointed, our usefulness as Trustees would avail little.

(Owing to newspaper reports which were evidently prepared lately for a purpose, to leave an impression on the public that the Board meetings were of a disorderly nature, we hereby beg to incidentally inform you that heretofore the meetings of the Board have been of a uniformly gentlemanly and orderly character, and the only expressions bordering on an injudicious nature emanated from the Chair.)

We have the honor to be, gentlemen, your obedient servants,

J. H. MACLAUGHLIN,
D. W. MORROW,
F. G. RICHARDS, JR.

Victoria, B. C., Nov. 4, 1891.

ALD. MCKILLICAN moved that a special meeting of the Council be called to discuss the subject, and that the Trustees be called upon to attend said meeting.

ALD. RENOUF suggested that the matter might have been decided by the Trustees themselves. If the chairman of that board had exceeded his duty, the proceedings were illegal.

ALD. MCKILLICAN, suggested that the special meeting be called for Friday.

ALD. HOLLAND—We had better bring down our blankets and remain here altogether.

It was ultimately decided to call a special meeting for Monday evening next, the Mayor pointing out that it was in the power of the Council to discharge the School Trustees.

The residents of Fort street, at Oak Bay, petitioned for a sidewalk.—Referred to Street committee.

The residents of St. Charles' street petitioned for a sidewalk.—Referred to Street Committee.

Two property holders at Cedar Hill road, Spring Ridge, complained of an alleged defect in the survey of the road, the original stakes having been altered.—Referred to City Surveyor.

ALD. HOLLAND gave notice of by-law to regulate the public markets.

REPORTS.

The Finance Committee recommended the payment of accounts amounting to $5,940.25.

The Street committee recommended the construction of six-foot sidewalks on Henry street, north side, and on Pandora street. They also recommended the temporary repair of the drain complained of on View street. To put down a 20 inch pipe would cost about $3,000.

ALD. RENOUF did not approve of patching up old work such as this.

THE MAYOR drew a comparison between the Local Legislature and the City Council as to their respective powers of raising money for necessary work. To patch up old work, such as the present, was virtually throwing money away. The corporation should not be hampered in this fashion. If the people had not confidence in their representatives in the Council, they should not send them there.

The report was adopted.

Chief Sheppard's monthly report showed that there were 23 men on his staff. During the month there were no complaints against them. They had been supplied with new winter clothing.

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The Fire Wardens handed in their report. The investigation into the management of the fire at Spencer's Arcade did not show any blame to be attached to the firemen. It was desirable that a fire boat and chemical engine should be provided; but this would go as a recommendation to the incoming council. It was further recommended that a sufficient quantity of rope be provided, and that the police be instructed to stretch it in front of buildings in case of fire.

The following report was also handed in on the same subject:—

Ald. F. G. Richards, Jr., Chairman Fire Wardens:

SIR:—Since the recent fires in this city considerable controversy took place in the local newspapers regarding the efficiency of the fire department. The fire losses during my term of four years is a sufficient answer to the charges made: but I consider it my duty to call the attention of your honorable body to the following facts in connection with the fire service of this city:

1. We have only 100 hydrants. Victoria West, with hundreds of houses, has no protection. In various other portions of the city we cannot find water, and valuable property is in danger.

2. We have one team of horses for three fire engines. The apparatus is all in one section of the city, and it would take many minutes to reach outside boxes.

3. Seven permanent men, all drivers and engineers, eighteen call men, and three foremen with the assistant and chief, comprise the working force of the fire department.

4. We have only two hose carts in service. The drivers and engineers are on duty 24 hours every day and 30 days every month.

5. The call system is not as good as a permanent paid system, but it must be remembered that the cost of a permanent paid department would amount to over $25,000 per year for salaries alone. At present, the fire department costs $19,000 per year, including salaries, repairs, keep of horses, hydrants, purchase of hose and apparatus, fuel, lighting, etc. The pay-roll alone of the Seattle fire department amounts to $85,000 per year. The Tacoma fire department costs $100,000 per year.

6th. One alarm bell is insufficient in a city with a call department. The firemen are all working away from the houses, and, at times, cannot distinguish between city clock bell and the fire bell.

7th. The firemen should be provided with badges, and some means should be taken to keep the streets clear.

The purchase of a chemical engine was recommended two years ago.

I would respectfully recommend the placing of a number of new hydrants throughout the city, and that some steps be taken to place some of the apparatus in the outskirts. More men are required, but it will be impossible to go to any extra expense this year. Considering that the estimated expenditure will only cover the cost of running the department until Dec. 31st next, I would respectfully recommend the placing of hydrants in localities mentioned in a former report. I have the honor to be, Sir, your obedient servant,

THOMAS DEASY,
Chief Engineer. V.F.D.

ALD. MUNN regretted that the committee did not deal with the Deluge hall in their report. He suggested that the building should be fitted up and rented or leased. It would bring about $100 per month. Fire halls ought to be established in other parts of the city.

THE UNIVERSITY.

ALD. RICHARDS introduced a by-law to raise $50,000 for University purposes, which was read a first time.

THE MAYOR suggested that the preparation of by-laws should be placed in the hands of some legal gentleman, and thus avoid some of the incongruities which occasionally crept in.

WATER WORKS COMMISSIONER.

ALD. ROBERTSON moved that the Council proceed to elect a Water Works Commissioner.

ALD. COUGHLAN assured the Council that there was no city, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, whose engineering cost as much as Victoria. The time had come when one competent man should be appointed to oversee all the works.

ALD. SMITH said that Street Commissioner Lynn would take the temporary appointment for $25 per month extra. He moved that he be given the appointment till other arrangements be made.

ALD. RENOUF seconded the motion, which was carried after a long discussion. The Alderman then moved that the Council express regret at losing the services of Mr. Summerfield, which was unanimously approved of.

It was intimated that a company was about to be formed for the purchase of the James Bay bridge properly, but no official application had been made to the Council in the matter.

The Council adjourned at eleven o'clock.

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