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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

The Mails.

There were no through mails from the east last night.

The Mayoralty.

In another column Coun. Higgins announces himself as a candidate for the position of Mayor.

Calendars.

Messrs. Geo. Powell & Co. have placed on our table a very neat calendar for 1888.

Messrs. Isaacs & Co. have circulated an equally neat chromo calendar.

The Mates Ship.

The three mates of the ship Reaper succeeded in leaving Port Townsend for this city on Thursday last. They are the men against whom complaint was recently brought by the seamen of the Reaper for cruel treatment while on the high seas.

Immigration.

The number of immigrants arriving in Canada from January 1st to November 10th, was 138,000, compared with 309,000 for the same period last year. The number of passengers to the United States from Canada during the same period was 65,000.

A Costly Building.

Mr. E. H. Fisher has received an order from Seattle to prepare plans and specifications for a block of stores 240 x 100 feet. The building is to be four storeyed with basement, the material being cut stone and pressed brick. It will cost $175,000 to build, and when completed will be the largest and costliest edifice on the Pacific Coast, north of San Francisco. Mr. Fisher is already engaged on a building in the same town to cost $60,000.

Railway Movements.

J. H. Stiggles, a New York capitalist, is at Ottawa applying for a renewal of the charter to build a road from Calgary, Northwest Territory, north to Arthabasca landing, beyond Edmonton. He says his road will be built within a few years. Mr. Stiggles is also talking up a scheme to build a railway from Quebec to the east coast of Labrador, and to place a fleet of fast vessels on the Atlantic. He thinks this would solve the question of quick transit to and from Europe, claiming that the passage could be made from Labrador to England in three and a half days.

W. C. T. U.

The Women's Christian Temperance Union held their monthly entertainment at Temperance Hall last evening. Tea was served by the ladies, after which a good programme was gone through with, a very pleasant evening being spent. The Rev. Dr. Reid occupied the chair. The following is a synopsis of the programme: Address, Rev. Dr. Reid; recitation, Miss Cameron; address, Hon. John Robson; piano solo, Miss E. Horton; address, Rev. A. Beanlands; song, Mr. Shaw; address, Rev. J. E. Starr; song, Miss Gibbs; song, Mr. Kinnaird.

Feed and Flour Shipments.

The steamer Sardonyx is taking on board a large lot of bran and chopped feed for British Columbia and the Sound ports, and also a small lot of flour for shipment by the Canadian Pacific steamship to Yokohama. The Portland Flouring mills make no shipment by the 1st of January steamer to China, as it will arrive there just before the Chinese New Year, when but little business is done by Chinese merchants, who at that season pay up all their debts and square things generally. On the next steamer the Portland mills will ship 32,000 sacks of flour. It is quite probable that the recent disastrous inundation in China, which has covered a vast tract of fertile land where much rice was grown, may create an increased demand for flour.—*Oregonian.*

Jumped into the River.

Last night, says the *Columbian* of Saturday, a young man named Grant, who is employed by the C. P. R. as car cleaner, while performing his duties was interrupted by the appearance of a drunken half-breed named Jim Hutcheson who insisted that they should go and drink together. Grant refused to have anything to do with Hutcheson who became so threatening in his manner that Grant left the car and went in search of the police. Meeting constable Carty he told his story, and the two went down to the station yard, and were just in time to see Hutcheson making off with a broom and a duster. The moment the half-breed saw the constable he made off in the direction of the river. Constable Carty followed close and Hutcheson seeing he could not escape jumped into the river, where he would have drowned but for the exertion of the constable. He was brought before the police magistrate this morning, who inflicted a fine of $2.

Moody, the Evangelist.

Mr. D. L. Moody is on his way to the Pacific Coast and will probably spend two or three months on the coast, commencing about the first week in February. He goes to California at the earnest solicitation of the San Francisco Evangelistic committee, of which Mr. Robert Balfour (of Messrs. Balfour & Guthrie) is chairman, and associated with them on the committee are clergymen of every Evangelical denomination, and a large number of business men. Their invitation was sent nearly a year ago, but Mr. Moody has not seen his way to accept it until now, for the date given above. He will probably hold Christian Worker's conventions in different parts of the State, spending a few days at each place, and by this means will reach a large number of towns which he could not possibly visit when west formerly. Full particulars will be given in regard to the work which will be directed by the Evangelistic committee, in conjunction with the pastors in the cities Mr. Moody may visit. It is also hoped he may be induced to come to Victoria and other cities in this province. There is a correspondence going on with that end in view.

A Deliberate Untruth.

It is currently reported on the streets in this city this afternoon that Mr. Theo. Davie, Q.C., has been selected by the Government to perform political "missionary work" in Comox, and has taken his departure for the scene of his labors.

The above is taken from the *Times* of Saturday last. There is not a word of truth in it. Mr. Davie returned to this city from Nanaimo on Sunday, where he was successfully engaged defending the Indian Quamlet, charged with murder. He never had the slightest intention of going to Comox nor did it ever enter into the mind of the Government to ask him to do so. The story is made out of whole cloth. It is only another *Times'* fabrication.

Connection With the C. P. R.

Sinclair & Company have signed a contract agreeing to build and equip a line of standard gauge railroad from Seattle to a point on the line of the Canadian Pacific Railway in British Columbia. Colonel Scott, one of the members of Sinclair & Co., says the contract was signed in New York on December 2nd. Earle & Co., have the contract for grading the thirteen miles of road between Lake Washington and Soohomish City, and as soon as they have finished the work, Sinclair & Company will build a bridge across Soohomish river and lay the line as soon as possible. The contract requires them to build the road complete, iron, and equip it, and to operate it a certain time before handing it over the Seattle and West Coast Rail road Company.

SUPREME COURT.

(Before Sir M. B. Begbie, C. J.)

MONDAY, Dec. 19th.

The Chief Justice delivered judgment refusing the *mandamus* in the case of the Albion Iron Works *vs.* The Queen on the grounds that, first, no sufficient interest was shown in the applicant and it did not appear whether Mr. Bullen was applying or the Albion Iron Works Company; second, that the resolution of the council to have the seal attached to the contract did not appear to have properly followed the act of 1887; if the mayor refused to put a motion the council could ask whether the mayor should be sustained; but such a resolution must be put at the particular meeting and not at a subsequent one; third, that the contract itself seemed to be a one-sided one, and, fourth, that clause 8 of the act was obscure as to its meaning and there did not appear to be and obligatory duty on the mayor to attach the seal to any contract which the corporation might pass and unless such a duty was clear the court would not grant a *mandamus.* There was no written judgment, but the court seemed inclined to the view that there ought to be a full and complete scheme before any contract should be entered into. Here there appeared to have been no survey and no complete scheme before the council and as shortly there would be a new board, the granting of a *mandamus* being a matter of discretion, it would be better to allow the new council to deal with the question.

The Chief Justice remarked that the proper place to take the water from was Elk Lake and not a morass such as afforded the present supply and that Victoria had suffered for many years from the swampwater which they had been using because those who had the control preferred dirty water to a pure supply.

POLICE COURT.

[Before E. Johnson, Q. C., S. M.]

Robert Butt, Sophia Williams and Annie, Indian women, were fined $5 each, or one week's imprisonment, for being drunk.

Geo. Francis, an Italian, denied emphatically that he had supplied liquor to Indians; he had always been a respectable man and would not be guilty of so mean an action.

Officer Walker gave evidence with regard to arresting Francis and two Indians and said he had given them the liquor, after which his honor fined him $50 or three months' imprisonment with hard labor.

Pipette, the Italian charged with assaulting Joseph Larbonne, was again brought up. Mr. Stuart appeared for the prosecution and Mr. Mills for the prisoner.

Mr. Stuart asked that an interpreter be secured, as Larbonne being a Frenchman, was unable to speak English. Officer Abel then took the stand, was sworn, and interpreted the witness in a very *able* manner.

The evidence was of a lengthy character and, Mr. Stuart, who is something of a linguist himself, gave the court an exhibition of his talents so frequently that Mr. Mills was forced to rise and object, saying that as ours is an English court of law, he would protest against the examination going on in French.

The case was adjourned until Friday.

Geo. Price, charged with an attempt to administer poison with intent to murder, was remanded until to-day. Mr. Eberts appeared for the prisoner.

MARINE.

Steamer Mexico, Capt. Huntington, arrived at the outer wharf at 7 o'clock yesterday morning from San Francisco.

U. S. lighthouse tender, Manzanita, came over from Port Townsend yesterday morning and left again in the afternoon.

Bark California, 10 days from San Francisco to load lumber at Chemainus, for Australia, arrived in Royal Roads on Sunday night. She will be towed to Croft & Angus' mills to-day by the Pilot.

There are four vessels lying at the Moodyville Mill loading lumber, the ship General Picton, the bark Ottolina, the ship Pactolus and the barque Craigwhinnie. The barque George is lying in the stream waiting for a berth.

Bark Spartan, Capt. Cairns, 749 tons, arrived in Esquimalt 53 days from Callao, early Sunday morning. It is probable that she will load lumber at Moodyville. Capt. Cairns report that he was 7 days off the Cape, during which time he experienced very rough weather.

Steamer British Queen arrived at Halifax on the 16th inst. She had a terrific passage. On Sunday, seas broke over her washing overboard the fourth officer, Robert Hangs and Seamen Wells. Both were drowned. The waves stove in the hatches and carried away the boats.

Schooner Lion, Capt. Peters, arrived at Halifax after a passage of fourteen days from Bermuda. The captain and two of the crew, Stephen Waterman and Wm. Smith, were washed overboard. The captain and Smith got hold of the bobstay and were saved. Waterman was lost.

PERSONAL.

C. D. Rand returned to Vancouver this morning.

Mrs. L. M. Caldwell is spending the holidays at Nanaimo.

The Marquis of Lorne is seriously ill with disease of the throat.

W. Levings, who controls the destinies of the pupils of the Burgoyne Bay school, is also in the city.

Mrs. and Miss Bushby arrived on the Mexico yesterday morning and are visiting Lady Douglas.

William Sivewright, the popular principal of Beaver Point school, is spending his Christmas holidays with friends in the city.

T. F. Sinclair, one of the contractors for the Seattle and West Coast railway, returned from Seattle on the Olympian yesterday.

Geo. F. Kyle, who has been on Douglas Island, Alaska, for the past few months, arrived from the Sound yesterday, and left for Vancouver this morning.

General Gibbon, Capt. Woodruff and Major Canby, of the U. S. army and Capt. Debrie, U. S. N., arrived in port yesterday on the lighthouse tender Manzanita.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

A sidewalk, two feet in width, is being laid on the west side of Commercial alley.

The funeral of the late Robt. Wilson, J. P., took place yesterday afternoon and the remains were followed to Ross Bay cemetery by a large number of friends of the deceased. Rev. Mr. Fraser officiated.

Messrs Leask & Morrison, merchant tailors of this city, contemplate extending their business and will shortly open a branch store in Vancouver. Mr. Morrison will represent the firm in the terminal city.

A sidewalk is being laid on the west side of Wharf street. This is a decided improvement as well as a convenience, as pedestrians have been accustomed to walk through mud and slush during the wet season.

The Messrs. Dumbleton received a telegram from Oregon yesterday informing them that the court had confirmed them in the possession of a valuable tract of land which had been in litigation for a long time.

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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Gasworks Burned.

The Winnipeg gasworks were burned on Wednesday night. Loss, $120,000.

A Port of Entry.

Senator Dolph has reported favorably from the commission on commerce on the bill making Port Angeles, on Puget Sound, a port of entry.

Chicago's Lumber King.

Mr. Chase, the lumber king of Chicago, went up to Kamloops on Friday. He is the owner of several timber limits in the mountains, and intends to erect a large saw mill at Sicamous.

The High School.

The timely assistance tendered by Mrs. A. Offerhaus at the High school is greatly appreciated by the educational department and the pupils. But for that lady's most efficient help the usefulness of the school during the last weeks of the term would have been sadly marred.

A Smelter.

Mr. F. Winter had an interview with the mayor and councillors yesterday with regard to the establishment of a smelter at or near Victoria. It was explained to Mr. Winter that the by-law passed in 1886 had lapsed; but the councillors were confident that it would be revived on a more liberal basis by the new council.

Local Importation.

During the past week Messrs. M. W. Waitt & Co. have added eight pianos to their already large stock of musical instruments. Six of these are from the well-known factory of J. & C. Fischer, New York, whose name is a positive guarantee that their pianos are in all respects first-class. The other two are of English make and are excellent instruments.

Rapid Transit.

A Tacoma bank cashier yesterday showed to a *Ledger* reporter a letter which was mailed in Victoria December 9th, and received here on the 13th. An ox team would be quite as expeditious. This is only one out of dozens of cases recently complained of here. The postal service is abominable. "Can Cleveland be re-elected under such circumstances?" inquired a by-stander. "Rather give us another more business-like democrat," he added. —*Tacoma Ledger.*

The Train's Delay.

The Pacific Express, says the Vancouver *News*, did not arrive until about midnight yesterday, owing to another washout at Nicomen. The passengers, mails and baggage had to be transferred from the train coming east to the one that left here yesterday and *vice versa.* A Howe truss bridge is being built for the place where these washouts occur, which are caused by the stream constantly changing its course, and will be placed in position as soon as the weather permits.

Passengers for San Francisco.

Following are the names of the Victoria passengers for San Francisco by the steamer Umatilla, which sailed at five o'clock yesterday afternoon: P. Murphy, Mrs. Bush, Mrs. H. S. Mason, Miss Emily Ross, Miss Melinda Sayyes, Chas. A. Whilhelm, Miss E. Carmichael, H. A. McDonald, Jas. Mitchell, W. R. Megaw, W. Cargyle, Miss Boyd, Mrs. W. S. Spettigue, G. U. Storey, W. E. Blackett and wife, L. J. Cross, H. Cooley, W. J. Taylot, J. S. Tabor and wife, N. Bichard, D. Dorning. There were also four through passengers *via* the C. P. R., and seventeen in the steerage.

Successful Operations.

Mrs. Skelly, of Clifton, Mason county, has just returned from Victoria. While there she was operated on for ovarian tumor. The tumor removed weighed fifteen pounds. Her recovery from the effects of the operation was rapid, and she is fully restored to health. In 1877 she had a similar operation performed, from which she completely recovered. On the ninth of this month, just before Mrs. Skelly left the hospital, her physician operated on another case of ovarian tumor. In this case the tumor weighed fifty pounds. When Mrs. Skelly left Victoria she states that the recovery of this patient was considered certain. Such are the achievements of modern surgery.—*Seattle Times.* These operations were performed in St. Joseph's hospital, the operator in each case being Dr. Davie, Hon. Dr. Helmcken, Dr. J. D. Helmcken, Drs. Powell and Matthews assisting. The second case referred to has also fully recovered.

B. C. Agricultural Society.

A meeting of the directors of the B. C. A. S. was held yesterday at the city hall. There were present, D. W. Higgins, M. P. P., president; G. A. McTavish, vice-president; Thos. Russell, secretary; E. G. Prior, M. P. P., W. H. Ladner, M.P.P., C. E. Renouf, James Tolmie, S. Sandover and E. Hodgson.

The president stated it had been ascertained that two of the lots purchased by the society near Beacon Hill were included in a street which was dedicated to the city as far back as 1865. The vendor, who resides in England, had been communicated with, and it was believed that the society would be recouped the amount paid.

A committee was appointed to inquire the rate at which adjacent property can be purchased for society purposes.

It was resolved to ask the government to liberally assist the society, who find their present premises too contracted.

It was arranged to have a prize list for the show of 1888 prepared and ready for discussion by the first week in February.

The board then adjourned.

Winnipeg Civic Elections.

The elections in Winnipeg resulted in the return of Ryan and Hutchings for ward four, Grundy and Black for ward five, and Callaway and Fletcher for ward three.

A Rough Passage.

The Princess Louise experienced rough and very blowy weather in the gulf last night during her trip down. She left Vancouver on time with the delayed passengers and mails from the day before. She brought nine bags of mail matter.

Home Again.

Mr. T. W. Pierre, the pioneer dyer, and daughter returned from Washington, D.C., last night after a very pleasant visit with their friends who had not seen Mr. Pierre for many years.

Mr. N. Pointer and wife also returned from Philadelphia last night. Mr. Pointer says that he had not seen his home in 33 years, and was pleased with the changes he found.

A Correction.

It was announced in yesterday morning's paper that the wife of the Ven. Archdeacon Woods, of New Westminster, had passed away. Our reporter's informant is a prominent citizen, and he stated the fact positively, and, as was quite natural, it was published, especially as the lady has been seriously ill of late. Happily, however, the information was incorrect, and we regret that the relatives were needlessly alarmed by the announcement in this paper. We are pleased to be able to state that Mrs. Woods is somewhat improving.

Football.

A game was played yesterday afternoon between sides captained by Messrs. Drake and Ward, and which resulted in a victory for the former by a goal and two tries to a goal. Several members of "C" Battery took part in the game and with a little practice will be a great acquisition to football here. The tries were obtained by Watson, Kennedy and Drake for the winners, the goal for the losers being obtained by Ward from a drop kick from the field play. Besides those mentioned, Crease, Ogilvie and Grant were most conspicuous for the winners, while for the defeated Swinnarton, Langley, Fenelly and Pemberton were seen to the best advantage. A match will be played on Beacon Hill on the 26th inst. between Victoria and Chemainus, and a team will shortly be chosen to represent Victoria.

Mysterious Disappearance.

Vancouver is at present in a great state of excitement, the cause of which is the mysterious disappearance of William Harkins. Mr. Harkins is the contractor for the laying of the sewers in the terminal city and on Thursday afternoon received $3,000 to pay off the men. In the evening of the same day he indulged too freely in drink and about 8 o'clock was seen very drunk in a saloon, where he was displaying large rolls of bills. After leaving the saloon all traces of him are lost. Those who have any business dealings with the missing man are strongly inclined to think that he has met with foul play. Thursday night was very dark and stormy so that the man might easily have been murdered and the body disposed of, nobody being say the wiser. Others believe that he has gone to join Hamilton and Otton on the other side of the 49th parallel and in support of their opinion point out that he had chartered the tug Emma to go to Port Townsend to tow up a couple of scows that he purchased the other day. Either a tragedy has occurred, or one of the cleverest ideas of slipping away quietly has been successfully carried out. He leaves a number of workmen unpaid and several creditors, some of whom are in for large amounts.

PERSONAL.

The Royce and Lansing company are registered at the Driard.

Neil Burgess and company are on the incoming San Francisco steamer.

Lieut.-Governor and Mrs. Nelson arrived down from Vancouver last evening.

Capt. Clancey of the O. R. & N. Co., came over on the Olympian yesterday.

D. R. Harris, C. Rhodes and W. H. Redmond, returned from Westminster on the Yosemite.

Major Prior, Lieut. Ogilvie, Mr. and Mrs. Sorby arrived from Westminster on the Yosemite.

Mrs. Bushby and daughter are on the Mexico which will be due from San Francisco on Monday.

G. U. Storey, of the C. P. R., Vancouver, leaves for San Francisco to-day by the Umatilla on a pleasure trip.

Commodore and Mrs. Irving, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Rithet, Mrs. McKenzie and Mrs. Glenny Anderson and Mr. Stanton returned from attending the citizens' ball at Westminster on the Yosemite.

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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Police Court.

W. B. Hunter, a drunk, did not appear and his bail of $5 was estreated.

Lilly West, a vagrant, did not appear and a fine of $25 was entered against her name.

Slide at Nicomen.

The Princess Louise came down at 10:30 last night without any through mails or through passengers. There was no train owing to a slide at Nicomen.

The Local Legislature.

By proclamation the Provincial Legislature has been further prorogued to the 16th day of February, 1888, not then, however, to meet for the dispatch of business.

The Westminster Ball.

Victorians who were present at the citizens' ball to Governor Nelson at Westminster on Thursday evening state that it was a highly successful event in every particular. Lieut.-Governor and Mrs. Nelson were highly delighted with the unbounded hospitality extended by the citizens of the Royal City, many of whom are among his honor's earliest friends.

Incoming Passengers.

The Mexico, which sailed from San Francisco yesterday has the following passengers for this port: P. Schwengers, L. H. Gulline, Mrs. P. Smith, A. Roberts, Neil Burgess and wife, W. Lee, J. Palmer and wife, Miss Robinson, P. Sage, C. M. River, J. W. Bowles, G. McVey, Mrs. Bushby and daughter, S. Gardiner and wife, Miss Snow, S. McDonald, W. Frazer.

Calendars.

Messrs. R. Jamieson & Co. have issued a neat lithographed office calendar for 1888. This calendar is a home production it having been designed and printed at THE COLONIST office, and speaks for itself.

A. Gregg & Son have favored our table with a very good example of the imported "Chromo" calendar, the subject being "Trooping the Colors" on the Queen's birthday.

Sad Death.

The death of Mrs. Woods, the wife of Ven. Archdeacon Woods, of New Westminster, is announced. She died on Thursday night. No particulars have as yet come to hand.

The C. P. R.

The Yale correspondent of the Vancouver *News* says: The past week has been a heavy strain on the physical and moral nature of railway men. The rock slide of Sailor Bar Bluff, which carried away about 150 feet of the bridge, was no sooner repaired than the bridge at Nicomen was swept away and necessitated an extension of about 200 feet. At the former place a night watchman has been stationed for greater security to the travelling public. The washout at Nicomen was about twelve miles west of Harrison and was caused by the heavy rainfall and snow melting on the mountains and rushing down a deep ravine, carrying with it trees of immense size, which came in contact with the small bridge (about seventy feet long at first) and swept away piles, timber, rails, and about three hundred feet of the road and piling up the obstruction about four hundred yards below. Here the stream expands into what is known as the Nicomen slough, whence it finds its way to the Fraser River. Mr. Jameson, Superintendent of Bridges, says that the road will have to be raised three or four feet and wing-dams constructed, and a wide span made when the drift wood will soon make a channel for itself and the washouts then will be avoided.

LICENSE COURT.

At a sitting of the licensing court, held before Mayor Fell, E. Johnson, S. M., Robt. Ward, J.P., Thos. Shotbolt, J. P., and W. Dalby, J.P., the following business was disposed of:

Transfer granted from L. LeLouis to W. Bailey at the corner of Government and John street; transfer granted from Mr. Pagden to Mr. Scott; transfer from D. Ellis to Geo. Bossi, granted; transfer of Mr. Bayley's license to Mr. Jensen was granted; transfer granted from Mrs. Astrico to J. Merrifield; transfer from Thos. Shaw to Bradbury & Barr, granted; transfer from John Hill to Mr. Bechtel for permission to sell liquor at the Vancouver Hotel, granted.

D. F. Fee applied for a license to sell liquor at his store on the corner of North Park and Quadra streets. The license was refused. Mr. Gannaway appeared for the applicant.

Mr. E. V. Bodwell applied for a transfer of the Club Theatre license from E. D. Morton to J. Roller.

Supt. Bloomfield said he had heard no complaints of the theatre and there was no immorality in the house.

Mr. Bodwell applied for a permit to lay the matter over until the next session of the court and that Mr. Roller be allowed a temporary license to sell liquor until that time; granted.

Joseph Keith & J. McBride applied for a transfer of W. Van Allman's license to themselves. The license was laid over until the next sitting of the court and a power to grant a temporary license was left in the hands of the mayor.

Robert McDermott applied for permission to sell liquor in the Boomerang saloon; granted.

Supt. Bloomfield said complaints were made about the Bee-Hive saloon. The parents of children were the ones who complained and they promised to appear against the proprietor.

Mr. Stuart appeared and said no boys were allowed inside the premises.

Supt. Bloomfield said he had received complaints against the Prince of Wales saloon, and Mr. Stuart, who appeared for the proprietor, said the people who frequented the house required liquor, and no one excepting Indians could be refused.

SCHOONER WALTER L. RICH

Arrives on Sunday Night—Six Months Ashore on Dungeness Spit, Cape Horn—A Terrible Experience.

The schooner Walter L. Rich, Capt. Jordan, which sailed for this port from Port Gamble, on January 31st, and which was reported ashore, arrived in Esquimalt on Sunday night. A reporter of THE COLONIST met the captain yesterday and interviewed him concerning the various reports which have from time to time reached Victoria.

"Well, captain," said the news-gatherer, "I understand that you had an experience on your voyage from Provincetown, which will last you a life-time, and which few men, who follow your calling have ever known."

"Yes," replied Capt. Jordan, "I guess I had. I was six months ashore on Dungeness Spit, Cape Horn, and that was no joke I can tell you."

"How did it all come about," queried the reporter.

It was all owing to a hurricane which, by all accounts, was one of the worst that was ever known in that part of the world. You can imagine how bad it was when I tell you that we were driven 920 yards from the water. The waves were mountains high and when we struck, the wind was blowing in a terrible manner and every time the breakers came up we were driven higher and higher."

"How did we get her off? It was only by dint of hard work, for no facilities were offered and the natives gave us no help; in fact they were troublesome, and the only materials we could get were forty-foot skids, on which we placed the schooner, sliding her to their full length, and so on, until at last we got her once more afloat and here we are, fifty-four days from Punta Arenas, Straits of Magellan."

Capt. Jordan is well-known on this coast, having raised the ship Earl of Dalhousie in San Francisco bay with Capt. Whitelaw, besides being engaged on other big marine contracts. The schooner flies the American flag and is 57 tons burthen. The Captain assured our reporter that her bottom did not suffer in the slightest, she being constructed of hard oak. She was brought into the harbor yesterday morning, where she will remain until the sealing season.

DONALD DOINGS.

The Calgary *Herald* correspondent says that a petition to Mr. Justice Walkem has been signed by nearly every resident of Donald. It sets forth the immoral character of the house kept by J. R. Ritchie, recently sent up for trial for rape, but since released on heavy bail. Other places of immoral character are also referred to. Judge Vowell recommended that such a petition be presented to the County Court Judge, but the latter said that such a charge should be heard by the magistrate first. The people of the mountain town are exercised over the numerous immoral places in town and are seeking for their removal.

A number of C. P. R. engineers have presented the Episcopal church at Donald with an organ.

MARINE.

Steamer Umatilla leaves for San Francisco this afternoon at 1 o'clock.

Tug Alexander left for Nanaimo yesterday morning to tow the ship Great Victoria to sea.

Tug Leonora, which was sunk in the north arm of the Inlet the other day, was successfully raised on Thursday by means of the tug Senator and two scows. She was then towed down to Moodyville, and is now being fixed up, and will be running again in a day or so.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Closing Exercises of the High School and of Johnson Street Ward School.

The closing exercises in connection with the High School took place yesterday morning and afternoon, Messrs. R. Offerhaus and J. Halliday and Mrs. Offerhaus examining the pupils in the various subjects during the morning. The preparations made by the teachers and scholars to render their school room attractive, and to provide a programme for the entertainment of their visitors were especially good. The room was beautifully decorated with evergreens, ivy, red and white berries, and moss. The frames of the blackboards, which run the full length on three sides of the room, were rendered pretty with these. The desks of the scholars were also lined with the same materials, and the generally unattractive school room was thus made bright and pleasing. There was a very large attendance of visitors, chiefly ladies, too numerous to here chronicle, but the great interest evinced of late years by parents and the public in the progress of the schools must have a very salutary effect on both scholars and teachers. The programme prepared was an exceedingly interesting one, the reading of the temperance essay, and of the girls' and boys' papers being specially attractive, while the various vocal and instrumental selections and the recitations were each deservedly well received by all. The march by the girls was a very pretty event. The columns were led by Miss G. Storey and Miss Rattray, the former's company wearing holly leaves and berries, and the latter's ivy leaves and white berries. Their evolutions were graceful, the columns marching and forming into fours with a nicety that would have drawn applause from a regular. The boys' paper, "The Leisure Hour," was contained in an elegant cover made of crimson silk plush, the title being worked in raised silk filosselle and embellished with flowers and leaves of the same material. It was read by the gold medalist, Master Francis Gibbs, and contained several good articles and numerous humorous, original and selected paragraphs. The general character of the paper was excellent in its get-up and contents. It was presented by the boys to Miss Julia Bradley, editor-in-chief of the "Girls' Own Paper," who is shortly leaving Victoria for California.

"The Girls' Own Paper," which was encased in a board cover with an artistic pen and ink design thereon, the work of Miss Alice Carr, was read by Miss Annie M. Hicks in a clear, well-modulated voice. The leading article (which we will reproduce in a later issue) was an excellent and thoughtful effort, appropriate in ideas and references. The general contents were good, in many instances consisting of witty sayings which produced considerable laughter. Miss J. M. Bradley is editor-in-chief; Miss A. L. Johnson, sub-editor; Miss Alice M. Carr, writer; and Miss Annie M. Hicks reader.

Following is the programme in detail:

Song—"Happy New Year".....By the School
Recitation—"Asleep at the Switch"....Miss M. McDonald.
Trio—Miss A. Johnston, Miss M. Tite, soprano; Miss G. Storey, Master R. Johnston, altos; Mr. R. Offerhaus, bass.
Reading of "The Leisure Hour."
March by the Girls of the School
Essay on Temperance.....Miss M. Pickard
Recitation—(Poem written by the late Hon. Allan Francis).....Master A. Francis
Reading "The Girls' Own Paper."
Organ Solo.....Miss J. Christie
Recitation—"McLean's Child".....Miss J. Herd
Song—"Freedom".....By the School

Mr. Pope, superintendent of education, read the standing of the senior division, the announcement that Master Francis B. Gibbs was head of the school being received with applause. The superintendent remarked that Master Gibbs, who by the way is a bright little chap, had obtained 100 per cent. in dictation and spelling, two of the most important branches of education. Miss Pickard had also obtained 100 per cent. in dictation. Three others had obtained 100 per cent. in mental arithmetic. This proved that if all scholars had exhibited the same diligence they might have been equally successful. One pupil in the junior division, Miss E. King, had obtained 99 per cent. in dictation and spelling. The superintendent said that, while not neglecting the higher branches taught, it should be the aim of pupils to keep up to the mark in the English branches. He preferred having a good average in each subject so that their education would be a good all-round one.

Mr. Offerhaus read the standing of the junior division, Miss C. Watson, head of the class, receiving enthusiastic applause.

Mr. Pope then called upon Hon. Mr. Robson to present the prizes awarded pupils. The majority, including a gold and silver medal, had been generously donated by their ex-teacher, Mr. J. Muir. This statement was vociferously applauded, and must have been gratifying to the late head master of the high school.

The honorable gentleman, in presenting the gold medal to Master Gibbs, complimented that young gentleman upon his success, and expressed the gratification he felt in awarding him the medal so generously contributed by Mr. Muir for competition by the school. Miss Julia Bradley, second in the senior division, was awarded the silver medal. Mr. Robson regretting her absence through illness. The other awards were also distributed, the honorable gentleman addressing a few appropriate remarks to each of the deserving recipients.

This accomplished, the Minister of Education said it afforded him great pleasure to be present to address a few words to them. This, he might say, was the crowning act of the Xmas examinations. They had examined the ward and Central schools, but this was the highest educational institution in the province. While they might and did regret the absence of a college or university in the province, yet it was a source of great satisfaction that the high school was doing a good work. From it had gone out many of teachers now instructing the youth of the country. But there was a higher consideration than that—it afforded the rising generation an opportunity of securing a higher education than that taught in the public schools. They could not attach too much importance to this "finishing" department of their education, and the boys and girls could not too faithfully pursue their studies, which were to prepare them for the stern business of life. He was glad that Canadian history now formed an important branch. They were all Canadians now, and he thought they all should feel proud of the fact that they formed a portion of the confederation that was fast approaching to a prominent place among the nations of the earth. (Applause.) The home government referred to the introduction of the study of anatomy, physiology and hygiene. He considered it one of the most important and useful in the school. It was but right that they should be made aware of the structure of the human frame and how to take care of it. He was gratified with the progress already made in the study, and was pleased with the reference made to it by the article in the *Girls' Own Paper.* It was also a pleasure to know that the study had been aided by the excellent lectures of Dr. Milne. It was a creditable fact that, though there were but two months' study accorded to the subject, yet one pupil had succeeded in securing 85 per cent. of a possible 100. It proved also that Dr. Milne's efforts had not been without effect. The manikins were now only placed in the graded schools of the province, but he hoped soon to see their usefulness still further extended. In closing the honorable gentleman made a few remarks in regard to the coming festive season, urging them to make it enjoyable for themselves and their parents and friends by unselfish acts of kindness. He referred in a highly complimentary manner to the high profession of the teacher, and the evidences to-day that their duties had been faithfully carried out. He wished them all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. (Loud applause.)

Hon. Mr. Robson then presented the prize of $5 from the W.C.T.U. for the best essay on temperance to Miss Pickard.

Rev. Dr. Reid said he did not come today to speak, but to hear, and he would say "ditto" to all that the Minister of Education had said. However, he would emphasize what he had expressed yesterday about the great interest that was now exhibited in the schools by the public in contrast with that of five or six years ago. It was exceedingly gratifying. He was very much pleased with the bright and sparkling papers that had been prepared and read by the boys and girls. The rev. gentleman illustrated the advantage that would accrue in after life to the pupils who pursued their studies with energy and faithfulness. They might rise to the highest position in life. He made some humorous allusions to the holiday season, and complimented teachers and scholars in pleasant terms, and in closing wished them every enjoyment during the Christmas and New Year's festivities.

Dr. Milne said it had been with infinite pleasure that he attended that afternoon. If, as was asserted, his lectures had been productive of good, it was a source of pleasure to him. The school had been told a good deal of how to spend Xmas, but he hoped that in order to make it a practical one they would all have a good dinner. (Laughter.) While this, no doubt, would be the case with all present, there were poor people in the city who might be aided, and in helping them to obtain enjoyment they would also create pleasure of the highest sort for themselves. He referred to the pleasant feeling existing between the trustees and the educational department. There were some defects in the school law, and it was the duty of the trustees to point them out, and one defect he would refer to was the absence of provision for a university. He hoped the day was not far distant when this desirable and necessary institution would be an accomplished fact.

Rev. Mr. Beanlands referred to the work of the High school in educating the youth of the province, regarding it as one of the best aids in preparing them for life. While he considered punishment as a necessary and salutary thing, yet as the attendance was to a great extent a voluntary one on the part of the pupils present, punishment should not form part of the curriculum. The reverend gentleman made some happy illustrations of the benefits of school life, and closed by wishing all a joyful holiday season.

Inspector Wilson made a few remarks, referring to the pleasure it gave him to note the sympathetic reference in the girls' paper to the troubles and trials of their teachers. He wished them all a pleasurable time during the holidays.

This closed the exercises of the day and Trustee Milne proposed three cheers for the teachers, which were heartily given. He then asked the boys to give three cheers for the girls, and they gallantly responded.

"God Save the Queen" was sung and the scholars were dismissed until the 3rd January, 1888.

Following is a list of the standing of the first ten pupils, names being in order of merit, and also names of those who were first in the various subjects taught:

SENIOR DIVISION—R. OFFERHAUS, ACTING-PRINCIPAL.

Master Francis B. Gibbs (head of the school), Misses Julia M. Bradley, Alice L. Johnston, Millie Pickard, Flora Fraser, Jeanette Mebius, Master Ruther Wilson, Miss Mary Powell, Master Robert J. Johnston, Miss Alice Carr.

Reading—Miss M. Powell.
Writing—Miss M. Pickard.
Dictation and Spelling—Miss M. Pickard.
Geography—Master G. Gardiner.
English Grammar—Miss A. Johnston.
Composition—Miss M. Pickard.
English History—Miss A. Johnston, Miss J. Mebius, equal.
Canadian History—Miss A. Johnston.
Mental Arithmetic—Miss S Kermode, Miss C. Lorimer, Master G. Gardiner, equal.
Written Arithmetic—Miss M. Pickard.
Mensuration—Master W. Lawson.
Algebra—Miss M. Pickard.
Geometry—Master F. G