

The Colonist

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18, 1893. THE BEHRING SEA AWARD.

Some newspapers have given the world what purported to be information with respect to the award of the Behring Sea arbitrators. This information cannot possibly be authentic. The arbitrators are deliberating in secret. No outsider is allowed to be present at their deliberations. Information as to what has been done or what the nature of the decision is likely to be, has not been imparted to anyone. Consequently what has appeared in the newspapers on the subject has been nothing more than guesses of impatient newscasters, who are tired of waiting for the award, and who want to have something to say on the subject. They would rather give false and foolish news than no news at all.

Those interested in the finding of the arbitrators would do well to pay no attention whatever to all reports about the nature of the award. They may make themselves sure that no one at liberty to speak will know anything about their decision until their award is in the hands of the proper authorities and is officially promulgated. Until then all that is said about it is mere surmise and entitled to no weight whatever. We are surprised that so respectable a paper as the Pall Mall Gazette should attempt to rival the smart American journals in giving the public information on a subject about which every man of intelligence must know no information can be had. The Hon. Mr. Tupper did right when he put the public on their guard against receiving as reliable any news about the nature of the award of the arbitrators on the Behring Sea question.

AN EXPLANATION NEEDED.

We see by our report of the proceedings of Wednesday's session of the City Council that the lowest offer for the Spring Ridge drain was that of Conaghan & Mayo, \$8,935. A little farther on in the same report we find that the Spring Ridge drain was let to H. H. McDonald & Co. for \$9,784. It seemed very strange that the contract should be awarded to H. H. McDonald & Co. when their bid was \$840 higher than that of Conaghan & Mayo. What have the favored firm done that the City Council should make them a present of \$840 of the taxpayers' money? We at first thought that our reporter had made a mistake in taking down the figures. But on enquiry we found that the figures in our report were those submitted to the Council by the City Engineer. We also found that Conaghan & Mayo's tender was bona-fide, and that they had put up the security required for its due performance.

There is something in the report about a lump reduction not being allowed to receive consideration. But we find there was no 'lump reduction.' Conaghan & Mayo returned on the supposition that the drain required was to be a two ring drain. At the last moment they were informed by the City Engineer that the plans required a 'one ring' drain. On hearing this Mr. Mayo, as the City Engineer's office, altered the tender to meet the requirements of the plan. This made a change of the rate both of part of the work and of the sum total. The change and the reason of it are both marked on the margin of the tender, and that there was no 'lump reduction.' The reduction was rendered necessary by the change of a two ring drain to a one ring drain, and it was in proportion to the changed rate for the work. The tender showed on the face of it the nature of the change and its amount.

Alderman Baker in framing his resolution, went back of the Engineer's figures. Mr. Wilnot had reported as the lowest offer for the Spring Ridge drain, \$8,935, and Mr. Baker in his resolution affirmed that \$9,784 was the lowest according to rates and quantities. Here is a contradiction which, as it reads, will cost the taxpayers \$840. We trust that the matter will be enquired into by the City Council, and any mistake that has been made, corrected. We are very unwilling to believe that the City Council would deliberately award the work to the highest bidder, when a lower tender had been put in by a competent contractor.

DELAY AND OBSTRUCTION.

Delay seems to be the policy of the silver men of the United States Congress. They are in no hurry, and they appear inclined to do what they can to prevent the immediate repeal of the Sherman law. The policy of obstruction, which they appear disposed to adopt, will exacerbate their opponents, and may perhaps, have a very injurious effect upon business and the financial position of the country generally. Those who favored repeal, previous to the meeting of Congress, were most urgent in their advocacy of promptness. They were, too, strongly opposed to any compromise. The repeal, according to them, must be immediate and it must be unconditional. This is what the New York Herald said on the subject:

But it is important that the representatives of the people shall go to Washington impressed with the necessity not only of repealing the law but repealing it unconditionally, not only stopping the purchase of silver but stopping it at once. The country needs and the people demand immediate relief. This must be provided without delay, without compromise, without adoption of any makeshift substitute or expedient.

The italics are the Herald's. It keeps up its emphatic tone, and does not hesitate to repeat its exhortation, far further on in the article we find the following passage, which we produce exactly as it is printed in the Herald:

The first and paramount essential is to repeal the obnoxious act unconditionally and stop buying silver at once. Delay will mean disaster. Every day brings reports of

banks closing, mills shutting down, and business houses failing. Every one of these is a warning against delay and compromise. Every one is a plea for the immediate and unconditional repeal of the Silver Purchase Law.

The New York Times is equally earnest, but it expresses itself in a more moderate way. It says:

Tariff reform can wait. The new currency system, whatever it is to be, can wait. The naked repeal of the silver purchase law is a matter of the highest importance, and it is imperative that it be done at once.

It must be remembered that the articles from which these extracts were taken were published before the President's message appeared. They show the state of public opinion in the most enterprising city of the Union, and the one which is most deeply interested in having an end put to the deplorable state of things that now obtain in all parts of the United States.

The following paragraphs from the New York Times, no doubt, voice the opinions and feelings of the most intelligent men in the States, and those who see most clearly the benefits that would follow the immediate repeal of the Sherman Law.

Untold aid and comfort would be given to the business interests of the country by an assurance that Congress would pass the repeal and immediately adjourn. The situation would be seriously aggravated by delays, needless discussions and a wrangle of parties and factions. Yet the fact that these are the common incidents of a Congressional session has afforded some ground for the apprehension that Congress might heedlessly postpone the moment of relief in order to give play to its familiar propensities for delay.

Our belief is that there will be no delay. The alarming situation of the country's finances has been pressed in upon the Nation's legislators to an extent that has awakened them to the necessity of promptest action. Among those who are best able to forecast the work of the session there is little doubt that Congress will respond at once to the demand of the country.

It is much to be feared that argument and advice will be thrown away on the opponents of repeal. They will use the power they possess to obstruct the passage of the repealing measure, let the consequences to other interests than their own, be what they may. If they are strong enough they will prevent the repeal, and if they cannot do that, they show a disposition to use all the means in their power to obstruct legislation on the silver question.

THE BEER BILL.

The quantity of beer consumed by civilized men is enormous. There must be something in beer exceedingly grateful to the palates of Europeans and their descendants. Wherever they go they must have their beer. Whether the climate is hot or cold, dry or humid, they are thirsty, and in their opinion nothing can quench their thirst like beer. Beer is generally considered a cheap drink; and so it is, but the money spent upon it in the aggregate is really amazing. The yearly consumption of beer in the whole of Europe is computed to be 3,935,668,815 gallons. Allowing that this beer costs twenty-five cents a gallon the sum spent on it in Europe alone is \$983,917,303. This is an enormous sum to pay for a beverage which, we are to believe the temperate men, do not drink for good and which they would be a great deal better without. If this is the case, why are men so fond of it? Why does not some philosopher set about finding out in what the charm of beer consists and what are its physical and psychological effects on the men who drink it. Here is a rich field of enquiry. What are the peculiarities of the beer drinking races, the Germans, the English, the Austrians, the Americans? Which of these peculiarities—virtues or vices—are attributable to beer? Here are some figures which will be of help to the philosophic enquirer:

Germany consumes 1,071,066,105 gallons a year, and Great Britain gets away with 874,192,275 gallons, and the United States consumes 830,668,815 gallons; Bavaria drinks 244,800,305 gallons a year; Wurttemberg disposes of 70,053,750 gallons; Baden consumes 56,445,846 gallons; and Alsace-Lorraine 17,083,305 gallons. Austria-Hungary's thirst is appeased with 308,889,875 gallons, and France gets along with 225,000,000 gallons; Denmark consumes 49,185,000 gallons; Norway 38,304,900 gallons; Russia produces 65,892,870 gallons, and Switzerland drinks 26,694,495 gallons; Spain uses up 23,002,500 gallons each year, and Turkey 3,150,000 gallons; Italy's quota is 3,099,666 gallons, and Roumania's 2,225,000; Luxemburg and Servia use 2,092,500 gallons each, and Greece consumes 105,545 gallons. Even Japan has gone into the beer trade, and has used 4,996,020 gallons a year for five years. Australia takes 38,158,940 gallons a year.

HOARDED GOLD.

We, on Thursday, gave our readers some information respecting the production of gold. They then saw that the quantity added every year to the world's stock of gold is so considerable that there is no fear of that stock being materially diminished for some time to come. We are indebted to the American Bimetallic League for the following estimate of the amount of gold possessed by the different nations of the world. The estimate must necessarily be an approximation, for it is impossible to find out, with any degree of exactness, the amount that is hoarded by private persons. In the East, particularly, the practice of hiding treasure has not been discontinued, and even in the free West, where property is well protected, the quantity hidden away by misers and ignorant and distrustful persons, can only be guessed at. This is the League's statement: Russia, \$500,000,000; France, \$340,000,000; Germany, \$215,000,000; England, \$220,000,000; Austro-Hungary, \$150,000,000; Spain, Netherlands, Italy and Turkey, \$125,000,000; United States treasury, \$202,000,000; banks in the United States, \$198,000,000. This forms a total of \$1,856,000,000. Assuming the entire stock of gold to be

NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

Vancouver Bar Send a Delegate to Ottawa—Nanaimo to Celebrate Labor Day.

Funds Raised for Fraser Valley Railway—Extraordinary Run of Baby Salmon.

(Special to the Colonist.) VANCOUVER, Aug. 10.—D. R. Young, late of Victoria, is putting up cottage sites on the west end in quick succession. Mr. Young started on three new ones to-day.

Mr. Linham, nephew of Mr. J. W. Campbell, was a passenger on the Miowera. Mr. Linham wrote to his uncle from Sydney on the day of sailing of the San Francisco steamer, stating that the steamer was before the Miowera sailed. Mr. Linham and the letter arrived in Vancouver on the same day.

This evening the pupils of Miss Newman's physical culture class gave an exhibition in the new Oddfellows hall. Those who witnessed the evolutions were greatly surprised at the wonderful advances made by the young people.

The Scotchmen expect an immense crowd at their games next Saturday. Nanaimo promises to send over a big delegation. Rev. Frincois, pastor of the Methodist Church, has notified Rev. Maxwell that he will be unable to come west to speak at the opening of Mr. Maxwell's new church.

Thirty-two graduates of Dalhousie College are residents in British Columbia. They met last night and formed an alumni association for this province, the following officers being elected: H. M. Stranburg, New Westminster, president; Anley Morrison, New Westminster, secretary; J. A. Russell, Vancouver, president; V. A. Russell, Vancouver, secretary; R. McBride, R. L. Reid, New Westminster, Rev. J. O. Logan, R. H. Landells, Victoria.

The Sydney Herald publishes the following cablegram received by Premier Dibble from Mr. F. W. Ward: "Excellent prospects for the Pacific coast, particularly in the north, Seattle, Tacoma, Portland, with cordial reception. Service connects four continental railways; this is important. Expect large trade."

Mr. G. M. McPhillips left yesterday for Ontario, to attend the meeting of the Justice in reference to appointing a resident judge in Vancouver from one of the big eastern cities.

Mr. E. Morton is in town to-day. Messrs. Major & Eldridge are adding a lard rendering business to their establishment.

Fifty men went out to Nakusp yesterday to attend to the work on the Nakusp and Slooan railroad.

Rev. Thomas Haddon, acting under instructions of the Provincial Prohibition club committee, has called a general meeting for organization and for the election of officers, to be held in the Y.M.C.A. building here, on Tuesday, the 15th inst., at 10 a.m. All ministers and temperance workers are invited to the meeting.

Sam. Cliff, of Comox, has lived on the island for twenty years, and never saw Vancouver or the mainland till yesterday. The three steamer boats which he piloted arrived in A1 condition. E. B. Madill was the purchaser.

The members of the First Congregational Church Sunday school held their annual convention at the Hotel Vancouver. One of the largest salmon ever caught in the Fraser river was on exhibition at Messrs. Port & Winch's yesterday. It weighed eighty-four and a half pounds.

Mr. Cathery, widow of the late Mr. Cathery, died on Wednesday night at Ladner's Landing.

The dry timbers of Granville street bridge caught on fire from a discarded cigar. No. 2 frames were called out, and saved the structure.

Capt. Mellon left yesterday for San Francisco. G. W. Weeks and C. W. Robinson, former of the Hudson Bay Co., have formed into partnerships and will open out with a line of groceries and liquors in the Hastings street Bank of Montreal building, as soon as the manager moves into his new quarters.

The steamer Mand came in yesterday with a cargo of dynamite. The Princess Louise returned from the North about one o'clock this morning. She had 700 cases of salmon on board, which were discharged here. Capt. Roberts reports fishing in the northern rivers practically all day.

the river. The Fraser's surface was, he says, absolutely covered with them, the usual number being about 1000 to 2000 fish by reason of their numbers.

Prospects look better for railway and bridge construction. The Burrard Inlet and Fraser Valley Railway Co., had some church and erections and the lumber for the construction of the road and bridge; but things have now been arranged satisfactorily.

The chairman then announced the presentation of an address, accompanied by a purse (\$200), to Rev. R. and Mrs. Gurd, who have by their ever-ready help and sympathy to those in need, and by their good example and Christian influence, endeared themselves to all (natives and whites alike) with whom they have come in contact during their sojourn of seven years in this northern home.

The Government Agent Warwick reports that for the twelve months just ended, 137 persons were added to the Provincial voters list for this city. During the same period the list of district voters was increased by 355 names.

The salmon catches last night were good all round, ranging from 100 to 500 per boat. The run was a little heavier than the night previous. The largest catch in one drift was 220 fish, and the net increased yesterday by fully 20,000 cases and to-day by an equal number. The canneries are receiving all the fish they can conveniently handle, but no limit has been put on the boats.

NANAIMO. NANAIMO, Aug. 10.—St. Peter's (Catholic) church has been thoroughly renovated and the seating capacity considerably increased.

To-morrow (Friday) evening a second lodge of the Canadian Order of Odd Fellows, Manchester Unity, will be instituted, the first meeting to be held in Albert Hall, Wharf street. The new lodge will be known as "Loyal Star," and will be the fourth Odd Fellows (English and American) in the city.

Last evening a little girl narrowly escaped drowning by falling into a well. Fortunately assistance was at hand and the child was rescued.

Labor Day will be celebrated on the 26th inst. The Trades and Labor Council is preparing a particularly strong programme for the occasion.

The steamer City of Nanaimo has been chartered for an excursion to Comox next Sunday by the Street Car band.

NANAIMO, Aug. 11.—The seven-year-old son of James Michelson was accidentally drowned in Departure Bay yesterday afternoon. The youngster had been fishing from the end of the wharf and fell off. The body was not recovered till late in the evening.

CLAXTON. CLAXTON, Aug. 3.—It may perhaps be of interest to COLONIST readers (especially sportsmen and tourists) to briefly enumerate some of the many objects of interest and pleasure to anyone who may be contemplating a trip "up North," feeling that it reflects so much credit on the enterprise of the Royal Canadian Packing Company, who have by the untiring efforts of their able manager, Mr. J. A. Carthew, established this village, which in the near future is destined to become of considerable importance.

A Sunday school excursion in connection with the Methodist churches of Vancouver City arrived here by the steamer City of Nanaimo last week.

A union picnic, under the auspices of the Independent Order of Good Templars, was held in Chemainus on the 2nd inst. Special trains from Nanaimo and Victoria brought a large number of guests to the picnic grounds at Horseshoe Bay.

Rev. Mr. Roberts and family, accompanied by Mrs. Palmer, Miss Carmody and Mr. George Kirkendall, started for Nanaimo in their steamer yesterday.

After the 15th inst. the banks at Nelson will discount American bills five per cent. A very fine discovery was made this week at the Forks of Cody creek by Messrs. Murdoch and McKinnon.

A trial shipment of about 40 tons of ore will shortly be made from the No. 1 mine at Ainsworth. The ore will be sent in four lots ranging from 200 ounces in clean ore to 350 ounces in high grade concentrates.

Contractor McGillivray who has the construction of the Nakusp & Slooan railroad in hand, took down a large gang of men from Revelstoke this week. The same steamer carried a heavy cargo of supplies for the camp.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—U. S. Gov't Report.



words. He said he was glad to see such a large gathering present, which was an earnest of the great interest taken by the people in church work.

The draw for the Tournament took place yesterday, the result being as follows (the open singles and doubles being still kept open on the chance that some of our Tacoma friends may come over:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN DOUBLES (OPEN). Miss A. Pooley and J. F. Ponkes (bye). Miss L. G. Ward and E. G. W. Dary (bye).

For members of \$5, still remains open. A. W. Jones, L. G. Ward, R. R. Bayne.

IN HER FAVORITE WIND, TOO. LONDON, Aug. 10.—The race for the Ridgetown cup, under the auspices of the Royal Victoria Yacht club, was sailed to-day. The course sailed, was forty miles.

THE POLICE. THE POLICE, Aug. 11.—The annual meet of the American Canoe Association opened here to-day with an unusually large attendance of canoeists.

THE WHEEL. RYDOLING ON THE MAINLAND. VANCOUVER, Aug. 10.—(Special)—The Vancouver Cycling club will hold a meeting about the second Saturday in September.

THE RING. ST. PAUL, Minn., Aug. 11.—Jack Dempsey came here a week ago to await instructions from his manager, Jim Braddock.

TO THE SPORTS CHALLENGE. THE undersigned, will play any man in Victoria for \$100 up, three-quarters of an acre. Call at the Mirror Saloon for particulars.

ANOTHER SEIZURE. When the steamship Islander was at Sitka on her last northern excursion, the American sealing schooner C. G. White was there under detention by the United States Government for a violation of the regulations in regard to the killing of seals.

GIVEN UP FOR LOST. The British ship Blair Athole, 161 days out from Samarang, with a cargo of raw sugar, has been given up for lost, not having been spoken.

A better liver regulator and health restorer than Esley's Liver Lozenges is hard to be found. This is the experience of a Toronto family who had tried only one box. They want more sent on at once.

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THE latest report of Reams is that he is a party of loggers getting the Sidney Duff, a person gives this story, plain that there is no ties.

A LARGE portion of the referred to as "the Comm. town Okanagan lake" be disposed of by auction lots of 40 acres. All pa in the maps and circular been issued.

A LITTLE excitement several of the main street when one of Erskine horses attached to a cart somewhat rapid circuit, serious damage is reported done by the runaway.

YESTERDAY was duly day by the citizens of Vancouver attached to the police. There was no Police on duty, as it fortunately empty, as it fortunately

THE various local out-Order of Foresters met for purpose of perfecting an order of the Sons of the Frigate for to-morrow. The Friar Tuck and those who will be given a hearty w...

THE Edmonton Ball Davis, trader, of Peace known as Twelve-foot L the Landing to-day, on B. C. Mr. Davis is deli for over twenty years, a way of Rocky Mountain his second trip by Edm also coming out this way

THE police were advic-Ing the burglar during had got over the transo show cases in Nolke e establishment, making investigation showed the ill his hand. He left the most valuable portion of missing articles aggregat \$56.

D. C. GORMAN, a coo "Parson" by his associ-ity. About two month bodied the Miowera a moment and shipped to was a little tired of this devious of bettering hi way land. He left his pocket an returned wit days in that city causo Victoria was a pretty fter all, and he proposo ments for a return trip that carried him awa from his experience, as like Victoria.

UPWARDS of two hun- curionists arrived dow from a boat of importo Coast yesterday, which from the city for nea kalls, where, accomp the departmental res- strips made up the Na Mr. Wovell reports the men is manifested by employees at the cannas has been because of the fa catch. There has been the usual number cano accounted for by the cleanliness of the water caught in the net, as could be learned, th fully as heavy as o fish slipped past the that they never were headwaters of the st present. The natives secured an abundant with much less trouble at Nanaimo. It is because of the fact that the fishery in the St. Lawrence has been closed. This was not a deserts. This was not a deserts. This was not a deserts.

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