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THE WEEKLY COLONIST.

NOTICE.

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Local and Provincial News.

From the Daily Colonist March 18.

Paid Fire Department.

A meeting of the members of the fire department was held last evening to take into consideration the placing of the department on a more satisfactory basis.

At 8:10 the meeting was called to order by Mr. Leshe.

Mr. Salmon wished to know why the mayor and council had not been invited.

Mr. L. McQuade was elected secretary of the meeting.

A. Aaronson said that under the present system three or four men from each company did all the work during a fire, and, in justice to these men, they should be paid, as they did all the work.

Considerable discussion arose as to the proper manner of bringing the matter before the meeting. It was finally decided that the foremen of the various companies express themselves first.

Mr. T. Deasy said that, as foreman of the hose and ladder company, he has moved in the holding of this meeting, so that either the men who did all the work should be paid, or else let the department be reorganized. The city was now too large to have men drag the apparatus the distances they frequently had when going to fires.

H. Sanders said that only six out of fifteen or twenty on the roll of one of the companies were in the habit of going to fires and three men had been doing all the work for the last two years. The matter should be put to a vote whether they are willing to continue as they had done in the past, or give the city council notice that at the end of two months they would expect pay. Most of the members were friends on the public. Some of the members were by no means considerable property never thought it worth while to help at fires.

Mr. Aaronson said that if ever a large fire should occur with such a small number of men the town would soon be in ashes. This was the right view to take of the matter and it was a very serious matter to every property owner.

Mr. W. A. Calhoun said that at nearly every fire in this city there were too many houses and the consequence was all was confusion. No discipline was preserved at fires and either proper officers should be put in or else the men be paid to do their work properly.

Mr. C. Gowan, in answer to call, said that the members had no control over the roll call. He always found in all societies that six or seven always did the work. It was the regular thing.

Mr. John Stevens thought the best thing to be done was to have the matter referred to the city council. It was all nonsense to pay a few and not pay others.

Mr. J. Wrigleworth, in response to a call, said that it was evident there was some dissatisfaction. A few men had done all the work in the past. The men who attended fires should be paid for the work they did. A committee from each company should be appointed to meet the city council to see if something could not be done. He was satisfied matters could not go along as they had as the work was constantly increasing with the growth of the city. Whenever the foundation of a system began to decay the whole structure was bound to fall and when the workingmen of the companies were dissatisfied, the department could not hold together much longer, as they formed the basis of the whole system.

Mr. L. G. McQuade said the matter should be discussed in the companies separately, and a committee be appointed.

Mr. Morley said that out of all the members of the Deluge company he had not six men who would do the work, and when the affairs came to this pass, it was high time something was done. But the meeting could decide nothing, this matter should be discussed in the meeting of the company.

H. Sanders moved that the meeting appoint a committee of three to confer with the city council to devise means to put the department on a better footing.

This motion ultimately was allowed to drop. A great deal of discussion took place, when a motion was made to refer the matter to the board of delegates with a request to lay the affairs of the department before the city council.

Mr. Geiger gave a very lucid exposition of the whole affair, and showed that the delegates of a volunteer fire department could not by their constitution go before the city council and ask for pay. If any of the foremen found he had not sufficient men to move his apparatus he should report to the chief engineer; but he was certain that in some cases the companies had only themselves to thank if they found themselves short of men. But it was out of the question for them to organize a paid department.

Mr. Wrigleworth wished to know if the chief engineer had made any report as to the working of the companies?

Mr. Phillips said he had only to see that the work was done correctly, and had no fault to find with any of the companies. The public, too, seemed to be perfectly satisfied with the working of the department.

An amendment was offered that the meeting appoint one member from each company to propose a scheme to lay before the delegates, and this to received its due amount of discussion.

Mr. Morley said in the present state of things the officers did not know if they had sufficient men in their companies to take their apparatus to a fire. The members were in the position of not wanting to work but were ashamed to say so.

On a show of hands being taken the amendment was lost, and the original motion was then put and carried, 13 to 11.

The chief engineer before the meeting adjourned asked that in case of a fire alarm the members would be prompt in response until matters were settled.

The meeting then adjourned at 9:45.

OFF SWINDLE SUCCEEDS ANOTHER.—It is reported that A. Wolf, late proprietor of the Paris Store, who gave his note for $1500 as security to Wilfley's bondsmen, before signing the note had made a bill of sale of the goods in the millinery store to his daughter, which he subsequently canceled, giving a similar document after the sale was made, to Fleischner, Mayer & Co., of Portland, his creditors, who are now in possession of the goods, and are said to be making arrangements to sell them to John Friedlander. Wolf is said to have gone south, borrowing $85 from Friedlander, telegraphing him on Friday to secure his debt from the same goods. From present appearances it is thought Wolf has laid himself liable to criminal action.—*Tacoma News.*

SOUND FARES.—Rates on the O. R. & N. Co.'s boats have been advanced to $2 between Victoria and Olympia and between Victoria and Tacoma. Between other points they remain the same.

Marine.

Ship Undaunted, with a cargo of coal, sailed for San Francisco yesterday morning.

The British bark Areola, Capt. Peregrine, sailed from Liverpool on Dec. 26th, with a cargo of 1,350 tons iron.

British bark Wylo, Capt. Brown, sailed from Barrow on the 8th January, with 1,006 tons.

British iron ship Portia, Capt. Jones, sailed from Cardiff Feb. 5th, with a cargo of 2,000 tons.

American bark Gerald C. Tobey, Capt. Baker, sailed from Newport Feb. 5th, with 1,900 tons.

American ship James Drummond, Capt. Curtis, sailed from Liverpool about the middle of February, with a cargo of 2,500 tons.

American ship Benjamin F. Packard, Capt. Waterhouse, sailed from Liverpool about the middle of February, with a cargo of 3,900 tons.

Steamship Wilmington is loading coal at Departure Bay.

Steamship Barnard Castle, from San Francisco for Departure Bay, passed up Monday night.

Christ Church Fence.

The city council, a short time ago, unanimously decided that the new fence recently erected along the south side of the church "must go." But it has not gone yet; in fact, a coat or two of paint have been applied to it in apparent defiance of the council's order. People are wandering how it comes that a lord bishop may do certain things with impunity that if a more humble individual were to try he would quickly find himself facing Mr. Edwin Johnson. It may be that there has been found a way through which the law may be evaded and the map of the church property on deposit at the land registry office with the lots and streets defined, set aside. The city, therefore, may be powerless; but not so the owners of property who bought their lots subject to that map, and who see a real grievance in the encroachment complained of.

Alberni.

Mr. McQuillan from Sayward's fishery on Somas river, Alberni settlement, complains of mail irregularities. Scarcely any letters or papers are received there except those that are carried in by private hands. If a road could be put through from Nanoose bay via Cameron's lake, it would be a great advantage. The present trail is overgrown with brush and blocked by fallen trees, which should be immediately chopped out. The trail should also be repaired. The scalors were all outside and were supposed to be having good luck. Mr. Sayward's store, being well supplied with goods, is a great convenience to the settlers, who now number 56 white persons.

Esquimalt Waterworks.

The Esquimalt Waterworks Company have not permitted grass to grow under their feet. Immediately on securing their charter they put a strong body of men at work to cut ditches and lower Thetis lake eight feet. The water in the chain of lakes which the company have secured is of the sweetest and purest kind, and the supply would be abundant for 500,000 inhabitants, a population which Esquimalt and Victoria will scarcely reach within the next ten years—although they may in twenty.

DEATH.—Wm. C. White, son of Mr. W. White, died yesterday at his father's house in this city. He was aged 31 years and came to the province when four years of age. While at Port Moody he contracted typhoid fever about two weeks and came home on Saturday to die with his friends.

From the Daily Colonist, March 17.

What Some People Say.

That Gen. Wolseley offers a reward for M. Pain, El Mahdi's French adviser, alive or dead. Pain has fled to the desert.

That Mark Twain's "Huckleberry Finn" has been shut out of the public library of Concord, N. H., as "flippant, irreverent and trashy."

That in a letter by Gordon, written a few days before his death, the hero says; "I will accept nothing whatever from the Gladstone government. I will not even let them pay my expenses. I will get the King to pay them. I will never put my foot in England again, but when I get out I will go to Brussels and so on to Congo." This letter appeared upon the very day when services were being held at the cathedrals and churches throughout England in Gordon's memory, with cabinet officials among the attendants.

That 10,750 shares in the West Vancouver Commercial Co., location, Quatsino district, Vancouver Island, are advertised for sale for nonpayment of calls.

That a Nebraska girl and a young woman of Arizona are going to compete at throwing the lasso. The lasso wins without doubt prove a great catch.—*Boston Transcript.*

That "If man wants to own the earth, what does woman want?" inquired Mr. Grap of his better half, after a little family manivee a few days ago. "Well, my dear," responded that lady, in a gentle tone, "to own the man, I suppose."—*Boston Post.*

"There," said a Washington hotel man, as he read of the railway accident and the burning of the mails near that city last Friday, "that accident costs me hundreds of dollars."

"Got stock in the road, I presume."

"No; but every congressman who is out of the city will swear he sent me the amount of his board bill by that mail.—*Chicago Herald.*

That Sarah Althea Hill Sharon and her counsel, Geo. W. Tyler, have quarreled and never speak when they pass by.

That If-Christ-had-not-died-for-thee-thou hadst-been-damned Dobbins was the name of a man in England in the days of the Roundheads, but Dorchester county, Maryland, possesses two names almost as odd. The owners of the names still live near Cambridge, on the Choptank. They are "Julia Ann Augusta Dominica Rustia Ro Bo Bustis Jack," and "John Henry Land Runner Runout-and-Surveyor Bandana Beaver Dam Rendezvous God Bless Bustieu."

That the use of vaseline, which is a product of petroleum, has become so extensive in France instead of lard for pastry, that the council of Hygiene found it necessary to pass an order prohibiting its employment in this way.

Death of Mr. W. J. Jeffree.

We are pained to announce the death at 9 o'clock last night of W. J. Jeffree, one of Victoria's most useful pioneer citizens. The sad event was entirely unexpected, deceased having been only taken ill on Monday evening from the effects of a cold contracted while working in his garden. The cold settled in the lining of his bowels and his sufferings were acute until a short time before death relieved him. Mr. Jeffree, who leaves a widow, two daughters and one son, was a native of Camborne, Cornwall, England, and was aged about 50 years. He came to the country in 1862 and after a brief stay in the Cariboo mines embarked in the clothing business in this city, which he successfully conducted until his death. In addition to his proprietorship of the Golden Rule clothing store he was largely interested in Pendray & Co.'s soap factory. At one time he was a member of the city council and took a warm interest in public matters. Had he lived he would have gone to England next month. Victoria can ill afford to lose a man like W. J. Jeffree, whose family have the deep sympathy of all in their deep distress.

CHINESE MEETING.—A meeting of Chinese merchants was held last evening to devise means to test the validity of the Chinese Restriction Act. It was resolved to furnish a test case for the courts.

Municipal Council.

WEDNESDAY, March 18.

The regular meeting of the council was held last evening.

Present—His Worship in the chair, and Couns. McKillican, Robertson, Smith, Earle, Teague, Braden, Grant, Ward and Warner.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS.

From Edwin Johnson re corporation vs. McMillan stating that costs had been taxed and advising that the matter be settled out of court.

Received and suggestion adopted.

From J. R. Anderson asking for street lines on Kingston street. Granted.

From W. S. Johnson, asking for the use of a portion of Yates street while erecting a building. Granted.

From Wm. Bodie, applying for use of portions of Fort and Government streets while erecting a building. Granted.

From W. H. Collier, stating certain pigs on his premises were too young to be removed and asking for 30 days' time in which to dispose of them. Granted 20 days.

From the clerk of the county of Oxford, Ont., enclosing a petition for an act referring to vagrants and asking that the corporation lend their assistance in having the act passed.

Petition ordered to be signed and to be forwarded.

MOTION.

Coun. McKillican gave notice that at the next meeting he would move for a bylaw for the better observance of the Lord's day.

REPORT.

From the sanitary officer mentioning various nuisances on several lots and recommending that a drain be made on church way; complaining of the drain on Fort street near Government.

Usual notices to be served, and the matter of the Fort street drain referred to sanitary committee for report at next meeting.

From street committee reporting cost of grading Fernwood road, and stating that a strip of 10 feet along the street on Spring Ridge could be purchased for $100; also recommend replanking of Rock Bay bridge.

Received, and recommendations ordered to be carried out.

From the water works committee recommending that pipes be laid along several streets, and also that hydrants be be placed; also that no water be used for irrigating outside the city limits and that water for brickyards, &c., be measured through a meter. Recommending that a portion of the mains be lowered to a proper level, and stating that a reservoir should be built at once to supply the higher level. The purchase of a patent street sprinkler was also advised so as to save water.

Couns. Ward asked leave to withdraw his resolution as the report embraced his views.

Report adopted.

From the committee on sewerage, reporting that immediate steps should be taken for an underground system of sewerage and recommending that a premium be offered for the best system of drainage; that $2,500 be paid for 1st, $1,500 for 2d and $1,000 for 3d, and that the time be fixed for 15th August, 1885. Various details of the system were also suggested; that an inspector of nuisances be also appointed, and that after April 1st the drains be flushed from the mains and the present drains be put in order.

Report received and ordered to be considered at next meeting.

On motion $550 was ordered to be placed at the disposal of the police committee for clothing for the force.

Coun. Ward moved that tenders be asked for the corporation printing for the balance of the year at so much per folio. Carried.

THE FENCES ON CHURCH HILL.

Coun. Robertson wanted to know why this fence had not been removed.

The clerk stated that a notice had been served.

His Worship stated that the bishop's solicitors maintained that the corporation had not carried out the contract, and that the road was never decided over to the city, hence the property owners on that street would have to take the matter up.

Coun. Robertson said that if the city had no control over the street the corporation should know it.

Referred to the legal adviser for report at next meeting.

The action of His Worship in donating $25 to the Jones family was endorsed.

The council then went into committee of the whole on the woolen mill and electric light at 9:15.

Archbishop Seghers.

This distinguished prelate is now in Minnesota, slowly working his way west to his field of labor in the Northern Pacific. He attended a recent temperance meeting in St. Paul, and at its close administered a solemn pledge to twenty-one persons. In conversation after the meeting, Archbishop Seghers said he would deliver a number of addresses in the city and Minneapolis, after which he would go on to Helena, where he would make Bishop Brondel a short visit. He will assume charge of his new diocese at Victoria, Vancouver Island, on Palm Sunday. Bishop Grosse, of Savannah, Ga., has been offered his former place at Portland, Or., but has not yet accepted, though the Archbishop expects to hear definitely on that point this week. His diocese of Vancouver Island and Alaska contains 70,000 Indians and several thousand white persons. The Greek or Russian church has six priests and the same number of churches in Alaska, and the Protestant churches have two missions—one at Wrangel, at the other at Sitka, the former with a large school attached. With the money he will collect the Archbishop will build churches and schools, and has strong hopes of doing great good among the native population of that section of the United States. He has a nephew Indian studying for the priesthood at Georgetown College, Washington. The Archbishop referred to the seal fisheries in Alaska, which are controlled by the United States Company. They are allowed to kill only 100,000 seals per annum, and no females or males except those from two to three years of age; this law is carried out both in the letter and spirit, as he has had ample opportunity to observe. Eleven million seals congregate annually on St. George, so there is no danger of the seal fisheries becoming extinct. Since he resigned the archdiocese of Portland to take charge of the diocese of Vancouver Island, his title is Archbishop—Bishop of Vancouver Island. The pallium, the insignia of his office as Archbishop, cannot be used by him, however, except when he dies, and it is buried with him.

Personal.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Sehl and family and Mrs. J. Sayward were passengers by the Mexico.

Officer Hough returned from the East yesterday.

Purser Luttrell, of the Mexico, has been transferred to the Elder, and Purser Buckman of the Elder takes the pursership on the Queen of the Pacific, which has been again placed on the Northern route, the Mexico being laid off after her return to San Francisco. Purser Luttrell's place on the Mexico is at present filled by Mr. Chas. J. Bennett.

Rev. W. Barss returned from Seattle yesterday.

Important Real Estate Transaction.

Yesterday Mr. J. Lovett disposed of his lot, 45 by 65 feet, on the northeast corner of Government and Broughton streets for $13,500 to Hon. W. Hamley. The purchaser will proceed immediately to erect a handsome two-story building, to cost $12,000, on the site.

CARDS are out for a banquet to be given by the American consul and Mrs. Stevens this evening in honor of the consul's old friend, Mr. Bayard, called to the premiership of Cleveland's cabinet.

A SCHEME FOR THE RELIEF OF THE C. P. R.

The Mail Foreshadows the Plan.

The Toronto Mail of the 9th inst. has a onimous article of which the following is an extract:—

"The Company asks the Dominion government to relinquish its lien for $30,000,000. This having been done, the Company will issue 5,20 preference bonds to the extent of $30,000,000 upon the unencumbered road. The Company will then hand $15,000,000 of these bonds to the government, together with 7,500,000 acres of land, valued at $2 per acre, in consideration of its surrender of the mortgage for $30,000,000. The $15,000,000 of bonds remaining will be disposed of by the Company, the proceeds being applied to completion and equipment. But to enable the Company to pay off its floating debt the government will be asked to advance it for immediate use a sum of $4,000,000, which will be repaid out of the proceeds of the bonds thus sold by the Company.

Leoni's Last Walk.

A Stockton dispatch of the 14th gives the following details of Leoni's tragic death: This afternoon a large crowd gathered at the corner of El Dorado and Main streets to witness a rope-walking performance by Leoni, "king of the air." A wire had been stretched across the street from the tops of opposite two-story buildings. Leoni appeared at the top of the building on the west side, dressed in bright blue tights, trimmed with gold fringe. After bowing to the crowd he grasped his balancing pole, cautiously stepped on to the cable and advanced slowly across. When a little more than half way across he kneeled on one knee and one foot, and laying his balancing pole across his knee, placed his elbow on his knee and rested his head on his hand. At that instant one of the tackle ropes parted and let the cable down. Leoni grabbed to catch it where his knee rested, but missed it, and falling to the ground with a crash, struck on the back of his head and neck, breaking his left clavicle in two places and fracturing his skull. The blood gushed from his nostrils, mouth and ears. A physician was immediately summoned, but Leoni died about an hour later, while being taken to the county hospital. He was 34 years of age and had been in the show business about twenty years.

The San Francisco Chronicle says: M. Leoni's true name was Maloney. His parents reside in New York and he leaves a widow in Santa Rosa, this State. His last performance in this city was walking a tight wire from the dome of the pavilion at the ocean beach, and his last engagement in the immediate neighbourhood of San Francisco was at the Coliseum, in Oakland, where daily, about five weeks ago, he walked a wire rope stretched across the street. He was about 32 years of age.

A Race and Fight on the Track.

Yesterday Dooley's horse contested against Beak's horse at Beacon Hill and got "left" by two lengths. When the jockeys dismounted Millington, who rode one of the horses, charged Ah Yow, a Chinese lad, who rode the other horse, with having crowded him. Blows were exchanged and the Chinaman got worsted in the Caucasian. The latter had the advantage of a pair of spurs which he jabbed into China's shin; but in spite of the jabbing the white man was vanquished.

NEW STEAMER.—A new steamer, modeled by Mr. W. Walker, of this city, and built by Mr. M. Smith, of Comox, for Mr. E. J. Pidcock, of the latter place, was towed down by the steamer Lottie yesterday to receive her boiler and engines, which are on R. C. Janion's wharf. The boat, which will be very handsome and efficient when completed, is 75 feet in length and 14 feet 6 inches beam. She is strongly constructed and reflects great credit on her builder.

FRIENDS OF MR. A. W. ROSS, M. P., assure us that the report telegraphed from Ottawa to Winnipeg and purporting to give Mr. Ross' opinion of British Columbians is false. They assert that he has always expressed himself as most favorably impressed with the people as well as the climate of this province; so much so, indeed, that he intends returning and settling among us. Mr. Ross would seem to have been the victim of a malicious hoax by an irresponsible newspaper correspondent.

A FAILURE.—Yaquina Bay, W. T., is pronounced a failure as a port and will now be abandoned. Vessels bound there have found it impossible to enter and have been compelled to go elsewhere and land their passengers and cargoes.

THE provincial Chinese Restriction Bill, Sir John Macdonald says, will be declared *ultra vires* by the courts even if it is not disallowed by the Ottawa government.

From the Daily Colonist, March 20.

FIRE AT SEATTLE.

Three Lives Lost.

SEATTLE, March 19.—A disastrous fire, accompanied by loss of life, occurred this morning at 3 o'clock. Flames were noticed issuing from the lower portion of the Oriental Hotel, corner of South Second and Washington streets. In a short time the entire structure was enveloped in flames, which defied the efforts of the department. Eric Johnson, aged 40, was burned to death. Mike Tobin, aged 35, received internal injuries in dropping from a third story window and will die. Ed Downey, aged 32, was terribly burned and will probably die. Olof Ottison and J. B. Moe were severely burned, but may recover. Many others received injuries of a less serious nature. Chief McKeon, of the fire department performed a most heroic act in rescuing a man from the burning building at the risk of his own life. The lodgers lost all their clothing and valuables. The loss on building and furniture is about $7,000. Insurance on house, $3,000; on furniture, $2,000.

New Westminster.

(Special to the Colonist.)

NEW WESTMINSTER, March 19.—A telegram was received to-day by the secretary of the board of trade, from our representative at Ottawa, stating that a semi-weekly mail is to be established by steamer between this city and Chilliwhack.

H. M. S. Satellite is busily engaged surveying Bidwell Bay, in the North Arm of Burrard Inlet.

THE late Mr. Jeffree, only three months ago, insured his life for $5000 in the Standard Life Insurance Co. He had paid but one premium and his family will immediately receive the full amount for which deceased had most providently insured.

THE WOOLEN MILL project still hangs fire. The mayor and council are exercising due caution, and will not consent to tying up or bonding, so to speak, the subsidy offered by the city. The man who shall first meet the requirements of the by-law will receive the money premium.

THE ELECTRIC LIGHT.—The city council have resolved to keep the electric light company to the terms of their contract, a very proper thing to do. The public would like to have the number of towers increased so that the benefits of the light may be as widely diffused as possible.

MAJOR SERPA PINTO, the Portuguese traveler, is about to set out on a new African journey. He proposes to start inland from the town of Mozambique and to cross the continent by way of Lake Tanganyika, to the Moroque district, where he expects to meet with the Portuguese Congo expidition.

What Some People Say.

That dentists usually look down in the mouth, but there is no occasion for it. There are 17,000 of them in the United States, and within the past year they have used a ton of gold plugging people's old teeth.

That a new game called "The Printer's Delight," is the latest. It is played in the following manner: Take a sheet of paper and put your autograph on it; then fold around it a postal note of sufficient amount to pay what you owe this office. Put it in an envelope, write our names on the outside, stick one of Uncle Sam's little chromos on the corner, drop it in the postoffice, and we will risk the consequences.

A Dublin paper records as a significant evidence of the feeling aroused in the Irish province by the opposition to the renaming of Sackville street that a southern firm has closed its account with one of the business houses which petitioned against the change to "O'Connell street," and has intimated that "the account will remain closed till all men living in Ireland learn to respect the feelings of her sons."

That Gen. Grant has for a number of years smoked daily more and stronger cigars than any man of the most robust health could endure. When he was in the White House he smoked from fifteen to twenty cigars a day. They were not small cigars, either. They were of the old Regina Victoria size, and were the blackest of maduros in color. Very few experienced smokers had strong enough heads to smoke Grant's cigars. More than one caller at the White House has been made sick by attempting to smoke with President Grant.

That Gen. Wolseley has orders to avenge the death of Gordon, but we don't see how he can do it while the law of England prohibits the killing of the cabinet.

That Tennyson says, "Men are God's trees." Yes, and some of them are very shady.

That a Canadian traveler writes that "Quebec is a city of paradoxes." The absconding bank cashiers and their confreres seem to have gained a new name, foreign to native criminal circles.

That slavery dies hard in Brazil. The province of Pernambuco has still 83,000 slaves. Abolitionists are not in favor in that province.

That the new English postmaster general, having gone down to his office and left himself in with a latchkey, was promptly arrested by a detective and held until identified as a non-dynamiter.

That black eyes are yearly becoming less common in England, according to a London writer. Let him wait until John Lawrence Sullivan makes his English tour, if he wants to see this reversed.

That the Emperor Wilhelm will be 88 on the 22nd.

The most delicate watch wheels are now made of paper pulp in Germany.

That Lamar, 60, is the oldest in President Cleveland's cabinet, and Vilas, 45, the youngest.

That a man may successfully paint the town red, but when afterward he has a brush with a policeman he loses color.

Nanaimo.

(Free Press.)

It is reported that Mr. C. W. Busk, the contractor for the Nanaimo section of the Island railway has thrown up his contract, finding it impossible to complete the work for the contract price. On Monday evening a large number of the workmen came into the city with very anxious faces, as in nearly every instance a month's wages was due to the men.

It is stated that Mr. Busk has sunk $27,000 in the contract. The following telegram received last evening from the president of the Island railway, in answer to an inquiry from this office, will be cheerful news to the the railway workmen, and the public generally:—

VICTORIA, March 17.

To G. Norris, Free Press.—The wages of all the workmen will be paid, and work will be resumed in a few days, when engineers finish measurement now being made. R. DUNSMUIR.

At the city licensing court an application was read from Mr. Guffola for a license to supply beer, porter and wines with meals at Guffola House.

No one was present to represent the applicant, and the bench declined to consider the application on the ground that the 14 days notice had not been given in the newspaper as required by law—the bench at the same time intimating that they were unanimously opposed to granting any more licenses within the city limits.

Marine.

The old Hawaiian bark Augusta has been repaired, changed over and placed under the American flag. Her name is now the Julia Ford. She is at Port Blakeley, and will take a cargo of lumber to San Francisco.

Steamer Barbara Boscowitz returned from the N. W. coast yesterday.

The ship Harvester sailed from San Francisco on the 13th inst. to load at the V. C. Co.'s coal.

Steamship Barnard Castle is loading at Departure Bay.

Barque Nanaimo has been chartered by Welch, Rithet & Co. to load lumber at Moodyville for Shanghai.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

SAN FRANCISCO, March 19.—Arrived—Steamship Queen of the Pacific, Port Townsend; steamship G. W. Elder, Victoria; bark Majestic, Nanaimo; schooner Jennie Ward, Columbia river.

Cleared—Ship Peru, Port Townsend; sailed, ship Peru, Port Townsend.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 19.—The Merchants' Exchange dispatch states that the schooner Agnes Nicolaysen from San Francisco for Whitesboro in ballast went ashore on the rocks at Little River and is a total loss. She is owned by Commander Capt. Inqueisen.

Personal.

Rev. Mr. Tomlinson was a passenger by the Barbara Boscowitz yesterday.

Hon. J. Robson and Mr. H. S. Flood returned from the mainland yesterday.

Mr. Hasegg of H. S. Crocker & Co., is at the Driard.

Hon. Mr. Smithe returned from Cowichan yesterday.

Mr. Walter Hough an efficient member of the police force was reported very low last evening, he having suddenly fallen ill with brain fever on Tuesday.

Mr. H. Prindle of San Francisco, general agent for the Mutual Benefit Association of New York, who is assigned to special duty in British Columbia, arrived on the Mexico.

BEN AND JOE.—In the case of the Pottier and Stymus Manufacturing Company of New York vs. Ben and Joe Holladay brought in the state circuit court to have the conveyance made by Ben of his property to Joe set aside as fraudulent in order that plaintiff might collect a claim of some $10,000 due from Ben, a separate answer was filed by Ben yesterday. He admits that he was at the times and dates mentioned in the complaint the owner of all the stocks, notes, mortgages and real and personal property therein described and that at the several times mentioned he did assign, convey and transfer the same to Joe by conveyances which were absolute on the face, but denies that the same were taken by Joe to vest the legal title to the property in him. The document then states that a receiver has been appointed for the property and has taken charge thereof, and that his appointment is still in force, and Ben therefore prays to be dismissed with costs.—*Oregonian.*

SHERIFF'S SALE OF A SCOW.—High Sheriff McMillan, at high noon yesterday, in front of his office, offered to the highest bidder the scow Saanich, 65 92 tons. The attendance was large, but the bidding was confined to two or three, who kept up a lively fusilade of bids for about ten minutes, when Mr. McLellan carried off the scow for $825 cash.

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EXCLUSIVE DISPATCHES TO THE COLONIST.

EGYPT.

SUAKIM, March 18.—A general advance toward Tomas will be made on Friday. Spies continue to report that the Amari tribe of Arabs will desert El Madhi and join the British.

SUAKIM, March 19.—The whole force started at seven this morning in the direction of Hasheen. Each man had a day's rations and a hundred rounds of ammunition. The troops at 10 o'clock were three miles from the city. The cavalry had been sent to beat up the enemy, and fighting was expected any moment.

SUAKIM—noon—Gen. Graham inspected all the troops this morning, except the Shropshire, Berkshire and Surrey regiments. Five hundred of the enemy were seen in the hills near Hasheen. Cavalry, mounted infantry and Indian infantry were sent to reconnoitre. The guards acted as a reserve. The enemy retreated before the British advance. The head of the British column is now close to Hasheen.

SUAKIM, March 19.—The mounted infantry and scouts, supported by the main body of troops marching 600 yards behind, advanced to the base of the hills near Hasheen. The scouts reaching the summit of the hills, discovered the Arabs massed in the valley. The Arabs at once retired to shelter; but 50 remaining in sight when the British advance reached the ridge of the hills. The Hadendowah tribe rushed then from ambush and made an attack. During this Captain Birch was speared through the shoulder. The Arabs got within 10 yards of the British line before the latter opened a regular fire, which the enemy promptly replied to. Four infantrymen were killed and three wounded. Several Hadendowahs were wounded. Among the killed was Lieut. O'Connor, whose horse was shot from under him. The British retired, the Arabs showing no disposition to follow. During the engagement on the ridge, the Bengal calvary took many prisoners. It was ascertained by reconnaissance that the Arabs were in large bodies along the entire ridge of hills.

SUAKIM, March 19.—As the British retired from Hasheen the rebels reoccupied it.

El Mahdi's adherents declare that before the summer is far advanced General Wolseley's army will be cut off from Cairo.

Gen. Graham, in his letter to Osman Digma, declares that England respects all religions and desires the friendship of the Arabs and advises shieks to submit and rely upon the mercy of England, otherwise he threatens to destroy the flocks and other property of their followers.

SUAKIM, March 19.—After a skirmish Gen. Graham's right, consisting of British infantry, Indian infantry and guards began to advance towards Handowah mountain, the infantry and Bengal cavalry reserves being at Tamai and Tamanieh. The concentration of the Arabs was effected with unusually good order.

SUAKIM, March 19.—Scouts report that Osman Digma is prepared to give battle between Tamai and Tamanieh. The Arabs are estimated from 7,000 to 10,000.

GERMANY.

BERLIN, March 18.—Two hundred and seventeen miners are imprisoned by an explosion of fire damp in the colliery at Camp Hausen, near Saarbruck, and but 17 have been rescued. It is feared most of the others are suffocated.

BERLIN, March 18.—Latest reports from the colliery disaster at Camphausen state that 98 bodies were recovered; 102 men and boys are unaccounted for. It is almost certain that all now in the mine must be dead as the main shaft and air apparatus were destroyed by the explosion.

BERLIN, March 18.—The principal gift of the emperor to Bismarck on the occasion of the latter's 71st birthday on 1st proximo will be a copy by Vonvoconc of his famous historical picture entitled "The Proclamation of the German Empire at Versailles." The original was presented to the Kaiser by all the reigning sovereigns in Germany at the time of the unification.

BERLIN, (evening) 137 bodies recovered from the colliery, Camp Hausen, where the explosion occurred yesterday and 51 persons rescued. There were 217 in the mine when the explosion occured.

FRANCE.

PARIS, March 18.—The Nationale says instructions have been sent Potenotre, French ambassador in China, to renew negotiations with the Chinese government with a view to securing peace.

PARIS, March 18.—To-day being the anniversary of the commune, precautions were taken to prevent disorder and troops are confined to barracks.

PARIS, March 19.—President Cleveland has requested minister Morton to remain in Paris.

EASTERN STATES.

ELIZABETH, N. J., March 18.—A paraffine factory at Elizabethport was fired this morning and totally destroyed. The loss is $20,000; no insurance.

PETERSBURG, Va., March 18.—There was a heavy snow storm throughout Virginia and North Carolina.

NEW YORK, March 18.—The Tribune says that notwithstanding the announcement to Gladstone last Friday that a specified agreement had been made with Russia which would probably avert a conflict between the two nations for the mastery in Central Asia, marine insurance people do not feel that the affair is ended. Cargo shippers have applied for extra risks on cargoes to China, Japan and the Mediterranean ports. The ordering of the channel fleet to the Mediterranean they also interpret as meaning a well grounded fear as to vessels bound to the Black Sea. The general uneasiness on the part of shippers has been manifested in their application for extra hazard policies for which there is as yet no fixed rate. As high as one per cent. on vessels to China and Japan has been taken.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—In the executive session of the senate it was resolved that the action of Guatemala in invading Nicaragua and Costa Rica is regarded by the senate and ought to be treated by the United States as an act of unfriendly and hostile interference with the rights of the United States and of the republics of Nicaragua and Costa Rica.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—President Cleveland is 48 years old to-day.

CORNCOCK, N. H., March 18.—A distinct shock of earthquake was felt in this city at thirty minutes past noon to-day.

NEW YORK, March 18.—A California freight agent said this morning that the affairs of the Transcontinental Association are in a critical condition. The first step will be to bring about a complete restoration of rates.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, March 18.—A convention of striking miners at Straitville with delegates from Hocking Valey mines decided to-day to accept 50 cents per ton. This ends the strike begun last April.

NEW YORK, March 19.—The unfavorable reports concerning winter wheat in Indiana and Illinois in the Journal of Commerce and other reputable commercial journals are prominent topics on change here. They represent that the southern Indiana plants have suffered severely from alternating thawing and freezing. In eleven counties in Indiana and four in Illinois not even a fair crop is expected. Reports from four counties in Illinois and two Indiana counties indicate that the crop is uninjured; also that farmers in the districts where prospects are most unfavorable do not dispair of fine crops if a few weeks good growing weather should supervene.

NEW YORK, March 19.—The Sun says it is rumored that Carl Schurz will succeed Pearson in the New York postoffice.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., March 18.—Col. Francis Eugene Whitfield, general counsel of the Southern Express Company, died of heart disease on a steamer on St. Johns river Florida.

CHICAGO, March 19.—John J. Byrne, of the Michigan Central Passenger Service will take charge of the passenger and ticket department of the Oregon Railway and Navigation Co., at Portland, Oregon, on April 1st.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, March 19.—Robbers entered Donaldson & Co.'s band at noon to-day and secured fifteen hundred dollars. The proprietors were in the bank at the time and it is thought that either they had fallen asleep or had been chloroformed. No clue to the guilty parties.

ST. LOUIS, March 19.—A grievance committee of locomotive engineers on the Missouri Pacific Railroad, who have been in session here since yesterday, had a conference with vice-president Hoxie this afternoon, during which they presented a written statement of their grievances. Mr. Fitzgerald, chairman of the committee, stated to-night that Mr. Hoxie promised to give the matter speedy consideration and he had no doubt that their troubles will be satisfactorily arranged in a very short time. The committee leave for their homes to-morrow.

DESMOINES, Iowa, March 19.—Governor Sherman went to the office of the state auditor, Brown, to-day and again demanded admittance; but the office was locked and he was not permitted to enter. Thereupon the governor ordered out a file of the state milita, who proceeded to the capitol and battered in the doors of the auditor's office and took possession by force of arms. Cattell, auditor pro tem by appointment, then took possession of the office, Brown in the meantime having been arrested by the sheriff. Much excitement prevails over the matter. The trouble originated some weeks ago when the state auditor was suspended by the governor for refusing to make some returns required.

NEW ORLEANS, March 19.—Fine weather has given a fresh impetus to the exposition and the attendance has increased considerably. The chief event of to-day was a balloon ascension by Professor Van Tassal, of California.

NEW YORK, March 19.—It was announced to-day that a new issue of Lake Shore R. R. bonds, amounting to $5,685,000, have been awarded to R. B. Rollins & Co., representing a syndicate of prominent bankers of this city. The price is said to be about 127. The bonds issued are to take up other bonds of the company.

BOSTON, March 19.—The entire night force of the Bankers' & Merchants' Telegraph Co. stopped work to-night. It is understood that the strike is general throughout the whole line of the company owing to arrears in pay. The receiver offers to pay 70 per cent. of the dues if accepted in full of settlement. Full payment was asked and a strike in New York follow.

CALIFORNIA.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 18.—The great grain sections of this state are suffering from want of rain. A four hours' shower to-day has improved prospects in the coast counties. In the interior the crops are in a critical condition.

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