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TO ENGLAND.

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ARDINAL.

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ME CLOWN.

ec. 29.-Lansing W. ed the distinction of oldest living clowns, e Philadelphia almsut 75 years of age. Bancker was perhaps lown in the country. npelled him to make or house.

8.—Mrs. Astle, wife out 55 years of age, to-night. She was the found the woman of the stairs with a her side. She was st recognition. Mr. at Port Huron, Mich.

28.—This was the men's strike, and it from settlement as a fortnight ago.

wholme," Rockland av 28th, 1896, at "Kelston Victoria, British Col-hn Gerhard Tiarks, of

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Church, by the Right Lieut, Sampson Sladen, Swan, son of Colonel al Artillery, of Ripple Fanny Harriet, eldest te Lieut, George Sayer

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lard, beloved wife of , of Strawberry Vale,

bility. Agents, Books' sons, Lawyers, Me-Preachers, Students' en, Widows. Positions of \$2,000 00 per annum. our canvassers \$30,00. have started poor and Particulars upon expected. danager, Toronto, Ont

Sunday Schools in All Sections of the City Enjoying Special Entertainments.

Christmas Trees and Boats and Chimneys Laden With Gifts for the Young Folk.

Christmas entertainments of the present navy. season was given last night at St. John's schoolroom under the distinguished pat-Governor and Mrs. Dewdney, and His day in connection with the interment of the unfortunate stranger calling himself "Louis Ils," who committed suicide on and aptly entitled "Santa Clause in a Christmas eve. Plight." The curtain rose quietly and the gathering was acquainted of the evils Vale, died yesterday after a lingering ill en, and there was but little chance of the time of her demise. any treat that Christmas.

The news was brought from the Saint by a brown elf. At this the Queen of the fairies, with her ring around her, glides from the ferns and brushwood, and having learned the fulness of the disaster undertakes in sweet strains to successful on his Western trip, and has do what can be to make good the evil. The elves and the fairies then trip the measure together, and the tidings having at length reached the Saint he shows himself to return thanks and is greeted the I.O.F. is announced for the evening with fitting songs by Queen Mab and her of the 6th proximo at A.O.U.W. hall, band and the brown-clad elves, their when Major McGillivray, ex-member fellows.

Swept away by delight at their kindness he clasps every little fairy by the is general secretary of the order, and hand. The wand is now waved over the comes west on a missionary tour in its chimney and the Saint returns in a car interest. drawn by eight white horses-so the onlookers are told-and with the help of the elf leader and the fairy queen takes the approaching session of parliament down the bricks in bundles from his whose proposal is, as stated in the for-

by Mr. Munro and Mrs. Anderson, and a little lady in white who was called back is a slight but greatly wanting sketch of what took place; it must be seen to be fully understood and none will regret the time so spent. God Save the Queen brought a merry evening to an end shortly before 10 o'clock. Those who have missed this unavoidably will have a chance of making good their loss

Across the road in the newly painted and pretty little school room of Calvary Baptist church another gathering of bright-eyed expectant children gazed upon a tree of marvellous beauty and fruitfulness. It stood in the corner of the room, and looked as though the whole electrical power of the city was concentrated for its benefit. It contained presents for every boy and girl, which were distributed after a children's programme of songs, recitations, etc., had been provided. This programme was made up of an address by Mr. A. T. McNeil; a Christmas carol, recitations, by Russell Robinson and Norma Sears; a solo by Hazel Morrison; a recitation by Jessie Mallette; a solo by Gracie Beattie; an instrumental solo by Gracie Beattie; an instrumental solo by Agnes Dier; a recitation by Gladys Rogers; chorus; a recitation by Reggie Beckwith; a recitation by Wilbert Watson; duet by Percy and Alzie Beattie; recitations by Clyde Rogers and Le Vaio; club swinging by Gracie Dudvaio; club swinging by Gracie Dudvaio; club swinging by Gracie Dudvaio; Solo by Miss Z. Buck: a recitation by Rev. Mr. Trotter; a chorus; a duet by Ethel and Le Brook Vaio: a dialogue by five little girls in costume; a recitation Stanley Stuart; a solo by Gracie King; a recitation by Nellie Fruggle; a duet by Charlie Campbell and Lewis Chamberlin; a reading by John Coates; and two choruses.

Out at the little Methodist mission in Spring Ridge, there was a big gathering of young people at the Christmas tree and entertainment last evening, a pleasing feature of the event being a presentation by the children of a handsome clock to Mr. J. Lory. The music of the evening was particularly bright and crisp, and the adults in attendance appeared to take an equal interest with the children in the proceedings. But Mrs. Samuel Brethour vice-president, while the young folks of the Methodist Miss Maggie McDonald treasurer and church in Spring Ridge were holding high carnival over Santa Claus, those in strel's first part will introduce senti-James Bay of the same denomination were sharing the bounties of an immense tree, highly illuminated and adorned profusely. There had, earlier in the evening, been a tea, and as sub-sequent proceedings a good programme in the programme the only picka-ninny," Sam Johnson, will appear and by the children of the James Bay church.

In St. Andrews Presbyterian school room the children were last night given unstinted, unalloyed fun, but no tree,

as cheery a Christmas gathering as assembled during the evening. There was novelty of the numerous gifts distributed was in some instances very amusing. In addition to what the tree contained bers of the mission.

contributed the interesting incidental toasts. programme of a musical and literary character.

tional church will hold its annual Christ- easy to take.

mas treat this evening at 6 o'clock. At 8 o'clock the parents of the scholars and the public are invited to be present, when the members of the school will present a suitable entertainment. This evening another Christmas tree entertainment will be given in the Victoria West Baptist mission.

THE CITY

ening of the 7th January.

THE A.O.U.W. hall has been engaged for a benefit entertainment on Saturday evening next for "Professor' One of the most unique and pleasing Bob Foster. The programme will be chiefly provided by volunteers from the

ADJUTANT CLARKE conducted the simple but none the less impressive burial ronage of His Honor the Lieutenant- services of the Salvation Army yester-

MRS. S. J. JACKMAN, of Strawberry that had befallen Santa Claus, the good ress, at No. 6 Sayward avenue, Spring friend of the children—how his pipe and Ridge, from which place the funeral fire had gone out and his bank was brok- takes place to-morrow afternoon. The deceased lady was but 32 years of age at MR. T. H. L. Lewis, past grand com-

> leading mutual benefit societies of Canada, is in the city in the interests of the above organization. He has been very organized lodges in all the principal towns on his way to the coast. A PUBLIC meeting in the interests of

tario, will be the principal speaker. A COMPANY will seek incorporation at the approaching session of parliament chimney and bestows them on the youths and maidens round the room.

This with one or two well given songs by Mr. Munro and Mrs. Anderson, and the Crow's Nest Pass to the Columbia

river; thence westerly to a point on or

near the Fraser river or the Straits of

Georgia, or any arm or outlet of the

same at tidewater or seaboard." THE provincial police received a telegraphic request from Union yesterday to detain a Japanese known as "Bob" for the theft of a considerable sum of money from his employers. The dishonest employe was supposed to have stowed away on the steamer Monmouthshire, which called here on her way out to sea, but as the telegram ordering his detention was not delivered to the police until after the steamer had sailed the officers of the law were helpless in the matter.

tainment is Semple's hall, Victoria West, and the concert is for the benefit of the A. and Royal Engineers.

merry minstrel band, who journey on Thursday evening to Saanichton there to regale the residents of the district and those who may go out from the city with a choice programme of fun and melody. "The Saanich Serenaders" is the name the company have chosen for this ap-Mrs. William Armstrong is president, mental and comic songs by Messrs. Fred. Richardson, H. E. A. Robertson, James Pilling, B. W. Powell, J. M. Finn, Geo. E. Powell, and G. Goward; while later the Dixie Quartette, Messrs. Sehl, Robertson. Finn and Thomas will be heard

in a number of new selections. THE members of Vancouver-Quadra programme was given in the lecture room as follows: Piano solo, Miss Edith Bamford; reading, Miss Lucila Pearse; song, Mr. Farlane; reading, Miss Rose Robinson; song, Miss Spring; instrumental trio, the Misses Brown and Lock and Master Fraser; and drill by members of the Boys' Brigade.

Stalling the officers who will direct the should have their assessments reduced such as sessments reduced such as sessments reduced such as sessments reduced an open cellar door got tangled up to semilarly. He wanted too to see the assessment roll published annually is so common to cellars at certain hours of the assessment roll published annually. With the amounts owing by delinquents. Speaking of the resolution, he objected to the personal attack in it on Mr. B. Lovell, T.; C. Fletcher, S.; Rev. Dr. Master Fraser; and drill by members of the Boys' Brigade.

M. Muir, S.W.; A. Walkely, J.W.; J. Booth, the present assessor.

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The Sunday school of the Congregational church will hold it annual Christage to the school of the Congregational church will hold it annual Christage to the school of the congregation of the congregatio

CEDAR HILL ELECTORS FIGHTING FOR

Hon. Mr. Eberts, Representative for South Victoria.

vides a Remedy by Courts of Revision.

used for a meeting to discuss taxation, could do nothing. so he thought that some of those who It was on Christmas Day that Thomas 000 or \$14,000; and the Sayward at their reasons for calling it.

mander of the Select Knights, one of the in the legislature he would give it his trailed Mrs. Mercer and the little girl to closest attention and would do all he British Columbia, a week or so ago.

> ers pressed the question on the attention of the legislature they could carry their point and have the assessment reduced

with pleasure to Mr. Stevens, and there was a good deal of truth in what he had said, but he had hardly put the whole situation before them. Mr. Stevens had said that the farmers of Victoria district were overtaxed. Well let them look at the question and see if it was not in their own hands to relieve themselves if it were so. He referred to the assessment act to show that the assessment is not will on Tuesday evening next have opportunity to assist a most deserving defined by the act was to value the lend of the legislature. The assessor's duty as defined by the act was to value the lend of the legislature. VICTORIANS who are always ready to fixed by the government at all, but by cellent concert at a merely nominal admission price. The scene of the enter-could appeal to the court of revision and from there to a judge of the Supreme court, a man not appointed by the prowidow and children of the late Murdoch McLaughlan, third officer of the Costa show that if there was any too, high assome of the most capable vocalist and of prosperity was returning and that entertainers of the city and of the R. M. it would soon be felt that the good times were at hand. Continuing, Mr. Eberts no desire to take out of the pockets of the farmers more than they should pay, and for himself he could assure the farmers that in everything that was for

the benefit of the district they would always find in him a true friend. (Applause.) could be formulated by the government to bonus the farmer for every of land he cleared it would be a good idea. He, like

Mr. Stevens wanted lands graded for

In consequence of the reported meet-

would be to have a committee of two or three farmers, who should value the lands and give that valuation to the assessor.

Mr. Stevens next made an attack on

Mr. Chandler objected strongly to the latter part of the resolution relating to the appointment of another assessor, and moved that this part of it be struck out. In this he was seconded by Mr. George Deans. Mr. Sears also objected to the latter part of the resolution as being too personal, and this seemed to be the journed.

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Hood's Pills cure nauses, sick headache, indigestion, biliousness. All druggists. 25c. For Table and Dairy, Purest and Best

Discuss the Assessment Rate With A Mother Flees to Victo. "ia From Utah With Her Young

VICTORIA Columbia Lodge, No. 1, A. He Points Out That the Act Pro-F. and A. M., instals officers on the ev-vides a Remedy by Courts ries off the Little Girl by the "Kingston."

Daughter.

school last night to discuss the advisa- night just as the steamer pulled out for to the Thornton would have cost \$8,000 pility of seeking to have the assessment Puget Sound, a lady appealing to the to \$10,000 with machinery, or \$6,000 on lands in the district reduced.

Mr. Munro Miller, who was chosen as chairman, said that all he knew about it was that he had been asked as school was gone, and however willing the police might have been to help, they trustee to allow the school room to be police might have been to help, they \$8,000; the Grace at \$12,000 in 1887

had fathered the meeting should give Mercer, a wealthy ranchman, who lives \$7,000. heir reasons for calling it.

No one coming forward, Hon. D. M. Sheriff Wright, of Utah, in search Eberts, Attorney-General, remarked that he was present by invitation, as he had been at a similar meeting at the he was divorced from his wife, who, Royal Oak a few evenings ago, and though quite ready to give all the information he could, he did not think it had decreed should be in the father's would be becoming in him to speak first. care. The child was taken to see her A letter was read from Mr. H. Dallas mother on the day of the United States Helmcken, M.P.P., regretting that general elections, and that night mother through illness he could not be present. and child disappeared. The father, who He promised, however, that should any question relating to the district come up in his search for the child, and finally

could to meet the farmer's views.

Mr. David Stevens, at the invitation derivative cer went over to Vancouver. When the of the chair, came forward to give his father went back to the Terminal City views, although he thought it hardly his Mrs. Mercer again crossed over here, and place as he had nothing to do with call- with the child had lodgings in a private ing the meeting, although responsible family. Mr. Mercer with the papers he for the one held last week at the Royal had showing that he was entitled to the Oak. His idea was that the present child's custody, is understood to have rate of assessment had been put on in taken legal advice here and whether he boom times, but now that the value of farming lands had fallen he considered idea, met the mother last night and takthe assessment too high. He thought ing possession of the child hastily took some graduated system of taxing farming her down to the Kingston and boarded land could be introduced, and he wanted the steamer just before she sailed. the farmers to stand together and have Whether Mrs. Mercer will take any this brought about. The land in South further steps towards regaining posses-Victoria district was taxed higher than sion of her daughter is not known, but it should be, for some of it if put in the market to-day would not sell for half it was taxed for. He thought if the farm
Canadian jurisdiction.

[From THE DAILY COLONIST, Dec. 29.] THE CITY.

Hon. Mr. Eberts said he had listened afternoon.

MESSES. E. J. Gray and Frank E. Alley, heretofore doing business as Gray & Alley, have dissolved partnership, Mr. Gray retiring.

THE committee of the Maternity Home wish to express their thanks to the Mayor and corporation for their donation of \$25 to the funds of the home.

At the manse, 248 Cook street, last evening, Rev. Dr. Campbell united in oly matrimony Mr. Lars Frederick Persson and Miss Anna D. Richart, both of Port Angeles. Immediately after the ceremony the happy couple left for their

by at least purchasing one or two tickets 45 per cent. more than the year before, shall continue for two weeks preceding Bran, perton. for the "benefit." The programme, of and if that was the case with twenty numbers, will be provided by the merchants it showed that the era Years day."

OAKLANDS volunteer fire company have elected the following officers for proceeded to show that Victoria district the ensuing year: N. Sabin, captain; had full justice done to it in the way of G. Clark, first lieutenant; T. Shannon, entertainments arranged for New Year's public expenditure. As for the rate of second lieutenant; Watson Clark, treasurer; and W. Nicholas, secretary. The last evening, a large number of residents Straw, per bale..... of the locality attending.

THE Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Eggs, Island, per doz..... Dewdney entertained the following ladies and gentlemen at dinner yesterday evening at Government House: Mr., Mrs.

Butter, fresh, per lb.

"Creamery, per and Miss Lansing, Sir Charles H. Tup-Mr. J. Grant spoke in favor of having per, Mr. and Mrs. Carlyle, Mr. and Mrs. the assessment of lands in the district T. Grant, Mr. Lindley Crease, the reduced, and believed if some scheme Misses Crease, Mr. Gavin H. Burns, Mr.

assessment. He moved the same reso- ing of Mr. Fred. Laing and a couple of lution as passed at the Royal Oak, asking for a reduction of the assessment and for the appointment of an assessor spent several hours just before the dawn sides of the several hours. who knew the value of farming land.

Mr. Munro Miller suggested that, to footpads who declined to be introduced. in ringing door bells and inquiring for save expense in making appeals, a pro- By 7 or 8 o'clock they had come to the vision might be inserted in the act pro- conclusion that Mr. Laing had been misviding that where one man secured a re- taken - that he he had not been ' held for their Christmas treat. After enjoying some good games with sufficient restalling the officers who will direct the
should have their assessments reduced
should have their assessments reduced

> AT the South Saanich Temperance Hall on Tuesday evening last a "birth-day social" was given by the South Saanich Temperance Society. The following programme was rendered and heartily appreciated throughout: Chairthe assessor, saying he did not know his business. He seconded Mr. Grant's Mrs. Butler; song, S. Cutler; dialogue, resolution.
>
> man's address, Mr. Al. Gale; piano solo, Mrs. Butler; song, S. Cutler; dialogue, Messrs. and Miss Dora Butler; instrumental duet, Messrs. Brooks and De Lelune; song, Mrs. Rowlands; musical sketch, Messrs. Parsons and La Follie; song, Miss Dora Butler; one act farce, Thomson; Irish character sketch, Mr. J. W. Stewart: song. Mr. Rowlands: reading, Mr. G. Slugget; song, Mr. G. Parsons and comedy "Whistle and Wait for Katie," Messrs. Stewart, Parsons, Gale and Miss Thomson.

> > Ask your grocer for

VALUES OF STEAM SCHOONERS.

Values of vessels and technical evidence as to the machinery in the steam schooners for which claims are made, occupied much of yesterday's sitting on the Behring sea claims commission. William Sleightholme put the value of the Thornton previous to her being fitted with machinery at \$5,000; and with machiney at \$7,000. A copy of the report of A. W. Lavendar, assistant treasurements of the port of A. W. Lavendar, assistant treasurements. ury agent at Ounalaska, was put in by Sir Charles H. Tupper to show that Mr. Lavena r considered the Thornton when new worth \$7,000. John W. Griffiths. of the Albion Iron Works, stated that the Sometwenty of the residents of South Victoria district met at the Cedar Hill on the City of Kingston's wharf last John Irving stated that a similar vessel engines of the Thornton would cost

the Dolphin, with machinery, at \$13,

Some long technical evidence was given by the boiler inspector, Mr. J. A Thomson, who estimated the Thornton's machinery in 1886 as worth \$2,-600 or \$2,700, this being acquisced in Chief Engineer Grant, of the Quadra. spector Thomson also valued the Beck's machinery at \$2,600 to \$2,700; the Grace's at \$3,200; and the Do phin's at \$3,400—Chief Engineer Grant putting he values a few hundred dollars higher. Some little amusement at the expense of the United States side was caused by Captain Theodore Magnesen, who was called by the United States, saying in cross-examination by Hon. Mr. Peters that in 1890 he had made his best catches in Behring sea in September, and those who said September was not a good month for sealing did not know what they were talking about.

THE RETAIL MARKETS.

After the rush and bustle of the hrismas season there is little doing in ne stores just at present. By the lead ing grocers the holiday trade is reported as never having been better than this year, although the smaller establishments for some reason or other found the case reversed. Meat at present shows an upward tendency; it has already advanced a point or two with the wholesalers and it is expected that the change will soon be felt by the consumers as well. A consignment of frozen Eastern pork came to hand during the week just ended, being the second shipment of the kind received this season. It is of course handled through the cold A RESTIVE horse and a careless driver storage, and the mild weather of the ning at 6 o'clock at their annual Christnearly resulted in a smash-up to an expast few days has naturally been very press wagon on Langley street yesterday trying to it. The weather, so unsatisfactory of youngsters it would be difficult to tory to the importation of meat, has, however, cheapened fresh eggs, they being at present quoted at 40 cents with every indication that still lower prices will soon prevail. The retail quotations for the week ere are a fellower prices ing programme: for the week are as follows: FLOUR—Ogilvie's (Hungarian) per bbl \$6.50 Lake of the Woods (Hungarian) . . . 6.50 Victoria XXX 5.50

Portland roller Salem..... Snowflake..... XXXX Strong Bakers " Oats, per ton..... Middlings, per ton.... .19.00@20.00 Corn, whole, per ton..... .30.00@32.00 " cracked, per ton32.00 Cornmeal, per 10 lbs...... Oatmeal, per 10 lbs..... Rolled oats, per lb. Potatoes, per lb......
" sweet, per lb..... Onions, per lb.. Cheese, per lb.. Creamery, per lb....
Dairy, per lb.... Honey (Chilliwack) per lb. Hams, American, per lb...
Canadian,
Boneless, 16@18 Glasgow beef, per lb. Bacon. American, per lb. Rolled Long clear 14@16 Shoulders, per lb..... Golden Cottolene, per lb. MEATS—Beef, per lb..... Sides, per lb.... Veal Mutton, " leese, per lb..... Chickens, each. Grouse, per brace. Duck, Mallard, per brace
FRUITS—Calfornia apples, per lb.
Eastern apples, per lb.
Lemons, California, per doz... Bananas, per doz..... Pears, per lb..... Grapes, per lb. Cranberries, per lb. Oranges, Australian, per doz. Japanese oranges, per doz... 10@12 8@10

HIGHBINDER TROUBLES.

"The Phonograph," Mesers. Parsons, is again in the throes of a Highbinders' Tanner, Stewart and Gale; song, Miss war. Yesterday the body of Lee Hoy was found suspended from a rafter in a vacant house on Stockton street. The man had been stabbed back of the ear before being hanged. A few minutes before 1 o'clock yesterday morning a number of men belonging to the Chinese society of Bow On Tong, waylaid and killed Jom Jing, a promi-All the assassins escaped, and so far there is little clue to their identity. The police believe the highbinder war has police believe the highbinder war has broken out afresh, and accordingly a gnard was placed upon the consulate your dealer for them; be sure you refuse

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THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS. The children of Christ Church Sunday

school enjoyed their annual Christmas tree and entertainment in the cathedral schoolroom last evening. A short service was held at the cathedral at 7 p.m., after which the children -about 120 in number-marched back to the school where the distribution of prizes by Bishop Perrin took place. Two ars from each class received handsome books for obtaining the highest number of marks during the year. Tea and cake followed, and many thanks were tendered to teachers and friends for providing so liberal a supply. The great event of the evening took place when the drop-curtain was raised, and there on the platform stood the huge Christmas tree, brilliant with lighted tapers and weighted down with presents and all that makes a tree an enjoyment to the little ones. The articles were all ticketed and every child received a present. One of the most pleasing features of the evening was a presentation to Rev. Canon Beanlands of a beautiful standard drawing room lamp by the teachers and scholars of the school. Carol singing and games followed, and as the children left, each received oranges and a bag of candy: The teachers desire to thank the many friends who contributed towards the tea. This is the second entertainment held this winter, and it is hoped to hold another after Easter.

The scholars of the Congregational church Sunday school gathered last eve-

and brogramme.	
Recitation	Lillian Talbo
Song	Infant Clas
Recitation	Eddie Coate
Recitation	Sidney Talbo
Long	Miss Scowcrof
Recitation	Winnie Scowerof
Address by the Pastor	£.
Recitation	Harry Coate
Recitation	Three Little Girl
Recitation	. Pearl Bickerdik
Recitation	Alfred Spragg
Recitation	Mbe Harri
The proceedings were	

rne proceedings were varied with congregational singing at intervals, and on the conclusion of the programme the .35.00@40.00 Christmas tree was stripped of its treasures and the happy young folk were sent to their homes, each with a pretty present tightly hugged.

32.00@35.00 pleasing features of the Christmas entertainment in the Victoria West Baptist 50@56 mission last evening. The little thurch was crowded to its capacity, and the Christmas saint was never more plainly evidenced. Previous to the distribution of the tree's fruits, an excellent programme was provided, the different numbers being as follows: 15@20 | Chorus—" Come, Come, Come."

Recitation Francis Weave Recitation..... . Gussie Olds Song Ethel Wilson
Dialogue Eight Boys
Recitation Nina Weaver Recitation ... Charne One ... Mattie Andrews ... Smith Recitation Charlie Olds
Song Mattie Andrews
Recitation Paul Smith
Recitation Dela Weaver
Club-swinging Four Girls
Recitation Arthur Knappett
Song Alice Smith
Recitation Harvey Olds
Recitation Edith Painter Song Rod Smith
Recitation Maud Knappett
Instrumental Duet T. Bruce and H. Wilson Recitation Marion Smith
Recitation Jim Painter
Instrumental Solo Bruce McNaughton Recitation ... Brab Olds Recitation ... Fred. Wilson 9@12½ Chorus The School

St. Barnabas' church Sunday school 50@75 will hold its annual Christmas enter-50@60 tainment in the Oddfellows hall, Fern-1 00 wood road, this evening. Tea will be served to the children at 5 o'clock, after which games will be the order of the 25@35 evening. At 7 o'clock there will be the 20@25 distribution of prizes and gifts from the 3@4 Christmas tree, by Santa Claus in per-10@12 son. The children will then render a 10@15 programme of songs, recitations and music. The parents and members of the congregation are cordially invited to attend. The children of the British Columbia Protestant Orphans Home also 20 have their Christmas treat to-day, 3 12@15 o'clock being the hour set for the interesting reunion, and the friends of the home being cordially invited to be pre-

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—Chinatown Have You Ever Tried?

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