LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL

v. A. Harrison returned from Port celes, last evening. He brought with a sample brick from the first kiln red at Garrahty's brick-yard. It is of lient quality.

Objects of the Survey. The objects of the surveying party which was recently sent out under Mr. W. Raiph, was to define the respective limits of the Requimatt & Nanaimo Railway Reserve, and of the Crown Lands of the province.

Changes in the Firm. By the retiremement of Mr. W. J. Goe-pel, Mr. Richard Hall succeeds to the now extensive and valuable business interests of the old and well-known firm of Hall & Goepel. It is the latter's intention to make his home in the interior of the province.

Medical Council. A meeting of the Medical Council of British Columbia will be keld at 9 o'clock this moraing, in Philharmonic Hall. Several candidates possessed of certificates from accredited colleges have signified their intention to submit themselves to examination for license to practice.

The ladies' committee thankfully acknowledge the following donations in April; Clothing—Mrs. A. R. Reid, Miss Sweet, Mrs. Ashdown Green, Mrs. Lewis; stationery—Mrs. Byrnes; fruit—Mr. Doughty; wegetables—Mr. Caton; fish—a friend; milk—Mr. Rogers.

Funeral of Mrs. Cullum. The remains of the late Mrs. Cullum ware interred in Ross Bay cemetery on Sunday afternoon, in the presence of many friends, Rev. H. Kingham read the services for the dead at Christ Church Cather Call. The pall-bearers were; Mesars, R. A. Brown, G. Brown, S. Bannerman, J. T. Higgins, John Ward, J. Mansell, W. Williscroft and F. Curry.

The committee of the St. James' church meet to-day to make arrangements for the carrying out of the envelope system in that church, the sittings in which it has been decided to make free. The committee consists of Messra. E. Crow Baker, George Jay, jr., P. D. Goepel, J. L. Stamford, Dr. Wade, John Colthart, E. Mullandaine, W. W. Northcott, C. J. Leggatt, and Major Nicholles. St. James' Church

U. S. Censular Returns.

During the month of April, 74 vessels, of \$6,623 tons, were registered at the American Consulate in this city, as having arrived at this port. The value of goods invoiced was \$34,587.49. There was a material increase in both the U. S. exports and imports at Victoria during the month. A considerable number of seal and beaver akins were among the outward consignments.

South Bound Passengers.

The following passengers left for San Francisco yesterday morning on the steame! Umatilla: Mrs. E. Goodwin, Thomas Prentice and wife. Mrs. J. H. Johnston and shild, E. J. Mahoney, J. Perkins, Sister Mary Prudence, Sister Mary Zepheine, Sister Mary Angilbert, C. W. Costelle, wife and four childfern, H. C. Biglow, wife and child, Col. J. C. Paine, Capt. Wm. Smith, H. L. Beatty, Wm. Procter, wife and two children, and J. W. Hawes.

Official Changes.

The police dock was full yesterday is morning with individuals who had been full. The programme was opened by a couple of Indians, drunk, their \$5 fines being promptly paid. Next came an Indian charged with having intoxicants in his possession, who was disposed of by a fine of \$25. Three more drunks (white men) who had been watching the clock for about an hour, anxiously awaiting their turn to be our, anxiously awaiting their turn to be olished off, were treated in the usual man-paoial meeting of the Ricycle Tournament "Humaniphone," form ner, and an Indian woman, charged with the same offence, but who had no money, was sentenced to one month's imprison-

Wanted, a Revenue Cutter.

The American sealing schooner, James G. Swan, has been reported on the west coast, engaging Indian hunters, coatrary to the fishing laws of the Dominion. This, marine men cite as an example showing the necessity of having a revenue cutter, or officials of some kind, on the west coast, as referred to several days ago. It is said that the Government is considering the advisability of placing a steamer in service next year. The fact that the revenue now lost by not having a steamer in use, would soon buy one, has been placed before the Government, and an investigation shows that if the Douglas had new boilers, she could be maintained for \$1,000 per month. And she would be just the right boat in the right place.

The Burt brought the news of a fisherman being drowned at Alberni, but had no par-ticulars. The brother of 'he man who lost his life narrowly escaped a similar fate.

For the Baccs.

To Be Tried Here.

The circumstances attendant upon the colision of the steamers City of Puebla and Eton, in Nanaimo harbor, will be made the subject of investigation in the Admiralty Court to-morrow, before the Chief Justice and two assessors.

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Wheelmen Will Meet.

A special meeting of the Island Wanderers' Cycling club will be held on Thursday evening, when preparations will be made for the tournament on May 25. Every rider of a bicycle and owner of one should be present, whether a member of the club or a detached rider, as every wheel is needed to make the meet a success.

In response to the suggestion of the secretary, that the Northwest firemen hold their meeting and tournament, this year, in Victoria. Chief Deasy has written to know if September 28th and 27th would be suitable and convenient dates. If they are, it is altogether likely that the firemen's tournament will be arranged in conjunction with the 1891 exhibition of the agricultural society.

Back Frem Rebring's Sca.

The Indian sealing schooner Mountain Chief is the first of the Victoria fleet to visit Behring's Sea this season. She spent some time in the "mare clausum" and returned on Saturday last, reporting a catch of 21 skins. That the weather was very rough goes without saying.

An offer for the Silver King.

There is a deposit of \$150.000 in this city

Gene Up the Line.

The arbitrators in the celebrated Onderdonk claim, of the C.P.R. against the Government, left Vancouver by special train on Sunday for North Bend. They will travel on a flat car through the Onderdonk section, the better to study the country. In addition to Messrs. Blake and Blackstock, the following are in the party: Mesers. Greer, of Toronto, L. R. Jones, B. B. Usler, Christopher Robertson, Smelly, Hogg, Cambie, Peterson and McLeod. Gone Up the Line.

Hugh S. Hughes, a plasterer, aged 26 years, was drowned in Lake Union, near Seattle, on Saturday evening at 8 o'clock. He had just returned from town and was walking the plank extending over the railway trestle to the shore, when he slipped and fell. He struck a log which partially stunned him, and he was unable to help himself. His wife, who had run out of their house to greet him, stood wringing her hands and was helpless to save him. The body was recovered.

\*\*The ways of contractors and sub-contractors are puzzling to his Lordship, Bishop Lemmens, who in the disputes arising out of the construction of the new cathedral has been afforded a glimpse of a life with which he was hitherto unacquainted. The latest change in the position of affairs is the retirement of Mr. P. H. Donovan as superintendent of works and the appointment of Mr. John Tesque in his stead. All things going well now, the new cathedral will be completed by the last of November.

\*\*As Others See Us.\*\* Drowned in Lake Union

The Seattle Telegraph has the following complimentary notice of the supplement issued by THE COLONIST at the close of the recent session of the Legislature: "The Victoria COLONIST has issued a handsome supplemental sheet containing portraits of the Lieutenant-Governor, members of the Provincial Government and members of the Legislature of British Columbia. The work is well done, and the faces it shows are such as the province need not be ashamed to send abroad. The enterprise of the Colonist is commendable."

On Sunday last, the Danish bark Julia was sighted off Cape Flattery, by the Lorne, whose offer to tow her into Victoria was declined. Capt. Riber, of the bark, said he was coming in under sail, if it took him half the week. The Julia is no stranger here, having made several trips to this port when sailing under her old name, the Barracouta. On the present trip, which has been rather long, she has a full general cargo for Turner, Beeton & Co., including large supplies of tim plates for the Inverness and Balmoral canneries.

Satisfactorily Arranged.

menunatic and cushion tire machines in aces on the 25th. After considerable massion, it was decided that all the than 35 pounds weight. Mr. H. J. Scot was appointed handicapper, and he will determine the percentage of advantage given by the use of pneumatic or cushion tires in the championship race. Mr. Coolican's \$35 prize will be given to the man taking first in the hill climbing contest, and Mr. Clayton's silver cup will be given as second prize. The course in the hill climbing contest will be from W. J. Taylor's residence to the top of Beacon Hill, a climb that will test both wind and muscle.

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The C.P.N. company will issue return tickets to Victoria, at single fare, from all the recent presentation of this pretty operetta, by Mrs. Bridge's class of juveniles, that it will be repeated at an sarly date, this time for the benefit of the Jubilee Hospital.

Junior Department.

The hall of the Young Men's Christian Association was crowded to its utmoscapacity last evening, the occasion bein the last meeting of the junior department for this season. A fine programme had bee arranged by the following ladies and gentimen: Misses Spenoer, Stafford, Hutohesor Beeton, McGregor, Pittock and Shaw. Mallan and boys furnished a most laughabaketch entitled a "Trial by Jury." I see the presided, and presented the season of the

LITTLE LOCALS.

The Colonial Metropole now has day. Goodwin & Co. co

Yesterday, Goodwin & Co. commenced the work of placing the new organ in position in St. John's church.

The came of the Johnson street fire, of a week ago, will be investigated this week before the police magistrate.

The Y. M. C. A. held a special social last evening, when the prizes won in the recent context of the junior athletes was presented. The receipts of the Victoria Custom House yesterday, amounted to upwards of \$11,000

The Mayor and members of Council leave for Seattle by steamer City of Kingsson this evening, to attend the reception of President Harrison.

Rev. Mr. Tovey, rector of the new St. Alban's church, at Nanaimo, preached at St. Barnabas church on Sunday morning. He has recently been transferred from Westminster.

DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM FISHER

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The recent rains have considerably retarded seeding operations in the districts.

J. Doran of Toconto, an amateur sculler of some celebrity, will be here for the regatta on the 25th.

Captain John Cavin has recovered from his illness, and will resume command of the steamer Issisy to day.

The law prohibiting the sale of cigarettes to boys under the age of 15 is being vigorously enforced at Nanaimo.

The naval anthorities are placing a large lamp at the canteen gate, near the tramway trestle to guard against future accidents.

The Islander did not arrive from Vancouver till after midnight, having waited for the train, which was four hours late.

The Epworth League of the Pandora Avenue Methodist church give a concert and literary entertainment on Monday evening. ning.

The investigation into the origin of the Johnson street fire will be held in the police court-room at two o'clock, Friday after

Dr. Newcombe will go to Ottswa as the representative of the Natural History Society, at the convention of the Royal Canadian Society, which opens on the 17th

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The handsome hand-painted easy charaffled by the ladies of the R. C. Church yesterday was won by Mrs. J. Ogde Graham of Kanloops, with ticket 71.

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There will be a meeting of the Sons of England, to-night, and a full attendance is requested.

The Seartle Telegraph, of yesterday, devotes several columns to exposing the methods adopted in smuggling Chinese across the Straits.

The Salvation Army, yesterday, took possession of their new barracks, the old Methodist church, on the corner of Broad and Pandora streets.

J. Mortimer, the suctioneer, has removed to No. 42 Yates street, his old premises being about to be torn down to make room for a modern brick structure.

The Calgary papers delicately hint that it wasn't just the thing for their lacrossement; take that mearned trophy home with them as a sonvenir of their defeat.

The time for receiving tenders for the erection of the new Presbyterian church at Victoria West, and for work in connection with St. Andrew's (R.C.) cathedral, expires to-day.

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An emergency meeting of Vancouver and Quadra Lodge, A.F. & A.M., this evening, at 8 o'clock. Work in second degree. So journing brethren in good standing cordially invited to attend.

The sale of Mrs. Lynn's property near the Moodyville sawmills, with a foreshore on the north side of Burrard Inlet, has been completed. The consideration was in the neighborhood of \$35,000.

Voting on the Nanaime loan by-laws took place on Monday. The electric light by-law was carried by a majority of 47; but the gas works and aldern anic by-law-found disfavor with the ratepayers, and were both rejected.

Yesterday morning, a Chinaman, who was working on Porter's what pilling lumber, fell from the top of a large pile of boards, striking on his head. He remained unconscious for several minutes, when he was pick d up by some of his countrymen and conveyed in a hack to his home.

Mr. R. E. Brett, who has for a me time acceptably filled the position of stenographer and clerk in Assistant Superintendent Downie's office, Vancouver, will leave his week for Victoria, where he has secured a good position as stenographer to the Attorney-General's Department.— Vancouver World.

The tugboat owners on the Sound have

The Ladies Aid Society having refurnished and carpeted the parsonage of the Methodist church, on Quadra street, a very pleasant "at home" was given by Mrs. Warson yesterday afternoon.

The Times' Nanaimo correspondent states that the Dunsmuirs are going to run a Wellington special to Victoria on the 24th, Nanaimo to be given the go-by. The fact is, the Wellington people have chartered a train for that day from the E. & N. Railway.

PERSONAL.

Henry Mansell is on a fair road to recovery.

J. P. Betts, of Port Townsend, is at the Driard.

Capt. Wm. Power, of Moodyville, is in John Taylor, of Seattle, is a guest at the Oriental.

H. Morgan, of Salt Lake City, is in town.

J. R. Paul, of Chicago, is a guest at the Oriental.

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J. R. Paul, of Chicago, is a guest at the Colonial.

Wm. M. Chudley is confined to his room by illness.

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RATS AS MELON THIEVES. ange Sights Witnessed by a Veracious

Readers of the children's stories of the good old times have seen again and again in the juvenile magazines stories lleged to be true of rats carrying off alleged to be true of rats carrying on eggs and other small objects, displaying all but human ingenuity in doing so—one rat clasping the egg in his legs and being towed away by the others. A Sixth avenue (Troy, N Y.) grocer tells a story that eclipses all these, and he is ready, he says, to make affidavit that he saw the occurrence with his own eyes. This is the story as he told it to one of the Troy Union's reporters:

the Troy Union's reporters:

"I have missed melons from my store from time to time—mostly muskmelons, but in one or two instances large watermelons. Of course I suspected boys of being the thieves—there is a tough little the gang that hangs around here—and I set a watch. That day and the next we caught boys stealing apples and peaches, but that is an every-day occurrence with almost every grocer and I was pretty well satisfied that the boys were not the thieves I wanted. The next thing that came to be a certainty with that the steeling was done in me was that the stealing was done in the night. I could find no signs of any one breaking into the store, and the one breaking into the store, and the cash-drawer was always untouched. So night before last I watched from six o'clock until midnight with a revolver and a bull's-eye lantern. And I discovered the thieves. They were rats.

"It was about 8:30 when I heard a

moons.

Once again, you ought to know and remember how large the moon is. Its diameter is about 2,000 miles—one fourth of the earth—and its angular distinct is about a half a degree. As point to the west point of the horizon point to the west point of the horizon room for 360 full moons in an arch room for 360 full moons in an arch spanning the heavens from east to repain the full moons in an arch room for 360 full moons in a full motore mext it. is, the Wellington people have chartered a train for that day from the E. & N. Railway.

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AN INSOLVENT NATION. The Bankrupt Condition of the Once Prosperous Portugal.

Portugal will ere long, unless present

indications are at fault, give another of the illustrations so frequent in her recent history of the rapidity with which could have bought a large part of Europe, and then have had some money to put by for a rainy day. Now the rainy day has come and finds her with no noney put by. In this emergency she has gone begging of the bankers, and it is understood has secured a loan of about thirty-two million dollars from a syndicate of capitalists to tide over her present needs. Whether this sum will be sufficient is seriously doubted in London, where the Portuguese financial situation is pretty well understood. The debt of Portugal is about one hundred and forty dollars per capita of her population of five million, or in all somewhere in the neighborhood of seven nundred million dollars. The interest charge is about twenty-five million dol lars, or considerably more than half the revenue; the deficit within two years has been as high as fourteen million and a bull's-eye lantern. And I discovered the thieves. They were rats.

"It was about 8:30 when I heard a scampering over the floor near the stand where the melons lay. I turned the bull's-eye on the place and saw five large rats, three on the floor and two up beside a big watermelon on the bench, a foot or eighteen inches above. They didn't seem to mind the glape of the bull's-eye, which threw a strong light upon them but left me in the darkness. The two rats on the bench, standing on their hind legs, pushed the melon off, and it fell with a crushing sound to the floor, splitting into three pieces, though held together more or less by the tissue of the melon.

"With their sharp teeth and claws they quickly cut the thing apart, allowing some seeds and water to ruh out on the floor. Then, with much struggling and pushing and pulling, two of the rate on their backs on the floor, got the melon stready, and the fifth caught each in turn by the tail and by hard pulling dragged them to the cellar stairs. Here the heavy freight was pushed off the rats which had served as carts and rolled down-stairs. This was repeated until every particle of the melon disappeared, seeds and all. I shot the last rat as he paused at the head of the stairs, and I have not missed any melons since."

The MOON.

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The so-called cities of the United States at the time of the adoption of the constitution in 1775 were only what would now be counted towns of moderate size. But in each of these little capitals there was an aristocracy that affected the style and fashion of the affected the style and fashion of the English gentry. Gentlemen and ladies gathered at fashionable houses in the afternoon and spent the time in talking and sipping tea from dainty little china sups. Sometimes large parties rode lown to a public garden in the courtry or a tovern by the seaside to drink tea. In most of the chief towns there were hold come; in two weeks "assemwere held once in two weeks "assemblies," or balls. At these assemblies there were stately minuets and country dances, and much money was lost and won at card tables in a room prepared for fashionable gambling, which was then one of the recognized amusements of good society.

The Land of Ducks. There are more ducks in the Chinese Empire, says an authority, than all the world outside of it. They are kept by the Celestials on every farm, on the private roads, on the public roads, on streets of cities and on all the lakes, ponds rivers. ponds, rivers, streams and brooks the country. Every Chinese boat also contains a batch of them. There are innumerable hatching establishments all through the Empire, many of which are said to turn out about 50,000 young ducks every year. Saided and smoked ducks and duck's eggs constitute two of the said turns artistic transfer of the said turns are said to turn out about 50,000 young ducks every year. the most common and important articles of diet in China.

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A piece of the valuable land the Newton estate in Port leently changed hands. Mr. R of Cheshire, England, was the obtaining between forty and fif price per acre being in the nei-seventy dollars. Passengers Per "Walla The steamship Walla saile

The steamship varia salle Francisco, y-sterday mornin following Victoria-bound p board: Miss Matthews, T. and child, Miss Greer, Mrs. I Harris, J. C. Prevost a d Stuart and wife, P. H. Lessig,

Game out of Sease
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the Provincial Court before
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charged with being in unlaw
of grouse The detendant pl
claiming that he bad purchase
was fined \$25 and costs, in
warning days imprisonment. Junior Lacres

A general meeting of the V.
Lacrosse Club was held la
principal business transacted
completion of all arrang ment
with the Vancouver Juniors May 23 d, game to comment The club will practice steadily week. a week, commencing this members are asked to pun-

Information Wan A letter was received, yesteresident of Aberdeen, South D that Arthur McCall, 14 years John Walker. 25 years, both left their homes last Septembin Victoria April 1. They as he still in the city, and any concerning them, if left at the forwarded to their anxious are believed to be working a livery stables, or at the race it. may be earning a living a

The new pleasure yacht mear the Outer wherf, by J. I Mr. H. Crump. She will be few days. The little vessel, named the Victoria, is a model, and her owner has that she will prove a climate the state of the she will prove a climate. model, and her owner has that she will prove a clipp which is of iron, is 27 feet to feet wide and about 5 feet the material used in her cothe very best quality. As a launched, she will be at on her owner hopes to have her regatta on the 25th.

Te Welcome the Pres.

The Sound steamers, last evan unusually large number of away from the city, the grebeing the President's visit Among those on board the Mayor Grant, Ald. Muon, Ald. Cooper, Mrs. Sehl and chorth and chi dren, Capt. N. M. C. Browne, J. S. Berwin, C. Long, W. Jones, Wm. T. Escalet, H. H. Taylor, W. J. Hall, R. F. Tolinie, A. D. V. Cameron, Geo. Denny, Victor F. Englehardt and T. J. Burg.

During a storm, she lost a boats and also broke one of h which so disabled her as to n the schoon r Umbrina, and having 43 sk ins on board; a of the same month the E ported having 291 skins o Ocean B lie will return to

Rather Queer Amus On Monday morning, amor drunks in the police court wa who pleaded guilty, and was young man, who is a mech imployment, spent several ock-up, having been det himself, at 2 a.m., in a very ner. For some time past the heard several complaints of tors down, doors broken at moved, and were determined culprits. At 2 o'cle ck, Mor Sergt. Levin d t cred the at youth amusing h mself by track door of the Loudon Harn administered several stout door, when he chanced to sp administered several stout door, when he chanced to sp Then he took to his heels, bu ly for him, the sergeant was and, after a lively intile spurhanled, lodged in jail, and I mag strate at 11 o'clock, in o motley crowd of Iudians, drunken whites.

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