From THE DAILY COLONIST, June 16.

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Sealing in Behring Sea.

Collector of Customs Milne, yesterday, informed a COLONIST reporter that up to the present he had received no legal or official notification that sealers must be prevented from clearing for Behring Sea.

St. Andrew's Cathedral.

On Sunday morning, 46 candidates were confirmed at the R. C. Cathedral by Mgr. Lemmens, assisted by Rev. Fathers Mandart and Nicolaye. Seventeen boys and eight girls also took their first communion.

Trained Nurses' Home.

A number of ladies, representing the different churches, met at the Protestant Orphans' Home yesterday afternoon, their object being to organize a Trained Nurses' Home for poor women. Another meeting will be held again this week to perfect arrangements.

Sunday Picnics.

The members and friends of the Midnight Adieu Social Club, to the number of 200, picnicked at Sangster's Plains on Sunday last, enjoying the beautiful day to their heart's content. The Secular Union picnic at Curtis Point was participated in by between 60 and 75.

Property Sales.

Mr. George Byrnes disposed of 37 choice lots on Oak Bay avenue, by auction, yesterday morning. The buyers were all Victorians, and good average prices were obtained. This morning, at 11 o'clock, the property of the late Uriah Nelson on North Park street, will be disposed of.

On Suspicion.

Two hard-looking customers, who were found sleeping in the open air on the Indian reserve, were run in by the police a night or so ago, "on suspicion." The one had a gold watch and over a hundred dollars in cash, and the other had also plenty of money. Yet they say they couldn't afford a bed. They are still held.

Fines and Their Alternatives.

Yesterday, it is presumed with the view of avoiding the heavy cost to the city of providing, in the provincial jail, at a cost of $15 per month, for the maintenance of prisoners committed to jail for drunkenness, the term of imprisonment alternative to the usual $5 fine was changed to eight days instead of a month.

Musical.

It is learned, on good authority, that Mr. W. M. Cross, well-known in musical circles, intends paying Victoria a weekly professional visit, commencing at no distant date. Our young music lovers will doubtless avail themselves of this chance to finish study under a thoroughly educated musician, while Mr. Cross will also find considerable talent in our midst.

Bay View Bottling Works.

Close & Johnson have entered into a new line of business, being now engaged in bottling the celebrated Bay View lager for British Columbia trade. Their works, next to Spratt & Gray's, employ at the start five men, and 90 gallons of beer a day is put up. Large ice houses and steam tanks are included in the equipment of the works.

May Build a Church Here.

There are now about fifty members of the German Lutheran Church in this city, under the occasional ministration of the preacher of their denomination at Port Townsend. Should the congregation grow for the next three months as steadily as it has for the quarter just past, the Lutherans hope to build a church and secure a pastor of their own.

Information Wanted.

United States Consul Myers has received a letter from Thomas Moore Smith, 921 Winchester street, Milwaukee, asking for information as to the whereabouts of his sister, Sarah Ann Smith, who was born in Fletton, Huntingdonshire, England, and who married W. Tinson, a Norwegian. She was heard from last five years ago, and Mr. Smith thinks it possible she may have come to British Columbia.

Census Enumeration.

The census enumerators are now concluding their labors in this city, and in order that the returns may be as complete as possible, any person who has been overlooked, or who knows of any person properly belonging to this city, whose name has not been taken, should report the same at once personally, at the office of the Commissioner. This should be done immediately, as the schedules will be forwarded in a day or two to Ottawa.

Visiting the Indians.

Superintendent of Indian Affairs, A. W. Vowell, returned, Saturday, from a short trip to the Indian reserve opposite Vancouver. He will leave, this morning, for Nanaimo, where he will meet the Indians, who he has assembled there for that purpose. The superintendent will also visit the Indians at Alert Bay. He will leave for there on the next trip of the Boscowitz, and be gone about three weeks. It is a trip of inspection and investigation and much of it will be made in canoes.

Church Dedication.

The new Methodist church, at North Saanich, was dedicated, yesterday morning, by Rev. Jos. Hall, through whose efforts the building was erected. It was very handsomely decorated and presented a very pretty appearance. The church seats about 150 people, and was filled by a large congregation, many of whom had gone out from the city. Rev. Coverdale Watson preached the sermon, and paid a glowing tribute to the energy and industry of the congregation. The new church was designed by Thomas Hooper, architect, and has already been described at length.

Held on Another Charge.

The charges of swindling preferred against G. H. Loomis and Alex. Anderson, by Christ. Ahlefeldt, who lost his money at a game of cards on the Umatilla, a few days ago, were dismissed yesterday, in the Provincial Court. This action was necessary, because the charge would not hold, the offence having occurred on the high seas in an American bottom, over which the court had no jurisdiction. The men were immediately arrested on a charge of bringing into Canada money that had been procured by fraud. The hearing of the new charge was laid over until to-day, at 10 o'clock. The defendants were remanded in default of $250 bail.

Under Arrest.

A well-known hanger-about-town, named Kennedy, was arrested, on Sunday morning, by Officer Smith, of the city force, acting under instructions from Sergt. Hawton. He was charged with vagrancy, but, when searched at the lock-up, a brace and bit, chisel and other small tools were found concealed under his shirt, strengthening the suspicion that he is the man who attempted to burglarize Fell & Co.'s store a few nights ago. It is said that Kennedy, when taxed with the more serious offence of attempted burglary, first admitted, and then denied, that he was the man wanted. Now the police are looking for a man who has lost the tools found, on Kennedy, as it is believed they were stolen.

Saved Their Friends.

Two young men, knights of the razor, who have been living on the best of the good things to be had at a first-class restaurant, "jumped the town" on Sunday night's boat. Before their departure they borrowed every dollar they could from their acquaintances, and ran up heavy bills at tailor and jewelry stores where they could obtain credit. Their last act was that of giving a champagne dinner to a couple of friends, and charging it to the account of the proprietor. Both young men were excellent shavers, but they have in this episode cut deeply the feelings of many whom they formerly soothed by their deft handling of the razor. Harry and Jimmy will be sadly missed.

Home For the Aged.

Continued proofs arise of the necessity of a home for the aged and unfortunate, some of whom, had they only a place to go to, instead of being dependants on the individual charity of their fellow citizens, might, at least, be in a measure made useful. It not unseldom happens that they commit a trivial breach of the peace—for instance, they get drunk—in order that they may be enabled to live in what to them is a measure of comparative comfort. One of these is an old man—a pioneer of 1859, by name Alfred Smith, who is at present doing a month in the police station as "trusty." He contrives to keep that establishment as neat as a pin, and by dint of constant scrubbing makes the cells as clean and sweet as can be. Men such as he, old as they perhaps are, ought to have better accommodations than those of a station-house. What, it may be asked, is doing in the direction of carrying out the Mayor's suggestion of providing a home for the aged and infirm?

BRITISH COLUMBIA PIONEERS.

Their Reading Room Well Stocked With Choice Volumes.

Extensive additions have recently been made to the library of the British Columbia Pioneer Society, and the reading room in Pioneer Hall is now well equipped with interesting reading matter.

Among the recent contributions are 38 volumes of Bancroft's History of California, from Hon. Theo. Davie; nine volumes of Chamber's Encyclopedia, and other works, from Lieutenant-Governor Nelson; a miscellaneous collection of books, from Thomas J. Burnes; 12 volumes of Walter Scott's works, from Dr. McCandlish; three volumes of the Dutch Republic; four of Allison's History, and six of Burns' Universal Geography, from ex-President Morris Moss; periodicals, from Jarvis Longhurst.

The mineral specimens are very numerous, and form an interesting collection of the metals and precious ores of British Columbia. They were presented by Mr. John Fannin, of the Provincial Museum; John Kurtz, Morris Moss and other friends of the association.

Friends of the members are invited to visit the hall, and the famous old Bob Ridley, who is in charge, will take pleasure in extending a cordial welcome and making the visit a pleasant one. Pictures of all of the pioneers adorn the walls, that of Mayor Grant being almost life size. The society meets the first Wednesday of each month. The present officers are: J. B. Lovell, president; Thomas Flewin, vice-president; J. Kurtz, Treasurer; J. J. Austin, secretary; J. L. Crimp, J. Lowen, P. Steele and J. Wall, directors; Robert Ridley, janitor.

W. C. T. U.

Temperance Lecture by Mrs. Buell of Chicago.

At the Pandora avenue Methodist church, last evening, a large audience greeted Mrs. Buell, and listened attentively as she, in a very able manner, discussed the two sides of the Temperance Reform. She first took up the legal side of the question, then the moral one. The oft-quoted phrase, "You can't make men good by legislation," she said, was only an excuse and not a reason. This showed it was not a true one. On the moral side stand the individuals convinced of the evil of the liquor traffic, trying to convince and help others, but as they found the reformed ones were only enticed back to drunkenness, so they were compelled to look for other methods to remedy this evil; and, as the Government was behind the saloons, their attention was turned in that direction, and the W.C.T.U., while still working along the moral line, must also take up the legal side, as without it their work must fail. Three things are necessary to the success of anything. These are heart, brain and conscience. Do any of these, she inquired, exist in the saloon? Have they heart, brain or conscience? Were an honest answer given by the citizens of Victoria, even by the saloon keepers to the question "Is the liquor business an evil?" the answer would be "there is no doubt it is, but if one person did not sell it another would."

The system of licensing was next touched upon, the speaker showing that the license system brought in a revenue, and although a legitimate taxation was believed in by everyone, it would be better to pay that tax in a direct way than in a circuitous manner through the saloon, which caused so much sorrow and so many evils. Mrs. Buell has made a close study of her subject, and is a fluent speaker.

This morning, at 9:30 o'clock, "A School of Methods" will be opened by Mrs. Buell and Miss Pugh, and will be continued till five in the afternoon. An intermission will be taken from twelve till two for lunch, which will be served in the school-room. It is hoped all the friends will avail themselves of this opportunity of hearing these ladies. The W.C.T.U. friends are invited to contribute to the lunch table.

DROWNED IN LAKE UNION.

Two Lovers Meet Death by the Upsetting of a Boat.

On Sunday evening, John Danielson and his sweetheart while rowing in Lake Union, near Latona, Wn., had the misfortune to upset their boat, and before help could be rendered, were drowned. John Danielson was a much respected mill hand at Tremont, and his companion was a domestic. They were rowing from Tremont to Brooklyn, on the eastern shore when the boat gave a lurch and the female fell on the side of the skiff. In the struggle to save her the boat capsized and both were thrown into about 50 feet of water. Danielson heroically endeavored to save his friend and to right the boat, but it was impossible, and both sank to the bottom locked in each other's arms. The victims were to have been married in the course of a few weeks.

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Special Business.

The St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society held a special meeting this week, to make preparations for the annual gathering, and also to consider a proposition re cinder path at their grounds on Simcoe and Carr streets.

The Hotel Will Be Built.

A special meeting of the Oak Bay Land and Improvement Co. will be held on Friday next, when it is expected that all details will have been completed, so that tenders for the new hotel can be invited at once.

The Probable Dates.

It is generally understood that the annual exhibition of the B. C. Horticultural Society and Fruit Growers' Association will be held on the 6th and 7th of August, in this city. The location will be decided on shortly by the local committee.

An Old Scheme Revived.

The customs officers at Port Townsend are said to have "dropped" to the fact that opium is being smuggled into the States, in pianos. This was a very popular dodge with Charles LaBelle, four or five years ago, and is said to have been worked successfully, at least, half-a-dozen times during the past month.

Roche Harbor Basket Social.

The Roche Harbor School Literary Society held a delightful basket social last Saturday evening, the object being to provide funds for the school. Quite a long, but interesting programme was provided, and all who were present had nothing but praise for the efforts of the teacher, Miss Russell, and her pupils to please.

Victoria and Roche Harbor.

Steamer Harry Lynn will, from this out, make regular weekly trips between here and Roche harbor. She will leave Victoria every Tuesday evening at 6 o'clock and proceed to Roche harbor, where she will make connections with the steamer Evangel, and if the passengers desire they can be taken to any of the islands in the neighborhood of San Juan.

Coming Events.

The bookings for The Victoria for this month and next are limited in number, and include no events of special importance. The Lyceum Concert Co. comes on the 18th and 19th inst.; "Nip and Tuck" follows on the 26th and 27th. "The Fakir" holds the boards on the 1st and 2nd of July; Lillian Lewis is booked for the 10th and 11th prox., and "The Bottom of the Sea" for the 20th and 21st.

Griffiths et al v. Boscowitz.

In the Supreme Court of Canada, yesterday, the appeal of the plaintiffs in this case, who sued on behalf of the creditors of J. D. Warren from the judgment of the Full Court of B. C., was argued, and the appeal allowed, with costs against the defendant, Boscowitz, a new trial being ordered. S. H. Blake, Q. C., appeared for the appelants at Ottawa, and Eberts & Taylor in this city; while the Attorney-General represented the defendant.

Another Remand.

Loomis and Anderson, the alleged card sharpers, who are undergoing examination upon the charge of bringing money obtained by fraud into Canada, were again before Mr. Robert Ward, J. P., yesterday. Mr. Walls appeared for the prosecution and Mr. Eberts for the defence, and both were anxious for a remand. The case was, accordingly adjourned until Thursday, at 11 a. m., the defendants being remanded back into custody, in default of bail, in the sum of $250 each, being obtained.

C. O. O. F.

The Grand Lodge of the Canadian Order of Oddfellows, Manchester Unity, is holding session this year in Woodstock, Ont. Much business of importance will be transacted, viz: Reform of district lodges, appointing new districts, revision of the constitution, juvenile lodges; probably the question of Rebecca lodges; assurances and the endowment system; and finally the election of grand officers. Pride of the West Lodge in Victoria, through their Noble Grand V. E. Ottaway, telegraphed congratulations.

An Artist's Work.

Mr. A. E. Harris, whose ability as a sculptor has won recognition beyond the limits of British Columbia, has just finished a life-sized bust of Sir James Douglas, the first governor of Vancouver Island, which will be for a few days on exhibition in the window of T. N. Hibben & Co.'s bookstore. The bust was executed from a photograph, and is very carefully and artistically finished, besides being, as all old-timers who have seen it agree, a true likeness. Sir James Douglas' face being one of more than ordinary force, it is easily recognized by anyone who has seen his portrait even.

Residential Improvements.

Messrs. Sheppard & Fraser, a new firm of contractors, have secured the work of making the additions and improvements to the residence of Mr. M. W. Waitt, provided for in the plans of Mr. John Teague. The contract figure is close to $5,000. Sheppard and Fraser will also have the construction of Mrs. Jackson's new home at the corner of Cook street and Hillside avenue, which will cost $8,000. Mr. Teague is the architect for Mrs. Jackson's residence, and he is now at work upon the plans and specifications for a fine residence on Fort street for Mr. C. Holland, of the B. C. Land and Investment Co.

Transfers Granted.

The Board of Licensing Commissioners, for Victoria city, sat in the police court room, at noon, yesterday, and disposed of the following business: Andrew J. Bechtel, transfer of retail license to Petrie & Cook, granted; John H. Gannon, transfer to James Munger, granted; Andrew Tolmie, transfer to Tolmie & Stewart, granted; William Jensen, transfer to Berryman & Andrews, granted; Thos. Garvin, transfer to Arthur Fox, granted; Wm. Jensen, retail license, granted. The application of Mrs. Bertha Hemans for transfer of retail license to John Cort, was adjourned, and F. W. Garland's application for restaurant license was withdrawn.

Matters Masonic.

The following members of the Grand Lodge and delegates from the subordinate lodges of Victoria leave for Kamloops, today, to be present at the annual meeting: Grand Master A. McKeown, Grand Treasurer H. F. Heisterman, Grand Secretary W. J. Quinlan, District Deputy Grand Master Geo. S. Russell, Dixi H. Ross, A. R. Milne, J. E. Phillips, B. Williams and W. R. Brown. During the session of the Grand Lodge it is intended to introduce a number of amendments to the constitution, and to grant charters to three new lodges in the province—at Comox, Revelstoke and Mission City. The Masonic lodges throughout the province have enrolled about 60 new members during the year, while only five or six deaths have occurred. The financial statement, this year, is the best in the history of masonry in B. C.

No Change Till October.

Notice has been received by the Marine Department at Ottawa that the Imperial Board of Trade will defer action under the Imperial Act of 1890, relating to the making of load lines, so far as shipping registered in Canada is concerned, until October 1st of this year. The Act names June 9th as the date for the changes to be made.

Caught in Portland.

The two gay young barbers who shook the dust of Victoria from their patent eathers, on Sunday, are now in jail in Portland. Their arrest was accomplished, yesterday, by the police of the Oregon city, on telegraphic information from this city. Two of the victims left behind in Victoria will go over to prosecute.

The Census.

Mr. Lovell, census commissioner for Victoria, is at present in Vancouver. In all the cities of the province the work of enumeration is being prosecuted as rapidly as possible, and it is only the question of a very few days before it will be completed. Work in the rural districts, owing to the extreme distances which have to be covered, will not be finished for some time yet.

Decoration Day.

Although the order is of comparatively recent establishment in B. C., the Knights of Pythias will have five graves to decorate next Sunday—which is their decoration day. The members of Far West lodge meet at 2.30 p.m., and after the usual funeral service, marched to Ross Bay cemetery, where are interred their departed brethren: W. Slater, George Frye, R. Huater, D. F. Fee, jr., and Frank Campbell.

Columbia Salmon Pack a Failure.

Of the Columbia river salmon pack the Astorian says: The slack catch continues. Not alone on the lower Columbia is scarcity of fish reported, but also in the middle Columbia. The fish wheels of the Cascade have no better luck than the seines further down, or the gillnetts and traps in this vicinity. A conservative estimate of the salmon pack of the Columbia river up to June 15 is 123,025 cases.

Musical Opportunity.

In another column will be noticed Mr. Cross' card, which assures those interested that he has definitely decided to visit our city. Mr. Cross' ability is too well known to need comment, but, in short, it might be stated that his "years" of instruction under Germany's greatest masters, is assurance enough of the "course he gives," being one of interest and unusual benefit to any of our musical enthusiasts.

For the North.

Steamer Danube left for Sand Point and Northern B. C. ports, last evening, with a full cargo of provisions for the sealers, and the following passengers:—Mr. and Mrs. Piercey, Miss Carne, Mrs. Hunter, W. Munsie, W. P. Lindley, A. McCormick, D. McDonald, G. McLean, Mrs. Baker, J. F. Haley, Mr. A. L. Poudrier, E. B. Marvin, Capt. McDonald, Capt. Tay, Mr. Brown, C. D. Drayson, H. Wilson, Master Adams and Spencer, and 30 steerage passengers.

Mariners' Beware.

Notice has been issued by the Department of Marine of the existence of a sunken rock in Skidegate Inlet, Graham Island, in the Queen Charlotte group. The rock was reported by Captain Meyer, of the Danube, who struck it on his last trip north in May. The position of the rock is Lat. 53° 13' 19" north; long. 132° 11' 37" west; it is covered about four feet at low water, spring tides, and bears north 21° west from the extreme north end of Triangle Island, from which it is distant 800 yards.

Rock Bay Hotel.

At Mr. Cornelius J. Soule's rooms, in the Turner block, the plans are now on view of a comfortable three story brick hotel, which is to be built at the corner of Bridge and Work streets, for Mr. W. Cameron. The building will be unostentatious in appearance, and will occupy a site 45x59 feet in area. The hotel is to have 40 bedrooms, besides dining room, parlors, three sitting rooms, baths, offices, bar-room, and a large central staircase. Tenders will be received until Monday next, and it is hoped to have the hotel ready for use this fall.

Building Societies.

The adjourned annual meeting of the Queen City Building, Loan and Saving Association is to be held in the Sir William Wallace hall, this evening, when the annual report will be presented, directors and secretary will be elected and other business will be transacted.

The Vancouver Island Building Society meets on the evening of the 25th, to fill the vacancy in the board of directors caused by the resignation of Mr. R. Erskine, and to draw for the 49th appropriation of the association.

Picnickers.

The members of Perseverance Lodge, I.O.G.T., picnicked at Curtis Point, yesterday, returning home in the chilly moonlight with merry music and song.

The Victoria banjo and guitar club, lately formed, had their first moonlight outing at the Gorge last night. The club comprises some thirty members, and about fifteen instruments.

Owing to the fact that the Beaconsfield Club have their picnic at Cadboro Bay next Sunday, the outing of the B. C. Spiritualists' Society has been postponed until the 28th inst.

Wanted His Leg Soldered.

A number of people who happened to be in a well known plumbers shop, yesterday morning, were astonished to see a man hobble in and demand to know if he could have his leg soldered. The proprietor replied in the affirmative, and, shouting up the tube to one of his men in an upstairs room, received a reply which was startling to those present. It was, "I'll solder the darned thing if you'll do the tinning." "Leg, tin, solder, man" were words the listeners could not connect, and enquiries ensued, the result being the information that a man employed on the streets by the corporation happened to have an artificial leg and foot made of metal, upon which a quantity of rock had fallen and smashed it almost to pieces.

A Beautiful Drive.

A party who drove to Sooke on Saturday last, returning by Happy Valley and Metchosin, describes this drive, at any time of surpassing natural beauty, as specially attractive just now, the roads being hard and smooth and free from dust—bordered by a remarkable profusion of flower and shrub, and passing through scenery of unexcelled beauty and variety. This trip could not fail to attract tourists from the city in large numbers if it were better known. One of the party, who has visited and driven over many of the most famous drives in Britain and the continent of Europe, does not hesitate to say that this little known and appreciated drive is equal in natural beauty to any and surpasses many of them.

The Halcyon's Cargo.

The Seattle Press-Times publishes a highly sensational story, alleging that the Halcyon's much talked about cargo is buried on an island down the Sound, and that the government are taking action to seize it. Consul Myers, and all who are interested in the Halcyon here, laugh at the story. The consul says that he knows the Halcyon landed her cargo direct at the port for which it was intended, and that port was neither in the United States nor yet in Canada.

The Orders by the Corwin.

The following portion of the orders telegraphed from Washington to the U. S. revenue cutter Corwin, has been made public:

Before sailing get orders from the Commercial Company at San Francisco for coal at Unalaska. After two weeks' cruising in the neighborhood of the Pribylof islands rendezvous at Sand Point, Popoff island, one of the Shumagin group, with the Thetis and Alert, and wait there further instructions by the Marion. Furnish a copy of the order to the commanding officer of the Alert, and tell him to comply with it. The commanding officer of the Mohican is ordered to proceed to Behring Sea, with all dispatch to the vicinity of the Pribylof islands immediately on receipt of printed copies of the President's proclamation. The Thetis will proceed at once directly to Sand Point, Popoff island, a favorite rendezvous of sealers, to distribute copies of the proclamation to those found there. The Alert will also promptly proceed to Alaskan waters and will be followed later on by the Marion, with any subsequent instructions that may be framed.

Charged with Fraud.

H. W. Fenton is the name of an exceedingly suave and polished young gentleman, who was for a time connected with the business department of the Post-Intelligencer in the capacity of a canvasser for subscriptions. His methods did not exactly please the paper, and, in September last, his services were dispensed with. Still the work pleased him, so well that he continued, as Mr. L. C. Branson, of the P.-I., who is now in town, states—to take subscriptions, though for his own, and not the paper's benefit. A notice was accordingly published, offering $50 for his conviction, upon a charge of obtaining money under false fretences; and he was followed from town to town in the Bellingham Bay district. Then it is supposed that, in May or June last, he transferred his operations to British Columbia, appearing first in Ladner's Landing, then in Nanaimo, and then in Victoria. Mr. James O'Neill, the local agent of the P.-I., hearing that he was at work here, proceeded to trap him, and, yesterday afternoon, accomplished his arrest. It is expected that an effort will be made to transfer the prosecution to Nanaimo; the paper claims that its loss by him will amount to $300 or $350.

A School of Methods.

A W. C. T. U. School of Methods was opened yesterday morning by Miss Pugh, Treasurer of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, followed by Corresponding Secretary Mrs. Buell. The general principles were first dealt with by the last named lady, followed by Miss Pugh, who presented the duties of the officers in a clear and forcible manner. Several of the departments were taken up by the two ladies alternately. In the department of Literature, Mrs. Buell recommended that a systematic method should be adopted, so that the highest results might be obtained. Miss Pugh dwelt with force upon the evangelistic work—the strong point—W. C. T. U. work, this department being a means of opening up many others. Mothers' meetings, their object, and how to conduct them was very ably dealt with by Mrs. Buell, and this topic prepared the way for the Social Purity department, on which Miss Pugh spoke pointedly, stating that the forces of the W.C.T.U. should be directed to the preventitive side, and should be the natural outcome of the Mother's Meetings. Education on this point, she said, had to begin with an equal standard, teaching that wonderful text—"Ye are the temples of the Holy Ghost." At the close Mrs. Buell held a drill in parliamentary usage, which proved instructive and cannot fail to be of great assistance to the ladies in aiding them to conduct their meetings in a business-like manner. The day will long be remembered by the Victoria Union as one of the pleasantest and most instructive in the annals of the W.C.T. Union of this city.

It Means Heavy Loss.

The latest phase of the sealing question was about the only thing talked of in business circles, yesterday. While the majority of the sealers were prepared for the news that a close season had been agreed upon by the governments of Great Britain and the United States, very few thought, for a moment, that such action as that contained in the agreement, published in the COLONIST, yesterday, would be taken without ample notice being given all engaged in the sealing industry, to enable them to protect their interests. Although the telegraphed news from Washington could not be disputed, and although it was confirmed by private messages, the sealing men of Victoria, when spoken to, said that they were not prepared to accept any information as correct which came through American channels until it was supplemented by corroborative dispatches direct from the Imperial authorities. Such information was not, to their knowledge, received. Neither Collector Milne nor the officers of the navy were possessed of any further news on the sealing question, than that given to the public by the press. When the Danube sailed for the North, last evening, the sealing men who were passengers on her were agreed upon their line of action. It was to collect the catches of the sealers now at work, re-provision them and instruct them to pursue their business until formally notified by an official of the British Government that sealing must be suspended. Then the schooners will come home, abandoning their operations under protest. What is regarded as most glaring unfairness, is that the order to stop the taking of seals comes just as the British Columbia fleet have completed their long and expensive trip to the North, and are entering upon the seasonal work; while on the Pribiloff Islands, the killing of the seals must have been in progress for two or three weeks, and before notice can reach them, the North American company will have harvested 50,000 or 60,000 skins. The coast catch being very poor this year, Victoria sealers have been depending on the Behring Sea take, to repay at least the cost of outfitting. This hope being gone, compensation from the home Government will be asked for, although with but little expectation of success.

WASHINGTON'S DRAWBACK.

The Anti-Foreign Clause in the State Constitution Blocks Progress.

Rapid Growth of the Towns Opposite Victoria Succeeded by Depression.

Hon. D. W. Higgins returned, last evening, from a business trip to the cities on the American side of the straits. He visited Port Angeles, Port Crescent and Port Townsend, which he found very dull, although each of them have made wonderful progress in the last two years, especially Port Crescent.

In an interview with a COLONIST reporter, last evening, Mr. Higgins discussed the progress of those places, and gave the impressions which he had formed from observations made during the trip.

"I found that at Port Angeles and Port Townsend there was a general complaint of dull times, owing to the lack of money, and the high rates of interest, and real estate operations are seriously curtailed in consequence. There is an almost universal outcry against the clause in the constitution in the State of Washington, which prohibits aliens from owning property in that state. Capitalists, and almost all other classes, are clamorous for the repeal of the clause which keeps all foreign capital out of the State.

"I had not been at Port Angeles for more than a year, before this trip, and since then the place has increased to double its former size, and now its population is estimated at upwards of 3,000 people, including some 1,200 settlers who have located and squatted on the government reserve. United States surveyors are now on the ground busy at work, and it is hoped that the titles of the occupants who have settled upon and improved the land will be confirmed. In the past year three new wharves about 40 business houses, and some 300 residences have been built. The streets are graded and planked, and wooden sidewalks have been laid.

"Notwithstanding the vast improvements which I have noted, and the town's rapid growth, the place is undeniably dull, owing to the scarcity of money."

"At Port Crescent, 14 miles west of Port Angeles, there has been certainly a wonderful change since my last previous visit of three years ago. Then it was surrounded by an unbroken wilderness, and there were only two houses on the bay. At that time I experienced great difficulty in climbing the hill to get a view of the back country."

"The Port Crescent Improvement Company has built a fine wharf, fully equal to any in Victoria, and has constructed a road up the hillside which is pronounced to be the best road in the State of Washington. A fine hotel has been erected, the Markham House, which in its furnishings throughout, and its cuisine is fully equal to the best hotel in the State, or in the Northwest. The breakwater is being rapidly pushed and constructed in a most substantial manner, and some 300 feet of it is now completed, and a tunnel of about 40 feet in length is now ready for another blast. The rock of the hill is tunnelled and then blasted out, and the shattered rock is hauled out and dumped into the sea. The work is under the superintendence of Mr. Blackwood, and the apparatus used in the operations is a very successful invention.

"I was greatly surprised to find on all sides such evidence of civilization and improvement where only three years before there were nobody living but Indians. On top of the hill 300 acres have been cleared, and numerous dwellings erected. There are also two stores and an excellent hotel. Further back in the country a sawmill has been located that is sawing cedar lumber, and I saw the finest cedar planks that I have ever seen, many of them being 40 inches wide and as clear as the clearest oak. The right of way for the railroad to Gray's Harbor has been graded for a distance of six miles, and the agents of the company have shown an extraordinary thrift in doing as much as they have in the time at their disposal. I don't think any private company in the world has ever done or would do more in the same time than what this one has already accomplished. The townsite is one of the finest on the Sound.

"Business of all kinds at Port Townsend is undeniably dull, and money is scarce and very high. The feeling there is decidedly favorable to the repeal of the anti-foreign clause in the State constitution. Leading bankers and other business men say that such high and ruinous rates are demanded for money that borrowers cannot obtain it. If it were not for the law forbidding the investment of foreign capital in the state, they believe that business and building operations would be decidedly more active, as plenty of capital could be obtained in Victoria at reasonable rates, and would be attracted there for investment. The new hotel just completed by Dr. Kuhn is a very fine one, and is a much needed improvement.

The finest building in all the Northwest is being erected in Port Townsend on the high bluff back of the town and overlooking the Sound and Straits. It is the new custom house and post-office, now in course of construction. Its exterior is built of a beautiful white sandstone from the Chuckanut quaries near Fairhaven, and the architectural design is very fine, and will present a grand appearance. It will be a fire-proof structure, the cross beams and joints of the floors and walls being of iron, and the interior walls and floors will be of marble. It will be the most magnificent building on the coast. The United States Government will also tunnel the hill gradually to the new custom house and construct a cable railway, so as that people who have business with the custom house can have ready access to it. The example of the American Government in doing so well by Port Townsend might be followed to advantage by the Dominion Government in doing likewise for Victoria, whose customs business is far greater than that of its American neighbor.

"Next week, a new steamer, the Hermosa, will be put on the route, making the journey to Port Angeles and Port Crescent much easier and more agreeable. The new steamer is an elegant and commodious one, from San Diego, and is very swift. She will make three trips per week from Seattle to Port Townsend, Port Angeles, Port Crescent and Neah and Clallam Bays. At the latter place a company has built a factory for the manufacture of the extract of hemlock bark, to be used for tanning purposes. By this process, if successful, a great enterprise will be established, as the extract in quantities can be shipped much cheaper than the huge quantities of bark, as is now done.

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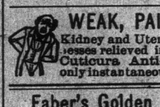

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WASHINGTON, D.C., June 15.—dent to-day issued the following tion:—

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2. The United States Govern prohibit seal killing for the