

THE CITY.

From the DAILY COLONIST Dec. 15.

Perseverance Entertains.
Victoria West Lodge, I.O.G.T., met last night, when Perseverance Lodge, No. 1, entertained.

Snow at Ashcroft.
Two inches of snow have already fallen at Ashcroft, and snow is expected to fall in the stock in view of this evidence of an early and a severe winter.

A Christmas Eve Attraction.
Rev. H. Staathagen, a pastor missionary of the Reformed Episcopal church, will conduct a service in the German tongue on Christmas Eve, at the Church of Our Lord, Humboldt street. All "children of Väterland" are invited to attend.

Entertainment at St. Luke's.
The Ladies' Guild of St. Luke's, Cedar Hill, will hold a sale of work next Tuesday evening, the 20th inst., in the church school house, commencing at 2:30 p.m. In the evening will be given an entertainment, which it is hoped will draw a large audience.

A Telephone Circuit.
Moneyed men of this city, Vancouver, Westminster and Nanaimo, will make application to the Legislature at its next session to be incorporated as a company, with power to construct and operate a telephone line connecting the four cities of the Province.

For Eastern Tables.
Messrs. R. G. Cunningham & Sons will introduce a new delicacy to Eastern tables this Christmas in the form of their much prized salmon (frozen), a large consignment of which has just been received at Vancouver to be sent over the C.P.R. The shipment is an experimental one.

The Northfield Murder.
A deputation of four Italian coal miners of Northfield arrived from Nanaimo yesterday to consult a Victoria legal firm with view to, if possible, secure a new trial of the case of Dominio Taranelli. Failing in this petition for clemency will probably be addressed to the Governor-General.

A Charge of Larceny.
A young man was arrested by Sergeant Hawton last evening on a charge of stealing a gold watch and chain from a gentleman staying at the Dallas hotel about two months ago. He dresses well and does not bear the appearance of one accustomed to thieving. When arrested he was wearing the missing watch.

Judgment for the Crew.
The case of Charles Spring, owner of the schooner Favorite, came up in the Provincial Court yesterday. The case was a suit on the part of six Indians, members of the crew on the last voyage of the Favorite, who desired to recover the amount of wages due them for the trip. Judgment was rendered in favor of the plaintiffs.

Waldeck in San Francisco.
Chief Sheppard yesterday received a letter from Detective Anthony, who was here from San Francisco in the Waldeck (or Wolfe) extradition proceedings. He states that there are seventeen distinct charges against the prisoner, and bail has been set at \$25,000, which Waldeck is unable to procure. He therefore awaits his trial in the state prison.

Craigie and Cook.
In the Speedy Trial court yesterday, Mr. Justice Drake sentenced the young man Craigie to nine months' imprisonment for highway robbery, Cook, his accomplice, being given four months in consideration of the fact that it was his first offence, and he had made full confession of his share of the crime, endeavoring also to make such restitution as lay in his power.

Sunday School Work.
The regular monthly meeting of the Sunday School Teachers' Association of the Anglican Church took place last evening at the St. Barnabas Young Men's Institute Room, Spring Ridge. There was a fair attendance, and a paper was read by Mr. A. H. Ridgman on "Church History." Tea and cake brought the pleasant evening to a close. The next meeting of the association will be held at St. Mark's, but the date has not yet been definitely fixed.

Route to the Kootenay Country.
Latest advice from Spokane are that the Spokane Falls & Northern Railway Co. and the C. & K. Navigation Co. intend keeping the route open all winter to Nelson, Kaslo, Ainsworth, Pilot Bay and Balfour, via Little Dalles and Robson. The Spokane Falls & Northern railway is being rapidly pushed ahead from Little Dalles to the British Columbia line, and the Northern Pacific R.R. Co. has instructed its agents to continue accepting all business, both passenger and freight, that is offered for above points.

He Knew Her.
A country cousin from the Fraser river put up at a city hotel the other evening, and having partaken of all "the courses" provided, asked if there was any place of amusement in Victoria where he might pay a visit. He was informed by an obliging night clerk that the Victoria boards would be occupied by Salvini and an excellent company.

Public Schools' Examinations.
The semi-annual examinations of the Public schools of this city will be held as follows: Monday, 19—West school. Tuesday, 20—Girls' school. Wednesday, 21—Boys' school. Thursday, 22—High school. In the forenoon, commencing at 10 o'clock of each of the following days, the Ward schools' examinations will be held as follows: Monday, 19—Rock Bay Ward school. Tuesday, 20—Spring Ridge Ward school. Wednesday, 21—Ainsworth Ward school. Thursday, 22—Hillside Ward school. A most cordial invitation to attend these examinations is extended by the teachers to all interested in the educational welfare of the children.

Mica Mines.
W. W. Purdy is in town with a choice collection of mica brought down by him from his claim, 8,000 feet above sea level, on the Rocky Mountain range, and distant from Kamloops some 275 miles. The district is practically unknown, and Mr. Purdy himself cannot do more than locate his claim. It is adjacent that of Louis Vie, of Kamloops, who located on the information of Indians, who spoke of "glass in the ground." The samples brought down by Mr. Purdy run from five inches to three feet square, and are really beautiful. Even the croppings are superior cuts. As there

is said to be an illimitable quantity of the mica. Mr. Purdy is sanguine of a fortune. He goes to San Francisco to make arrangements for a market.

Death of Mrs. Richards.
Mrs. F. G. Richards, sen., passed away yesterday, at the residence of her son, 288 Yates street, of paralysis. The deceased came to this country in 1852, and has been a permanent resident here since. A few weeks ago, while visiting at her son's house, she was seized with paralysis, and so severe was the attack that she never recovered. She was a lady of 71 years of age, and a native of Cornwall, Eng.

Has Not Accepted.
Rev. A. E. Winchester has decided to wait until after the Presbyterian Committee on Foreign Missions hold their meeting in Toronto on December 23 before deciding in regard to the call offered by the congregation of Berlin, Ont. If some one can be found to take up the Chinese mission work here, the reverend gentleman may accept the call, but he is unwilling to allow his work in that connection to come to a standstill. The Foreign Missions committee may appoint a suitable successor when they meet.

Victoria Lodge No. 1.
At a meeting of Victoria Lodge No. 1, A.O.U.W., held last evening, considerable business was transacted. Six new members were initiated, and in addition three proposals for membership were received. The officers nominated to carry on the work of the lodge for the ensuing term were: Master Workman, R. Keeler; Foreman, Russell McDonald; Overseer, J. Dunn; Guides, Messrs. Perry, Jones, and Watchman, J. Galloway; Outside Watchman, J. Banfield; Recorder, H. Jewell; Financial, F. Davey; Receiver, R. T. Williams; Delegates, Messrs. D. B. Caplan, Warren, F. Davey, H. Mansell, H. Becker and H. Short.

A Dangerous Lunatic.
The city police yesterday evening arrested William Swanson as a dangerous lunatic. He has lived with his friend Richard Russell, at 45 Hilda avenue, for many months. Both are carpenters by trade, and both industrious. Some eight days ago, however, Swanson quit his job, and since then his movements have been as suspicious as mysterious. Russell, suspecting that the man was mentally wrong, telegraphed to a brother-in-law of the latter in Tacoma, who was expected over by Tuesday evening's boat, and Russell and Swanson went down town to meet him. He did not, however, arrive, whereupon Russell, fearing a possible suicide, he was, however, taken home, but so violent did he become yesterday that he was locked up until the police took him in custody.

MONTREAL MATTERS.

Curran Not Likely to be Opposed in Montreal Centre—Hardware Firm Assigns.

(Special to the COLONIST.)
MONTREAL, Dec. 14.—In the Superior court yesterday the case of Davignon vs. Rev. Father Lesage, cure of Chambly, an action to recover damages on account of the refusal of the priest to baptize Davignon's child because the father was in arrears in his church dues, was heard, and judgment reserved.

An effort is being made to secure Dr. Oiler, who is a Canadian, now of Johns Hopkins university, to return to the McGill college faculty. A wealthy Montrealer said he was willing to supply funds toward the necessary financial arrangements.

A. F. Wood, M.P.P. for North Hastings, is here. He says there is no truth in the story that he will resign from the Ontario Legislature and run for that constituency in the House of Commons vacated by Hon. M. Bower.

The foundry firm of H. R. Ives has made a formal assignment, with a nominal surplus of \$150,000 over liabilities.

It has been definitely decided that no opposition will be offered to Hon. J. J. Curran, Solicitor General, in Montreal Centre. It has been definitely decided to have a carnival here this winter, to last one week commencing Monday, February 6, and ending the Saturday following.

THEIR FLAG WAS UNNOTICED.

One of the Darcy Island Lepers Released From His Pain.

When municipal Health Officer Dr. Duncan and Sanitary Officer Bailey paid an official visit yesterday to Darcy Island, leprosy yesterday they found the flag of distress fluttering from the pole to which the Chinese had been instructed to display it in the event of anything going wrong. So it had been flying for six weeks, the "cover leper" explained as well as his limited and almost forgotten English would permit, and the reason for it was that Ah Chee was dead and buried. The grave was shown as evidence.

The release of this one of their number from his sufferings was the only incident of note at the lazaretto since the last visit. The lepers, not being idle, however, for though they have cleared but little additional ground their garden has proved a great success, and a fine pit of potatoes for winter consumption is the result. These, with the supplies of provisions and ready-made clothing left with them yesterday, ensure a winter of comparative comfort for the unfortunate. It is not unlikely that the second batch will have come over for the next visit, for the patient from Vancouver is fast approaching his end.

Little information could be gathered from the lepers yesterday, as no interpreter accompanied the party from the city, and not hearing or using the English language the lepers are rapidly forgetting it soon. Dr. Duncan was accompanied on his inspection yesterday by Sanitary Officer Bailey, Police Officer Redgrave, Ald. Hall, Ald. Bragg, and Messrs. Sinclair, Lorrimer, Desmond, Carter and Chipchase. The trip was made in the steamer "Sadie," Captain Berrie, which proved a very comfortable and reliable boat, even in the rough wind and water which it was her misfortune to encounter. The landing at the island was made with considerable difficulty and not a little danger, but no fatalities were recorded. On the return trip one or two of the lepers, yesterday, as no interpreter accompanied them, they were taken to a clothes line, the deck rail serving as the line. The imitation was so perfect that the performers became exhausted in its presentation, and the services of the ship's surgeon were in strong demand. Calls were made at Cadboro Bay and Albert Head on the homeward voyage, war being made upon the ducks at the former place with a arsenal of two shotguns and two rifles. One bird was killed, it is thought by accident.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Dispensing with the Services of the Sanitary Engineer—A Lively Discussion.

The Working of the Local Improvement By-Law—Police Appointments and Changes.

The usual weekly meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held last night, Mayor Beaven presiding. There was a full attendance, and for the first hour some dozen citizens were present.

The Finance committee recommended the refund of \$50 to Messrs. Campbell & Co. of Montreal, a sum collected from their representative in Victoria, Mr. H. J. Russell, who had been charged a retail license though representing a wholesale house. The refund was to be made on condition that the statement of the company be verified.

The report was adopted. The City Engineer forwarded a report from the Sanitary Engineer, favoring the flushing of sewers, and the City Engineer requested Mr. A. G. Smith, Deputy Attorney-General, who was present for the Crown, to endeavor to get some information to lay before them in connection with the evidence received in Vancouver as to the inspection of the Empress of Japan.

Dr. Macnaghton Jones, Dominion Quarantine Officer, who was present, was then called. Mr. Smith read to him the evidence of Capt. Lee and Dr. Temple, of the Empress of Japan, in which it was stated that on the April trip of the Empress he (Dr. Jones) had, after discovering the case of cholera, expressed the opinion that a short time had come back, and it was on the second visit that he ordered her into quarantine.

Dr. Jones emphatically denied the allegation and declared he had not seen the steamer from the time she let go anchor and he first went on board until next day, when he took the Chinese ashore. Mr. Smith then read Capt. Lee's evidence in reference to the ship's log, wherein it was stated that the ship anchored off Victoria at 6:07 p.m., and received letter of pratique at 11:30—23 minutes later; during which time the Chinese were all examined. Dr. Jones also denied this, and affirmed that it had taken him at least two hours to make the close, careful examination of the Chinese passengers and crew.

Mr. H. E. Beckwith, Customs preventive officer, was next called, but was unable to give accurately the details of the April June trip of the Empress. He stated, however, that the time it took to examine the Chinese would be about half an hour, sometimes nearly an hour, and if it had been over an hour he would have noticed the unusual delay. He could not give the exact time when Dr. Jones landed him the clean bill of health for the June trip.

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Mr. Greig will be the first witness called when the Commission meets to-day at 11 o'clock.

VICTORIA MARKETS.

Preparing for Christmas—Inducements to Farmers—Poultry Industry.

The local market is very busy just at present, but the operations are preparatory for the Christmas trade.

There is no change to note in any particular department. Last week's prices prevailed.

Flour—Portland roller per brl.....\$ 5.75
Salem.....5.75
Delaware.....5.75
Lake of the Woods (Hungarian).....5.00
Three Star.....5.00
Victoria.....5.75
Royal.....5.00
Wheat, per ton.....35.00/40.00
Oats, per ton.....28.00/30.00
Barley, per ton.....25.00/30.00
Rye, per ton.....25.00/30.00
Bran, per ton.....27.00/30.00
Ground Feed, per ton.....30.00/35.00
Corn, whole.....50.00
cracked.....50.00
Oatmeal, per 10 lbs.....5.00
Rolled Oats, per lb.....1.00
Potatoes, per ton.....18.00/20.00
Hay, baled, per ton.....12.00/15.00
Cattlefeed, per doz.....0.75
Onions, new.....2.50/3.00
Tomatoes, per lb.....0.50
Eggs, Island, per doz.....40.00
Portland, per doz.....30.00
Butter, Island, per lb.....1.00
Creamery, per 3 lbs.....1.00
Hams, Canadian, per lb, retail.....15.00
Bacon, American, per lb.....15.00
Canned Corn, per lb.....1.00
Shoulders, per lb.....12.00/13.00
Lard.....10.00
Meat—Beef.....10.00
Sides.....8.00
Pork, fresh.....10.00
Veal, dressed, per lb.....12.00/15.00
Turkey, per lb.....1.00
Geese, per lb.....0.50
Venison.....5.00/6.00
Fish—Salmon (Spring), per lb.....8.00/10.00
Haddock, per lb.....0.50
Halibut, per lb.....0.50
Small fish.....0.50
Surgeons.....0.50

The B. C. Sugar Refining Company (limited) quote their prices as follows:

Sugar—Powdered, icing and bar per bbl.....60.00
Granulated.....55.00
Extra C.....45.00
Fancy C.....40.00
Yellow.....35.00
Above prices are for barrels or bags; half barrels and 100 lb kegs 3c more; boxes 3c more.

Chicago, Dec. 13.—The directors of the World's Fair have been discussing for some time, in an entirely informal way, however, the advisability of keeping the fair open two seasons instead of one. It is thought a pity that after having spent so much money, with such splendid educational results, it should be open only for three months.

chairman of that committee to call a meeting to investigate the case. A. D. HUMBER—I am the chairman, and I used to lose a lot of time in hunting up members to attend a meeting, until the Mayor told me that I ought to take this trouble, but leave the work for the head of the department. I did this, and there is the report.

A. D. HUMBER thought the report should come from the Police committee and not from the Chief of Police.

After a good deal of further discussion the communication was received and the appointment adjourned at 10:30.

ANTI-VACCINATORS' DAY.

The Chief Opponent of the Opposition in Victoria Before the Royal Commission.

Dr. Macnaghton Jones Says that Captain Lee and Surgeon Temple are Mistaken.

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TO THE BOYS AND GIRLS.

Here's a Plan for Making Other Boys and Girls Spend a Merry Christmas.

And a Chance to Make One Boy Remember It All His Life.

All over the world for the next two weeks boys and girls will be wondering what Christmas will bring, guessing what fathers and mothers, brothers and sisters are keeping for a great surprise, and planning what those same fathers and mothers, brothers and sisters would like best for their own surprise on Christmas morning.

In Victoria the shops are already looking their brightest and prettiest, the Christmas trees are being out, and the good things that boys and girls love are being put together with by-and-by go into the Christmas pudding. Nowhere will boys and girls face better than right here at home, for nowhere is old Santa Claus a greater favorite, and nowhere are fathers and mothers kinder to their little broods or more mindful of their joys and pleasures.

So in just about ten days all the boys and girls of Victoria will be happy in the pleasures of the holidays. They will be giving each other keepsakes and wishing for each other Merry, Merry Christmas and many, many more.

That is, most of the young folks here will be, for there are some who have no fathers and no mothers, and who if they were forgotten by the boys and girls would not be obliged to go without any Christmas at all.

That would never do! Victoria boys would not feel quite happy Christmas morning if they knew that while they had all the books and toys and candies and oranges that they wanted, and more, too, some other boys just their age had to go without any at all. And Victoria girls would not care so much for their new wax dolls and bonbons on Christmas Day if they thought that there were other little girls at home that couldn't have even a new rag baby for Christmas.

And some of them won't have any presents unless the boys and girls who can get them for them.

There are all the poor little people in the Orphan Home. Wouldn't they like some presents from Victoria boys and girls better than a lot of boughten presents that the grown up people would buy at all once, and would be sure to forget the children who have none. She might even let all the little ones in her big house hang up their stockings, if there were toys and candies enough to fill them.

One little boy who was in the home until just a few weeks ago would like a tricycle, oh so much. His name is Walter Wilbey, and his father was one of the first settlers here.

Walter is a cripple, and has to walk when he does move about, on a pair of crutches that cut into his arms and make him sore. The doctors have tried their best to cure him, but they say his leg will never be better, and he must always be lame.

Now a nice little tricycle that he could work with his hands, instead of crutches, they call that, would make his whole life brighter. He could go to school on it, and he would not get so tired of the crutches cutting into his arms, and he would always be happier to be able to go about the streets in his own little carriage.

Of course, no one boy or no one girl could give Walter a tricycle for a Christmas present, but if each of them gave something it wouldn't be so hard, although tricycles do cost a great deal of money. If one hundred boys and one hundred girls each gave fifty cents they could give Walter a tricycle for a Christmas present—a Christmas present that would do him good for years, and would do them good, too.

Let some of the boys and girls write to the Colonist and tell the other boys and girls what they think of the plan.

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The point was discussed at some length and the superintendent was asked if he thought gambling was going on at any of the licensed saloons.

He replied that none had been reported to him, though common games of cards might be played, and as he had no complaints to make at present against any particular saloon, the board adjourned.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that at the next session of the Legislative Assembly, application will be made on behalf of Victoria, Columbia Lodge No. 1, A.F.A.M.B.C.C., for the Columbia Royal Arch Chapter No. 120 of the Registry of Scotland for a Private Bill releasing the property known as town lots 609 and 610 in the City of Victoria from the trusts contained in the trust deed of 18th February, 1875, and settling the same on other trusts, and incorporating a body to hold and manage the said property on such trusts as shall be contained in a Bill to be introduced by the Hon. Mr. BOWEN, M.P.

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