Local News.

GLEANINGS OF CITY AND PROVINCIAL NEWS IN A CONDENSED FORM.

—H.M.S. Imperieuse, formerly flagship on this station, was to be paid off at Plymouth on the 4th inst.

—E. J. Wall, of the Windsor grocery, has secured the contract for supplying the necessary groceries for the teaching of domestic science in the city schools.

—An addition is being built by the Sylvester Feed Co. to the interior of their store. A balcony is being constructed along one side to be used for the storing of poultry supplies and seeds.

—Intending exhibitors in the women's department of the Agricultural Association fair are requested to send in their entries as early as possible to Mrs. McGregor, 59 McClure street, to avoid confusion at the last moment.

—The Naval and Military Record of September 3rd says: "Capt. Goodrich, R.N., transferred from the London to the Pacific station as commodore, arrived at Plymouth on Saturday by the Orient-Pacific steamer Orova."

—Beaumont Boggs is endeavoring to arrange a meeting of the principals of the schools, representatives of the J. B. A. A., Ian St. Clair and others interested in a proposal to hold a field meet for the boys of the public schools.

—W. Stamers, clerk in the employ of E. B. Marvin & Co., met with a painful accident Friday. Falling down the elevator shaft, he sustained a broken ankle, necessitating his removal to the Jubilee hospital for treatment.

—The department of agriculture has received a petition from the residents of Salmon Arm asking for the formation of a Farmers' Institute there. The department has appointed Saturday, October 24th, as the date of organization.

—The Chamber of Commerce will hold its regular meeting in Pioneer hall on Tuesday next, when the executive committee will report the results of its interview with the board of trade regarding the furnishing of the commercial interests of the city.

—The Provincial Normal school will open its next session at the Roberts school building, Vancouver, on Monday, October 5th. Students who intend to attend are requested to apply to the principal as soon as possible for forms of application.

—The death occurred at Vancouver Thursday of Thomas Kershaw, of Victoria. Deceased was a native of Hamilton, Ont. He was a bricklayer by trade. Death was very sudden, resulting from the bursting of a blood vessel. The funeral will take place on Sunday afternoon at 2.30 from the residence, 30 John street.

—The funeral of the late Miss Alice A. Lawrence took place on Saturday at 8.30 from the Old Ladies' Home and at the Roman Catholic cathedral at 9 o'clock, when solemn requiem mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Hopkins. The funeral service at the church and grave was conducted by Rev. Father Laterme. The Ladies' Home committee and a number of the inmates of the Old Ladies' Home attended.

—Rev. Dr. Grant, of Vancouver, is announced to preach in Calvary Baptist church on Sunday, October 4th. That date marks the beginning of the fifth year of Rev. J. F. Vichert's connection with the church, and appropriate services will be held with Dr. Grant as the preacher. On the following Monday evening in his same place Dr. Grant will give his lecture on "Satan's Credentials."

—On Sunday evening the death occurred at Seattle of Thomas Middleton, a pioneer of California. Deceased with his wife had been visiting their daughter, Mrs. J. Forbes, on the Sound. Deceased was a native of England, and 64 years of age. He was widely acquainted throughout California. Besides a widow he leaves two daughters and a son—Mrs. J. Forbes, of Seattle; Mrs. J. Savannah, of Victoria, and W. A. Middleton, of Seattle.

—A number of medals awarded by the Victoria Horticultural Society at the recent show are on exhibition in the windows of W. H. Pennock, jeweler, 64 Yates street. They are of two kinds, silver and bronze, and are extremely handsome in appearance. The list of medal winners follows: For the silver medals, dahlias, Mr. J. C. Newbury; cactus dahlias, J. C. Newbury; peas, J. A. Bland; dinner-table decoration, Mrs. G. H. Barnard; bouquet, Arnie Braden. For the bronze medals: Hardy perennials, Mrs. Croft; sweet peas, J. A. Bland; dinner-table decoration, Mrs. F. B. Pemberton; bouquet, Annie Hughes.

—Apropos of the appointment of a successor to Col. Grant in command of the garrison at Work Point, information has been received by the Times that Major Gurdon has only been given temporary rank of lieutenant-colonel in that position. Major Gurdon will, it is thought, go to Hongkong with the company of artillery, now stationed here, at the beginning of December. It is understood that Major Bland, R.E., now at Halifax, was the officer appointed to succeed Col. Grant, but owing to ill-health could not take up the position at once, hence the appointment of Major Gurdon to the garrison.

—The paving of Langley street is now about half finished, while preparatory work on Bastion square has received a good start. For more than half the distance between Yates and Bastion streets blocks have been laid, greatly improving the appearance of the street.

—The senior officer's ship at present at Esquimalt is the torpedo boat, No. 40. In the absence of H.M.S. Flora, which has gone to Nanaimo, there remains no cruiser in port and the little craft has therefore to act in the capacity mentioned for probably the first time on record.

—In the old gymnasium of the Central school equipment has been provided for teaching classes in domestic science. Tables and cupboards have been installed and the whole furnishings are arranged with a view to convenience and neatness. For a beginning the equipment is pronounced very complete. The inaugural lessons will be given on Friday next, Miss McKeand, the instructress, presiding.

—A chopping and sawing contest will be one of the features of the exhibition at Duncans a week from Saturday. Special prizes will be given by Messrs. McLennan, McFeely & Co., Vancouver, and a certain number of competitors will be required to use the firm's saws and axes supplied on the ground, otherwise any make of axe or saw may be used. Logs to be used will be of one size and competitors will be requested to draw for choice. The prizes will be as follows: 1st prize, one Sunset saw (Welland Vale), and one Hunt's Canadian D. B. axe; 2nd prize, two Hunt's D. B. axes; 3rd prize, one Hunt's D. B. axe.

—A successful smoking concert was held Thursday by the hackmen of the city and their friends at Labor hall. An impromptu programme consisting of music, recitations, etc., and a number of excellent boxing bouts was given. A pleasant evening was spent by all in attendance. The Hackmen's Union wish to thank the following for their liberal donations: F. Carne, jr., Challoner & Mitchell, Empire hotel, Dominion hotel, Clarence Marsh, M. Bantly, Province Cigar Co., W. Dixon, Colonial Bakery; L. Bowman, Steitz's retaurant; Charles Hayward, D. Spencer, B. Williams, Poodle Dog restaurant, E. A. Morris and Windsor saloon.

—A branch of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association of Canada was organized in Victoria by Grand Deputy W. W. Walsh, of Vancouver, on Wednesday. The following officers were elected: Spiritual adviser, Rev. J. Leterme; chancellor, E. P. Radiger; president, H. F. Langton; first vice-president, J. Shaesgreen; second vice-president, W. H. Harris; recording secretary, J. Hart; financial secretary, W. H. P. Sweeney; treasurer, M. Steele; marshall, P. O'Conner; trustees, E. L. Radiger, M. Steele, Rev. J. Leterme, W. H. Harris and J. Hart. The first and third Wednesday in each month were selected as the dates of meeting.

—The corner grocery at the junction of North Park and Cook streets, belonging to Ernest Jones, was burglarized a few night ago and some change, amounting in all to two or three dollars, was stolen from the till. Pedestrians passing the store late at night had observed a light in the store and had even seen the robber within, but had paid little attention to the matter, suspecting nothing wrong, and thinking that the owner was present. So good a view did the pedestrians get of the burglar that at least one of their number, it is said, could identify the party. The windows of the store had been broken and in this way an entrance to the place effected.

—A murder and a drowning are reported from Chignik on the Alaska peninsula. The dead are John Nelson, a half-breed Indian cook, and Charles Carlson, a fisherman. Nelson was killed several weeks ago by another half-breed named Wilson. The latter was a waiter in the Alaska packers' mess-house, where Nelson cooked. The men quarrelled over the food being served, Wilson having taken some exceptions to the cooking. One word led to another, when Wilson seized a hatchet and struck Nelson a deathblow over the head. He then made his escape to the mountains, and has not been seen since. Carlson fell in the Chignik river and was drowned. He was about 30 years old, unmarried, and a native of Norway. San Francisco was his home.

—On Wednesday evening last at Cedar Hill Miss Ethel M. Irvine, daughter of Mrs. John Irvine, jr., of Cedar Hill, and Mr. Wm. W. More, also of Cedar Hill, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. The ceremony took place at the church, which was tastefully decorated for the occasion. The bride was attired in a gown of white organdie, with bridal veil and orange blossoms. Miss E. Whittaker acted as bridesmaid and Mr. C. McRae supported the groom. After the ceremony a reception was held at Temperance hall, when the many friends of the newly married couple offered congratulations and well wishes. There were many handsome presents. Mr. and Mrs. More are expected to be away a month on their bridal tour.

—O. S. Hanson, of Bella Coola, is leaving for Minneapolis to attend college. His brother and sister will accompany him.

—Tenders will be received by Messrs. Hooper & Watkins, architects, up to Wednesday next at 2 o'clock noon, for the erection of a brick building on Government street for C. W. Rogers.

—John McAllister, a miner in No. 1 shaft, Nanaimo, had his eye badly injured on Saturday by the explosion of a giant powder cap. He is being attended to in the Nanaimo hospital.

—Ten new immigration officers have been appointed at different points on the Sound, whose duties will be to guard against Chinese being smuggled across the border line.

—A correspondent writing from Bella Coola says J. W. McIntosh passed through that place a few days ago. He is seeking a feasible route for a road to Bulkley Valley. It is said that his report will be favorable as to a route.

—Hugh Shanks, who in the early days was a prominent business man and politician of Victoria, died recently at San Francisco at the age of 79. He was a leader of public opinion here 40 years ago, and was a natural orator. He leaves a son in Victoria.

—According to Colonel Howard M. Kutchin, the special agent of the United States treasury, who had charge of the recent fisheries investigations of the Alaskan coast, the Alaskan salmon pack for the season of 1903 will be "slightly, though not alarmingly, smaller than that of last year."

—According to a telegram to United States Consul Smith, received on Saturday evening, the proposed visit of the American fleet of warships has been declared off, owing to the repairs in progress on a number of the ships at Bremerton. The United States Concord will alone arrive. She will come over on Wednesday and remain for a couple of days.

—John Black, aged 66 years and a native of Aberdeen, Scotland, died at his late residence, Oak farm, Lake district, on Sunday. He came to this province in 1862 and leaves three sons and five daughters. At one time he served on the city police force and at a still earlier period engaged in mining in Cariboo. The funeral is arranged for Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock and will take place from the family residence.

—The High school alumni met on Friday evening. An interesting programme was given, to which Miss Johnson, Miss Dier and R. B. Powell contributed. Miss Cameron read an interesting paper on "Jubilee Junketings," which described an oratorical contest in Esquimalt. Principal Paul gave an entertaining description of his school days, after which refreshments were served.

—Further particulars of the drowning of Mark Alcock, of Vancouver, in the Yukon river off the the mouth of the Klondike by the capsizing of a canoe, comes in a dispatch from Dawson. Alcock was stampeding for Shaw Creek. He wore gum boots and sank instantly, despite Engineer Rendall's efforts to save him. It is thought that he was caught in an undercurrent and swept down the river. The body has not been found. Alcock was one of the best known young men in Dawson. At one time he was connected with the United States secret service.

—It is not often that a shark measuring seven feet long is caught on the end of an ordinary line of the fisherman, and still more infrequently does the event occur at the drydock, Esquimalt. Such, however, was the record of Sunday. The shark was found in the dock, and when opened the remains of a dog fish were found, together with those of an octopus.

—Since Saturday noon the James Bay bridge has been closed to vehicular traffic. The structure requires some supports, and city officials observing that the filling in of the flats was weighing down its foundations, took action at once to prevent all teams and tram cars passing over it. The matter of strengthening the bridge can be accomplished, it is thought, at little cost and with little trouble.

—On Saturday afternoon the funeral of the late John D. Barry took place from the family residence, No. 7 Blanchard street, at 1.45 o'clock, and at 2 o'clock at Christ church cathedral, Rev. Canon Beanlands conducted services at the church and grave. There were a large number of floral tributes. The following acted as pallbearers: J. Smith, J. Blackburn, J. Mann, R. Lettice, G. Kenny and A. Cameron.

—William G. Bowman, who has been employed in connection with the mail collecting department of the post office for several years past, died Sunday at the family residence. He was a native of Littletown, New Hampshire, and was 72 years of age. Mr. Bowman was well known in Victoria, having for years been in the transfer business. Death, it is understood, was the result of an accident which occurred some weeks ago. Mr. Bowman's buggy, it seems, was hit by a street car and he was thrown out. Up to the present it has not been decided whether an inquest is necessary. The funeral will take place from his late residence, No. 3 Beacon street, at 2.30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

—A nugget of solid copper measuring eleven cubic feet in size and weighing approximately four tons will be a feature of the Alaska exhibit at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition next year if the plans of a few Alaskans now in Seattle do not miscarry," says the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. "The nugget lies on the open ground on Nugget creek, near the headwaters of the Kuskalina river, about 120 miles from Valdes. The ground on which it lies forms part of a mining claim belonging to J. McCarthy."

—The remaining two of the quartette of boys who escaped from the reformatory last week, young Hansen and Wilsie, are locked up at the police station. Their companions were gathered in not long after they got away. The pair just caught are suspected of robbing the store of E. Jones on the corner of North Park and Cook streets a few evenings ago. A little testimonial which one of the boys is believed to have indited is the clue. It is in part as follows: "Mr. Jones, you have a very good store and a good supply of tobacco." There is another sentence in the note—an invitation—which is unprintable. The instructor at the reformatory, it is understood, has identified the writing as that of Hansen.

—"The wedding of E. W. Mathews to Miss Clara Drake took place Wednesday evening in St. Saviour's church, Nelson, the ceremony being performed by Rev. F. H. Graham. Miss Rupert was bridesmaid, while E. C. Wragge was best man, the bride being given away by W. Douche. Mr. Mathews formerly resided in Nelson, and is well known and popular here. Miss Drake is a trained nurse of Victoria, who has been practicing her profession at Trail and Nelson for the past four years. The newly married couple will make their home at Vancouver."—Nelson News.

—On Monday in the police court one Harry Peck was charged with obtaining a quantity of articles from Wade & McKeon under false pretences. The case was remanded until Tuesday morning, as was also the case of a Chinaman, Yee Fang, charged with assaulting a compatriot. The only Phil Chalk was fined $5 for drunkenness. Phil's last sentence only expired on Saturday, but he was in the toils again before the night was over. He was very penitent this morning, but had to take his medicine. So did a Sunday drunk named M. Dodwell, who was fined a similar amount.

—Rowland Brittain, patent attorney, of Vancouver, sends the following report, being an abstract from the Official Gazette of the United States patent office for the week ending September 8th: During this week 618 patents were issued, 529 being to citizens of the United States, Austria-Hungary, 2; Belgium, 2; Canada, 9; Denmark, 1; Great Britain, 29; France, 7; Germany, 28; Italy, 2; Mexico, 2; Netherlands, 2; New Zealand, 1; Norway, 1; Russia, 1; Sweden, 1, and Switzerland, 1. A Canadian patent has been granted to Capt. A. R. Bissett, of Vancouver, on an improvement on a bucket such as is used for emptying coal or similar material from a ship.

CARD FROM D. W. HIGGINS.

To the Editor:—On Saturday morning, observing a statement in the Colonist that I had stood as a candidate before the so-called Esquimalt convention and received but two votes, I addressed a communication to the editor of that paper in which I stated that, prior to the voting, I had withdrawn my name as a candidate, and begged my friends not to vote for me.

To my surprise Sunday's Colonist did not contain my letter, but it did contain a leading article repeating the untruth of the day before and garnishing it with a quarter column of abuse and freshly concocted lies directly against me. As the Colonist has shut me out of its columns, I am forced, to reach the public eye, to appeal to you, a political opponent, to generously publish the denial which the organ of the party to which I have given my adherence has refused to accept. In support of my denial I refer to Mr. Pooley and Mr. Croft and Mr. Matson, the president at the so-called convention, and every other person of the 200 who were present.

I believe, I know, that the great body of the Conservative party are averse to such unfair tactics, and I am more concerned with the effect it may have upon the party than I am with any harm it may do me personally or politically.

Thanking you in advance for your courtesy, I am,

D. W. HIGGINS.

ESQUIMALT ELECTION.

To the Editor:—Why the Colonist should want to disgrace itself by insulting Mr. Higgins this last few days, one cannot understand. Mr. Higgins was requested by a number of gentlemen who had been sounding the district for some time past to offer himself as a candidate at the coming election. He was not self-appointed, as the Colonist has stated. Out of justice to his supporters in the other districts, Mr. Higgins could not place himself in the hands of the meeting held at Esquimalt on Friday last, for it was not a "thoroughly representative" meeting of the district, as the Colonist would have us believe, since not more than 10 voters out of the 123 resided outside the vicinity of Esquimalt. The exact number can be obtained from T. Pooley or W. Finmore, who have the list of voters. The chairman then, at Mr. Higgins's request, instructed the people to vote for two candidates only, Mr. Pooley or Mr. Croft, which they did. The two who voted for Mr. Higgins did not understand the chairman's instructions.

With regard to the meeting, I might say that there is a strong impression here that the whole thing was a fake, got up in the interest of Mr. Pooley, whose supporters, knowing the deep-rooted objection there is to Mr. Pooley in Esquimalt, decided to divide that opposition between two candidates, and then, by packing the meeting with staunch supporters, securing the majority of votes for Mr. Pooley. But Mr. Higgins was not to be trapped, and when he retired Mr. Jardine lost his strongest opponent.

FAIR PLAY.

Esquimalt, B. C.

EBERTS'S TACTICS.

To the Editor:—I notice in yesterday's Times that a meeting is to be held at Royal Oak for the purpose of selecting a candidate to contest the Saanich riding in the Conservative interests, and it is supposed that D. M. Eberts will be the candidate, and that in consequence the word has gone forth to the road bosses and other officials who owe their places to Mr. Eberts to be present and select their candidate. Now I will state a few particulars concerning road bosses and their doings since I came to Saanich, over 27 years ago. In that space of time the road bosses have given me work on the roads amounting to a little over $100, while some of my neighbors, in the same time, have had work on the roads amounting to more than $1,000. There are many more in this district who have been served similar to me; but we have done our duty honorably as residents in the district, and I cannot see why we should be so differently dealt with by road bosses. I wish some one who may be concerned with this sort of work to explain the reasons for so doing, and if it is an honorable way of serving the people they represent? It may be that I am mistaken in saying the people they represent. Perhaps they represent only them that are their supporters, and those that do not support them are not represented. I don't think honorable members would allow the people in their ridings to be treated in this way (I appeal to the people). Do you think this an honorable way? I thought honorable men always served every one alike, so that if they did their duty and show a good example, the people would both honor and support them.

Last year I thought if I had a chance I would like to do a little road work. After the road work started I wrote a few lines and sent it to the road bosses, Anderson and Nicolson. Mr. Anderson said he had nothing to do with putting on the teams, but that he would give the note to Mr. Nicholson. I never got an answer. They continued the work about two weeks, and then stopped a few days and changed their place of work. Then they went to another district, about 2½ or 3 miles distant for teams to do the work. They could have had better teams and just as able men right at the gravel pit who were refused. I ask the people in Saanich if this is honorable dealing? This has been the way things have gone on more or less for the last 27 years, with the exception of one year, when commissioners were appointed and the most work done for least money.

A little while before William Snider, road boss, left his post, and near election time, there was a piece of new road made on the West Saanich road. The men were paid $2.50 per day of 9 hours. That piece of road cost $1,250. At that time, when John Slugget was a commissioner, he had, by every appearance, done an equal amount of the above piece mentioned, and with about the same amount of difficulties to contend with, which cost about $400, everyone in the district getting an equal share of the work. Now the road work has started in the same old way, with the same old hands. Mr. Eberts's supporters are doing the work, although many of his former supporters say they are done with him, and are intending to support Henry Tanner, the Liberal candidate, whom they know to be an honorable and trustworthy man.

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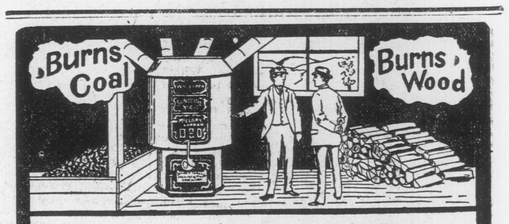

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