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A SPECIAL EDITION FOR SOUTH SAANICH, LAKE, NANAIMO, SOOKE, COMOX AND OTHER DISTRICTS NOT REACHED BY FRIDAY'S MAIL IS PRINTED EVERY TUESDAY MORNING AND DISPATCHED THROUGH THE POSTOFFICE.

Local and Provincial News.

From the Daily Colonist, April 25.

CANADA.

Hanlan Preparing for a Regatta.

(Exclusive to The Colonist.)

TORONTO, April 24.—Edward Hanlan proposes to hold an international regatta on Toronto bay on June 4th and 5th. Prizes for single scull race open to world, will be $500, $200 and $100; double scull $400, $150 and $100. One hundred dollars extra will be given to the single sculler who beats Hanlan's 3-mile record. Hanlan is in training for his summer engagements and is said to be in excellent condition.

Personal.

Mr. Walter Gladwin will return to the mainland in a few days. He passed three months in San Francisco.

Mr. McCausland, representative of the celebrated Colt's Firearms Company, is at the Driard, and will remain till Monday.

Mr. R. Pickering left yesterday for England via San Francisco. He has secured all the necessary data for the preparation of a plan for a thorough and effective system of drainage for the city, and which will be duly elaborated and forwarded to the council.

Mr. Edward B. Paul, M. A., has been appointed to the principalship of the high school, Nanaimo. He is *en route* to Victoria from Lillooet.

Messrs. G. Robertson, G. F. Baldwin, and F. W. Vincent arrived from Vancouver yesterday.

Mr. T. Harper arrived down yesterday and is at the Driard.

Mr. E. H. Fletcher, postoffice inspector, arrived from Farwell yesterday.

Mrs. Irving, nr., was a passenger from New Westminster by the Louise.

Messrs. W. Gordon and B. Van Volkenburgh returned to the city yesterday.

Mr. Beecher, of the Royal city planing mill, came down yesterday.

Mr. A. E. Howse, J. P., of Nicola, arrived yesterday and is at the Oriental.

Mr. Eckstein, of New Westminster, is in the city.

Mr. Jas. Angus arrived down from Vancouver yesterday.

At the Oriental: A. N. Wintrade, Tacoma; A. D. McInnes, Fort Alexandria; Daniel J. Gillie, Nicola valley.

Mrs. M. Wolff and child and Miss Mayer, Nanaimo, are at the Driard.

Mr. H. W. Houseman, Cariboo, arrived down yesterday and is at the Driard.

Mr. W. H. Marshall, representing the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railway, is at the Driard.

Mr. Bell, C. E., arrived down yesterday from Chemainus.

Mr. W. H. Mead, representing the Royal route, is in the city.

Mrs. Croft and Miss Dunsmuir were passengers from Chemainus yesterday.

Rev. Canon Dwyer and Capt. McCallum arrived on the Amelia yesterday.

Mr. S. P. Tuck, C. E., arrived from Ladner's yesterday on the Louise.

At the Occidental: Jno. M. and W. Lewis, Tacoma; R. Freeland, Toronto; E. McGee, J. Crosswell, Vancouver; H. P. McCraney, Chemainus; C. W. Meek, Granite City.

STRANGE HALLUCINATION. — Henry Heath, who is under remand as being of unsound mind, is troubled with Freemasonry; that is, he imagines he is a member of that mystic craft and that the order will not recognize him. Otherwise apparently rational, he speaks of having been cured by a Masonic physician, of being charged before a Masonic magistrate, and even of partaking of Masonic food; in fact he is impregnated with Freemasonry. He is the same man who two years ago apparently went into a cataleptic state for forty-three days, and was recalled into very vigorous consciousness by the application of electricity, which fluid he has since held in mortal dread. When asked if he had not sustained some external injury, he said there was nothing wrong on the outside of his head—but inside. And in this, however much we might differ from him upon other matters, we entirely agree.

What Some People Say.

That the Pall Mall Gazette was mulcted to-day in the sum of $7,500 for libelling Frederick Gennet by publishing the statement that he had whipped children, whom he was training as acrobats, until they were covered with blood.

That ex-President Arthur is slowly dying.

That at Sprague the other day, a traveling temperance lecturer, was about to be introduced to his audience by a local preacher, when a wholesale whisky dealer named Ben Ettleson hurriedly mounted the platform and unceremoniously introduced Hawkins as the most notorious hotel bilk on the Pacific coast. It is needless to say the audience was thunderstruck. The colonel managed to get through his lecture.

That the Rev. Mr. Talmage says: "There is only one way in which you can keep your children home, and this is by making home more attractive than any other place." This may be, but there are some disadvantages in fitting the front parlor up as a beer saloon.

That

The flowers that bloom in the spring, tra la,
Have nothing to do with the case;
But the flowers in the bonnets next Sunday, tra la
Have a great deal to do with the face.

That if the spirit of Mrs. Hemans had been present at the Dredger rock explosion last night, it could have aptly repeated one of her own well-known lines: "The buoy, oh! where was he?"

That there was a Jonah on board the Slope on her last trip.

That the appointment of Henry Ward Beecher's son as collector of customs at Port Townsend will not be confirmed by the U. S. senate.

That there are thirty-one female preachers in the Universalist church in the United States.

That the congregation of the Church of St. Alphege in the city of London numbers 31; that of St. Mary, 29; St. Benet, 34, and St. John, 5.

That they are beginning to call "Sam" Jones and "Sam" Small "Church Psalms." If it were not for a little rule of grammar they might be called "Church hims."

That it is said that the revival meeting in Chicago was opened the other morning with the singing of a hymn entitled "Jesus Is Calling," to the air "Tit-willow, tit-willow."

That an English dean, at the close of a sermon in which he warned his hearers of the speedy end of all things, asked for a liberal contribution to rebuild the tower of the church in which he was preaching.

That the Presbyterian Church at Loch Ranza, Arran, Scotland, finds it hard to get the kind of a minister it wants. The last candidate was dismissed in short order because he walked with a frivolous gait. The elders said that his conversation was all right, but his walk was decidedly heretical.

Marine.

Steamer Idaho left yesterday morning for Portland.

Schooner Teresa sailed yesterday for the sealing grounds.

Steamer Alexander towed to sea the ship Commodore, coal laden, for San Francisco. The steamer will go up on Monday to the inlet to bring down the Frank Carvel, laden with spars, for London.

It is said that the steamer Idaho will resume her northern trips, and that the steamer Mexico, which has returned to the San Francisco and Victoria route, will alternate with the steamer Queen of the Pacific.

The bark Tam O'Shanter is on the way from Japan to load cargo of V. C. Co.'s coal for San Francisco.

The four-masted ship Ocean King cleared from San Francisco on Tuesday for a cargo of Wellington coal. This vessel is 2,434 tons register, and will take about 4,000 tons of coal.

Schooner Trustee, laden with lumber, went ashore Friday at South Spit, directly at the entrance of Grays Harbor, and is a total loss. She is owned by Simpson Bros. & Co., and is valued at about $20,000; insured for $7,500.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

SAN FRANCISCO, April 24.—Arrived—Schooner Oriental, Tacoma.

Cleared—Bark C. O. Whitman, Port Townsend.

Sailed—Bark Germania, Seattle.

The Branch Line.

The good citizens of New Westminster are jubilant over the commencement of construction on the branch line to connect with the great Canadian through route. The event of turning the first sod, as was stated in our telegrams of Friday morning, was celebrated with great ceremony and rejoicing, much to the satisfaction of every resident of the royal city. To Mr. Dickinson, its worthy mayor, in a great measure is due the gratifying settlement of all differences between the various interested parties and the positive assurance of railway facilities. The contractor, Mr. James Leany, is well into the work already, and his experience as a railway builder will guarantee a rapid construction and a first-class road. Confident that it will greatly benefit the city, its residents are making many residential and business improvements, and there is a general feeling that trade during the present year will be brisk. Several new industries are talked of on the opening of the railway for through traffic, that of shipping Fraser river salmon and other fish in refrigerator cars to eastern points as far east as Toronto, being one that seems easy of accomplishment. There is no reason why the royal city should not make a rapid advance toward greater prosperity, its fishing and agricultural interests being of a character, if rightly developed, as would support a large population.

Another Cowichan Mystery.

Late one night about two weeks ago settlers on the shores of Somenos lake heard cries of distress apparently proceeding from the lake. The night being dark and tempestuous no assistance could be rendered and the cries gradually died away in one prolonged shriek, and were heard no more. In the morning it was discovered that a large flat-bottomed boat, the property of Rev. Mr. Holmes, had disappeared from its moorings on the lake shore. As it was a very heavy boat it would have been impossible to move it from the lake without assistance and it is believed in the settlement (as the craft has not been seen) that some one was murdered and the body placed in the boat which was then weighted with stones and scuttled. No one has been missed from the settlement and the victim may have been a stranger.

Victoria Passengers on the G. W. Elder.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 23.—Following are the Victoria passengers by the steamer Geo. W. Elder, which sailed from this port for Victoria and the Sound ports this morning: J Brealey, A Lewis, J S Antonelli, Mrs H Good, Mrs J Brown, Miss A E Jennings, Mrs H J Foyle, Mr Cavendish, wife and child, J N March, T Sydney Dobbin, C Gardner, E A Ball, Mrs Bulsby and daughter, Mrs Witzer, E A Pauline, Chas B Soff and wife, Lue Fun Sing, S Pettit, W Dufour, H H Hill, B F Ault, J A T Caton and wife, Mrs H O Tiedeman, Miss J Purkins, W H Pauline, W Dickenson and wife, H A Foyle, E Randall, C A Gould, A E Hill, J Hendry, T Higginson, Mrs E C Neufelder, Mrs E B Pauline, Wm Lukey, Mr Manchester and wife, E Linchey, A Sproule.

FROM THE MINES.

Progress Made—Probable Prospects—A New Strike.

Why the Mines have been Unfavorably Reported.

Mr. W. T. Thompson yesterday registered at the Oriental from Granite creek. He left the mines on Wednesday morning last, and made Spence's bridge in sixteen hours' time on horseback. The trail from Granite creek to Coutlie's, by way of Allison's, is entirely free from snow and the bunch grass is green on the hills all along the route. The trail by way of Otter valley is temporarily closed on account of high water in the streams, but bridges are being built over these. Mr. D. McBeth, the contractor, is pushing the work and as soon as the water is low bridges will be ready for travel.

MINING OPERATIONS

on the creek are delayed on account of continued high water, though when Mr. Thompson left the water had fallen two feet and was still lowering. Snow on the lower altitudes has disappeared and in all probability work will be recommenced in ten days. Some of the claims that got in work before the freshet took as high as $200 per day.

Collins creek, between Granite city and Otter Flat, has lately shown good prospects, some very pretty coarse gold having been secured. The gold is much brighter in appearance than that on Granite creek. Those who have claims on the creek are more than pleased with the prospects. With the exception of Cedar creek, where prospecting is now being done, work on other creeks has not begun owing to the high water. A new gold-bearing creek has been discovered ten miles from Allison's, emptying into the Similkameen. It is reported by prospectors as showing good colors.

The New Brunswick mining company, one of the largest and richest companies on the Tulameen, are about to begin operations on their 2000 feet of ground. Prospects have been flattering and the chances are that large results will be secured. The California Co. also are about to resume operations. They own a large extent of ground on the Tulameen.

The sawmill of Woodland & Gillis is now in full working order, and lumber is being supplied by them at half the price of last fall. This firm intend building a road up the creek in order to distribute the lumber to the miners cheaply and quickly.

With regard to the gloomy statements of parties who have

RETURNED FROM THE MINES,

Mr. Thompson says that they have chiefly been made by unprincipled men without means to carry them through until work begins, and having gone into the district before there was a prospect of securing any work or testing ground, they were unable to remain. There has nothing as yet transpired this year that would cause the statements previously made about the richness of the ground to be withdrawn, and all those who were in last fall and who understood the nature of the country have every faith that as soon as the water has lowered and mining is in full away, infinitely greater returns will result over those of last year. During last season work was not carried on in a thorough and practicable manner, there having been but a couple of companies who did any sluicing. Every preparation has been made this year to flume and work over the entire creek and save all the gold, the best part not yet having been touched.

RETURN FARES.

In compliance with a suggestion made, Mr. G. Kyle, general superintendent of the Onderdonk line, has issued orders that the same rates of fare be given from Coutlie's to returning passengers as those going in. Tickets are placed on sale at the creek from Coutlie's through to Moody. Mr. Kyle has generously met the proposals made by merchants of Granite creek with regard to freight and passenger traffic to the mines, which has resulted in benefit to all parties concerned.

Mr. Thompson brought down $4000 worth of dust, taken from Granite creek.

The Merry Makers.

Wash. Norton's Merry Makers had a fair audience at the Victoria Theatre last evening. The performance was somewhat beyond the average, as was evidenced by the liberal applause bestowed on the different performers. Wash. Norton proved a host in himself in his banjo selections, introducing his original Christy Minstrel songs. The box trick was cleverly done and to many was a veritable wonder. Mr. Heneay Leroyle did some very neat Irish character work, and was followed by Mr. Norton in his impersonation act, in which he assumed six different characters, in appropriate costume, without leaving the stage. Mr. H. Norman's fine baritone voice did justice to the "Village Blacksmith," Signor Enrico Sorge playing the accompaniment, and was obliged to respond to an *encore*. A laughable farce was followed by "the marvellous mystery of the entranced lady floating in the air." Mrs. Norton appeared in a mesmeric state in elegant costume, and successively represented various nations, Columbia and Britannia being particularly good. The hydro-oxygen light by Mr. Edward Bridge proved an attractive feature of the tableau of nations which closed the performance. The troupe performs again on Monday and Wednesday evenings, and will doubtless be greeted with a full house, the more especially as there will be a change of programme each evening.

CLINTON NOTES.—Mr. F. W. Foster will have work commenced in a few days in his new store, which will be a handsome and substantial addition to Blinton's buildings....Mr. Le Bourdais, the telegraph operator, has just completed a very comfortable residence....Other improvements in Clinton's building are already in progress....The white men have all returned from the new diggings on Cayoosh creek, not liking the prospects. They report about forty Chinamen at work and more going in with whip-saws and heavy packs. The ranchmen are hopeful that the new find will prove fair China diggings.

MAJOR W. F. O'CONNOR.—The photograph of Major W. F. O'Connor, late chief of Victoria police, and now major in the forces of King "Calico" of the Sandwich islands, adorned Frank Campbell's corner yesterday. The likeness depicted the major in full uniform and made him look, in the plenitude of his plumes, something little short of gorgeous. A gentleman who lately saw the troops perform certain military evolutions says that Major O'Connor put them through in a truly martial manner.

DEATH OF AN M. P.—The death of Mr. David Thompson, M. P., for Haldimand, Ont., at his residence, Deans, in that county, is announced. Mr. Thompson died at the comparatively early age of fifty years, his trouble being Bright's disease. In politics he was a staunch liberal; by trade an extensive miller and flour merchant.

THE INDIAN QUESTION.

How it Was Settled by an Indian Himself.

A tall and commanding-looking Indian from the Canada side, having a big backload of door mats on his back, was tramping up Randolph street yesterday when a man in a saloon beckoned him in. The red man's face lighted up with a "ten-cents-apiece" smile of satisfaction as he walked in. There were three men present, and they seemed to be in a hilarious state.

"See here, old copper face," said one as he shut and locked the door, "I'm down on Injuns, first, last, and all the time. They shot an uncle of mine, and I've sworn revenge. Maybe you are ready to take the all-fredest licking you ever got?"

"Hu!" replied the Indian, as he looked from one to the other.

"And the infernal varmints scalped and roasted my grandmother!" put in the second whiteman. "I didn't care particularly about the old lady, but it's the principle of the thing I look at. I've got to have Injun blood!"

"Hu!" said the Indian, as he seemed to catch on.

"And I," put in the third man, "am down on Injuns in a general way. After these other two fellows get through with you I propose to walk on the mangled remains. Let the performance now begin!"

It began. People who looked in at the window could see nothing. People who got a look through the open door saw hats, door-mats, sawdust and chairs hovering in the air, but not for long. In about three minutes the red man stalked forth, somewhat flustered and a little bit wayworn, but he had not lost a bit of blood nor a door mat.

Inside the saloon all was peaceful and serene. The man whose uncle was shot was lying under a table; the one whose grandmother was scalped seemed trying awful hard to remember how the affair began, and the one who went in on general principles was looking out of two black eyes at a ruined nose.

"Hu!" called the Indian, as he was ready to move on.

But no one hewed.—*Detroit Free Press.*

Ireland.

Three more deaths have occurred from famine, near Newport, county Mayo. The shopkeepers are on the verge of bankruptcy, and refuse to give credit even to the priests. The condition of the people has not been so serious since the potato famine many years ago. The priests are in many cases no better off than the people to whom they minister, and both are likely to diminish in numbers unless succor of some kind or other is speedily forthcoming. The question in Dublin is, will the government provide relief works for the occupation of the able-bodied men who are now starving, both themselves and their families.

An Irish farmer was waited upon the other night by Moonlighters, who warned him, on the pain of death, to forbid his daughter's approaching marriage, the bridegroom having incurred the displeasure of the land leaguers. The father had to promise that the marriage should not take place.

It is reported from Youghal that a processserver named Ahern, going out to serve some Vallieratte, county Waterford, on fishermen who refused to pay more than 10s. each on their 30s. fishing licenses, was stopped by a number of men dressed as women, who took from him his papers, stripped him, tarred him all over, and then set him free.

The first occasion upon which a lord-lieutenant of Ireland attended divine service in a Presbyterian church in that country was on a recent Sunday evening when the lord-lieutenant and the Countess of Aberdeen were present at divine service at Rutland square Presbyterian church, Dublin. Their presence was quite unexpected to the great majority of the congregation.

Alarmist Stories From India.

LONDON, April 11.—The Army and Navy Gazette has published an article which causes quite a sensation. It states that advices from India indicate uneasiness among the European officials stationed in that country, owing to the existence of Brahmin plots against the English regime. The spirit of the native Indian press is increasingly hostile to the English. The agitation for an increase of the native armies and for arming the native soldiers with artillery of improved pattern is very formidable to the interests of the foreign born residents of some portions of the provinces. The reduction of the strength of the English garrisons owing to the military necessities of Burmah, has added to the alarm. The Gazette declares that it will not be wise for the government to treat this as a sensational and unfounded report. It declares that the situation demands a watchful eye and a firm hand. The number of Brahmins involved is placed at 500,000.

ENGLAND.

A Conservative Victory.

LONDON, April 14.—The election at Ipswich, Suffolk county, resulted in Dalrymple (conservative), 3,662; Henry (liberal), 3,635; Horace Darcy (liberal), 3,627. At the general election the figures stood: H. W. West (liberal), 3,795; Jesse Collings, (radical), 3,777; E. Murray (independent conservative), 3,717; Sir Wm. T. Charley (conservative), 3,649.

ROUGH WEATHER.—Very rough weather was experienced on the gulf on Friday, and many of the passengers on the Louise and Western Slope were commuting with the deep. The Slope found the weather too severe and put back to the shelter of Plumper Pass on Friday afternoon, but arrived in Granville at 8 in the evening. The Louise stood the racket and arrived at New Westminster a couple of hours late, a portion of the delay occurring through getting on a sand-bar at Ladner's. The water in the river is so low and bars so numerous that it is thought a stern-wheeler will have to be placed on the route. Yesterday good time was made until the Slope was met off Saanich with a broken boiler tube. She was taken in tow and brought to port.

NEW REAL ESTATE FIRM.—Mr. W. H. Ellis, for two years past city editor of *The Colonist*, has resigned, for the purpose of associating himself with Mr. Albert Carswell, B. A., solicitor, Ontario, in the real estate business at Vancouver. Mr. Ellis' resignation is learned with regret by his late associates and employer. He has been assiduous, energetic, painstaking and faithful in the discharge of his onerous duties, and has contributed largely to the success which this journal has met during the past few years. *The Colonist* staff in wishing the new firm an abundant measure of success, congratulate Mr. Ellis upon his emancipation from the drudgery of newspaper life, and his prospect of sharing in the Vancouver "boom."

NEW BUILDINGS.—Ground was broken yesterday for a handsome residence for Dr. Jones, on Fort street, next to Mrs. Jaffree's residence. Mr. Herbert Kent's villa, on Yates street, above Cook, is approaching completion. Mr. Cunningham's villa, higher up on Yates street, is in a similar state of forwardness.

ALONG THE RAILWAY.

Postal Arrangements to Farwell and Similkameen.

The Season Well Advanced—For the Mines.

Mr. E. W. Fletcher, postoffice inspector, arrived down from Farwell yesterday, having perfected arrangements for the continuance of the present mail arrangements to that point. The past winter has been a favorable one, and the early opening of spring has enabled men to go into the Big Bend, a party having left last week for McLulloch creek. The Columbia river is free from ice, and the party proceeded in small boats to Laporte. There are about 500 inhabitants at present in Farwell, but this will be largely augmented when traffic on the railway opens. Efforts are being made to hasten the thorough repair of the line, operations having already commenced west of Donald. With the exception of thirteen miles, the track from Farwell to Savanas is free from slides. Snow is fast disappearing from Eagle Pass.

The country along the South Thompson and Lake Shuswap has greatly benefited by recent rains and bunch grass is far advanced and promises to be very luxuriant.

Miners are going daily in considerable numbers to Scotch creek, the reports being very favorable from that section. A party also started for about thirty-five miles up the North Thompson, fine specimens of quartz having been brought in from that quarter.

A temporary contract has been awarded to J. J. McDonell for carrying a weekly mail from Coutlie's to Granite City, pending the adoption of the most favorable route.

The prospective construction of the C. P. R. divisional buildings at Kamloops will give a considerable impetus to business in that town during the coming summer.

Kamloops lake, Thompson river and the Shuswap lakes are free from ice to Eagle Pass, and Mr. Mara's steamers are now making weekly trips to that point from Kamloops. Considerable freight is offering for Farwell, the ferry on the lake being now in running order.

Queen's Birthday.

A public meeting was held at the city hall last night to consider the best steps to take to devise and carry out a programme of sports on the coming 24th of May in celebration of the Queen's birthday. The mayor, who occupied the chair, briefly explained the object of the meeting and suggested the course usually adopted. Coun. Barnard moved that a meeting of the general committee, to be afterwards nominated, be called for Friday next, at 8 o'clock p. m. This was carried, and the nominations which followed included this honor the lieutenant-governor, the executive and other members of the legislature, the mayor and council, U. S. consul, Capt. Pope and other officers of H. M. navy, Col. Holmes and a host of private citizens, who will be notified of their nomination by the clerk of the municipal council, and their presence requested at Friday's meeting, at which all preliminaries in the way of the programme of sports and the collection of subscriptions will be arranged. The meeting then adjourned.

Mainland Items.

(Guardian.)

Capt. Pittendrigh fined a law-breaking fisherman $5 the other day for taking salmon before 6 p. m. on Sunday last.... We learn that the Hastings mill company of London, England, have placed an injunction on the right of way for the proposed branch from Port Moody to Coal Harbor.

The Chinaman who accused another stealing a watch, and was in turn accused of committing a murder at Spence's bridge in 1883, is now in gaol and rumor says he was lately troubled by his conscience and is resolved to die as soon as possible according to law. He sent for a white man who is a convict in the gaol, and confessed himself to be the murderer. He gave a vivid description of the scene that preceded the murder, and lifting his head said "pop! there you go." This confession is the missing link required to complete the chain of evidence that will consign the criminal to the gallows. He displayed a good deal of forethought in sending for the white man, who is his friend, and who will, in court, repeat his confession word for word.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.—The committee of management of the provincial teachers' institute met yesterday afternoon in the education office and prepared a programme for the annual meeting in July to be held in Victoria. The teachers of the province are throughly aware of the advantages to be derived from an annual comparison of ideas and notes, and have taken this as the nearest approach to a normal school, now so urgently required in the province for the better training of teachers for practical work. It is thought that a very large gathering of teachers from every portion of the province will take place, and the time chosen for the institute during the annual examination of teachers will favor this end.

TRI-WEEKLY TRIPS.—Beginning tomorrow the Canadian Pacific Navigation Co. will run a steamer to Vancouver three times per week, carrying an open mail for the convenience of the public. It is understood that if the Slope is not in condition on Monday, the R. P. Rithet will be placed on the New Westminster route and the Princess Louise will run to Burrard Inlet ports. The efforts of the company to meet the demands of the business public is deserving of special credit, and the treatment of passengers by the officials of their steamers is at all times courteous and obliging and the subject of pleasant comment.

METHODIST CONFERENCE.—British Columbia has at last attained to the dignity of a conference in the Methodist body. Heretofore it has been a district and dependent on the Ontario conference. The first conference will meet in this city on Tuesday next, the occasion being selected for a social and concert in the evening. There will be special service throughout the week. The Methodists have in contemplation the erection of a new Sunday school, and may possibly establish a third church in this city.

THE Dominion steamer Sir James Douglas leaves for the mainland on New Westminster via East Point on Monday at 6:30 a. m. The snag-boat Sampson will be put in commission and the channels at the heads re-surveyed and the buoys all painted and overhauled. At East Point the bearings and true position of the rock the Boscowitz struck on will be taken. Capt. H. G. Lewis goes up on her and will return on Tuesday per Princess Louise.

SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTORS.—Superintendent of Education Pope notifies the public that the voters' register will remain open till the 31st of May, and parties wishing to secure votes at the June election should qualify.

FATAL ENCOUNTER

On a Portland Street.

About 11 o'clock yesterday morning G. H. Girardat shot Emil La Plane on Main street, between Front and First, inflicting a wound from which his victim died about fifteen minutes later. Both men are Alsatians, and the killing was the result of ill-feeling which began about four years ago. Some time in the spring of 1882, La Plane was introduced to Girardat as a fellow-Alsatian. Girardat expressed doubts as to the nationality of his new acquaintance. This angered La Plane, who beat him severely and broke his nose. Wednesday evening of this week, without apparent provocation, La Plane attacked Girardat and beat him severely. Early yesterday morning the latter swore out a warrant for his assailant's arrest in Justice Davie's court. This information came to the ears of La Plane, who stated he would whip Girardat again. A minute or two before the shooting Girardat passed down Front street and turned into Main. As he turned the corner La Plane came rushing after him, hatless and coatless. Girardat left the sidewalk and backed towards the center of the street, at the same time producing a revolver. He held up his left arm and rested the muzzle upon it, taking careful aim at his pursuer. Some words passed between them, spoken in German. When the men were about ten feet apart and both standing still, Girardat fired. The bullet entered the body near the left nipple and penetrated the heart. La Plane did not speak after he received the wound.—*Oregonian, 23d inst.*

Nanaimo Notes.

(Free Press.)

Mr. John Love left by the steamer Dunsmuir on Thursday for Qualicum, and from there will proceed to locate the Alberni road from the foot of the mountains till it intersects the present road along the coast.

Mr. Joseph Webb, of the Miners' Exchange hotel, accompanied by his wife, returned from England yesterday.

A second arrest has been made in the Maple Bay tragedy at the instance of Mr. Planta, S. M. An Indian by the name of Bob, residing at Bosnell creek, within a few miles of where the tragedy occurred, has been arrested on suspicion and lodged in Nanaimo gaol.

On Thursday a little boy of W. H. Morton's, of Commercial street, while playing with a hatchet, completely severed the thumb of his little sister, who is just able to toddle about. A few weeks ago the boy nearly chopped his own thumb off.

Trial Trip.

The steam pleasure yacht Eliza designed by and built for Mr. Joseph Spratt, made her trial trip yesterday from this harbor to Esquimalt and back. Amongst those on board were Mr. Spratt, Mr. Vigor, Mr. G. Byrnes, Mr. Stoltz, and others, who all expressed themselves as charmed with the capabilities of the little steamer, which developed a rate of eleven miles an hour. The "Eliza" is 38 feet in length, 9 feet beam, and 4 feet depth of hold. The interior fittings combine elegance with comfort and will vie in this respect with any boat on the Pacific coast. Her engines were made and put in by the Albion Works Co., and the hull built by Alexander Watson, jr. Mr. Spratt is to be congratulated on the ownership of so desirable a craft.

The Chimes of Normandy.

The Victoria Operatic Society will give two performances of the "Chimes of Normandy" at The Victoria on Friday and Saturday evenings, April 30th and May 1st. The opera will be presented with a full chorus and orchestra. The preparation for this admirable piece is most elaborate. Careful rehearsals are in progress under Prof. Pfendner. Costumes are being made and the opera will be presented in a manner that will be sure to please and captivate the audience.

Railway Charters.

Forty-one notices have already appeared in the official Canada Gazette of Ottawa for charters for railways, or for amendments to existing charters, to be asked from parliament at the coming session. Four of these relate to railways in the maritime provinces, two to Quebec, seventeen to Ontario, sixteen to Manitoba and the northwest territories, and three to British Columbia.

The Weather.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 24.—8 p.m.—Indications for the succeeding 32 hours: Continued fair weather.

REAL ESTATE.—Yesterday Mr. Joshua Davies sold the following property: Four lots of half an acre each, subdivisions of sections 29 and 30, close to the city boundary and near Spring Ridge, to Mr. Heisterman at $400. Lot 16 in the same block, containing seven-tenths of an acre, was bought by Mr. D. Green for $270. The lot on the corner of Douglas and Discovery streets brought $1775, the purchaser being Mr. L. Erb. The property disposed of was owned by Mr. H. Nathan.

CHICAGO AND ST. PAUL.—A train on the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railway now runs regularly between Chicago and St. Paul in 12 hours and 20 minutes. This is a valuable concession to travelers, being a saving of about seven hours in time over the old arrangement.

ACCIDENT.—The Western Slope burst a boiler tube off Saanich and was towed to port by the Louise. Shortly after being taken in tow a slight fire was discovered in the hold, which was promptly quenched by the application of buckets of water. No damage done.

ASHCROFT.—A very substantial class of buildings are being erected at Ashcroft, the new transfer point for passengers and goods for the Cariboo road. Everything is progressing fairly, the only complaint being high charges on railway freight, and there is talk of returning to old methods of moving freight from Yale.

THE RAILROAD WAR OVER.—The cut rates on overland railways has ceased. The rates now are: To St. Louis, unlimited $67.50, limited $57.50; Chicago, $72.50 and $62.50; New York, $95.30 and $81.

POLICE NOTES.—A Chinese vagrant was given two weeks....Peter Ryan, for raising a row, was fined $10—or fourteen days....By: Heath, charged with insanity, was remanded.

B. C. BOOT AND SHOE STORE.—Mr. H. Maskell, of this popular establishment announces a fifteen days' cash sale of his new stock. Bargains may be picked up there.

NOT THE SOMENOS SCHOOL.—It was the Quamichan school, and not the Somenos school, that was closed on account of diphtheria. There is no diphtheria at Somenos.

EASTER CHORAL.—Lovers of excellent music should not fail to attend the Easter choral at St. John's church on Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock.

BASEBALL.—The picked nine got away with the Albions at the baseball match at Beacon Hill on Friday.

BY ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH

EXCLUSIVE DISPATCHES TO THE COLONIST.

CABLE NEWS.

ITALY.

ROME, April 24.—The pope, at the request of Christina, queen regent of Spain, will on Wednesday next invest Cardinal Jacobini, papal secretary, with the insignia of the order of the Golden Fle