

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL

News of the Day Selected from Tuesday's Evening Times.

The Seattle Oil. The steamer City of Seattle, which ran aground at the Point Barrow, Alaska, on Saturday last, is expected to be pulled off on Sunday night.

Never Rains But It Pours. This morning while the skies were busy weeping over the death of the "seesch" agitation and kindred movements on the Mainland, the sprinkling rain was showing unusual activity on Government street.

Approves of the Work. The Church of England Chinese Mission Society held a meeting at the home of the Rev. Canon Paddon yesterday afternoon.

Twenty Years in Jail. William Johnson, sailor, drunk, was discharged in the police court this morning. Geo. Hughes pleaded guilty to a charge of supplying liquor to Johnnie, a Fort Rupert Indian, and was sentenced to four months in jail.

The Injunction Continued. On an application made by Mr. Lindley Cressie to-day before the Chief Justice, His Lordship ordered that the interim injunction granted on Saturday restraining the corporation from pulling down the buildings known as numbers 23, 25, 27 and 29 Fisgard street, be continued until the trial or until further order of the court.

Victims of Diphtheria. Mr. D. McPhaden, of the B. C. Cattle Company, mourns the loss of one of his children at New Westminster, by the dread scourge, diphtheria.

An Important Suburb. A new postoffice has been established in Strawberry Vale district, near the junction of Carey and Nelson roads.

Will Leave Dock on Friday. The collier Romulus will leave the Esquimalt dry dock on Friday next, the last of the heavy work was completed last evening, and the majority of the men who have been employed are no longer at work.

Lighting Plant Purchased. The Tramway Company purchase Mr. F. H. Osgood's Lighting Plant. The National Electric Tramway Company have completed the purchase of the lighting plant from Mr. F. H. Osgood, of Seattle, who has controlled and operated it for the last two or three years.

An Omnisious Season in Europe. Normandy, so usually fertile, is in sore distress at the agricultural outlook. For over three months not a drop of water has fallen in that province.

Severe Punishment Promised. Plans for punishing the Colombian government have been notified to the Venezuelan minister of foreign affairs that all persons connected with the outrage on Colombian residents of Tachora will be severely punished.

THE QUESTION STILL OPEN

Alexander McBean May Not be Paid in Full for a Week Yet.

NECESSARY MONEY APPROPRIATED

But There is an Important Letter From the Mayor on the Table for Next Week - The Water Works Proposition Again Brought Up.

It is hard to say whether or not the McBean contract was finally disposed of at the city council last evening. Money enough to pay him was placed at the disposal of the commission, but there is a very important letter from the Mayor on the table for consideration next week.

There was a tie on tabling it, the eyes being Baker, Munn, Styles and Briggs, and the noses McKillochan, Belyea, Henderson, and McTavish. The mayor declared it carried, voting as himself.

The finance committee recommended that the corporation receive \$30 for damage to stock from the bursting of a city water main. Ald. Baker claimed that the matter had never been referred to the council.

On the 20th April, 1893, the council passed a by-law, No. 189, authorizing the appointment by resolution of one or more persons to be commissioner or commissioners of sewers.

The clerk started to read a couple of reports from the sanitary engineer, but they were interrupted by the members of the street committee.

Ball at the Mount Baker. The formal opening of the Mount Baker Hotel will include a dance on the 20th inst. at 8 o'clock.

A Small List. County court will be held to-morrow before Sir Matthew Baillie Begbie, sitting as county court judge.

Point Comfort Hotel Co. The annual meeting of the shareholders of the Point Comfort Hotel Company was held yesterday at the office of W. Taylor & Co., Troncau avenue.

Celestials Had no Case. Lee Wo charged John Bings with assaulting him. The charge was heard in the police court this morning.

Ald. Henderson moved, seconded by Ald. Munn, that the appointment of Mr. Turner be cancelled. That he thought would be a remedy.

Ald. Henderson did not believe the council had anything to do with the payment of the money. He thought it useless to revoke Mr. Turner's appointment, and Ald. Baker said he was satisfied to have two sign the check.

TRADE WITH AUSTRALIA.

The First Steamship to be Welcomed With an Address.

A MEMORIAL TO THE GOVERNMENT

From the Board of Trade Urging the Development of Commerce by Reciprocity with Australia and Treaties - The Marine Hospital.

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