The Occidental Hotel at the corner of Wharf and Johnson streets, has changed ands, Mr. William Jensen retiring, and he new proprietors being Messrs. Bridgenan and Andrews.

Fruit Growing.

a already been announced in these,
the quarterly meeting of the Fruit
Association will be held at Ladunding, beginning on Tuesday. The
subers have a number of matters to
and compara notes upon, besides
fir. D. L. Lockerby, the well-known
he grocer of Montreal, has been inpattend, and will give some valuable
tien as to the fruits most suited to
tern trade, and the best methods of
g and preparing them. British Cofruits are by no means an insignistor in the provinces of Ontario and

A Rough Trip.

The steamer Barbara Boscowitz arriver in Wednesday night with a large comment of spruce and cedar lumber from Hartley Bay Sawmill company, which a very fine quality. She reports havind a very rough and stormy trip, but hered it splendidly. In Fitzhagh d, on Monday last, she passed the ner Caledonia and spoke her; the new boat was "going at a furious rate." anners are all busy preparing for the ser's work. The Boscowitz brought the following passengers from the

The rain, instead of ceasing for the spaceting of the Jockey Club, poured derith never ceasing parallel rith never ceasing persistency, yesterday, with the water coming down in torrents, orse racing was practically out of the uestion, so an emergency meeting was held a the afternoon, in Brackman & Ker's ffices. By the rules of the National association, with which the club is affiliated, Association, with which the club is affiliated, races cannot be postponed from one week to another. The directors accordingly decided to meet the difficulty by calling the races off, and receiving new entries until 11 o'clock on Tuesday evening next. The races will be taken up next Friday and Saturday, when it is hoped the weather maker will be kind.

Douglas will leave with Mr. Anderson for the North, calls being made wherever aids to navigation are required.

In the event of the city contributing to-ward the purchase of suitable exhibition buildings for the Agricultural society, the right will be given the council to elect two or three trustees upon the Board of Direc-tors, to watch over the city's interests.

At an adjourned meeting of the congregation of the Gorge Road Methodist church on Wednesday evening, the consideration of the question of ways and means in connection with building a new church, was continued. Little progress was made, the one step further taken being in the decision to build as soon as \$5,000 shall be secured.

Last of the Season

he teacher expressing he with the results of the se

At the last meeting of Leval Waverly Lodge, Canadian Order of Oddfellows, Manchester Unity, the reports of Grand Lodge were received, and it was resolved that Waverly Lodge have a representative at the Grand Lodge meeting to be held at Woodstock, on June 9, next. During the evening a fraternal visit was paid to Waverly by members of Loyal Pride of the West Lodge.

A SADDENED HOME.

then Ash Loses His Life Through a Mis-step—The Mangled Remains Brought to the City.

When the Government steamer, Sir James Douglas, returned from Bonilla Point yesterday, her orew, with sad hearts, carried ashore the mangled body of Stephen Ash, one of their number, who lost his life during

W. J. Pendray was seen yesterday at his establishment, on Humboldt street, on the subject of the application made by him to the City Council for exemption from taxation. "I suppose," he said, "you have come to see me on the subject of my application to the City Council, last night. The fact is I have been in business here for 15 years and have been gradually increasing my trade and my facilities. Some days since an application was made by parties who desired to start in the same line as I am, and I made up my mind that I, who had already done what these people propose to do, am entitled to the same amount of consideration. I have made considerable outlays in this city for material, for machinnmers are all busy preparing for the loss to the company. The cause of it was propose to do, am entitled to the same ame are should be should be should freight No. 57 overlooked that west-bound freight No. 57 overlooked that west-bound freight No. 54 had not yet passed, and the two trains met head on. The trainmen jumped in time to save at Queen Charlotte's Island, Rev. the same are sin the same are sin the same are sin the fact that east-bound freight No. 54 had not yet passed, and the two trains met head on. The trainmen jumped in time to save proposing to do something. I alree that the same are sin of consideration. I have made consideration. I have made consider outlays in this city for material, for macro at least the same fact that west-bound freight No. 57 overlooked outlays in this city for material, for macro at least the same forms of consideration. I have made consideration. I have made consider outlays in this city for material, for macro at least the same fact that west-bound freight No. 54 had not yet passed, and the two trains met head on. The trainmen jumped in time to save the same forms of consideration. I have made consider the fact that east-bound freight No. 54 had not yet passed, and the two trains met head on. The trainmen jumped in time to save the fact that east-bound freight No. 54 had not yet passed, and the two trains met head on. The trainmen jumped in time to save proposition of the fact that the same forms of the fact that the same are the fact that the same are the fact that the same are the fact that the same proposing to do something. I already manufacture a considerable quantity of vinegar, and have in my employment a man whom I brought out from England for the express purpose of making washing powder, extracts, jams, jellies, pickles, raspberry vinegar, fruit syrups, etc. As you are aware, I make white wine and malt vinegar, laundry and toilet soaps, blue, blacking, sal-soda, rosin and stove polish. I also manufacture hat boxes, boot and shoe boxes, candy boxes and blacking boxes, for the latter of which I have recently obtained a new machine of the latest description. I propose to enter into a number of other lines, and have a separate building in which my vinegar is made where I shall turn out a large variety of the more delicate productions."

A PIOUS FRAUD.

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS.

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SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

A dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer from Vancouver says: The Westminster lacrosse eam claim that the reason they refused to come over here on Tuesday to play the final rame of the tournament, is that on Monday,

A special meeting of the National base-bell club was held on Tuesday evening last, for the purpose of considering whether it was advisable to invite the Clipper baseball club, of Vancouver, to play a game here on the 24th May. The secretary was instruct-ed to communicate with the Clipper team, and if satisfactory arrangements could be made, to make necessary preparations for the match. As both clubs play good ball, an interesting game may be looked for, and every member of the Nationals is requested to turn out on Tuesday and Thursday even-ings to practice for the anticipated game.

Trouble With The Chinamen.

Mr. W. Ward, the census enumerator, who has been controlled and condities the touble with the China from them, and or different touble with the China from them, and the Grand and the China answer any of the questions in the official list. In applaining the case, the prosecutor said that he had had trouble right along answer any of the questions in the official list. In applaining the case, the prosecutor said that he had had trouble right along the word of the questions in the official list. In applaining the case, the prosecutor said that he had had trouble right along the word of the questions in the official list. In applaining the case, the prosecutor said that he had had trouble with the would make an example of him. His Honor only fined the outprit \$5, as it was the first case of the kind that has come up in court, but warned all the Chinaman in court, but warned all the Chinaman in the court, but warned all the Chinaman in court, but

Walter Gardner vs. Shuswap Milling Company—This is a new trial of a claim for \$2,700, arising out of a contract entered into between the parties, under which the plaintiff undertook to get out logs for the defendants. The plaintiff offered a quantity of logs which the Milling Company refused, as they alleged they did not come up to the agreement. C. Wilson and W. H. Whitta ker (Kamloops), for plaintiff; Hon. C. E. Pooley and F. J. Fulton for the defendants. The evidence has been already published. Sefore Mr. Justice Drake and a special jury.)

J. A. Laidlaw is in town.
J. J. Meyers, of Tacoma, is in town.
James Wilson, of Nichola, is in town.
W. J. McSims, of Seattle, is in town.
James Dygett, of Wallace, is in town.
W. A. Calder, of Napanee, is in town.
S. M. Smyth, of Seaforth, Ont., is in the

A. S. Going came over by the Kings esterday.

Richard Hall came over from Vancouve

he Oriental.

H. O'Dogherty, of Detriot, is a guest at the Oriental. e Oriental. Frederic Archer, the famous organ

Frederic Archer, the lamous organization left for Europe.

J. L. Latham, of Pertland, Ore., is visiting Victoria.

Harry E. Field went over to Seattle and Portland last evening.

E. H. Fletcher and wife were passengers by the Islander last night.

D. L. Lockerby, of Montreal, returned from the Mainland last night.

J. A. McGee, a well-known Sound lumberman, is at the Oriental.

berman, is at the Oriental.

T. S. Hisper and wife and J. W. Anders on and wife are at the Oriental.

Rev. Joseph Hall will, it is expected, filthe pulpit of the new Methodist church a

the pulpit of the new Methodist church at Saanich.

G. B. Braden, proprietor of the Tribune and one of the town fathers of Calgary, is in the city.

W. T. Ramsay, president of the Canada Life Assurance Co., Hamilton, Ont., is at the Driard.

John Whelan, proprietor of the Manor House, Vancouver, is spending a few days with friends here.

J. C. Stone and Jno. P. White, of Walton, N.Y., are in the city. They will remain several days.

James Corcoran, one of the most influential residents of Stratford, Ont., is registered at the Driard.

Hon. George R. Wendling, the distinguished American orator, arrived by the Sound steamer last night.

Charles Esplin, Sr., a well-known millwright and mechanical engineer and expert of Seattle, is at the Oriental.

W. E. Traill, representing the Hudson's Bay Co., at Stuart's Lake, is in town. He is accompanied by his son, W. McK Traill, of Lakefield, Ont., whom he had not seen for five years and who joined him at Clinten.

LITTLE LOCALS.

alty pelice to-day, after a work a least absence.

Mr. Booth is having a commodious stor and a half residence put up at the corner of Johnson and Quadra streets.

The L. O. L. fife and drum band has bee reorganized, and is now practising regular at the rooms of the Trade and Laboratory

olub.

Thomas McAllister writes from the 150 Mile House, stating that he is entitled to the entire credit for capturing the Indian outlaw Emia.

Ewen's cannery was to have commenced packing spring salmon yesterday. This is the first cannery on the Fraser to start operations this spring.

The funeral of the late Stephen Ash takes place te-merrow at 2:30 'clock, from his late residence Pandera street, and at 3 e'clock from Christ Church cathedral.

Mr. C. T. Collins has leased the upper stery of the Turner Block, and will furnish the rooms for offices. Every convenience will be provided, including electric lights. Reginald Slavin, a seven-year old child, was run ever by one of the street cars at Vancouver, on Wednesday, and has since had his right leg amputated at the knee.

d to knee, final Francis Murray, an old time Victorian aday, and now a prominent member of the San

and now a prominent member of the San Francisco police force, was one of President Harrison's body-guard during his visit to the Bay City.

Indian Harry, who escaped from a police officer a few days ago, taking with him a nice pair of handcuffs belonging to the corporation, has returned. He will not be charged with larceny.

Frank Campbell has on exhibition at the corner, the genuine and only original horn cup from which H. R. H. the Prince of Wales and the Shah of Persia drank, when they were hunting together in the Highlands.

The Athletic Sports convenitors in con-

lands.

The Athletic Sports committee, in connection with the Queen's Birthday celebration, held a meeting last night, and mapped out a lengthy programme which will be laid before the general committee at its next meeting. The question of a firemen's tournament will also be dealt with by the general committee.

Midnight Adles Club.

The members of the Midnight Adiea Club gave their last dance of the season in Philharmonic hall, last night. This club has been a most successful one and the enjoyment it has afforded is highly appreciated. This accounted for the success of last night's farewell, in which over fifty couples took part. The music furnished was excellent, and the evening was one which will be long remembered with satisfaction.

Mr. W. E. Traill, manager for the Hudson's Bay Co., at Stuart's Lake, is paying the capital his annual visit. He has little news to tell, and says that the winter just past has been a nost uneventful one. Mild weather prevailed generally, though in February the thermometer dropped to 36 below zero. Furs have been more plentiful than last year, though they are still scarce, and it is Mr. Traill's opinion that his district has been over-hunted.

the flower and discovered that it was nourished by 19 cans of opium, nine pounds in all.

The smuggler, who gave his name as Elder Gerrard, was brought before United States Commissioner J. G. Swan on Wednesday, and was held to the United States Court, his bail being set at \$225. As he could not find a bondsman he is still in the hands of Deputy United States Marshal, W. J. Jones.

Gerrard claims to be a minister, and is a successful worker in the opium trade. He

THE STARS

What are their years? The night's unf

What are their memories of creation's days,
When startled chaos, from its kingdor
hurled,
First knew its master, and, with glad amaze,
They sang the birth-song of our trembling
world?

What have they looked on since while million years uncounted rolled away?
Who claims antiquity for man that dies
Before such records of the past as they?

Can they to man the mystery explain,
The why, the whence of his uncertain stat
Unlock the riddle that he reads in vain,
And clear the tangled problems of his fate?

Can they fashion to the future give, And tell the whither of man's anxious Make life a less than weariness to live, Or stay the hazard of his wild unrest?

Oh, stars! what midnight message do ye bear
To minds grown weary with the year's inorease?
The wistful eyes that watch you shining there
Look out of troubled hearts that know not
peace.

—Golden Days.

A CURIOUS MANIA.

John Rhett's Harrowing Experi ence in a Barber's Chair.

man in the county, he of the raven locks and with the beautiful black mustache that the women adored— John Rhett walked into the barber-

shop in Yorkville for a shave. It was a cold day and there were three or four of his friends, besides several tonsorial artists, standing around the stove at the time; but the man who always did his work being idle, the walked directly over and threw himself into the comfortable chair.

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The barber was a tall, well-built young fellow by the name of Henry Casey, whom Rhett had known for a long time. The usual preparatory process was gone through with and then he sharpened his razor and went to work, but he started off in a manner that made Rhett uncomfortable from the first. This was due to the unusual and seemingly reckless way in which he handled the razor. There was entirely too much flourish about it to make one feel easy. He would whirl it round in one or two circles before it touched the face, and then take it off again in the same artistic style. This may have looked very pretty to a spectator, but to the person who formed the center of these concentric circles, Rhett thought, it was any thing but pleasant. At first he was inclined to think the fellow was drinking. But he soon dismissed this idea, for the work was being done well and skillfully and as no drunken man could do it. Finally he told Casey that he didn't like any such flourishes around his head, and to stop it.

But the only reply he received was the press of the barber's finger against the trees of the barber's finger against the press of the pressure that the

express himself very forcibly, but hen he looked up at the man who stood

science. I believe it will prove to be the most painless and quickest of all deaths. If I succeed to-day, as I expect to do, my method may become the public mode of execution in this country, supplanting the gallows. You see what an honorit will be to have started what an incapital punishment.

My name will become immortal. There
will be none of the suspense attending
executions now; none of the terrible
scenes at the gallows. You simply take the condemned man in for a shave and before he knows it he is in eterni-

ty."

He kept on talking in this rapid, excited way, and kept on shaving.

Rhett heard his friends conversi

the other side of the room and he turned his head to see if he could tell them of his danger. But it was quick-ly jerked back in position and the barber told him if he did that again or tried to get out of the chair it would be the signal for his death. And the wicked gleam of his eye, more than his words, showed that he was in terrible

sharp cunning of the maniac with an equal cunning.

Then commenced a fierce and hidden

fuel to the flame, and he began to despair of conciliating the mad man.

"Yes," said Casey, and his wild hand grew wilder, and the razor pressed harder upon his victim's face; 'yes, you must die this very hour for the sake of science. Why, it will be a noble death. You ought to feel honored to perish in

such a cause." The young man was now thoroughly frightened, and he watched for an opportunity to spring from the chair and escape. But he looked in vain. Though the barber occasionally relaxed the stern grip upon his throat, yet he still held him with his gliftering eye.

"You see, the criminal will not know that his horn; is the head. The header

that his hour is at hand. The barber will be taken into the jail to give him a shave, and without a fear or tremor, without a single thought of death, he will be hurled into another world. Talk about executing by electricity, but my method will not only be quicker, but more resistence.

more painless.

"Just a stroke like this, and it's all over," and Rhett's heart gave a wild leap, for he thought his end had come.

Casey, however, had only drawn the back of his razor across his throat, but with each force and rapidity that it with such force and rapidity that it burned like fire.

burned like fire.

The situation was growing desperate. In a minute the barber would be through with his work. With one hand he had Rhett by the hair and with the other was finishing up the job, while his lips kept muttering and his body swayed with excitement. Rhett knew with the next sweep of that infuriated arm he would meet his doom. Whatever he did must be done instantly.

"Well, Henry," he said, as lightly as he could, "sharpen up your razor well before you start, for I don't want any bungling job." For he thought when

bungling job." For he thought when the barber turned to do this he could leap from the chair and get away.

"It's sharp enough for you, Mr. Rhett," and the madman grew madder as he spoke, "it's sharp enough for you,

as he spoke, "It's sharp enough for your sir."

He had already finished shaving. Rhett's heart almost stood still.

"Now we'll see if it needs to be sharper," said Casey, with a demoniac laugh, and Rhett felt a sharp sting as the keen blade cut the skin on his

The barber withdrew the razor and held it motionless in his hand. Rhett breathed easier and became eloquent on the subject of the experiment.

"Now, the next man you shave, when he looked up at the man who stood drawing the sharp razor over his face, his anger gave way to a far more fear ful feeling. The words died on his lips and a sudden chill crept over his body. He had looked into the wild, excited eyes of a maniac.

"Don't you move or say a word; if you do I'll cut your throat," came again in a suppressed whisper, as that sharp, cunning face bent near to his.
"Do you know," said the barber, as he kept on with the work; "do you know that this will be your last shave—that I intend to kill you with this same razor the moment I have finished?

"I have long wanted to make the experiment," he continued, as he went rapidly on, "just to see how quickly it could be done. Perhaps you think I am to do this work in the interest of the came a playful and mischievous humor.

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"Well, Mr. Rhett, I believe you are right about it," and he began to close the razor.

The mania was wearing off, and in its stead there came a playful and mischievous humor.

Patting his customer under the chin, "Ah! Mr. Rhett," he said, "you would look so much better without your mustache. Now, don't you want me to take it off for you?"

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Afraid to cross him in his humor, Rhett replied, though it almost broke his heart to say it: "Why, certainly, Henry, if you think it will look better."

On went the lather and in another minute the beautiful silken strands were no more than the withered leaves of the

more than the withered leaves of the forest.

"Now, Mr. Rhett, if you had you hair clipped you would look splendid Don't you want me to take it off?"

"Of course, Henry, clip it," came from those anguished lips. He was willing to say or do any thing to get that razor back into its case.

So the clippers were brought out, and in less than two minutes he was slicker than a new-born rat.

But if his head was light his heart was too, when he arose from the chair.

was too, when he arose from the chair, and never in all his life did he feel so willing and happy to pay for a shave and hair cut.

Of course everybody laughed at him when he went out on the street, and the wind blew cold about his head.

wicked gleam of his eye, more than his words, showed that he was in terrible earnest. Under the circumstances, the intended victim thought it best not to move again, and so he laid there as still as death.

But his brain was not idle. It was working with the rapidity of lightning—and well it might.

Rhett had always been regarded as a cool and brave young man; he had proved it on more than one trying occasion. And he determined in this last extremity to be himself and to meet the sharp cunning of the maniac with an accord word in the wind blew cold about his head. To his friends, when they gathered around him, he told his harrowing experience, and he was still as pale as a ghost.

A committee forthwith waited on the barber, but they did not find any thing in his words or actions to denote insanity. So some believed the story and some didn't—and the barber kept on shaving.

But never again did he put his razor upon the face of John Rhett.—W. M. Hobby, in Atlanta Constitution.

Then commenced a fierce and hidden game between those two, a game in which one knew the prize for him was life, and, if he lost, the profit death.

A traveler mentions that, in crossing a plain in Africa, far distant from any stream of water, where no cool shade refreshed him, and as far as the eye "Henry," said the young man, and he smiled, though his heart was beating fast, "you shouldn't try to frighten a good customer in that way. You know you wouldn't kill an old friend like me."

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Their First Appear new open cars, although es to go to, made their f on the tramway line yester smoothly, are very comfo no doubt be popular during

The Organ Arrives. in the freight by t igston last evening was the j St. John's church, which ha ck as well as safe journey acro-ent, by the Northern Pacific. Duce put into position by Mes & Co.

Property Sale.

The small lot, 25 feet front, of the small lot, 25 feet front, of the yesterday sold to a Victoriane, McGregor & Boggs for as are being got out for a r story building for stores and of

ng Pilot, which left for Ta ade to seize or even deta

Passengers for the North.
The following passengers left
rith last evening on the steamer
A. Carthew, Mr. Todd, J. McI.
D. Draniers, Mr. Cowler, Mr.
sers. Bennett, Kepland, Paul
madel, McKenzie, Alderson a

xt week's meeting of the City tot be held on the usual nesday, as that is the day the and the aldermen will a le, helping to welcome the I United States. They go to welcome ates. They go and on Tuesday evening Judge Lichtenberg, of Seattle, ricken down with heart failure bench in the Equity court, will state to days, with his wife, an acceptance will pleased

ome last evening, well please ty and those of its inhabitants had become acquainted duri first case under Mr. Browning the use of tobacco by me to them, has been tried be mo pelice magistrate. Edd 2, pleaded guilty to having stee, but said that it had been im by a man whose horse he held ence was reserved, the boy prom ppear when called upon.

Bonded Until August. a move has yet been made talists comprising the British very syndicate. They have be ilege of purchasing all the bri province, until the 1st of Au efore that time expect to have ever a shape for establishing one immer my at this city, and closing all "small affairs" in the country.

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Seattle will carry the president
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ay to Victoria.

private letter from South Dak hundreds of Canadians born that state for new homes in ion, and hundreds more are pre hem. A large party have of their number has already province, to select a suit nd for them. He has been unication with the Minist re, and that gentleman is doing a wer to facilitate the search for ation. The new-comers will puber twenty or twenty-five familiest drairable class of immigrants.

In Explanation.

At the City Council meeting, last day evening, an application was run H. J. Brady & Co. to be place and the the same faction as Falconer actly the same footing as Falcon no had asked for certain concessi o Council to assist them in estab negar, sauce and pickle factory y. Brady & Co. claim that as the by. Brady & Co. claim that as the en in the business referred to for ears, without receiving any favor anything of that kind, were all valuess rival, it would be manifest at to them. Their request is, the the same treatment at the hands ouncil as Falconer & Co. receive.

tring to the recent case of the San Francisco Commercia. It looks more as if the Briti tive to the needs of the busine merican tug boat men were the order and the American verse the order and the American uld only pay in British ports we tish boat paid in Tacoma. As a fact, a ship wanting a tug at and or elsewhere, is not particular flag the boat flies, but her cape the work, and her promptness adding to a signal for a boat. The boats should get out and hastle for instead of being in a combine rates and take things easy, and to papers to growl over loss of the from them by enterprising riva

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