

TWICE-A-WEEK TIMES

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A CRISIS, AND THE CITY'S INTEREST IN IT.

Citizens of Victoria are vitally interested in the apparent crisis which has developed in the relations between the British Columbia Electric Railway and Light Company and the Esquimalt Water Company.

The British Columbia Electric Railway Company has an auxiliary steam plant, unfortunately not of sufficient capacity to meet all the requirements of its rapidly growing business.

The statements of the representatives of the water works company and the statements of the representatives of the tramway company differ considerably as to the amount of water consumed per diem during the past year.

What guarantee is there that Nature may not be even more niggardly in this respect this year than she was last year? As we understand the matter, the estimate of the value of the Goldstream property as submitted to the civic authorities is based upon a capacity of fifteen million gallons of water per day for either power or domestic purposes.

Whatever the immediate result of the present power crisis as it affects the relations of the Esquimalt Water Works Company with the British Columbia Electric Railway Company, the ultimate result will be beneficially to the interests of the people of Victoria.

erty; it has proved to the directors of the tramway company the absolute necessity of procuring a new source of power supply, if the rapidly increasing requirements of the city of Victoria are to receive the attention warranted by the circumstances of the case.

The end-man of Mr. Borden's company of political artists, M. Bergeron, has been maintaining his reputation as a humorist, right through the circuit.

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FAITH AND WORKS. The Colonist acknowledges that the former government of Canada failed to impress the world with the practically unlimited prospects of the country.

It is contended that the government in which Hon. Alexander Mackenzie and Hon. Edward Blake were the most conspicuous figures also failed to ap-

preciate the resources of the West, and manifested their lack of faith by opposing the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway. The government of which they were members undertook the task of pushing the West through Canada as a government work. They did not appreciate the value of the contract with the syndicate which built the road because they considered the endowment proposed by the Macdonald government was too lavish.

It would assuredly have been endorsed by the people of the present day, the C. P. R. would have been constructed as a government road, and, much as the company has done for Canada as a private corporation, it might have been better for the country if the policy of Hon. Alexander Mackenzie had been given a fair trial.

Now an authority comes forth to tell the world ballooning is not dangerous. It is imagination dwelling upon the possibilities of something going wrong with the delicate machinery, the gas escaping as a consequence of an inconvenient puncture, one of the wings becoming disabled, or one of the planes falling to take the atmosphere at the proper slant, followed of course by an abrupt descent and a sudden stop, that causes all the terror that rises in the heart of the novice.

As the bride party entered the church the organist, Mr. C. Jennings Burnett, played a prelude by Adolphe Jensen. The bride wore her traveling dress of cream chiffon cloth with hat of the same shade, and a stole of white ostrich feathers, the gift of her sister, Miss Phyllis Jay, over her shoulders.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, the wedding party drove to the home of the bride's parents on Elford street, where the wedding repast was served, and the guests had an opportunity of admiring the many valuable tokens which showed the esteem in which both the bride and groom are held in the city and surrounding country.

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APPLES ARE ON UPWARD MOVE

QUALITY OF FRUIT OFFERED IS GOOD

Alberta Hay Is Not Coming Owing to Lack of Cars-Local Prices.

The general weakening of the supply market has not yet affected the local market. The prices are still holding good, and it may be some little time before it is felt here. That a falling off of prices is coming in the near future is apparent by all who have studied the condition of affairs and the over inflation of prices.

Apples are moving up slightly in the market, just now are very fine. When they are packed with three apples to a row of eleven inches the apples are certainly large. A shipment of Kings came in yesterday from the state of Washington, and they are fine apples but not as fine as the local product.

There are a few local cranberries on the market at fifteen cents a pound retail. The Eastern berries still remain at 20 cents. California new walnuts are in and are put on the market at 25 cents wholesale, the Eastern nuts going at 15 cents.

Hay is not coming down from the state of Alberta, as this is not by any means the month when they are dear.

It is impossible to get cars to bring in the wheat, as this is not on just now, so that it is impossible to say when cars will be obtainable.

The following is the retail list: Garden Produce—Cabbage, per lb. 1.00; Cucumbers, each 10; Lettuce, per lb. 25; Onions, per bunch 25; Tomatoes, 4 to 7 lbs. 1.00; Green Tomatoes, 8 lbs. 1.00; Sweet Potatoes, per lb. 10; Squash, per lb. 10.

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Table of Wholesale Markets prices for various goods including Citrus, Squash, Pumpkins, Cucumbers, etc.

A PRETTY CHURCH WEDDING YESTERDAY

Mr. B. Schwengers and Miss Connie Jay United in Marriage at St. John's Church

Two of the most popular of the young people of Victoria were yesterday afternoon united in marriage in the St. John's Anglican church.

There was a large gathering of friends of the young people to witness the ceremony which was conducted by Rev. Percival Jenks, assisted by Rev. Stanley Ard.

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MEMBERS ADDED TO ORGANIZATION

Local Branch of Canadian Club Received Many Additions at the Last Meeting.

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The new names received yesterday were as follows: Stuart Williams, M. B. Carlin, J. G. Billings, J. G. Smith, A. T. R. Blackwood, J. Fred Ritchie, R. W. Eaton, J. F. Jeameret, J. S. Ballantyne, Horace G. Ross, R. H. Swinerton, A. J. Cohen, E. Rogers, W. E. Goodson, Otto Weese, Geo. C. Howell, Thos. Cattarel, A. H. Mitchell, Geo. McCandless, C. W. Blackstock, Geo. S. Russell, F. P. Pemberton, Dr. C. P. Newcombe, A. P. Monteth, F. O'Hanlon, W. G. Cameron, T. S. Gore, Max Leiser, J. G. Hands, E. A. Hinton, A. C. McCarter, W. T. Williams, A. W. Vowell, Rev. Riddell, Harman Robertson, F. W. Jones, Rev. C. E. Cooper, Thos. Barton, P. R. Brown, Jr., C. Ladd, B. S. Heisterman, Julius Brethour, A. W. Howard, John A. Watson, J. T. McInroy, A. F. Appay, W. Garland Foster.

EVA MARIE RETURNS.

The three-masted sealing schooner Eva Marie, owned by Victor Jacobson, returned to port this afternoon from the Behring Sea, bringing 400 skins.

NEXT TIME

YOU GO TO THE GROCER'S HAVE A PACKAGE OF LEAD PACKETS ONLY. AT ALL GROCERS.

RESIGNATION OF HERBERT CUTHBERT

Secretary of Tourist Association Will Enter Real Estate Business on Vancouver Island

In January next a new secretary will be appointed for the Victoria Tourist and Development Association, the resignation of Herbert Cuthbert, who has occupied the position for the past six years, having been filed, to take effect at the end of the month.

The annual report of the association will be prepared by Mr. Cuthbert for presentation at the meeting, which takes place in the third week in January next, at which time the selection of the new official will probably be made.

It is Mr. Cuthbert's intention to engage in the real estate business in this city, in which enterprise he will have the best wishes of many friends.

SACKS DISCOVERED GOLD WAS GONE

Loot in the Great Yukon Robbery Hidden Beneath Public School Building.

Dawson, Oct. 24—Mail sacks and blocks from which \$40,000 in gold was stolen at Dawson by Kincaid and his associates, were found yesterday by Turner Towns, hidden beneath the public school building.

It now appears Kincaid got the gold from the post office building here, and then hid it at the school building under a pretense of working on the foundations.

OFFICERS INSTALLED.

The seventh quarterly rally of the Victoria union of Christian Endeavor was held last night in Emmanuel Baptist church, there being a large number of members present.

The retiring president, Mr. Lamphire, asked the members to give their support to the newly elected officers, and the new president, Mr. Hume, promised to do all he could to further the interest of the union, and urged the members of each society to do his utmost to forward the cause.

The retiring executive made the following recommendations which were unanimously adopted: Resolved, that the incoming executive be instructed to draft a new constitution; Resolved, that the various societies elect a member to represent themselves to the executive, said representative to hold office for one year;

Resolved, that the incoming executive appoint an evangelist, a missionary and an organization committee.

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EMPRESS SANK AT A COUVER

PACIFIC LINER MET ACCIDENT AT WHARF

An Open Sea Cock Caused Trouble--Vessels Is Being Raised To-Day.

Vancouver, Oct. 24—The Empress of China, which sank at her dock last night, is being raised this morning. She was off the bottom at ten o'clock and it is just a matter of pumping her out to have her floating again in normal shape.

The steamer Salvor is alongside and about the lines near the water by tonight as she is operating two large pumps. The main deck cabins were flooded. The company has not yet announced whether the steamer can be made ready to leave on time next Tuesday or not.

With the water flowing into her hull through an open sea-cock the C. P. R. liner Empress of China commenced to sink at her berth alongside the Vancouver wharf about six o'clock last evening, and before the trouble could be remedied, the white liner suddenly listed to port and her stern settled down on the mud.

As soon as the crew became aware of the danger suit the officers desired to close the lower ports, but the flooding of the engine room caused the dynamo to stop and plunged the steamship into darkness. The Chinese crew, almost frantic with apprehension, seized what belongings they could find and tried to get to the shore, but the officers detained them and kept them, a jabbering, excited herd, on the upper deck forward until after ten o'clock, when they were landed and placed in the detention shed.

The news that the liner was sinking spread like wildfire through Vancouver, and fire engines were rushed to the wharf in the hope of clearing the water from the steamship's holds. All efforts were unavailing, however, and the liner was soon resting with her stern on the mud and her upper works all but submerged in the water. The liner was partially loaded at the time, as her scheduled sailing was for Monday. It is anticipated that 1,000 bags of flour have been destroyed.

As soon as the news of the liner's predicament was registered in the B. C. Salvage Company hurried together a number of local divers, who, with their gear, left on the Princess Victoria this morning for Vancouver.

ROCKEFELLER TO LEAD THE RESCUE.

Is Prepared to Lend Large Sums to New York Financial Institutions.

New York, Oct. 23—John D. Rockefeller has taken an active interest in the financial situation, and he has arranged to loan very large sums to a number of New York financial institutions.

"I think," said Mr. Rockefeller to a reporter this evening, "there is a great alarm among investors, although not warranted, and I hope the good common sense of the American people will control the situation."

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