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THE CITY.

Has Assigned.

R. McIntosh, of Centreville, B. C., shoemaker, has assigned to L. W. Paisley, of the same place, for the benefit of his creditors.

Hearts United.

Mr. Smith of 11, Pioneer street, and Miss Fox, also of this city, were united in marriage, last evening. Rev. A. A. Green, of Wellington, officiating.

An Honored Irishman.

Mr. D. Deasy, father of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, yesterday, celebrated his 66th birthday in conjunction with that of St. Patrick, the patron of Mr. Deasy's native land.

A Tale of a Tail.

A gentleman in the service of the Custom House is anxiously looking for a "mean man." A splendid fox hound, imported by him, came home, last night, with no tail, it having been cut off by some malicious miscreant.

A Plain Statement.

With reference to the "Challenger" affair Mr. John Coles, of Caledonia avenue, was in the COLONIST office yesterday. He said, "The statement in the Times that I said to them that I never had an interview with reporters of this paper concerning my son's disappearance is an unqualified lie."

Voted With the Ayes.

There was an error made in the record of the votes on the Esquimalt Waterworks Company's bill, in the Legislature, on Wednesday. Mr. Anderson voted for the passage of the bill, not against it. The error was afterwards corrected on the records of the House.

Pharmaceutical.

The case of Henderson vs. The Pharmaceutical Society, was the outcome of an application by Mr. William Henderson, of Montreal, member of the firm of T. A. Muir & Co., Westminster, for a writ of mandamus, that he be registered by the B. C. Pharmacentical Society as a member under clause 12 of the Pharmacy Act, 1891.

Ministerial Dinner.

The following members of the legislature attended a ministerial dinner at the Dallas hotel last night, viz: Hon. Mr. Robson, Hon. Mr. Davie, Hon. Mr. Vernon, Hon. Mr. Pooley, Hon. Mr. Turner, Col. Baker and Messrs. Anderson, Booth, Croft, Eberts, Fletcher, Hall, Hunter, Horne, Martin, Nason, Rogers, Smith and Stoddart.

For a Powder Magazine.

Notice is given in to-day issue of the B. C. Gazette, that some 40 acres of land, situated on the north shore of the West Arm of Kootenay Lake, opposite the mouth of Cottonwood-Smith Creek, and embracing Magazine Point, are reserved for the use of the public as a place for the storage of powder and other explosives.

Death Caused by Epilepsy.

The coroner's jury empannelled, yesterday, to enquire into the cause of the sad and sudden death of Mr. James McGibbons, after hearing the medical testimony, brought in a verdict of death from suffocation, caused by an epileptic fit. The body of the unfortunate young man will be sent back immediately to his relatives at Brownsburg, Quebec.

Land Surveyors' Examination.

A meeting of the Board of Examiners for examination of candidates for admission to practice as Provincial land surveyors in the Province of British Columbia, will be held at the office of the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, Victoria, on Wednesday, the 6th day of April proximo, as provided by the "Provincial Land Surveyors' Act, 1891."

B. C. Gazette Announcements.

To-day's issue of the B. C. Gazette contains the following announcements: The resignation of Fred. J. Nightingale, of Chilcotin, as a Justice of the Peace for the county of Cariboo. Certificates of incorporation of the following companies are published for the first time, viz., B. C. Board of Trade Building Association, the Commonwealth Company, the Kootenay Powder Works Company, and the Slocan Trading and Navigation Company.

Honoring the Day.

A poor "drunk," who had been celebrating St. Patrick's day, by imbibing rather freely in hot "Irish," yesterday, had his face badly cut and bruised from a fall from the steps of a saloon to the hard rock below. There were no bones broken, however, but when the individual awakens from his fit of debauchery in one of the cells of the city lockup, this morning, he will find that he wears more than a bit of green ribbon in honor of the day.

Open for a Game.

Mr. Thos. Piper, a caulker now working on the San Pedro, called at the COLONIST office last night to see who was the "dark horse" champion chess player mentioned a few weeks ago in these columns. Mr. Piper says he claims the championship for the Sound country and is prepared to defend his claims with good stakes, or would prefer to play a friendly bout. He has won four prizes from the London press and was also a successful player in one international tournament.

The Inland Capital.

Judge Spinks, of Kamloops, was in town yesterday, and in conversacion with a COLONIST reporter, gave an opinion—not a legal one—that Vernon would be THE city of the interior. Arrangements, he said, had been almost completed to improve the conditions of the place as much by water as by rail accommodation. He has decided to remove from Kamloops to Vernon, the calendar of the former district being such as to warrant a change. The Judge speaks in glowing terms of the liberality of the Vernon people in encouraging wholesome trade. He says that in this respect they are far ahead of the other inland towns, and in illustration of his statement, mentioned the fact that when the Earl of Aberdeen intimated his intention of starting a fruit cannery, the people of Vernon offered him a site, rather than have the operations performed at the Mission, some few miles distant. The Judge is very hopeful of the future of Vernon.

Taxes on Building Society Mortgages.

A very formidable deputation, consisting of Mayor Cope, for Vancouver, and others representing the various building societies in the province, waited upon the Premier yesterday. They were introduced by Mr. Cotton, who explained that the object of the deputation was to obtain freedom from taxation upon building society mortgages. After a full explanation from different members of the deputation, the Premier stated that inasmuch as the estimates were now closed, it would be impossible to surrender that source of revenue for the present year; but he held out hopes that the proposition to exempt that class of mortgage from taxation hereafter, might receive the favorable consideration of the Executive, and suggested that a memorial, setting forth the facts and arguments, should be sent in by the building societies, with a view to the consideration of the subject. The deputation thanked the Premier, and retired apparently satisfied.

"Promotion by Merit."

The way in which the death of our late lamented fellow-citizen, Mr. William Angus, is noticed in the English newspapers, shows that he had made for himself in England quite a reputation as a literary man. The following is from the London Daily News, the leading organ of the Liberal Party in Great Britain: "Our Manchester correspondent announces the death of 'Promotion by Merit.' This was the nom de plume of Mr. William Angus, a very well-known Manchester writer, the author of many humorous and incisive letters on the evils of patronage in the Anglican Church. These letters, first written for the Manchester Examiner and Times, in its Radical days, were afterwards republished in a volume. Mr. Angus married a daughter of Mr. Henry Dunckley, formerly editor of the newspaper on which 'Promotion by Merit' won his literary spurs. He quitted his commercial engagements in Manchester shortly afterwards, and went to reside in Victoria, British Columbia. His death, in the prime of his years, took place on Wednesday last at Los Angeles, California."

ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

How it was Spent in Victoria—An English Irishman.

There's not a mile in Ireland's isle where the dirty vermin wasters;
Where'er he put his dear forefoot he murdered them in clusters.
The toads went hop, the frogs went flop, slap dash into the water,
And the beasts committed suicide to save themselves from slaughter.

Nine hundred thousand vipers blue he charmed with sweet discourses,
And dined on them at Killaloo in soups and second courses.
When blindworms crawling on the grass disgusted all the nation,
He gave them a rise and opened their eyes to a sense of the situation.

The Wicklow Hills are very high and so's the Hill of Howth, sir,
But there's a hill much higher still—aye, higher than them both, sir,
'Twas on the top of this high hill St. Patrick preached the sermint
That drove the frogs into the bogs and bothered all the varmint.

St. Patrick's Day was celebrated in due form in Victoria. The population in the capital city of British Columbia is—fortunately or otherwise—not composed in the main of Irishmen, but the minority were more than ever conspicuous yesterday. Shamrock is "not to be had" outside the Emerald Isle, but substitutes were numerous, and conspicuous among those were the long-stalked clover or the green ribbon of every shade, from pea-green to Nile-green. If one were to judge from the color merely, the strangers would pronounce Victoria to be a purely Irish section of the Dominion; but when a man drops or inserts his h's in an indiscriminate manner, and evades the native brogue of the Irishman, his identity is easily discerned. For instance, to look at the general get-up of Expressman Robbins, one would think that he first saw the light in Connemara, whereas the real fact of the case is that he is an Englishman, or rather a Cornishman, of the first water. Robbins was decorated for the occasion in a coat which once was black, but to which antiquity had given a greenish hue. A discarded billiard table cloth served as a scarf to protect his throat and lungs from the foggy atmosphere, while a safety pin uniting his comforter stamped him as a family man. One Irish jaunting car—the only one in the city—made itself conspicuous on the public thoroughfares, and three genuine Irishmen — although real estate agents, ornamented the cushions—Messrs. Flint, Williams and Prossor. They filled the seats of honor admirably, and although the "well" did not give the impression of a "load," the turn-out was truly Irish. The Sons of St. Patrick, in this city, made the best of it, and what they lacked in numerical strength was more than counterbalanced by enthusiasm. Old-timers, who can scarcely remember their early connections with the Land of the Saint did honor to it after the traditional style, while those who could claim a direct descent joined heartily in the celebration. The Imperial theatre produced Kathleen Mavourneen, as a special attraction, but this was the only public entertainment in any particular "Irish." Nevertheless Irishmen seemed to enjoy themselves, private parties being the order of the day. Young clover and green ribbon were in great requisition—poor substitutes for the original trefoil.

WHERE IS JOBSON?

Some Alarm Felt on Account of a Husband's Prolonged Absence from Home.

Mr. Richard Hilbert, of Nanaimo, was in the city on Wednesday en route to the Mainland. Before leaving on the Islander he told a COLONIST reporter that, about a week ago, he was visited in Nanaimo by a man named Jno. Jobson, whom he knew well, and who wanted some assistance to enable him to get back to his home in Victoria. Jobson said that in company with two companions he left a schooner on which he was engaged, and went on shore to get some game. By reason of some unexplainable accident the three men were unable to get back to the schooner, and after futile efforts determined to walk to Nanaimo. Jobson reached the Black Diamond city all right, but the two other men were lost in the woods. Mr. Hilbert gave Jobson money enough to buy food and a new pair of boots, and he started to walk for Victoria.

Owing to the lateness of the hour it was impossible to ascertain on Wednesday evening how correct the story was, but yesterday afternoon it was learned that Mr. John Jobson, a brother-in-law of Mr. Ira Wilson, of Cadboro Bay, and who lives on Saanich road, has been away from home four months, and has not been heard of since. When he went away from here his destination was Seattle or Tacoma, and since leaving his wife has heard nothing of him, and is consequently getting anxious.

The Reserve Removed.

As announced a few days ago in the COLONIST, the Government has decided to remove the reserve placed on certain lands in the vicinity of Slocan Lake, Kootenay district. Notice of this appears in the B. C. Gazette issued yesterday, and it is also officially announced that "All persons who have *bona fide* located and published notices of intention to apply to purchase lands embraced by the reservation above referred to prior to the date of the said reservation, and who have fully complied with the provisions of the Land Act, will be allowed to purchase the land applied for, provided the applications do not cover lands at the mouth of Carpenter Creek or at the inlet to Slocan Lake, which are reserved."

NOW FOR RACE HORSES.

Annual Meeting of the Victoria Turf Club in the City Hall.

Officers Elected—Much Important Business Transacted—A Successful Season Anticipated.

The annual general meeting of the Victoria Turf Club was held in the City Hall, last night. The following gentlemen were present:—The President, Mr. R. P. Rithet, (in the chair), and Messrs. Bainbridge, A. K. Munro, M. Miller, M. Young, Dr. Duncan, R. Seabrook, W. T. Drake, G. H. Ogilvie, L. H. Webber, W. S. Chambers, T. Shaw, B. Gordon, W. Dalby, H. D. Helmcken, L. Goodacre, N. P. Snowden, W. Anderson, D. R. Ker, J. Sayward, Capt. Palmer, Geo. Byrnes, S. F. Tolmie, D. H. Ross, T. W. Carter.

An application from the Polo Club, for the use of the ground, was laid on the table for further consideration.

In answer to a communication from the Union Gun Club, it was unanimously decided that the club members could not be allowed to shoot on any portion of the Jockey Club's grounds.

The financial statements of the Secretary and Treasurer were adopted.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mr. R. P. Rithet; Vice-Presidents, Col. Prior and Major Dupont; Treasurer, W. Dalby; Secretary, W. H. Bainbridge; Clerk of Course, W. T. Drake; Timekeeper for Runners, G. H. Ogilvie; Timekeeper for Trotter, A. K. Munro; Executive Committee, Messrs. L. H. Webber, Dr. Duncan, Taylor, W. T. Drake, Miller, Gordon, Sayward, Byrnes, Ogilvie, S. F. Tolmie, Thos. Shaw, Anderson, Seabrook, Munro, H. D. Helmcken, Ker, Goodacre; Starter for Trotters, W. S. Chambers; Starters for Runners, Hon. C. E. Pooley and Dr. Duncan.

Moved by Mr. Ker, seconded by Mr. Helmcken, that the president be requested to write to the Council, requesting them to widen the Cadboro Bay road, from the head of Fort street to the city boundary. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Anderson, that the president appoint a committee to interview the Government with a view to opening up a road from Richmond road to the Driving Park. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Sayward, that the club hold a Spring meeting, the date, and all arrangements, to be fixed by the Executive committee. Carried.

The meeting adjourned after discussing several minor matters.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE S'Y.

A Most Enthusiastic Meeting—Great Interest Displayed by the Local Branch.

Last night the local branch of the British and Foreign Bible Society, held their annual meeting in the First Presbyterian church, on Pandora avenue, the building being crowded to the doors with interested listeners. On the platform were Dr. G. L. Milne, M.P.P., in the chair, and about him were Revs. Mr. Dobbs, P. McF. McLeod, Watson, McRae, Dr. Smith and Mr. J. B. Chantrell. The music was supplied by the choir of the First Presbyterian church.

The report of Mr. J. B. Chantrell, the Treasurer and Secretary of the Society, was an excellently prepared document going beyond bare figures, and embracing the whole field of Christian labor. The portion of his remarks touching closely on the local branch of the society was as follws:—"Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen, the part we have taken during the past year in in furthering the circulation of God's word, I will endeavor, briefly, to place before you.

Colportage we have not engaged in; our depository, which has been faithfully conducted, has been our only method of placing the Scriptures in the hands of the people. The object of the British and Foreign Bible Society mainly is to reach all; therefore, not only does it circulate in all languages, but further, it ever strives to produce the Scriptures at the lowest possible price, and, indeed, a considerable number it sells much under cost. I am pleased to believe that the existence of our depository has been the means of creating a considerable sale from other sources, as I notice the booksellers in the city have, of late, very prominently advertised, in their windows, various editions of the Scriptures for sale. The end sought—that is the wide circulation of the Word of God—is, therefore, being happily brought about.

Having thus seen to the making of God's Word readily obtainable in our immediate neighborhood, our next most important work was to seek to aid the Society in giving it to others. To this end we have, as usual, taken up our annual collection in the city churches, and, as a result, I have to report to you the receipt of $258.50, so far, made up as follows:

First Presbyterian Church	$ 61 20
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church	100 00
St. John's Anglican Church	31 00
St. James' Anglican Church	20 25
Pandora St. Methodist Church, (not in yet)	.....
Gorge Road Methodist Church, (not in yet)	.....
James' Bay Methodist Mission, (not in yet)	.....
Victoria West Presbyterian Church, (approximate)	10 00
Reformed Episcopal Church	36 05
	$258 50

Last year we gathered by the same methods, $303.25; expenses this year have been some $20.

Comparing ourselves with others, I cannot say we have failed, but looking at the wealth of our people, the general prosperity that exists in our midst, and the lavish way in which money is expended by many in this city in the gratification of all the senses, I certainly must say that we—as a city—have come short in our duty. I do not say that the majority of those who subscribe towards this object have come short, for I am happy to see that those who give are generally systematic givers, giving regularly every year a certain amount, and, doubtless, these as systematically give to the many other channels of Christian endeavor which go to swell the volume of that great river of the works of the universal Christian church. But what I do say is this, that the number of those who give should be largely increased, for the majority turn aside from the work of giving the light of God's Word to their fellow-creatures."

The officers elected for the ensuing year were: President, Dr. Milne; Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. J. B. Chantrell; Depositary, Mr. T. McConnan.

COMMITTEE FOR 1892:

First Presbyterian Church, Rev. Dr. Smith, Mr. T. Rundall; St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Rev. P. McF. McLeod, Mr. T. McConnan; Victoria West Presbyterian Church, Rev. D. McRae, Mr. Semple; Pandora street Methodist Church, Rev. C. Watson, Mr. Wm. McKay; Gorge Road Methodist Church, Rev. J. White, Mr. N. Shakespeare; St. John's Angelican Church, Mr. Saunders; St. James' Angelican Church Mr. T. Kains; Christ Church Angelican Church, Mr. John Ward; Reformed Episcopal Church, Rt. Rev. Bishop Cridge, Rev. C. E. Dobbs, Mr. R. Williams.

The following resolution was carried: "That this meeting desires to record its gratification at the marked growth of interest in the work of the Bible Society throughout Christendom, and at the same time expresses its regret that the Christian people of this city have so far failed to take that part in the good work which might justly have been expected, and now would urge a united effort to increase the amount subscribed and to ensure collections in all Protestant churches."

Space will not allow of an extended report of the speeches which were made by Revs. Dobbs, Smith, Watson, McLeod, and McRae, all of which were most interesting and instructive, and every word was listened to with evident pleasure by the large number present.

MARINE MOVEMENTS.

A letter from the master of the schooner Umbrina reads as follows: The schooner Umbrina arrived at the port of Victoria on the afternoon of the 17th of March, having carried away her jibstay, and sustained other slight damages, in a breeze off the Westcoast. The damage was promptly repaired at the time of the accident, although the sea was running high, and the schooner only nineteen miles from shore with the wind dead on from S.W. The schooner had orders to go in to Clayoquot on or about the 25th of March, but knowing that no wire could be obtained there, for a new stay, and also having several guns on board, wanting to be repaired, besides having nothing but gales and bad weather, unfit for sealing, the master decided to run for Victoria, where the schooner arrived the day after the damage was done. He had everything fixed satisfactorily, took on water and stores, and sailed in less than forty-eight hours after her arrival there, without anyone leaving her fore or aft, except the cook's little dog, which went on shore to have a little time, and forgot to return. The Umbrina is bound on a sealing trip that may last eight months, and during that time, if she is looking for a good catch of sealskins, may still get into some tight pinch, and will require all her gear good, especially her headgear. Had the master thought the stays would have served her for the season, without endangering losing the bowsprit and formast, he would have fixed things accordingly, and would not require to send to Victoria, or any other place, for a competent man to do the work for him, which some Victoria people interested in shipping may know, if they remember what the "Umbrina" looked like when she arrived out here, from her passage around the Horn. I consider the "Umbrina" is the gainer of perhaps ten days by going to Victoria, besides having the whole West coast to herself from about the 15th till about 25th or 30th of March, when all other sealers are in at Clayoquot, and more than that, an accident might have happened, which would have spoiled the best part of the trip, had I not acted promptly, and got her gear in first-class order at once. Owners of sealing schooners and others at Victoria, have passed remarks on my action in above matter, but I have learned my business thoroughly, and stick to it, without passing remarks on how Mr. B. or C. sells his butter or eggs, which is a thing out of my line, and I would give those gentlemen the old sound advice: "Cobbler, stick to your last."

The New York Maratime Register just received in Victoria, contains the following: A letter received at Portland, Or., dated Kobe, January 20th, stated that on the arrival of the Zambesi at Yokohama, it was discovered that she had suffered severely from wrenching while towing the whaleback Chas. W. Wetmore into the Columbia. She was recently put in first-class condition in England. While she had the Wetmore in tow, one of the bitts on the after deck was torn out. Her trip across the Pacific disclosed the fact that the entire stern of the steamer was strained. The rivets in the plates above and below the water line were loosened, and the upper deck leaked considerably during heavy weather. At Yokohama and Kobe the ship leaked badly. Some of the repairs were made at the former port and the rest in Hong Kong, where the vessel went in the dry dock. In addition to a tightening of the bolts and work about the stern, the upper deck had to be recaulked. The repairs were very expensive, and the vessel was delayed a considerable time.

Steamer Mystery, Capt. Beynon, returned from Clayoquot Sound this morning after a pleasant run down the coast, and bringing back with her 124 skins, the catch of the sealing schooner Maggie Mc. She, along with the schooners May Belle and Triumph, which have not got their crews yet, were in Clayoquot Sound, expecting daily to secure Indians. There were also, at that point, the schooners Favorite, Henrietta, Labrador with 50 skins, and Minnie with 30 skins. The Mystery left again for the West coast, this evening, with a surveying party.

A letter just received from the master of the schooner Oscar and Hattie, announces that the Mascot, when spoken off Cape Foul Weather, on February 24th, had 67 skins under her deck.

Mrs. J. L. Penny received a letter from her husband, who is now on the West coast, stating that the weather was fine and that his schooners were out hunting. He expects them all to be in Clayoquot Sound in about another month, when they will take on a fresh supply of provisions before proceeding to Behring Sea.

To Captain Crowell, of the Brenda, belongs the honor of piloting the first of the thirteen sealing schooners which left Nova Scotia three or four months ago, into Victoria harbor. The Brenda threw out her lines at R. P. Rithet's wharf before noon yesterday, the long voyage from Sydney, C. B., round the Horn, having been made since October 29th. This is not a flying trip, but it is a creditable one, and fully bears out the Brenda's reputation as a good reliable boat. Heavy weather was met with off the Horn, and thick fog outside the Cape, where the schooner has been beating about since Sunday last. The only incident of the trip was the drowning of Thomas Cooper, an A. B., which has been already referred to. Cooper was furling a jib in rough weather and lost his balance. The Brenda closely resembles the C. H. Tupper, which preceded her to the Pacific; both were built at Shelburne by McGill, who is one of the most reliable and experienced men in the business in the Eastern provinces. The Brenda's dimensions are: Keel, 85 feet; beam, 24 2; hold, 9.6; tonnage, 99.71. Of the 250 voyages she has made in the Atlantic coast trade, she has maintained her reputation for reliability by being always within the average time. The Brenda is now owned by Mr. J. W. Peppett, and will leave for the sealing grounds within ten days, with Capt. Crowell in command, taking white hunters. With her nice little cabin, dining room and airy forecastle, the Brenda is one of the most comfortable boats of her size in the port.

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THE CITY.

A Charge of Larceny.

"Who will Fetch will Carry."

A Victorian who makes frequent trips to the Sound with sloop cargoes of Chinamen and opium is said to be doing a profitable trade in return cargoes of cigarettes and cards.

The River Service.

The steamer Marion, Robert Sanderson, master, is expected to leave Revelstoke for Robson on the 21st instant, provided the condition of the river is favorable. She is expected to make two trips per week.

Nothing Worse than a Ducking.

An unfortunate Chinaman, who was working about the bark Argyleshire, fell into the water at Janion's wharf yesterday, and narrowly escaped death by drowning. He was fished out at the end of a boat-hook.

He is Sorry Now.

A young Victorian who dropped $160 by means of the dice box while enjoying himself on St. Patrick's day, appealed to the police yesterday for aid in recovering the money that he mourns for.

Gone Home to Scotland.

Mrs. A. M. Gault, whose husband lost his life off the Oregon Coast, last month, has left for New York, where she will take the steamship Labrador for her home in Scotland. The subscriptions in aid of her and her children, total about one thousand dollars.

Dry Goods Destroyed.

Turner, Beeton & Co. were not the only Victorians who lost heavily by the recent wreck on the Chicago and North Western. Six city merchants have sought compensation for consignments ruined. The loss was principally in dry goods.

The Quarterly Meeting.

The quarterly meeting of the B. C. Board of Trade, to be held on April 1st, is likely to prove one of the most interesting in the history of the Board. A resolution touching upon international trade and commerce is expected to be the chief subject of debate.

Still a Mystery.

The case of John Jobson, referred to in yesterday's issue, is still a mystery. Mrs. Jobson has heard nothing from him since December 4th, when he went over to Port Townsend, and she is very anxious to get definite news of his whereabouts. If he left Nanaimo a week ago to walk home, it is strange that he has not yet arrived.

Not So Short After All.

Yesterday was the 30th day's sitting of the Provincial Legislature, which has now been in session since January 29th. There are now 40 bills on the orders, besides a number yet to come. Unless the members get down to solid work the House will not be able to adjourn for another month or more.

Sir Alexander Galt.

The COLONIST is requested by the youngest son of Sir Alexander Galt to state that, having seen most alarming accounts of his father's health in several newspapers, he repeatedly telegraphed to Montreal and has received four re-assuring replies, the last being, "Do not come home; all is going well."

A Disgrace to His Calling.

Oscar W. Dunbar, editor of Town Talk, an Astoria newspaper, has been sentenced to one year in the county jail, with all costs of the trial, for publishing libellous articles concerning ex-Mayor Samuel Elmore, of Astoria. The case is notable from the fact that it is the first in which a newspaper has been convicted of libel in the State of Oregon. Dunbar was formerly publisher of a paper in Seattle, which succumbed in a fight with the Typographical Union. Later he came to this city, going from Victoria to Astoria.

The End of a Rumor.

Several days ago the COLONIST published a letter from Plumper's Pass, in which the murder of an Indian at Pier Island, near Cowichan, was referred to as a happening with which everybody was supposed to be familiar. It was suggested that the murder resulted from an old grudge, growing out of the Marks tragedy of the Sixties, and it was stated that the son of the murdered man had left for the scene of the killing. No one had heard of a tragedy such as the one spoken of, but investigation of the report was at once commenced. The rumor was finally disposed of by the following telegram received by Superintendent Hussey on Thursday evening:

Duncan's, March 17, '92.

To F. S. Hussey,
Supt. of Police,
Victoria.
Indian reported murdered is here all right.
(Sd.) LOMAS.

Mrs. Coughlan Dead.

Mrs. Coughlan, wife of ex-Alderman Coughlan, died yesterday morning after a somewhat protracted illness, from the effects of blood-poisoning. The deceased lady was in the prime of life, and the announcement of her death has taken everybody by surprise. She was born in Nova Scotia in 1856, and some years ago came to Victoria, where her many kindly qualities have made her a great favorite. Her unexpected death has caused profound sorrow to a large circle of friends and deprives eight children of an honored and affectionate mother. Mrs. Coughlan was a sister to Mr. Colbert, of the firm of Colbert & Warner, and for him and her bereaved husband the greatest sympathy is felt. The funeral will take place on Monday morning, at ten o'clock, from the family residence, on the Saanich road, and half an hour later from St. Andrew's pro-cathedral.

A Decidedly Nasty Piece of Business.

The following paragraph appears in the last evening's issue of the Times. It is dated Vancouver, and refers to an Irishman's dinner held there on the evening of St. Patrick's day. The despatch says: "Letters of regret were received from the Lieut.-Governor and John Robson. The latter sent a telegram, stating that he sympathized with the Irishmen of the province, which was considered the joke of the evening."

Hon. Mr. Robson was shown the despatch above referred to last evening. He said: "Well, I don't know whose fault it is, but that is a nice use to make of my telegram. The fact is, that as Premier of the province I was invited to attend the dinner given in Vancouver. I sent a despatch to the President of the St. Patrick's society as follows:

To J. M. O'Brien, Vancouver.

Mr. Robson thanks Vancouver St. Patrick's Society for invitation to dinner to night and regrets inability to be present.

"I don't suppose for a moment" continued Mr. Robson, "that any of the members of the St. Patrick's Society were any party to the Times' dirty work—in fact I am sure they would not be, but the facts are as I have stated and I can't see where they get the joke of the evening.'"

A Chinaman was arrested by an officer of the city police force, last evening, on a charge of stealing iron, a substance which is not often the object of the crafty celestials covetousness.

The Late J. W. McGibbon.

The body of the late J. W. McGibbon, who was found dead in bed, in his boarding house on Chatham street, was this morning sent across to Vancouver, where funeral services will be held in the Baptist Church, after which it will be conveyed to the home of his relatives in Brownsburg, Quebec, for interment.

Couldn't Resist the Temptation.

A Siwash of the local tribe bearing the name of Charlie, appeared before the Police Magistrate, yesterday, charged with stealing two bottles of brandy from Harrison and McAllister's saloon on Johnson street. Constable Cameron had noticed on Wednesday night that a pane of glass in front of the sample room at the saloon had been smashed in, and, a few minutes afterwards, encountered the thief with a bottle slung complacently under each arm. He was gathered in, and when he confessed his guilt, yesterday, was sent up to Warden John for four months, during which time he may possibly increase his thirst for more whiskey.

THROUGH CROW'S NEST.

The C. P. R. Advise the Ottawa Government that They will Build Through the Pass.

It will be Made Their Main Line—The Outward Trip can be Made in Seventy-Two Hours.

Information reached this city yesterday that the Canadian Pacific Railway Co. had advised the Government at Ottawa that they will begin construction through Crow's Nest Pass early this year. This means the extension of their line, now built beyond Fort Macleod, on through the Crow's Nest Pass, and the Kootenay and Okanagan districts to a junction with their present line. This will shorten the time between the Coast and Montreal by fully a day, and Van Horne when last in Victoria stated that if this route were finally adopted, they could make the run from Vancouver to Montreal in seventy-two hours. It has now been adopted, and when completed will form the main line for all through business.

The decision of the C. P. R. to build through the Crow's Nest Pass will necessarily mean the taking over by that company of the charter and land grant of the Crow's Nest Pass Railway, now held by Col. Baker and associates, and will also mean the development of the extensive coal fields on the British Columbia side of the mountains, said to be the largest coal fields on the continent.

SUPREME COURT.

17 March, 1892.

The following matters were disposed of in the Supreme Court, yesterday:

Haas Bros. v Cowan & Wilson—Examination of Mr. Cowan before Registrar.

McPherson v. Cowan & Shaw—Examination of defendants before Registrar.

Pagburn v. Close—Examination of judgment debtor.

IN CHAMBERS.

Goon Gaw & Co. v. Geo. Nicholsen—Application to dismiss action for want of prosecution, and to cancel the *lis pendens*. Adjourned until to-day.

DIVISIONAL COURT.

(Before the Chief Justice, and Crease and Drake, justices.)

In the matter of the Pharmaceutical Act, 1891, *Exparte* Henderson (appellant).

The appellant, who resided at Montreal, had previously to April, 1891, become a partner with A. Muir, who conducted personally a druggist's shop in New Westminster throughout that year. Last month he applied to be registered as a chemist under section 12 of the Pharmaceutical Act, which runs thus: "All persons who at any time before the coming into force of this Act (20th April, 1891) were practising in this province on their own account as chemists and druggists, etc., are entitled to be registered on producing simply evidence of their having exercised their profession as aforesaid." The appellant had applied accordingly to the secretary, tendering his $10 statutory fee, under section 8, but the secretary refused to register. The appellant thereupon applied to Mr. J. Walkem for a *mandamus* ordering the secretary to register; but this also was refused. Mr. Henderson appealed.

Mr. McPhillips for the appeal, cited Palmer vs. Mallett (36 ch. d. 411).

Mr. Jay for the Pharmacentical Association.

The Chief Justice: All the cases cited, were of this sort—where a person duly qualified, but not registered, tends patients and performs acts properly performable by surgeons, &c., that is a practising as a surgeon, &c., although such person has not any pecuniary interest in the fees thereby earned; e. g., although he is at the time a salaried assistant in some establishment that takes all the fees for its own use and benefit. But what you have to produce, is some authority to show the converse proposition,—that a person who has a pecuniary interest in the profits of the establishment, but lives 3,000 miles away, is practising as a chemist in this Province of B. C., in that store. I think Mr. Henderson, as a sleeping partner in a trading concern, may be properly said to have been carrying on business in British Columbia, but he cannot be said to have been "practising as a chemist or apothecary," or "exercising a profession." The decision in Allen v. Taylor, 19 W. R. 516, is founded on that distinction between a mere trading business and a professional business, which again is markedly insisted on by the late L. J. Cotton in Palmer v. Mallett, u. s. p. 422. The appellant, therefore, is not entitled to claim registration merely on the strength of the provision in s. 12, and the appeal must be dismissed.

Whether a *mandamus* could be obtained in any case except those mentioned in the latter part of s. 12, may be doubted. We think, however, that the appellant is clearly not entitled.

Crease, J., and Drake, J., concurred.

A movement is on foot looking to the formation of societies all over Maine to agitate for resubmission and repeal of the prohibitory law.

No Reciprocity Treaty has yet been effected between Mexico and the U.S.

A TERRIBLE HOME-COMING.

The Parents of Lillian Stewart Return with Her Body from Seattle.

Suicide by Poison Not Unhesitatingly Accepted as the Cause of Death.

John Stewart, of 74 Store street, with his wife and eldest daughter, returned from the Sound by last evening's steamer, bringing with them the body of her who was once the light and life of the home circle, whose death in Seattle, a day or so ago, was referred to, yesterday.

The body, enclosed in a plain, black walnut casket, was viewed by several friends, last evening, as it lay in the little parlor of the grief-stricken parents' home. No one, to look at the flushed face, circled with a wreath of white tuberoses and hyacinths, would imagine that death, the result of a deadly poison, taken with a stern determination of self-murder, had ended the young life just budding into womanhood. Nor are all the friends of the dead girl convinced of the truth of the suicide theory, so unhesitatingly accepted as fact by the Seattle authorities. There are several things in connection with Lillian's untimely end which mystify them, and it is more than probable that a *post mortem* examination, not considered necessary in Seattle, will be held to-day. The funeral has been arranged to take place Sunday morning, from the house on Store street.

Until Lillian Stewart met her betrayer McGall in Tacoma some eight months ago, she was an honest, hard-working girl, contented and happy. Having made a false step she evinced a fondness for stylish dress and jewelry, not perhaps unnatural in a young and good looking woman, for at the time of her death she was not yet nineteen. Though she sinned, the poor girl was far from hardened in shame, as some accounts at the time of her death would suggest. She did not, as alleged, secure employment as a waitress in a variety theatre, in order to support the wretch to whom she had given her love. In fact, as far as can be ascertained, the reports of her visits to the Standard theatre were purely the creations of somebody's fancy. Not more than a month ago, Lillian wrote to her mother, whose pet she was, telling her that she had done wrong, but could not bear the life into which she feared she was drifting, and that she was coming home. Alas, how sad that home coming!

The story of their daughter's death as told the parents in Seattle, differs materially from that published by the papers of the Sound city. She had only been there about three months, and McGall had been her almost inseparable companion. Their first quarrel arose over some trifling misunderstanding at a dance, when the man struck her several times in the face. The marks left by his brutal hands disfigure the dead features.

After this trouble with her lover, Lillian returned to the hotel, and told the proprietor her story. He advised her to let McGall take his own course, as he thought she would be happier for the separation. She half promised to take his advice, and went sobbing to her room. Then McGall came in, went to the room, and remained for some time. On the following day, the chambermaid heard Lillian crying in her room, and asked her what was the matter. She replied that she was miserable, and then confided to the girl, that McGall was going to Tacoma. She insisted that the proprietor of the house go down to the train, see McGall, and ask him to return and "acknowledge what he had done," and to oblige her, the man went to the depot, and searched high and low for McGall, though without success.

Lillian took sick that evening, and the proprietor of the house at once suspected an attempt at self-destruction, and asked her what she had done. She replied "nothing," and steadily maintained that she had taken nothing, until the doctor, who was called in, found about a spoonful of Rough on Rats dissolved in a glass. Then, while still persisting in her denials, she said that she wanted to die. The doctor told her he could not let her, and promptly administered emetics, which acted so well that during the evening she was quite bright, her cheerfulness returned, and she said that her "blue fit" had passed over, and asked those who were waiting upon her to go to bed, as she did not need them, and could call them if she wanted anything.

The position in which the body was found next morning was that in which she was left by her friends, lying quietly, as though asleep, with one hand by her side, and the other upon her breast. The eyes were closed, and there were no symptoms of arsenic poisoning.

The Seattle police, casting aside all other suggestions, are making careful enquiry as to who supplied the poison. None of the city druggists sold it to the girl herself, and it is just possible that McGall brought it to the house. He is therefore sought for, though not yet found. It is thought he is still in Seattle.

The deceased was born in Halifax, on the 31st of August, eighteen years ago, her father sailing out of the Nova Scotia capital as master mariner for eleven years, prior to removing with his family to St. Paul or Minneapolis. Mr. Stewart has only lived in Victoria a few months.

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