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er will be identified. The fire broke out in ware company's wareho ern part of the city at night. Ten minutes at plosion of powder occur nearly all the large plan in the city nearly a mi shook the buildings to The firemen were fighti the time, and nearly al pieces. Two more exp at intervals of five min and wounding a numb ment was intense. The large crowd, and hundre the scene when the first ed were knocked down force of the explosion ears standing near the adjoining buildings was the air for half a mile articles striking people

about the city. At 9.55 o'clock the fir sponded to a call from I a call of death to near partment. The firemen that there was powder but this was denied, a ment's hesitation they the fire. At 10.08, who barely started to work shook Butte to its very i powder in a warehouse ing death and ruin to all three firemen were kille heroes among the spectat immediately began pulli bodies of firemen and i proximity of the flames. the city people began mo are, and the crowd had when, within five minut plosion almost equal in first, heightened the ger spread death and destri explosion scores of citi and injured. Parts of hurled hundreds of feet a near the Northern Pag was struck by a leg and human being driven by namite from the fearfu were still heroes left to ing, wounded and groani but people up town hesi been rumors of car load the vicinity, besides the warehouse. Five minut explosion did come, but

All occurred within fi plosion is beyond descr sented the appearance of The dead strewn every eries and groans of the ing presented a scene earthly. Blood and br tered around, and here of flesh. Between the and Great Northern de space of three hundred for was literally covered wi man bodies and with de It was a scene of utter : atruction. Houses in thoroughly wrecked, as i One rescuing corps gat seven dead bodies in one cuers pulled some bodies ering, remnants of hur groaning, while legs and torn off. | Shapeless trun died in the arms of the vehicle in the city was b vice to carry away the and hundreds of injured. were filled, the spare roo taken and private house where it was necessary. Chief Cameron directed the building while some lines of hose along. O

juring but few.

tear off the iron covering so that they could get Just as they had succe off part of the covering entrance the first explos ing sheets of flame force its fastenings and shot into the air, followed silence. Then came an rying with it annihilatio closely surrounded the destruction on every har ings burned include the the Butte Hardware con chen-Dacheuld Drug com yon-Connell Mercantile c electric light works, the o ery building, and a flour nouse, the contents being ed. The loss is large, mated yet. The Great depot is completely wreck cars burned.

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Pythias, the Sons of

the Odd Fellows, and

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE.

Another Afternoon Devoted Entirely to Matters of Public and Private Business.

Numerous Bills Pass Through the Final Stages and Others Advanced.

THIRTY-FOURTH DAY. Wednesday, Jan. 16.

The speaker took the chair at two o'clock. Prayers by Ven. Archdeacon

Scriven. Mr. Hume moved that the evidence taken before Mr. Justice Crease as commissioner under the royal commission on charges preferred against Captain N. Fitzstubbs be laid before the house.

The motion was adopted a Mr. Sword moved for a return of any correspondence between the treasury deway company in regard to their assessment under the act of 1894; also any correspondence on the same subject with any local assessors or others.

Motion agreed to. Hon, Col. Baker introduced a bill to Booth in the chair, on the bill for the amend the graveyard act and amending prevention of cruelty to animals.

acts. Read a first time. Hon. Col. Baker introduced a bill to authorize the granting of a license to prospect for gold over certain lands in Cariboo district, with a contingent lease which provides that the financial statefor a portion of the said land. Read a

The Burrard Inlet Railway and Ferry act was on motion of Mr. Cotton read second time.

Mr. Rogers moved the second reading of the Victoria Hydraulic Mining company's bill, the object of which is to consolidate a number of claims in Cariboo. Read a second time.

The house went into committee, Mr. Adams in the chair, on the North Vancouver Electric company's bill. Reported complete without amendments and finally passed.

The house went into committee on the Columbia & Kootenay Railway & Navigation company's bill. Reported complete without amendments.

Mr. Cotton moved the second reading of the bill to amend the Vancouver city charter. The first amendment proposed to have the aldermen elected for one ing of the lien bill. A bill had been year instead of for two years. Other introduced for the same purpose early clauses dealt with assessment, the as- in the sesion, but was withdrawn. The sessment roll, court of revision and equal- bill aimed at the protection of workmen, ization and questions of collection of mechanics and material men. There There was one entirely new clause, should have the first consideration, but which provides for salary for aldermen the material men must also be protected. not to exceed \$400. Various other am- It is provided in the bill that the con-

dments were proposed in the bill. lation should be stopped. If it did not may call upon the contractor for a state- already received from Edmonton. they would land in complications out of which it would be hard to extricate themselves. There should be one municipal bill to apply to all the cities of the prov-

The debate was adjourned, the speaker wishing to correct some irregularities in connection with the introduction of the Later in the afternoon the bill was

read a second time. The house went into committee on the Nanaimo water works company's bill. Mr. Forster moved his amendment. which declares that the privileges grant-

ed by the bill shall be subject to the rights of the crown. Various amendments to the amendment were proposed, and after getting day. badly tangled up the house passed an amendment practically the same as Mr.

The bill was reported complete with

amendments Mr. Kellie asked for a further adjourntain railway bill. The promoters of the bill had created the impression before the railway committee that the road could not be built along Trail creek. He expected information from the district which will show that the road can be so

Mr. Hume moved the adjournment of the debate.

Mr. Eberts objected to the adjournment. All the information in the world would not make the company change the route of the road. The opponents of the bill wanted the company to build a road running at right angles to the route they had chosen. The debate was adjourned.

Mr. Kennedy moved the second reading of the New Westminster City amendment bill, the most prominent amendment being one doing away with the ward system.

The speaker said there was the same objection to this bill as there was to the Vancouver bill, the required notices of the amendments not being given. The rules required that the notice should be advertised for six weeks. This had not been done, it only having been advertised for five days. He would not rule

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the bills out of order unless some member objected to them.

Hon. Mr. Davie said the house should either refuse or agree to grant the prayer of the petitioners, who asked that the city be brought under the general mu-Mr. Kennedy said several of the men

who signed the petitions did so under false pretences.

The bill was read a second time. The corporation of Nanaimo water works bill was read a second time. The bill to amend the provincial voters'

act was read a third time and passed. The bills of sale bill was finally passed. The Speaker-Mr. Sword, will you take the chair on the government of cities bill?

Hon. Mr. Davie-Oh! we will let that stand over.

The bill to amend the revenue act passed through committee without amendments, and was passed through the final stages. The house went into committee. Mr.

Rithet in the chair, to consider the bill partment and the Canadian Pacific rail- to incorporate cheese and butter associations Reported complete with amendments.

The cattle bill was passed through the final stages. The house went into committee, Mr.

ported complete without amendments, read a third time and passed. Mr. Kennedy moved the second reading of the school act amendment bill,

Read a second time and referred to committee Mr. Helmcken moved to add a new clause providing that the words "actual residents" should mean those who reside or have their place of business within the school district.

ment of the school board may be includ-

ed in the financial statement of the city.

Mr. Sword contended that notice would have to be given of the amendment. The amendment was withdrawn to be breight in on report and the bill was reported complete.

On consideration of the report on the workmen's lien for wages bill, Hon. Mr. Davie moved to exempt from the provisions of the bill sawn timber sold in the ordinary course of business. The amendment was carried and the bill was passed.

Mr. Helmcken moved the second readtractor must present a receipted pay roll railway, the supreme court having decided that a railway constructed for the benefit of Canada could not be blocked

by a mechanics' lien. Mr. Williams opposed the bill, while Mr. Cotton supported it. Hon. Mr. Davie supported the bill. He

was perfectly ready to give the bill preference over the one he had introduced. The hill was read a second time Mr. Braden withdrew his alien labor prohibition bill, intending to introduce a

substitute. The house adjourned at 5.45 until Fri-

LEGISLATIVE NOTES.

The bill introduced by Hon. Col. Baker yesterday authorizes the government to grant to Charles F. Law the extwo years from the date of such license, over an area in the neighborhood of the mouth of the Quesnelle river of five miles square in extent, to be defined in said license, for the purpose of discovering the bed of an ancient river supposed to exist in said area. Such license shall in no way affect the rights of free miners, except in so far as they may conflict with the pursuit of the search and the rights after discovery authorized hereby. Mr. Law must spend \$5000 a year and pay a yearly rental of \$100. Should he recover the river bed during the term of his lease he shall be entitled to receive a lease of ground forming the river bed, two and a half miles long and extending from bank to bank for a period of twenty years. Any lease granted hereunder shall reserve an annual fental of not less than six per cent. of the mine, after deducting working expenses and an allowance of ten per cent, on the annual value of the plant for depreciation, for the due payment and adjustment of which rent suitable provisions shall be inserted and the case shall also contain the usual covenants of a mining lease to secure the working of the ground and the performance of the other duties of a leaseholder under the mining laws for the time be-

The amendment to the graveyard act ntroduced by Hon. Col. Baker provides that the government may fix a charge for permission to remove the remains of dead persons.

Sore Throat. The best cure we know of for sore throat is a gargle of Pain Killer and wa-

twice the quantity of the old style. The first gas lamps in Dublin were put in position in 1818, and before 1825 the entire Irish capital was thus lighted. A musical instrument, the pyrophone, has been invented, which extracts all

In 1786, Dr. Rickel, at Wursburg, lighted his house with a gas made from the dry distillation of bones. He dism Ammonia, Alum or any other adulterant was suspected of sorcery, and feared in police court this morning and fined continued his experiments because he

BRIEF LOCALS

Gleanings of City and Provincial News in Condensed Form.

-The bark Detroit has been towed around to Esquimalt, where she will remain pending orders as to what will be done with her. All of her coal was discharged at the outer wharf before she was towed around to Esquimalt.

-The At Home at the Pacific club has been postponed until Monday, January 28th, on account of the visit here next week of the Calhoun opera compa-It is expected to make the At Home even more successful than the

-Great interest is being taken in athletics by the Y. M. C. A. Last night the committee met and chose a second eleven for football. The committee have also decided to try to organize a rowing club and to secure two four oared boats. There is material in the association to make a star crew.

-The funeral of the late Charles Sydney Powell took place yesterday afternoon from the family residence, James Bay, and was quite largely attended by friends of deceased. Services were conducted at the house and grave side by Rev. Solomon Cleaver. The pall bearers were: H. Ball, W. C. Kerr, Capt. Seaton, F. McNeil, S. Daw and J. Sears.

-John Kelly, who was arrested on Sunday for being drunk, and out of whose case grew the unsuccessful prosecution in the Prince of Wales saloon case, was tried in police court this morn-He was convicted and fined \$5 with the alternative of going to jail for ten days. As he had already served two day he decided to serve out the remaining eight.

-A ball in aid of the Protestant Orphans' Home is being arranged for, and the date and place will be announced in a few days. A large number of ladies Pacific twenty years ago off Cape Flatare interested in the matter and are giving the project considerable attention. shows that the Pacific foundered at There have been very few balls or dances 10:30 at night. This will probably be here this winter, and this one being in aid of a worthy charity and coming at an opportune time there will unquestionbe a very large attendance.

-Mrs. Levina Jones, a native of St. John, N. B., aged 89, died this morning. The deceased was generally known as here about twelve years ago. The couple came to the province in 1850, and treasurer, James McLean; directors, W. known as the town carpenter. Deceased was in indigent circumstances, and Martin. There are three Canadians in had been supported for years by the Good Samaritans of the neighborhood of which she lived, 85 Henry street.

taxes and the sale of property for taxes. was no question that the workmen New Westminster, are arranging to put up an elevator here to be ready for next | the service of the City of Kingston, but season's trade. 4 This is a result of the since she does not run every day of the recent visit of Mr. D. R. Ker, managing | week Victoria incoming mail is Mr. Hunter thought this kind of legis- and at any time the owner of a building results from shipments of milling oats ment, so that the owner could not be firm owns and operates oatmeal mills at victimized. There was also a clause Victoria and New Westminster and deal morning at 8, arriving in Victoria at which would raise the question as to largely in grain and flour as well. They whether a lien should be given on a are the largest dealers on the coast.—Edmonton Bulleting

force itself to the fore shortly. A wo- till the following (Wednesday) morning. man who owns a house recently ordered On this off day of the Kingston, the Rovacated near Str Andrew's Presbyterian salie leaves Sound points at 11:30 at church announces that she is going to night and reaches Victoria at 7 on Tuesreopen the place herself and that she has day morning. This delayed mail could secured a tenant for another place she then be delivered in all parts of the city owns. The police say that it is for- early Tuesday morning. A movement bidden ground and announce that there is being made to get the postal authoriwill be trouble if the plan is carried out. A quiet sport told a Times man this additional mail service. afternoon that the other side was defiant and that there would be some fun. Hos- annual meeting was held last night. Mr. tilities are awaited.

-It was decided to continue the talent | management, presided and Rev. Mr. system for another year at the annual Clay led in prayer. The annual report meeting of the Ladies' Aid society, held made a good showing. The present yesterday at St. Andrew's Presbyterian | membership exclusive of adherents, is church. It was shown that a good bal- 281, and the gross revenue for the past ance had been earned, and the money year, amounted to \$5868.11. This sum ment of the debate on the Red Moun- clusive right to prospect, for the term of will be handed over to the church managers at the annual meeting of the con- by the missionary society, not yet regregation to-night. The society elected ported. In the stead of the seven rethe following officers: Hon. president, W. Leslie Clay; president, Mrs. J. R. Robertson; vice-president, Mrs. James Paterson; secretary, Mrs. Schroeder; treasurer, Miss Cameron.

-The regular weekly meeting of Perlast evening, there being present the offi-After the initiation of a new lodges. presented by the members of Pride of the | weekly contribution of flowers. Coffee West lodge as follows: Acordeon solo, and cake were served by the ladies. Mr. Cooper; reading, Mr. Thompson; re-Mr. Collis; dialogue, Miss Shultz and Mr. Thompson; recitation, Miss Brown; recitation, Mr. Cooper; song, Mr. Thompson. Refreshments were served by the members of Perseverance lodge, and a very pleasant evening was brought to an end by singing the closing ode.

-Paul Jones, the globe-trotting newspaper man, who arrived here yesterday on the Empress of Japan, left last night for the Sound and will spend a few days in Seattle. The name is an assumed one, and the bearer of it is a graduate from Harvard with the class of '89, and member of a prominent Massachusetts family. The task that he has undertaken is one that fakirs and admirers of the "cheap sensational" usually attempt, and it will seem strange that a man of the ability of Mr. Jones should be found trying. He does not at all mind being looked upon as a curio or freak, and readily tells his story. He religiously sticks to his contract and yesterday refused to take a cigar with a gentleman ter-it acts like magic. Big bottles, because the contract says he shall not accept anything for which he does not make some return.

From Thursday's Daily. -A ball will be given in aid of the Protestant Orphans' Home in Philharmonie hall on the 30th instant. -The Pythian concert given last night the tones of the scale from the flames of | was a decided success. The programme

was good and an enjoyable time was -J. S. Douglas, a cook arrested by Highest of all in Leavening Power.- Latest U

-At the Oak Bay golf links Saturday match will take place between the Victoria and Vancouver golf clubs. The match will begin at noon and tea will be served. An invitation is extended to

all players. -Lee & Fraser have been appointed inspectors of the Canadian Loan and Investment company's agencies of the

-The members of the special committee appointed by the directors of Jubilee Hospital to fully investigate its affairs. including matters financial, and report, heard the views of Dr. Milne last evening. Dr. Milne held that by the pres ent system a medical monopoly was created, and he argued that all of the medi-

cal fraternity should be interested. -Sam Mee, charged with peddling without a license, an infraction of the H. E. A. Robertson appeared for the revenue by-law, was after a hearing in police court this morning discharged. The Chinese peddlars who do not pay their licenses are receiving attention at the hands of the police, and there will be another case up for hearing to-morrow, Ah Why having been arrested this morning by Constable Carson.

-A Port Townsend dispatch says: "The testimony of the crew of the bark Orpheus, which ran down the steamer tery, on file in the custom house here, an important fact to disprove the genuineness of a will now in litigation in San Francisco involving an estate valued at \$20,000.

-A Canadian-American social club has been organized in Tacoma with the following officers: President, G. L. Mc-'Granny Jones," and her husband died Kay: vice-president, Hamilton Allan, M. D.; secretary, Robert H. Minnes; before the rush in '58. Mr. Jones was H. Fife, James Munroe, George A. Gordon, George B. Brown and G. E. Macthe Washington legislature.

-The mail service between Victoria and the Sound can be improved. This -Brackman & Ker of Victoria and is the opinion of many merchants in the city. There is no fault to find with sarily detained longer than it need be in Seattle and Tacoma. The City of The Kingston lays over in Tacoma on Mouabout four in the afternoon. Mail for Victoria from Sound points, posted Sunday or Monday, does not reach here till -The social evil matter will very likely Tuesday night, and it is not delivered ties to give Victoria the benefit of this

-St. Andrew's Presbyterian church McMicking, chairman of the board of does not include the amounts collected tiring managers were elected the following: A. B. Fraser, James Hutcheson, James Patterson, William Muir, John Jardine, James Russell and J. R. Robertson. It was decided to call a special meeting for Thursday, 31st instant. everance lodge, I. O. G. T., was held to consider a change in the composition of the board of management. Votes of cers and members of the other local thanks were passed to the retiring managers, to the organist, Miss Murray and member an interesting programme was to Misses Hutcheson and Jamieson for

-In a letter to Chief of Police Shepcitation, Mr. Trowsdale; recitation, Miss pard Sergeant Forbes, who came here Shultz; song, Mr. Netherby; violin solo, after Frederick Bollman, says: "I arrived in Sydney all right with Bollman, and he was sentenced on the 12th inst. in company with Day, to 18 months in jail, hard labor, for conspiracy to defraud, the charges of stealing against them being withdrawn. By the looks of things the firm was about ruined. Altogether I do not think that £3000 would cover their loss of money and goods. Bollman was very low spirited some days on the voyage. The night before he left Sydney he got married to a girl 17 years old, a sister of the prisoner Day. No doubt there is where a great deal of the money went. When at Honolulu I brought the bookkeeper of the hotel on board the Arawa and asked him in the presence of Bollman, Detective Larsen and Sergeant Patterson what amount of money Bollman deposited in the safe The bookkeeper replied that it was about £157. He drew some while there and on the day of his departure for Victoria drew £125. The bookkeeper said that it was about £157 and not £570 as he stated to me on the first occasion and as he reported to the San Francisco po-

> KAMLOOPS NOMINATIONS. Mayor Lee Re-Elected by Acclamation-Contest in One of the Wards.

Kamloops, Jan. 14.—Ex-Mayor Lee was reelected by acclamation this afternoon. The other nominations were: Ward 2-Banner-—J. S. Douglas, a cook arrested by Constable John Smith for using obscene language on the streets, was convicted in police court this morning and fined \$12 with the option of 21 days in jail. LAW INTELLIGENCE.

Cases Disposed of in the Speedy Trials Court.

Mr. Justice Drake in the speedy trials court this morning heard several cases. Ah Youck, charged with breaking into house on the Gorge Road and stealing therefrom some brass fixtures, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to six months at hard labor. Mr. H. E. A. Courtney appeared for the prosecution.

Louise Christopher's case in which she is charged with stealing from her employer, Mr. A. H. Scaife, was adjourned intil to-morrow morning to enable witesses to attend and give evidence as to the girl's mental capacity. The evidence for the prosecution was finished. Mr. prosecution.

John Martinson, charged with stealing cloth from Pierre's store, was the next. On account of the illness of Sergeant Levin, who made the arrest, the crown could not close its case and the case was postponed. Mr. R. T. Elliott appeared for the crown.

William Stitt, charged with robbing William Milligan of \$80 on the 3rd instant, pleaded his own case successfully. The prosecutor was not sure of the amount of money he had on his person and as Stitt denied the stealing and gave besides a reasonable account of his doings the judge discharged him. Mr. G. E. Powell appeared for the prosecution. Mr. Justice Drake in the supreme court chambers this morning heard the follow-

ing applications: Hudson Bay Company pany vs. Keams & Rowlings. Drake, for the plaintiffs, applied for leave to amend the statement of claim. Barnard, for the defendant, Rowlings. Order Costs to the defendant in the made. cause. Beaven vs. Campbell. Lawson (Bodwell & Irving) for the plaintiffs, obtained an

order for discovery and an affidavit on production by the defendant. Collier vs. Findlay. Hall for the plaintiff obtained an order for leave to serve interrogatories.

A LIGHT SENTENCE.

Frederick Bollman and His Accomplice Given 18 Months Apiece.

At the Metropolitan quarter sessions, before His Honor District Court Judge Fitzhardinge and a jury, the trial of Charles Arthur Day and Frederick Bollman was continued yesterday, the indictment charging them with having on the first of July combined, conspired, confederated and agreed together to cheat and defraud Otto Henckels and Walter De Haas, says the Sydney Herald of December 13th. Mr. Merewether appeared for the crown; Mr. R. D. Meagher appeared for Day, and Mr. Teece. instructed by Messrs. Crick and Meagher, appeared for Bollman. Mr. Meagher, in addressing the jury,

said that his client, Day, was in total ignorance of the felonious intentions of Bollman, and his transactions were of a perfectly bona fide nature. His honor having summed up the jury retired and brought in a verdict of guilty, recommending the prisoners to mercy on

hard labor on both the prisoners. ALASKAN JUSTICE.

account of their previous good character.

His honor passed sentence of 18 months'

Unfortunate Prisoner Lies in Jail for 13 Months Awaiting Trial.

Last week we called attention to the injustice of keeping people in prison so long without giving them a hearing, says the Sitka Alaskan We intended to say "the man has been kept in prison 13 months," but the types made it three months; and so many people have called attention to the error that we republish the fact that for 13 months a man has been and still is in prison waiting to be tried by the district court. For more than a year no funds were on hand to pay the expenses of a court session and of course none could be held. This state of affairs is nothing less than criminal negligence on the part of the government. To get the real facts in the case we went to the commissioner's court, and when we alluded to the matter, asking Judge Rogers if he thought this was right, with all the emphasis he could command he exclaimed: "No, sir, this is infamous!" Turning to his records we found that on November 1st, 1893, Edward Evans was before the court charged by John Hanlan, under section 554 of the Oregon code, of "robbery of the person." He was found guilty and held to answer, being admitted to bail in the sum of \$300.

On the examination the evidence disclosed that Evans had an accomplice in the robbery, H. G. Prescott, who was arrested on Nov. 7 on the same charge, and at his trial on Nov. 10, pleaded guilty and was held to answer to the district court in the sum of \$300 bail. Being unable to secure that bail he was committed to jail where he still remains, although over thirteen months have elapsed since his commitment. Evans is out of the territory but the unfortunate Prescott still suffers. It is no wonder, therefore, that we voice the sentiments of the people when in the name of justice we call upon the government in the preceding article to "Do Something."

Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder Awarded Gold Medal Midwinter Fair, San France