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—Acting upon the efforts of Indian Agent Devlin, the Dominion Government has provided three spraying pumps for use on the Indian reserves. The Indians all over the district have very fine orchards, and though the trees are more or less troubled with insects or disease, the Siwashes, as a rule, cannot be made to understand that the spraying would improve the quality of the fruit or the health of the trees. Mr. Devlin did his best last spring to induce the Indians to club together and buy spraying pumps, but only succeeded in a couple of cases. The remainder were satisfied to let things go along as usual. The new pumps will not be much use this season, but next spring they will be brought into service as early as possible.
From Friday's daily.
—The Northern Pacific liners have cut the freight rate on flour to the Orient to $2 a ton.
—The new proprietors of the Sunnyside, Canonica & Roberts, gave an opening dance on Thursday evening.
—The Point Ellis Iron Works, owned by Baynes & Co., Victoria, were burned on Thursday night; loss $3,500, insurance $1,500.
—It is reported that three whites were badly injured at Fort George, Cariboo district, by four Indians. The Provincial authorities are investigating.
—Long vacation in the courts this year commences on Aug. 15th., and closes on October 24th. Usually the vacation commences with the first week in August.
—During the last few days several small lots of California Bartlett pears have been condemned at Victoria. Codling moth and San Jose scale were found on the fruit. On the whole, however, the fruit now being brought into the Province is good and only occasionally small lots are found to be diseased.
—Before Justices Crease and McCreight in the Divisional court at Victoria on Thursday (Geo. & Leiser vs. McGillivray, Chancy claimant, wine argued. This is an appeal from a decision of Judge Bole ordering an interpleader issue to be tried at Westminster. Judgment was reserved. Thornton Fell for the plaintiff (appellant); A. J. McColl, Q. C., for claimant; E. V. Bodwell for the sheriff.
From Saturday's daily.
—It is reported that Chief of Police McLaren is going to start a hotel at Rossland.
—Victoria parties have discovered high grade quartz claims on the Leech and San Juan rivers.
—Richard Carter, the Comox blacksmith, who disappeared mysteriously some time ago, is said to be in England.
—E. C. Davidson, of Kamloops, is trying to arrange for a series of race meetings this fall in Kamloops, Vernon, Vancouver and Victoria.
—The sports and games committee of the Victoria exhibition has resigned. All the appropriation has been devoted to prizes for horse racing and a sub-committee was appointed by the exhibition directors to look after that.
—In the matter of Victor Hull, who was run over by a car and killed in No. 5 shaft, Wellington, a verdict of accidental death was returned with a recommendation that pushers be warned not to run in front of loaded cars.
—At Victoria on Friday the case of Keefer and Smith vs. McGillivray and others as Drying Commissioners for the Sumas municipality was settled. The plaintiffs, Keefer and Smith, claimed $5,000 for professional work done by their firm when engaged as engineers by the commissioners on the dyking work. A settlement was reached by plaintiffs entering judgment for $4,000 and costs.
—W. J. McCallum, an enterprising citizen left by to-day's Atlantic express and proceeds to Rossland, where he will engage in the general agency business. His establishment will be known as the Vancouver Business Agency. Mr. McCallum is a rustler and a first-class business man. Any commissions intrusted to him will be promptly and faithfully executed. Mr. McCallum will give a good account of himself and The World wishes him every success.
—Whilst the Dominion steamer Quadra was cruising round Bowen Island in the interests of the fishery service last Saturday, it being low water at the time, Capt. Walbran ascertained, by sextant angles, the true position of the dangerous rock marked P. D. on Admiralty Chart 579, between Keats and Bowen islands. Cotton Point, Keats Island, bears from the rock N. 43 degrees W., true, and the westerly tangent of Hutt Island N. 37 degrees E., true. The rock of small extent, dries about three feet and has deep water all round.
—Says the Union, Comox, News says: Mr. Wilkinson, The World Man on the Wing arrived last Wednesday and has been paying some attention to the district since. He represents British Columbia's great weekly paper—the Vancouver World. He is the ideal of a travelling newspaper man—good natured, genial, enterprising, a good canvasser and a good descriptive writer. He was much surprised at the rapid strides Union has made since his last visit, and could but admire the push, dash, and enterprise everywhere observable.
—Lockskey Lucas is in deeper trouble. His trial for obtaining money under false pretences comes up on Monday. Yesterday he was arrested or re-arrested or further arrested, or whatever they do with a man already under arrest, on two very serious charges. One is that he seduced his sister-in-law, Miss Busby, who is under 16, while she was a guest at his house. The other is that he gave her medicines to procure an abortion. Mrs. Busby, mother of the girl, is prosecuting. Lucas has been living lately at Ladner's.
From Mondays Daily.
—There are not half enough men in Manitoba and the Northwest to do the harvest work.
—New whistles are to be put in on N. P. engines, so that freight trains can be distinguished from passenger trains by their sound.
—On Saturday afternoon a wedding took place of St. Paul's church Nanaimo, the contracting parties being Joseph Moore, of the firm of McPhee & Moore, Comox, and Miss Essie Welsh, of Nanaimo.
—At Victoria on Saturday on application of A. J. McColl, Q. C., for defendants, the libel case of Fitzsimmons vs. the Columbian newspaper was set for October 25th., after the long vacation; Aulay Morrison for defendants contra.
—The Naas river canneries this year will have a full pack. On the Skeena there will be a three-fourth pack. Alert Bay will have a full pack and at Rivers Inlet better results than those of any year for five seasons back are looked for.
—The Canadian Pacific railway company has just received a beautiful bronze medal for the best exhibit of oil paintings on agricultural and mountain scenery at the California Midwinter International exhibition in 1894 also a bronze medal for an exhibit of a steamship model and views of scenery at the International exhibition at Antwerp in 1894.
—An exchange notes that A. F. Stewart left Revelstoke last week, having left the employ of the C. P. R. Mr. Stewart had for several years, the pioneer work of exploration and construction for the C. P. R., in all new railway building in British Columbia. He is going to South Africa to take charge of a surveying party for a new railroad in that distant colony.
—In the Divisional court at Victoria on Saturday Stein vs. the Lancashire Insurance Co., and Stein vs., the Union Assurance Society came up on appeal brought on by the insurance at Kamloops. Defendants claimed on appeal that the courts of British Columbia had no jurisdiction in the matter, but the court ruled that defendants had waived the question of jurisdiction by entering an application at Kamloops for plaintiff to deliver statement of claim and by subsequently delivering statement of defence.
—In answer to the query of a correspondent, "Has anyone ever made 50 dollars per day clear on a farm?" the Nelson Tribune-Press says: An official in a position to know stated recently to a reporter that the time has often been accomplished. Two summers ago, when the fast service was on a rate of 60 miles an hour was often made by the express trains between stations. Between Elkhorn and Broadview, a distance of 53 miles, it was very common for passengers to experience the charm of covering the distance in 53 minutes.
—The Nanaimo Free Press says that a very sad case is now engaging the attention of the officials of that city. Miss Seaton, quite a young girl, the daughter of Mrs. Seaton of Nicholl street, has lost her reason, and is in a very pitiable condition. The Provincial asylum is at present crowded, and the authorities have declined to receive her. It is difficult under the circumstances to know what to do, for the girl is not in a fit state to be without proper care. Efforts are being made to get the Westminster asylum officials to make room for Miss Seaton, and with this object in view Jas. McGregor, M. P. P., who is now in Victoria, has been requested to lay the matter before the Attorney-General.
From Tuesday's daily.
—Mr. Justice Drake on Monday confirmed the sale of the estate of the B. C. Terra Cotta Co.'s, Victoria, to the Yorkshire Guarantee Co. for $21,000.
—Rev. Bishop Cridge of the Church of our Lord, Victoria, has on account of old age tendered his resignation to the congregation. It was purely voluntary on his part. The congregation is considering the advisability of securing an assistant for Bishop Cridge.
—The Dominion Express company has offered a $100 reward for the recovery of the money stolen at the office of the Portage on July 26th., or for any information that will lead to the arrest of the guilty parties. The package contained 218 one dollar bills, the balance of the $676 being in cheques.
—F. S. Roper, veterinary inspector has returned from a visit to Alberni. He called at all the ranches between Wellington and Alberni, visiting Nanoose Bay, Englishman's River, French Creek and Qualicum. Everywhere he found the cattle in a very healthy condition. He proceeds to Comox., where he will inspect all the cattle in that vicinity.
—A Chinaman from Quesnelle visited Barkerville a few days ago with a letter to John Bowron stating that he wished to be married according to the rites of civilization, christianity, etc. At 10 o'clock he and his "yum yum," proceeded up the court house and were duly married, the happy bride was hirsed in all the gorgeousness of the Oriental female costume and silk and satin cut quite a figure in her attire. They started back to Quesnelle the same day.
—The Provincial by-election in Cowichan-Alberni district has been declared void by Mr. Justice Crease. The candidates were G. A. Huff and T. A. Wood. The latter secured a majority of the votes and the former petitioned to have the election set aside because of irregularities as regards ballots and the swearing in of deputies. In some places the proper notices were not posted and at others slips of note paper were used instead of the regular ballots. Mr. Wood did not oppose the petition.
—Intelligence from Rossland continues of new strikes and fresh bonds. Ore has been struck on the Columbia. In the shaft of the Kootenay there are five feet of absolutely clean ore and the tunnel as well has broken into the ore body by which it is entirely surrounded, face, falls, floor and top. The Cliff ore is considered too valuable to be shipped in bulk and its owners are sacking it. The shaft on the Sam Sam has reached ore and its floor seven feet wide is all ore, with no signs of walls as yet. Reports of a strike have also come in from the Good Hope and the Sunset, while on the Empress they have got a vein closely resembling that of the Crown Point.
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—The Horsefly Gold Mining Co. have shipped more than 40,000 lbs. of pipe to their field of operations.
—The Regina papers say that Premier Bowell and Hon. T. M. Daly will come through to the coast after visiting the fair.
—The Delta Creamery is now in full running order and a consignment of its product has been received at the Lamontmoth grocery. The butter is pleasing in color and excellent in flavor and the neat way in which it is packed invites one to eat it. In the centre of each case is an ice box and around this the butter is deftly arranged. The product of this creamery is put on the market at market price.
—J. W. Bell, foreman of A. Haslam's saw mill and factory, at Nanaimo, has been notified that he has been appointed official log scaler for Vancouver island.
—Gen. Roberts, U. S. Consul at Victoria, would like to know the whereabouts of one T. Tyman, who 15 months ago was purser on a steamer on the Alaska route.
—Mrs. Phinney, formerly of Victoria, has secured a judgment at Seattle against the Mutual Insurance Co. of New York for $97,932 on account of policies issued in July, 1892.
—A post office has recently been established on Galiano island, Herbert Mackin having been appointed postmaster. The office will be in running order in about three weeks. The mail steamer will now call regularly at Newport wharf.
—Bishop McKim, of the Protestant Episcopal mission of Japan, who has just arrived at Seattle from the Orient, says it is pretty well settled that the Nippon Yusen Kaisha would put on a line from Yokohama to America.
—A St. Paul detective is in the Province looking for G. W. Thomlinson, who eight years ago was employed as fisherman by Alex. Ewen, the pioneer canner. A fortune of $32,000 awaits Thomlinson at Racine, Wis.
—At the meeting of the council of the Victoria Board of Trade on Tuesday morning J. T. Wilkinson, of The World, by invitation of the council spoke of the value of the Kootenay country as a field for trade, pointing out that the immense mining resources of that part of the Province made the trade well worth reaching out for. The mines of Trail Creek and Slocan districts, the growth of Rossland, and the evident stability and permanency of the enterprises in that phenomenal town were favorably commented upon. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Wilkinson for his interesting address. The secretary of the Vancouver Board of Trade wrote drawing attention to a resolution passed by his board urging that steps be taken to admit duty free line used for salmon nets. At present nets, seines and twines to be used in making the same are admitted free, but cordage or twine thicker than No. 9 wire guage is dutiable. This was laid on the table for future consideration.

THE FUNERAL OF W. J. CAREY.

The remains of W. J. Carey, who was drowned on Sunday evening at Plumper Bay, were conveyed to the C. P. R. depot to-day for transportation to Canmore, where the dead lad's parents reside and where the remains of the family are interred. The funeral arrangements were conducted by Center & Hanna and Rev. J. W. Macmillan conducted the funeral service. The pall bearers were J. G. Allan, Ed. Allan, W. Queen, A. Turner, P. Fowler and S. Roberts. The coffin was draped in the British ensign and on top of it were placed his accoutrements as a member of the local company of the B. C. R. G. E. The battery band played a dirge at the head of the funeral cortege and played solemn and plaintive music suitable to the occasion. The local battery, in allusion to their comrade, had a large number of citizens, followed the hearse. Among the floral tokens were those sent in by No., 5 Co., B. C. R. G. A., local employes of the Dominion Express, Mr. and Mrs. Ensile, Miss Grace Johnson, Major Townley, Miss Grace Pease, Misses Little and Livesey Pease, Mrs. J. Coughlin, Miss Agnes Allan, Mrs. C. J. McLennan, Mrs. Pease, the Misses McDonald, Mrs. Macgregor, Miss Middlemiss and the Beaver Lacrosse Club. The remains of the young man will be taken to Canmore.

FARMERS' CONVENTION.

The annual Provincial Farmers' Convention will be held this year at Agassiz, commencing on Thursday, Aug., 1st. The following will deliver addresses: "First Day—Lieut.-Governor Dewdney, chairman; E. Hutcherson, Ladner's, president Farmers' Institute; Hon. James Baker, acting Minister of Agriculture, Victoria; Prof. Saunders, Experiment Farm, Ottawa; Hewitt Bostock, Victoria; G. Hadwen, Duncans; 2nd., day—T. Cunningham, president Dairymen's Association; A. King, Ladner's, president Ladner's Creamery; Professor Saunders, E. Hutcherson, Ladner's; A. C. Wells, Chilliwack; Allen Jeans, Chilliwack; 3rd., day—W. M. Henry Hatzic, president Fruit Growers' Association; Prof., Fletcher, Dominion Botanist and Entomologist; J. R. Anderson, Deputy Minister of Agriculture; Prof. Saunders, Thomas C. Earle, Lytton; T. A. Sharpe, Agassiz; R. M. Palmer, Victoria; Henry Kipp, Chilliwack; A. Olsson, Victoria. Chas. Hope of the Vista is making a cheap rate and the St. Alice hotel, Harrison Hot Springs, will do the same and have the hotel stage make special trips to and from the line of the Sheep creek wagon road. The mail brought back the map, the field notes, etc., with a letter from Commissioner Lamoreux stated that the map had not been returned without acceptance, not having been prepared in accordance with the rules of the department, inasmuch as the field notes were not given, so the line could not be retraced and the terminals were not properly connected with established government monuments or government surveys. That wasn't serious—such omissions would be corrected easily enough—but in the last paragraph of the commissioner's letter came the real kernel of the whole affair in these words: "The proposed right of way lies upon unsurveyed land within the Colville Indian reservation. The act of July 1st, 1892, provided as to part of the reservation that it shall be open to settlement and entry by the proclamation of the President. Such proclamation having not yet been issued, the land must be considered as still in a state of reservation; and under the provisions of section 5 of the right of way act of 1875 this office must decline to receive the map and plan of the land as the land remains in a state of reservation, subject to the usual right of appeal within 60 days." Of course President D. C. Corbin will appeal to the secretary—that goes without saying—but the chances are that the secretary will uphold the commissioner and even if he did not it is probable that several months must elapse before the case could be finally determined so that the work of road building could begin. During that time the Colville Indian reservation, some have been conflicting theories in regard to the Colville reservation, some holding that when purchased it became public land and that settlers should be permitted to go upon it though not allowed to make entries.

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POISON IN ICE CREAM.

Medical men generally, we believe, regard ice cream as one of the least harmful form of sweet food. Invalids are permitted by their physicians to eat it when every other sort of sweet is absolutely proscribed; and, in health, there is probably no other kind or refection more popular, particularly in the summer. It is an unquestionable fact, however, that serious and even fatal cases of poisoning occur almost every season from eating ice cream. On Sunday recently, for example, in Syracuse, 50 children were made dangerously ill as the result of eating ice cream which was sold on the streets by an itinerant vendor. None of them died, but their escape from death in several instances is attributed to the small quantity in which the ice cream was sold to each consumer. There have been many other case. There are two ways in which physicians endeavor to account for the occasionally poisonous effects in ice cream: One is the presence in the compound of some distinct poison, used to color or to flavor the ice cream; the other is the development in the cream or milk of a peculiar chemical substance belonging to the class of poisons known as ptomines. These ptomines are the result of the peculiar poisons developed in dead bodies in the process of decay. In almost every instance of extensive poisoning by ice cream, controversy has arisen as to whether the deleterious effects were due to these ptomines, developed after the compound was prepared out of some material, or to noxious coloring matters or flavors, the ptomaine theory being adopted by the person responsible for the preparation of the ice cream, and the independent poison theory by the people who have been made ill. A case of this kind came before the courts of the state of New York some years ago, and finally went to the Court of Appeals, where a verdict of $800 was sustained against a firm of druggists for selling poison. The firm had manufactured the preparation of red coloring matter, designed to be used for giving a pink tint to ice cream. The contention of the druggists that the poisonous effects of the ice cream thus colored were due to ptomaines, was rejected by the jury; but perhaps this was not very strange, inasmuch as the evidence showed that the defendants showed that there was arsenic in the liquid which they sold. Their expert witnesses declared that the proportion of arsenic was not large enough to hurt anyone who ate the ice cream, but the jury thought otherwise. We may add that the question upon we refer is one particular case in which it was proved to show that chocolate ice cream was the least likely of all kinds to be wholesome. It seems that ice cream makers, unlike other people, are fond of experimenting somewhat stale and unpalatable, can conceal the age and undesirability of the compound by the liberal use of chocolate.

PREPARING FOR ANOTHER WAR.

The London Daily News recently published a very ominous letter from its correspondent at Yokohame. Everyone feels, it says, that a terrible storm is brewing, a storm which will presently rage all the more furiously. Russia is now the object of Japanese hatred, and little attempt is made to conceal the fact. Against Russia, Germany and France, even the greatest jingo admits that Japan is helpless. But it is quite otherwise with regard to England. All reports of the proposed line had been filed at the Spokane land office to be forwarded to the commissioner at Washington for approval. The time for which right of way was asked extends from a point on the west bank of the Columbia to the international boundary nearly eight miles away, following very closely the line of the Sheep creek wagon road. The mail brought back the map, the field notes, etc., with a letter from Commissioner Lamoreux stated that the map had not been returned without acceptance, not having been prepared in accordance with the rules of the department, inasmuch as the field notes were not given, so the line could not be retraced and the terminals were not properly connected with established government monuments or government surveys. That wasn't serious—such omissions would be corrected easily enough—but in the last paragraph of the commissioner's letter came the real kernel of the whole affair in these words: "The proposed right of way lies upon unsurveyed land within the Colville Indian reservation. The act of July 1st, 1892, provided as to part of the reservation that it shall be open to settlement and entry by the proclamation of the President. Such proclamation having not yet been issued, the land must be considered as still in a state of reservation; and under the provisions of section 5 of the right of way act of 1875 this office must decline to receive the map and plan of the land as the land remains in a state of reservation, subject to the usual right of appeal within 60 days." Of course President D. C. Corbin will appeal to the secretary—that goes without saying—but the chances are that the secretary will uphold the commissioner and even if he did not it is probable that several months must elapse before the case could be finally determined so that the work of road building could begin. During that time the Colville Indian reservation, some have been conflicting theories in regard to the Colville reservation, some holding that when purchased it became public land and that settlers should be permitted to go upon it though not allowed to make entries.

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From Thursday's daily.

—The main Freeman, who was reported lost a couple of weeks ago and whose sorrowing wife came from Nanaimo a day or so ago to look for him, turned up this morning at the Baldwin, where he had been boarding previous to his disappearance, in a glorious state of intoxication. He had breakfast and left again. It is said Mrs. Freeman has returned to the Black Diamond city.

—The Royal Templars of Temperance Victoria, have passed the following resolution: "That the action of Messrs. Prior and Earle in voting in favor of the amendment to the motion of Hon. Mr. Flint for prohibition, thereby postponing indefinitely the prohibition of the liquor traffic, is worthy the condemnation and censure of all temperance people and we, the Royal Templars, do hereby censure Messrs. Prior and Earle for their action in this matter."

—President Shaughnessy and party returned from Victoria this morning. While at the Capital they had an interview with the Government regarding the proposed extension of their lines in the Kootenay country. There was a long discussion on the subject, but no definite conclusions were arrived at. The great importance of the country and the great need of improved means of communication were admitted, and it is probable that the matter will soon receive attention.

G. A. Roedde, practical bookbinder, paper ruler and blank book manufacturer, Horne block, Cambie street, Vancouver. Orders from the country will be promptly attended to. Correspondence solicited.

—The appeal re Horsefly Gold Mining Co. (Foreign) was allowed at Victoria on Wednesday by the full court without costs, on the ground that Mr. Justice Drake, from whose decision and report the appeal was taken, had no jurisdiction, the matter not having been properly referred to him under the Supreme Court Reference Act. No costs were allowed, the court holding that the appellants should have taken the objection when the matter originally came before Mr. Justice Drake. A. E. Halsey for appellants; Duff and Lindley Crease for the Horsefly Co. respondents.)

—Acting upon the efforts of Indian Agent Devlin, the Dominion Government has provided three spraying pumps for use on the Indian reserves. The Indians all over the district have very fine orchards, and though the trees are more or less troubled with insects or disease, the Siwashes, as a rule, cannot be made to understand that the spraying would improve the quality of the fruit or the health of the trees. Mr. Devlin did his best last spring to induce the Indians to club together and buy spraying pumps, but only succeeded in a couple of cases. The remainder were satisfied to let things go along as usual. The new pumps will not be much use this season, but next spring they will be brought into service as early as possible.

From Friday's daily.

—The Northern Pacific liners have cut the freight rate on flour to the Orient to $2 a ton.

—The new proprietors of the Sunnyside, Canonica & Roberts, gave an opening dance on Thursday evening.

—The Point Ellis Iron Works, owned by Baynes & Co., Victoria, were burned on Thursday night; loss $3,500, insurance $1,500.

—It is reported that three whites were badly injured at Fort George, Cariboo district, by four Indians. The Provincial authorities are investigating.

—Long vacation in the courts this year commences on Aug. 15th., and closes on October 24th. Usually the vacation commences with the first week in August.

—During the last few days several small lots of California Bartlett pears have been condemned at Victoria. Codling moth and San Jose scale were found on the fruit. On the whole, however, the fruit now being brought into the Province is good and only occasionally small lots are found to be diseased.

—Before Justices Crease and McCreight in the Divisional court at Victoria on Thursday (Geo. & Leiser vs. McGillivray, Chancy claimant, wine argued. This is an appeal from a decision of Judge Bole ordering an interpleader issue to be tried at Westminster. Judgment was reserved. Thornton Fell for the plaintiff (appellant); A. J. McColl, Q. C., for claimant; E. V. Bodwell for the sheriff.

From Saturday's daily.

—It is reported that Chief of Police McLaren is going to start a hotel at Rossland.

—Victoria parties have discovered high grade quartz claims on the Leech and San Juan rivers.

—Richard Carter, the Comox blacksmith, who disappeared mysteriously some time ago, is said to be in England.

—E. C. Davidson, of Kamloops, is trying to arrange for a series of race meetings this fall in Kamloops, Vernon, Vancouver and Victoria.

—The sports and games committee of the Victoria exhibition has resigned. All the appropriation has been devoted to prizes for horse racing and a sub-committee was appointed by the exhibition directors to look after that.

—In the matter of Victor Hull, who was run over by a car and killed in No. 5 shaft, Wellington, a verdict of accidental death was returned with a recommendation that pushers be warned not to run in front of loaded cars.

—At Victoria on Friday the case of Keefer and Smith vs. McGillivray and others as Drying Commissioners for the Sumas municipality was settled. The plaintiffs, Keefer and Smith, claimed $5,000 for professional work done by their firm when engaged as engineers by the commissioners on the dyking work. A settlement was reached by plaintiffs entering judgment for $4,000 and costs.

—W. J. McCallum, an enterprising citizen left by to-day's Atlantic express and proceeds to Rossland, where he will engage in the general agency business. His establishment will be known as the Vancouver Business Agency. Mr. McCallum is a rustler and a first-class business man. Any commissions intrusted to him will be promptly and faithfully executed. Mr. McCallum will give a good account of himself and The World wishes him every success.

—Whilst the Dominion steamer Quadra was cruising round Bowen Island in the interests of the fishery service last Saturday, it being low water at the time, Capt. Walbran ascertained, by sextant angles, the true position of the dangerous rock marked P. D. on Admiralty Chart 579, between Keats and Bowen islands. Cotton Point, Keats Island, bears from the rock N. 43 degrees W., true, and the westerly tangent of Hutt Island N. 37 degrees E., true. The rock of small extent, dries about three feet and has deep water all round.

—Says the Union, Comox, News says: Mr. Wilkinson, The World Man on the Wing arrived last Wednesday and has been paying some attention to the district since. He represents British Columbia's great weekly paper—the Vancouver World. He is the ideal of a travelling newspaper man—good natured, genial, enterprising, a good canvasser and a good descriptive writer. He was much surprised at the rapid strides Union has made since his last visit, and could but admire the push, dash, and enterprise everywhere observable.

—Lockskey Lucas is in deeper trouble. His trial for obtaining money under false pretences comes up on Monday. Yesterday he was arrested or re-arrested or further arrested, or whatever they do with a man already under arrest, on two very serious charges. One is that he seduced his sister-in-law, Miss Busby, who is under 16, while she was a guest at his house. The other is that he gave her medicines to procure an abortion. Mrs. Busby, mother of the girl, is prosecuting. Lucas has been living lately at Ladner's.

From Mondays Daily.

—There are not half enough men in Manitoba and the Northwest to do the harvest work.

—New whistles are to be put in on N. P. engines, so that freight trains can be distinguished from passenger trains by their sound.

—On Saturday afternoon a wedding took place of St. Paul's church Nanaimo, the contracting parties being Joseph Moore, of the firm of McPhee & Moore, Comox, and Miss Essie Welsh, of Nanaimo.

—At Victoria on Saturday on application of A. J. McColl, Q. C., for defendants, the libel case of Fitzsimmons vs. the Columbian newspaper was set for October 25th., after the long vacation; Aulay Morrison for defendants contra.

—The Naas river canneries this year will have a full pack. On the Skeena there will be a three-fourth pack. Alert Bay will have a full pack and at Rivers Inlet better results than those of any year for five seasons back are looked for.

—The Canadian Pacific railway company has just received a beautiful bronze medal for the best exhibit of oil paintings on agricultural and mountain scenery at the California Midwinter International exhibition in 1894 also a bronze medal for an exhibit of a steamship model and views of scenery at the International exhibition at Antwerp in 1894.

—An exchange notes that A. F. Stewart left Revelstoke last week, having left the employ of the C. P. R. Mr. Stewart had for several years, the pioneer work of exploration and construction for the C. P. R., in all new railway building in British Columbia. He is going to South Africa to take charge of a surveying party for a new railroad in that distant colony.

—In the Divisional court at Victoria on Saturday Stein vs. the Lancashire Insurance Co., and Stein vs., the Union Assurance Society came up on appeal brought on by the insurance at Kamloops. Defendants claimed on appeal that the courts of British Columbia had no jurisdiction in the matter, but the court ruled that defendants had waived the question of jurisdiction by entering an application at Kamloops for plaintiff to deliver statement of claim and by subsequently delivering statement of defence.

—In answer to the query of a correspondent, "Has anyone ever made 50 dollars per day clear on a farm?" the Nelson Tribune-Press says: An official in a position to know stated recently to a reporter that the time has often been accomplished. Two summers ago, when the fast service was on a rate of 60 miles an hour was often made by the express trains between stations. Between Elkhorn and Broadview, a distance of 53 miles, it was very common for passengers to experience the charm of covering the distance in 53 minutes.

—The Nanaimo Free Press says that a very sad case is now engaging the attention of the officials of that city. Miss Seaton, quite a young girl, the daughter of Mrs. Seaton of Nicholl street, has lost her reason, and is in a very pitiable condition. The Provincial asylum is at present crowded, and the authorities have declined to receive her. It is difficult under the circumstances to know what to do, for the girl is not in a fit state to be without proper care. Efforts are being made to get the Westminster asylum officials to make room for Miss Seaton, and with this object in view Jas. McGregor, M. P. P., who is now in Victoria, has been requested to lay the matter before the Attorney-General.

From Tuesday's daily.

—Mr. Justice Drake on Monday confirmed the sale of the estate of the B. C. Terra Cotta Co.'s, Victoria, to the Yorkshire Guarantee Co. for $21,000.

—Rev. Bishop Cridge of the Church of Our Lord, Victoria, has on account of old age tendered his resignation to the congregation. It was purely voluntary on his part. The congregation is considering the advisability of securing an assistant for Bishop Cridge.

—The Dominion Express company has offered a $100 reward for the recovery of the money stolen at the office of the Portage on July 26th., or for any information that will lead to the arrest of the guilty parties. The package contained 218 one dollar bills, the balance of the $676 being in cheques.

—F. S. Roper, veterinary inspector has returned from a visit to Alberni. He called at all the ranches between Wellington and Alberni, visiting Nanoose Bay, Englishman's River, French Creek and Qualicum. Everywhere he found the cattle in a very healthy condition. He proceeds to Comox., where he will inspect all the cattle in that vicinity.

—A Chinaman from Quesnelle visited Barkerville a few days ago with a letter to John Bowron stating that he wished to be married according to the rites of civilization, christianity, etc. At 10 o'clock he and his "yum yum," proceeded up the court house and were duly married, the happy bride was hirsed in all the gorgeousness of the Oriental female costume and silk and satin cut quite a figure in her attire. They started back to Quesnelle the same day.

—The Provincial by-election in Cowichan-Alberni district has been declared void by Mr. Justice Crease. The candidates were G. A. Huff and T. A. Wood. The latter secured a majority of the votes and the former petitioned to have the election set aside because of irregularities as regards ballots and the swearing in of deputies. In some places the proper notices were not posted and at others slips of note paper were used instead of the regular ballots. Mr. Wood did not oppose the petition.

—Intelligence from Rossland continues of new strikes and fresh bonds. Ore has been struck on the Columbia. In the shaft of the Kootenay there are five feet of absolutely clean ore and the