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Weekly Colonist.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1885.

TO SUBSCRIBERS AND INTENDING SUBSCRIBERS.

IN ORDERING THE WEEKLY COLONIST, TO INSURE DELIVERY, YOU SHOULD ENCLOSE THE AMOUNT OF SUBSCRIPTION IN POSTAGE STAMPS, MONEY ORDERS, CASH OR BANK BILLS. NO PAPERS LEAVE THIS OFFICE UNTILL THE SUBSCRIPTION HAS BEEN FIRST PAID, AND NO NOTICE IS TAKEN OF ANY ORDER THAT IS NOT ACCOMPANIED BY THE MONEY.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS;

Persons residing at a distance from Victoria, who may desire to insert a notice of Birth, Marriage or Death in *The Colonist*, must enclose with each notice Two Dollars and Fifty Cents in P. O. Stamps, money order, bills or coin, to ensure insertion.

Local and Provincial News.

From the Daily Colonist, Feb. 3.

What Some People Say.

That in the English Civil Service there are 3,260 women clerks.

That sixty-four women engravers earn their livelihood in England.

That there are 600 professional beauties in London who don't work at all.

That there are 452 women editors in England and 1,309 female photographers.

That there are 113,695 English school teachers, nearly all of whom are spinsters.

That ten thousand five hundred women bind English books, and 2,302 assist in printing them.

That the Queen is worth $85,000,000 and works harder than any woman in the kingdom.

That there are 93,138 women nail-makers in England. The nails are used in fastening horse shoes in place.

That there are 347 female blacksmiths in England, all of whom actually swing heavy hammers and do men's work.

That there are 5,000,000 widows in England who long to do any kind of work that will tend to make a like number of men unhappy.

That Miss Muller is not satisfied with her election to the London School Board, and is now engaged.

That Germany contains 200,000 tramps according to reports.

That bridal cakes are frequently kept for fifty or one hundred years.

That an ordinary train of passenger coaches is worth about $93,000.

That a well-preserved 1804 cent recently sold in New York for $200.

That machines for moistening postage stamps are being manufactured.

That an Easton tobacconist recently received 3,000 pennies in payment of a debt.

That the yearly mortality among sailors from shipwreck averages one in every 4,000.

That the tonnage of the Great Eastern has been computed to be greater than that of Noah's ark.

That there is $40,000,000 of unclaimed money now in the vaults of the United States treasury.

That every soldier in the German army who makes any attempt at suicide is sentenced to death.

That a New York firm last year manufactured 1,500,000 pounds of chocolate, using over a ton of sugar a day.

That Mrs. Clark Gaines probably knew more about law than any woman in the world during the last decade.

That all attempts to keep a gorilla in captivity, even in Africa, have as yet failed. It either starves to death or dies of a broken heart.

That the female juror feature of Wyoming Territory's system is a success in more ways than one. Two of the members of a recent jury, after convicting a faro dealer, went and got married. They met for the first time in the jury box.

That Mrs. Dudley, the assailant of O'Donovan Rossa, is a Canadian woman, a native of Montreal.

That Gen. Gordon is to be made president of Congo; but the Belgians cannot get hold of him to confer the honor.

That the English press deprecate the attempt on Rossa as the beginning of a series of reprisals on individuals.

That the news of Rossa's shooting crazed the Londoners with joy.

That a wealthy New York Chinaman has bolted and joined the American colony in Canada.

That a Pennsylvania woman named McCord enjoyed a government pension of $8 per month. Three years ago she disappeared. Her body was afterwards found floating in a river and buried. In a day or two the body was exhumed and the cause of death was found to be a sharp nail that had been driven into her right ear. Her sister, who did the murder and has drawn the pension in the dead woman's name, is under arrest.

That "Observer's" last letter would seem to have "filed" Mr. Grant, M. P. P. In his reply he uses the following choice expletives by way of argument; "Things," "unprincipled knave," "sneaking thief," "cowardly sneak," "objectionable scum," "vomit," "bosh," "false," etc.

That the member for Cassiar did not apologize for his attack on Messrs. Duncan, Crosby and Green yesterday, and his insult to missionaries generally. He probably overlooked the fact that an apology is expected, and will doubtless make the *amende* to-day.

The Bargain Concluded.

Yesterday all points at variance between Mr. Beatty, representing the Canadian Pacific Railway Co., and the local holders of land on Coal Harbor were composed, and an agreement was come to. It is understood that the company receive one-third of the land owned by private parties and a strip of land along and running 200 feet back from the water front. In consideration of this concession and 6,000 acres of government land, the company agree to extend the line to Coal Harbor.

Robbery.

On Tuesday morning Mr. J. Naggs dressed himself at his room in the Driard, and forgot to take his pocket book, containing $700 in B. N. A. notes from the pocket of his nightshirt, where he had placed it on retiring the previous night. Remembering it shortly afterwards, he went to his room and found that the bed had been remade and the money taken. A Chinese employee of the house was suspected, and on being questioned, acknowledged that he had been in the room in the morning. He was arrested and his abode on Fisgard street searched but without finding the money. After being examined in the police court yesterday, he was remanded to await further developments; though there is little hope of now finding the money since, as is supposed, it has got within the precincts of Chinatown.

Civil Service.—The Canadian Gazette of the 24th ult. contains the announcement that C. W. Finlayson, W. B. Macloughlin and A. E. Lindsay passed successfully the civil service examination held in this city recently.

Surrendered.—Matlock *alias* Hastings, the real estate defaulter from Portland, surrendered to the police yesterday. He owes Mrs. Eliza Irving of this city $2,935 37, money collected at Portland by him and his partner, McGuire, who is also in Victoria.

New Engines.—The Albion Iron Works Co. have just built for the tug Pilot a pair of engines of enormous power—400 horse, it is asserted. They have now in hand a powerful engine and boiler for the barge Maude.

Failure.—E. Wineburgh, of Portland, dealer in dry goods and clothing, has failed; liabilities $15,000 to $25,000.

EXTRAORDINARY LETTER.

THE MEMBER FOR CASSIAR

Again Resorts to Abusive Expletives to Overcome an Adversary.

"OBSERVER," BUT NOT FROM OBSERVATION.

To the Editor of The Times:

Sir,—The dog has again returned to his vomit, etc. The most unsophisticated school boy finds no difficulty in stringing together a lot of nonsense, but it would be a hard task for any youth to cram as much bosh into the same space as is found in "Observer's" verbose production appearing in this morning's *Colonist*. The writer proceeds by saying that he gave me a "gentle currying down." That is a mild way of putting the untruthful statements contained in his letter of Saturday last. Not one of the propositions referred to were correct, and now it is my turn. I challenge "Observer" to substantiate any one of his false accusations—false in a double sense, as the scribbler well knows they are untruthful. If both of "Observer's" efforts were boiled down and concentrated into the smallest possible compass, with the aid of the most powerful microscope, unbiased individuals will fail in what is left to find even a trace of argument to which this modern Macaulay prates so much about. To put it in the simplest language there is nothing in it. I have no hesitation in again saying that "Observer" is totally ignorant of the true state of affairs on the Northwest Coast, and only makes his statements from a prejudiced and biased position. The public will place the proper value on the overdrawn imagination and groundless charges of "Observer," seeing that they are covered by an anonymous title, as against the sworn testimony of gentlemen who are what they have stated before a properly constituted court. "Observer" belongs to that class of the objectionable scum of society that is ever ready to stab one in the back. It is quite competent to discuss matters of personal or general interest over a "nom de plume," but when any one covers his individuality with a fictitious name to make charges which are every thing else but truth, I say once more that he is a cowardly sneak. Even the devil himself would be a more desirable co-partner, as we are told that he goes about like a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour. A comparison with his satanic majesty would certainly be against "Observer," as he moves about like a sneaking thief looking for whom he may falsely accuse. "Observer" claims to be a Methodist. Mores the pity, as I have a strong regard for many worthy citizens who are identified with that large and influential sect; and the sooner that body of churchmen expels from their ranks such unprincipled knaves the more influence they will wield. It is well understood that there are "things" calling themselves men who only use their connections in society as a "cloak" to cover up their evil proclivities, and I believe "Observer" to be one of them.

JOHN GRANT.

From the Daily Colonist, February 4.

Shocking Accident on Shipboard

On Tuesday evening, about 5 o'clock, while two sailors were aloft on the Nellie May, an American bark lying at anchor in Esquimalt harbor, they missed their hold and fell. One sailor struck on the deck and had his head broken and ribs crushed; the other fell overboard, striking the rail in his descent and breaking his arm. The unfortunate men were picked up and placed in a boat and rowed to the side of H. M. S. Satellite, where they were taken on board and temporarily relieved by Dr. Lyon, surgeon of the ship. Dr. Lyon then accompanied them in a boat to the Naval Hospital, where Dr. Hickey refused to receive the men. They were then rowed back to the Satellite in the pelting rainstorm, Dr. Hickey accompanying them, and after some time past in discussing the propriety of admitting them to the Naval Hospital, the poor fellows were sent ashore were a van was procured and they were jolted four miles over the rough road to the Marine Hospital, were they now are. It is much to be regretted that the poor fellows were not received into the Naval Hospital by Dr. Hickey who, while he may have acted in accordance with the rules, might have strained a point in their favor without incurring the censure of his superior officer.

Supposed Stolen Goods.

Yesterday evening a Chinaman called at a fashionable jewelry store on Government street and offered a quantity of silverware for sale at a very cheap price. The proprietor, thinking there was something wrong, telephoned to the barracks, and Officers Stuart and Hooson went to the store and arrested the Chinaman, and afterwards searched his sleeve, where they found a large quantity of cheap jewelry. On being asked where he had procured the goods the Chinaman said that he had smuggled them in from the other side, and in that event it is almost certain that they are stolen property. Not giving a satisfactory account of how the goods came into his possession the Chinaman was detained in custody. It may be just possible that the goods are a part of the robbery of Mr. H. Keefer's store in the upper country some months ago.

John had quite an assortment, the police securing eight knives and forks, two dozen teaspoons, 1½ doz. large spoons, 11 butter knives, gold watch and chain, ladies' chain, napkin ring and a large lot of plated jewelry.

Royal Hospital.

The regular monthly meeting of the board of directors of the Royal Hospital was held at the office of J. P. Davies & Co. yesterday.

The steward reported 38 patients, being a little more than the actual capacity of the hospital. Applications for admission have been constant during the past two months, and action for an increased accommodations must be attended to by the incoming directors. The monthly bills for January aggregated $626 60, showing a considerable increased expenditure. Subscriptions are now overdue and are actually wanted, and Mr. W. K. Ball was authorized to call on subscribers for their annual donations.

The annual meeting of subscribers will be held as usual at the city hall on March 18th, at 2 p. m., when reports, inventory and valuation of hospital property will be submitted. The visiting committee for the present month are W. J. Jeffree and Joshua Davies.

Marine.

British bark Hermine sailed from Liverpool for Victoria Feb. 2d.

Steamer Gerard C. Tobey sailed from Newport, Wales, Jan. 3d, for Port Moody.

The Pacific Coast Steamship Co. have paid $32 for damages done the schooner Challenger by the steamer Mexico, and taken a receipt in full.

The bark Jane Sprott, Capt. Ayres, 139 days from Liverpool, arrived at Esquimalt yesterday morning. She comes consigned to Welch, Rithet & Co., and has 670 tons of cargo assorted merchandise.

Steamship Empire, Capt. C. H. Butler, from San Francisco Jan. 31st, 9 p. m., arrived at 2 p. m. yesterday. The Empire brings 2,060 pkgs freight and 22 passengers for Victoria and 10 passengers for Puget Sound. Mr. J. R. McComb has our thanks for usual favors.

Municipal Council.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 4th, 1884.

The regular meeting of the council was held at 7.35 last evening.

Present—His Worship Mayor Rithet, and Couns. McKillican, Robertson, Smith, Earle, Teague, Braden, Grant, Ward and Warner.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

DEFERRED BUSINESS.

His worship said that the first business to be considered was that of the resolution passed by the late council paying $2500 for taking over the electric light.

Coun. Ward asked that the matter be still laid over. It had come to the knowledge of the committee that ex-Coun. Wrigleworth had obtained an opinion also from Mr. Pollard as well as Mr. Johnson. Both these opinions were adverse to the electric light company and it was strange that they were not given to his colleagues before the passing of the resolution taking over the light. It was also very strange that these opinions were both given to the electric light company. The matter needed further investigation and he would move that it be further deferred.

Coun. Grant seconded the resolution.

Coun. Robertson said that ex Coun. Wriglesworth obtained both these opinions on his own responsibility and the vote by the late council was square and above board. Several opinions were secured, he had since learned, and no two agreed. He did not think that any reflections should be cast on either the late council or Mr. Wriglesworth, and he was prepared to stand by the resolution of the late council.

Coun. Ward said in reply that he did not wish to call in any personalities in reference to council or Mr. Wriglesworth, but he thought that the course pursued by ex-Coun. Wrigleswortb was a very strange one.

Coun. Robertson said that Coun. Ward did not seem to understand that Mr. Wrigleswortb had a perfect right to get as much legal advice as he pleased as a private individual, and also to do with it as he liked.

The motion was carried.

COMMUNICATIONS.

From Chas. Roper, asking for use of streets for removing three cottages.

Coun. Earle said that the party who had moved most of the buildings the past two years obstructed the principal streets, and there should be some means taken to prevent this lengthy stay of such buildings on the streets.

The application was granted, subject to the payment of $5 for each building and stating the length of time streets would be required.

From M. E. Johnson, stating that ex-Coun. Wrigleswortb had obtained his opinion on the electric light by-laws as a private individual and enclosing an opinion on the by-law. Received.

From D. W. Higgins, enclosing an account of $30.25 not paid by the previous council for advertising a public meeting.

Coun. Robertson explained that the mayor had inserted the advertisement without the sanction of the council. There would be accounts from other offices which would reach perhaps $90.

Coun. McKillican said he thought the mayor had a right to insert an advertisement for any public meeting during recess, and the account should be paid.

The account was referred to the finance committee.

From W. C. White, asking that he be allowed to build a platform in rear of his property on Johnson street near Store. Permission not granted.

From C. T. Heisterman & Co., for Kwong Lee & Co., acknowledging receipt of letter and saying that the council were quite correct in stating that they had agreed to lay the side walk, but asked that it be reconsidered, and that the same justice be shown Chinese ratepayers as white citizens, and the sidewalk laid by the council.

Coun. Ward, Grant and Teague spoke in favor of the sidewalk being laid by the council.

Coun. Robertson said he thought the agreement of Kwong Lee & Co. should be carried out, and that they be requested to do so.

Coun. Warner said he was just as much down on a Chinaman as any one else, as much as any white man ought. However, he thought the city should lay the sidewalk for the benefit of the citizens generally.

The communication was referred to the street committee with power to act if found as stated.

From Davie & Pooley, for Hong Lee, Cormorant street, asking that the sidewalk be laid in front of their premises. Referred to street committee.

From Wm. A. Steele, drawing the attention of the council to the unfinished state of Blanchard street near Pembroke, and stating that it was dangerous to life. Referred to street committee to report.

From W. K. Ball asking that his fee for collecting commercial travelers' license be increased from $1 to $2 for each fee. Communication received and the increase granted.

From John Parker asking permission to remove the building from corner of Government and Fort streets to just above A. Short's. Permission not granted as the building was in fire limits.

From G. A. Baker referring to his tender for sidewalks, stating that he had tendered as per specifications shown at office.

The city surveyor said that the resolution of the council mentioned that the tender be given to the "lowest whole tender," and although Mr. Baker's tender was the lowest according to the specification he had to give it to the next tenderer.

Coun. Teague suggested that printed specifications should hereafter be given to contractors to fill in.

After some various discussion on the question as to who should receive the tender, and referring to specifications, the contract was ordered to be awarded to Mr. Baker, and that his prices not in his original tender be attached.

From A. Mitincourt, asking that a sidewalk be laid on the north side of Belcher between Cook and Vancouver street. Referred to street committee.

From Coote M. Chambers and others, asking that Putnam, Chambers, and Alfred streets be opened and improved. Referred to street committee and city surveyor for report.

From M. W. T. Drake and others, stating that on account of lack of drainage near Beacon Hill their property was flooded and sickness was caused. Referred to the street commitaee for report.

From Mr. Rourke and others, asking for a sidewalk on the south side of Johnson street near Cook. Referred to street committee.

From Chas. Pollock and others, calling attention to the bad state of the road near the Lion Brewery leading to Cedar Hill. Referred to street committee with power to act, the amount expended not to exceed $25

From A. F. Benson and others, calling attention to the necessity of opening Pembroke street to Springville. They had no road at present to their houses. Referred to street committee for report.

ACCOUNTS.

A number of accounts to the extent of $1,639.82 were read and referred to the finance committee.

ROAD TO OUTER WHARF.

Coun. J. Robertson moved, seconded by Coun. Teague, that the city engineer be requested to give a statement of the number of yards of broken rock and the cost of putting the road to the outer wharf in good repair. Carried.

Moved by Coun. Teague, seconded by Coun. Ward, that two gentlemen be appointed as assistant assessors for the purpose of revising the real estate assessment roll for the year 1885 for the city of Victoria, and that Mr. Crosadaile and Mr. H. F. Heisterman be appointed to act with Mr. Russell in making the assessment.

Coun. Robertson thought applications should be asked for.

Coun. McKillican thought that the council should choose their own assessors in this important matter.

An amendment of Coun. Robertson's to allow the names of assessors to stand over, not obtaining a seconder, the motion was carried.

Coun. Smith moved, seconded by Coun. Ward, that a street inspector and sanitary officer, combined in one, be appointed for the city.

The mover thought that it was necessary that such an officer be appointed to assist the street committee in their work.

On being asked the duties of the street foreman, the city surveyor explained that they were taking orders from the committee, to oversee work and keep the men's time. On being asked if he had time to attend to the duties proposed by the motion, he said that he thought he had.

Coun. Robertson objected to any more salaried officers being appointed.

Coun. Braden thought that Mr. Dewsnap was a good man for the position, and that he would support his appointment.

Coun. Warner thought that before appointing a sanitary officer they should first get a bylaw that citizens could not drive a back yard through.

Cour. Earle moved in amendment to Coun. Smith's motion that Mr. Dewsnap in addition to his usual duties act as inspector of streets for the present.

Seconded by Coun. Grant and carried.

SANITARY REPORT.

The sanitary officer reported a cesspool on Mr. Justice Crease's premises; and stating that a drain was necessary on a lot near Humbolt street and also that a cesspool be abated on the same lot.

The usual notices were ordered to be served and the nuisances abated.

FINLAYSON'S BRIDGE.

From P. S. Leech, city surveyor, stating that Finlayson's bridge was in an unsafe condition and should be attended to, the cost being about $200. Referred to street committee.

WATER METERS.

Coun. Smith moved that the water committee be authorized to purchase six ¾ diameter water meters at a cost of $25 each. Seconded and carried.

VANCOUVER.

The clerk read the following letter proposed to be sent to Ottawa:—

VICTORIA, B. C., Feb., 1885.

HON. JOHN CARLING, Postmaster General, Ottawa:

SIR,—I have the honor to inform you that by resolution of the municipal council I have been instructed to bring to your notice the confusion and difficulties likely to arise from naming a proposed town at Burrard Inlet "Vancouver" and respectfully to urge that you will refuse to allow that name to be used for any postoffice or town on the mainland in this province.

In support of our contention we beg leave to submit the following reasons:—

1. That it is very desirable that a similarity of names should be avoided for postal towns in the same province.

2. That since the incorporation of this city in 1862 it has been the principal city on Vancouver Island, and the address "Vancouver," both for letters and telegrams, has been considered a sufficient address for business houses and others resident in this city, and so generally accepted by all countries as applying to Victoria that confusion and serious complications must undoubtedly arise if Vancouver should be used as the name of any other town or postoffice in British Columbia.

3. That there already exists a town or place in W. T. on the Columbia river in the United States of America called Vancouver, and mail matter intended for and addressed to that place frequently miscarries to this city, thus proving what has been claimed in the preceding paragraph.

This question being one requiring immediate attention I venture to hope that you will be pleased to take whatever action you may consider necessary or advisable with as little delay as possible, in order to prevent the use of the name referred to for the proposed town.

(Signed)

Moved by Coun. Ward, seconded by Coun. Smith, that the communication be forwarded to the postmaster-general. Carried.

CIVIC OFFICERS.

The following gentlemen were appointed civic officers for 1885:

Auditor—J. W. Griffiths.
Health Officer—Dr. Jackson.
Poundkeeper—J. Rourke.
Cemetery keeper—James Thomas.
Foreman Street Works—Jos. Dewsnap.
Teamster—James Gannock.
Carpenter—Mr. Jamieson.
Park-keeper—Jas. Ward.
Caretaker Water Works—John Ede.

The superintendent of police and staff were re-appointed.

The matter of appointing a police magistrate was laid over.

The council adjourned at 10·20 until Monday evening, when the amendment to the municipality act will be considered.

What Some People Say.

That Mr. James Fell says he is willing to meet "Reformer" in the Philharmonic Hall and discuss which of the two is the infidel. Two bits admission to be charged, and proceeds to be paid to the British Benevolent Society.

That the Times says its "policy has been endorsed." He is in better luck than Hong Lee, the pawnbroker, whose policy was *not* endorsed by the city council.

That a woman who keeps a foundling hospital at San Francisco has been arrested for selling white babies to Chinese doctors.

That Henry Wise, one of the Seattle robbers who was captured in Victoria two years ago, has escaped from the Washington Territory penitentiary.

That Taylor, president of the Mormons, in a recent sermon said: "The federal officers here are sneaks and tramps, intruding with processes from the courts into the homes of the people. This was hard to bear, and forbearance might cease to be a virtue. Yet he advised his hearers to stand it a little longer,—did not want blood to flow just yet. There would be a change before long. He wouldn't give up the law of God, so help him God, and the congregation shouted, amen."

Rock Slide on the C. P. R.

Neither passengers nor mails arrived from the interior yesterday. The delay was caused by a great slide of rock which covered the track three miles below Hope and blocked the down train. It is hoped that the obstruction will be removed today, in which case the delayed passengers and letters will get through to-morrow.

"The Bargain Concluded."

In announcing in yesterday's issue that arrangements had been completed between the private property holders and the C. P. R. Co., we were too premature, as we are now informed that such is not the case. It is to be hoped that this matter will be settled at once, as it is understood that Mr. Beatty leaves almost immediately for the east, after which it will be too late to do anything.

Dull Times in Eastern Oregon.—A letter-writer says: Everything is dull here—no money, no business; but, thanks to God, no sickness. All are waiting to see if the legislature will do anything to give relief; if not, this country is gone. If the legislature will repeal the usury law, we will be all O K, or do away with the mortgage tax law. But if the usury law is repealed, all will be well with the mortgage tax law still on the books, with a little amending.

The body of the late Mrs. Sleightholme, who died at San Francisco, will arrive by the Elder from San Francisco for interment at Ross Bay Cemetery.

City Auditor.—Mr. J. W. Griffiths was re-appointed city auditor at the council meeting last night, there being three applicants for the position.

Health Officer.—There were three applications for the position of health officer at the council last night—Drs. Jackson, Milne and Praeger, the former being re-elected.

The squatter's committee sat last evening when Hon. Mr. Smithe gave his evidence.

From the Daily Colonist, February 6.

What Some People Say.

That the devil may prosecute "Observer" for slander, for stating that he (the devil) had gone into partnership with John Grant, M. P. P.

That statistics show that clergymen live about two years longer than lawyers.

That Canadian Pacific officials claim that a conspiracy has been organized for the purpose of bearing the company's stock.

That a young English lady has just been arrested in Holland for wearing a felt hat and having short hair.

That J. Pilger, dry goods, Portland, has failed. Liabilities, $36,000. The creditors are in Portland and San Francisco. L. & D. Barman, dry goods, Portland, have also failed.

That a smart boy was asked the other day if he knew what "N. B." meant. He replied: "None of your business."

That it has been discovered in France that the micrococci of pneumonia are not biologically the same as the micrococci of scarlet fever or diphtheria." This relieves us immensely. We were afraid they were.—*Louisville Courier-Journal.*

That a Boston girl is going to marry Professor Edwards, one of the men who devised zone standard time. The marriage may be a happy one if some fiendish paragrapher doesn't rush in with the remark that the professor is anxious to call her his zone.—*Norristown Herald.*

That the extremities of man after birth grow more rapidly than the trunk. It is not so with the woman. Her trunk grows faster than anything else. If you don't believe that ask an experienced baggage man.—*N. Y. Graphic.*

That a cow at Moline, Ill., got drunk on distillery grains and made an interesting display of corned beef.

That an exchange says: "The older a willow hedge is the stronger it becomes." It is just the same with an egg.

That since the Tallaposoa disaster the United States navy is not allowed to go near the water.

That the anti-German feeling in England is growing rapidly.

That a young lady remarks: "It will be just horrible when it comes 1886, for I make abominable sixes."

That owing to the sudden death of Mr. Gladstone's niece, the wedding of Rev. Stephen Gladstone has been postponed.

That a Corean woman has no name. She is always somebody's daughter, sister, wife, mother. Their individual existence is not recognized even by name.

That the remains of workmen who died and were buried along the line of the Northern Pacific railway, while it was building are now being exhumed, placed in coffins and buried in a finely laid out cemetery at Missoula, Montana Territory, at the railroad company's expense. The men detailed for the work are called by the other railway employés "resurrectionists."

That the largest bridge in the world crosses Lake Pontchartrain, at New Orleans, and is twenty-two miles in length. It is trestle-work, on piles, and is made of cypress wood, which was first saturated with creosote oil, which renders it impervious to moisture and proof against the attack of barnacles.

That the Canadian Presbytery has voted to allow marriage with a deceased wife's sister.

That the matrimonial market is very brisk.

That a crazy farmer named Park, who resided on a small island near San Juan Island, killed one of his neighbors and barricaded himself in his cabin. A member of the sheriff's posse broke in the door and was shot dead. The sheriff then saturated a bale of hay with coal oil, rolled it against the cabin and set fire to it. The cabin was destroyed and in the ruins were found the charred remains of Park.

The Largest Output.

The output of the several Nanaimo and Wellington Collieries for the year 1884 amounted to 395,900 tons, 87,388 tons of which was used in this province and 308,512 was exported to the Pacific Coast States, Sandwich Islands and China. In 1883 the total output amounted to 216,184, and in 1882 the largest output of any year before 1884, it amounted to 282,000. In 1883 the home consumption was 64,786 tons, and in 1882, 56,161 tons as compared with 87,388 tons in 1884. The total output of 1884 is 179,184 in excess of 1883 and 113,900 tons in excess of 1882. To mine this 395,900 tons of coal it is estimated that 300,000 pounds of blasting powder was used. The material increase during 1884 was caused by the Vancouver Coal Company energetically working their new mines on the Esplanade and at South Field. It is to be hoped that the year 1885 will show a material increase in 1884.—*Free Press.*

The Streets.

From the number of applications that were made to the council on Wednesday evening for street improvements it would seem that the street committee will have considerable hard work for the next few months. There can be no question that the roads this year are in a much worse state than ever before and large amounts will have to be expended in many quarters immediately. Coun. Robertson described a trip that he made up to Spring Ridge at night, (probably a campaign trip) to show the necessity for opening up Pembroke street. First, he fell into a gravel pit, then over a stump, and next into a brush heap. Knowing Mr. R.'s strict temperance principles, we can only account for these mishaps by the exceeding roughness of the neighborhood, and truly sympathize with the residents in that vicinity who have nightly to run the gauntlet.

Marine.

Ship Peru has completed her cargo of V. C. Co.'s coal and is ready for sea.

American ship Astoria, bound for Nanaimo for coal, passed yesterday.

A Startling Discovery.

Physicians are often startled by remarkable discoveries. The fact that Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption and all Throat and Lung diseases is daily curing patients that have been given up to die, is starting them to realize their sense of duty and examine into the merits of this wonderful discovery, resulting in hundreds of of our best Physicians using it in their practice. Trial bottles free at A. J. Langley & Co.'s Drug Store. Regular size $1, 4dw

Nanaimo.—The recent heavy rains have caused a freshet in the Nanaimo river. About 500 yards of the telegraph line were carried away, and on Monday Mr. J. A. Callaghan, had a series of adventures in repairing the line. The Victoria road was submerged in several places.

Customs returns for January, $3,004 39.

Coal exports for January, 14,655 tons, valued at $58,620.

A petition is in circulation requesting legislation to prevent the conviction of white men exclusively on Chinese testimony.—*Free Press.*

The bachelors of Cowichan gave a most pleasant ball to their numerous friends on Friday evening last, the 30th ult., in the new hall of the literary institute. In spite of the inclement weather upwards of 80 guests assembled, and dancing was continued far into the small hours of the morning. An exceedingly agreeable evening was spent and the guests separated having fully appreciated the kind hospitality of the bachelors.

The Grismer-Davies Co. have just closed a seven weeks' engagement at Portland where it was in every sense successful.

Lands and Works.

The report of the chief commissioner of lands and works for the year ending December 31st has been laid on our table. A large amount of valuable work has been done by the government during the year, and funds expended as per public accounts. A noticeable feature of the report is the amount of work accomplished in many outlying districts of the province where the influx of immigrants has necessitated the construction of roads, bridges, etc. The return of land transactions for the year 1884 is as follows:

Pre-emption records	308
" " Island railway	399
Certificates of improvement	77
" " Island railway	72
Certificates of purchase	604
" " Island railway	11
Crown grants	406
Coal prospecting licenses	2
Timber cutting licenses	2

SUMMARY:

Pre-emption records—	
1880	64
1881	85
1882	77
1883	200
1884	308
Island railway pre-emption records—	
1880	0
1881	0
1882	0
1883	0
1884	399
Certificates of Improvements—	
1880	54
1881	55
1882	29
1883	50
1884	77
Island railway certificates of improvement—	
1880	0
1881	0
1882	0
1883	0
1884	42
Certificates of purchase—	
1880	234
1881	205
1882	201
1883	328
1884	604
Island railway certificates of purchase—	
1880	0
1881	0
1882	0
1883	0
1884	11
Crown grants—	
1880	132
1881	111
1882	129
1888	274
1884	406
Total acreage deeded—	
1880	24,115
1881	23,141
1882	23,609
1883	54,637
1884	146,197
Acreage covered by coal prospecting licenses—	
1880	0
1881	0
1882	0
1883	46,080
1884	960
Acreage leased for timber cutting—	
1880	0
1881	0
1882	0
1883	35,000
1884	1,947
Letters received—	
1880	1,319
1881	1,314
1882	1,617
1883	2,463
1884	3,357

The Metlakahtla Inquiry.

To the Editor:—It is to be regretted that you cannot find space in your columns to publish the commissioners' report and evidence; because, as previously stated, your readers would not follow you in your commendations of Mr. Duncan, which you continue to lavishly bestow upon him to the disparagement of everybody else connected with the matter.

In this morning's issue of your paper it is remarked that in the house yesterday the hon. attorney general delivered one of the most eloquent addresses you have ever heard; but surely it is a poor compliment to sum up as pessimist a gentleman of high legal standing who, from the published report, has taken extraordinary pains to arrive at an impartial decision upon a most difficult matter for the reason, forsooth, that he does not think fit to act against his conscientious conclusions by holding up Mr. Duncan as the innocent lamb.

On several occasions you have culled portions of the evidence published in the report which would apparently favor the one whose champion you are, but I venture suggest that it would be very interesting to your readers who have not had an opportunity of reading the report of the commissioners, if you gave them the thestrical story in which your friend takes the leading character. For hypocrisy and deceit this certainly "takes the cake."

FAIR PLAY.

Feb. 5th, 1885.

[In spite of the bumptiousness of "Fair Play" we cannot see that Bishop Ridley's position would be improved by the publication of the evidence. For instance, how would it read abroad that the bishop had "put a head on" a Siwash; that he had appeared on Metlakahtlan streets armed with a shotgun or that the occurrence which he reported to the society and the press as an attempt to take his life was proven to be the act of an amorous youth who tossed a pollet or lead into his girl's window as a signal that he was outside! Bishop Ridley's course may be perfectly in accordance with his lights. Perhaps his Afghan experiences have given him a wrong impression of the natives of this country. One thing is certain, he has failed to win the respect and confidence of the Metlakahtlans and ought to retire from a field where he is neither ornamental nor useful. If Mr. Duncan instructed the Indians wrongly with respect to their title to the lands he had distinguished authority for what he said. But that does not improve Bishop Ridley's position at Metlakahtla, where he is a constant source of annoyance and disorder.]

County Court.

(Before Mr. Justice Walkem).

The usual monthly sittings of the county court was held yesterday, Mr. Justice Walkem presiding. The list of cases was above the average, and probably the most interesting case was the first on the list, viz., Lewis vs. Macdonald, before a jury. Plaintiff claimed $12 for goods supplied to defendant, which defendant denied having ever received. The jury,