

WARD OF ALDERMEN.

uncell vote \$1,000 Towards the new's Birthday Celebration Next Month.

is Wanted to Complete the Project to Asphalt Government Street.

regular weekly meeting of the council was held last night. Present: The Mayor (in the chair), Ald. Lovell, Munro, McStykes, Hall, Humber, Bragg and...

minutes of last meeting were taken and adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS. The Master Bakers' Association, Thomas Harding, president, ask the Council to consent to make the loaf of bread 1 1/2 lbs. and to refer to the Market committee for...

J. M. Fian, announcing that he is prepared to furnish the city with fire hydrants by a uniformed band. Resolved to adopt.

W. Christie, local manager of the Telephone Co., tendering a check for \$11.50 for telegrams. Referred to the committee for payment.

Drake, Jackson & Helmsken, regarding receipt of communications, regarding the Sewerage report on the Phoenix claim.

H. M. Yates, Secretary, again asking the city to settle the claim of the city's poor by the Province Jubilee Hospital, stating that the money is badly in need of funds, and cheque would be received with...

ed to the Finance Committee. Thomas Lamphlet, requesting that the city take steps to inform the public that he did not own the property on David street which he had not owned for some time.

ed to the Police Committee. Residents of Victoria West, asking action regarding the recent peering street-car lines in taken delay.

STILES pointed out the necessity of downing of street lines in that locality, which was mostly needed in that locality.

Jeppson & Wheeler, land surveying a map of Calgary, N. W. T., with thanks.

The Pacific Asphalt Co., asking the Council to authorize an offer to pave the streets, and request the Council to consider the matter.

decided to arrange for the interest on the bonds.

HALI moved that \$1,000 be voted towards the celebration of the Birthday.

BAKER seconded the motion. BRAGO pointed out the necessity of the celebration, and that it might be better to have it on a more convenient day. He would vote to increase it to \$2,000. The finance committee recommended that the celebration be held on the 29th of April, and that the cost be borne by the city.

STILES said that he could not contribute more than \$1,000 at this time. There were some other members of the Council who wished to contribute, but they were not able to do so at this time.

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NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

Suicide in Jail—A Royal Passenger—A Sketching Club for the Province.

The Child Murderers—A Cowardly Assault—Dedication I.O.O.F. at Nanaimo.

VANCOUVER. VANCOUVER, April 27.—G. E. Pries, St. John, N.B., is to make Vancouver his home. The Empress of Japan left at the lowest tide at 2 o'clock this afternoon, with a full complement of passengers and freight.

R. O. Atkins, Atkins & Johnson, and Miss Eliza Irene McAllister, were married at St. Andrew's church this morning.

Posted flowers have been stolen, while a man named Allerode was sealed up in a C.P.R. car. The car was opened, to-day. Allerode was arrested and jailed.

WESTMINSTER. NEW WESTMINSTER, April 27.—The Westminster Lacrosse Club has chartered the steamer City of Nanaimo for an excursion to Victoria on May 24th. This steamer has accommodations for several hundred people, and is one of the speediest-lying in these waters.

At a meeting of the Bicycle Club, last night, after some discussion, it was decided to join the Canadian Wheelmen's Association, which step will result in bringing the cyclists of this city under the protection of the association in all matters pertaining to the wheel.

The thieves who broke into Rose's house at Clayton and stole a great quantity of jewelry, including gold and silver, and some of the goods in their possession. The case against Gardner and his wife, charged with the murder of their infant child, was enlarged until Thursday morning.

The Westminster Association Football team have decided to play Northfield and let the appeal game go by default. Charles Marchand assaulted Annie Morgan in Vancouver last night, and was arrested here. Not acting properly in court, he was fined \$10 for contempt. He was remanded to Vancouver upon the assault charge.

Ab Lee, convicted of stealing a large quantity of goods, was sentenced to three months at hard labor. Lee has only been released two days after serving a three months' sentence.

The B. C. Milling and Feed Co. are negotiating to erect a spacious mill if they can secure the necessary land from the corporation and the water rights and power at a reasonable rent.

NANAIMO. NANAIMO, April 27.—Darrington, who was brought from Salt Spring Island, this time, charged with the murder of a man named Brown, was sentenced to three months in jail by cutting his throat. An inquest will be held to-morrow.

At a meeting of the B. C. Football Association, held last evening, a protest was made by Northfield against New Westminster being allowed to have a match played on May 8th.

S.S. Monseratt sails to-morrow for the Polynesian Islands via the Beritara Islands, thence to Cantonese, and thence to the king of the Beritara Islands in on board.

Arrived—Barks Dundaleer and Big Donanza.

A meeting was held by Mayor Haslam for Friday night to select committees to carry out the sports on Queen's birthday.

A skating club has been formed, with Captain Dempster as president, and E. H. Cole, secretary and treasurer. The membership roll numbers fourteen ladies and gentlemen, with a promise of more joining. Two classes have been formed, one for ladies and one for gentlemen, and will be in his favor, leaving him all his property.

The sixth annual session of the British Columbia Conference of the Methodist church, will (D.V.) be held in the Wallace street church, commencing at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 11th. The special ministerial session will commence on Tuesday, the 10th, at 9 a.m. It is expected that about 75 members will be present. The Standing committee meet in the school-room of the Wallace street church, on the Monday preceding. All the sessions of the Conference are open to the public.

The dedication of the new hall of Harmony Lodge, No. 5, I.O.O.F., at New Townsville, Wellington, took place, this afternoon. The dedication ceremony was conducted by P.G.M. E. Quennell, D.G.M. J.W. Crossen, and Past Grand of Harmony and Black Diamond Lodges.

TREND NOT DISTANT. Prospects of a No Means Placant Conclusion to Venezuela's Troubles.

NEW YORK, April 26.—The fiercest fighter of Palaco's army, General Juan Quevedo, and his aide-de-camp, Jose Armes, have been killed, butchered in a horrible manner, not by insurgent troops, but by the enraged populace of Los Teques. General Quevedo was a native of the Cap. Islands. He had been identified with all the revolutions of the past 25 years, and was always on the Government side. He had amassed many millions, and owned rich coffee plantations in the state of Guzman Blanco, in the vicinity of Teques. With his aide-de-camp, Colonel Armes, a promising young soldier, he was paying a visit to his possessions at Los Teques on April 18, when they were attacked by the villagers, who had been incited to rebellion by the neighboring mountaineers.

The insurgent troops have not yet penetrated as far as Los Teques, and the killing of the two government commanders was done by the people. General Quevedo was dragged from his horse in the suburbs of Teques and beaten with stones and clubs. His brains were literally dashed out with a big boulder in the hands of two mountaineers. The utmost contempt was shown the body, which was literally cut to pieces with the hatchet after death. Colonel Armes suffered the same treatment. At the time of the killing of General Quevedo—40 was 30 years old. He leaves a widow and several children, who live in fine style at Caracas. General Crespo's line extends to-day from Timaguillo to Cagua, along the southern coast of Venezuela. This line is south-west from Caracas, and is the key to the

VENEZUELAN AFFAIRS.

Serious Fighting—Palaco's Forces in Imminent Peril.

Puerto Cabello, April 26.—Advices from Valencia say General Ybarra and Casanovas, with nearly 1,000 government forces, are cut off from Palaco's main forces and in imminent peril. General Crespo, the insurgent commander-in-chief, has effected a junction with General Mora.

New York, April 26.—Mall advices from La Guayra, Venezuela, dated April 23, says: Philip C. Hanna, U.S. consul to La Guayra, was fired upon by a policeman in the streets of La Guayra, at 8:30 o'clock last Wednesday night. When the policeman saw it was the American consul, he begged for mercy. On the day following the government officials, anxious to apologize for the incident, Mr. Hanna assured the officials that he looked upon the affair as a mistake and bore the unfortunate policeman no ill-will. The war between Crespo and Palaco is still raging, and is regarded as a matter of uncertainty. On April 17, a battle was fought near Caracas, in which the government troops lost 400 men. On April 20, the governor of a state of Bolivar went to Petare to recruit troops for Palaco. A number of people in sympathy with Crespo rose in revolt, and a fight in the suburbs of Petare resulted in the killing of 100. It is generally thought that Crespo is gaining ground.

THE SILVER CONFERENCE. What is Being Done in Great Britain and the United States.

LONDON, April 26.—Lord Salisbury, with Right Hon. Messrs. Goschen and Balfour, have consented to receive the influential deputation from chambers of commerce and from the commercial community, whose object it is to urge the promotion of an international agreement looking to the unrestrained coinage of gold and silver as a remedy for the embarrassment in trade arising from the violent fluctuations and the uncertainties of the exchange with silver-coinage countries.

WASHINGTON, April 26.—The President sent a message to the Senate, stating that, in his opinion, it would not be compatible with the public interest to lay before it at this time the correspondence which he has requested by his resolution of April 23 to furnish, concerning any step taken toward securing an international conference to consider the question of free coinage of the enlarged use of silver. He says he will do so at the earliest moment after definite information can be properly given, and adds that it may be inappropriate, however, to say here that, believing the full use of silver as a coin metal upon an agreed ratio by the great commercial nations of the world would very much promote the prosperity of all their people, he has not and will not let any favorable opportunity pass for the promotion of that most desirable result.

It is free international silver coinage is not presently attainable, then to secure the largest practicable use of that metal.

SOMNAMBULISM. A Novel Plot of a Person Accused of Attempt to Kill.

SANTA ROSA, CAL., April 27.—Edward J. Livernash, the young man who created a sensation in San Francisco, last October, by appearing on the streets disguised as a negro woman, and whose movements on October 29th created great excitement in Cloverdale by attempting to kill D. Eberidge, of that place, who was held to appear before the Superior Court for trial. Livernash's preliminary hearing was held before Justice Abraham of Cloverdale, two weeks ago, and at that time he was not remanded until this afternoon. The trial promises to be one of the most interesting ever known in California. He claims to have been in a somnambulist condition when he made the attempt to kill Eberidge, and he knows nothing about the affair. The morning of the assault he went to Eberidge's home and ordered him to make a will in his favor, leaving him all his property. Eberidge demurred, and then Livernash fired four shots at him, two of which took effect, only slight wounds were inflicted. Livernash was arrested, and told such wild stories about having put 40 bullets into Judge Joschimsen, of San Francisco, who he had never seen, and the person of Eberidge, that he was examined for insanity and committed to the Napa Insane Asylum. A few weeks ago he was discharged from the institution as cured. He was then brought here to answer the criminal charge preferred against him. At the preliminary examination at Cloverdale, Doctors Gardner and Robertson, of Napa, testified that Livernash was subject to somnambulism and capable of leading a dual life, and when in his somnambulist condition he was not accountable for what he did. In their opinion he was that way when he made the attack on Eberidge. Opinion is divided on the matter, and the case will be contested on both sides.

SERVICES RECOGNIZED.

A pleasing little ceremony took place at the Social Tea at St. Mark's church, last evening, presided over by Mrs. Webb, who has been most indefatigable in her exertions for the new church—among other things having collected considerably over \$100.

Presented to Mrs. Webb by the congregation of St. Mark's, Cloverdale, in token of the valuable services she has rendered as organist and her indefatigable labors in behalf of the church generally.

The subscriptions were limited to ten cents; all joining, as all testifying to the general gratitude. Rev. W. F. Arden, in presenting it, alluded to the joy felt by all, whose opinion was worth having, in acknowledging services like Mrs. Webb's. A beautifully bound hymn book was then presented to Mr. Edward Minton, contractor of the new church, by the Building Committee, in token of their appreciation of his work in behalf of the church.

In making this presentation, chairman of the Committee said that they did not often see such a piece of finished work in this country. It was a model of workmanship, and was the result of a few years. It would be a happy circumstance if all contract work was carried out so conscientiously.

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M. QUAD'S SKETCHES.

Some Curious Instances of Circumstantial Evidence—A Blind Man's Story.

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The town of Cane Hill, say, had about 4,000 inhabitants, and being in a western state had an element of toughness. Murder was not a rare crime, and robbery and assault very common one. One day a stranger arrived who gave out that he intended to establish a private bank having a cash capital of about \$15,000. The matter was talked over by the town, and it was understood that he was from Chicago. He was a middle aged, genteel man, and was well received in the town.

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One morning the dead body of a man was found in the water wheel of the grist mill, which was situated in the town. The man was soon identified as that of Charles Williams. The skull had been fractured by a blow, and money and jewelry were gone. At the inquest as many as twenty different citizens had most of them identified it was his body. The idea that they could be mistaken never occurred to any of them, and the general appearance of Williams, and therefore was Williams.

A murder having been committed, some one must be arrested for the crime. Williams could be traced back to the evening before, but no certain hour. The land lord was sure he saw him at supper time, but not after. The clerk was sure he saw him talking to the landlord an hour later. One chambermaid saw him up stairs at 6 o'clock and another at 8:30. One man saw him in the depot at 9, and another man saw him at a mile away. They who were against the delays and technicalities of the law and the cunning of lawyers, asked to meet with the sheriff and the sheriff. Right in that small town, where Williams could not have moved a rod without being recognized and remarked, he could be traced after 6 o'clock in the evening. Then he had talked with him at 3, 4 and 5 o'clock, whether it was that afternoon or the previous one.

An arrest was speedily made. A suspicious character named John Carnes got drunk and displayed a roll of money, and Williams, who was sitting at the table, said that it was "very sign of guilt." The sheriff was congratulated, Carnes was locked up and everybody was satisfied. On the preliminary examination it turned out that Carnes was a man of no account, but so far from taking any step in that direction he had hired out to work for a lively stable-keeper for three months. Shifted from one place to another, but so far from taking any step in that direction he had hired out to work for a lively stable-keeper for three months. Shifted from one place to another, but so far from taking any step in that direction he had hired out to work for a lively stable-keeper for three months.

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When the second prisoner was examined he vigorously denied the murder, but like Carnes he failed to account for his time after 6 o'clock. He tried to, and would lose. Asked to account for his time on the evening of the murder he mixed himself all up, and finally relapsed into a dogged silence. It was believed that he and Carnes were partners in the crime, and again the surprising about was the man who doubted his guilt would have been thought an ass or a lunatic.

I told you in the beginning that it was a queer case, and you will not be surprised to learn that a third arrest was soon made. This turned out to be the most important of all. Two farmers living in the edge of town had quarreled over a line fence, and one of them called on the sheriff at midnight and gave him a tip. This was all by a man named Williams, who was a single man and kept house for himself. They found a false face and false whickers hidden away. They also found a pair of overalls and a blood stain on all its buttons. We are all aware that "Jack is as good as his master, and better, too."

But all this is characteristic of American methods of dealing with the sealing question from beginning to end, misrepresentation and garbled testimony from any reliable source, and to back their stories before the pending arbitration. The Victoria sealers have themselves to blame in great measure for the trouble, and are inclined to prejudice their case in British opinion, to go abroad without prompt and convincing contradiction.

AN AMERICAN POACHER.

SPECIAL TO THE COLONIST.

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