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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Obituary.

Mrs. Alexander Todd, aged 37 years, died at her residence on the Cadboro Bay road, on Monday. The funeral will take place to-morrow at 2 p. m. from the late residence.

Iron Moulders Strike.

The iron moulders employed at the Washington Iron Works, Seattle, are out on a strike. They demand that there shall be no piece work, and are determined to hold out. There are two or three men working in the moulding room, but not a sufficient force to carry on the work of the foundry.

The San Francisco Steamers.

It is now definitely settled that the Pacific Coast Steamship Co., commencing on March 6th, will run three steamers to Victoria and the Sound, to accommodate the increased traffic. The steamers will leave every five days, and the additional steamer will be the Mexico, which has been entirely renovated and repaired.

A New Pastor.

Rev. E. D. McLaren, the new pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church at Vancouver, accompanied by Mrs. McLaren, arrived from the East on Monday. This evening the induction service will take place, and a number of Presbyterian clergymen from different parts of the province are in Vancouver to assist at the ceremony.

Fine Strike in Coal.

The miners employed by Messrs. Dunsmuir & Sons, of the Wellington Colliiery, now working at what is known as the Sabiston and Horne Mine, have opened into a seven-foot seam of excellent coal. This property is in the famous Millstream Valley on the Nanaimo side of the East Wellington property, and the work of opening it up will be prosecuted with the utmost vigor. Quite a number of men are now engaged at this work.

Smuggled Opium.

Part of a cargo of smuggled opium brought from Victoria in a small boat has been discovered near Seattle by the customs officers. It is surmised that the boat, on her return trip, was upset by a squall, and that the occupants of the frail craft have perished. When the steamship Umatilla reached San Francisco yesterday morning, customs officers found forty boxes of opium secreted in the pantry-room of the vessel.

Diphtheria Claims another Victim.

Mr. George Thomson, M. P. P., and Mrs. Thomson, have been again called upon to part with another of their children, their little five-year-old daughter, Hattie, having succumbed to the disease on Monday. This makes the fourth child Mr. and Mrs. Thomson have lost through diphtheria during the past few weeks. Mrs. Thomson, who has also been a sufferer from the same disease, is now convalescing. The afflicted parents have the heartfelt sympathy, not alone of the people of Nanaimo, but of Victoria, where Mr. and Mrs. Thomson have many friends.

Change of Business.

The Ames Holden Company yesterday morning assumed the management of the Victoria Boot and Shoe Manufactory, formerly carried on by Mr. William Heathorn. It is understood that the latter made a good sale, and that the buyers are pleased with their purchase. Mr. J. Holden has been in the city a couple of weeks, and is satisfied with the outlook for the extensive manufacture of boots and shoes. As soon as possible the premises will be extended, a three-story addition to be erected on Langley street. The wholesale department of the company will be continued for the present at the ware-rooms on Wharf street. Mr. Heathorn retires from the business, and the new firm enters it with the best wishes of all for their further success.

The Conversazione.

The many who had the pleasure of attending the delightful conversaziones given before Christmas by the ladies of the Reformed Episcopal church, will be pleased to learn that the series has again been taken up, and many more enjoyable evenings may be spent in the near future at these charming gatherings. Last evening saw a goodly number gathered in the school-room of the church, all prepared to enjoy themselves, and all satisfied when the entertainment was at an end. The programme presented was as follows: Piano solo, Miss Barbara Wilson; vocal duet, Mrs. D. R. Harris and Miss Mouat; reading, Dr. Macnaughton Jones, (*encored*); song, Mr. Goffin; vocal solo, Mrs. D. R. Harris; piano solo, Miss Young; vocal solo, Mrs. Jones, with violin and piano accompaniment; quartette, Miss Mouat, Miss Higgins, Miss Jones and Mrs. Higgins. Miss Helmcken, Miss Cridge and Miss Macdonald acted as accompanists, and gave every satisfaction. The next conversazione will be given in about a fortnight.

The Loss of the "C. S. Fowler."

A San Francisco exchange says:—Captain William Bendt, owner of the sealing schooner C. S. Fowler, three of whose crew were drowned in Drakes Bay on Tuesday, the 5th inst., returning from the scene of the disaster on Friday. He says that Captain Hooper, of the Corwin, and the captain of the cutter Rush, did everything in their power for those on the Fowler and to recover the bodies of the unfortunates. They fired guns in the hopes of causing the bodies to rise, but without avail. The statement published that the officers of the cutters searched the sealers and the fishing boat Knickerbocker he states is a pure fabrication. The tug Active, which will tow the R. D. Rice to sea this morning, will take out a boat for the Fowler, which will pick it up outside. The sealing schooner Annie, with Captain John Jacobsen, the "mighty hunter," in command, will clear and sail to-day on a hunting and sealing voyage. She will go about 200 miles south of this port and follow up the seals in their migration to the north.

"Premier's" Night-Watchman Suicides.

The *News-Advertiser* furnishes the following particulars of the suicide of the night-watchman of the steamer Premier, while the vessel was on her way from this port to Vancouver on Saturday last:—About 5:30 o'clock the officers on the steamer were informed that the night-watchman, O'Lachlan, who had been aboard when the vessel left for Vancouver, was missing and that he had probably committed suicide. A hurried though thorough investigation confirmed the fear of his loss, and a letter addressed in his handwriting to J. C. Brown, room 2, McDermott Block, Bay City, Mich., was found in his cabin. The pass key he carried and which admitted him to the different apartments was also found at the stern of the vessel. Everything points to premeditation in the act. Capt. O'Brien first thought of turning around and searching for the body, but it was getting dark and the exact spot was not known, so that the idea was given up. O'Lachlin had dressed himself up in his best clothes before dropping into the cold waters. When not drinking he was known as a quiet, inoffensive, respectable man.

Another Large Transfer.

Mr. James Dunsmuir, of Wellington, yesterday purchased nineteen acres of land fronting on the Victoria Arm, opposite Mr. N. P. Snowden's property, from the H. B. Co., for $600 per acre. It is understood that Mr. Dunsmuir will shortly begin the erection of a costly residence on the property.

Floating Cannery.

Capt. Porter, formerly of the ship Wilna, has been appointed to the command of the ship Harry Morse, and will commence his duties on the 15th inst. at San Francisco. The ship Harry Morse will take on board a full cannery outfit, including a large number of white men and Chinamen, and proceed to Alaska, and there start a cannery. The ship will remain there during the summer, and be used in connection with the canning industry. The salmon, ready for market, will be loaded on the ship and the vessel returned to San Francisco. By this arrangement the cannery can be moved to where the fish can be found in paying quantities.—*Free Press.*

Collister-Cessford.

The residence of Mr. R. Cessford, Henry street, was last evening the scene of a more than usually happy gathering, the occasion being the marriage of Miss Lizlie Cessford to Mr. John R. Collister, of the firm of John Barnsley & Co. The ceremony was performed at 8:30 o'clock by Rev. J. E. Starr, pastor of Pandora street Methodist church, in the presence of a select number of invited guests and the relatives of the contracting parties. The groom was supported by Mr. James Cessford, while Miss Collister made a most charming bridesmaid. After the happy knot was tied, the guests spent a very pleasant evening, and left at a late hour, wishing the happy young people every joy and happiness on their voyage through life together. The bride was the recipient of many handsome presents, as well as the good wishes of a host of friends. THE COLONIST extends congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Collister.

BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES.

The regular monthly meeting of the Public School Board was held in the police court room last evening.

Present: Mr. Chas. Hayward, in the chair, and Trustees Wolfendne, Heisterman, Erskine and Morrison.

COMMUNICATIONS.

From S. D. Pope, Superintendent of Education, stating that the fire drill had been resumed in the schools, and that the recommendations of the board, in regard to better fire protection, as well as the appointment of monitors, would receive prompt and careful attention. Received and filed.

From J. N. Muir asking for testimonials for the eight years during which he had held the position of teacher of the Victoria High School.

Trustee Heisterman did not think the board could properly give Mr. Muir such a testimonial.

Trustee Wolfenden did not think Mr. Muir was deserving of such a testimonial as that asked for, and the communication was on motion received and filed.

REPORTS.

The following report was presented by the special committee appointed to wait upon the Hon. Minister of Education. The report is published in full. It explains itself:

To the Chairman of the Board of School Trustees for Victoria City:

SIR:—Your committee appointed to wait upon the Hon. the Minister of Education, beg to report that they were cordially received by that gentleman on Saturday, the 2nd inst.

The following subjects were urged upon the Minister by your deputation, viz: (1.) The setting apart by the Government of a tract of public lands as an endowment for a Provincial University. (2.) The erection of a residence on the School reserve for the Janitor of the Central schools. (3.) The heating of these schools by hot water. (4.) The painting of the exterior of these buildings. (5.) The employment of monitors in the ward schools.

Your committee strongly urged upon the Minister the desirability of a tract of land being set apart for the purposes indicated, and informed him that a generous offer had been made of 15 acres of valuable land on the Work estate, provided the Government would undertake to erect a university on the land proposed to be granted.

The Minister, while fully recognizing the desirability of possessing a university, expressed doubt as to the policy of locking up lands for that purpose. He thought the true policy was to place all lands fit for agricultural purposes in the hands of those who would develop them and render them food and revenue producing. It would probably be better to sell the lands and give the proceeds, but for the present he considered the State would be fulfilling its duty in placing a free common school education within the reach of all. He would, however, bring the matter before his colleagues.

With regard to other matters brought before him, the Minister admitted their desirableness, and promised they would receive due consideration. The matter of the ward schools had been receiving the attention of the Department, and it would probably resolve itself into a question of adding to existing school-houses and employing monitors.

He pointed out that what was asked for would involve considerable expenditure, and he thought it was unfortunate that, while seeking such expenditures on the one hand, Victoria was, on the other hand, refusing to make the small contribution towards the expense of education provided for by the Legislature at its last session.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed.) CHAS. HAYWARD,
H. F. HEISTERMAN,
R. ERSKINE,
R. WOLFENDEN.

Trustee Heisterman also read the following letter, which he had received during the day:—

OTTAWA, Feby. 5, 1889.

H. F. HEISTERMAN, ESQ.:—

Dear Sir,—I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 25th ult., in regard to the proposed University in Victoria. In reply I have the honor to say that I shall bring the matter before the Government, and will do my utmost to obtain a substantial grant in regard to the same.

I have the honor to be, sir,
Your obd't. servant,
E. G. PRIOR.

Trustee Heisterman stated that the trustees of the Work Estate offered to donate fifteen acres of land at the corner of Cook street and Hillside avenue, for the purposes of a Provincial University, provided the building was erected thereon.

The report of the special committee was on motion received and filed.

Trustee Erskine—Before any other reports are read I would like to introduce a resolution, which I am sure will meet with the approbation of the board. The department of education has communicated with the city council, asking them, as usual, to pay the one-third of the teachers' salaries, which the city is required to pay. So far, our municipal fathers have not complied with this request. Vancouver has paid her share, and Nanaimo has, and I presume Westminster too——

Trustee Wolfenden—I am not sure about Nanaimo and Westminster. I think they are waiting to see what Victoria intends to do in the matter.

Trustee Erskine—Victoria has not done her duty so far, and we cannot do more than to enter our protest against the course adopted by our board of aldermen. I will therefore move, seconded by Dr. Morrison, the following resolution: "Whereas the entire expense of maintaining the public schools of this city has been met most liberally during the past year by the government; and whereas, additional school accommodation is at present urgently needed; be it resolved, that this board expresses the hope that the city council will, at an early date, comply with the requirements of section 10 of the Public School Amendment Act, 1888.

Trustee Heisterman—The parents who have children at the Public or High Schools of this city are not the ones who have any objection to paying their share towards the education of their children. The expense of education in the province is now so great that, Mr. Robson informs me, the department have been obliged to curtail the expenditure by every means in their power. The city should bear its portion of the expense, and I do not see why it has not been done. The city of Victoria can well afford to pay its share. The Mayor, who is a member of this board, has refused to sit with us, and manifests no interest in our work. I take an interest in our schools, and I think that the Mayor of our city, if a good one, should do his share in the interest of our public schools.

Trustee Wolfenden—I quite concur in all that has been said by Mr. Heisterman, and will have a resolution to introduce myself when the one before the chair has been disposed of.

The resolution was put and carried unanimously.

Trustee Wolfenden moved, seconded by Trustee Heisterman, that the Mayor of this city be respectfully requested to take his seat as chairman of this board.

The chairman—I should be very glad to see the Mayor here. He has been repeatedly asked to come here and he has never come. I do not know but it would be *infra dig* on our part to request his presence again.

Trustee Erskine—The present Mayor has never been asked to come. We must presume that we are working now with a new council and a new Mayor.

The Chairman—It's the same John Grant anyway. He has been repeatedly asked to come, and has never come. He may, perhaps, as soon as this point is settled between the council and the government.

Trustee Erskine—There is a great deal of politics in it. There should not be.

Trustee Wolfenden—I believe the reason that Mr. Grant did not take his seat last year was a matter of politics. I do not think it would be *infra dig* for this Board to ask the Mayor to take his seat as chairman. If we could induce him to come, I think it would be in the interest of our schools, which we should further by every means in our power.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS.

On motion, a cupboard for books was ordered to be furnished at the Spring Ridge school.

The accounts for the month of January, amounting to $227.33, were read, and referred to the finance committee for payment, it correct.

The report for the month of January was read by the secretary, and showed the total number of pupils in attendance to be 1202; the daily average, 1,079.73, and the average for each teacher, 53.32. This average attendance is the highest ever reached in the city of Victoria. On motion the board adjourned.

TOWN TOPICS TERSELY TOLD.

Local and General Happenings Gathered Up and Presented in a Readable Shape.

Two tons of Nicola ore have been shipped by Mr. William Wilson to San Francisco for test.

Extensive preparations are being made for the Knights of Pythias ball on Tuesday evening next.

Schooners Pathfinder and Rich, on furnishing $1,000 bonds each, have been released at San Francisco.

The Y. M. C. A. of Vancouver have had plans prepared for a three-storey brick building to cost $25,000.

The sheriff, superintendent and officers of the provincial police took possession of their new offices in the law courts yesterday.

The agents of an eastern firm are visiting Vancouver with the object of erecting a flouring mill if the city will offer any inducement.

W. Ridgeway Wilson, architect, has in course of preparation the plans for a three storey brick block for Nanaimo which will include a small sized theatre.

Residents of Esquimalt complain of the great waste of fish life by fishermen, who when they have made a great haul and filled their boats, leave the fish they cannot carry away to die on the beach instead of throwing them back into the harbor.

A petition signed by gold miners and residents of Nanaimo, has been forwarded to Hon. Mr. Dunsmuir for presentation to the legislative assembly, requesting the recording office for mineral claims on Texada Island to be located at Nanaimo.

Two young men, well known in city society, had an altercation in front of the Victoria Theatre on Monday evening. They finally came to blows, and friends persuaded them to adjourn to a livery stable not far away, where ten rounds, in regulation Marquis of Queensberry style were fought before both were satisfied.

MARINE.

Schooner Black Diamond left for seals yesterday morning.

U. S. revenue cutter Wolcott anchored in the harbor yesterday afternoon.

Ship Snow and Burgess coal laden from Departure Bay, arrived at San Francisco on Sunday.

The Ancon arrived from the Sound at four yesterday afternoon, and left for the north at ten o'clock.

Ship America completed loading Vancouver coal at Nanaimo Monday evening, and was too have left for San Francisco yesterday.

Ship J. B. Brown, in tow of the tug Mastic, arrived at Departure Bay on Monday, to load East Wellington coal for San Francisco.

Schr. Winnifred arrived from Nanaimo yesterday afternoon and is discharging coal at the C.P.N. Co's dock prior to fitting out for sealing.

Steamer Polar Bear arrived at Departure Bay on Monday from Astoria, and after taking on a supply of Wellington coal, left for the canneries at St. Paul and Kodiac Islands, Alaska.

PERSONAL.

J. B. Henderson, Chilliwhack, arrived down last night and is at the Driard.

W. H. Keary, accountant of the Westminster penitentiary, is at the Driard.

E. A. Harris, wife and child, and C.H. Wilson, of New York, are guests at the Driard.

R. Macfarlane, of the Hudson's Bay Company at Stuart's Lake, is at the Driard.

A. M. Beveridge, city editor of the Nanaimo *Free Press*, is afflicted with diphtheria, and is an inmate of the Nanaimo hospital.

Harry C. Harper, formerly of San Francisco, arrived in the city by the Sound steamer yesterday, and will make his home in Victoria.

Harry C. Good, clerk in S. J. Pitts' wholesale store, is confined to his room at the residence of his father, Rev. J. B. Good, of Nanaimo, with an attack of typhoid fever.

M. J. Davis, the representative on this coast for the great fur establishment of Joseph Uhllman, New York, returned to Victoria on Saturday last, and is at his old office on Wharf street.

To Captains and Ship Owners.

Just arrived another lot of the celebrated Windsor ship stoves. Call and examine them at GEO. PHILLIPS, 152 Government street. 1*m.

Duke of Norfolk Displeased.

LONDON, Feb. 12.—The *Chronicle's* correspondent at Rome says the Duke of Norfolk has decided not to pay another visit to the Vatican, and is much displeased at Lord Salisbury's refusal to renew diplomatic relations between England and the holy see. It is asserted that the Irish influence at the Vatican is rapidly gaining ground.

CABLE NEWS.

A Heroic Woman's Encounter With a Burglar Who Stabbed and Slashed Her Husband to Death.

The Worst Snow Storm of the Year Prevailing in London—Streets Blocked With Snow.

Balfour Denies the Stories of O'Brien's Treatment — Lively Debate Expected When Parliament Meets.

A Brave Woman.

LONDON, Feb. 10.—Last night Mr. Kent, the landlord of the Gloucester hotel, at Swansea, closed his house at the usual hour, and with his wife retired for the night, locking all doors, including that of their bed-room. At an early hour this morning Mrs. Kent awoke and heard a sound, made by the striking of a match, and saw a negro in the act of lighting a candle. She awoke her husband, who sprang from his bed, and grappled with the intruder. Mrs. Kent reached under the pillow and grasped her husband's revolver, but the candle not having been lighted it was too dark for her to shoot at the struggling pair without endangering Mr. Kent's life. With rare coolness the lady struck a match, lighted the candle, and again taking up the revolver, fired, striking the negro in the thigh. The latter fell and crawled under the bed, howling and cursing. Mrs. Kent then ran to the door and unlocked it. The negro seeing her act, came out from beneath the bed, and seizing a looking-glass, threw it at the woman. It missed her, but struck the candle and extinguished it. In the darkness the negro escaped, and when the candle was relighted, Mrs. Kent discovered that her husband had been horribly slashed about the throat and stomach with the razor. An alarm was raised, and with the assistance of those who came in, Kent was put to bed. He was able to give a description of the murderer, but died soon after. By this time the alarm in the neighborhood was general, and thousands of men set out in pursuit of the murderer. At noon a colored seaman named Tom Allen was discovered at the drydock with several wounds about his person and his clothes covered with blood. He was arrested and confessed his crime. His motive, he said, was robbery. He had concealed himself in the bedroom before the house was closed, and inflicted the wounds upon Kent only in order to make good his escape.

Exposing Admiralty Secrets.

LONDON, Feb. 10.—The admiralty officials have for some time past suspected that a certain attache of the department who has been in continuous service for twenty-five years, was in the pay of outsiders, to whom he divulged terms of contracts and other information. Failing to confirm their suspicions by several means which they adopted to detect him, they attached a secret electric wire to a drawer containing contracts, and a day or two ago were rewarded by catching the suspected man in the act of abstracting the documents. The culprit was immediately dismissed from the service, but as he is highly connected he will doubtless escape further punishment.

Great Liberal Meeting.

LONDON, Feb. 10.—The great liberal advocate meeting, announced to be held in Hyde Park this afternoon, took place in the midst of a terrific snow storm. The demonstration was one long to be remembered. The thousands of persons present consisted chiefly of working men, but there was a large attendance of members of the various radical clubs. From one of the stands, which was profusely decorated with red streamers, waved a banner bearing the legend, "Remember Chicago." Speeches were made and resolutions passed demanding the release of the Irish patriots now incarcerated in Irish jails.

Lively Debate Expected.

LONDON, Feb. 10.—A dispatch to the *Daily News* from Nice states that Secretary Balfour's rigid coercion policy in Ireland is being seriously discussed by the English members of Parliament sojourning there, from which fact it is inferred that a lively debate of the matter will take place at the opening of Parliament.

The Storm General.

LONDON, Feb. 10.—Railway traffic is interrupted and telegraph wires prostrated throughout England, France and Germany by terrific snow storms, accompanied by high winds.

For Party Purposes.

LONDON, Feb. 10.—Balfour, replying to a letter written him by Mr. Armitage, of Manchester, refers to the party uses to which the Gladstonians have put the matter of treatment of O'Brien in Clonmel jail. He denies the charges made against the prison authorities and denounces their authors as liars.

The Great Snow Storm.

LONDON, Feb. 10.—The violent snow storm which has prevailed since noon, continues unabated at midnight. Telegraphic wires are prostrated in all directions and several marine disasters are reported.

Father McFadden's Arrest.

DUBLIN, Feb. 10.—Father McFadden of Gweedore has written a detailed account of his arrest, on the occasion of which police inspector Martin was killed. He had, he declares, expressed his entire willingness to go with Martin when the latter produced his warrant, and, moreover, did everything in his power to persuade the people to disperse and permit the inspector to do his duty.

Convalescing.

BERLIN, Feb. 10.—U. S. Minister Geo. H. Pendleton is fast recovering his health.

Will be Fought on Thursday.

PARIS, Feb. 10.—It is thought that the chamber of deputies will pass the scrutin d'arrondissement measure to-morrow. The real issue between the cabinet and the opposition to the government will be fought on the question of the reversion of the constitution, which will come up on Thursday.

Balfour Writes a Letter.

LONDON, Feb. 11.—Mr. Balfour, in a letter to the *Times* in reference to O'Brien's arrest, describing it as a villainous and cowardly misrepresentation of Balfour's statement that O'Brien placed every obstacle in the way of medical examination, says *Freeman's Journal* and *United Ireland* both said something to the same effect. The facts were, however that he submitted to an examination with a stethoscope, but declined to be weighed, or to answer any questions. He (Mr. Balfour) was quite willing to put it that O'Brien threw "serious obstacles" in the way, instead of "every obstacle."

London's Great Snow Storm.

LONDON, Feb. 10.—In spite of the fact that a heavier snow storm than London has seen this winter prevailed throughout the afternoon, there was an enormous crowd at the protest meeting in Hyde Park to-day. The gathering was fairly orderly, and gave the police, who were expecting trouble, not the slightest opportunity to exercise their authority beyond their attempts to keep the crowd within bounds and the highways open to travel. Not a single arrest is reported. The storm reached London at 1 o'clock, and at this writing (10 p. m.) shows no sign of abatement. The streets are almost choked with snow, and travel is well nigh suspended.

Bismarck in no Hurry.

LONDON, Feb. 11.—Telegrams from Berlin indicate that Prince Bismarck is not inclined to enter into further negotiations with the American government with regard to Samoa, until after the inauguration of President Harrison. Information obtained from official quarters here induce the belief that Lord Salisbury has urged Count Von Hatzfeldt, German Ambassador, to permit negotiations between Germany and England to lie over for the same reason, the premier believing that an entirely different view will be taken of the Samoan difficulties by the incoming American President and his cabinet.

Irish Emigration.

LONDON, Feb. 10.—During the month of January, as shown by official returns, 68 steamers took 25,000 emigrants to Buenos Ayres. Most of these were Irish, but there was a fair representation of almost every other nationality. A very small proportion of the total number were skilled workmen. The Dublin press in commenting on the emigration to South America, deplore the fact that the greater part of the emigrants were Irish, and warn the government that its policy towards Ireland is rapidly depopulating the country.

The Entombed Miners Rescued.

LONDON, Feb. 11.—The miners who were entombed in the colliery at Plymouth a few days ago have been rescued. Fortunately, each had a small quantity of food in his pockets, and by eating sparingly of this the party were enabled to sustain life until the rescuing force reached them. They were very weak and terribly emaciated, but with proper medical treatment and nourishing food will shortly be restored to health.

Downright Lies.

LONDON, Feb. 10.—Balfour has written to Armitage, at Manchester, a long letter, explanatory of the treatment of O'Brien by the authorities of Clonmel jail. The chief secretary characterizes all of the statements representing O'Brien's treatment as brutal, or even unnecessarily harsh, as downright lies.

Newspaper Enterprise.

LONDON, Feb. 11.—T. P. O'Connor's *Star* appeared to-day in an enlarged form, and the sales of the paper were greater than on any previous day since the first number was issued. Each of the delivery carts had a small electric light attached to its front, attracting general attention.

Suit for Divorce.

LONDON, Feb. 11.—Mr. Izard, husband of the actress Mary Temple, has begun an action against his wife for absolute divorce, on the ground of adultery. H. W. Leslie, proprietor of the Lyric theatre, is named as the co-respondent. Izard claims $15,000 damages from Leslie.

To Be Struck off the Rolls.

LONDON, Feb. 11.—It is rumored that the College of Physicians and Surgeons has decided to erase the name of Dr. Sir Morell Mackenzie from its rolls, and that its action will shortly be publicly announced.

O'Brien's Recovery Improbable.

LONDON, Feb. 10.—The *Daily News* has information that the condition of William O'Brien is such as to render his recovery improbable. The announcement has filled his friends with anxiety, and increased the general indignation at his cruel treatment.

Surprised at the Request.

LONDON, Feb. 11.—A dispatch from Berlin to the *Standard* says Secretary Bayard's statement that America had requested that a truce be observed in Samoa pending the issue of the conference, causes much surprise in Berlin as the Samoans still continue to occupy land belonging to the Germans.

Another Action for Libel.

LONDON, Feb. 11:—Parnell will, it is stated, bring an action for libel against the *Times* in the Irish courts.

Travelling Third-Class.

DUBLIN, Feb. 11.—Wm. O'Brien, while *en route* from Clonmel to Tralee jail, today, was transferred to a third-class carriage at Mallow. He objected to the change, declaring he had never travelled that way and the efforts of four policemen were required to force him to comply with the orders of the commander of the escort.

Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlain.

GLASGOW, Feb. 11.—Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Chamberlain were honored with an enthusiastic reception her to-day. An address was presented to Mrs. Chamberlain on behalf of the women's unionist association.

French Election.

PARIS, Feb 10.—In the election for deputy for the department of Cote D'Or, to-day, M. Bargy, opportunist, received 32,774 votes, against 26,979 cast for M. Toussaint, conservative, who favors constitutional revision.

Pastoral on the Late Prince.

PESTH, Feb. 11.—Archbishop Strausmeyer has issued a pastoral letter lamenting the death of crown prince Rudolph, and extolling his virtues. He expresses deep regret that now the last hopes of Croatia have vanished.

Prince Alexander Snubbed.

BERLIN, Feb. 11.—Emperor William has officially notified Prince Alexander of Battenberg that he does not desire his presence in Berlin, either for the purpose of settling the affairs of his father, the late Prince Alexander of Hesse, or upon any other pretext.

Possibly His Name Was the Cause.

VIENNA, Feb. 11.—It has just come to light that a young lieutenant named Szepeshazy committed suicide in front of a mirror, immediately upon his return to his room from the mourning service in honor of the memory of Prince Rudolph. His wound was similar to that which the crown prince inflicted on himself.

CABLE NOTES.

NAPLES, Feb. 11.—Several shocks of earthquake were felt here to-day, in consequence of which Mount Vesuvius is in a violent state of eruption.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 11.—The Czar has expressed his approval of Count Tolstoi's reforms, bnt has ordered they be submitted to detailed debate.

SANZIBAR, Feb. 10.—The insurgents still retain possession of Kilma Lindi. The ransoming of the German prisoners was due entirely to the mediation of French missionaries. It is reported that Lamu Islands have been proclaimed as a German possession. The vice-sultan of Vitu is strongly opposed to the encroachments of Germany.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 12.—General Kamaroff has been despatched to the Afghan frontier to repel the encroachments of the Ameer and his followers.

CAPITAL NOTES.

The Dominion Voters' Lists to be Revised this Year.

Petition Presented in Favor of Incorporating the Victoria, Saanich and Westminster Railway Company—The Appointment of County Court Judges in British Columbia—The Weight Limit on Letters to be Increased.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Feb. 12.—The Dominion voters' list will be revised this year. The clause in the franchise bill postponing the revision until 1890 was inserted through a clerical error.

The House sat until 11 o'clock in the discussion of the estimates, and making fairly good progress.

The opposition made a vigorous attack on Pope, ex-clerk of the crown in chancery, and now commissioner of patents.

The postmaster-general announced today that the government has proposed to increase the weight limit for letters from a half to one ounce for three cents.

Col. Prior presented a petition to-day in favor of incorporating A. DeCosmos, J. Stuart Yates, John Grant, Alex. Wilson, C. E. Redfern, A. A. Green and Hon. J. H. Turner as the Victoria, Saanich & Westminster Railway Company.

The total number of settlers in Canada for the last year was 89,000, an increase of four thousand.

A cablegram says the Australasian colonies will not send delegates to the intercolonial conference at Ottawa.

The government has no advices on the subject of a bill amending the militia act, which provides means to compel municipalities to pay for troops called out by the civil power. The permanent corps are not to serve unless under direct orders from the minister of militia.

Mr. Mara intends to ask whether the government will appoint county court judges in British Columbia.

AMERICAN NEWS.

Gigantic Frauds Discovered.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—The *Star* this evening prints the following: Startling revelations are made in the expert reports upon the character of work in the aqueduct. The extent of the fraud is almost beyond conception. The committee in charge of the investigation was in session to-day reading the report of the experts. They disclosed a state of rottenness that the committee had no idea of, notwithstanding all the newspaper exposures and facts stated in previous testimony. Hundreds and hundreds of feet of masonry is without packing, and spaces were found in many places where a man by leaning forward a little could walk for one hundred feet on top of the brick arch. It is estimated that it will cost no less than three quarters of a million dollars to make anything out of the tunnel. It is understood that the committee in their report will hold Major Lydrecker responsible.

Naval Promotions.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—The voluntary retirement of Rear-Admiral Luce, which although not yet officially announced, is a fact, and the death yesterday at Hong-Kong of Rear-Admiral Chandler causes two vacancies in those naval positions and will result in two promotions among the commodores and captains of the navy. Commodore Belknap, at present in command of the Mare Island, (San Francisco) navy yard, has already been assigned to the command of the North Atlantic squadron in the West Indies, to succeed Admiral Luce, and will become rear admiral. Commodore Harmony, next in line in promotion in that grade, becomes rear admiral owing to the death of Rear Admiral Chandler. Capt. John G. Walker, at present chief of the bureau of navigation, navy department, and Capt. F. M. Ramsay, in command of the Boston, will both be promoted and become commodores.

The Japanese Empire.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—The secretary of state was to-day informed by Mutsa, the Japanese minister here, of the report of the cable dispatch from Tokio, which announces that the constitution of the empire was proclaimed by the Emperor in person this morning, amidst great enthusiasm of the people. Secretary Bayard, in acknowledging the receipt of this note from the Japanese minister, took occasion to congratulate him upon the progress of Japan in methods of constitutional liberty, and assured him no member of the family of nations will rejoice more over the strength and welfare of Japan than the United States.

The Opium Traffic.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—United States Consul Stevens at Victoria, B. C., has reported to the state department that the agents of the treasury at Port Townsend and Seattle, W. T., have been very efficient during the past year in preventing the smuggling of opium across the Canadian border, and that their efforts bid fair to result in the total suppression of the traffic.

Secretary Fairchild's Future.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—Secretary Fairchild will not be a resident of Washington long after the change of administration. He is to become president of the New York Security and Trust Co., and intends disposing of his Washington home.

Female Bicycle Race.

NEW YORK, Feb. 11.—The female six-day bicycle race in Madison Square Garden started at 3 o'clock this afternoon. Early in the race Misses McShane, Smaller and Oakes, were hurt by falls and were thenceforth at a disadvantage. Miss Fox fell sick and retired from the race. The score at one a. m. stood: Stanley 102; Baldwin 98; Van Blumen 93; Woods 91; Aramando 88; Smaller 84; Lewis 76; Hart 66; McShane 65; Oakes 60; O'Brien 59. Stanley made 100 miles in 7 hours and 46 minutes.

Forcing Seamen to Strike.

BOSTON, Feb. 11.—Several men visited the steamer Virginia, loading for Liverpool to-day, and tried to induce the seamen and firemen to desert, and upon being ordered away they assaulted and beat the captain and two of his men. They claimed to be working in the interest of the Liverpool strikers. Seven men have deserted the Virginia on account of their threats, and the police, now aboard, are guarding the vessel and also the steamer Milanese at the next dock.

To Repair the "Hartford."

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Feb. 11.—The senate to-day adopted a resolution asking congress to make an appropriation to repair Farragut's flagship, the Hartford, now lying disabled at Mare Island.

Motion for Appeal Denied.

NEW YORK, Feb. 11.—Justice Barrett, of the Supreme Court, has denied the application of the North River Sugar Refining Co., recently dissolved by him, for stay of proceedings pending appeal.

Fatal Row in a Bar-room.

GRAND CITY, Mo., Feb. 11.—A duel at short range took place here on Saturday night between Rollo Walton, a young desperado of 21, and City Marshal J. C. Balbridge. Walton had threatened to kill the marshal, and when the latter met him in a bar-room they opened fire simultaneously. Walton was killed and D. A. Martin, a bystander, was shot so severely in the arm, that the limb had to be amputated. The marshal was not injured.

Victory for the Gentiles.

OGDEN, Utah, Feb. 11.—The Gentiles carried the municipal elections to-day. It was their first victory, and caused great rejoicing.

Burned to Death.

BEDFORD, Pa., Feb. 11.—The house of Jos. Groner, at Tarport, a suburb of this place, was destroyed by fire at 7 o'clock to-night, and two babies, twins, aged three months, were burned to death.

Killed His Benefactor.

MEMPHIS, Feb. 11.—A crank named Wm. Reed this morning attacked and killed Father Ashfield, a priest attached to St. Peter's Roman Catholic church. Reed used a knife for his purpose, stabbing the priest to the heart. Father Ashfield had helped Reed in many cases, only recently having procured his release from jail.

Capture of Oyster Dredgers.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Feb. 11.—The schooners Joseph H. Johnson and the Silent Bateman were captured by Capt. George Quad of the state fishery schooner Folly, for illegal dredging. Johnson was captured off Tobley's Point, and the Silent Bateman off Hackett's. Their captains, Capt. Sam Cox and Capt. Henry Peters, both hailing from Baltimore, proved to be stubborn, and several rounds of small shot and cannon had to be used against them. The Johnson was struck three times and the Cateman once with cannon balls after which they surrendered. A hearing will be given this afternoon. The schooners did not return the fire.

A Close Match.

SCRANTON, Pa., Feb. 11.—Chas. Green, of England, and Antonio Pierre, of Scranton, wrestled to-night for $1000. They wrestled for two hours and twenty-seven minutes without either man being able to secure a fall, although Green claimed two.

THE SEAL FISHERIES.

Correspondence Regarding the Right of Sealing in Behring's Sea.

The Whole Matter Submitted to the Senate by the President—The Seizure and Sale of the British Vessels—Negotiations With European Powers—The Whole Question Now Under Discussion by Representatives of the Various Governments Interested.

(Special to THE COLONIST.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—The President to-day sent to the Senate a mass of documents prepared by the state department in response to the Senate resolution, asking the President to communicate all correspondence with Great Britain respecting the right of fishing, taking seal, or navigating in Behring's Sea. The circumstances regarding the seizure or release of any British vessels by the United States; any regulations concerning the taking of seal, and whether or not any such regulations are enforced against the citizens or vessels of the United States, and not against citizens or vessels of other countries.

Secretary Bayard in a note to the President says: "As heretofore announced to Congress, negotiations are pending with a view to the protection of seal life in the Behring's Sea by international arrangements. Enough of correspondence to disclose the general purpose and scope of the arrangement sought for is herewith submitted."

THE CORRESPONDENCE

is in five parts: The first relates to the seizure of British sailing vessels in Behring's Sea; the second, negotiations for the conclusion of treaties for the protection of fur seals in the Behring's Sea with France, Germany, Great Britain, Russia, Japan, Sweden and Norway; the third, to Canadian correspondence relative to the seizure of British vessels; the fourth, prior correspondence relative to the Behring's Sea, Alaska, the Sea of Okkotsk and the Russian ukase of 1821; the fifth, treasury regulations to determine and settle the claims growing out of the seizures of sealing vessels by United States cruisers.

Minister West, on April 18th, 1888, proposed to Secretary Bayard to organize a mixed commission, to which the secretary replied it was preferable to await the judgment of the apellate court in the premises, the cases still being on the docket. Then on the 30th of April, Lord Salisbury, through Minister West, suggested that an extention of time be allowed for the appeal in the order to have the settlement closed by

DIPLOMATIC NEGOTIATION.

On May 28th Secretary Bayard told Minister West he favorably viewed the proposition, but it transpired the proprietors of vessels condemned in Alaska failed to appeal in time and Attorney-General Garland reported he knew no way by which the decrees of condemnation could be reviewed. Then on August 6th, Minister West asked Secretary Bayard to postpone the sale of the v