

help is wanted—begor, Tim, Chinamen so thick everywhere that ye couldn't throw away the broken shank of yer pipe that ye wouldn't hit a Chinaman if it happened to miss a whiteman lookin' for honest work. Well I thought I got tired of nookin' aginst Chinamen, and wantin' to get out of there way I started for a walk up the Johnson street ravine, which (in my drame, mind ye) was a most beautifullest place—not a dead carcass, nor an ould oil can, or a t n of rubbish, or a gal-lon of sewerage matter in the whole of its meanderin' course. The banks of the beautiful strame wer lined with daisies, primroses and forget-me-nots—specially the forget-me-nots. After restin' meself on the beautiful banks of the murmuring strame, I sthrolled up to the Public Market, where I thought I seen a deputa-tion to the Lord-Knows-who. "What's goin' on here," says I to won of thim. "I'm not exactly aware," says he, "but I think it's so-methin' about cowlid storage." Meself goes into what I thought was the cowlid storage house, and seein' a polisman and a lot of others inside, I made bowlid to spake to thim, for I worked in a cowlid storage place meself many a year ago. "How many carcasses do ye freeze here?" says I. "Only won at a time," says the polisman, says he, and wid that he opened a door, and there I seen before me, stretched on a table, a ded man, wid a lump of ice on his chest! I was in the public morgue (a dead house) in a public market!

The shock awoke me, Tim, and rubbin' my eyes, I found meself lying on the floor of a Chinese gambling den shivering cowlid, and robbed of every cent I had. That's me drame. I'll write to ye agin next week, Tim, and till then I'm yer same auld frend,  
HOOLAGHAN.

**MR. S. PERRY MILLS BULL.**

*Barnsley vs Punnett*—Proceeding in Magistrate's Court for damage done to plaintiff's, close by defendant's, cow. Mr. Barnard for defendant; Mr. S. Perry Mills for plaintiff.

After the close of the case, Mr. Mills in a most eloquent address asked for judgment.

MAGISTRATE But, Mr. Mills, it appears from the evidence that there were two cows in the case, and you have not shewn that it was Mr. Punnett's cow which did the damage. How can you charge him?

MR. MILLS (equal to the occasion)—It is not necessary, Your Honor. There is no principle of law better settled than where there are two wrongdoers either is equally responsible for the whole damage done.

MR. BARNARD—Then you had better sue the cow, Mr. Mills.

MR. MILLS—The cows are joint tortfeasors, and Mr. Punnett is answerable; and I might add that he cannot get contribution from the other cow.

MAGISTRATE (humorously)—Well, Mr. Mills, if you had proved that the cows were properly introduced to each other I might have had less difficulty in deciding the case.

**FREE ON APPLICATION**

To 62 King's Road, a pamphlet entitled "The Great Salvation," as delineated in the Scriptures of Truth; helping the honest-hearted to return to the Apostolic faith.

**SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.**

Mr. Thomas Grice, was united in marriage to Miss Fanny Trigg Wednesday evening. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. S. Cleaver, M. A., at the residence of the groom's brother, on Pembroke street. The groom was supported by Mr. J. R. Grice, while Miss Lizzie Trigg sustained the bride. A number of friends witnessed the happy event.

The Hebrews of this city and throughout the world have for the last week been celebrating the feast of "Pesack" or Passover. It is the feast of unleavened bread and is celebrated in commemoration of Israel's de arture from Egypt. At sunset this evening the feast will end and "Chomez" will again reign supreme in all Jewish dwellings.

St. John's church have elected officers as follows: Sidesmen, Messrs. R. Seabrook, A. C. Flumerfelt, D. R. Ker, E. Pearson, A. L. Belyea and E. White; church committee, Messrs. R. Seabrook, E. Pearson and D. R. Ker; rector's warden, Mr. Joshua Holland; people's warden, Mr. Henry Saunders.

B. C. Circle No. 118, Companions of the Forest, A. O. F., will give an entertainment in Philharmonic Hall, on the evening of May 3rd. The operetta, "King Winter and the Fairies" will be a feature of the evening.

Mr. William M. Kinsey, assistant engineer of the Kingston, was married at New York, April 18, to Miss Minnie Thomas. The bride is a sister of Mrs. Wolford, of this city.

A pleasant social dance was given in the Philharmonic Hall, Wednesday evening by Messrs. Cryderman and Dean. The Bantly family supplied their usual excellent music.

Mr. Frank Berry, of H. M. C., Victoria, was married on Tuesday, at Vancouver, to Miss Ada Elizabeth Hone, of Vancouver. Mr. and Mrs. Berry will reside in Victoria.

Last Wednesday evening, at Vancouver, Mr. John Wylie, of Ladner's Landing, was married to Miss Maggie Matson, of Crimarty.

Mr. Brasch and family, formerly of Portland, have recently arrived here and intend to make this city their home.

The Oddfellows will give a dance in Assembly Hall to-night. The music will be furnished by the Bantly orchestra.

The concert at the Centennial Methodist church, last Thursday evening, was fairly well attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Wollaston and Miss Wollaston are home from the Mainland.

Mr. Ainsworth, of Seattle, was in the city during the week visiting friends.

Mrs. Lenz returned from San Francisco by the steamer Umatilla.

**SPORTING GOSSIP.**

**CRICKET.**

The Victoria Cricket club will this year be on a stronger footing than for many seasons past. Thanks to their energetic secretary, Mr. A. G. Smith, they have made a very satisfactory arrangement with the United Bank, whereby both clubs will enjoy jointly the use of the Caledonia grounds. The V. C. C. will also have the assistance of the pick of the Bank players in all their important matches, and this means a good deal with such batsmen as Messrs. Holt, Doig and Patterson to call upon. The new groundsman, Wallis, is a very valuable acquisition. He is an excellent bowler, an effective bat, and a very willing and energetic coach. The work that he has already done on the practice wickets has been so far superior to anything seen in the past, that the attendance of members at the practice nets has increased so as to excite wonder in the old time enthusiasts. Formerly members attended a practice with the fear and trembling that preludes a dangerous duty, now they attend as a pleasure. It is possible that the Victoria club may have the services of one of the best wicket keepers in Canada, and if they are successful in securing his services, the team will undoubtedly be the strongest in the Province. The schedule of matches has not yet been arranged, but it will probably be the same as last season. There is no possibility of a team visiting California this year, as the committee of arrangement held in San Francisco found too many difficulties in the way to permit an International tournament at the Mid-winter Fair.

**LACROSSE.**

The grounds at the Caledonia park will be ready for the lacrosse players to start practicing next week. Prof. Foster has been engaged to get everything in readiness at as early a day as possible, so that good practices will not be interfered with. It is quite likely that the members of last year's club who are now in the east will arrive in time to qualify them to play in the first match. It is rumored that Cheyne will be one of this year's team.

Justice McCright, of Westminster, is in the city.

Mrs. J. H. Meldrum is home again from California.

Mr. and Mrs. McCandless have returned from San Francisco.

The Westminster Opera Company presented Pinafore at the Vancouver Opera House, last Wednesday night, to a fair audience.

A general meeting of the Victoria Canoe Club will be held Tuesday evening, at the office of J. E. Crane & Co., 30 Broad street. The business before the meeting will be amendments to constitution and by-laws, opening cruise and election of secretary.

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