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THE CITY.

J. B. Armstrong, of Ten-Mile Point, has recently been advised of a legacy of £5,000, bequeathed to him by an English relative.

The funeral of the late Peter Peterson took place yesterday, Rev. Joseph Hall conducting the services. Mrs. Peterson and her son left last evening for Tacoma, where they reside.

Donations were received at the W. C. T. U. home from February 5 to March 5 from Mrs. Spencer, Mrs. Spratt, Mrs. R. Hatcher, Mr. Weiler, Mrs. Hart, First Presbyterian church and "A Friend."

M. C. Brown has assumed the proprietorship of the well known Adelphi, succeeding Mr. William Croft, who has removed to the Bee Hive. The licensing commissioners yesterday endorsed the transfer of the license.

During Lent there will be evening prayers in St. Saviour's church every week day at 5 p.m., except Wednesdays, when the hour will be 8 p.m. Holy Communion will be celebrated during Lent at 8 a.m. on each Sunday, except the first Sabbath of the month, the hour then being 11 a.m.

From Hayward's undertaking rooms to Christ Church cathedral and thence to the grave, was the route of the funeral of the late Mrs. Clushman yesterday morning. Rev. Canon Beanlands conducted the funeral services, the pallbearers being Messrs. C. Smith, F. Miller, N. Barry and B. Thomas.

Twenty-four delegates took the District degree at the meeting of the I O G.T. district lodge on Monday evening at the Spring Ridge hall. The time and place of the next meeting was left to the chairman, W. T. Bro. Earle. After the business of the evening had been finished the district lodge were entertained to refreshments by Pride of the Ridge lodge.

Mate Rennie, of the steamer Maude, who suddenly disappeared on Saturday morning, is positively known to have gone from here to Port Townsend. His reasons for doing so are not yet explained, but are surmised by those who know him. Rennie, it seems, broke a blood vessel in his head while on the coast a few months ago and was for a time out of his mind. He soon recovered, but is said to have complained a few days previous to Saturday of his head troubling him.

An extra of the B.C. Gazette, issued last evening, contains the formal announcement of the appointment of Hon. J. H. Turner to be Minister of Finance and Agriculture; Hon. C. E. Pooley, Q.C., to be President of the Executive Council; Hon. James Baker, to be Provincial Secretary, Minister of Mines, and Minister of Education and Immigration; Hon. G. B. Martin, to be Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works; and Hon. D. M. Eberts, Q.C., to be Attorney-General.

No word has yet come to the friends of Mr. Neil Heath as to that gentleman's whereabouts, and the fear is generally expressed that he has committed suicide. This theory is strengthened by the fact that he was ill and very despondent when last seen, while his friends here noted a gradual falling away of mental strength during the past few months. Mr. Heath came here from Hawaii direct, but was a native and long resident of New Zealand, where his family and many friends still are.

An interesting programme was provided for the concert in St. James' church last evening. Miss Butler presided and the different numbers of the programme were: Piano solo, Miss Leech; vocal duet, Messrs. Maynard and Sherborne; vocal solo, Miss Luney; recitation, Mr. Jackman; vocal solo, Mr. Maynard; vocal solo, Mr. Sherborne; vocal solo, Miss Strachan; piano solo, Miss Rattray; vocal solo, Miss Clarke; recitation, Miss Strachan; vocal solo, Miss Honor; vocal duet, Messrs. Maynard and Sherborne; and vocal solo, Mr. Cline. Refreshments were served during the evening.

On behalf of defendant in Haigh v. Teague, Mr. Jay yesterday applied before Mr. Justice Walkem in chambers to set aside judgment of $1,729 50 obtained by the plaintiff. The grounds of the application were that the judgment was obtained by surprise, that at the time of issuing the writ of summons there was another pending in court for the same debt and that there was a good defence on the merits. The judgment was set aside and leave granted to defend on payment of costs of application and incidentals to entry of judgment, and payment of $150 into court. Mr. Jay for defendant, Mr. Aikman for plaintiff.

Mr. Hedley Chapman, managing director of the tramway company, mours the loss of a valuable pet terrier, which some miscreant poisoned. On Sunday the household cat was poisoned, on Monday the dog, and yesterday morning a valuable cock was also discovered dead in the poultry yard. Poisoned food has evidently been strewn where the birds and animals would find it. Mr. Chapman would give a good deal to discover the miserable individual who has been guilty of the contemptible act. If a few hundreds would find him they are available for the purpose. It is to be earnestly hoped that he will be found and well punished.

Sanitary Officer Conlin, with Aldermen Macmillan, Bragg, Partridge and Hall, City Clerk Dowler and several others, paid a visit to the Darcey Island lazaretto yesterday, taking with them the quarterly supplies for the lepers there. They found the isolated colony in a fairly satisfactory condition, although some of the unfortunate colonists were fast succumbing to their terrible malady. One poor fellow informed the visitors that he did not expect to be living on the occasion of the next visit of the city officials. He is known as the "New York" Chinaman, and though once the biggest and burliest of the colonists is now probably the feeblest. Notwithstanding their affliction, the Chinamen are contented and have been prosperous so far as making good use of their property is concerned. Those who went out to the island yesterday enjoyed a delightful trip. The tug left the city about 10 a.m. and returned at four in the afternoon.

The police yesterday received information of the boldest add most professional burglary of this or recent seasons, and started work in the dark on a case that has thus far failed to develop so much as a clue. The invaded premises were those of Senator McInnes at 110 Michigan street, and as there are no signs of a forcible entry having been made the supposition is the burglar used skeleton keys in order to gain access to the residence. The Senator and Mrs. McInnes retired at about one o'clock, so it is evident that the robbery was committed during the early hours of the morning. The thieves did not disturb the slumbers of the occupants of the house, not even when they entered the Senator's room and removed his clothing, which they took with them downstairs for more leisurely examination. The contents of the pockets were of course appropriated, and included a fine gold watch and chain. In other parts of the residence the intruders secured another gold watch and a quantity of silverware, including sterling silver spoons and forks. Sergt. Hawton and officers Perdue and Walker have the case in hand but with rather discouraging prospects of success.

On Sunday evening Miss Nicholson, of Victoria West, when returning home passed on the railway bridge a tall slight man. When she was not many steps farther she heard a great splash in the water, and looking back could not see the man or anyone else in sight; nor did she hear any cry or unusual sound. She informed the folk at home, but they attached no importance to the circumstance until they read in the Colonist of the mysterious disappearances of the past few days. The description given of the man on the bridge answers to that of the missing Neil Heath.

BOYS' BRIGADE.

The attractive programme presented at the Victoria theatre last night at the concert on behalf of No. 2 company, Boys' Brigade was enjoyed by a large audience. The various numbers were well selected and had variety enough to suit everybody. The ladies' string orchestra, composed of Miss Brown, the Misses Sehl, Misses Spring, Miss Styles and Miss Marbœuf, opened the programme so pleasantly that an encore was insisted upon. Mr and Mrs. Rowlands, always favorites, were heartily received. The singing by the male choir from the B.C.B.G.A., under the leadership of Mr. Greig, was excellent, the "Soldier's Farewell" and "Soldier's Song," both being well rendered. "Tommy Atkins," sung by Gunner Ayton and twelve of the R.M.A., was greeted with a big round of applause. The programme was varied by a physical drill by a number of the lads of No. 2 Boys' Brigade and by bayonet exercise by a detachment of the B.C.B.G.A. under Sergt.-Major Mulcahy. The boys went through their drill smartly and kept good time, the bayonet exercise being soldierly and well done. Mr. W. R. Higgins' song, "Bonnie Sweet Bessie," was one of the most enjoyable numbers, and Mr. Brownlee's "Queen of the Earth" was pleasing. An orchestra composed of Mr. T. Sharp, leader, and Miss Young, Mrs. D. R. Harris, Mrs. H. Young and Mr. Galpin, rendered quite artistically Haydn's "Symphony No. 7." Two duets, "Peace and War," by Misses Rowlands and Gordon, and "Estudiantina," by Miss Mouat and Mrs. Helmcken, completed a decidedly good musical programme, which was followed by a clever plantation scene by the Big Four, Messrs. Sehl, LeRoy, Chapman and Jones, assisted by Mrs. Chapman. Mr. Fred Richardson as stage manager helped materially to make the concert run smoothly.

INJUNCTION DISSOLVED.

The Tulloch injunction case came up before Mr. Justice Walkem yesterday, when Mr. S. Perry Mills moved on behalf of the plaintiff in Tulloch v. Adams to dismiss or vary the order made by him, dated February 18, preventing plaintiff from interfering with defendant taking stone from Haddington island quarry, and also directing plaintiff to return the cylinder head of the engine at the quarry. Mr. Mills made his motion on the following grounds: That the relief sought by defendant under and by virtue of the said order is not incidental to and does not arise out of relief sought in this action; that the order should not have been made with defendant giving plaintiff undertaking as to damages; that the affidavits filed in support of the order do not justify the making of said order, and that on the merits the same order is not justified.

The law of injunction, Mr. Mills held, did not apply to a case of the present kind. The defendants had not filed a counter claim and plaintiff had a lien for his work on the stone quarried; until that lien was satisfied the defendant should not have been allowed to take possession of the stone.

Mr. Aikman argued that it was an incident arising out of an act, and therefore defendent could apply for an injunc ion before filing a counter claim. He considered that the lien for the workman's wages had been satisfied, though possibly the plaintiff's claim had not.

The Court dissolved the injunction, costs to be plaintiff's costs in the cause.

As to the motion for a writ of attachment against Tulloch for disobeying the injunction the Court after hearing argument on both sides dismissed the motion, both sides to pay their own costs.

SHIPS AND SHIPPING.

When the steamship Miowera left Sydney, N.S.W., last month for this port she had aboard 100 tons of overland freight, 150 tons for San Francisco and 40 tons for Victoria. She also had twenty cabin and 35 steerage passengers. Both cargo and passenger lists are expected to be largely augmented at Honolulu, from which port the ship is due here on Tuesday next.

The steamer Coquitlam arrived at Vancouver yesterday morning from the halibut fishing banks with 90,000 pounds of halibut. This is the last trip of the Coquitlam this season. The Vancouver shareholders of the American fish company who chartered the Coquitlam are on the whole satisfied with the season's work.

The steamer Comox left Vancouver yesterday for Texada island to assist in getting the steamer Saturna off shore. The latest report about the Saturna is that she was driven ashore in the recent storm, and that her hull is very badly damaged.

Tug Mogul returned from Port Townsend last evening, whither she had towed the ship Routenbeck from Esquimalt. The Routenback, as already stated, is bound for Port Blakely for lumber.

Steamer Quadra was at Active Pass yesterday landing supplies for the lighthouse there.

BISMARCK'S BIRTHDAY.

Berlin, March 6.—Prof. Heinrich von Sybel, author of "The Founding of the German Empire by Emperor William I," was asked to-day what special official distinction would probably be conferred upon Bismarck on his 80th birthday. He replied that the Emperor had already taken steps to bestow new honors upon the old Chancellor.

The pupils of the Berlin high schools, assembled recently at a Bismarck "commers," sent a loyal message to the Emperor, who replied through his civil cabinet that he was "greatly pleased with the decorous character of the students' celebration, which testified most strikingly to the enthusiastic gratitude and hearty veneration felt for Prince Bismarck by the academic youth."

Arbitration Declined.

New York, Mar. 6.—The Building Trades League of this city declined an offer of arbitration made by the striking electrical workers and agreed to proceed with the work with either union or non-union men.

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GAME PROTECTION.

A Strong Society Organized to See That the Law Is Obeyed.

Wheelmen and the Racing Path Project—Rhodes Asks for Reinstatement.

The members of the Badminton club of this city recently decided that a more general co-operation of sportsmen for the protection of the game of the province was desirable. Accordingly Mr. C. P. Wolley, who first brought up the subject was appointed to draw up a scheme for a game protection association, and a day or two ago he laid before a meeting of the club a plan he believed would be workable. It provides for an association wide in its scope, with an entrance fee of only $1, so that any person taking an interest in shooting or fishing might be eligible for membership. The Badminton club numbering fifty members at once decided to enrol in the new association and a preliminary canvassing of other city people secured one hundred additional names. The outline of the scheme at present is to have a governing body composed of Messrs. Warburton Pike, Ashdown Green, C. P. Wolley and E. V. Bodwell, chosen from the Badminton club, and five others, to be chosen at a meeting to be called in a day or two, from people not members of the Badminton club. A prospectus and list of names will shortly be issued, with a general invitation to all interested in sporting to join the new society, which it is proposed to call the British Columbia Game Protection Association. The object, generally speaking, is to protect game, to furnish information to brother sportsmen and to assist in introducing into the province foreign species of game suitable for this climate. The association will endeavor to have wardens in different parts of the province, with the powers of provincial constables, so as to co-operate in having the game laws carried out as effectively as possible. These wardens would be a great assistance in preventing illegal shooting and fishing. At present complaints are being made that people have begun fishing in Prospect, Shawnigan and Sooke lakes, although the season does not begin before the 15th inst. The law provides that until that date no person shall use or employ any explosive or poison, net, seine, drag net, or other device other than hook and line, nor use salmon roe as bait for the purpose of taking or capturing trout in any lake, pond, running or standing water, river or stream, in this province, under a penalty not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars, to be recovered in a summary manner, before any justice of the peace. But nothing in this section shall be construed as applying to anyone using net, seine, or drag net in any lake fifty miles square in extent or over. The appointment of game wardens by the association would materially aid the authorities in preventing such violations of the game law as are complained of.

THE WHEEL.

TO MEET THIS EVENING.

A special general meeting of the Victoria Wheelman's Club is called for this evening in the rooms over M. W. Waitt & Co.'s music store, the business being to close negotiations for the construction of the racing track at Oak Bay. It is hoped that the attendance will be the largest on record.

RHODES WANTS REINSTATEMENT.

New York, March 6.—At the meeting of the National Assembly of American Wheelmen held here to-day the application of W. A. Rhodes of Colorado for reinstatement as an amateur was received and referred to the racing board. An amendment to the constitution of the league was adopted providing that the annual dues should be reduced from $1 to 75 cents. This is done to circumvent the post office department, which recently decided that the Bulletin was not a paper having a bona fide paid circulation and was not second class matter. As a matter of fact, most of the members will still pay $1, but 25 cents of that amount will be paid definitely as a subscription for the Bulletin. It was decided that the dues should in future be divided so that 40 cents shall go to the National Association and 35 cents only to the state divisions. Back dues are to be divided even, and the initiation fees go to the state division entirely. President Willison announced these chairmen of committees for the coming year: Highways—Isaac B Potter of New York; rules and regulations—Howard E. Raymond of Chicago; and transportation—Wm. M. Brewster of St. Louis.

THE OAR.

GAUDAUR CHALLENGES THE WORLD.

Orillia, March 6.—Jake Gaudaur is out with a challenge to row any man in the world, W. A. G. Harding preferred, on any course in America, for a stake of from $1,000 to $2,500 a side.

YACHTING.

THE AMERICA CUP DEFENDER.

New York, March 6.—The Evening Sun publishes the following dispatch from Bristol, R.I.: "The first shipment of aluminum steel plates for the cup defender arrived in Bristol to-day from the Pittsburg Reduction Company's works. There were thirteen of these plates, each 13 feet 6 inches long, 1 foot 9 inches wide and one quarter inch thick. The centres of the bronze keel plate, 12 feet long, also arrived at Bristol to-day. The larger end of this is 23 inches in width; it is fifteen inches wide at the narrow end; its weight is 938 pounds. The total weight of the keel plate will be 2,200 pounds, with a total length of three sections of 34 feet 9 inches. Work is being rushed along, notwithstanding the sickness of her designer, Nat Herreshoff. It is announced on what appears to be excellent authority that Captain Henry C. Haff will have command of the new Morgan-Iselin-Vanderbilt cup defender. Captain Haff had charge of the Vigilant last year. He is now busy selecting his crew, which will consist this year of Americans. He will ship about sixty men."

HERE AND THERE.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Victoria gun club held at the Hotel Victoria last evening, arrangements were made for the regular Good Friday shoot. The entrance fees and dues were reduced with the object of inducing new members to join. The club has again sent for a consignment of partridge eggs, which will arrive here within the next two weeks, and hopes to have more success than with the former lot. A handsome cup has been imported by the club for competition among its members, to become the property of the member winning it three times.

The regular annual meeting of the Victoria wheelmen's club was held yesterday evening at the city hall, Mr. E. W. Bradley presiding. The call had been delayed and so the election of officers and consideration of the annual reports was deferred for one week, when it is hoped and expected that there will be a much larger attendance. The consideration of the track proposition engaged the attention of last night's meeting until a late hour.

The Vancouver Cricket Club held their annual meeting yesterday. The general report showed that of eight foreign matches played six were won, while in the province the club had an unbeaten record. The following officers were elected: President, Dr. Johnston; vice-presidents, Messrs. W. Pickering, C. Gardiner-Johnston and J. Wulffsohn; captain, T. S. C. Saunders; secretary and treasurer, F. M. Chaldecott.

The members of the Burrard Inlet Rowing Club start the season enthusiastic and united. They will purchase a new shell. The following officers were elected last night: Hon. president, D. B. Charleson; president, J. A. Russell; vice-presidents, Dr. Carroll, H. H. Watson; captain, H W. Kent; secretary, F. McD. Russell; treasurer, G. E. McDonald.

The following have been selected to play for the Victoria club in the match against Somenos, at Caledonia park on Saturday: J. R. G. Bullen, full back; J. M. Miller, H. B. Haines, J. F. Foulkes and J. Byrn, three quarter backs; E. V. Cuppage and F. E. Smith, half backs. H. F. M. Jones (captain), J. Fraser, E. A Carew-Gibson, J. K. Macrae, P. Hibben, F. Macrae, Q D. H. Warden and F. Wollaston, forwards.

The Vancouver Gun Club members start the season with enthusiasm. Several valuable prizes are to be offered for competition. New traps are to be placed on the grounds, which are to be properly fixed up. Capt. Phil. Thompson was elected president and F. M. Cowperthwaite secretary-treasurer.

At a meeting of the Victoria Canoe Club Building Association last evening, W. Christie was elected secretary-treasurer and Messrs. W. S. Gore, F. M Rattenbury, J. H. McGregor and W. H. Holmes a building committee. Tenders will be advertised for and the building commenced at an early date.

At a meeting of the America cup committee held yesterday for the purpose of deciding how many men should compose the crews of yachts competing for the America's cup, no action was taken owing to the absence of Lord Dunraven's representative.

The Rugby footballers had an interesting practice match yesterday in preparation for their meeting on Saturday with the Somenos team.

In a wrestling match at Bradford, England, yesterday Larkin defeated Ross, two falls out of three.

The Vancouver Boating Club will hold their annual meeting on Saturday.

The Vancouver Cricket Club are to hold a masquerade ball on April 16.

THE ACTIVE BURGLARS.

The police have a theory in regard to the successful robbery of Senator McInnes' residence on Tuesday morning, which was followed that night by a number of other burglaries executed with similar boldness. The theory is that the operating gang are from San Francisco, and have taken advantage of the reduced passage rates to favor Victoria with their attentions. Such being the case, the visitors must be given credit for having very quickly secured reliable information as to the customs and character of the houses selected for invasion, and it must also be admitted that the crooks show considerable nerve and very little fear of the law or of their victims.

Yesterday's reports were received from Dr. I. W. Powell, Mr. Luke Pither, Mr. McMillan and Mr. Fred Carne, each of whom had received an unwelcome call during the night. At Dr. Powell's residence entrance was gained by way of the window, to the drawing-room, and this room alone suffered as the door was locked and further progress was thus cut off. A set of gold souvenir spoons worth $50 constituted the chief item of the plunder. At Mr. Pither's the evident attempts to force the windows had been ineffectual, while at Mr. McMillan's a gold watch and several pieces of jewelry were secured without alarming any of the inmates of the house.

The busy burglar was proceeding to investigate the contents of Mr. Carne's bedroom—Mr. Carne and Mr. McMillan being neighbors—when that gentleman awoke at the noise of a board in the floor creaking dismally. But half aroused and uncertain as to the cause of the sound, he naturally inquired—"Who's there?"

Had the burglar maintained discreet silence the householder would quite possibly have turned over and returned to dreamland. He did not, however, but promptly replied—"It's all right—it's only me—Joe."

The name—if the burglar is from San Francisco—was well chosen, Mr. Carne having a relative named Joe who is a not infrequent visitor. The voice did not, however, sound familiar and there was more energy in the next question propounded by the householder as he sprang from bed.

"Joe? Joe who?"

But the burglar did not wait to explain. He had quietly retreated and before Mr. Carne could intercept him had disappeared through the window that had given him entrance, his final shot being evidently intended as a joke—

"Jo-Jo, of course."

"Jo-Jo" has a fine gold chain belonging to Mr. Carne as a souvenir of their brief but not uninteresting interview.

It appears that on the night of the McInnes robbery the burglars also paid a visit to the residence of Mrs. A. E. B. Davie near by. One of the members of the family heard them, and calling out to ask who was there, the intruders beat a retreat. Investigation did not disclose that anything had been taken.

The police were very much on the alert last night, but with no results up to the time that this paper went to press.

THOSE TRUNKS.

Mrs. McGovern's famous trunks, that by mistake took the Oriental trip from Victoria and back again on a C.P.R. steamer, some months ago, are up before the public again. It will be remembered that this baggage got mixed up on the wharf in some unaccountable way with that of another lady and was dispatched over to Asia, while Mrs. McGovern wanted it only to cross the Sound. However, the mistake was finally rectified and the trunks came back. Mr. Langley, Mrs. McGovern's lawyer, later on put the goods in the hands of Pliny E. Davis & Co., to sell, and the result was an advertisement of their sale at auction. They included portieres, curtains, rugs and similar things. Mrs. McGovern apparently quite acquiesced in the sale, but some little trouble arose between her and Mr. Langley and she finally demanded her goods back and wanted to stop the sale. This was refused, Mr. Langley having a lien to satisfy. The sale was to have come off yesterday, but Mrs. McGovern through Mr. A. L. Belyea got out an Interim injunction stopping it and the matter will be argued out to-day before Mr. Justice Drake.

Cholera at Constantinople.

Constantinople, Mar. 6.—Count Gropello, secretary of the Italian embassy, died of cholera to-day.

THE CITY.

Arthur Lamourn, the child rescued from the clutches of Peter Bellinger, has been taken to Westminster, where he will be placed in the Roman Catholic orphanage, the Sisters having offered to look after him.

On application of Messrs. Eberts & Taylor for the defendant in Coughlan & Mayo v. the City, leave was granted in Chambers yesterday to serve notice of appeal at the next Full court, which meets on Monday, the 11th inst.

The Y.W.C.A. petition in the John Simpson case to His Excellency the Governor-General is now ready in the rooms of the association, Government street. All members are requested to call there and affix their signatures.

Death yesterday claimed as a victim Mrs. Dinah Donald Parsons, the well loved wife of Mr. M. Parsons of this city, who with three daughters survives the deceased. The late Mrs. Parsons was a native of Bruce county, Ontario, and was in her 49th year. The funeral takes place to-morrow.

A Conundrum tea is to be given by the Ladies' Aid of St. Andrew's church, Cedar Hill, in the schoolhouse, to-morrow evening. This being something new, much curiosity is manifested as to what it is. Besides the tea, a good programme will be rendered, and a pleasant evening is anticipated.

Mike Gaynor, who is suspected of thieving from houses at which he asked for assistance, was charged with vagrancy in the police court yesterday and remanded until this morning. This charge is laid to enable the police to "work up" the more serious case, in which evidence appears hard to get at.

April will see the opening of an international exhibition in Kioto, Japan. What it is likely to be is, of course, a matter of conjecture, as no news of it seems to have reached the city other than that contained in a letter which the C.P.R. agents here have received from the company's representative in Japan.

The farmers and fruit growers at Comox were met yesterday at the Comox court house by members of the horticultural board and the inspector of fruit pests, who are holding a series of meetings in various parts of the province for the purpose of disseminating information as to the best methods of fruit culture.

Nominations will be received at the market hall from noon until 2 o'clock to-day of a fit and proper person as a seventh member of the board of public school trustees. The candidates who have already announced themselves are Messrs. D. Spragge and D. Cartmel and Mrs. Gordon Grant—the latter being the nominee of the Women's Council.

Ald. Ed. Bragg has determined to bring "the electric light works muddle," as one of the aldermen has christened it, to as speedy a termination as possible. He yesterday bulletined notice of a formal resolution "that the finance committee be authorized to pay (out of the general revenue for the current year) all wages now due in connection with the new electric light works, and also the contract price for the shafting and belting."

William Snyder, jr., was in the city police court yesterday fined $20 and costs for assaulting John McIntosh of the steam laundry by striking him in the eye. This is the modern mode of dealing with imitators of the knights of old. Mr. Snyder has been paying attentions to a certain young lady resident of Spring Ridge; Mr. McIntosh had the temerity to "see the young lady home," and Mr. Snyder thereupon smote his rival with disastrous results to the latter's personal appearance.

The efficiency competition between the several companies of the B.C.G.A., the returns of which were published on Tuesday, does not, it is stated, count for the cup recently presented by Major-General Herbert. Though the suggested conditions upon which the cup may be won have been agreed to by the officers here, they have not yet received the assent of General Herbert, to whom they have been forwarded. When the conditions are approved those companies who wish to compete will have an opportunity of doing so.

At eight o'clock last evening in the Metropolitan Methodist church, Mr. J. D. Manson and Miss Florence Bayntum (a member of the choir of that church) were united in wedlock by Rev. Joseph Hall. Miss Jennie C. Strachan attended the bride and Mr. C. D. Munn acted as groomsman. The bride was beautifully attired in white nun'svelling trimmed with white lace and watered ribbon. She and the bridesmaid carried beautiful bouquets of white hyacinth and smilax, the gift of the groom. After the ceremony the happy couple and a few friends partook of an elegantly arranged supper. They were the recipients of handsome and numerous presents. Mr. and Mrs. Manson carry with them the best wishes of their many friends.

The reported intention of the city council to make an important change in regard to the manner of employing the city solicitors, has been given definite form by Ald. Macmillan, who yesterday bulletined notice of the appended resolution: "That the city employ a qualified legal adviser at a salary of $125 per month, whose duties shall be as follows—to be present at all regular meetings of the council, to advise the council on all legal matters affecting the interests of the city, to draw all by-laws and all contracts and do all city conveyancing, and to conduct all legal correspondence on behalf of the city, but not to conduct city cases in court." The duties of the city solicitors under the present arrangements are much less comprehensive and the retainer is but $500 per annum.

Gospel hall was well filled at last evening's meeting, while the evangelist took up the subject of judgment. The speaker read John v. 24. The subject of resurrection was again referred to as on the preceding evening. The Son became subject to the Father, obedient to his will in all things. As man, to him was committed the power to communicate everlasting life, also to judge mankind at the last day. Everlasting life does not mean mere existence. There are two resurrections. Scripture does not say that the righteous and the wicked shall rise together, quite the contrary. "The hour is coming and now is when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God and they that hear shall live. That hour has lasted eighteen hundred years." "The hour is coming in which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice." The second hour beginning when the Lord comes and closing with the last great day of judgment. Believers will not be judged for their sins. Christ bore the judgment for them on the cross. The question might be asked, where are the dead until the resurrection? Believers go immediately to be with Christ, the sons of the wicked into torment. The speaker did not believe in annihilation. There was no ground for it in the scriptures. The thief on the cross was answered, "this day shalt thou be with me in Paradise." The subject for this evening will be the Judgment.

The literary and musical social at the A. O. U. W. hall last night, under the auspices of the Degree of Honor, proved in every respect the enjoyable event anticipated, for a general good time was reported.

A preliminary meeting of those interested in the formation of a Congregational church in Victoria was held at Mr. Spragge's residence last night to arrange for a more general meeting to be held next Wednesday.

Joseph Wilson, who has been held for a fortnight for the theft of a watch from a resident of Port Simpson, was again remanded for seven days by the magistrate yesterday. The prosecutor is expected to arrive from the North on the return trip of the Danube, and the case will then be proceeded with. Wilson claims that the watch was his own property.

Three Chinese employes of the Hotel Dallas had a close call Tuesday night, a charcoal fire which they had lighted in their little room in rear of the hotel taking them very close to the gates of death. They had as usual closed all windows, and when they failed to wake in the morning and a forcible entry was made they were found all but dead of suffocation. Dr. O M. Jones gave the sufferers immediate attention and they are now themselves again.

The home of Mr. George C. Mesher, jr., on Second street was well saturated with smoke and water at a little before one o'clock this morning, a small stove in Mr. Mesher's office having set fire to the woodwork, close to which it was placed. The occupants of the house were aroused by the crackling of the flames and at once sounded the alarm which brought the fire brigade on the double quick. The fire was speedily smothered, but not before it had damaged the building to the extent of perhaps $200, and furniture to about half this amount. On the former there is insurance.

As the result of many hard weeks' physical training the Y.M.C.A. gymnasium boys presented an entertainment in Philharmonic hall last evening which would have been a credit to amateurs of much older standing. The hall was fairly well filled, and judging from the continuous applause the audience fully appreciated the performance. Prof. Francis' orchestra materially contributed to the evening's entertainment. Manual exercises comprised the first number on the programme, and in it Instructor G. D. Tite's skill was quite apparent. Besides the instructor the exercises were participated in by R. H. Roper, H. Mellish, C. H. Erskine, W. Peden, A. W. Peterson, H. Fulton, J. Sharpe, C. Esmouf, H. Gilder and D. King. Following the exercises C. Wrigleswoth gave an interesting dumb bell exhibition. He also lifted Joe Sharp, a boy of 110 pounds weight, clear of the ground with one hand. H. Gilder followed with further club swinging, which was succeeded by a tumbling performance by H. Mellish, C. Wrigleswoth and C. Renouf. During the intermission Mr. Muir sang a song and Prof. Francis contributed a couple of guitar selections. The horizontal bar work done under H. Mellish's instructions and by G. D. Tite, R. H. Roper, C. Esmouf and J. Sharpe was good, as were also the pyramids, the performers being C Wrigleswoth, H. Fulton, G. D. Tite, R. H. Roper, H. Mellish, H. Gilder, C. Esmouf and J. Sharpe. A parallel bar performance was given by R. H. Roper (instructor) and H. Mellish, G. D. Tite, H. Fulton, C. Esmouf, C. Wrigleswoth, J. Sharp, C. H. Erskine, W. Peden, D. King, A. W. Peterson (specialist), and H. Gilder. The wrestling competition between H. Gilder, H. Mellish, C. Wrigleswoth and G. D. Tite completed an excellent evening's programme in capital style.

THE HERO'S REWARD.

There will doubtless be a large attendance at the Drill hall on Menzies street this evening, for a young hero is there to be honored. He is Philip Austin, son of Mr. J. J. Austin, who last summer risked his life to save Mrs. Hewetson from death by drowning in Cowichan lake. The facts of the case were communicated to the Royal Humane Society, whose much prized medal will to-night be presented by His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, just before the weekly march out of the headquarter companies.

Flame having been used by the ancients and moderns as the emblem of life, and its extinction as the symbol of death, the front of the Humane Society medal represents a boy blowing an extinguished torch, in the hope, as expressed by the motto, "Lateat Scintillula Forsan," peradventure a little spark may yet lie hid. This design appears applicable both to the person apparently dead and to the one who endeavors to resuscitate him. Under the device is the following inscription abbreviated: "Societas Londini in Resuscitationem Intermortuorum Instituta, mdcclxxiv"—The (Royal Humane) Society, established in London for the recovery of persons in a state of suspended animation, 1774.

The reverse of the medal exhibits a civic wreath, which was the Roman reward for saving life; the inscription round it expresses the merit which obtains this honor from the society, "Hoc pretium; cive servato tulit"—he has obtained this reward for having saved the life of a citizen. Within the wreath is the following inscription abbreviated: "Vitam ob servatam dono dedit societas regia humana"—The Royal Humane Society presented this gift for saving life.

A second presentation this evening will be that of the silver shield won by No. 3 company for general efficiency; this presentation will also be made by Lieutenant-Governor Dewdney, 8 o'clock being the hour set for the interesting ceremony.

SOUTH VICTORIA.

Writ Issued for the Election in the Hon. Mr. Eberts' Constituency.

The writ for the election in South Victoria, made necessary by the acceptance by Hon. D. M. Eberts of the portfolio of Attorney-General in the provincial cabinet, was issued yesterday. Nomination day is fixed for the 16th instant, and should there be any contest polling day will be on the 21st. Mr. Eberts as a member of the Legislature has always proved himself a worthy representative of South Victoria, and as it is only a few months since the electors of that riding chose him as their member for a second term it is evident that when he again goes before his constituents the new Attorney-General will be heartily endorsed.

Paris, March 6.—The government is in receipt of information by cable from Zanzibar that the French have seized the island of Nossivey, lying southwest of Madagascar.

Vienna, March 6.—Southern Austria is suffering again from the cold and heavy snows. The railroads and highways are impassable in many districts. Numerous villages are completely isolated. Fresh food and fuel are growing scarce in many of the larger towns.