Political Information and Comment.

The ballot is secret.

Everything's all right. We couldn't lose if we tried, now. Turner is out of the race in Chilliwack. The struggle will soon be over, will Turnerism.

Hear Hon: Joseph Martin at to night's meeting at A.O.U.W. hall.

The oppositionists all over the country are in the best of spirits. Victory is assured. 377 Beware of the political vultures: There

are lots of them round now, prating of Those whom the electors would destroy they first make mad. Example

Eberts at Colquitz, IV TORON The electors should not allow the Eur-nerite hirelings to create a disturbance

at to-night's meeting. Hon, Joseph Martin came down from Nanaimo yesterday and will speak at A. O. U. W. Hall to-night.

Don't be bulldozed by the gang of tenters who trot after the government party and wait for pickings.

It must have been a sad home-coming for Turner. The "big four" are not nearly so big as when he left. Mr. Sword has retired in Dewdney in

favor of Mr. Whetham, the opposition candidate, whose election is thus made A steamer load of government touters

went up to the Sooke meeting on Satur, day. The major portion of the party was composed of longshoremen. It is such incidents as these that make one inclined to chafe at those who continual ly clamor for a change.

When the elector goes to the poll to cast his ballot he should remember several things—the British Pacific, the Golden Twins, the Dunsmuirs, and the decoy ducks. After he has thought of these things awhile he should then mark his hallot

Now that the dark night of Turneris is passing away, we may turn to British Columbia and say, in the words of the immertal bard: "Look! What envious streaks do lace the severing clouds in yonder east! Night's candles are burnt out and jocund day stands tip-toe on the misty mountain top."

J. C. Brown, of New Westminster. spoke at Nanaimo and Cowichan on Friday and Saturday, arriving in Victoria on Saturday. He was driven out to Colquitz and addressed the electors

There is a very grievous injustice in the \$100 license for mining companies. This tax runs from the 1st July to 1st July, If a company is incorporated in June it must pay the license for one month the same as for twelve. The result is a decided damping of activity in May and June. The government is supposed to have its backing in Koo-The community has quarrelled with the government and is going to fight until the government is downed. And no goving interests of British Columbia.

The first meeting of the campaign in South Victoria was held by Mr. Yates, the opposition candidate, at Colquitz on Saturday evening. Mr. Eberts was invited and, unlike his friends in the city, took advantage of the opportunity to be present and speak to an opposition audience. The chair was occupied by Mr. Samuel Jones, who allowed the speakers half an hour each, which in the case of Mr. Eberts and Mr. J. C. Brown, of New Westminster, was extended to about an hour. Senator Templeman spoke briefly, referring to the prospects of an opposition success and to the company promoting schemes of Messrs. Turner and Pooley. Mr. Yates followed in a clear and forcible statement of his views on the government policy, dealying, especially with the financial and spoke briefly, referring to the prospects of an opposition success and to the company promoting schemes of Messrs. Turner and Pooley. Mr. Yates followed in a clear and forcible statement of his views on the government policy, dealing, especially with the financial and railway questions and the road and road hoss questions, which is a burning one in the district Mr. Eberts lost his temper because the andience was against him by three to one, and spoke under high pressure and with needless vituperation. Mr. Brown replied most effectively, covering the entire ground and answering every point touched on by the attorney-general. Mr. Sam Sea, a resident of the district, closed the meeting at 12 o'clock with a ten minute speech, in which he told Mr. Eberts more truth than he has heard in the same time for the past four years. The meeting was a great success and was unquestionably very largely in favor of the opposition candidate.

On Saturday evening at 8 o'clock a fire occurred at the residence of Charl's Marsden, Rendall street. The crousal at the residence of Charl's Marsden, Rendall street. The crousal at the residence of Charl's Marsden, Rendall street. The crousal at the residence of Charl's Marsden, Rendall street. The cocurred at the residence of Charl's Marsden, Rendall street. The cocurred at the residence of Charl's Marsden, Rendall street. The cocurred at the residence of Charl's Marsden, Rendall street. The cocurred at the residence of Charl's Marsden, Rendall street. The cocurred at the residence of Charl's Marsden, Rendall street. The cocurred at the residence of Charl's Marsden, Rendall street. The cocurred at the residence of Charl's Marsden, Rendall street. The cose in the case indicate that a woman named Mary Moore de liberately started the fire, after engaging in a quarrel with another woman named Male! Hess.

The two women arrived from Tacoma recently, and resided in the building. Some days ago a dispute arose between them, and Mary Moore left the house, returning on Saturday evening, when the qua

Turner telegrams are becoming notorious. says the News-Advertiser. A few days ago the premier sent to his faithful johrnals on the coast a telegram saying how Mr. D. D. Mann was sending in men to Penticton to start work on the Vaucouver, Victoria & Eastern railway.

"Mr. Mann sent the men in but how many do you think there were?" asked a gentleman down from the region yesterday. "There were just nine men, and they only had two shovels amongst the lot of them Faner, two shovels with which to start the building of a railway.

The men engaged seem to look on it as a huge loke. Said our informant: "The men admit that they have not come up for work; they know it is only a filled. The people around are making car catures of the millway men. One represents them fishing down the Okanaran river, sitting up, waiting for a bite. The men are not doing a single thing. They have got a few teams of horses, and a little hay, and a few sacks of oats, with which they make a showing in the way of feed. The men are doing to thing in the camp, and I hear they are going to go freighting with the teams to Greenwood. Well, that is not building a railway, is it? The feeling seems to be general up there that they want is something to stuff the electors with."

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which we hoped to ascertain, which of the which we hoped to ascertain which of the two would obtain the greener namber of votes. This proved abortive, the electors at many points not enting to declare themselves, and we were both nominated.

Recognizing that if we both remain in the field the government candidate, Mr. McBride, may be elected, and that, Mr. Whetham, from the solid vore which he will get in his own locality, is safe to be returned, if the opposition vote is not split, I have withdrawn from the contest.

In doing so, I venture to express the hope that all who would have voted for myself will transfer their support to Mr. Whetham and do their best to see that the riding of Dewdney does not, when the prospects of the opposition are so bright, fall away from the stand which it has taken in common with the other constituencies of the lower Fraser, by letting a supporter of the Turner government represent it.

In taking my leave of you as your representative, I thank you heartfly for the confidence you have reposed in me, and trust you will be indulgent to any of my shortcomings in that capacity. I remain, gentlemen, your obedient servant.

Agassiz, June 30, 1898.

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To the Editor: It would be useless to expect any news from Cowichan at present except political news. The two candidates in the field are Mr. Wm. Herd, opposition,

except political news. The two candidates in the field are Mr. Wm. Herd, opposition, and Mr. Robertson, government, and both are equally confident of winning. The government claims Cowfelan as safe for their man. That is all right, but Mr. Herd will be our next member. The question is what will be his majority; the opposition committee put it at 40.

Meetings have been held along the line of the E. & N. railway during the past week, addressed by Mr. J. C. Brown, of Westinster, Mr. Archer Martin and Mr. C. E. Renouf, of Victoria, on behalf of the opposition, and ex-Mayor Grant on behalf of the government. Mr. Grant does the best he can under the circumstances and makes a fairly good case for the government side of the house. Then comes along Mr. Archer Martin, of Victoria, and with the rapidity of lightning scatters the arguments advanced on behalf of the government to the four winds of heaven. I don't wonder at the government not been particularly fond of the Martins.

The government candidate, Mr. Robertson, who is a plain, practical farmer, and much respected in the district, would, under ordinary circumstances, be hard to defeat, but the district being overwhelmingly opposition gives Mr. Herd the advantages, West consider the election practically over extending the proposition on the 9th of July.

A gentleman who came down from Armo.

A gentleman who came down from Armostrong on Saturday says Mr. Graham will get in for Tast Yale, and have 180 majority. "I can't get any bets taken up in Yale, Graham is so certain to be elected, so if you know any man in Vancouver who wants to bet on Price Elisson, let me know and I'll go any amount." Mr. James, Martin, too, he went on, will have a walk-over.—News-Advertiser.

On Demision Day the Rossland Leader said, editorially,;
"To-day we celebrate the anniversary of a United Canada. It is a day on which every whole-hearred Canadian should rejoice. The day of those who opposed confederation and were embittered by it has passed away, and with the subsidence of the Turner government on the 9th, the echo of their resentment will have ceased to rumble through the mountains of British Columbia."

NATHANIEL F. HAGEL, Q.C. To the Editor of the Province; It is

really amusing to ex-Manitobans that any one should for a moment take seriously the great inimitable Nathaniel Francis, there, much to the annoyance of the attorney-general. Mr. Brown left for home on Saurday night. He says there is not one sure seat for the government on the gel. In Winnipeg his own party never made the mistake the government cannade the mistake the government made the mistake the government can-didates did Monday night of allowing him to appear on the public platform. When it became impossible to keep the irrepressible gentleman quiet he was usu-ally fired out to the back settlements, where he could with impunity, being un-The known, make his trumped up charges, activity backed by the peculiar kind of evidence and is which he is so fond of pretending to be in May and June. The government is supposed to have its backing in Kootenay among mining company promoters and business men, whereas these classes are as bitterly opposed to the government as any one else. The process of milking the Kootenay cow bears harder on them than on anyone else. Outsiders the supposed to the government is which he is so fond of pretending to be proof. He was always reckoned upon as being of great assistance to his opponents. For these reasons I urged our friends to give him a fair hearing on milking the Kootenay cow bears harder on them than on anyone else. Outsiders yesterday that Hagel had quite de cided them to vote for the opposition. We should pray to the Lord without ceasing that the minds of the govern-ment candidates will be so influenced that they will keep the veracious Na-thaniel on the stump until election day manufacturing his bogus charges about Mr. Martin, backed up by the World's personal abuse of the Hon. Joseph and every one who support shim. It will make victory doubly certain.

FRANK BURNETT.

Vancouver, June 30. AN INCENDIARY BLAZE.

Charles Marsden's Residence the Scene of a Strange Fire,

gate and disappeared.

Mr. Fairful noticed the flames and summoned the fire department. The loss will amount to \$150 with insurance amounting to \$1,200. Mr. Fairful noticed smoke arising from the building before Mary Moore left the premises, and was convinced that something was wrong after the woman reached the street by her peculiar actions. The police are endeavoring to find her

street by her peculiar actions. In the line are endeavoring to find her at Glenora for less than half their cost. The fire occurring under circumstances price, everything is extremely quiet, and the prospects are that the situation will accident by which Mrs. Marsden lost her continue thus until the wagon road is an life in the same house, ocasioned some assured fact. remarks among the residents of the neighborhood.

OF IMPORT TO SETTLERS. Full Court Quashes a Decision Involving Increased Taxation.

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Mr. Sword, much to the regret of many people, has, in the interests of his partyret'red from the contest in Dewdney. He has addressed the following to his late constituents:

Gentlemen,—You are, no doubt, all aware of the Circumstances connected with the triangular contest heretofore in existence for the representation of Dewdney—Mr. MeBride is out as the candidate for the Tunner government: Mr. Whetham and myself as opposed to it.

Feeling the desirability of concentrating the votes of those opposed to the present administration on one candidate, Mr. Whetham and myself made an agreement by

LOCAL NEWS.

Glerrings of City and Provincial News in a Condensed Ferm.

(From Saturday's Dally.)

-After 27 years continuous service Mr. Ben Evans, chief usher of the court house, has retired from the government service, being succeeded by Mr. J. W.

-A dispatch from Nanaimo says that Editor Cross, of the Review, was as-saulted by A. R. Johnson this morning. The dispatch adds that Chief of Police Crossan witnessed the fight, and that Cross knocked Johnson down.

-The New Vancouver Coal Mining & Land Company, Limited, succeeding the Vancouver Coal Mining & Land Com-

-Nominations for officers and mem-bers of the council of the board of trade close on Monday, after which day none can be received by the secretary. The council will meet Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

A hack driver named John Belford sustained painful injuries on Thursday night by being struck by a tram car. The ac-cident occurred at the corner of Cadboro Bay and Pemberton roads. The team ran away, injuring themselves and smashing the vehicle.

The manager of the Home for Aged and Infirm acknowledges with many thanks receipt of the following donations during the month of June, viz: Mrs. L. J. Quagliotti, reading matter and rhubarb; Mrs. H. D. Helmcken, reading matter and clothing; Mrs. Wey, Mrs. N. Shakespeare, Mr. T. Shotbolt, reading matter; Mrs. D. W. Higgins, Mr. Woodward, strawberries; Mrs. W. Munsie, clothing.

The current issue of the Gazette The current issue of the Gazette contains the announcement that the appointment of gold commissioner at New Denver and stipendiary magistrate and deputy registrar of the county court for Kootenay county, has been given to Mr. Alexander Sproat of New Denver. Mr. John Kirkun receives the appointment ment of gold commissioner at Rossland and also that of stipendiary magistrate for Kootenay. for Kootenay.

The First Battalion arrived home from Vancouver this morning, and will leave again for Seattle to-morrow evening by the City of Kingston, a change leave agam for scattle ing by the City of Klingston, a change in the shipping arrangements having been made. The Second Battalion will go down by rail from Vancouver. The First Battalion was yesterday under the command of the second senior officer, Major Ben. Williams, the commanding officer, Col. Gregory, being unable to be present with the corps.

—Yesterday at the conclusion of the sports at the Methodist picnic at Bazan park a foot race was run, the competitors being classed as government and opposition. Mr. McConnell, an opposition supporter, was the winner, Messrs Shakespeare and Baker coming in second and third respectively. The government people present offered a special inducement to Mr. McConnell to allow himself. to Mr. McConnell to allow himself to be dubbed a government man, the desire that in a foot race at least the Tur-nerites should be allowed to win being very great.

—G. J. Goodwin, a London, England, man who is interested in the mineral pos-sibilities of the island, has just returned to the city from a prospecting four of the Leech river. He penetrated as far as the Devil's Gap, and on the benches between the north and south forks he took out dirt which on being panned with a common rocker yielded 14 or 15 colors to the pan, averaging about the size of half a pea. He reports that the company which is preparing to dredge the basin of the river have the flume almost com-

The list of offences filed at the city police station for the month ending June 30th were in all 48. Of these 7 were theft, 19 drunkenness, 6 infraction of the theft, 19 drunkenness, 6 infraction of the street by-law, and 2 each of infractions of the bread by-law, of the revenue by-law, of the liquor regulation act, and for vagrancy. There have been one each of the following offences: Cruelty to animals, murder, supplying intoxicants to Indians, malicious injury to property, infraction of bicycle by-law, forgery and indecent exposure. Besides the above, five have come to the city lock-up for keighigs; two were detained as necessary kelgings; two were detained as necessary witnesses, and one was brought up for sufe keeping. sufe keeping:

—Arthur Campbell, a young man employin Norris' trunk factory, had a narrow escape from drowning by falling off the E. & N. railway bridge on Thursday afternoon. The steamer Rainbow was passing through on her trial trip and the wind at that moment carried away the hat of an Indian who was watching the vessel. Campbell jumped after it to the roof of a watchouse where it had lodged, but slipping off the building struck on his race across one of the bridge strigers. and fell into the water. He had sunk twice when he was rescued by E. G. Terrillas His injuries, several broken ribs, are being attended to at the Jubilee hos-

-Among the passengers who arrived from the Stikine last night by the steamer Tartar was F. H. Worlock of the Canadian Development Company. Mr. Worlock is indignant at what he classes as the criminal neglect of the provincial government in failing to build the promised wagon road from the head of navigation to Teslin. "Unless that road is built," said Mr. Worlock, "the Stikine route is practically realess." The route is practically useless." The people do not want a railway, he says, for a the railway would, as in previous cases, become a monopoly. Outfit are now selling at Glenora for less than half their cost

-Fernwood lodge, C.O.O.F., at a special meeting held on Wednesday initiated two candidates into the order. The following officers were installed by D. D. G. M. Bro. F. V. Hobbs: P.N.G., P. T. James; N.G., E. E. Westcott; V.G., W. O. Carter; L.M., J. R. Westcott; R.S., G. E. Wilkerson; F.S., T. W. Carter; Treas., W. F. Fullerton; War., R. Hawk; Con., T. Parsell; R.S.S., J. Freemen; L.S.S., J. J. Walsh; R.S.N.G., J. Lister; D.S.N.G., D. McKenzie; R.S.V. G., J. Fisher; L.S.V.G., S. Fraser; I.G., J. S. Clements; surgeon, Dr. R. H. Carter; auditors, J. R. Westcott, W. H. Coutes, G. E. Wilkerson; trqustees, R. Carter, W. Cormack, J. J. Walsh. On Sunday, the 3rd, the members of Dauntless and Fernwood lodges, together with visiting brethren, will meet at foresters! Thall, Government street, at 10 a.m., for the purpose of attending diving service at Eminanuel Baptist church.

(From Monday's Daily.) The police court has been sitting ever-since 10 o'cleck this morains on a charge against Sam, a Nitnat Indian, charged with having intoxicants in his posses-sion, and against J. H. King, bartender at the Russ House, for supplying to In-dians, and for selling during prohibited hours. A great deal of time was occu-

pied in interpreting the Indian evidence, pied in interpreting the Indian evidence, great deficulty being experienced in securing a capable interpreter. Sam was finally fined \$28, which he paid. The charge against King for selling to Indians was then heard, and the magistrate will give his decision to morrow morning, when King wil come up on the second charge, and also the proprietors of the Delmonico and Prince of Wales saloons.

The provincial police have arrested an Italian at Savona's under suspicion of attempting to murder a resident of that place. The victim, who was shot

Vancouver Coal Mining & Land Company, has been registered as an provincial company, the change practically one of name.

Company has been registered as an extra being provincial company, the change being Freear, of that place, had been accidentally killed. No particulars of the sad

O. F. who conducted services at the residence, Douglas street, and atmitted graveside. A large number attended and followed the corrector; beautiful flowers were contributed, and the following gentlemen acted as pall-bearers: Messrs. A. Graham, Geo. Winn, G. E. Smith, D. W. Fawcett, J. H. Meldrum and J. W. Carey.

Seamers North Pacific and City of Kingston left yesterday crowded with. Victorians, who go to Seattle to help the residents of that city celebrate the "Fourth." Among those on the Kingston were 150 of the members of the Fifth Regiment, including the band, under the command of Lt. Col. Prior, and the members of the Victoria lacrosse club team. The steamer City of Nanaimo is also carying large numbers of excursionists to the American side to-day. She makes three trips to Port Angeles.

The collecting of evidence in the Glaus murder case trial at Nanaimo last week was a very expensive process, ma-terial witnesses having to be brought from various parts of the continent Among them was Dr. Carlyle of Phila-leibhit, who was at Glenora at the time the bodies of the murdered men were discovered, and made a post mortem examination. Other men had to be in-duced to abandon their trip to the Yu-kon and to come south to Nanaimo, all of which tends to prove that in British Columbia criminals will not escape just unishment on any score of expense.

-City School Superintendent Eaton will read a paper on "Civics" at the third annual convention of the Dominion Edu-cational Society, to be held in Halifax. N. S., from August 2nd to 5th. Mr. Raton will also use his influence to have the next convention held in Victoria, the previous meetings having taken place in Foronto and Montreal. Special rates are quoted by all the transportation com-panies in the Dominion to those who wish to attend the Halifax meeting, a reduction of from one to two-thirds being made to parties of fifty, and some of the

-The Fifth Regiment paraded last night at the drill half preparatory to night at the drill half preparatory to taking pasage on the City of Kingston for Seattle. The battalion numbered about 150 strong, and was under commandy of Major Williams, Col. Gregory being detained in the city. Col. Prior, the C. O. of the regiment, also accompanied the local detachment. About 8:30 the force, preceded by the band, marched to the dock where they broke ranks and moved quietly on board. On account of the high wind prevailing all day the passage over was likely to be a rather trying one for those members of the force ng one for those members of the force

-The annual examination of candidates for teachers' certificates for the province opened to-day in South Park school, Victoria, in Vancouver and in Kamloopso. There are 99 candidates writing to day in Victoria, 10 male and 80 female; and the total number who have made application at the three places exceeds 300. Owing to the elections the

to leaving Seattle lest night a northern boat arrived with 14 or 15 miners, who had made a big strike in the north, particulars of which will be found in the telegraphic despatches. Mr. Smith, who is recuperating his strength after an attack of typhoid fever, says the reports of an immense output of gold are not exaggerated. He spent all last year at Dawson and will return shirtly.

-After a lingering illness, Mrs. Joseph Wachter died on Saturday, aged 29 years. Deceased, whose maiden name years. Deceased, whose maiden name vas Carie Ballinger, was married six years ago in Cincinnati, where she had lived some time, to Joseph Wachter, of the Victoria fire department. She leaves three children, two boys and a girl, the youngest of whom is not yet two years of age. The funeral took place yester-day afternoon from the family residence of age. The funeral took place yester-day afternoon from the family residence, afternoon from the family residence, and later from the Roman Catholic cathedral, deceased being a member of that denomination. Review at the first denomination of the residence here to the highest honors the Dominlon government can give him in the province, says the News-Advertiser. When a little while ago the News-Advertiser first announced that Mr. Davis had been offered the chief justiceship of the province in succession to the late Chief Justice Davie, and from the living de was in the form of a cross with a star and broken form of a cross with a star and broken ladder. The pallbearers were George Lund and Thos. Sehl of the fire brigade, and Indian Mr. Davis should reside in Victoria. This, however, he is to much attached to Vancouver to be able to do, and so the News-Advertiser was in-

they returned vesterday morning. The Times has to-day received visits from some of those who were so deceived by the misrepresentations of the Pooley and Bullen crowd, and the true inwardness of the scheme, and the dismal failure encountered, will make delectable reading at this juncture.

The provincial police have arrested an Italian at Savona's under suspicion of attempting to murder a resident of that place. The victim, who was shot behind the left ear, is said to be doing well.

Hamilton Abott, of the C.P.R. ticket office, who went over to Vancouver to office, who went over the vancouver to office, who were taken from the provided, seeing affair have been received.

The total collections of the inland revenue department in the month of June were as follows:

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gang that silenet and orderliness must after all be observed. How futile the effort to "frui" the meeting was is told in another column, and over the return trip, commenced at midnight Saturday and term nating about non on Sunday, it is charitable to draw the veil. Seasick, nearly staved, disappointed and vowing direst rengance upon those who invelgted them into the trip, the party landed, having had but one meal during their absence and limited during the greater part of the time to seeing a favored few put out of sight the beverages, the promise of an unlimited quantity of which, had, it must be confessed, been the principal indivenient to the great majority of the gang to undertake the trip.

Mr. Bullen, a brother of one of the candidates for Esquimait district, was in charge of the expedition, and this exposure of the practices favored by supporters of the Turner government will furnish sufficient evidence of that party's weakness to justify the belief that the certainty of victory attending the opposition is assured.

AT OAK BAY PARK,

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A Novel and Delightful Performance Meets With Deserved Success.

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Several thousand people witnessed a very pretty and novel performance of Shake-speare's beautiful Sylvan comedy, "As You Like It," at Oak Eay Park on Saturday evening last, when the Georgie Woodthorpe company, under the personal direction of Mr. Fred. A. Cooper, presented the play in a manner as clever as the surroundings were natural. The grove comprising the stage representing the forest of Ardein was a very pretty picture, being beautifully iluminated with numerous electric lights amidst the foliage and branches completing a stage—soothing and refreshing to the eye of the habitual theatre-goer, who never witnessed a theatrical production outside of a modern theatre, with its cramped and unnatural scenic effects. An original and very preity effect was introduced for the first time by Mr. Cooper on Saturday night, the light on the stage being turned off immediately after the finale of each act and turned on again at the commencement at the back act, assuming the purpose of a curtain in almost every respect.

In the role of Rosalind, the immortal bard's most romantic and lovable heroine, Miss Woodthorpe charmed the large audience with her natural methods and her clever conception of a very difficult part. The star was ably supported by Mr. W. Tooker, as Orlando: Mr. Engene Weiner, as the melancholy Jaques: Mr. O. Paul, as Touchstone, and Miss Helen Henry, as Celia, each of whom portrayed their parts in a manner that left little to be desired.

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The performance will be repeated on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday evenings of this week, with a special matinee on Saturday afternoon. Every evening the Fifth Regiment band will render a popular concert, and, as an additional attraction, the wonderful projectoscope will show various and different pictures each show various and different pictures each

night.
It is Mr. Cooper's intention to erect a
theatre in Victoria to play stock companies
and travelling combinations at popular
prices. A very wealthy syndicate is said
to be behind him in this venture, and if arrangements, now pending are consummated
Victorians may witness herectofore highprices productions at popular prices.

A PROMISING MINING DISTRICT. Bridge River Said to Be Another Klondike-Chief Deasy's Opinion

should give some attention to this section, where a good return will assuredly follow livestments.

In Mr. Deasy's opinion the possibility of Bridge river overshadowing the Klondike is only a queston of time. It is a splendid country, where men work without inconvenience at all times. The rivers and creeks afford a good living for placer miners during low water, some of the men averaging \$4 at day.

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On Tyanchton creek, midway between Bridge river and Lillocet, deposits of cinnabar have been discovered, and near Anderson lake, on McGillivray creek, a ledge of ore was discovered recently which assays \$100 to the ton.

THE CHIEF JUSTICESHIP.

Men Who Were Invested Into That Trip to Sooke Unbosom Themselves.

Great dissatisfaction exists among many of those who were invested by a gang of government "heelers" into taking a trip to government "heelers" into ta trip to government "heelers" into taking a trip to government "h

Different Constituencies.

THE TWO TICKETS. Complete List of the Candidates in the

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BARTIST CONVENTION Proceedings of the Second Annual Gather-

ing, Commencing To-Morrow. In Calvary Baptist church to-morrow will be held the first session of the second annual convention of British Columbia Bapday and Thursday. There will be morning, afternoon and evening sessions, the specialties being ten and fifteen-minute papers on subjects of vital interest to members of the church. The public will be welcome at the afternoon and evening sessions. The following is the programme of to-morrow's proceedings:

Morning Session

9 a.m.-Devotional exercises, Pastor M. an Sickle.
9:30 a.m.—Convention called (enrollment of delegates; report of secretary, O. H. Cogswell; report of treasurer, Wm. Marchant; election of officers and trustees; introduction of new pastors and visitors; address of welcome, Pastor R. W. Trotter; reply to address of welcome, Pastor H. C. Newcoube; addresses by Superintendent A. J. Vining; appointment of committees. Afternoon Session

2 p.m.—Meeting of home mission board, meeting of Sunday school committee, meeting of committee on temperance, meeting of committee on resolutions, meeting of committee on time, place and preacher.

4 p.m.—Meeting of the educational board, meeting of foreign mission board, meeting of the committee on literature.

Evening Session. 7:30 p.m.—Praise service, Pastor O. E. Kendall. 8 p.m.-Report of committee on Sunday 8.p.m.—Report, of committee on Sunday schools, C. A. Scooley, 8:20 p.m.—Classification and examination of pupils, A. B. McNelli. 8:40 p.m.—Model primary class taught at convention, Mrs. Dr. Davies. 8:55 p.m.—The teacher prepared for work. D. J. Welsh. 9:05 p.m.—Preparation of the lesson, F. D. Grosse. Gross. 9:15 p.m.—How to teach the lesson, O. H. Cogswell. 9:25 p.m.—Rewards of merit, W. H.

VICTORIA MARKETS. Retail Quotations For Farmers' Produce Carefully Corrected.

9:35 p.m.—Open discussion.

During the past few days cherries have been coming in plentifully; raspberries also are now freely offered: strawberries are falling off slightly, although still plenti-

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Ogilvie's Hungarian, per bbl. \$7.00
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Premier, per bbl. \$6.00
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Wheat, per ton. \$37.50 to \$40.00
Barley, per ton. \$28 to \$30
Middlings, per ton. \$27.50 to \$30.00
Bran, per ton. \$25.50
Ground feed, per ton. \$26 to \$29
Corn, whole \$26 to \$29
Corn, cracked \$27 to \$30
Oalmeal, per 10 lbs. \$40c. to 50c.
Rolled oats (Or or N. W). \$4c.
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Rolled oats (B & K) 7-lb sacks. \$5c.
Potatoes (new) California \$2c.
Peas (green) \$6c.
Beets \$6c.
Apricots \$15c.
Strawberries \$12½c.
Strawberries \$10c.
Clabries \$1 Cheese (California) 20c.

Hams (American), per lb. 16c. to 18c.

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Bacon (American), per lb. 15c. to 18c.

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Bacon (Canadian), per lb. 14c. to 16c.

Shoulders 12c to 15c.

Sides beef, per lb. 7c. to 8c.

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Veal 8c. to 15c.

Mutton, per lb. 8c. to 15c.

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Mutton, whole 8c. to 15c.

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Joseph Dare an old British Columbia pioneer, and keeper of the Esquimalt lighthouse, was drowned yesterday while on his way to the lighthouse from the village. Dare in pursuance of his usual custom, came to Esquimalt yesterday, and had a few drinks with his friends. At eventide when he started for lighthouse he was well under the in ence of liquor, but notwithstanding made good progress in face of the high winds, until off the naval bank, when

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