

## THE CITY.

FROM THE DAILY COLONIST, February 18.

MESSRS. C. A. LOMBARD & Co. have assigned to W. H. Bone for the benefit of creditors.

BAKER & SON have been awarded the contract for supplying forage for the horses owned by the city.

EDWIN B. MORGAN, George Cassidy and George I. Wilson of Vancouver, have incorporated under the companies act as George Cassidy & Co., limited liability, to carry on a sawmill and lumbering business with a capital of \$200,000.

In the Divisional court yesterday application of defendants in Lathrop & Kingsley v. Seasmith, Caroson and others, for a new trial was adjourned for hearing till the 28th inst. Mr. B. D. Bell for plaintiff; Mr. Fell for defendant.

In the B. C. Gazette this week appears the incorporation of the British Columbia Auer Light Co., Ltd., capital stock \$30,000, with headquarters at Vancouver. The trustees are Wm. Farrell and Thomas Dunn of Vancouver and Arthur O. Granger of Montreal.

THE Sons of Erin have decided to celebrate St. Patrick's day with a football match on the afternoon of Saturday, March 16, and a concert in the Victoria theatre in the evening. The committees in charge are trying if possible to extend all former efforts, and hope to secure some of the finest musical talent in the province for the occasion.

The ladies on the committee of the Maternity League to thank Drs. Fraser and Lang for attendance, and also for donations from the following friends: Mrs. Higgins, Mrs. Jones, Miss Hall, a friend, Mrs. Hutcheson, Mr. Wilson, R. Harvey, Mrs. Tilton, a friend, King's Daughters, Mr. Porter, Mrs. Dumbleton, Mrs. Pemberton.

The funeral of the late Mrs. J. S. Fenn, whose death occurred on Wednesday last, took place yesterday from the Jubilee hospital to Ross Bay cemetery. Rev. Solomon Cleaver officiated at both places, the obsequies being largely attended by friends and others. Mrs. Fenn, who was a native of California, came here from Port Angeles for medical treatment. Her death was caused by heart failure.

The appeal from Mr. Justus Cressie's refusal to dissolve the injunction restraining Messrs. McKenzie, Molanes or Planta from interfering with the estate of J. P. Planta and appointing Messrs. Bray, sent a written appeal yesterday before the Divisional court, Justus Drake and Walkem presiding. Mr. Belyea appeared for appellants; Mr. Bodwell contra. Decision was reserved.

On Wednesday evening the annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Okeil & Morris Fruit Preserving Company was held in the factory, Ross Bay. The director's report and the annual balance sheet were read, both being satisfactory and well received. The board of directors for the current year is composed of Hon. J. H. Turner, S. M. Okeil, R. A. L. Kirk, Geo. Glover and Joshua Holland.

This reading room of the board of trade has received a very valuable collection of samples of grain from Mr. Thomas A. Sharpe, superintendent of the Dominion experimental farm at Agassiz. There are twenty-eight samples of peas; twenty-nine of oats; twenty-eight of barley; and two of rye. Besides, Mr. Sharpe has sent a specimen of alfalfa grown on the farm. These specimens will prove of considerable value in showing the magnificent capabilities of British Columbia.

In the King's Road Mission church last evening, a pleasing concert was given. The programme rendered was as appended: Remarks from the choir; piano solo, Mrs. G. C. King; song, Mr. Haggitt; recitation, Maggie Campbell; song, Miss Fennett; club singing, Miss L. Griffith and Miss M. Haggitt; reading, Rev. G. C. King; song, Miss Dolly; song, Mrs. Brocklehurst; song, Mrs. G. C. King; recitation, Miss Strachan; piano solo, Miss Griffith; recitation, Miss Emma Patterson; "God Save the Queen."

JOHN KEMMOR, a boy of 16 years of age, who was formerly in the employ of Morrow, Holland & Co. and went up to Grand Prairie near Kamloops for his health a short time ago, was yesterday killed by a coal and iron mine. His visit was with the object of getting a change of air, his lungs being very weak. His remains will be brought to Victoria for burial, the funeral taking place on Sunday from the family residence, No. 87 Henry street. Sincere sympathy is manifested for the bereaved family.

INSTEAD of gathering in the church parlors, as is their wont, the Ladies' Aid of the First Presbyterian church congregated at the home of Mrs. (Dr.) McGregor, Macleod street, on Wednesday afternoon, when an exceedingly pleasant meeting was held. It was decided to take up the Talent show for another year, especially as such good results were obtained from last year's work, the ladies raising the church debt to the amount of \$800 by their special effort. A unanimous vote of thanks was recorded for Mrs. Cochrane, of Hamilton, Ontario, for introducing the scheme, and officers were elected for the year as follows: Mrs. McGregor, president, re-elected; Mrs. Fleet, vice-president; Mrs. Gould, secretary, re-elected; Mrs. Wilson, treasurer.

## TUBERCULOSIS IN COURT.

An interesting case in regard to the powers of Inspector Roper under the cattle contagion disease act has grown out of the quarantining of fourteen cattle belonging to the Tolmie estate by the inspector. Mr. F. S. Roper, V.S., has brought action against Mr. J. W. Tolmie in the Provincial court, under section 7 of the act, which provides that any justice of the peace on receiving from any inspector notice or a report showing that an animal is diseased shall issue a summons requiring the owner to show cause why such animal should not be destroyed or otherwise dealt with.

The cattle have been under quarantine for some time for tuberculosis. On the other hand, Mr. Tolmie has through Messrs. Drake, Jackson & Helme secured an interim injunction from Mr. Justice Drake restraining Inspector Roper from destroying the cattle or causing them to be destroyed. The hearing of the application to make the order absolute is fixed for Tuesday. The police court case was yesterday adjourned until next Thursday at half past two.

The inspector has quarantined with the Tolmie cattle one cow belonging to an Indian named Sam. The owner will also be summoned to show why the cow should not be killed.

## SPALDING VS. OSGOODS.

TORONTO, Feb. 15.—The Spaulding hockey team of Chicago was easily defeated to-night by the Osgoods of Toronto, the score being six to two. To-morrow night the Spauldings play the Victorias here.

## BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Electric Light Committee Empowered to Employ a Mechanic to Examine the Plant.

Tenders Opened for Erection of Line Shafting—Ald. Bragg Presents Some Figures.

The new electric light plant and the tenders for the erection of the line shafting occupied the time of the special city council meeting last night. The only member absent was Ald. McLellan.

The tenders for covering the boilers and pipes with asbestos and putting up the line shafting were opened as follows: Spratt & Gray, asbestos covering \$125; erecting shafting \$90. William Lorrimer, erecting shafting \$188; or asbestos covering and erecting shafting \$298. Albion Iron Works, asbestos covering and erecting shafting \$225. Hinton & Panny, erecting shafting \$165.

The William Hamilton Co. put in a new offer to erect the shafting for \$200, adding that the work was of a special character and that they would not be responsible for any dissatisfaction in the working of the machinery if the contract was awarded to another firm.

Ald. WILLIAMS did not consider the Wm. Hamilton Co. were acting properly by the city. They had managed to come down from their first offer when they said \$350 was the cost price for the work.

Ald. MACMILLAN characterized the action of the Wm. Hamilton Co. as a "game of golf."

Ald. WILLIAMS further held that the line shafting should really have been furnished by the contractors for the machinery. That was the meaning he got from section 10, which read so as to embrace all the machinery required.

Ald. MACMILLAN was of the same opinion as Ald. Williams, and Ald. Wilson was sure the specifications meant a complete plant.

Ald. MACMILLAN remarked that he had been told the line shafting was not of steel, but of iron, and he believed this should be inquired into, for if it was only iron it would be impossible of doing the work required of it. He moved therefore that the electric light committee be empowered to call in the aid of a qualified mechanic to pass upon the quality of the new shafting and the plant in general. This was carried.

Ald. PARTRIDGE then moved that if the shafting were found satisfactory the lowest tender for putting it in position be accepted. This was also carried.

The general impression brought out by some informal discussion was that the Wm. Hamilton Co. should cover the boilers and pipes if it was required, but that the council should not bear the expense.

Ald. HUMPHREY held that the contract called for the boilers to furnish a certain amount of power and if that power could not be got without covering the boilers and pipes that was the contractors' loss.

Ald. BRAGG brought up the question of finance. To meet the liabilities on the electric light work would need some \$4,000 this month? Could the sum be taken from the general revenue? He read the list of sums due or becoming due outside of the amounts provided for as follows:

Line shafting.....\$1,975  
Erecting shafting.....500  
Putting up line shafting.....500  
Architect's fees.....250  
Was for February.....250  
Stink's salary, February.....150  
Belting.....300  
Balance on hand.....\$4,435  
Amount unprovided for.....\$4,285

After talking the matter over informally the council adjourned without transacting any other business.

## STUDDER WITH GOLD.

It is probable that before very long a quartz mill will be erected at Mineral creek, Alberta, to work the rich free milling gold ore that has recently been struck there.

Mr. George Brown, who came here a few days ago from Mineral creek for the purpose of interesting capital, is already in negotiations which promise to result very shortly in a satisfactory manner. Some of the samples he brought down with him have also been sent to California. The specimens show fine, clean quartz fairly studded with gold, as rich free milling ore as one could wish.

The first find was made by Sam Darr on the Alberni claim six weeks ago. At a depth of ten feet the ledge is 18 inches wide, assays over \$1,000 a ton, and is widening out steadily. Mr. Brown and another man have the adjoining claim, "The Missing Link." This is a continuation of the ledge on the Alberni and looks equally well. Already Mineral creek has been struck up from one end to the other, and with the short time that work has been in progress the showing is wonderfully fine. On China creek lumber is being sawed and preparations are being made for developing the ledge. Mr. Quillan's hydraulic claim, at Jones & Garret's working away at their bench diggings three miles above the hydraulic claims and Gleason & Campbell are putting down shafts on their placer mine on Mineral creek to strike bedrock. They are at present down twenty feet and in good pay dirt.

On the Golden Eagle and King Solomon mines the snow is as yet too deep to work, but preparations have been made to strike them and cross on the Golden Eagle tunnel just as soon as the snow goes. A hotel and store for the miners has been opened at the mouth of Mineral creek by a man named De Bea.

## AN ENJOYABLE AFFAIR.

The mask ball given by the Sons and Daughters of St. George in the A.O.U.W. hall last evening was successful beyond all expectations. Among its special features were the large attendance, the novelties of dress and the general excellence of the programme. Apart from the dancing the five tableaux presented at intervals, under the direction of Mrs. Lange, constituted a worthy and very appropriate performance. These tableaux comprised a scene, "Comin' thro' the Rye," by Miss Mabel Lyons and Emma Cassed; "The Valentine," by Miss Sinclair, Mrs. Newman and Messrs. Wilkes and Sehl, with little Mabel Lyons as Cupid; "The Dirty Boy," by Mrs. Wilkes and Tom Fernval; "The National Guard," by Mrs. Wilkes, Mrs. Sinclair and Emma Cassed; and "After the Ball," a musical tableau with Mr. Filling and Mabel Lyons as the singers and Mr. Sehl, Mrs. Newman and Mr. Wilkes in the characters. The last tableau was probably the best appreciated, the voices blending together very beautifully. Music for dancing was supplied by the Richardson orchestra.

An midnight supper was served, dancing being kept up until three o'clock. Prizes were awarded during the evening as follows: Best dressed lady, (Robe) Miss D. Webb; best sustained character lady

(Flower girl) Miss Ure; best dressed gentleman, (King of Frogs) Mr. J. Penketh; best sustained gentleman character, (White Rooster) Mr. M. Churton; and might be stated in connection with the ball that it was the only event which marked St. Valentine's day, and it was no doubt partially owing to this that the galleries in the hall were crowded with spectators. The ball was in celebration of the third anniversary of the Daughters of St. George, whose great popularity, if judged by last evening's attraction, is unquestionable.

## ABERDEEN ASSOCIATION.

TO THE EDITOR:—I have read with interest the appeal in your columns to-day from Miss Reid of Vancouver, for magazines, etc., to send to settlers and miners. Many in Victoria are doubtless unaware that a branch of the above association has already been started here by some of the "King's Daughters," who are members of the Alexandra Club, and is doing good and useful work. Cowichan, Comox, Salt Spring Islands and Alberni are, so far, the distributing points, but as the supply of magazines increases more of the outlying districts will be reached.

L. DAY,  
Hon. Secretary Alexandra Club.

## SHIPS AND SHIPPING.

Sealers and the Prospects of the Season—Arrival of the "Routenbeck."

A Fast Run from San Francisco—To Load Coal at Nanaimo.

The British ship Routenbeck, one of the British Columbia salmon fleet of 1893, returned to port yesterday afternoon, being brought to anchor in Esquimalt harbor by the little American tug Magic, which towed her in from the Cape. After discharging her salmon cargo at Liverpool the ship loaded general merchandise for Honolulu whence she arrives, being 23 days on the passage. She is now in ballast and is here for orders. It was on the 23rd of last month that the ship sailed from Hawaii, and on the 24th she was expected here, bringing no late news. Her master, Mr. J. H. Bradley, has a letter from the British Royalists will never again secure the reins of government. The leaders are of a very poor class, and they have lost the only support they had in the islands, which are now in the hands of the British.

Mr. and Mrs. German and Mrs. Bradley and her two daughters were passengers on the Routenbeck. The latter joined Prof. Leo Bradley here. The ship had a fairly good passage. She passed the barkentine Archer outward from the Sound and a fleet of seven or eight vessels off the Cape.

## SEALING PROSPECTS.

The vessels composing the Victoria sealing fleet of 1895 have now sailed for the future scene of their operations, but with an outlook before them entirely different from that of past seasons. The fleet, which sailed, and of this fleet 26 vessels have cleared for the Japanese seas, leaving the rest to hunt in British Columbia and Pacific Coast waters. The vessels are employed in hunting whales and 682 Indians are employed in the Japanese fleet out of 608 hunters only 100 are Indians. The number of Indians on the coast vessels is of course due to the fact that the Japanese fleet is permitted to hunt on the international regulations, but in several cases entire white crews have been signed to use the spear. Of course on vessels where the crews are of mixed blood, and no hunters are allowed, the sealers are very plentiful on the coast, but even this does not dispel the gloom under which the present season opens. Last year hunters in many cases received no pay, and in some cases the small prizes realized in London at the autumn sales were absolutely refused to offer a fixed price for their hunters this season. The wages of the hunters, however, the best of the latter could get was the one-third of last year. Taking \$9 as a high average price last season, hunters will not this year get over \$180 per skin and probably not more than \$20. The wages of the sealers, however, have been correspondingly decreased, and had not times been so hard on the coast it would have been impossible to man the fleet; but to most of the men it is a question of the sealers' wages, and in fact none of the best hunters, who in past seasons made from \$2,000 to \$2,500 and saved their money have quit the business for the present. In several instances, owners, even at the present low prices of the venture and have let out their sealers to the capitalists upon a similar lay agreement, rather than share the expense of outfitting themselves. The whole season is a question of the sealers' wages, and in fact none of the best hunters, who in past seasons made from \$2,000 to \$2,500 and saved their money have quit the business for the present. In several instances, owners, even at the present low prices of the venture and have let out their sealers to the capitalists upon a similar lay agreement, rather than share the expense of outfitting themselves. The whole season is a question of the sealers' wages, and in fact none of the best hunters, who in past seasons made from \$2,000 to \$2,500 and saved their money have quit the business for the present. 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