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Royal Baking Powder

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From THE DAILY COLONIST, April 17.
SHIPS AND SHIPPING.

Speculation as to the Wreckage Branded "Geneva"—Probably a San Francisco Barkentine.

The "Transit's" Injuries Not Sufficiently Serious to Bring Her Here to Dock.

Since the publication of the letter from Mr. James Codville, of Fitzhugh Sound, in the Colonist yesterday morning, there has been much speculation as to the identity of the wreckage reported to have been found. Only one vessel other than the Victoria sealer is known on the coast by the name Geneva, and it is thought probable, contrary to the adverse opinion entertained in San Francisco, that she is the unfortunate craft. That vessel is a barkentine of 471 tons register and is owned by Matthew Turner, San Francisco. She is said to have loaded lumber on the South for Kahului, Hawaii, some time ago, and San Francisco advices state that she was reported at Kahului on the 9th ult. Notwithstanding this, however, a mistake it is believed must have been made and the Geneva, leaving that port for San Francisco, her next intended port of call, on about March 9, in command of Capt. Paulsen, must have met an awful fate, her remains drifting with the strong northerly currents to where they have recently been found.

MARINE NOTES.

Sufficient of the cargo of the steamship Transit has been removed from the forward hold of the vessel to show that a strip of her extreme beam, about seven inches wide and eight feet long, has been doubled around on the side of the ship by the force of her collision with the Monterey. No leakage was caused by her injuries, and it is believed that the vessel will not be obliged to dock in order to receive repairs.

To day the steamer Mexico will sail for Alaska, leaving Seattle at 9 o'clock. Ever since it was announced that she would replace the City of Topeka on the later's next schedule trip North, the Mexico's passenger list has been swelling rapidly. She will take about 300 tons of general merchandise for Juneau and will have 200 tons of coal from Union for use of the government at Sitka.

THE CITY.

SEAKER lodge, No. 12, I.O.O.F., of Donald, has incorporated under the benevolent societies act.

A SPECIAL general meeting of the Maud Hydraulic Mining Company is called for the 11th prox.

THE annual general meeting of the Columbia & Kootenay R. & N. Co. is to be held on the 6th of May in Vancouver.

A NEW public highway has been established in the northern portion of Salt Spring island extending through the Staff and Langley properties.

THE British Columbia Supply Company, of Vancouver, has been regularly incorporated under the joint stock companies act, with a capital stock of \$50,000.

MESSRS. Joseph Coleman and E. M. Kinneard, of Roseland, with Nancy J. Renshaw, of Colfax, Wash., have organized the Crescent Dry Goods Co., Ltd., of Roseland, the new incorporation being capitalized at \$20,000.

THREE enterprising Vancouverites—Miss E. J. Kendall and Messrs. A. B. Diplock and D. G. Marshall—have secured incorporation as the Granite Falls Quarrying & Trading Company, Ltd., with a capital stock of \$50,000.

MESSRS. Mann, Holland & Co. have purchased the collecting, insurance and commission business heretofore carried on by Mr. J. St. Clair Blackett, the transfer of interest including the agency of the Union Assurance Association, for some time past held by Mr. Blackett.

AT the Easter vestry meeting of St. Paul's church, Esquimalt, held this week, Hon. Charles E. Pooley and Mr. W. H. Lobb were elected churchwardens for the ensuing year, Hon. Mr. Pooley and Messrs. E. Baynes Reed, G. F. Wake and James Andrews being chosen as delegates to the Diocesan synod.

STILL another Spokane company is in the field to assist in the development of British Columbia's mineral wealth, this being the Rochester Gold Mining Company (foreign), which has been duly registered, with extended powers and privileges, to do business in this province. Its capital stock is placed at \$50,000, in shares of a par value of \$1 each.

THE suit of Miss Margaret Holmes against the city of Victoria for \$1,000, for injuries received by plaintiff through falling on the sidewalk on Fernwood road, was tried yesterday in the County court before Mr. Justice Drake and a jury. The accident happened in front of the Odette hall, on Fernwood road, in 1894, while plaintiff was going home at night. The sidewalk is so constructed that while flat at one end with the platform extending from the hall, there is a drop at the other end of several inches. Plaintiff claimed that

the city had shown negligence in constructing the sidewalk. The jury, however, took a different view of the matter and gave a verdict for the city. Mr. Dennis Murphy for plaintiff; Mr. W. J. Taylor and Mr. C. D. Mason for the city.

YESTERDAY'S meeting of the W.C.T.U. was under the department of social purity, conducted by Mrs. Spencer. Incidentally a most interesting report was presented by Miss Clark of the Provincial W.C.T.U. rescue home. This work has been especially successful this year, its growth and progress being due in great measure to the thorough and persistent work of Mrs. and Miss Clark.

THE suit of Humber v. Graham was tried in the County court yesterday. The plaintiff sued for \$5, the amount of a promissory note given by plaintiff in payment for a horse. Defendant alleged breach of warranty in that the horse was unsound. Defendant failed to establish that the horse was unsound at the time of the sale, and the court accordingly gave judgment for plaintiff. Mr. H. J. Hall for plaintiff; Mr. Geo. Jay, jr., for defendant.

HON. G. B. MARTIN chief commissioner of lands and works, has given notice in the Gazette that a belt of land described as follows: Commencing at the intersection of the Columbia river by the northern boundary of the railway belt near Carnes creek; thence following the river up stream to the northwestern end of Kinbasket lake, and extending back ten miles on each side thereof—has been reserved for the exclusive purpose of entry under the Land, Mineral and Placer Mining acts.

THE Pittsburg & Cariboo Gold Dredging Company is the title of the latest foreign company registered to do business in this province. The field of operations will be, as the name of the company indicates, chiefly in Cariboo, the special object of the company's existence being "to dredge for gold, silver and other valuable minerals in the Fraser river and its tributaries." The head office of the new company is in the city of Pittsburg, Pa., and the capital stock is \$500,000, permission also being held to increase to \$750,000.

MESSRS. Hedley H. R. Chapman and Joshua Davies, of this city, with Mr. Joseph L. Warner, of Roseland, have completed the organization of a mining company by the name of the Georgia Mining Company, Ltd., which will at once purchase the well-known Georgia mineral claim in West Kootenay and proceed with its development, at the same time prospecting in the neighborhood for other valuable properties. The company is capitalized at \$1,000,000 in one dollar shares, and will have its head offices in this city.

ON Wednesday last the organization was completed of the Quadra Mining & Milling Co., of this city, whose object is to acquire and develop the Ophir and Last Chance mineral claims, in Alberni district, and generally to do all such things as will best promote the improvement and development of these and adjacent properties. The company has its head offices in this city, and its provincial trustees are Messrs. G. A. Kirk, Thomas Shotbolt, and John Bryden. There are five hundred shares at a par value of one dollar each.

The ladies' committee of the British Columbia Protestant Orphans' Home thoughtfully acknowledge the following donations during the month of March: Milk (daily) and eight dozen buns, R. E. Knowles; milk, Mrs. D. H. Ross; The Colonist (daily), the publishers; flour and oatmeal, Charles Kent; fruit and cake, "A Friend." Messrs. R. Porter & Sons have kindly volunteered to call free of charge at the residences of any desiring to contribute food, clothing, etc., for the benefit of the orphan children.

AT a committee meeting called by Chief Mackie of the Sir William Wallace Society on Wednesday evening, a communication was received from the president of the St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society expressing his desire for the erection of a Burns' memorial in Caledonia park. The communication also solicited the co-operation of the Sir William Wallace Society and its representation at a joint meeting to be called for the discussion of the memorial in the future. In compliance with these requests the meeting adjourned to meet again at the call of the chair.

THE masquerade in Semple's hall, Victoria West, last evening was well attended by both maskers and spectators, the former presenting some really excellent characterizations. The prizes were awarded to Mr. L. Oliver (down) and Mrs. J. Cherry (beggar girl), as the best sustained characters, Mr. Oliver keeping the spectators in continual rous of laughter, Mr. and Mrs. T. Trahey, Mr. and Mrs. Stratford, and Mr. Frank Rissler acted as judges. The music was supplied by the Collis and Baird orchestra, and dancing was kept up until a late hour.

THE five-room cottage of W. G. Eden, at Foul Bay, and the shed belonging to an empty cottage adjoining, owned by Mr. W. J. Dwyer, were destroyed by fire at an early hour, yesterday morning. Mr. Eden's family were roused from sleep by the noise of the house chimney falling, and managed to escape with a few clothes and to save a little furniture. A telephone message was sent to town and Chief Deasy went to the scene with a reel and five men from the Yates street hall. As the Eden house and Mr. Dwyer's shed were situated very close together, the firemen directed their efforts towards preventing the flames spreading to the surrounding buildings, buckets of water and water being the only means of fighting the flames. The Eden house was insured in the London & Lancashire for \$800 and the furniture for \$200, the insurance practically covering the cost of the loss. Mr. Dwyer's barn was worth about \$100.

A SET OF ROGUES.

By FRANK BARRETT.

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CHAPTER XXVI.
Dec. 14.—Dawson left us this morning. In parting Mr. Godwin graciously begged him to come to his wedding feast on Christmas day—they having fixed upon Christmas eve to be married—and Dawson promised he would, but he did assure me afterward, as we were walking along the road to meet the stage wagon, that he would certainly feign some reason for not coming. "For," says he, "I am not so foolhardy as to jeopardize my Moll's happiness for the pleasure this feast would give me. Nay, Kit, I do think 'twould break my heart indeed if anything of my doing should mar my Moll's happiness." And I was very well pleased to find him in this humor, promising him that we would make amends for his absence on this occasion by cracking many a bottle to Moll's joy when we could come together again secretly at my house. In the afternoon Mr. Pearson's clerk brought the deed of agreement for the settlement of the estate upon Moll and Mr. Godwin, which they signed, and so that is finished as far as that goes. This clerk tells me his master hath already gone to London about getting the seal. So all things look mighty prosperous.

Dec. 17.—Fearing to displease Sir Peter Lely by longer delay, Mr. Godwin set out for Hatfield Tuesday, where that is, Moll, Don Sanchez and I—going with him as far as the borough, where Moll had a thousand things to buy against her wedding. And here we found great activity of commerce and many shops filled with excellent good goods—more than ever there were before the great fire drove out so many tradesmen from the city. Here Moll spends her money royally, buying whatever catches her eye that is rich and beautiful, not only for her own personal adornment, but for the embellishment of her home (as hangings, damask toys, etc.), yet always with a consideration of Mr. Godwin's taste, so that I think she would not buy a pair of stockings but she must ask herself whether he would admire 'em. And the more she had the more eager she grew to have, buying by candlelight, which was an imprudence, and making a sort of bargain, but giving all the same a handsome set of jewels, which, to be sure, was another piece of recklessness. This business seemed to me the most wearisome in the world, but it served only to increase her energies, and she would not be persuaded to desert until, the shops closing, she could lay out no more money that night. Supped very well, but mighty late, at the Tabard inn, where we lay all night. And the next morning, Moll's fever still unabated, we set out again a-shopping, and no rest until we caught the stage, and that by a miracle, at 4, and so home, dead beat.

Dec. 18.—Moll mad all day because the carrier hath brought but half her purchases, and they not what she wanted. By the evening wagon came three seamstresses well engaged yesterday morning, and they are to stay in the house till all is finished, but as yet nothing for them to do, which is less grievous to them than to poor Moll, who, I believe, would set them working all night for fear she shall not be fitted against her wedding.

Dec. 19.—Thank God, the carrier brought all our packages this morning, and they being all unpacked and laid out, there is no sitting down anywhere with confusion, but all confusion, and no regularity anywhere, so I was content to get my meals in the kitchen the best I could. And here I do perceive the wisdom of Don Sanchez, who did not return with me from London, and does intend (he told me) to stay there till the wedding eve.

Dec. 20.—Moll, bit by a new maggot, tells me this morning she will have a great feast on Christmas day, and bids me order matters accordingly. She will have a whole ox roasted before the house by midday, and barrels of strong ale set up, that there may be meat and drink for all who choose to take it, and at 4 she will have a supper of geese, turkeys and plum puddings for all her tenants, their wives and sweethearts, with fiddles afterward for dancing, etc. Lord knows how we shall come out of this madness, but I have got the innkeeper, a busy, capable man, to help me, and he does assure me all will go well enough, and I pray he be right.

Dec. 21.—Sick with fears that all must end ill. For till now we have had tradesmen and work people bringing in goods, and knowing not where to set them, servants hurrying this way and that, one charged with a dozen geese, another with silk petticoats, jostling each other, laughing, quarrelling, and no sort of progress, at it seems, anywhere, but all tumult and disorder.

Dec. 22.—Could not sleep a wink all last night for casting up accounts of all this feasting and flurry will cost us, and finding it must eat up all that money we had of poor Mr. Goodman, and make a deep hole in our quarter's rents besides. I fall a-speculating whether our tenants would pay me with the same punctuality they have used to pay old Simon, with generous cheer. For it is true, if our tenants had not been idle these past days, and will do us an ill turn if he can by throwing doubts before these same tenants whether they should pay or not before Moll's succession is made sure.

And I have good reason to fear they will not, for I observed yesterday when I called upon some of our tenants, that to our feast he seemed very jerky and ill at ease, which perplexed me greatly, until, on quitting, I perceived through a door that stood ajar old Simon seated in a side room. And 'tis but natural that if they find prudent excuse for withholding their rents they will keep their money in pocket, which will pinch us smartly when our bills

come to be paid. Yet I conceived that this feast would incline our tenants to regard us kindly; but, on the other hand, thinking I surprised they regard us as a game, and do avoid us altogether! They shall be nipped another way, for, having no one to eat our feast but a few idle rogues, who would get beef and ale for nothing, we shall not lay ourselves open to mockery and get farther into discredit. Thus, betwixt one fear and another, I lay like a load under a heavy load of care.

Not has this day done much to allay my apprehension. For at the court all his skill at sixes and sevens, none of a very cheerful spirit, but all mighty anxious, save Moll, who throughout has kept a high, bold spirit. And she does declare they will work all night but everything shall be in its place before her lover comes tomorrow. And truly I pray they may, but do think they will not. For such a mighty business as this should have been begun a full month back. But she will not endure me in the house (though God knows I am as willing as any to help), saying that I do hinder all, and damp their spirit for work with my gloomy countenance, which is no more than the truth, I fear. The sky very overcast, with wind in the south, and the air very muggy, mild and close, so that I do apprehend our geese will be all stinking before they are eat. And if it pour on rain on Christmas day how will the ox be roast, and what sort of company can we expect? This puts me to another taking for dread of a new fasco.

Dec. 23.—Going to the court about midday, I was dumfounded to find no sign of the disorder that prevailed there yesterday, but all swept and garnished, and Moll in a brave new gown seated at her fireside, reading a book with the utmost tranquillity, though I suspect she did assume something in this to increase my astonishment. She was largely diverted by my amazement, and made very light of her achievement, but she admitted that all had worked till day-break, and she had slept but two hours since. Nevertheless no one could have looked fresher and brighter than she, so healthy and vigorous were her natural parts. About 1 o'clock Mr. Godwin came with her happiness and give fresh glory to her beauty. And sure a handsomer or better matched couple never was, Mr. Godwin's shapely figure being now set off to advantage by a very noble clothing, as becoming his condition. With him came also by the morning stage Don Sanchez, mighty fine in a new beard, of the latest mode, and a figured silk coat and waistcoat. And seeing the brave show they made at table, I was much humbled to think I had gone to no expense in this particular. But I was yet more mortified when Don Sanchez presented Moll with a handsome set of jewels for a wedding gift, to see that I had nothing in the world to offer her, having as yet taken not a penny of her money, save for the use of others and my bare necessities. Moll, however, was too full of happiness to note this omission on my part; she could think of no one now but her dear husband, and I counted for nothing.

However, this little chagrin was no more than a little cloud on a summer's day, which harms no one and is quickly dispelled by generous heat, and the tender affection of these two for each other did impart a glow of happiness to my heart. 'Tis strange to think how all things tonight look bright and hopeful, which yesterday were gloomy and aweful. Even the weather hath changed to keep in harmony with our condition. A fresh wind sprang up from the north this morning, and tonight every star shines out sharp and clear through the frosty air, promising well for tomorrow and our Christmas feast. And smelling of the geese, I do now find them all as sweet as nuts, which contents me mightily, and so I shall go to bed this night blessing God for all things.

Dec. 24.—Now this blessed day hath ended, and Moll is sure and safely bound to Mr. Godwin in wedlock, thanks to Providence. Woke at day-break and joyed to find all white with snow and covered with rime, sparkling like diamonds as the sun rose red and jolly above the fir, and so I thought our dear Moll's life must sparkle as she looked out on this, which is like to be the brightest, happiest day of her life. Dressed in my best with great care, and in the favor of white robes given me by Moll's woman last night, and so very well pleased with my looks, to the

pot and takes her into his arms, and there for a moment she lay with closed eyes, and a paller spreading over her cheek as if she were more than her dear husband's dear. But recovering quickly she was again all lively smiles and ranciance.

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matterly not to find any at Moll or us. They more shouting for joy when the bowls of ale and posset came in, and all, standing, give three times three for their new mistress, and her husband. Hearing of which the beggars without (not tired of dancing about the embers) troop up to the door and give three times three as well, and end with crying joy and long life to the wedded pair. When this tumult was ended and the door shut, Mr. Godwin gave a short oration, thanking our tenants for a their company and good wishes, and then he told them how to share their joy, by wishing others to share their joy, and remember this day, had resolved to give every tenant one-half of his quarter's rent. "And so, Mr. Godwin," says he, addressing me, "you will think of this tomorrow."

At first I was disposed to begrudge this munificence—thinking of my accounts and the bills I should have to pay ere this day came again—but on second thoughts I rejoiced me much as being a counterblast to anything Simon could do against us. For no tenant, thinks I, will be fool enough to withhold payment when he may get his quitance tomorrow for half its value. And herein I am not mistaken, for today every tenant hath paid with a cheerful countenance. So that this is very good business, and I am not in any way astonished to find that our noble squire was at the bottom of it, for indeed it was Don Sanchez, who (knowing my fears on this head and thinking them well grounded) suggested this act of generosity to Moll, which she in her fullness of heart, seized on at once. (Truly I believe she would give the clothes off her back, no matter what it cost her, to any one in need, so reckless is she in love and pity.)

Dec. 27.—Don Sanchez took leave of us this day, he setting forth for Spain tomorrow, with the hope to reach his friends there for their great feast of the New Year. And we are all mighty sorry to lose him, for not only hath he been a rare good friend to us, but also he is a most seemly gentleman (to keep us in countenance), and a very good, staunch and reliable companion. But this compels not all our loss, he having, as I confess, more wit in his little finger than we in all our bodies, and ever ready with an expedient in the hour of need, and I know not why, but I look in his going as a sign of coming evil, nor am I greatly comforted by his telling me privately that when we want him he shall be found by a letter sent to the Alberg Puerto del Sole, Toledo, in Spain. And I pray heaven we may have no occasion to write to him.

When Moll was retired, Mr. Godwin asked if I could let him have a few hundreds upon his account, and I answered very willingly he shall. And now, setting aside enough to pay all bills and furnish our wants till next quarter day, I am resolved to give him every farthing I have of the rents past yesterday and shall be most hearty glad to be rid of it, for this money do seem to scar my hands every-time I touch it, nor can I look at it but my heart is wrong with pity for those poor tenants who paid so gleefully yesterday, for surely their quitances will hold good for no more than spoiled paper if ever our roguery is discovered.

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NEWS OF THE

What the Miners Kootenay—Important Decision.

Prospectors for Chilliwack Frodo and Van

(Special to the)

VANCOUVER, April 16.

C.E., left yesterday for Mining Co's claim of Similkameen, he has managed for the same. The funeral of the late took place yesterday those present was Mr met him here about and who was a fellow many years ago in the

J. C. Henderson, "Chilliwack" rustler three carloads of live etc., corresponded at Victoria by him and between New Westminster

VANCOUVER, April 16 of the Vancouver post appointed to the post mail service made death of Geo. Hanpald

The fancy dress ball at the Vancouver Club a great social success, affair of the Grand Hotel Vancouver being a great success, the Nationalist on Tuesday evening and the ensuing year. M.P.P., vice-president from the Trades Union waited upon the executive to the possibility of representative as a candidate for general election, and corresponded writes that the prospect in that section of the are 40 men at a party, which number increased to 50. It is the president, Robert Stevenson, that work about preparations to start a company a month later at the 4th of July.

The board of trade room last night to examine of subjects presented at the forthcoming chambers of commerce President H. O. Bell the chair. The bill was approved. The board desired to record approval of the report passed the following subjects which it considered of importance, viz.: That this board should that in preferential mother country and her dependencies lie the future maintenance of the

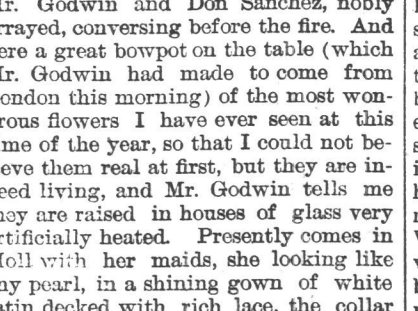
That in the opinion British system of weight currency now in use is greater commercial and that the adoption of the metric system is longer delayed. That this board wish attention to the desirability of the Pacific cable as a commercial enterprise. That the early introduction of Atlantic service first importance to Canada should follow the acquisition of the Pacific with a corresponding the steamship service of Australia.

That this board is of appointment of a Governor of the United Kingdom to visit them in London and share their pleasures. But if I have no more appetite for gayety than I feel at this moment I shall do better to stay here and mind my business, though I do expect to find little pleasure in that, and must abide by a month of very dull, gloomy days.

WESTMINSTER, April lock-Webster has in scorpion which he bro the Upper Country. T garded with cautious o who is expected to On Tuesday evening the customs department of thirty cases of China boxes of tobacco which had been stored in business in the lower part of the have been confiscated matter may rest, for a copying the premises were stored placed ent them or their owner.

NEW WESTMINSTER, A nect with the propos tracting gold from the Fraser river the first machinery has arrived for the Dominion Pulve During the last few d bach has been engaged work on samples of s the tests as being ent In a fortnight after the boilers and the balance copied the premises were stored placed ent them or their owner.

The machinery of s supplied by Mr. H. D. for the Delta Dyke, W. and Land, Ont., has been on the new built City Planning Mills. It tended to begin work The dredge will work about a mile from the commencement will then pr wards for a longer dist Ploughing has been alous of Surrey by ten



I perceived old Simon.