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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Flour Mill Destroyed.

McMillian's flour mills at Winnipeg were burned on Thursday night. No particulars have been received.

A Writ Served on Mayor Fell.

A writ of *mandamus* was served on Mayor Fell last evening to compel him to accede to the wishes of the majority of the council.

The Mails.

No through mails arrived last night, the Louise failing to connect with the Pacific express. Last night's and Thursday's mails are expected to reach here to-night.

The New Steamers.

The new steamers of the C. P. R., Van Horne says, will be ready in sixteen months. They are to be the finest on the Pacific. In a short time the company propose to reduce the running time between Montreal and Vancouver to four days.

A Patent Elevator.

Says the Vancouver *News*: W. H. Russell, formerly of Miramichi, N. B., has invented an elevator and tramway for loading and discharging ships' cargoes. The invention, which has been patented, appears to be a most capital contrivance, and one calculated to greatly lessen the cost of and expedite the unloading of the trans-Pacific steamers.

The Behring's Sea Seizures.

The Ottawa correspondent of the Toronto *Mail* says: Although a report is current in certain quarters that the Behring's Sea dispute will not come up for consideration at the Fisheries Commission, Captain Warren has been at work for the last fortnight with Mr. Belier, barrister, of this city, working out all the details of the claims of the owners of the seized vessels. The work will be completed this week and forwarded direct to Washington, a pretty good indication that the officials here anticipate the Behring's Sea matter to come up.

Constant in Truthfulness.

It is useless carrying on a discussion with an opponent who makes a mistatement, and when his attention is called to it, instead of acknowledging in a manly way that he was wrong, sticks to it through thick and thin. This the *Times* always does. With reference to the remarks of Sir Adolphe Caron our evening contemporary is not truthful and we shall endeavor to prove that fact by reference to the shorthand reporter's notes. Gentlemen within the hearing of Sir Adolphe on the night in question know that we are right and the Grit organ, as usual, wrong.

Missionaries on the Skeena.

It is stated by a gentleman lately arrived down from the Skeena forks that the tribe which Rev. Mr. Stevenson ministers to lately held a council for the purpose of deciding whether they would retain him and Rev. Mr. Tomlinson, who has also lately come among them, or order them both away. It seems that an agent of Mr. Tomlinson took possession of Mr. Stevenson's church, but the latter gentleman put him out, but not before an attack had been made upon him by the agent with a chisel in hand. However, he was quietly thrown out and no damage done. The Indians are quite disturbed at Mr. Tomson's presence and say that they do not want two bells sounding among them—it would prove discordant. Speaking of bells, someone stole the bell from Mr. Stevenson's church, and the missing article had not been discovered when our informant left. It is regretted that there should be any endeavor on the part of one missionary to jump another's claim, and if persisted in it may result in serious trouble.

The Calico Ball.

The ball in aid of the B. C. Benevolent Society was held last night at Philharmonic hall and was largely attended, although the hall was not crowded. A very large number of tickets were, however, sold. The ladies' costumes were in excellent taste and the mass of color presented a brilliant appearance in the well-lighted room. Victoria's "youth and beauty" shone at its best, and the gay scene was one long to be remembered by those who participated in it. The floor was in fine condition for dancing and the music was all that could be desired, a select orchestra having been engaged for the occasion. The refreshment room was arranged on the stage and a choice supper was served. Among the invited guests were His Honor Lieut.-Governor Nelson and Mrs. Nelson, Mr. and Miss Stanton, and Lieut. Ogilvie, of "C" Battery. As the party entered the room the National Anthem was played, all present rising to their feet. Too much praise cannot be accorded the ladies who made the ball what it was—a grand success. They have toiled early and late in the good cause—the help of the deserving poor—and can congratulate themselves on a happy completion of their arduous labors. The gentlemen, too, who assisted them, have every reason to congratulate themselves on the result of their work. A large sum will be netted and handed over to the society for whose benefit the ball was given.

More Light.

In future there will be double the quantity of light in the Victoria streets, the Electric Light Company having decided to double the capacity of the illuminating power of their lights.

A Deserved Compliment.

A deserved compliment has been paid to Mr. Thomas C. Keefer, and through him to Canadian engineers generally, in his nomination for President of the American Society of Civil Engineers. There are thirty-one members, one junior and one associate in Canada, against 678 members in the United States (and 36 abroad), which is nearly, if not quite, as large a proportion as the relative engineering activity of Canada would call for. The interest which Canadian engineers, as a body, have thus shown, has been almost personified in Mr. Keefer, who has been a constant and always welcome attendant at the conventions of the society, and has in many other ways shown an interest in its welfare. Perhaps it might be a graceful recognition of his presidency to hold a second convention in Canada, the first one, held many years ago, having been a very successful affair.—*N. Y. Engineering News.*

A Prospecting Trip.

The steamer Maude has been secured for the purpose of making a trip to Pitchena valley, at the head of Pitchena bay, through which the San Juan river passes. Mr. Thos. Burgess and his two sons, of Bala, Muskoka, and several others, together with Mr. W. Halpenny, government guide, are taking passage by the steamer for the purpose of prospecting the agricultural lands of the valley. The steamer will leave the party for several days, and then return for them. Should the result of the trip prove favorable, it will be the means of attracting a goodly number of people to the new settlement, for Mr. Burgess is but this pioneer of a number of desirable settlers who are seeking a new home in British Columbia. The government guide explored this place some months ago, and reported that with a little exploration the valley could be made capable of supporting a hundred families.

A Serious Criminal Charge.

A man named George Price was arrested yesterday afternoon on the complaint of Mr. C. Lombard, charged with attempting to administer cantharides to his (Price's) daughter, an inmate of Mr. Lombard's house. It appears that there is a lack of sympathy between father and daughter, and yesterday the father came to the house and offered her some candies, first having placed something in them. The girl suspected something and threw them out the window, but told her father she had eaten them. On Mr. Lombard's arrival she informed him, and he procured the sweetmeats, and thinking an attempt to poison the girl had been made, he took them to Dr. Milne. On examination the sweets were found to be heavily charged with cantharides. The prisoner, after his arrest, was searched and other candies similarly treated, and a box of cantharides powder was found upon him. The case will come up for hearing this morning.

Medical Lecture.

Yesterday afternoon Dr. Milne lectured to the pupils of the High School and took for his subject "The Muscular System." The lecturer referred to the various sizes of the muscles and their attachments, the muscles varying in size, some being very minute and others being of considerable length, especially the superficial ones. The deeper ones are broader and surround the bones which protect them as well as the joints. In the trunk or the body, the muscles are broader than in the extremities, giving greater protection to these parts. Many of the muscles are named according to their situation, and are classified accordingly. Many derive their names from the direction in which they lie, others also from the use to which they are put, such as fluxors, extensors. They may also be classified according to shape and also to the number of divisions into which they terminate. Lastly they may be named according to the points of their attachment. The structure of muscles was next described, there being two kinds, *viz.* the voluntary muscles, that is those that can be moved at will, and the involuntary which are not under the power of will. Pathologically the structure of these muscles is also different. The actions of the voluntary muscles can be exemplified by the act of walking, those of the involuntary muscles by the action of the digestive organs. The lecturer described on the blackboard the action and power of muscles as levers, according to their situations and positions. The subject of hygiene of the muscles was gone through and practical hints were given for the preservation and development of the muscles, by which means the highest type of healthy men and women is produced. Exercise is necessary to good health. Dr. Parks says that each adult should walk at least nine miles a day—certainly very few people act up to that suggestion. Leaping or jumping jars the body and is only suited for the period of youth. Rowing is one of the best exercises and is suitable to every period of life. Running is only suitable for the young; when indulged in to excess, it produces diseases of the lungs and heart. Fencing tends greatly to the development of the muscles. Horseback riding is the most useful form of passive exercise. The question of overexertion on the part of athletes was referred to, such over-exertion producing diseases of the lungs and heart, brought about by long continued strain. Gymnastics, if gone through systematically and under proper management, are the best exercises. Dr. Milne finished his lecture by stating that: 1. Muscular exertion should not be continued too long; 2, the muscles need not rest after long continued work; 3, keep the body erect whilst sitting, and avoid all habits of posture, form of dress, etc., which all interfere with the muscles and organs of the body; 4, long walks ought to be taken by those who are able to take them; 5, avoid all stimulants, which in time only tend to weaken the muscular system; 6, boys should take part in all athletic exercises; for girls, the swinging of Indian clubs, if used only for gymnastic purposes, is conducive to good health. It is the duty of every one to be as nearly physically perfect as possible, and it is only by observing these laws which have been named that one is likely to succeed in this particular. The muscles must be continually exercised to develop them to their proper symmetry and strength.

From the DAILY COLONIST, Dec. 11.

Very Gauzy.

The *Times*, placed in a tight corner with reference to the Caron banquet, resorts to its old tactics. The editor writes a letter to himself informing him that the *Times* is a great paper and its editor a bright luminary in the realms of newspaperdom. The dodge is about as clumsy as some of its articles and most people will say of it—"too thin."

A Sensational Trial.

The principal topic of conversation on the New Westminster street corners is said to be a most sensational trial that is to come before the court in that city on the 20th inst. A prominent physician of the town has sued a lady, with whom he seemed at one time to be on intimate terms, for medical services and money loaned. The defendant claims that a *quasi* marital relationship existed between them, and she is about to proceed against the doctor for breach of promise, and lays the damages at $15,000.

From San Francisco.

The following passengers are on the steamer Umatilla from San Francisco for Victoria: Miss Smith, S. Gray, Mrs. H. Coughtery, G. H. Collins, Mrs. Williams, N. Bichard, Miss N. Andrews and Wong Chi.

The Cold Snow.

There are two and a half feet of snow on the level at Donald, and with the trees, buildings, etc., loaded down with this rich covering, the views are grand. At Rogers' Pass the fall must be about four feet.

Sworn In.

Thos. Deasy and C. N. Gowan, lately elected chief and assistant engineers respectively of the fire department, were yesterday sworn in by Mr. E. Johnson, police magistrate, and have entered upon their respective duties.

Business Change.

Messrs. McBride and Leach have purchased from Dawley and Van Allman, the business of the Commercial Hotel. Mr. James McBride is well and favorably known in Victoria and the new firm deserve all the success they may meet with.

Sale of Japanese Goods.

Messrs. J. P. Davies & Co. announce this morning that they will hold a sale of Japanese goods, direct importation from Yokohama, at their auction rooms, Wharf street, on Wednesday, the 14th instant. The goods will be on exhibition to-morrow and Tuesday, day and evening.

Worth a Visit.

Yesterday the windows of Messrs. M. W. Waitt & Co.'s Music Store were decked out for Xmas, and last evening presented a very pretty appearance and were the centre of attraction. Great taste has been shown in the arrangement of the goods, the number of different Musical Instruments shown being almost unlimited.

For San Francisco.

Miss Brenda Pears, S. H. Rowe, G. D. Warren, Edward Jones, R. H. McCormack, Nicholas King, Capt. C. B. Weldon, John Ross, Wm. Kirschbaun, L. H. Nolte, and S. Nancix were passengers on the Mexico for San Francisco from this port yesterday. The steamer carries a large number of passengers both cabin and steerage from the Sound.

A Business Abroad.

Mr. William Payne, representing Jefferson, Clallam and Kitsap Counties in the legislature of Washington Territory, was born in Gloucester County, New Brunswick, in 1845, and when 17 years old went to Wisconsin, thence to Montana in 1865, and then on to Puget Sound in 1867, where he has since resided. He is engaged in the logging business and is a Democrat in politics.

Public School Examinations.

The Christmas examinations of the pupils of the public schools, will be held next week. The girls' department will close on Wednesday, the boys' department on Thursday and the High School on Friday. The closing of the ward schools is set for Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. It is hoped the parents and friends of the pupils will show this year that they have an interest in the progress of their children in their studies by attending in large numbers. The last two examinations were better attended than on any previous occasions and the teachers say they have noticed a marked improvement and a deeper interest taken in their studies by those under their charge.

Lecture on Temperance.

On Monday evening in the Pandora street Methodist church Mrs. Reece, of Ohio, will lecture on temperance under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. The lecturer is eloquent and earnest, convincing in argument, and the entertaining, pleasing and womanly manner in which she presents the truths to her audience make her both a popular and successful lecturer. Her reputation is widely known and the press pass such high encomiums on her ability as a public speaker that we can promise an intellectual treat to all who attend the lecture on Monday evening. The Sabbath schools are all invited to attend the Methodist church this afternoon at 4 o'clock, to listen to Mrs. Reece's address to children.

Scots Wha Hae.

The Scotchmen in an up-country settlement did honor to their patron saint on the 30th of last month by giving a banquet, at which the following was the *menu*:

Potatoes *a l'Ecossais* and Fresh Herrings
Whisky, 1857.
Salt Herrings *aux pommes de Terre.*
Whisky, 1879.
Potatoes (without salt) and Red Herrings.
Whisky, 1880.
Mashed Potatoes and Herrings *au sel.*
Whisky, 1881.
Potatoes with Haggis (hot) *au naturel*
Whisky, 1882.
Baked Potatoes and Loch Tyne Herrings.
Whisky, 1883.
Boiled Potatoes and Dan Fyne Herrings.
Whisky, 1884.
Haddies *a la* Finnon and Baked Cheese.
Whisky, 1885.
More Herrings—More Potatoes—More Whisky.
Auld Lang Syne by the whole strength of the Company and Bagpipes.
Whisky, 1886.—Whisky, 1887,—to follow *a la discretion.*

"Too Naughty, Naughty Boy."

A British Columbia correspondent writes us a letter in which he boils over with indignation because of the misdoings of the Dominion Government. He closes by saying: "The barbering is on the wall, and it will remain there until some fine day, etc." That's just the conclusion a good many people have come to.—*Toronto Globe.* "Funny, funny, very, very funny." "Our Victoria correspondent," whose *habitat* is the *Times* office has long been telling the leading Grit organ that "the handwriting is on the wall." It is a favorite expression of his. He too, frequently "boils over with indignation" and tells what he knows about "boodle" and many other things that he doesn't know about. And yet Victoria continues to send two strong Liberal-Conservatives to Parliament and the only Grit candidate who ever ran in that interest in this city lost his deposit at the last general elections. Talk is cheap, very cheap.

Troublous Times.

Mrs. Drazovich, who owns two houses on Pandora street, and lives in one of them, yesterday swore before the authorities that a man and woman renting and living in a room in the rear of her cottage had stolen some valuables from her. A couple of policemen were sent to examine the rooms, and they diligently searched the room, turning out everything in the trunks, and examining every possible hiding place, but without finding any of the missing articles. However, they were entertained with a running fire of talk from the complainant, and the last man there was rather tired when he succeeded in getting away from the house. The complainant and the defendants in the present case have been living in a state of sweet domesticity and open warfare at various times. It is not long ago since the man of the house whiled away a few minutes by giving his reputed wife a sound thrashing. After this had been done to his satisfaction the complainant came in and the two women gave the man a good beating. This also accomplished, the trio smoked (figuratively) the pipe of peace, and partook of supper together, and so the insipid monotony of everyday life was made more or less exciting by wordy or aggressive attacks between the occupants of the front and rear. Whatever may be the cause there is evidently a permanent estrangement in the former cordial relations of the parties, which came to a climax when one took out a warrant against the other.

POLICE COURT.

Geo. Price's Preliminary Examination on a Grave Charge Held—Other Cases.

The police court yesterday morning was well filled by persons anxious to learn the true nature of the charges preferred against George Price.

The first case called was that of Charlie, a Bella Coola Indian, charged by Officer Thomas with stealing a coat from the shop of Frank Sansafrede, on Johnson street, valued at $8. Prisoner claimed that he was drunk and did not know what he was doing. He was sentenced to three months' imprisonment.

Ah Sing, charged with vagrancy, was dismissed.

J. La Fontaine, a vagrant, did not appear. Sergeant Sheppard and Officer Thomas gave evidence against the man and he was fined $25 or one month's imprisonment with hard labor.

George Price was charged by Sergeant Sheppard, who arrested him, as follows: I have just cause to suspect, and believe that one George Price, late of Portland, Oregon, on the 9th day of December, unlawfully and maliciously did administer to one Mary Price, a quantity of a certain deadly drug, called cantharides, so as to inflict on the said Mary Price grevious bedily harm.

Supt. Bloomfield, in opening the case, said that it was laid under section 17, chap. 20, of the Consolidated Statutes. He said it would be impossible to go on with the case and asked that a remand be granted. The case was so serious that a remand until Monday would be absolutely necessary.

The prisoner, in answer to the question put to him by his honor, if he objected to a remand, said that he would like to get away as soon as possible. The case was then continued until Monday at 10 o'clock a. m.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

The steamer Princess Louise brought down all the delayed mails last evening.

A Chinaman named Jim received serious injury to the head on Wednesday from a shot in the No. 5 Shaft, Wellington collieries.

The wife of Dr. Folkman, of the Portland *Staats Zeitung*, has fallen heir to an estate valued at 300,000 marks, or about $75,000 American coin.

Mr. MacDougall, for refusingto give a list of his employés to the Vancouver tax collector, was fined $5 and costs, and ordered to at once comply with the law.

Freight receipts of the C. P. R. in New Westminster for the week ending Dec. 7th, 67,010 pounds; charges on same, $5,480.52. Freight forwarded, 975,300 pounds; charges on same, $1,226.62; ticket sales, 402.95.

Thos. Fox, a young rising artist, has on view in his store window, Government street, quite a large number of hand painted cards representing local scenery, neatly executed.

The first shipment of the pipes to convey the water from the Capilano across the Inlet have arrived at Vancouver. The work of laying them under the supervision of Mr. Ward is expected to commence shortly.

It is learned that a boat containing four men, supposed to belong to the bark S. G. Wilder, was capsized in the bay at Port Townsend on Thursday night. One was picked up by the bark Tidal Wave. The other three are supposed to have been drowned.

MARINE.

Steamer Umatilla will be due from San Francisco for Victoria to-morrow morning.

Bark Majestic has arrived at Nanaimo from San Francisco, and will load a return cargo of coal.

Collier Wellington, with 2,500 tons of Wellington coal, passed out to sea yesterday morning.

Collier Empire, with 896 tons of East Wellington coal, sailed for San Francisco on Friday night.

Bark General Fairfield is hourly expected from San Francisco to load coal at East Wellington.

Tug Alexander passed down yesterday with the ship St. Paul in tow. The ship is from Departure Bay for San Francisco with coal.

Tug Pilot towed the Vikar to the Inlet on Friday night. She will cross to Nanaimo to tow the ship Cumberland, with 2,800 tons of coal for San Pedro, to sea.

Steamer Mexico sailed for San Francisco at 1 o'clock p. m. yesterday with about 700 tons of freight and a full passenger list. According to reports she will have a rough type of this trip.

Steamer Sardonyx did not leave for Portland yesterday morning, owing to the fact that some uncertainty was felt about the Idaho being able to cross the bar on the Columbia River. She will leave at 6 o'clock this morning.

Steamer Idaho arrived from Portland yesterday morning at 7 o'clock and reports very rough weather outside. She was detained four days at Astoria, being unable to cross the Columbia river bar. The Elder, Oregon and Willamette were also there and close to one another all the time. To pass away time much sport was had on the steamers, and wagers were made as to which one would get outside the bar first. On Thursday morning on waking from their slumber, the captains of the Idaho and Oregon were surprised to find that the Elder was nowhere to be seen. Capt. Ackley had been on the alert and seeing that a chance offered itself went out in a hurry and was far out to sea before the others realized that they were free to depart. The Elder reached San Francisco yesterday.

PERSONAL.

Archie McNee has retired from the Winnipeg *Free Press.*

Colonel Hobart, a brother of the late Hobart Pasha, and Capt. Hankin, R. N., who were spending a few days in the city, left for San Francisco on the Mexico. Capt. Hankin was a lieutenant in the Royal Navy, and was here many years ago. He was promoted to the rank of captain on his retirement.

F. H. Tuck, barrister, returned to Vancouver this morning, where he will hang out his "shingle." He made many friends in Victoria who predict for him a successful career in the "terminal city."

Mrs. Hill, the well-known authoress, who has been enjoying an extended stay in Victoria, went over to Vancouver this morning.

Hon. F. G. Vernon, chief commissioner of lands and works, left this morning for a brief visit to Kamloops and the interior.

R. Craig, of Nanaimo, and three friends left this morning by the Northern Pacific for the old home at Fredericton, N.B., from which he has been absent some sixteen years.

From the DAILY COLONIST, Dec. 12.

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

The Mandamus.

The Mayor will appear at the supreme to-day in answer to the application for a writ of mandamus.

Donations.

The orphan asylum, the hospitals, and the immigrant home have been supplied with large quantities of provisions left over from the Calico ball.

Island Railway Lands.

Saturday next will be the last day on which may be acquired at $1 an acre under the Settlement Act, unless by arrangement with Mr. Dunsmuir who, it is understood, will be most liberal in his dealings with *bona fide* settlers.

No Mails.

The Yosemite arrived from New Westminster last night at 8 o'clock, but brought no through mails or passengers. It was reported though that the two delayed trains would arrive at Vancouver at 6 o'clock this morning, as the bridge that was washed away has been restored.

The Word "Vancouver."

It is frequently asked by strangers why this city is called Vancouver, and where the word is taken from. As far as we know the C. P. R. authorities called it Vancouver City because it was their will and pleasure to do so; and they took the name in all probability from Vancouver Island.—*Herald.* It was the height of absurdity to call it "Vancouver" in the first place, and it's not too late yet to change it.

Expected Indian Rise in Kootenay.

Mr. Nelson Hanson, when at Revelstoke recently, stated that there is every prospect of difficulties with the Indians next spring. Mr. Hanson has arranged to move from Revelstoke, where he keeps the Grand Hotel, to Lewis Creek, Kootenay, where he has erected a saw mill. The mounted police are stationed at Lewis Creek about 12 miles from Wild Horse Creek. The government is constructing a wagon road from Lewis Creek to Golden.

Educating Indian Girls.

On the outgoing Idaho, says the *Alaskan*, was the Rev. Sheldon Jackson, *en route* to the east, with four Indian girls, who will be placed in Mr. Moody's Female Seminary, at Northfield, Mass., and two boys whose destination is Carlisle, Penn. The cost of educating these six children is being borne entirely by Mrs. Elliott F. Shepard, of New York City. One to converse with these children would not take them to be Indians, so fine looking and well behaved are they.

"Vim."

Neil Burgess, the rich and popular actor, will appear here next Monday and Tuesday evenings in his great and most successful play, "Vim." The San Francisco *Examiner* says of it: "The funniest play on earth; the wonderful revolving stage, an intricate mechanical marvel, exceedingly funny; Neil Burgess has a remarkable talent for making one forget he is a man and as a study of detail his acting of the old lady is wonderfully exact."

Mr. Burgess is the gentleman who made the character of "Widow Bedott" so famous, and it is said he far surpasses Charles Bishop in that particular role.

Police Court.

Thos. Johnson was charged with stealing $4.50 from Patrick Bryant. Several people gave evidence, which was not considered sufficient by his honor, who discharged the prisoner.

Chas. Prate was charged with supplying liquor to Indiana. He was fined $50 and costs or three months' imprisonment with hard labor.

The charge against L. Goodacre and B. Van Volkenburg, that of an infraction of the best families of our city, have bought scholarships in the business course and many more have promised soon to attend.

C. E. T. S.

The usual monthly concert and entertainment given by the Church of England Temperance Society, was held last evening in the Cathedral schoolroom. An excellent programme was drawn up, and as it was gone through in a manner highly creditable to all who took part in it, the entertainment resulted in a great success. Following is the programme:

Chorus ..... Choir Boys
Piano Solo ..... Miss Hicks
Song *(encored)* ..... Miss Storey
Chorus ..... Choir Boys
Song *(encored)* ..... Rev. A. Beanlands
Card ..... Choir Boys
Interval for Refreshments.
Song *(encored)* ..... Miss Farrington
Address on Temperance ..... Rev. E. Bushby
Recitation *(encored)* ..... Miss Hyams
Chorus ..... Choir Guild
Song *(encored)* ..... Mr. S. N. Wootton
God Save the Queen.

Collides With a Ship.

The Port Townsend *Call* says: A collision occurred early last Friday morning between the steamer Premier and an unknown sailing vessel. The steamer left Vancouver behind time, and was trying to make it up in the straits. The night was very dark and they came up suddenly on a sailing vessel steering the same, as there were no lights to be seen from the ship. The engine bells were rung and the steamer stopped; but too late, the steamer had already overtaken the sail vessel, and struck her on the quarter, giving her a glancing blow. The sail vessel was out of sight and her name and amount of damage could not be ascertained. The collision occurred between Dungeness and Point Wilson.

Blind Leading Blind.

A couple of drunken men reeled down Government street yesterday below Fort, their endeavors at locomotion furnishing considerable amusement to a number of on-lookers. They fell down several times between Broughton street and the James Bay bridge, and it was somewhat entertaining to watch their efforts to pick each other up. It was only after repeated attempts that one another succeeded in getting himself against a fence, managed to place the other on his feet. Having successfully accomplished this, the raised drunk would not proceed until he had embraced the other and kissed him. Their course as they proceed arm-in-arm resembled somewhat the eccentric line of a snake fence, and they at last reached the bridge. Here one was so intoxicated in our last, that it would have entitled him to a heavy fine had any policeman chanced to be near. A number of ladies were compelled to turn back and evade the two inebriates by making a detour. What became of them an eye-witness could not say, but he thought it was a pity an officer was not in the vicinity so that they might have had lodgings over night in the cooler.

Mrs. Reese's Lecture.

At an early hour last evening all the available sitting accomodation in Wesley church, Pandora avenue, was taken up by both ladies and gentlemen, all anxious to hear Mrs. Reese's lecture on temperance. The lady lecturer began with showing, in a most vivid manner, all the misery and woe that has been caused by drink. What a number of women there are in this world who begin their wedded life with fond hopes of future happiness and prosperity, but were destined in the near future to despair of all hope and to see their lives blighted because the husband was addicted to drink. Children, who once honored their father with a reverence arising from love, now only paid him that respect which fear and terror dictated. The picture could also be looked upon from another point of view; the mother, too often, caused her husband and her little ones misery mingled with shame. And then again the son, whose education the fond parents had paid great attention to, would perhaps fall into drunken habits and send his loving and forgiving father and mother with sorrow to an early grave. The audience was visibly affected by the illustrations of the results of drunkenness, portrayed by Mrs. Reese. In continuation, Mrs. Reese said that it was the duty and the privilege of every woman to reach out a saving hand to any one and every one who was being drawn into the depths of degradation and vice. Were the origin of every crime known, it would be seen that drunkenness was at the bottom of all the mischief. Prohibition was fast gaining ground and statesmen had now begun to look more seriously than ever into the question. After a long and able lecture, interspersed with forcible anecdotes, Mrs. Reese concluded by calling upon everybody, man, woman or child, to do the utmost that lay in their power to further prohibition and to discountenance everything connected with liquor.

MARINE.

Tug Pilot will tow the bark Don Nicholas to Chemainus to-morrow.

Ship Occidental, Capt. Taylor, was towed to sea Saturday, coal laden from Tacoma, bound to San Francisco.

Tug Alexander picked the ship Cumberland up in the straits and took her to Nanaimo.

Bark Colusa, Capt. Backus, was towed to sea from Port Townsend Saturday, lumber laden from Port Ludlow, bound to San Diego.

Bark Bundaleer, which has been waiting in Esquimalt for nearly a week windbound, will probably be towed to sea today by the Pilot.

Ship Indiana, Capt. Morrison, was towed from Port Townsend, to sea, on Sunday with 2,300 tons of coal from Seattle, bound to San Francisco.

Spratt's Ark is being fitted up. Her top sides are receiving a thorough caulking under the supervision of Mr. R. Collister, inspector of hulls.

Steamer Olympian, owing to the stiff breeze that was blowing yesterday morning, did not come into the harbor, but landed her passengers and mails at the outer wharf.

German bark Leonore, Capt. Harkins, which is chartered to load lumber at Burrard Inlet for Sydney, arrived at Port Angeles Saturday, 10 days from San Francisco.

The Chilian bark Lota reported as having secured several charters from the Sound, has not been so fortunate, but after her present trip to Melbourne, will return to Royal Roads seeking.

Leamy & Kyle's steamer Mamie is having her boilers overhauled at Spratt's wharf, by the Albion Iron works. They are eastern Canadian make and have never given satisfaction since they were placed in the steamer last year.

Chilian ship Lota, Capt. Kirk, lumber laden from Tacoma for Melbourne, was towed to sea on Sunday from Port Townsend by the tug Mogul, but returned on account of high winds in the straits. She has been detained in a similar manner for nearly two weeks.

Steamer Umatilla, Holmes, 58 hours from San Francisco arrived off the outer wharf at 2 o'clock a. m. yesterday. She did not come to the wharf, however, until 9:30 owing to the heavy wind that was blowing. She brought 163 tons of freight for this port.

Steamer Douglas, Capt. J. Gaudin, returned from Vancouver on the 10th having placed in position two wooden buoys in the first narrows and a large iron cage buoy off Point Grey. After removing the Brotchie ledge buoy she will proceed to East Point to erect the lantern there and when completed start the light.

The old steamer Otter which is now lying at Spratt's wharf, will be dismantled about the first of the coming year when she will be made into a coal carrier. It is said her timbers are as sound as when she was built, it being difficult to drive a nail into any of them without boring a hole. This speaks well for the old craft, which in her day has done excellent service.

The following vessels arrived at Port Townsend Saturday, from San Francisco: Ship Geo. Curtis, Capt. Sproul, to load coal at Seattle and return; ship Geo. P. Manson, Capt. Morse, to load a return cargo of coal at Seattle; bark Theobald, Capt. Reed, to load lumber at Port Blakely; barkentine C. C. Funk, Capt. Glasce, to load a return cargo of lumber at Port Discovery; barkentine J. M. Griffith, Capt. Edwards, to load a cargo of lumber at Port Hadlock.

Three seamen belonging to the barkentine S.G. Wilder, lying in Port Townsend bay, were drowned last Saturday evening, while attempting to pull from the shore to that vessel. The revenue cutter Oliver Wolcott and barkentine Amelia were in close proximity to the boat when it capsized, and though the cries of the drowning men were heard by the citizens living a distance back on the hill, not a boat was lowered for their rescue. There were four men in the boat; one was saved by the crew of the bark Tidal Wave.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

The closing exercises of Spring Ridge school will be held this morning.

The steamer Olympian brought 1,275 sheep from the Sound yesterday for John Parker.

The school trustees will hold a meeting to-night at 8 o'clock in the city hall. A principal for the high school will be appointed.

A handsome sea-captain remarked yesterday that he would as soon be at sea as in our recent Victoria weather, for he had to wear his oilskins all the time.

The treasury building has been made somewhat pleasanter by the addition of paper to the walls of the corridors, whitewash to the ceilings and oil-cloth to the floors.

A small yacht has been lying near the centre of James Bay bridge for the past month, and wind and tide have succeeded in battering it so that it is now an almost total wreck.

The Calico Ball Committee reports that $500 is the result of the ball given on Friday night last, and it is fully expected $425 will be handed to the B. C. Benevolent Society.

Measles of a mild type are very prevalent in Victoria, and have caused a diminution in the attendance at the schools. A number of adults are also ill with the complaint.

The *Mechanical News*, an illustrated journal of manufacturing, engineering, milling and mining, published twice a month at New York, has been placed on our table. It is invaluable to those to whom it especially caters.

The central tubular piers for the turntable of the swing, and the four end piers for the traffic bridge are in position, and it is expected that the work will proceed more rapidly now that all preliminary arrangements are completed.

The Louise did not arrive from Vancouver until 10:30 o'clock Sunday night having waited three hours for the train, which it was afterwards learned was delayed at Sicamoose owing to a bridge having been washed away.

A protest, says the *Columbian*, has been entered by Mr. T. L. Briggs, of the C. P. N. Co., against the steamer Gladys being permitted to resume her trips until inspected and passed by the steamboat inspector. It is probable the inspection will take place this evening and the Gladys will leave to-morrow morning on her regular trip.

Nil Disperandum.

"Never despair," is a good motto for all. If afflicted with any lingering disease, remember "while there is life there is hope." Never despair of relief until you have tried Burdock Blood Bitters. It cures diseases of the stomach, liver and blood when all other medicines fail. tu-th-sat-dw.

ILLICILLEWAET MINES.

Some Interesting Remarks by Mr. J. H. Collins, F.G.S.—Result of Assays—The Prospects Not Discouraging.

Mr. J. H. Collins, F. G. S., the well-known mining engineer and metallurgist, of London, Eng., returned from a visit to Idaho, Colorado and Mexico, in the Umatilla yesterday. As we were aware that he had visited the Illicillewaet mines before he left for the south, a representative of THE COLONIST called on him and requested that he should furnish some notes of his visit, and Mr. Collins pleasantly acceded to the request.

The so-called silver district of Illicillewaet, now opened up by the completion of the Canadian Pacific Railway, has occasioned not a little excitement in British Columbia during the past season. Work is now almost suspended for the winter, but I was fortunate in being able to pay a visit to the district in the month of November, just before the coming of the snow, and I will here give my impressions of what I saw. Illicillewaet is a station and village on the Canadian Pacific railroad on the west slope of the Selkirk mountains, a little west of Rogers Pass. The elevation is about 2,000 feet and it is surrounded by mountains rising to more than double that height. The mountains recently found to be argentiferous lie between the north and south forks of the Illicillewaet river. They are composed of black, highly carbonaceous slates—unfossiliferous so far as is known at present and containing a good deal of pyritous matter. These slates dip at moderate angles—10° to 30°—to the west of north, and they are traversed by numerous quartz veins, some being distinct fissure veins or "lodes," while others are veins of segregation, ramifying in all directions. Most of the fissure veins are found to be more or less metalliferous and this is also the case with some of the segregated veins. Not enough is known as yet to establish any hard and fast rules, but it would seem that the veins yielding galena and running in a northwesterly direction are crossed by others yielding argentiferous copper, running somewhat to the south of west. The northwesterly veins seem to be the largest, those running south of west the best defined. It would seem, too, that so far the veins yielding galena are the larger, while those yielding gray copper have the higher silver contents; but, as already stated, the amount of exploration work done so far does not yet warrant any very definite generalization.

A great many claims have been taken up on both sides of the mountain, but as yet ores have only been shipped from three, viz: the Isabella, the Cartmoney, and the Lanark, the first two yielding cupreous ores, while the latter has yielded argentiferous galena. The three mines have altogether yielded during the past season 250 tons of shipping ore averaging, perhaps, $75 or $80 per ton. A considerable quantity of ore of lower grade has also been extracted, but as the mines are situated at great elevations—the Lanark being more than 3,000 feet above the railroad track—as to the ore, it has to be brought down to the station by trains of pack-mules or horses at a cost of about $7 per ton, these low grade ores have to be left on the dump for the present—such portions at least as have not been thrown over the dump and hopelessly lost.

A great deal of salt has prevailed as to the assays of ore from these mines, and it is likely enough that small samples of true silver ores have been met with from time to time. I have, however, made the following assays myself of ores which I can guarantee to be genuine products of the district:

No. 1.—Average of several samples of "best ore," contained 75 ounces of silver per ton.

No. 2.—Gray copper ore from the Isabella, very pure, 308 oz. silver per ton.

No. 3.—From a mine at the north side of the mountains, 80 oz. silver per ton.

No. 4.—From an undeveloped vein, with 40 oz. of lead, 20 oz. silver per ton.

These cannot be regarded as discouraging results, although they afford no warrant for the extravagant demands of some of the "prospectors." Considering the moderate size of the lodes hitherto discovered, and their difficulty of access, it is certain that they cannot be profitably worked without the expenditure (it must, too, be judicious expenditure) of a good deal of money.