Weekly Colonist

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From THE DAILY COLONIST, June 23.

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

The Prodigal Daughter.

To the home of his father returning,
The Prodigal, weary and worn,
Is greeted with joy and thanksgiving,
As when on his first natal morn;
A "robe" and a "ring" are his portion,
The servants as suppliants bow,
He is clad in fine linen and purple,
In return for his penitent vow.

But ah! for the Prodigal Daughter,
Who has wandered away from her home—
Her feet must still press the dark valley
And through the wild wilderness roam;
Alone, on the bleak, barren mountains—
The mountains so dreary and cold—
No hand is outstretched in fond pity
To welcome her back to the fold.

But, thanks to the Shepherd whose mercy
Still follows His sheep, though they stray;
The weakest, and e'en the forsaken,
He bears in His bosom alway;
And in the bright mansions of glory,
Which the blood of His sacrifice won,
There is room for the Prodigal Daughter
As well as the Prodigal Son.

Saanich Picnic.

The North and South Saanich 19th annual picnic will be held at the usual place, Sand Hill, South Saanich, on Monday, July 2nd. All are cordially invited. Profs. Bornstein and Sharpe will be in attendance and will provide the music for dancing.

Rates Advertized.

The following rates are advertised from London, Ont.: Winnipeg, $16.85; Vancouver and Victoria, $40.85; Winnipeg and return, boat or rail, $45.00; British Columbia and return, first-class, $100.90; San Francisco and return, first-class, $85.60.

The Salmon Run.

Says Thursday's *Columbian*: The salmon run last night was very encouraging to the fishermen, the boats all having made good catches. At the mouth of the river, and also above the city, a large number of fishermen who have been laying off for some weeks, have commenced fishing again and will remain steadily at work till the close of the season.

Anthracite Coal Lands.

Mr. E. F. Drake, trustee for the company of St. Paul, Minn., advertises that he will sell some 1,240 acres of anthracite coal lands at his office in St. Paul, on the 21st inst., to settle the controversy amongst people interested. The limits are about one mile from Canmore station of the Canadian Pacific railway, all in one block and in the Bow river.—*Herald.*

Miraculous Escape.

The seven-year-old son of Mr. Wm. Creech had a miraculous escape on Quadra street on Thursday afternoon about 5:30 o'clock. The little fellow was riding a velocipede when a butcher's cart, driven at a breakneck speed, ran full tilt against it, taking off the front wheel and throwing the boy to one side. It was a wonderful escape from sudden death. Complaints of this kind are becoming very frequent of late and employers should admonish their boys not to drive so furiously; otherwise it will be necessary to direct the attention of the policemen to so flagrant a violation of the law.

"The Dominion Illustrated."

"The Dominion Illustrated" is the title of a new illustrated weekly publication which Messrs. G. E. Desbarats & Son, Montreal, purpose bringing out. We have received a sample copy, which contains much artistic work. There is no doubt of its being high-class, and it promises to fill a want that has been long experienced. We have every confidence the paper has "come to stay." We are sure that if it does not, it will be through no fault of the publishers or of the scholarly editor, Mr. Lesperance. Thoroughly Canadian in tone, the most eminent *littérateurs* of the Dominion will contribute to its pages. Members and associates of the Royal Canadian Academy will assist with sketches, and clever cartoons will form an interesting feature. We bespeak for this laudable enterprise the patronage of the public.

Paine-Peterson.

The final arrangements for the Paine-Peterson boat race were completed yesterday, and everything indicates that the race will be the most exciting sporting event which has yet taken place in the province. Mr. Chas. E. Redfern will be starter and referee; Paine's judges will be Major E. G. Prior, M. P., and Mr. J. R. McKenzie; Messrs. Eugene Flanders and Leander Stevenson acting as judges for Peterson. Considerable money has been wagered on the result, betting last evening being slightly in favor of the San Francisco oarsman. In addition to the stakes of $2,000, the race will be for the championship of the Pacific Coast, and there is little doubt but that both oarsmen will strain every nerve to win. Wm. Paine will row at 154 lbs., and Peterson at about 178 lbs.; both men are said to be in the best of health and trained to perfection. Peterson has not yet rowed over the course; but will leave the city by the 8:20 train this morning for Shawnigan Lake, with his boat, and accompanied by his trainer. Upon arrival at the lake he will row over the course, which has already been surveyed and staked, and will then put up at the Morton House until the time set for the race. Paine is receiving every attention at the hands of his trainer, Harry Ball, and feels quite confident of his success. Trains will leave Victoria station at 8:20 and 11:30 a.m., and 2:30 p. m., returning to the city after the race and carrying all passengers at single fares.

Aldermere.

A pleasant drive of an hour and a half from the city by way of the Gorge or Craigflower and the Goldstream road brings the traveler to Aldermere, a lovely tract of land at the foot of the Goldstream range, comprising some 400 acres, the property of Dr. Hanington and his brother, Mr. W. Hanington. Millstream, a famous trout brook, winds through the land, which is partly meadow and partly wooded, with hills rising on either side. The whole is enclosed with a barbed wire fence and within the enclosure deer and grouse are numerous. The Messrs. Hanington, having witnessed the unnecessary waste of trout-life by amateur sportsmen, will preserve a portion of the brook and have established a small hatchery from which good results are already obtainable. Upon a picturesque spot overlooking the brook, Mr. S. C. Burris, the architect, has just completed for Mr. W. Hanington one of his patent combination dwellings, a storey-and-a-half in height, with six rooms. The dwelling is very conveniently arranged and is absolutely fireproof. No cracks are visible in the concrete or plaster. A specimen of this class of structure was erected on Government street some months ago and subjected to a fierce fire for an hour without sustaining material damage, evidence of which is furnished by the building itself, it being still standing in excellent condition and is used as a business premises. Combined with lightness, strength, durability and safety, the cost is less by many dollars than an ordinary erection of the same size. The Messrs. Hanington are first to put this style of building to a practical test and are highly pleased with their selection.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

Silver Wedding.

Last evening Capt. W. Gordon, manager of the Hamilton Powder company, in this province, and Mrs. Gordon, celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of their wedding, at their residence on Richardson street. A large number of friends assembled to do honor to the auspicious occasion, and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon were the recipients of many congratulations and *souveniers* of the event. With their host of friends in the city and the east, we wish them many more years of domestic felicity.

Indian Troubles on the Yukon.

The Alaska *Free Press* of the 9th inst. contains particulars of a quarrel between the Chilkat and Sitka tribes of Indians, in which the chiefs of both tribes were killed. The trouble arose at the Yukon portage on the 5th, caused by the Chilkats objecting to a party of Sitkas doing some packing for white miners, and claiming that that part of the country being theirs, they had the exclusive right to do all the packing. In the quarrel blows were first exchanged, when the Sitka chief shot and wounded Klamont, chief of the Chilkats. The Sitka was then stabbed to death, and his death so exasperated his tribe that they resolved to finish Klamant. The miners were about to take steps to protect him from the infuriated Sitkas, but he declined their assistance, telling them he would show them how a chief would die. He painted his face, commenced singing the death chant and advanced on the yelling Sitkas brandishing his knife. Before he reached them they all fired and he dropped; but not being yet dead, his enemies rushed in and stabbed him to death.

C. P. R. and Sabbath Desecration.

"Right" writes to the Toronto *Globe* as follows from New Westminster: "Sir,—Will you kindly give me the opportunity of asking the members of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church about to meet in Halifax, to utter their earnest protest against the disgraceful Sabbath profanation by the C. P. R. between New Westminster and Vancouver, B. C.? There is no freight traffic nor mail on the railroad between the two places, and there is not a shadow of excuse except money-making that can be urged for working the employees and disturbing all the churches with the clanging of bells during the whole time of the service. It is a shame to see such work carried on; and large contributions of money made in such a way to educational institutions by the directors can never atone for it to God or man. I do hope that cheap fares to the Assembly's place of meeting, and other favors, will not prevent the members coming to the help of the Lord against the mighty in this important matter."

Hauled Down the Flag.

The German flag was set at half-mast over Turn Halle at Portland by the officers of the society to mark their regret at the death of the Emperor Frederick. It was promptly hauled down by Edward Alsky, a member of the society, who thus wrote to the *Oregonian* in explanation of his action: "The dead Emperor, whom as a man I personally respect for his good qualities and virtues, was neither a member of the Portland Social Turn Verein nor of the N. A. Turner Bund. He was not mayor of our city, nor governor of Oregon, nor president of this Union, and we are not supposed to hoist our flag for outsiders. He was at the head of a despotic government, which strangles free speech, liberty of the press, and even prohibits the circulation of the organ of the Turner Union, the *N. A. Turnzeitung.* His principles and the principles of his government are diametrically opposed to our free institutions and the N. A. Turner Union, and we as a body, or any liberty-loving citizen of this country cannot consistently mourn for a dead potentate, even if he was ever so good, without violating our republican principles. Therefore the flag which has been hoisted without the consent of the Turn Verein had to come down to save the honor of our society and to avoid being ridiculed by the most intelligent and enlightened of our countrymen as well as all true native-born republicans. If the Portland Social Turn Verein should expel me from its ranks, I consider this act as an honor to me, for I will not have anything in common with a lot of flunkeys and lickspittles or anything which is foreign to the ideas of every true American."

MARINE.

Tug Alexander will leave for Nanaimo this morning to tow the ship T. F. Oakes, coal laden for San Francisco, to sea.

Br. ship Mirzapore, has completed her cargo of lumber at Moodyville and will be towed to sea by the tug Pilot for Valparaiso.

The performance of the steamship Etruria in crossing the Atlantic in six days, one hour and fifty-five minutes, is not only a wonderful one, but it awakens new interest as to the possibility of the voyage being made in even less time. Two steamers now building in Scotland are to be quadruple expansion engines that are expected to furnish even better results than the triple expansion engine that has done so well. The mind of the mechanic and builder is constantly at work, one experiment or result leading to another and probably more valuable one. The Etruria made over 508 miles in twenty-four hours on her fast trip, maintaining an average of 470 miles per day for the six days. A run across in five days within the next decade is now confidently spoken of as within the range of certainty.

PERSONAL.

W. L. Cusack returned from the mainland last evening.

W. L. Gulline was a passenger from Seattle last evening.

A. McT. Campbell and R. H. Bryce, Winnipeg, are at the Driard.

C. D. Rand and J. Rooney arrived down last evening from Vancouver.

S. Perry Mills, wife and daughter left this morning on the Yosemite for the interior.

H. Lawson, of the Edison Electric Light Co., Montreal, arrived last night and is at the Driard.

Mrs. Mills was a passenger by the Olympian on Wednesday last and is staying at Roccabella.

Alfred Brealy, well known in this city, is a candidate for legislative honors in the district of Edmonton, N. W. T.

Grand Master A. R. Milne, Grand Secretary H. Brown, and about thirty-five other members of the Masonic Order, left on the steamer this morning to attend the Grand Lodge at Westminster to-day.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

It is said that a libel suit against one of the Westminster school trustees will be the result of the recent high school fizzle.

The Selkirk Milling and Mining company have decided to build a tramway from the mines to the track, a distance of one and a quarter miles.

Harry O'Rielly, *alias* Allen, charged with breaking into St. Ann's Convent and other Summer complaints among children during the hot weather, might be almost totally prevented by having recourse to nature's sovereign remedy for all bowel complaints, Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry. tu-th-sat-dw

A Valuable Discovery.

F. P. Tanner, of Neebing, Ont., says he has not only found B. B. B. a sure cure for Dyspepsia, but he has also found it to be the best medicine for regulating and invigorating the system that he has ever taken. B. B. B. is the great system regulator. tu-th-sat-dw

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For San Francisco.

On the Umatilla which left for San Francisco yesterday are the following passengers from this city: J. R. Spring and wife, J. Rooney, Mrs. Bruce, Mr. W. S. Wilson and wife, H. A. Tillyer, Francis Ashley, J. K. Stewart, Miss L. Stone.

To Go to Vancouver.

Says the *Post-Intelligencer*: Seattle will send a hose team to Vancouver on Dominion day, to compete for the prizes offered there. Accompanying them on their return will be one or more teams from British Columbia, to take part in the tournament held here under the auspices of the Northwestern Firemen's Association.

Cougar Killed.

Mr. Simpson, of Pitt Meadows, brought to the city to-day a large cougar which he shot yesterday near his farm at the edge of the meadows. The cougar is a monster and measures over six feet from tip to tip. Mr. Simpson applied to the government agent and received the $5 bounty allowed for the head of each of these beasts. It will be sent to Victoria to be mounted.—*Columbian.*

Friendly Advice.

Commenting on the remarks made by Sir Matthew Baillie Begbie, chief justice, to the Rev. Mr. Starr, the Blaine *Journal* says: "We would gently suggest to our British Columbia friends that they give their supreme court a vacation, furnish them with plenty of spending money, and let them travel around the state supreme courts of the United States, and learn how to maintain a dignity becoming their robes."

Public School Examinations.

To-morrow and Tuesday will take place the annual midsummer examinations of the public schools. To-morrow forenoon the examinations of the Spring Ridge and Rock Bay ward schools will be held, and in the afternoon the James Bay and Johnson street ward schools. On Tuesday the high school, boys' school and girls' school will meet to hear the promotions made and to receive prizes awarded.

A Heavy Blast.

Nanaimo *Free Press*—At 6 o'clock Friday evening another blast took place at the Nicol Rock. This time thirteen holes were fired, and the blast made a powerful concussion, shaking the houses in every portion of the city. An immense volume of water was raised quite a distance and fell back with a heavy thud, making a strong wave. It is thought the blast did excellent execution. Mr. Gamble, the Dominion engineer, was present, and witnessed the operations.

The Barnard Castle.

The steamer Lottie will leave for the wreck of the Barnard Castle to-day with Capt. Clarke, Mr. J. E. Blackett and Mr. Gibson, who will take an inventory of the vessel. The late W. E. Blackett left no will, but it is said his property will be divided between his wife and father. Mr. J. E. Blackett, with Mr. Gibson, who was saved from a watery grave, will complete the contracts at Comox, which the late W. E. Blackett had in hand at the time of his death.

Trouble Over Packing Prices.

The Alaska *Free Press* says: It is reported that trouble is brewing between the miners going into the Yukon and the Chilkat Indians. The Indians want to raise the price of packing over the Pass, age from $13 to $15, and the miners would not stand it. The second chief of the Chilkats is at the bottom of all the trouble this time as he has been in all disputes heretofore, and the chances are that if the law does not take him in hand and give him what he must dues, some miner will, and there will be a revolver, a flash, a report, the thud of a chunk of cold lead, and a dead Indian—all in a very short space of time.

Obituary.

We regret to announce the death of Jane, the beloved wife of Mr. Wm. Newbury of this city, which sad event occurred yesterday. The deceased lady endured with Christian patience and fortitude a long and painful illness of several months. She had been a continuous resident of Victoria since 1863, and was well known and esteemed among a large circle of friends for her loving and kindly disposition. She was a sister of Messrs. Jesse and H. M. and Miss Cowper of this city, and leaves four daughters and two sons, the two latter being in the Dominion civil service. The family have the sympathy of the community in their sad affliction. The funeral takes place on Tuesday from the residence, Simcoe street.

Died From Grief.

About two months ago, says a Seattle paper, Wm. Alden, a carpenter, died from the effects of a wound received during the civil war. He left a wife and little son, Johnnie, aged eight years. The boy was very much attached to his father and when the body was buried Johnnie had to be carried from the grave by force. He continued to grieve and refused food, and in order to divert his mind Mrs. Alden took him to Portland, but no apparent effect was gained by the change. A physician said he was suffering from mental trouble and he grew weaker day by day, never seeming to recover. He was brought home and went to bed never to leave it alive. Just before he died, he roused up and said: "Give me my hat! Wait, papa, I'm coming." He then sank back and expired. The next day he was laid by the side of the papa he so dearly loved and over whose death he grieved his life away.

MARINE.

Steamer Mexico will be due from San Francisco to-morrow morning.

Steamer Umatilla sailed for San Francisco yesterday at one o'clock p.m.

Bark Bella Vista will sail from Chemainus on Monday with a cargo of lumber for San Francisco.

Collier Antonio sailed from Departure Bay on Friday with 2,550 tons of Wellington coal for San Francisco.

Tugs Alexander and Pilot left the harbor yesterday morning, the former for Nanaimo and the latter for Burrard Inlet.

FOREIGN PORTS.

YOKOHAMA—Arrived prior to June 16—Br. steamer Abyssinia, Vancouver.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 21.—Arrived—Ship Glory of the Seas, Nanaimo.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 22.—Cleared—steamer Wilmington, Victoria. Sailed—Steamer Empire, Nanaimo; steamer Mexico, Victoria.

A Ready Recourse.

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POLICE COURT.

Harry O'Reilly Committed for Trial—Sisters Mary Ann and Mary Lucy Give Evidence.

(Before Judge Richards.)

Harry O'Reilly, *alias* Allen, on remand, charged with entering St. Ann's Convent with intent to commit a felony.

Sister Mary Ann was called and stated as follows:—Between 3 and 4 o'clock on the morning of the 21st heard the sisters screaming on the upper floor; opened the door and found prisoner following one of the sisters, who was in a fainting condition, running towards the door of the room occupied by witness; saw prisoner, and when he reached the door of the room tried to open it; the door was locked and he could not get in; the reason why he made very little noise whilst walking around was because he had his shoes in his hands; when one of the sisters called from the lower flat for the keys to let in the serving man witness threw the keys down; prisoner was going through a door when witness detained him; he offered no resistance; the man could have stolen silverware in the dining-room on the lower flat; witness has reason to believe that he was in the chapel in which is kept the necessary chalices for divine service; found matches produced in chapel; the window in the music room was open and prisoner could not have gained access by any other way; the window was locked over night.

To the Court—The man was perfectly conscious; he answered several questions and said he belonged to C Battery; witness could give no reason for his entrance to the building; told prisoner that he was the first person who had ever broken into the building during thirty years.

Sister Mary Lucy, sworn—Saw prisoner between 3 and 3:30 on the morning of the 21st inst.; was awakened by steps at the door; immediately the door was opened and prisoner entered the room; he raised his hands and told me to keep quiet; he did not touch me; in a short time I raised courage and pushed him out of the room; my room is on the fourth floor; about twenty-three young girls sleep in my room; could not state whether prisoner had his shoes off; he had a parcel under his arm; never saw prisoner before; the children were much frightened.

Officer Thomas, re-called—Found a bottle of whiskey, 75 cents and some matches on prisoner.

His honor asked prisoner if he had anything to say, and was told that he would reserve his defense until his trial came off. His honor then committed him without bail.

A charge against O'Rielly of breaking a window in a house on Chatham street was withdrawn.

OTHER CASES.

John Kelly charged with being drunk and disorderly was remanded until to-morrow.

Ah Ling, Ah Hang and Ah Chee, on remand, charged with robbing a waiter named Nevelle, were allowed out on their own recognizance to appear on the 3d of July.

W. McArthur and H. Green, on remand, were charged with driving over a sidewalk. The case against the former was dismissed and Green was fined $2.50.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

The Vancouver Coal company intend to extend their wharves at an early date.

Mr. Alexander Ewen, of Westminster, is having a tug boat built in Glasgow, Scotland.

Repairs on the steamer Alaskan will be completed on Tuesday and she will resume her trips between this port and the Sound.

Mr. Richard Hoey, who has lived in Lillooet since 1858, is a patient in St. Mary's Hospital, Westminster, dangerously ill.

A special meeting of the Young Men's Christian Association will be held to-morrow evening when important business will be taken up.

The young Chinese merchant, Cum Yow, who was confined in the penitentiary for some disputed business transaction, is again at liberty.

Mr. John Back, of this city, and Miss Emily Crocker, of Birmingham, Eng., were married at Christ Church Cathedral yesterday afternoon by Rev. A. Beanlands. Mr. Back is a member of the choir, which attended in full force.

Our school trustees thankfully acknowledge the receipt from a large hearted physician of a special prize, suggestive of one of his popular prescriptions, which is to be presented to one of the young ladies of the High School at the approaching examination.

The treasurer of the Royal Hospital returns grateful thanks for the following Hospital Sunday collections: Christ Church Cathedral, $127.25; St. James Church, $7.45; North and South Saanich churches, $5.35; total, $140.05. The amounts from other congregations will be acknowledged when received.

PERSONAL.

Mayor Bate, of Nanaimo, was in the city yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnstone, with two children, are at Roccabella.

A. J. Lawson, C. D. Rand and J. Davies went over to Vancouver this morning.

H. Seton-Karr returned last evening from a trip into the interior, and is at the Driard.

Mrs. Wm. Power, of Moodyville, arrived in the city last night and is a guest of Mrs. Erb.

W. G. Grace, the greatest cricketer in the world, will be 40 years old on the 18th of July.

P. C. Dunlevy and two children left this morning for Soda Creek. Mrs. Dunlevy will visit New York.

R. D. Atkins and A. Ramsay, who have been visiting the Nicola mines, will join P. C. Dunlevy at Soda Creek and visit the Cariboo mines.

John Rooney, chief clerk of the C.P.R. postal service, left for San Francisco on the Umatilla yesterday. He will not return until his health is fully restored.

A. G. Parmalee, assistant commissioner of customs for the Dominion, arrived on the Olympian last evening *via* the Northern Pacific, and is at the Driard. It is understood that Mr. Parmalee's mission is to inquire particularly into Chinese immigration matters, and generally to inspect the service here.

Senator, Mrs., Miss and Mr. Shirley Ogilvie, leave for Westminster this morning, and, after visiting Vancouver, will proceed to Banff where they will remain some time, then resuming their journey to Montreal. In conversation with a representative of THE COLONIST prior to his departure the Senator expressed himself as delighted with Victoria. Accompanied by ex-Mayor Fell and subsequently by other gentlemen he had done the suburbs full justice, and could not talk too enthusiastically of the scenery in whatever direction he went. He had travelled over the greater part of Europe and this continent but nowhere did he know of a more desirable place in which to live than in this beautiful city by the Pacific. The view from Beacon Hill, he thought, was grand, while Esquimalt, the Gorge, Goldstream, Cadboro Bay, in fact, every point to which he drove proved quite too enchanting for him. May we not hope that some of the merchant princes of Montreal, Toronto and other eastern cities, enthused by the Senator's eloquence, may see the propriety of building their summer residences here where nature has been so lavish in her gifts!

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A Big Bonanza.

Says the London *Advertiser*: Arthur Robinson, late postmaster of Selton, Kent Co., writes that he has struck a big bonanza in British Columbia. He states that he is offered $300,000 for a gold mine that he is the lucky owner of.

Death of Mr. John Harris.

The death of John Harris is announced. Deceased was a native of Brecon, Wales, and aged 60 years. He came to the province in 1858 and for many years was engaged in the butchering business. The cause of death was heart disease.

Jubilee Hospital.

A special meeting of the general committee of the Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital, will be held in the Board of Trade rooms, Bank of British Columbia building to-day, commencing at 10:30 a.m. The building committee will meet at 10 o'clock sharp.

San Francisco Freight.

The Mexico, which arrived from San Francisco yesterday morning, brought 1,444 tons of freight divided in the following ports: Victoria, 444 tons; Seattle, 472 tons; Tacoma, 208 tons; Vancouver, 320 tons. After discharging her Victoria freight the steamer sailed for the Sound at noon

I. O. G. T. Festival and Concert.

The members of the I. O. G. T. will hold a strawberry social, festival and concert, in Temperance Hall, Pandora street, to-morrow evening, when a programme of unusual excellence will be presented, several of the leading amateurs of the city having kindly volunteered for the occasion. The concert will commence at 8 o'clock.

The Alaska Boundary Line.

A San Francisco despatch of Wednesday says: The United States coast survey steamer Carlisle P. Patterson, now engaged in a survey of Alaskan waters has been ordered to Portland inlet, the dividing line between Alaska and British Columbia, to establish the line at that point. This is understood to be preliminary to the determining of the entire boundary line, which for some time has formed a subject of international correspondence.

Fruit Imports.

Following is a list of the fruit and vegetable importations by the Mexico yesterday:

	Vegetables.	Fruit.
S. J. Pitts	367	822
S. Leiser	282	474
R. Baker and Son	94	141
J. and A. Clarihue	30	90
British Col. Fruit Co.		65
N. Portman	6	24
H. A. Lilly		40
W. Lawrence		32
Vair and Brooks	6	30
D. H. Ross and Co.	11	2
Carne and Munsie	25	
H. Saunders		3
Fell and Co.	15	25
Total	816	1350

Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M.

The Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. closed yesterday at Westminster, and the remainder of the delegates returned last night. Following are the officers appointed by the Grand Master: Bro. W. Wolfe, G. S. D.; Bro. W. W. Northcott, G.J.D.; Bro. M. Moss, G. Supt. W.; Bro. W. A. Duncan, G. D. C.; Bro. Thos. Mowat, G.M.; Bro. J. Buie, G.Swd. B.; Bro. J. O. Grahame, G. Stf. B.; Bro. Thos. Downie, G.O.; Bro. C. R. T. Garrioch, G. Pursuivant; Bros. G. S. Russell, Munroe Miller, C. N. Westwood, John G. Gordson, H. J. Berry, J. Hamilton, Stewards. Bro. Benj. Douglas was elected an honorary member of the Grand Lodge with the rank of Past Grand Treasurer, as a recognition of his eminent services in the interest of the order.

Painting the Town Red.

Last evening a man named Albert B. Potter, who arrived from San Francisco yesterday by the Mexico, created a disturbance on board the steamer Yosemite, and became so unruly that Mr. A. T. Briggs was compelled to give him in charge. Officer Lindsay brought him to the lock-up, the accused being so violent as to necessitate being handcuffed. When brought to the barracks he was *minus* his hat and coat, his other clothes being in a very disordered condition. Upon being searched, a through ticket to the east *via* the C.P.R., a watch, some money and a receipted bill were found in his possession, the latter showing that he had lodged at the Palace Hotel several days previous to sailing for Victoria. The accused evidently intended leaving by the Vancouver boat this morning, but getting on a spree, he wound up by being arrested. Before making the disturbance on the steamer, Potter tried to "paint the town red" by driving through the streets at a reckless pace, kicking up all kinds of antics, and frightening several ladies on the streets.

Sheep Killing.

The Victoria pot hunter, whose name is legion, is respectfully notified that the sheep killing season is now on. The sport was opened in first-class style last week and on Sunday fifty head of the game were bagged on one farm. It is unfortunate, however, that in the above cases the owner of the sheep objected to the little amusement and shot the mongrels of the hunters (?) on the spot. The aforesaid hunters can have the carcasses of their pets on application; but, in case they do apply, as a precaution they had better provide themselves with sheet iron ceilings to their trousers as the stock raiser swears a swore that he will "fill them full of bird shot." In all seriousness, however, it seems strange that owners of worthless dogs are allowed to keep the farmers in the suburbs in perpetual terror of having their sheep destroyed without a chance of recourse against the owners of the curs. Our advice to farmers is spread poison high and low, and if a valuable dog or two are killed what does it amount to compared to the wholesale slaughter of sheep that takes place every year by dogs from the city.

Clinton Assizes.

A court of assize was held at Clinton on the 18th inst., before Mr. Justice Walkem, when the following cases were tried: Ung Yung, a Chinaman, charged with murder was acquitted, the evidence not being sufficient to convict. Regina *vs.* Goodwin—Prisoner was charged with stealing clothing from Jonathan Nelson's house; was found guilty and sentenced to six months' imprisonment with hard labor. Regina *vs.* Howard—Prisoner was charged with uttering false notes to the value of $4,000. He was convicted and sentenced to seven years' penal servicude. When asked to disclose the names of his confederates, prisoner said he would rather say nothing; it was better to live in a prison here than to be shot on the other side of the line. Regina *vs.* Frank and Henry Gotthfreson—Prisoners were convicted of horse stealing and sentenced to five years' penal servitude each. Regina *vs.* Harry, an Indian—Prisoner was convicted of horse stealing, but owing to extenuating circumstances, got only six month's imprisonment. Wycatt, another Indian, on the same charge, was acquitted. Regina *vs.* Clarke—This case also resulted in the defendant's acquittal, the court observing that the committing magistrate, Capt. Martly, in the preliminary proceedings, and in placing Clarke in the dock, has been reprehensible and should be reported upon by the crown officer, with a view of his being removed from the commission of the peace, as unfitted for the magistracy.

Ice Cream Festival.

An ice cream social under the auspices of the Young People's association of the Methodist church, was held in the school room adjoining the Pandora street church last evening. Rev. Mr. Starr presided during the first part of the proceedings, and Rev. Mr. Wadman during the latter part. The entertainment opened with a song by Prof. Sharpe, then followed a recitation by Miss Wetherby. Miss Sittervey and Miss Martin sang a duet in a very pleasing manner, after which a trombone solo by Mr. Stevens brought the first part to a close. An intermission of half an hour was then announced during which the ladies dispensed ice cream to all present. The second part of the programme opened with an instrumental piece by the band; this was followed with a song by Miss Roper; a piano solo by Miss Butler was next in order, after which Mr. Bishop favored the audience with a song. The national anthem concluded the entertainment, which was enjoyable throughout.

PERSONAL.

Geo. Byrnes has returned to the city.

T. McNelley, of Ladners, arrived down on the Rithet.

M. Cowan and J. H. Todd returned on the Rithet last night.

M. W. Waitt returned from Westminster last night.

Dr. Buckley and family, of Tacoma, are at the Driard.

S. Perry Mills, wife and daughter returned from the interior on Sunday night.

B. Levy and bride arrived on the Mexico from San Francisco yesterday morning.

L. B. Hamlin and Trustee Heisterman returned from the mainland on Sunday night.

It is rumored at Ottawa that the Governor General will visit this province in the fall.

F. Shakespeare and bride returned from their wedding tour last evening on the Olympian.

Capt. Henry Smith, of the steamer Etta White, arrived from Moodyville yesterday.

Ben. Young and J. H. Ladd were passengers from the river on the Rithet last night.

Col. Stevens, U. S. Consul, returned yesterday from San Francisco on the steamer Mexico.

Hon. Wilfrid Laurier addressed the Toronto Young Men's Liberal Association on Friday night.

M. M. English and J. Gammell, of San Francisco, arrived last night and registered at the Driard.

W. E. Bennett, Assistant Postoffice Inspector for the Dominion, is in the city arranging for the free delivery system.

Mr. Justice Burbidge will probably come to British Columbia in the fall. Several Exchequer cases will probably be tried by him.

James G. Blaine, on his return from Europe, will be the guest of George Pullman, at the latter's residence among the Thousand Islands.

Salter J. Vankoughnet, Q. C., died at Toronto on Wednesday afternoon, aged 56. He died at the house of his son-in-law, Albert Nordheimer.

Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Nelson will be present at the Dominion Day celebration at Vancouver, and will attend the ball at the Hotel Vancouver.

Henry Peterson, the oarsman, will remain in the city until Saturday, and will then return direct to San Francisco, accompanied by John Muirhead.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex. McLean returned from Shawnigan lake last evening. We regret to state that Mr. McLean is not feeling as well as was expected.

Grand Master Milne, Grand Secretary Brown and several other members of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M., returned from Westminster on the Rithet last night.

Christopher Robinson, Q. C., B. B. Osler, of McCarthy, Hoskins & Co., Toronto, and W. D. Hogg, of Ottawa, counsel in the C. P. R. arbitration case, arrived from the south last evening and left for Vancouver this morning.

The Regina *Leader*, of which Mr. Nicholas Flood Davin, M. P., is editor, says of the probable successor of the late lamented Hon. Thomas White in the Interior department: "Society in the Northwest will always have a warm place in its memory for his Honor Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Dewdney, who laid the foundation of Northwest society in Regina, and whose pleasant dinner parties, musical evenings and balls were characterized by good taste, hospitable feeling, and whatever of the interesting that belongs to social events of the kind."

Joseph Pulitzer, editor and owner of the New York *World*, it is feared is almost totally blind. He has sailed for Europe in the hope of having his eyesight restored by rest and expert treatment. His vision is practically gone, for he can only see a confusion of black spots. The disease is a complication of myopsis and paresis of the optic nerves, and it has resisted the efforts of the best oculists of America, who can give to him only the faintest confidence of benefit from a foreign trip.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

H. M. S. Wild Swan will sail for England direct on Thursday morning.

The Gorge Road church social is postponed till the evening of Friday, July 6th.

Wm. Paine arrived from Shawnigan yesterday morning and returned in the afternoon.

The board of school trustees will meet in the city hall at 8 o'clock this evening. This will be the first meeting of the board since the recent election.

Mr. Stanley Romans, of this city, is a legatee under the will of Mr. James Harris, who recently died at St. John, N. B., worth a quarter of a million dollars.

The Duke of York, chief of the Clealum tribe of Indians, who rancherie is near Port Townsend, died on Friday. He was a noted man and was friendly to the first settlers on Port Townsend in 1851.

The steamer Idaho will leave Port Townsend July 10th on a special excursion to Alaska, the Elder and Aucon not being able to accommodate the number of tourists.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Newbury will take place this afternoon from the residence, Simcoe street, at 2 o'clock p. m., and from the Reformed Episcopal church half an hour later.

Yesterday H. J. Lewis returned from Barclay Sound on the steamer Hope. Reports bad weather off Cape Beale up to last Wednesday. The Douglas will probably be back on or about Thursday next.

Four of the thoroughbred horses imported from England by Mr. Chas. Beck have been shipped to Oregon. A fifth animal, a beautiful two-year-old Clydesdale stallion, will remain at Kamloops, and will prove a valuable addition to British Columbia stock.

The first shipment of beef cattle from Keremeos for Victoria will arrive at Hope to-morrow, and will consist of 100 head, owned by Cawston & Ellis. This will be followed by two drives per month during the summer.

With reference to an item in a local contemporary, which states that Mr. A. Agius had resigned as bandmaster of "C" battery, we are requested to state that such is not the case, and that Mr. Agius has no intention of doing so. He has resigned the B. C. Garrison artillery, which must not be confounded with "C" battery.

CLOSING THE SCHOOLS.

Exercises at Spring Ridge, Rock Bay, James Bay and Johnson Street Ward Schools.

The Work of the Half-year Most Satisfactory—Standing of Scholars and Recipients of Prizes.

The closing exercises of the four ward schools took place yesterday, those of the Spring Ridge and Rock Bay schools occurring in the morning and of James Bay and Johnson street schools in the afternoon. There were several noticeable and gratifying facts in connection with the various events, first and most important being the excellent work done by each of the schools, it being of a higher average than that of previous years; second, the great interest displayed in the exercises by the parents of the scholars; third, the better distribution of pupils, owing to the opening of the Spring Ridge school, this having relieved Johnson street school of its former overcrowded condition, making the average attendance at each school about the same. The various programmes of singing and recitations were carefully prepared and admirably rendered, and the exhibitions of progress made in reading, spelling, etc., were remarked upon in complimentary terms by the Minister of Education, the Superintendent of Education, the trustees and other gentlemen who addressed the scholars. Closing exercises conducted on the principle at present adopted, must greatly benefit both teacher and pupil, for they act as an incentive to continued and energetic work, and bring the parents of the children into contact with the system followed in training the tender minds of their children in the first steps of their education. It is especially satisfactory to know that the rudimentary principles are being instilled by instructors well qualified in every way for the task, thus ensuring a good foundation on which to bring to a successful completion the education of the rising generation.

Spring Ridge School.

MISS HORTON, TEACHER.

The closing exercises of Spring Ridge ward school commenced at 10 a.m., and were of the usual character. Among the many visitors present were the Hon. Mr. Robson, minister of education; S. D. Pope, superintendent of education; Inspector Wilson, Trustees Wolfenden and Morrison, and the Rev. Dr. Reid. There was also a large attendance of the teachers of the other city schools.

Mr. Pope, after reading the list of promotions to the Central School, complimented the teacher, Miss Horton, on the efficiency of the school, and expressed himself as entirely satisfied with the progress made by all the pupils during the past year. He further commented upon the very large attendance, which was abundant proof of the wisdom of the department in the selection of the school site.

The Hon. Mr. Robson, minister of education, addressed the pupils at some length in his usual happy style. He complimented the teacher and called upon the parents to show their gratitude for her untiring efforts on behalf of their children's scholastic welfare. He also referred to the fact that seven out of the eight applicants had succeeded in the promotion examination, and concluded by wishing the children a very pleasant vacation.

The Rev. Dr. Reid followed with an admirable address, which all present highly appreciated. To say that the Rev. Dr. was felicitous on this occasion but faintly conveys an idea of the enjoyment given to all present.

Trustees Wolfenden and Dr. Morrison declared themselves well pleased with what they had seen and heard, and had full confidence that on the next occasion they would be able to congratul