The Colonist.

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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Register, Register!

Every person who is anxious for the welfare of the province in general and of the electoral district wherein he resides in particular, should register his vote, which can be done upon application at this office.

No Funds.

Mr. Charles Pike, the first mate of the British bark Camelot, who was left behind by Capt. Murphy when he sailed for Sydney, has received a reply to his letter to Ottawa, asking the government to forward him to the ship's destination. The Minister of Marine states that the department cannot send him on to Australia, as no funds are provided for such a purpose.

Where is the Favorite?

Word has been received from Alberni that the schooner Favorite which left here two weeks ago with a cargo of supplies for the settlement has not yet arrived. Mr. Chas. Spring, her owner, left by the Boscowitz on the same day that the schooner sailed, intending to return in his own boat. He is still anxiously awaiting her arrival at Alberni.

Honorably Acquitted.

A court-martial for the trial of an assistant engineer of H. M. S. Champion was held aboard the flagship yesterday at 10 a. m., and occupied about three hours. Capt. Hammett, H. M. S. Swiftsure, was president of the court, while Capt. St. Clair, H. M. S. Champion, prosecuted. Two civilians of Victoria were witnesses for the prosecution, and many witnesses attended on behalf of the prisoner. The charge preferred could not be proved, and the accused was therefore honorably acquitted.

Prof. Sharpe at Seattle.

Prof. H. S. Sharpe returned last evening from Seattle, where on Wednesday night he gave a most successful organ recital under the auspices of the new Methodist church. The professor expresses himself as highly delighted with the hospitality of the Seattleites, who in their turn are enthusiastic in their praises of his musical ability. "Nearer My God to Thee," Professor Sharpe's own arrangement and the second number on the programme was received with prolonged applause.

Nanaimo Opera House.

The new opera house at Nanaimo, erected by Ald. John Mahrer, is completed, and will be opened this evening with a public ball. The Nanaimo opera house is second in the province only to The Victoria, and is a credit to its enterprising owner. The building was erected at a cost of $40,000, and is a three-story brick structure, the upper part being divided into rooms and fitted up as an hotel. The theatre has a seating capacity of about 800, with a stage 40 feet wide by 20 feet deep the scenery for which was brought from Chicago, and is very handsome.

Served With a Capias.

A rancher, named Thyne, from Spence's Bridge, who came to Vancouver Wednesday on the Pacific Express, with the intention of taking the Islander to Victoria on his way to England, was served with a writ of capias upon stepping from the train, by Deputy-Sheriff Armstrong, whom he accompanied to Westminster. The writ was issued at the instance of one Thompson, a merchant of up country, on account of a debt of about $200 for ranch supplies. It appears that Mr. Thyne had given a note for the amount, but his creditor hearing of his intention to leave for England had the law set in operation to detain him.

Trade Notes.

Steamer R. P. Rithet has gone over to the Fraser for more salmon.

Steamer Yosemite will arrive from Fraser River this morning, with salmon for the Tythonus.

Two miles of mains for the Victoria Gas Co., arrived from England by the Dochra.

Thirty cases of wine for D. H. Ross came over the Sound last evening.

Mr. John Parker received 191 head of sheep by the Olympian last night.

Two more carloads of tramway rails were brought by last night's steamer from Vancouver.

The Islander's cargo last night consisted of one carload of flour and three of mixed merchandise.

One thousand gallons of cranberries were received by the Louise yesterday from Westminster.

A Well Bred Dog.

Capt. Taylor, of the bark Dochra, is the owner of one of the best Skye terriers that has ever been seen here. It is not yet a year old, and is a pup out of Henderson's "Cuillach," 16,792, sired by the famous "Lill," also owned by Mr. Henderson. Lill's pedigree combines the two best known strains of Skye terrier in England. He was sired by "Pibroch," he by "Champion Piper" out of the champion "Janet"; dam "Sheila," she by "Sir Wm. Wallace," sire "Wallace," dam "Wasp II."; and "Tibbie," sired by "Champion Monarch" out of "Venus."

"Cuillach" has also a good pedigree, being from "Champion Janet," by "Cuthullin," he by "Gillid" out of "Zulu."

MARINE.

Steamer Maude is due from the north.

Steamer City of Puebla sails for San Francisco to-morrow.

British bark Dochra will be brought into the harbor this morning by the Lorne.

The steamship Geo. W. Elder is scheduled to sail from Tacoma for Alaska Sunday.

Steamer Umatilla arrived from San Francisco at 9:30 o'clock last night, and left for the Sound at midnight.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 23.—Chartered—America and Valley Forge, coal, Vancouver Island to San Diego; Felix, lumber, Burrard Inlet to Melbourne.

On Wednesday the bark Theobald left Port Moody for San Francisco with 1,300 tons of the product of the mine at Anthracite, Alberta. Another vessel, the Don Nicholas, will take 1,000 tons more, making up the balance of her cargo with scrap iron.

CLEANLINESS NEXT TO GODLINESS.

TO THE EDITOR.—Victoria is making progress towards procuring good water and drainage. These are steps in the right direction. However, it appears to me that one thing is more desirable towards completing the sanitary requirements of the inhabitants of Victoria—namely, public baths, with fresh and sea water, (hot and cold); also sea water tepid swimming baths and, perhaps, a Turkish might be advantageous as well.

With a city on the seaboard, having over 15,000 inhabitants, it often sounds ridiculousto a stranger when he is told that he cannot get a sea water bath, nor even a swimming bath of any description.

Vancouver is going ahead of us in this matter—they have now their hot and cold sea baths.

I should like to know how many Victorians go every year to San Francisco on purpose to get hot sea water, mineral or Turkish baths. Why cannot the same be had in a rich city like Victoria?

The cost of construction would be small, and ought to return a fair dividend on capital to a company who might construct an establishment with the latest improved sanitary arrangements suitable for all classes and conditions of persons; thus providing a luxury so desirable, necessary and beneficial for the inhabitants, and an additional attraction to strangers to visit Victoria. It would be the means of keeping money here which now goes to a foreign country.

This is no party question, but a matter in which every resident should take an impartial interest.

SANITAS.

PERSONAL.

B. Springer, of Moodyville, came over last evening.

W. E. Ward came home last evening by the Islander.

Dr. G. R. Farra and wife arrived by the Islander last night.

W. F. Bullen was a passenger by the Islander last night.

S. C. Kirk of Seattle arrived over by the Olympian last night.

J. A. Johnson returned last evening from a visit to Portland.

Mrs. A. J. McLellan returned home from Portland last night.

J. Wrigglesworth arrived over by the Vancouver boat last night.

Senator Lewis, of Seattle, returned home yesterday morning.

Hon. Mr. Justice Drake came home from the Mainland last evening.

Mrs. John Irving and child returned last evening from New Westminster.

Alex. Dunsmuir leaves for San Francisco to-morrow, by the City of Puebla.

Rev. A. L. Parker returned from Washington Terr. by the Olympian yesterday.

Lt-Col. E.G. Prior is to act as one of the Governor-General's aide-de-camps at Vancouver.

Hon. T. B. Humphreys leaves to-morrow for Napa, Cal., where he will spend the winter.

C. E. Redfern will be a passenger for California by the direct steamer to-morrow.

Charles Macnab, a well known Spokane Falls druggist, with Mrs. Macnab, is at the Driard.

Walter Copeland, of Saanich, returned from the Mainland last evening.

Rt. Rev. Bishop Cridge is progressing towards recovery in a satisfactory manner. He was able to sit up for a short time yesterday.

Capt. Leach, secretary of the Dominion Cartridge Co., of Montreal, is at the Driard. The Captain states that his company's business is rapidly increasing and that they are making large additions to their factory, so as to be able to meet the demand for their ammunition. In fact, if allowed, the American trade alone would take all this company's output.

The Rev. D. H. Reid, son of the Rev. Dr. Reid, of this city, sailed from New York two days ago for the Old Country. After visiting friends in the north of England he will spend the winter months in Edinburgh, that he may attend some special lectures by the celebrated professors in the university. He hopes to return to his church duties at Sonoma, Cal., next spring.

Many people are under the impression that Mr. R. P. Rithet will shortly take up his permanent residence in San Francisco. This is not the case. Mr. Rithet is now the sole owner of the business in this province, and outside of this his interests are very important, and he is also too much attached to lovely Victoria to think of changing his residence. He is owner of half the San Francisco business and manager of the whole, and while this may cause him at present to spend a large portion of his time in the Bay City, yet matters in the near future will be arranged so that he will not be compelled to remain away for such long periods from this city. All interested in Victoria's welfare will be pleased to learn that such is the case, for Mr. Rithet stands at the head of its many enterprising commercial men.

LITTLE LOCALS.

Cliy Council again to-night.

Entries for the gymkhana to-morrow are very full.

Hermann went over to Vancouver this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Jensen celebrated their silver wedding yesterday.

WEEKLY COLONIST issued to-day. Price 10 cents per copy; $2 per annum.

Track-laying for the tramway has commenced on Fort street.

The new steam fire engine for Victoria was shipped from London on the 14th inst.

In the city police court yesterday morning, one solitary drunk composed the docket. He was fined $5.

W. J. Colville, the "English inspirational orator," addressed an audience in Harmony Hall last evening.

The torpedo boats and steam-boats of the fleet went through a course of steam tactics in Esquimalt harbor yesterday morning.

The drove of hogs which have been the anxiety and care of the C.P.N. Co. for the past week, were sold yesterday by Messrs. Lenz & Leiser for the benefit of the shippers.

The police have been informed of the conduct of a youth who makes a practice of following young girls in the evening and accosting children going and coming from school.

Steward Garland, of the Royal Hospital, acknowledges with thanks the following donations: Mrs. W. M. Chudley, a large quantity of fruit; from the Roccabella, a parcel of clothing.

The News-Advertiser states that the tug Mastick, sold at Port Townsend a few days ago for $16,500, was bought by C. D. Rand for the McLaren-Ross sawmill at Westminster.

G. Gilbert, a friend of the two opium smugglers who were arrested at Port Townsend last week, says the boat in which they made the trip across the straits was purchased by them in Seattle from Columbia River fishermen.

Another squabble took place on Tuesday evening last at Esquimalt at the Globe hotel, the combatants being a bluejacket and a merchant seaman of the Hustede. The row terminated in a window being smashed and the unfortunate bluejacket being arrested, while the merchant seaman got off scot free.

The Columbian reports that salmon ova to the number of 4,000,000 have been secured and placed in the hatchery, and by Saturday night this number will be increased to 6,000,000. Mr. Mowat expects to have the whole of the intended hatching, 7,000,000, safely stored the end of the week.

FROM THE NORTH.

The Steamer Maude Returns from the Nass and Skeena.

At about 8 o'clock last evening the steamer Maude, Capt. John Leach, returned from the Nass and Skeena Rivers. A large number of Indians were carried as steerage passengers on the up trip, and on the return two large surveying parties, those of Mr. Skinner and Mr. Perry, who have been engaged in work at Fort Rupert and on Queen Charlotte Islands, came back to the city. Nothing but good weather was met with on the trip, the run down being delightful. The Maude brought back almost a full deckload of totem poles, and other strange things from the homes of the northern Indians. Some of the totem poles are very large; certainly they are the largest and finest ever seen here.

Capt. John Irving, Capt. Carrol and Mr. J. A. Laidlaw were round trip passengers, it being understood that their visit north was for a dual purpose—of looking up new coal mines and prospecting a favorable spot for the location of another northern cannery next season. The down freight consisted of a quantity of skins and oil for the Hudson's Bay Co.; 234 barrels and 322 half barrels of salmon and two Dominion canoes, which had been in use by surveying parties.

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Foresters, Beware!

A young man is in the city claiming to be a member of the Ancient Order of Foresters. He uses this as a means of obtaining some monetary help from members of the order. Foresters are advised that he is in no way connected with that body.

The Salmon Ships.

The bark Tythonus will be towed around to Esquimalt to-day, where she will complete her cargo of salmon. The bark Dochra will be towed into the harbor this afternoon and will at once commence discharging her cargo, after which she will load salmon.

Washington's Admission.

Extensive preparations are being made at Olympia to appropriately celebrate Washington's admission to statehood. The programme will include an inauguration ball and supper, and a reception by Governor Ferry and the other state officers.

In Brave Array.

The trimmings for the K. of P. uniforms arrived from the east on Thursday evening, and the coats, etc., which are being made here, will soon be ready for the Sir Knights. On Tuesday evening the members of the Uniform Rank will meet for drill by Sir Knight R. J. Plummer, in Stelly's Hall.

New U. S. Postage Stamps.

Postmaster-General Wanamaker has awarded the contract for furnishing adhesive postage stamps for a year, beginning on the last of January next, to the American Banknote Company of New York. The new stamps will be about one-eighth smaller than those in present use. One cent stamps will continue to be printed in blue. Two cent stamps, now printed in green, will be printed in bright carmine, and changes will be made in some of the other denominations.

Kidnapped Seamen.

On Wednesday three seamen were kidnapped from the bark Henry Buck, at Seattle. Two of the men have not since been heard of, and it is not known whether they are dead or alive. The third returned to the bark on Thursday morning and asked the captain's protection. The whole affair is as much of a mystery to the captain as it is outrageous. He can in no way account for such doings, but says he believes it is the work of the Coast Seamen's Union. He is also of opinion that one or two of his own crew are assisting in these outrages.

Liberati's Great Band.

The great attraction of the industrial fair at Portland this year has been Liberati's grand military band, and not a few residents of Victoria have gone to Portland with the sole purpose of hearing the famous band. For some time an effort has been made to bring Liberati to Victoria, and it has at last been successful. Mr. E. T. Zeigler, business manager for Liberati, arrived from Portland last evening to make arrangements for two concerts here on the evenings of November 1st and 2nd. The band comprises 67 people, the leading soloist being Mlle. Sophia Romani.

Unfortunate John Smith.

The burning of a small frame stable on Alfred street, owned by Mr. John Smith, of the P. O. department, was the cause of a big blaze at about nine o'clock last night. The building was a little one, but it made a very bright fire; in fact those who saw it from a distance thought all Spring Ridge was burning. In exactly four minutes from the sounding of the alarm the firemen were on the spot and No. 3 Company had their line of hose laid. The fire was quickly extinguished with a hydrant stream. It is supposed that it had its origin in the careless handling of matches. One hundred dollars will cover the total amount of loss.

Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly for November, 1889.

This number, crowded from cover to cover with pictures, stories, descriptive and biographical articles, scientific lore, poems and seasonable literary side dishes, is a striking illustration of the scope and fullness of the modern magazine. Typical sketches of Venetian Women, by Herbert Pierson; a charming biographical and critical paper on Adam Lindsay Gordon; "the Laureate of the Horse," by Prof. Douglas Sladen, the eminent Australian poet and literateur; "Sandy Hook," with its beacons, signal towers, life-saving stations and yacht races, by Henry Tyrrell; "The English Channel Ferry," with its discomforts and excitements, described by an old voyager, and a timely account of the November meteors, by Arthur Y. Abbot.

A Treat for the Jolly Tars.

The ships' companies of H. M. S. Amphion and Champion were entertained at dinner on Thursday night on board the flagship by the men of the Swiftsure. Messrs. Fletcher and Day had charge of the after-dinner programme, which was admirably carried out. The entertainment consisted in part of a minstrel performance by the Snowflakes, including some capital songs by Messrs. Bull and Madden, as well as banjo, flute and piano solos, step dancing, etc. The evening's fun concluded with a laughable sketch by Messrs. Madden, Bull Maxwell, Fleming and Hoople, entitled "The Barber's Daughter." At the close a hearty vote of thanks was awarded to Messrs. Fletcher and Day, and the jolly ship's company of the "Swiftsure," by their guests from the other ships.

Assessed Rather High.

Truth tells a story of a Vancouver lady who is imbued with very strong notions about that city's superiority in every sense of the term over all other places on the coast. The last time the assessor was round, he explained to her (her husband being away), that his object was to get as correct an estimate as possible, and told her that by the way real estate had jumped upwards he imagined that the showing for Vancouver on the assessment rolls would be away up. Her pride as to Vancouver's superiority and her loyalty in its behalf came well to the front, and thinking it probably advisable to swell the total as far as she possibly could, she told the man to stick down the valuation of her husband's property at about $10,000. The absent husband, on his return, hearing of the amount of the assessment, felt like kicking himself or somebody else. He had the figure reduced by about $8,500.

SATURDAY'S GYMKHANA.

The Second Meeting Fully Equal to the First—A Sure Cure for the Blues.

The second gymkhana meeting held yesterday afternoon at the Victoria Driving Park was, if possible, productive of more solid fun than the first. With favorable weather, a large list of entries, and a fair attendance of fashion, everything passed off smoothly and to the satisfaction of all.

CHANGE NUMBER RACE.

Event No. 1 on the programme yesterday was called at 2:30 o'clock sharp, and brought out six starters: Lt. Thynne, R. N.; Lt. Warrender, R. N.; Capt. Annesley, R. N.; Mr. Cecil Ward, Mr. Paine and Mr. Blanchard. Mr. Jervis, R. N., was also in the race—that is when his dancing and baulking pony felt like it. The race was termed a "change number race." Both horses and riders were numbered—odds and evens—and bore distinguishing marks. Mounting, bare backed, at the fall of the flag, the competitors were required to ride over two hurdles to a post 150 yards distant, dismount, odds and evens to change horses and ride home over the hurdles.

The fun commenced at the first hurdle, where all the horses baulked. Mr. Blanchard was the first to force his "Kitty" over, and Mr. Cecil Ward followed close behind, both taking the second hurdle together in splendid style. On the return Mr. Blanchard took the lead, and would have had the race without a doubt had not his change mount refused the first hurdle. Here Mr. Cecil Ward got the lead which he kept to the finish. Mr. Blanchard came in second, with a straggling following. Great amusement was caused by a misunderstanding between one of the riders and his horse, which instead of taking the hurdle coming home, deliberately climbed over the fence at the side of the track and started for home, serenely unconscious of the laughing crowd.

POSTILLION.

"Once around the course, taking four hurdles; each competitor to ride one horse and lead another, and come in with his led horse;" so the postillion race was set down on the programme. Lt. Thynne, with Tommy and Little Lady; Lt. Warrender, Buffalo Bill and Brer Rabbit; and Dr. Duncan, Croughpatric and Irish Maid, drew up in line for the start, and were sent away well together. The doctor took the pole and the lead right from the wire, and drew away from his rivals with every bound of his team. Fatal to his hopes of winning, his led horse refused the first hurdle and finally pulled away from him, throwing him out of the race. Lt. Warrender, his horses running neck and neck, took the hurdle in fine form, closely followed by Lt. Thynne. Riding no less well, Lt. Thynne gave his opponent a break-neck race around the course, but failed to decrease the daylight between himself and the leader who passed under the wire winner by four good lengths.

HALF-MILE RUN.

Two representatives of the navy, Messrs. Tremaine and S[illegible] two "C" Battery men, M[illegible]stone and Kirkpatrick, were the sta[illegible] in the half-mile flat race, open only to men of the services.

Brimstone, at the start, took the lead, apparently having things all his own way. At the quarter, Tremaine pushed him close, while Kirkpatrick quietly forged to the fore. At the half, Schafter had practically gone out of the race, and Tremaine and Brimstone were running together, with Kirkpatrick close behind. At the three-quarter the trio spurted, and came up the homestretch in splendid style, Kirkpatrick finally passing the leaders and coming past the grand stand ahead, with Tremaine second. Time, 2.18.

BALL AND BUCKET.

In the fourth event the riders entering galloped singly to a post 100 yards from the start, upon which was placed a wooden ball. To win the race they were required to pick up the ball without slackening their speed and drop it into a bucket twenty yards further on. Four or five tries were allowed each contestant, but although many good attempts were made it was a case of "so near and yet so far" to pick up the ball. Mr. Fisher, whose riding was the admiration of everyone on the ground, finally secured the ball and won the race. Several times while the trials were being made Mr. Fisher astonished the crowd by leaning from his saddle, and without checking his horse picking the ball off the ground in the regulation Wild West style.

TANDEM RACE.

Another keenly contested event was the tandem race, in which there were four starters. Dr. Duncan led from the drop of the flag, but lost his companion horse at the quarter-pole, and the race became an exciting one between teams in charge of Lt. Thynne, Mr. Fisher and Mr. Pemberton. Mr. Pemberton won, with Lt. Thynne second, and Mr. Fisher third. Lt. Warrender was distanced owing to a misunderstanding of affairs by his leader.

SIDE-SADDLES.

6. "Side saddle race—Ladies nomination. Once round the course over four hurdles; skirt and bonnet to be worn; each competitor to give the name of the lady he is nominated by to the secretary with his entry." In this race the fun became fast and furious. Each of the seven starters looked charming in female attire, and the grand stand was very much divided as to who was the prettiest. Mr. E. B. Drummond won the race.

BALACLAVA MELEE.

Two teams of four men each took opposite ends of the straight course for this event. Each rider wore a plumed helmet, and carried a single-stick. At the word "Go!" the opposing "troops" dashed down on each other and engaged in a singlestick battle, the object in which was to beat down the rival plumes. The red feathers appeared strongest from the start and in the first charge all but Mr. W. A. Ward who wore white plumes lost them to the conquering reds. Mr. Ward was left to battle for the honor of his troop against three enemies, and he fought like a veteran. Only after a hard fight did his plume go down to a stroke from behind. In the second dash Mr. Fisher acquitted himself nobly for the red knights, vanquishing three opponents amid the applause of the grand stand.

HURDLE RACE.

Last on the programme came the hurdle race, once around the course, over four flights of hurdles, well brushed. Dr. Duncan, on Croughpatrick, rode a splendid race to win, and came under the wire with a four-length lead. On the homestretch a mishap occurred, which, for a moment, caused the onlookers to hold their breath. Mr. Drummond's horse was crowded too close to the fence at the last hurdle and fell, bringing with it the horse running at its side and dismounting both riders. The others were close behind, and it looked as though men and horses would be trampled under foot. Mr. Fisher, who was following, was too near the fallen horses to turn, so he put spurs to his horse and cleared the men and their mounts in a long, flying leap, that would have been a credit to any equestrian. His presence of mind averted what would otherwise have been a serious accident.

Like the first gymkhana, yesterday's meeting was an almost inexhaustible supply of fun—an excellent prescription for those anxious to grow fat, in accordance with the old adage, "Laugh and grow fat," and one very easily taken.

NOTES OF THE DAY.

A vote of thanks has been tendered the weather clerk for favors shown during the afternoon.

Mr. Jervis and his dancing pony caused a ton of amusement to the grand stand. On the one occasion that the pony took command and the rider a tumble, the spectators rose en masse and cried "encore."

The universal opinion is that Cecil Ward as a charming young equestrienne is a brilliant and fascinating success.

Mr. Fisher's horsemanship yesterday was, as a Yankee would say, "away up." He rides as if he formed part of his horse.

If Mr. Hayes would only get up another gymkhana before the winter sets in, all who have attended his last two would give him their hearty thanks.

When she was a child,
She cried for Castoria.
When she became Miss,
She clung to Castoria.
When she became Mrs.,
She gave them Castoria.
When she had Children,
She gave them Castoria.

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A Lost Anchor.

When the Dominion steamer Sir James Douglas was leaving her anchorage near the Customs House yesterday, her anchor became fouled with the anchor of the Tythonus. It was finally abandoned, and could not be recovered by the bark which dragged it as far as the Outer Wharf in going out.

A Curio For Ottawa.

The totem pole which the Maude brought down from Metlakahtla yesterday had to be divided in three pieces to go aboard the steamer. When these pieces, which are to be shipped to Ottawa, are put together the pole will be over forty feet in height. It is a very fine piece of Indian legendary carving.

Real Estate.

Messrs. Bourchier & Higgins report the following sales for the week: Four lots, Fowl Bay Road, $1,800; ten acres, Cadboro Bay Road, to a syndicate, $10,000; Two lots, Beckley Farm, $1,400; three acres, Dallas Road, to a syndicate, $13,000; four lots, Oak Bay avenue, $1,200; eighty acres, Port Angeles, section 12, C. E. Mallette, trustee, $6,000. Total, $34,200.

Accident at Nanaimo.

An accident occurred on the bark Bundaleer at Nanaimo yesterday, whereby a sailor named Jas. Brown had his leg broken near the ankle. He was engaged in hoisting lumber from a boat alongside the vessel when a plank fell out of the sling, striking Brown on the leg and breaking it. He was taken to the Nanaimo hospital where the fractured limb was set.

A Charge of Assault.

A Norwegian sailor named Nordberg, belonging to the crew of the steamship Geo. W. Elder, has laid a complaint in the U. S. Court at Portland against the first mate of the vessel, charging him with assault. While the vessel was at [illegible]ked Nordberg in the [illegible] him. A doctor says he [illegible] life. Nordberg says he will sue the steamship company for damages.

On James Island.

Two provincial policemen have been sent up to James Island to take charge of an unfortunate man named John Marcowitz, who has lately become insane, and has for the past week or so been wandering about the island perfectly nude. Marcowitz was formerly an inmate of an asylum and is subject to periodical fits of lunacy. He is perfectly harmless, but his antics are the cause of considerable uneasiness in the neighborhood.

Trade Notes.

The steamer City of Puebla, which sailed for San Francisco yesterday afternoon, carried from Victoria 700 tons of mixed merchandise, 200 tons of pig iron, 4000 sacks of oats, 1000 sacks of wheat, 2800 sacks of flax, 300 sacks of flour, and 11,535 cases of salmon.

The Islander's cargo last evening consisted of one carload each of whiskey, candies, and general merchandise, and two carload of tramway rails.

Naval Notes.

On Friday evening Admiral Heneage gave a dinner party, among the guests being Mr. Stavely Hill, Q.C., M.P., Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Stokes and the captains of the fleet. The poop-deck awning was spread, decorated with flags and illuminated by the electric light, while the string band, under the conductorship of Mr. H. E. Loseby, discoursed some pretty music.

H.M.S. Champion left the harbor for Vancouver for the Vice-Regal party yesterday.

New Saw Mill for Burrard Inlet.

It is understood that arrangements have been made for the erection of a large saw mill, similar in size and capacity to that of the McLaren-Ross mill at New Westminster, a short distance east of Hastings. The company, which is practically composed of the shareholders in the Westminster concern, and to be known as the North Pacific Lumber Company, has purchased 100 acres of Senator Reid's property as a mill site. Operations on a large scale will commence shortly and be prosecuted with vigor.—News-Advertiser.

Fruit Growing and Dairying Project.

A number of gentlemen in Westminster and Vancouver have taken the preliminary steps to form a joint stock company for the purpose of entering into the fruit growing and dairying business on an extensive scale. The site chosen for the farm is at Nicomen, and about 1,100 acres of land have already been secured on which it is proposed to begin work extensively at once. A large acreage will be set out in orchard and small fruits, and the remainder will be devoted to the dairying interests of the company.—Columbian.

Changes in the Bank of B. C.

Mr. J. Keith-Wilson accountant at Victoria, will open a branch of the Bank of British Columbia at Seattle about the 15th of next month. Mr. T. S. Milligan assumes the position vacated by Mr. Wilson in the Victoria office, while Mr. Wyld, the present teller here, proceeds to New Westminster as accountant. Mr. Barnes, the agent at Kamloops, takes the position of accountant at Portland, and Mr. Dockerill, of the New Westminster branch, succeeds Mr. Barnes as agent at Kamloops. While congratulating Mr. Keith-Wilson on his promotion, Victorians regret that they lose him as a citizen. In this case particularly Victoria's loss is Seattle's gain.

Annual Halloween Concert.

The public are to be treated to a splendid performance next Tuesday evening, at the above concert, given under the auspices of the Y. P. L. A. of the First Presbyterian Church. The very best talent has been secured to assist. Special features of the entertainment will be the pieces by the choir, the violin solo by Mr. Loseby, bandmaster of H.M.S. Swiftsure; Prof. Sharpe's piano solo, and Mr. Brown's solo "Golden Hours," written by Mr. Loseby, and which was so warmly received on its first rendering by Mr. Brown a few weeks ago. The management of the concert is entrusted to Mr. Brown, and nothing will be wanting under his care to make the occasion a pleasant one for all who may attend. A great many tickets have already been sold for which seats will be reserved until 7:50 p. m.

Simpson-Thomas.

A large number of friends of the contracting parties assembled at Christ Church Cathedral yesterday afternoon to witness the marriage of Mr. George Simpson, of Saanich, to Miss Lillie Thomas, second daughter of Mr. George Thomas, also of Saanich. The ceremony was performed by the Lord Bishop of Columbia, the bride being given away by her father. Miss Flora Meiss acted as bridesmaid, and the groom was attended by Mr. J. T. Harrison. Upon the conclusion of the marriage ceremony the happy couple were driven to the residence of the bride's cousin, Mrs. Crogan, on Chatham street, where intimate friends had gathered to warmly congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Simpson, and where a dainty repast was spread. Some very pleasant hours were passed, and in the evening the newly-married couple went on board the Islander for Vancouver, and from there will visit the Sound before returning home. The presents to the bride were numerous, handsome and costly.

Arrival of the Port Augusta.

The steamship Port Augusta, from Hong Kong, arrived off the harbor at 3.40 a. m. yesterday, took on her pilot and passed up to Vancouver, arriving at the latter place at 11 a. m. Following is the report of the voyage furnished by the purser: Steamship Port Augusta, Capt. James Hogg, has again arrived. Her dates being Hong Kong, 27th Sept.; Amoy, 28th; Foo Chow, 30th; Kobe, 7th Oct., and Yokohama, 10th. In Kobe experienced a hard gale, causing her to leave the pier for 24 hours and delaying cargo. After leaving Yokohama experienced strong head winds up to the 12th inst. From then hard westerly gales, with lowering sky and heavy beam sea, having violent squalls of hail, sleet and rain up to the 20th. Thence strong head winds with a continuation of rain and fog at short intervals up to Victoria, where we received pilot on 26th Oct. at 3:40 a. m. Proceeded up the inlet to Vancouver, arriving at 11 a. m. The Port Augusta brings a large mail, and amongst other merchandise an abnormally large consignment of silk, opium and tea. Saloon passengers: Rev. and Mrs. Winchester, Toronto; Dr. Power, New York; Mrs. Strauss, London, Eng.; Mr. Ermantinger, Vancouver. Steerage: Ten Japanese, 65 Chinese.

A Through Route to Chicago.

The conveniences and comfort of travel to the East are constantly being added to. On the 1st of September last the Norther Pacific and Wisconsin Central instituted a much better service between Chicago and the Pacific Coast. Up to that time the through passenger from Chicago was compelled to change from one sleeping car to another at St. Paul. Now a through Pullman is run from Chicago to Tacoma and Portland, and coast passengers can take a car at Chicago and remain with it right through. For this service fourteen Pullman sleepers, the handsomest ever built, were placed on this route, and the traveling public is already appreciating the convenience. It is also stated that the Northern Pacific will soon control the Baltimore & Ohio road, when they will run through cars from New York to the Coast. This will place them far ahead of all other American roads and on a par with the Canadian Pacific, which is at present the only line offering a through sleeper from Montreal to the Pacific coast. The dining car service of the Wisconsin Central and Northern Pacific is also unapproachable, and the general service of this through line to Chicago is of the very finest character. During the whole year, the Northern Pacific through train from St. Paul has left that city in several large sections, and the great influx of visitors and new population into the Pacific coast states is, at this late season of the year, still making this division of trains necessary. The Northern has never experienced a more prosperous year, and it has taxed its passenger and freight rolling stock to the utmost to handle the great traffic that has come to it, and there is every reason to believe that this traffic will constantly increase. The western country is rapidly filling up, and as a consequence railway business is created.

LITTLE LOCALS.

The cars for the electric street railway are expected to arrive to-night.

The barque Renton has loaded 100,000 feet of lumber at the Royal City Mills during the last two days.

A meeting of the bricklayers and stone masons is called for 8 o'clock this evening at the American hotel.

J. W. Colville lectured in Harmony Hall last evening on Edward Bellamy's great book, "Looking Backward."

Monday is to be proclaimed a public holiday at Vancouver in honor of the governor-general's visit to that city.

One of the hose horses met with a tumble where rock blasting had been done near the scene of the fire last night. It was not hurt badly.

Mr. M. Macahill, the obliging wharfinger at Spratts, acted as purser on the Maude, just returned from the north, "doing up brown" all the work of the position.

Mr. Goshen, son of Rt. Hon. G. J. Goshen, chancellor of the exchequer, arrived at North Bend on a freight train last evening, and goes on to Vancouver by the express train to-day en route to Victoria.

The requisition at Westminster to Mr. G. E. Corbould, to allow himself to be nominated for election to the provincial parliament, has been largely signed, and was to have been presented to Mr. Corbould yesterday.

Several young men(?), well known about town, have been amusing themselves lately by pulling down signs and barber poles during the dark hours of early morning. The police have "got 'em on the list."

Yesterday Messrs. Goodwin & Jordan sold one of their style A pianos to a party at Wellington. The firm are now without a finished piano in stock, but, on the arrival of actions from Paris, more will soon be ready.

The following have been elected officers of the British Columbia Liberal Association: Hon. president, Hon. A. N. Richards; president, Dr. G. L. Milne; 1st vice-president, T. J. Burnes; 2nd vice-president, James Walker; secretary, D. Morrow; treasurer, J. Montague Leet.

HIDDEN TREASURE.

$160,000 Said to be Buried on a Small Island Near Victoria.

John Garnett, who died at Seattle last week, was well-known in British Columbia. About thirty years ago he deserted from an English man-of-war lying at the Royal Roads, Victoria. He went to Port Discovery when quite a young man and worked in a sawmill at that place. During the gold excitement on the Fraser river he went there and made a small fortune. Returning to Victoria he engaged in the dairy business for about five years. Fortune frowned on him and he lost all. He afterwards went to the Cassair mines, with varied success, wintering every season in Victoria, where he was well-known. Fifteen years ago he returned to the Sound, working for the Puget Sound Mill Company at Port Gamble. Since then he has worked at Moodyville and New Westminster. Five years ago, while loading a vessel with lumber at Port Blakely, a large timber fell on his leg and foot, and he was laid up for nine months. He seemed to have had hard lines ever after. He was laid up in the hospital in Portland for eighteen months. Leaving the hospital he went to Tacoma last May, and worked at sawing for a contractor who did not pay him. Garnett retained attorneys to sue his claim and the case is now pending in the district court in Tacoma. Being out of money he went to Seattle, where his friends helped him. He obtained employment in the night shift at the Mechanics mill, where he was employed at the time he went to the hotel where he died. Garnett was an Englishman. He was never known to tell anyone where his relatives lived, and it is now twenty-three years since he wrote to them. Garnett told a friend he intended going this winter to Apple Island, between Vancouver Island and the mainland, where $160,000 of treasure was buried. He said it was located on the west side of the island, where the western horizon opens between two other islands, and was under a large rock that was now covered by a landslide from the bluff. He gleaned the information from a dying man in the Cascade mountains. Just previous to his going to the hospital in Portland, he was waiting to hear from his attorneys, and was in hopes that he would get his money to enable him to hunt for the buried treasure.

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VICTORIA TRADE NOTES.

Review of the Markets for the Past Week.

Specially Compiled for "The Colonist" by Dun, Wiman & Co.—The General Outlook Encouraging.

The week just closing has been a busy one in Victoria trade circles. Demand has been well up to supply in all branches, and the general commercial outlook is most encouraging. Messrs. Dun, Wiman & Co. kindly furnish the following review for the week:—

VEGETABLES.

There is a fair demand only for this article, the supply being mainly local, and prices are weak. First-class potatoes, however, remain steady at $22 per ton.

FISH, ETC.

Salmon becoming scarce, but prices steady. Rock cod and halibut are offered freely, and prices firm. Oysters have hardly reached this market yet, and small quantities are offered at 60 to 65 cents per quart.

FRUITS.

Importations this week have been much smaller than the preceding one, and the season for tropical product far advanced, and qualities only fair. The trade is confined principally to local products, for which there is a good demand. The last consignment of California grapes was very poor in quality, considerable loss being reported on it, but prices are on the rise. We quote—picked, $1.75 to $1.80. Oranges are firm at $5.00. Lemons (Sicily), firm at $9.00. Apples and pears are plentiful and freely offered at $1.25 to $1.50 for choice. On the whole, trade has been firm, but is expected to fall off in volume within a few days.

GROCERIES, MEATS, ETC.

Butter and eggs form the staple importations, but local product is fast replacing the foreign article. Eggs are scarce, and only offered in small lots. California creamery butter is firm, but fresh prints are scarce and strong. Meats show no change. Flour remains firm. We quote: Columbia Premier, $6.25; Three Star, $5.75; Portland Roller, $5.75; Hungarian, $6.50; Strong Bakers, $6.00. Provisions generally remain firm.

COAL AND WOOD.

$8.50 per ton in small lots, $7.50 to $8 in bulk.

Wood, $4.50 cord (4 ft.); $5.50 cut lengths.

BRICKS

$10 at kiln. In these commodities there has not been the usual trade, and prices are only fair. The weather has been unusually fine, consequently fuel is inclined to be very weak.

GRAIN, MILL STUFFS, ETC.

Oats are plentiful at $26 to $28 per ton; pease $35 to $37 per ton and freely offered; hay, steady at $18.50 to $20 per ton; bran, $23 to $25 per ton, and in fair demand; shorts, $25 to $28, steady; mixed feed, $28 to $30, in good demand; ground barley, $28 to $30 per ton, firm.

LIVE STOCK, POULTRY AND GAME.

The market is well stocked with poultry and game, but prices are governed by retailers, who secure their stock entirely from hunters. Ducks are scarce as yet; grouse and venison