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The Loretta All Right. Capt. J. G. Cox received a letter yesterday, announcing that Capt. Charles Spring's little trading yacht Loretta, had been picked up about five miles north of Newport, Oregon.

The Sea King. This fine old play with all its wealth of spectacular, scenic and mechanical effects, special music and necessarily big company, will be produced at the Victoria early next month.

On a Case. The annual report on the Insane Asylum at New Westminster, presented to the Legislative Assembly yesterday, shows that during the year 157 patients were under treatment, of whom 137 were men and 20 women.

Sympathy and Help. At a largely attended meeting of the miners at Wellington, held Thursday evening under the presidency of Mr. A. Sharp, it was decided to at once raise a fund for the subscription, a sum of money to be forwarded to the sufferers by the late explosion at the Spring Hill mines, in Nova Scotia.

In the Police Court. Thomas McGinty denied that he could properly be called a vagrant, when arraigned before the city police magistrate, yesterday morning, and his case was laid over for a day.

Was He Drowned. Workmen employed in the neighborhood of Janitor's wharf, Wednesday afternoon, reported hearing a cry for help coming from the water, which led them to think that some one was drowning.

Will It Go On Forever. As an hon. member remarked the other day, if John Cartwright is always aware of the amount of time consumed in discussing him, he would plume himself on being a very important individual.

Indian Feels. There is one melancholy line of the year when Indians are happy, and that is during the month of June.

The Warship Takes a Hand. A dispatch from Iquiqui says: "On the 10th inst. a battle was fought on the pampas at Dolores and the government defeated, with a loss of 300 men."

Out of the Ordinary. Yesterday's police court was more interesting than usual, and the list included one case of decided originality.

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MORAL REFORM.

Adoption of Resolutions on the Subject by a Public Meeting, Last Evening.

The Temperance and Moral Reform Association, which came into existence some time before the last mayoralty election, held their first public meeting last evening, in the Lyceum, Pandora street.

Increased Mail Facilities. Arrangements with the Spokane & Northern have been perfected for a daily mail and passenger line between Spokane Falls and Revelstoke, on the Canadian Pacific, early this morning.

Mr. O'Connell Appointed. At a special meeting of the board of public works, held last evening, Mr. Charles Hayward presided, and Trustees Walker, Erskine, Hall and Mallandaine were present.

With a Pistol. E. X. Boone, a well-known contractor of Port Townsend, succeeded in committing suicide by shooting himself with a pistol through the forehead early yesterday morning.

The Old Victory. The Nanaimo Free Press says: "The re-election of Mr. D. W. Gordon by acclamation at the hands of the electors of the extensive and important Vancouver Island district on Monday morning, was a triumph for Mr. Gordon."

An American Citizen. The Times last evening attempted to make a point by stating that Mr. P. Hickey, whose name appears upon the nomination papers of the Conservative party, is an American citizen.

Rock Creek Mines. Recent advices from a special correspondent give very favorable reports of the matters at Rock Creek and Okanagan. It is reported, on good authority, that a Spokane company, aided by Montana capitalists, intend bringing in machinery and a mill to work the barbo and Amelias mines.

Termy on Trial. A Tacoma special of Thursday to the Post-Intelligencer says: "Chester L. Termy, an ex-convict inspector of Seattle, appeared in the United States district court today, and on the 17th inst. pleaded guilty to the charge of having smuggled opium into this country."

Forged His Name. To the Editor:—A letter appears in last night's Times purporting to be from the members of the fire department. My name appears there without my knowledge or consent, and I do not know who placed it there.

Awfully Mixed. Around the site where a fine new block is shortly to arise on Government street, the contractor was, very properly, contacted a high board fence, and accordingly instructed the contractor to tear down the bills and tell real estate man No. 1 to go to mischief.

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The output from the Wellington mines for the month of January was 20,900 tons. A thousand tons a day is now about the figure.

Will Have a Contest. Mr. F. S. Barnard is to have a fight for his seat as the representative of Cariboo in the House of Commons, his opponent being Dr. Watt, who enters the lists as an Independent Conservative.

Temple at Home. The Good Templars of Cedar Hill celebrated their anniversary last evening, with an "At Home" in the school room.

The Second Empire. During the second week in April, the second of the C.P.R. Co.'s new Pacific steamers, the Empress of Japan, will sail from Liverpool around the world, for Victoria.

A Good Object. In order to further secure property from falling into the hands of liquor, A. N. Richards, police magistrate, has decided to send a letter to the Attorney-General, with the request that a law be framed to compel pawnbrokers to enter in a special book kept for that purpose, a description of all parties offering goods for sale or as pledges.

February Death Roll. There were twenty-three bodies interred in Ross Bay cemetery last month. The causes of death were thus enumerated: Dropsy, 2; consumption, 3; diarrhoea, 1; rheumatism, 2; cholera, 1; influenza, 1; cancer, 2; premature birth, 2; disease of the liver, 1; inflammation of the lungs, 1; abscess of the brain, 1; tetanus, 1; pneumonia, 1; inflammation of the bowels, 1; aneurism, 1; apoplexy, 1; and diabetes, 1.

Victoria Debating Society. A meeting of the above was held last night at 103 Government street. The subject of debate was "That the rejection of the Sunday Observance Act by the Parliament of British Columbia does not constitute a moral reform in any form, would keep people away from the city. It would induce the better quality of immigration, and would thus be beneficial. No good citizen will deny that it is better to have the 'black laws' of intemperance than the present 'black laws' of shame."

He Wanted It Over. In the city police court yesterday morning, a youngster who stole a number of articles from a cabinet below stairs, was sentenced to one month's imprisonment, with hard labor.

A Big Deal Talked of. A Vancouver special to the Post-Intelligencer, of Seattle, says: "It is current talk in certain circles in this city that the Canadian Pacific railway has all but completed the purchase of the Esquimalt & Nanaimo railway and the Dunsmuir coal mines at Wellington. Official reference to the matter cannot be had, but those who tell the story say that the official taking over of these properties is to be effected by the end of the year, although a public announcement of the purchase and transfer may not be immediately made. It is well known that the Dunsmuir mine has been operating their mines at enormous expense since the strike of the union miners and the Dunsmuir do not deny having offered their coal properties for sale."

Table with columns: REVENUE, IMPORTS (for February, 1891), EXPORTS (for February, 1891). Rows include Duties, Postal and Insp., Grain and Flour, Animal Imp., Sack Mariners' Fees, Steamboat Imp., Total, Receipts for February, 1891, Produce of Canada, Net Produce of Canada, Total.

Circumstances Against Him. PORTLAND, Oct. 27.—The case of Victor L. McKibben who was arrested last night for the larceny of \$8,777 from the Northern Pacific Express Co., was called in the police court to-day, but has been continued for examination until to-morrow.

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made a vigorous kick and also requested him to take the same trip as had been referred to. And now No. 2 is going to see the contractor, No. 1 is going to see No. 2, and the party of the third part will get after No. 1.

A Treat in Store. On the 17th of March the Sir William Wallace Society will give a concert and dance in their hall on Broad street. The principal feature of the evening will be a Highland dancing competition, open to all amateurs in British Columbia, by a handsome silver medal presented by the society and Mr. McKenzie Munro.

"My Belle." This is the bright and breezy name borne by the new sailing schooner for Capt. A. Douglas & Co., which was launched by Mr. Wm. Turple and his men yesterday afternoon. Her keel was laid about Dec. 10, and she is to be owned and sailed by Messrs. Douglas, Gilbert, Emil and others, all old sailing men.

IN CHAMBERS. (Before Mr. Justice Craes.) Powell v. Wintermute—Order to amend log claim. Granted; costs in case. Defendant to have time and leave to amend. Mr. Bowdell for plaintiff; Mr. Corbould for defendant.

THE TRUTH. To the Editor:—The Times, commenting on a portion of Mr. Van Horn's letter regarding abandoned farms in Canada, asks the question: "What is the cause of the township, the neighborhood of Brome, Stanstead, Coaticook, etc. Now, sir, my whole life has been spent in the County of Brome, and I have yet to learn of one abandoned farm in either of these counties mentioned, and more than that, these same counties are second to none for grazing and for the production of butter and cheese. Although the past two seasons have been very unfavorable on account of too much rain for grain raising, the poor farmer is not so near starvation as some people would be glad to make out just now, and not nearly so bad off as they will be five years hence, if the bars are torn down and the go as you please system is introduced."

Alert Bay Case. Alex. Martin, who recently Missioned, will build a new spring in the village. W. F. Rothwell is here from renewing old acquaintances. The steamer Chieftain, after a small last week and gladden the hearts of many, who had been a month.

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They Will Aid. It has been decided to provincial legislature on W until the following Monday members to return to the and vote for the candidates House of Commons.

Reward Offer. Frank Campbell offers a for the apprehension and parties who have twice torn into sections which he has bulletin boards. The act is and the individuals who were should be known to the

Government Savings. A notice, posted in the erment Savings Bank, stated announced in COLONIST telegram—the limit of deposits. Bank is increased to \$3,000, most also to \$500, and stock, redeemable first March, to be held in sums of \$10 of \$100, at 34 per cent., on the Savings Bank.

Ice in the Bay. The steamer Chieftain, Captain, arrived from Port Escham, arrived for the 6 with which the Chieftain, Thursday. On the Steamer, very little ice this winter, a die of the month of January water from the coast to the Chieftain later, and its navigation over, and its navigation an end to.

Fire at Alert Bay. The Indian agent's house got badly scorched on the 2 had accumulated on the top and fallen on the shingle that threatened destruction. The fire was discovered before it had made much progress, and the fire was extinguished. The fire was discovered before it had made much progress, and the fire was extinguished.

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