

OSCAR'S JAIL LIFE

Wilde, the Famous Author, Now Busy Scrubbing Floors at Reading.

Two Years Walking the Treadmill, Picking Oakum or Handing a Mop.

London, May 9.—Oscar Wilde will be liberated from the Reading Prison a week from next Wednesday, his two years' sentence expiring on that date.

Since Wilde's incarceration nothing has been known to his life in prison or his effects upon his health, except when he was brought before the registers in bankruptcy for public examination two or three months after beginning his term in prison.

To-day Wilde has not only regained his lost weight, but is actually fourteen pounds heavier than when he entered the prison.

After his sentence Wilde was first taken to the Wadsworth prison, where he was confined six months and entered the most terrible part of his punishment.

On leaving Wadsworth eighteen months ago Wilde bade farewell to the treadmill. He was taken to the Reading prison, where he has been confined since.

For many months he was almost invariably the first man to report the completion of his allotted tasks. Wilde's keepers report that he has maintained more than ordinary cheerfulness and has made no complaint in regard to his treatment either to the visiting justices.

The keepers report that Wilde, who has been compelled to attend religious services daily for the last eighteen months, has been the most attentive listener to the Rev. M. T. Friend, the prison chaplain.

Itching, Burning Skin Disease Cured for Thirty-Six Years. Dr. Agnew's Ointment relieves in one day and cures Tetter, Salt Rheum, Scald Head, Eczema, Barber's Itch, Lice, Blotches and all eruptions of the skin.

A NARROW ESCAPE.

An Attempt Made to Scuttle the American Ship Indiana.

San Francisco, May 12.—By the steamer Doric news has been received here that the American ship Indiana, of Hilo, from New York, was reported to have sprung a leak and damaged much of her cargo of sugar, which she took on after discharging her hold full of general merchandise.

FIRST STEPS TAKEN

Diamond Jubilee Finance Committee Hold Their First Meeting Last Evening.

A Systematic Canvas of the City for Subscriptions To Be Undertaken.

The Diamond Jubilee finance committee got down to work last evening and if the other committees do likewise Victoria will not be behind other cities of the Empire in celebrating the greatest event of the century.

No. 2.—North of Yates and west of Government street; Messrs. T. Deasy, R. L. Drury, T. Braubury and H. M. Price.

No. 3.—South of Yates street, between Government and Douglas; Messrs. B. Williams, J. Holland, W. H. Langley and W. L. Chaloner.

No. 4.—North of Yates street, between Government and Douglas; Messrs. G. Goodacre, H. N. Short, A. D. Macgregor and A. D. Stewart.

No. 5.—South of Yates street and east of Douglas; Messrs. W. Pearce, F. B. Pemberton, A. Harris and Lindley Crease.

No. 6.—North of Yates street and east of Douglas; Messrs. J. Bruden, M.P.P., J. Young, W. J. Hanna and W.P.P. Dalby.

No. 7.—James Bay; Messrs. F. Ellworthy, John Percy, A. D. John Hall and A. D. Stewart.

No. 8.—Rock Bay and Victoria West; Messrs. C. W. Jenkinson, Captain J. D. Warren and J. W. Laing, M. A.

The secretary was instructed to ask permission to have subscription lists placed in the banks, board of trade, clubs and other public offices.

MR. DINGLEY TALKS

Probable Additional Revenue That Will Be Yielded by Senate's Tariff Bill.

The Measure as Reported to the Senate—The 700 Amendments Made.

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Some criticism has been made on the bill, but it is not to be expected that the measure will be amended in any material way.

GRAND LODGE K. OF P. Annual Meeting Opened in New Westminster on Tuesday.

New Westminster, May 11.—The annual session of the Grand Lodge K. of P. of B. C. opened here this afternoon with about 100 members in attendance.

The Grand Lodge is very fortunate in having Supreme Chancellor P. T. Colgrave, of Hastings, Mich., in attendance at its opening.

BIG FIRE IN 'PRISCO. San Francisco, May 13.—Early yesterday morning fire broke out in the tannery of A. B. Patrick & Co., which occupies a strip of land between G and K streets.

The buildings destroyed numbered 10, four of which were two and a half story frame structures, 45x200 feet, and one two story building.

The fire had almost full sway after it had started, from the fact that the firemen could not get to the rear, the strip of land on which the tannery is situated being bounded on three sides by tide water.

What We Do Not Blame For. We are not to blame for the dispositions and tendencies which we derive from our ancestors, nor are we responsible for the germs of disease which may manifest themselves in our blood as a heritage from former generations.

QUEEN'S DRAWING ROOM. A Most Impressive Function at Buckingham Palace.

London, May 12.—The Queen's drawing room at Buckingham Palace yesterday was a most impressive function. Her Majesty was seated on the throne in addition to hosts of other distinguished people.

BRIEF LOCALS.

Cleanings of City and Provincial News in a Concise Form.

From Tuesday's Daily. The department of marine and fisheries has prohibited fishing with nets in Victoria harbor without a license.

The Arion club will give its third concert of the fifth season on the evening of the 27th instant in the Institute hall.

Sergt. Melton, provincial jailer, left last evening for Seattle to bring home his daughter, who eloped with W. Maynard.

The funeral of the infant son of Mr. W. J. Smith, of the steamship Tacoma, took place today from the family residence, No. 235 Johnson street.

A dispatch received from Mrs. Watson at New Westminster last evening, stated that there was a favorable change in the condition of her husband, Rev. Coverdale Wilson, who has been despaired of for several days past.

The first shipment of sealine sent this season was forwarded to London, via the morning steamer, Captain Charmer and the C. P. R., by Captain William Grant.

For selling liquor to minors Robert Barick was this morning fined \$2 by Magistrate Macrae. This light fine was imposed in view of the fact that Barick is a young man, and he only having recently taken over the Clarence Hotel.

Antonio Reda was this morning committed for trial for cutting and wounding Louis Palosa in the Grand Pacific Saloon on the morning of April 19th. Palosa's evidence was taken at the Jubilee Hotel. He told exactly the same story as the previous witnesses.

The delegates appointed to represent Victoria at the Methodist conference to be held to-morrow at Vancouver are as follows: From the Metropolitan Methodist church, D. Spencer and John Jessup; from the Centennial church, Walter Morris and J. E. Thomas; from James Bay Methodist church, Justin Gilbert.

At San Francisco yesterday Judge Cook commenced to take testimony to decide whether there is sufficient evidence to warrant the extradition of Black and Johnson, the two men held in San Francisco on the charge of being implicated in the robbery of Chaloner, Mitchell & Spring's store at Rossland.

Those having letters to send to any friends in the Yukon country should get them ready without any delay, for on Friday Mr. Thos. Fawcett, an employee of the interior department at Ottawa, will have under the direction of Architect J. C. M. Keith, Mr. Archibald Martin was appointed delegate to the Synod. Mr. W. C. Ward, who previously held that position, having resigned.

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From Wednesday's Daily. Kookanee Creek stock is gaining in favor as the public are investigating its merits with satisfactory results.

The sealing schooner Pioneer left this afternoon for the Copper Islands, where Capt. Baker intends to hunt this season.

A telegram has been sent by the council of the Board of Trade to Senator Molme, endorsing his proposition to establish a government mint in Canada.

There were many old timers present at the funeral of the late John Ross, which took place this afternoon from Hanna's undertaking parlors. The pallbearers were: Messrs. T. J. Burnes, W. Priest, Jos. Levy, D. Hart, R. J. Johnson and F. A. Nicholson.

The funeral of Mary Hildreth Van Slyke took place at Metochin yesterday. Rev. W. H. G. Ellison officiating. A large number of the residents of that district attended and tendered their sympathies to the bereaved parents.

Mr. Thos. Fawcett, the gold commissioner appointed by the Dominion government for the Yukon country, arrived from Ottawa last evening, accompanied by his assistants, Messrs. Gibson and Bolton, and a staff of four.

The advisability of making an addition to the rectory was considered at a special meeting of the vestry of Christ Church Cathedral held yesterday evening. The present accommodation being inadequate, arrangements will be made to have the work of enlargement carried out at once under the direction of Architect J. C. M. Keith.

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Mr. C. H. Lombard yesterday, received a brief telegram announcing the death at Eureka, California, of Honora Kelly, relict of the late Captain Ryan, who was formerly a well known resident of this city.

A few days ago Rev. Mr. Ellison, of Albert Head, reported to the provincial police that he had lost some clothing and shoes from his residence. To-day, however, he was arrested by Constable Devan and taken to the Victoria Police station.

Some judgment was reserved until Saturday. A divorce suit is now occupying the attention of the Spokane courts, which has been brought by Herman A. Campbell, who says he was married in this city in 1894, against his wife Nellie. The ground on which the complaint is based is desertion.

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