

FROM THE DAILY COLONIST, NOV. 18.

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

A Wedding at the Synagogue.

Cards are out for the marriage of Mr. Harry Salmon, of the Victoria's most popular business man, to Miss Frederica Blumenfeld, also a decided favorite in the city. The event takes place in the Synagogue, on the 24th inst., at 1.30, and admission will be by ticket only.

Nearing Completion.

The public market, on Cormorant street, is nearing completion. The great iron gates have been hung, and yesterday the work of laying an eleven-foot pathway of asphalt in front of the building, was begun. The building, which is to be handed over by the contractor, will be a very creditable structure, as well as a great public convenience.

A Babes' Lodge.

Bros. J. H. Phillips, G. M. H. Waller, G. B. J. E. Meldrum, P. G. M.; Sisters Waller, Crane, Dempster, Medrum and Bishop, left, this morning, by the Yosemite to open a lodge at the Daughters of Rebekah at New Westminster. The delegation are all experienced workers in the order, and New Westminster is bound to have a sound and intelligent initiation.

The Frigate Santa Barbara.

A Santa Barbara special of the 16th says: "The British flag ship *Wasp* arrived here this morning on her way from England to South American waters. She will remain until tomorrow night, when she will be thrown open to the public this afternoon and visited by a large number of people. She is the largest warship in the Pacific ocean, 8,400 tons, and carries a crew of 600 men."

Four Fingers Lost.

Mr. Fee, a Chinese employee of Muirhead & Mann's saw and door factory, was yesterday deprived of the fingers of his right hand. While attending the rip-saw, his hand got under the teeth, and in an instant the fingers fell to the other side of the bench. Dr. Foot was summoned, and having examined the sufferer and temporarily dressed the wound, ordered his removal to the Justice Hospital.

Improvements on Langley Street.

Messrs. Smith & Clark, contractors, commenced clearing on Langley street, between Port and Nelson, yesterday, and will, to-day, break ground for a two-story block, or building rather, on the corner estate, next to Eberts and Taylor's law office. The new building will contain a number of first class offices, will have a frontage of 22 feet and a depth of 60, and will cost about \$5,000.

Fire at James Bay.

Box 61 rang out yesterday, signalling the fire brigade to 21 King street, James Bay, where, at the home of George Gaudy, some boxes of hay were found to be smoking. The hay had been set alight by the ten-year old son of the owner, in the absence of his mother. There were about fifteen boxes in all, six of which were burned on the outside. The garden hose sufficed to put out the flames. Damage about \$10.

The Comus Club.

The second quadrille party in connection with the Comus Club was held last night in the Philharmonic Hall, when about 400 couples enjoyed themselves to their heart's content. The floor was in good order, the music, excellent, and the party in high spirits. What more could be desired to ensure a success? The programme contained sixteen items, with the usual number of extras, and when the last dance was over, with something like regret that the party broke up, it may be, but with longings for the next happy meeting of the club.

Somewhat in Error.

The telegram from Ottawa on Sunday stated that the hitch between the Victoria post-office and the customs authorities was the result of a misunderstanding on the part of Postmaster Shakespeare. This is not the case, for the Postmaster was simply acting on instructions from the department. A new method had been introduced in the handling of foreign postal packages before the machinery to carry it out had been provided. The old system is again in force, but only until the new one is perfected.

Pie Social.

A large gathering got the pie social, given by the John and Epworth League, in the Pandora Avenue Methodist church lecture room, last night. The programme was one of the best which local talent has supplied this season. A combination of some really good musical selections, both instrumental and vocal. Rev. Coverdale Watson, opened the social with a short address, after which the programme proper was taken up. It was furnished by Messrs. Clarke, and Messrs. Booth, Short, McMillan, Hardy, Bishop, and Catnach. A jolly good time was spent all round.

To Be Completed by July.

The Albion Iron Works Company have contracted with the E. N. Railway Company to deliver a new and thoroughly first-class steamer for the Comox route, the last of July next. The vessel, upon the frame of which work has already been commenced, will be by far the largest and most powerful ever built in British Columbia. The dimensions of the new steamer are: length 100 feet, beam 12 feet, depth 12 feet, draft 12 feet. She will derive her motive power from twin screw propellers, and will be of very similar appearance to the City of Victoria. Messrs. Stephens & Turpin have the subcontract for the framework, and they are now hard at it, preparing for handling their extensive contract.

A Chinese Headier.

A telegram, yesterday morning, received from the Chief of Police at San Francisco, asking Chief Sheppard of this city to have a look out for "Wong Yuen, 30 years of age, small, slight build, 5 ft. 2 in. tall, per Oregon express train for the North. Think he'll try to get to your place. Should have \$20,000 with him." The Chief handed the message over to Sergeant Lavelle, who watched the train, and the board the Victoria, found his man. When Wong Yuen was approached he seemed to be on the alert, and at once offered the officer a bribe. Producing a sachet he offered the Sergeant \$5,000 to let him go, and the Sergeant was not to be tempted even by this munificent bribe, and made the Celestial prisoner. When brought to the lock-up the contents of the sachet were examined and found to be \$5,000 with some odd cents. Of this amount \$4,850 was in gold. The whole amount is said to have been embezzled by Wong, and his guilt is half admitted by his action in trying to bribe the officer. A spark was at once sent to San Francisco, announcing the arrest, and back flashed the message to detain him. An officer is expected to-morrow, to take the prisoner back, with his wife and two children, to the United States. Wong is a Chinese merchant in the Bay City. He is said to have appropriated \$20,000, and with the

sum found in his possession, and representative value in the shape of bonds and deeds, the total is almost made up. Sergeant Levin, by this arrest, has added another to his long list of clever detective work.

The Senate.

Steve O'Brien has sold his interest in the Senate saloon to Fred. Ward, a late conductor on the E. & N. R.R., who will now look after the thirty or thirty-five many patrons of the S. saloon. The old fresh place should become more popular than ever under Mr. Weldon's management.

Not P. A. Robinson.

Mr. P. A. Robinson, of Muirhead & Mann's, is not the gentleman referred to as having gone on a hunting expedition with a friend named Denny. It is Mr. P. A. Robinson's brother, who, with his companion, was seen with a trail at Cordova Bay, last Sunday night, and who is probably there yet.

Sold for \$350.

Capt. Clarke sold the wreck of the ship *Sarah* at auction, yesterday. Mr. Straith, storekeeper of Cape Beale, buying it in for \$350. This is considered a high price, as the ship is broken in two, her masts are gone, and the ordinary cargo has been wrecked, everything portable. Mr. Provost bid \$350, intending to give the Mascotte work at the wreck.

Orange Grand Lodge.

The first Orange Grand Lodge session in British Columbia was opened, at Westminster, on Monday, the lodge of Victoria and district being represented by Messrs. J. J. Mowbray, J. A. McFarlane, and J. Bretherton. It was decided to hold the next session at Vancouver on the second Tuesday in March, and the proceedings of the meeting were terminated with a grand banquet.

Disregard the Warning.

The schooner *Challenge* has, according to the latest reports, entered Bering Sea in search of seals, despite the prohibition issued by Great Britain and the United States. The owners of the vessel apparently do not heed the warning, and in this respect they resemble those who do not use London hospital good cure for their colds, when caught out to sea. It may be presumed that the schooner will be wrecked, and the public action on the part of the owners and captain of the *Challenge*.

Victoria Building Society.

The twenty-first drawing in connection with the above society was held, at the Sir William Wallace Society's Hall, Broad street, last evening, and resulted in No. 26 being the lucky number. The following gentlemen were nominated by the members present as the lucky number: Messrs. J. J. Mowbray, J. A. McFarlane, and J. Bretherton. This makes \$72,000 drawn for, \$68,000 of which is out of mortgage.

At Westminster West.

The social and entertainment, given by the Guild of St. Saviour's church, in the Victoria West Hall, last night, was a decided success. The hall was filled to its capacity, and a good number of guests were present. The music, excellent, and the party in high spirits. What more could be desired to ensure a success? The programme contained sixteen items, with the usual number of extras, and when the last dance was over, with something like regret that the party broke up, it may be, but with longings for the next happy meeting of the club.

The Cabaret Cur.

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A MODERN WRECKER.

The Mascotte Alma to fill a Tangle Want. Before the first of January, 1892, British Columbia can boast of having as well equipped and powerful a wrecker as well as a modern wrecker. The Mascotte Alma, a Tangle Want, is a T. P. H. Whitehead, or any other on the Pacific Coast, or else the owner of the Mascotte very much more than a Tangle Want. Strong and heavy special machinery is now on the way from Eastern factories, and in about a month the steamer will have the power of her derrick increased, three large pumps added to her equipment, and other alterations made to transform her into a complete modern wrecker, ready for business at any time. She will work in connection with the divers, and add electric light apparatus, etc., as it is found to be needed. Freightage is not very profitable at present, so her owners say, and a good wrecker is needed, hence their intention to make one of the Mascotte.

Capt. McCoskie has practically demon-

strated the fact that it is not necessary to handle a wreck. It only took him four days to raise the engines, etc., of the Emma and make a couple of thousand dollars for the ship; \$20,000 for the work was done in 24 hours on the Loch, and the divers have shown their ability in their special work by bringing up the heavy anchors lost at Nanaimo in 22 fathoms of water a few days ago. The Mascotte, with her derrick, bottom and chain hoists, is claimed, can lift, with ease weights that Whitehead's much-talked-of steamer would not attempt to handle. Speaking of Whitehead, the owners of the Mascotte saw how it is that the *Sarah* wrecker was allowed to come here and make money on the Barnard Castle and other wrecks lying on the Vancouver Island coast, while International law prevents their boat working in American waters. They were offered \$25,000 for all steel rails recovered at Desolation Pass, where a scow-load of 180 tons capsized a short time ago; but were informed by the U. S. Government that this could not be allowed.

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