From the DAILY COLONIST, June 24.

THE CITY.

B. VANVOLKENBURGH has leased the premises on Yates street formerly known as Haywood's market, and is fitting it up for a general meat business.

COMPLAINTS are general that the city water taken from the pipes is exceedingly unpalatable on account of the presence of vegetable particles and various small life. Bugs, worms and minute fish are frequently found in the fluid.

WHILE trimming a piece of timber yesterday with an adze, A. Wisner, a carpenter working at the outer wharf, cut his leg so severely that it is probable he will not be able to use it again for two or three months. After the accident the injured man was taken to his home in the Work Estate.

MAYOR BEAVEN, Police Magistrate Macrae and Dr. J. W. Powell, J.P., sat as the city board of licensing commissioners yesterday, and refused the license asked for by Mr. Bossi for the Osborne house, corner of Pandora avenue and Blanchard street. Under the law no further application can be made for the premises within one year.

THOMAS MUSGRAVE, who was in Victoria on the 16th of February last, will learn of something to his advantage and at the same time relieve the anxiety of his mother, if he communicates with her at once at 95 Milton street, High Park, Southport, Lancashire, England. Musgrave is described as thirty years of age, height 5 feet 6 inches, medium complexion, very dark eyes, thick set, front teeth much decayed, and little finger of right hand missing.

"SOME men are born to honor, others strive for it, and some have it thrust upon them," quoted City Clerk W. J. Dowler yesterday when he read the announcement that he had been appointed Grand Tyler of the M. W. Grand lodge A. F. & A. M. of British Columbia. The fact is Mr. Dowler is not even a Mason, and the error which credited him with being so honored, was the means of depriving Mr. Chas. Dow, who was re-elected to the position, of the pleasure of seeing his name in print.

BRITISH COLUMBIANS are certainly doing their share to make Canada's wedding present for the Princess May something worthy of this great and prosperous Dominion and of the regard in which Canadians hold the royal bride. Last Wednesday Mrs. Dewdney, who has charge of the work of collection in this Province, had the pleasure of remitting a draft for $241 to Lady Derby, this amount being made up of contributions received from Victoria, Vancouver and Nanaimo only, Westminster, Kamloops and Vernon remaining to be heard from. The sum of $110 was collected in this city, $106 in Vancouver and $25 in Nanaimo.

THE Summer Term Examination of the Collegiate School will commence about the 10th July, prox., and the term end on the 28th July. The examiner will be Rev. Canon Beanlands, M.A., assisted by the Head Master, Rev. C. E. Sharp, M.A. The next term will commence on the 25th September, when the school will open as the Christ Church Collegiate School, with Right Rev. W. W. Perrin, D.D., as Patron and visitor and under the superintendence of the Christ Church Cathedral clergy. Under these auspices it is confidently expected that the Christ Church Collegiate School will soon attain the position it held about twelve years ago.

ADDITIONAL papers in the case of Rev. A. R. Reams were received by Sheriff Warfield from the City of Washington yesterday, and he is now simply waiting for the expiration of the fortnight to return with the unfaithful clergyman to Merced. Reams still insists that the girl is nearer eighteen than sixteen, and has sent for all documentary evidence obtainable. In the event of its proving favorable he will take advantage of the permission given him to re-open the case under *habeas corpus* proceedings. Mr. Rucker and his daughter left for home somewhat sooner than they expected, catching Thursday's Kingston, which waited for the theatrical company.

THE second of the series of lectures on the World's Fair, which Rev. J. E. Coombs, pastor of Calvary Baptist church, is giving, attracted a large audience to The Victoria last evening. Mr. Coombs' interesting story of the Fair, with his excellent lime-light illustrations of many of the great exhibits, gives to those desirous of learning the "ins" and "outs" of the great show, without visiting it, a very fair idea of the wonders of the immense affair. The scenes which the lecturer produced on the canvas were made very interesting by the description which he gave in connection with them, the latter no doubt being considered by the majority of those present to be the greater treat. Probably the best pictures presented last evening were those in the electric and mineral classes, but many others of exceptional interest were also shown.

IN CONNECTION with the announcements made of promotions from the Central School, boys' and girls' divisions, there has been some enquiry as to why there are no promotions from the "annex." The reason is plain enough to those who understand the circumstances under which this annex was started. When the Central School became very much over-crowded, the Government granted permission to establish a branch school with four divisions; this was to be a subsidiary school simply to relieve the congested condition of some of the rooms. Into the branch school there were transferred the junior class pupils from each of the divisions, boys and girls, so that the pupils who attended the annex were naturally those in the junior classes of the divisions to which they belong. After their term's work they will be transferred to the Central School, where they will form the senior classes in their respective divisions, while those who have been promoted from the various divisions and who would naturally be the junior classes in their new divisions, will go to the annex.

ONE of the arrivals by the steamer City of Kingston, last evening, was C. H. Rattray, who comes from Spokane to act as the Great Northern railway general freight and passenger agent for this city. Mr. Rattray will open up an office in the Adelphi block at once and will give Victorians the benefit of the recent reductions in railway fares. Mr. Rattray travelled from Spokane on the first train of new cars which reached Seattle on Thursday over the Great Northern. The train consisted of a baggage and express car, two day coaches, dining car, buffet, library and smoking car, besides the private car of the general superintendent of the road. The cars were remarkably handsome, the sleeper being finished in polished oak with damask hangings. Finest of all was the interior of the buffet car, finished beautifully in old gold and polished oak, with easy chairs, a well selected library and a writing desk supplied with writing material for the use of the passengers. Besides these comforts, this wonderful car contains little tete-a-tete rooms separated by delicate screens of scroll work, and a barber shop, where the traveller can have his hair cut or a shave, and a bathroom.

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THE annual meeting of the Law Society will be held in Victoria on July 3.

PASSENGER rates on the Northern railroads have again fallen, leaving the price now for first-class fares to St. Paul $25, and second-class $18, on either of the competing roads.

THE local officers of the Salvation Army have the Victoria theatre engaged for the evenings of July 8, 9 and 10, for special services in connection with the visit of Commander H. H. Booth.

THE closing exercises of the Craigflower Public school, S. Shepperd, teacher, took place on Friday, and were largely attended by parents and friends. Prizes were awarded by Mr. Eberts, M.P.P., and Messrs. Hibben & Co.

OFFICERS of the whaler Sea Ranger, which was wrecked in Alaskan waters, have made charges against Capt. Ludlow of the U. S. S. Mohican, who they say refused to give them any assistance at Sitka when they were in desperate circumstances, having no money and no means of obtaining food or shelter.

IN the City Police court yesterday, two Indians, Jack and Joe, were charged with fighting and discharged. Cecil King and George Donaldson were convicted of having maliciously injured corporation property—they had, in playing, broken the gauge of the corporation steam drill—and ordered to pay $5 each towards repairing damages.

WILLIAM A. CAMPBELL, a well known Victorian, died at the residence of his father, Captain Campbell, on North Park street, yesterday afternoon. The deceased had been suffering from consumption for some time past, having recently returned home from Yokohama on account of his poor health. His funeral will take place from the family residence at 2 o'clock on Tuesday.

THE newly elected officers of Calvary Baptist church are as follows: J. L. Beckwith, treasurer; D. Campbell, financial secretary; Lewis G. Hill, clerk; Deacons—Walker, McMillan, Cleveland, Clark and McNeill; Superintendent, A. Howell; Organist, Miss MacKechnie; and Choir Leader, Mr. Watson. Superintendent of Burnside mission, A. J. Clyde, and of Victoria West, R. Marshall.

LEE FOOK BOW, a Chinese merchant living at San Francisco, is in trouble with the U. S. Customs officers at Port Townsend over his wife, who he claims was born in the United States. Two months ago they came up to Victoria from San Francisco, but on the return trip were refused a landing, and after trying in vain to get ashore again at Victoria, they went to Port Townsend, where Judge Swan, after examination of their certificates, ordered the fair celestial deported. Lee Fook Bow has obtained her release on habeas corpus, and will fight the matter in the courts.

MR. E. ARROWSMITH, who had considerable experience in evangelistic work in London, Eng., is expected here this week, and arrangements have made by the managing committee of the Y.M.C.A. for him to conduct services in their rooms on Tuesday and Wednesday. The first meeting will be for ministers and Christian workers at 3 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon. An hour later there will be a special service for children and young people, and at 8 o'clock in the evening of the same day will be held a general meeting. Another general meeting takes place the following morning at 10:30 o'clock and in the evening at 8 o'clock. The second children's service commences at 4 o'clock that day, but an hour previous service in connection with the United Scripture Union will be conducted.

AT the Full court, sitting on July 10, an appeal will be made against the decision of Mr. Justice Crease in the matter of Adams v. McBeath, setting aside the will of the late Thomas Adams, on the following grounds: That in order to support the judgment setting aside the will in question on the ground of undue influence it must be proved that the said will was executed under the influence of coercion, such as to deprive the testator of the free exercise of his own judgment in respect to the disposition of his property, or that the said will had been obtained from the testator by fraud of the defendant. That the facts and circumstances disclosed in evidence did not establish such a case as against the defendant, but that on the contrary it was proved that the instructions for the will originated with and were given by the testator personally. That the will was drawn according to his instructions, and that he knew and approved of its contents before and after its execution, and that he executed the same voluntarily and without any improper influence being brought to bear upon him by the defendant or anyone acting on his behalf. That the judgment is against the weight of evidence.

CHICAGO, June 23.—A traffic alliance, destined to affect the Eastern railroad situation, was effected to-day. It is a reciprocal traffic contract between the Grand Trunk and Reading system, including the interchange of all kinds of freight and passenger traffic. The first outcome of the new alliance is a new fast freight line, to be called the Reading Despatch. It will be put into operation on August 1. Agencies will be established and business handled to and from Chicago, New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Buffalo, and all other important New England and Eastern cities reached by the Lehigh Valley, New York & New England and Reading roads. The Grand Trunk and Reading will each put 1,500 cars into the service of the fast freight line, and will each furnish half the additional equipment as fast as it is needed. General Traffic Manager Taylor, of the Reading, has been in Chicago several days completing the details of the alliance, which is similar to that between the Union Pacific and Northwestern.

NEW YORK, June 23.—A special to the Times from the City of Mexico, says: A band of kidnappers has been operating in this city for several months with great success. Their success caused them to grow bold in their work, and, as a result, the police have captured two of the leaders, Anastace Compas and Felix Medina. A few days ago Vincente Romero, a wealthy merchant here, received a letter from the outlaws, ordering him to meet them at a given place and give them $1,000. If he refused, the penalty would be death. Mr. Romero placed the matter in the hands of the police, and the plans for the capture of the robbers were carefully laid and accomplished.

Strongly Endorsed.

The Advertising of Hood's Sarsaparilla appeals to the sober, common sense of thinking people, because it is true, and it is always fully substantiated by endorsements which in the financial world would be accepted without a moment's hesitation. They tell the story—HOOD'S CURES.

Hood's Pills cure liver ills, jaundice, biliousness, sick headache, constipation.

WELL AND TRULY LAID.

Masonic Honors Attend the Ceremony of Placing the Corner Stone of the New P. O. Home.

A Large and Enthusiastic Gathering at the New Site on Hillside Avenue.

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these ye have done it unto me."

It was with the principle, embodied in these words, in mind that in the summer of 1873 the first Protestant Orphans' Home in British Columbia was established, and therefore it was most appropriate that yesterday afternoon, after twenty years of successful work for the little ones, when the occasion came to lay the corner-stone of a new edifice with increased accommodation and much more advantageous location, this texts should have been placed in the most conspicuous position, showing to the world the motto of the workers.

The ceremony at the site of the new building on Hillside avenue attracted a very large attendance, indeed. The three grand stands erected by the committee of management faced the building on either side, and were crowded to their capacity. Amongst the visitors were a very large number of ladies and children while their gentlemen friends were scarcely less numerous. The children of the home occupied the upper seats of one stand, and looked with eager eyes on the walls of the new building, which before the fall will be their abode. Although once or twice there was a little sprinkling of rain, not enough fell to cause even discomfort or to lay the dust. From beginning to end the ceremony went off smoothly, and the committee of management must have felt extremely gratified at the great interest exhibited.

Shortly before 3 o'clock the members of the M. W. Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M., formed in procession at the Masonic Temple on Douglas street, and to the music of C Battery band, marched out to Hillside avenue, where they took up their position on the ground in front of the building, the Grand Lodge officers being seated on a raised platform erected in front, with the committee of management and a number of friends. President F. H. Worlock occupied the chair, and after the opening hymn by the united choirs, under the leadership of Mr. J. G. Brown, and prayer by Rev. S. Cleaver, he briefly explained the object of the gathering. The committee of management, he said, regretted extremely that their arrangements had all been so far advanced that, when the news came that must have shocked the world, of the sinking of H.M.S. Victoria with an appalling loss of life, it would have been not only inconvenient but almost impossible to alter them, as they would otherwise have wished to have done. With reference to the ceremony of laying the corner stone, he said that, for the past few years, those interested in the B. C. Orphan's Home had felt the necessity for increased accommodation, for with the growth of the Province, the demands upon the Home had correspondingly increased. Yet, up to the present time, the Home had been so favored that they had not had occasion to turn away a single deserving applicant. Forseeing the possible needs of the Home, the Almighty had placed it in the heart of His servant, John George Taylor, to leave the whole of his property for the purposes of the Home, and with the money thus obtained the committee were able to purchase a magnificent site, and had commenced the erection of the present building, which, when completed would furnish accommodation for 100 beds, which it was hoped, would be sufficient for years to come. The support of the orphans and destitute children had ever appealed to the sympathy of all, and relying on this the committee looked forward with confidence to the future, firmly believing that the Divine hand which had always protected the orphan, would still continue to shower its benefits upon them, and that no appeal for help would ever be made in vain. The Most Worshipful Grand Master would now lay the corner stone of the building which would at once be a shelter and home for the orphan children, and a lasting monument to the memory and generosity of the late John George Taylor. (Applause.)

Mayor Beaven, who was called upon for a short address, apologized for being unable to make himself heard on account of a severe cold. He was sure it was a matter of congratulation to those connected with this laudable enterprise that they had years ago been able to establish a home and to carry it on successfully for so long, and now to be able to erect so magnificent a building as this promised to be, as a shelter for the destitute and the orphan. As a Mason, he had been present at the laying of the corner stone of the present home on Rae street, and was especially pleased to assist to-day, seeing as he did in the large attendance and manifest enthusiasm, a fair augury of future success. (Applause.)

Rt. Rev. Bishop Cridge then read the following history of the home, which written on parchment was placed in the corner stone:

"By the fraternal hands of the Masonic body, ever renowned for kind and charitable deeds, we, the managers and members of the "Protestant Orphans' Home," giving all glory to God, lay to-day the foundation stone of a noble edifice for a noble cause. Should the History, which, with other memorials, is deposited therein, come to light in a future time, we reach forth to our brethern of that time, testifying to the divine goodness which has helped us thus far.

It was a day of small things when the need of such an institution pressed itself on the Protestants of Victoria; yet this very straitness, by urging them to unite, has proved a blessing in disguise rather than a disadvantage.

Although our Catholic brethern were first in the field in a public way, with ever open doors for destitute children, it was none the less our duty to relieve them of a charge which justly devolved upon ourselves.

It was in the summer of 1873, just twenty years ago, that the then senior ministers of the Protestant body in Victoria—the Rev. Wm. Pollard, Methodist, the Rev. S. Macgregor, Presbyterian, and the Rev. Dean Cridge, Episcopal—had their attention drawn to this need; a need which they were the better prepared to deal with through their having been accustomed to hold weekly conferences on subjects of common interest. Standing together one day at the parsonage gate in Humboldt street, the question arose in this form:

"Seeing that neither of our bodies is strong enough in itself to found the Home, could it be done if we were to unite?" A pause ensued, and then Mr. Macgregor said in his quiet way, "I think it might be done." All agreeing, they called together three lay members of each church with the result that a provisional committee of twelve was formed, who forthwith proceeded to frame a constitution. If any difficulties had been apprehended on the religious element, none such appeared. A ladies' committee of twelve, four from each church, was also formed, and the scheme, given to the public, met with immediate approval and support. Victoria, God bless her, ever famous for her prompt and ready help to the needy and distressed, did not fail in this. Annual subscriptions, collections by maidens, gifts in kind, larger donations from divers public bodies, ever kept the treasury supplied. Help came from other parts of the Province. It were too long to tell of kind physicians and others who have rendered their services freely or, of those who have made the orphans partakers in many a scene of innocent pleasure.

As to the operations of the society, its beginnings were unpretentious. The children, including those who had been previously maintained by private subscriptions, were lodged in private houses. We then rented, and soon purchased, the property in Rae street, the mortgage on which being speedily cleared off, the old building was taken down, and the present Home erected in its stead. Each succeeding year found us more prosperous, until the bequest of the late John G. Taylor, ever a tender friend of the orphans, enabled us to aspire to a building and grounds more suited to our advanced condition.

BRITISH COLUMBIA PROTESTANT ORPHANS' HOME.

The religious constitution of the Home requires more than a passing notice.

As to its government, the representation is by churches and not by congregations; and its fundamental principle is ministerial equality, the founders following in this, as we believe, the law of our Lord, who said, "One is your Master, even Christ, and all ye are brethren."

By this means a close and tender relation obtains between the Home and the Household of Faith, whose ministers, in turn, are the pastors and teachers of the little flock. The Christian women of the churches, imbued with one spirit of love to the little ones, wisely and patiently minister to their needs, and the matrons, especially the beloved sister now in charge, are their true mothers.

There is one event, of quite recent occurrence, which, as it is altogether unprecedented in our history, ought not to be omitted.

The presence of the Right Reverend Bishop Perrin, the latest bishop in the Anglican Communion in this Province, appearing on the same platform and for the same cause, with the pioneer of Methodism at a time when our country was not yet called British Columbia, namely, the Reverend E. Robson, is a sign of a liberal spirit on his part, which, from his previous reputation, we were not unprepared to witness; but his uniting also with the Masonic body, of which he is so distinguished a member, and in which he is exercising so impressive a function—in bestowing a benediction on this Protestant Home—may we hope be regarded as a step to that unity which its founders sought, and not unsuccessfully, to attain in adopting as their guide the Sixth Article of the Church of England.

We conclude with the earnest hope and prayer that within the walls which are now rising, hymns of praise from children's tongues may resound through all remaining time to the glory of their kind and gentle Shepherd, Jesus Christ, our Lord."

FIRST COMMITTEE, 1873.

Armstrong, Hon W. J., Cridge, Rev. Dean, Langley, A. J., J.P. Macdonald, Hon. W. J., Pres., Mrs. Cridge, Mrs. Dupont, Mrs. Kent, Mrs. W. J. Macdonald,	Episcopal
Jessop, J., Immigration Agent, McMillan, J. E., J.P., Pollard, Rev. W., Spencer, D., Treasurer, Mrs Jeffree, Mrs. Pollard, Mrs Sarsison, Mrs Stafford,	Methodist
Macgregor, Rev. S., Munro, Alex., Robson, J., M.P.P., Secretary, Wallace, R., Mrs. Finlayson, Mrs. McGregor, Mrs. Raymur, Mrs. Watt.	Presbyterian

The hymn "Blest be the tie that binds" was then sung by the united choirs, and afterwards Rt. Rev. Bishop Perrin addressed the audience, making one of the most eloquent, telling speeches ever heard in Victoria. His first duty, he said, was to make a public apology to the Most Worshipful Grand Master for not having paid his respects to the Grand lodge, being prevented from doing so by the pressure of a great many minor matters, none of them, however, so important as the lodge meeting. He was thankful to be allowed the privilege of being present at the laying of the corner stone, an event of the greatest importance, and when the walls of the edifice were completed, perhaps before they were, he hoped to have some share in the work to be done in supporting and assisting the institution. (Applause.) Speaking for himself and his brother clergy of the Church of England, he would say that in any work of the kind, in any good work in fact, they did not want to be left out in the cold. But while this was the case, while he always hoped he would be found ready to assist in such work as the present, and in temperance work, of which he had already been fortunately able to do a share, he did not wish a statement that had been made on the platform to pass without comment, that he was one of those who were willing to sacrifice a portion of his principles in order to have a unity of the different denominations which now unhappily existed. (Hear, hear.) He might make such a profession to catch the popular ear, but he was sure, should he let an impression of that kind go abroad, the people would not respect him any more for it, while he would be placing himself in a false position. There were, no one could deny it, differences of opinion between the various denominations, differences, too, for which no one was more sorry than he; but it would be an unpardonable act of his should he let this vast audience imagine that he had no principles within him, principles which he was bound to maintain and for which he was prepared to fight. Were it not for this principle, were it not that he believed that the Church of England represented everything that was the highest ideal of the teaching of Christ, he would, actuated by conscientiousness, leave it, and join that denomination he should then consider did. (Applause.) The goal which was set before the members of the Church of England could not be represented by any one article of the Christian religion, but the teaching was contained in the whole thirty-nine, as set forth in the Book of Common Prayer, and these he was at all times prepared and determined to stand by. (Applause.) He had to congratulate Victorians on turning out in such numbers to attend such a ceremony as the present, and was sure he but voiced their sentiments when, with his whole heart, he wished the institution every success it was possible to attain. He asked them not to be content with seeing the orphaned children in the new home, but to take advantage of every opportunity afforded to assist the managing board in maintaining it, always remembering that there was no grander privilege accorded to man than that of assisting in advancing the cause of pure religion and undefiled. (Applause.)

Rev. Dr. Campbell also delivered an eloquent address, in which he gave great credit to the fathers of this noble institution, who had carried on their work with great perseverance under great difficulties, and now, as a result of their labors, had the satisfaction of seeing the fruits—the erection of what would be a magnificent home for the little ones. He paid a glowing tribute to Bishop Cridge, whose head, white with the snow of years, was but preparing for its crown of life. There was, he felt assured, no danger of failure in the future, for the heart of Victoria was with the managers in their noble work. (Applause.)

President Worlock, on behalf of the committee of management, then presented Most Worshipful Grand Master Clarke with a beautiful silver trowel, both blade and handle being made of British Columbia ore and wood respectively. It was manufactured by Mr. C. E. Redfern, and is really a beautiful piece of work, having on one side an engraving of the new home similar to that published herewith, and on the other the words:

"Presented to the M. W. Grand Master, Grand Lodge A. F. and A. M. of B. C., June 24, 1893—laying of the corner stone B. C. Protestant Orphans' Home."

After acknowledging the presentation, the Grand Master and Grand Lodge officers then proceeded with the laying of the corner stone. The Grand Treasurer deposited in the cavity a sealed copper box containing the following articles:—

History of the rise and progress of the Institution by the Right Rev. Bishop Cridge; the Annual Report of the Home, with names of officers, committees and subscribers to its funds; Constitution of the Home; copy of the last will and testament of John George Taylor, deceased; British Columbia Directory, 1893; Newspapers of the Province of latest date, being copies of the Victoria COLONIST and Times, Nanaimo Free Press, Vancouver World and News-Advertiser, and Westminster Columbian; "British Columbia, Its Present Resources and Future Possibilities;" the Constitution of the M. W. Grand Lodge, A. F. and A. M., and list of officers; Programme of the day's proceedings; coin of Great Britain, Canada, Australia and United States; name of architect, assistants, superintendent, contractors, and a list of workmen who have wrought on the building.

The inscription of the corner stone is as follows:

BRITISH COLUMBIA PROTESTANT ORPHANS' HOME.

FOUNDED A. D. 1873.

This site and building were purchased and erected by bequest of John G. Taylor, A. D. 1893.

Corn, wine and oil were poured on the stone, emblems of sufficiency, refreshment and joy, and after an invocation by the M. W. Grand Master the public Grand Honors were given, and while the band played a number of selections the collection was taken up, a large sum being realized. Rt Rev Bishop Sillitoe then offered a prayer, after which the Masons sang "Hail Masonry Divine," and prayers, followed by the benediction, concluded the ceremony. Before dispersing, the whole audience joined, with uncovered heads, in singing the doxology—"Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

SAN FRANCISCO, June 23.—This morning Mayor Ellert appointed a committee to consider the advisability of moving the European exhibits at the World's Fair to this city and holding a midwinter fair. The committee, which will report a plan of organization, is as follows: W. E. Fisher, Irwin C. Stump, Henry S. Martin, E. R. Swan, L. C. McAfee, R. B. Mitchell, C. E. Grunsy, A. Andrews, A. Irving, M. S. Scott, P. N. Lilenthal and Robert Wiland.

TACOMA, June 23.—One of the largest transactions in the Northwest has just been completed last evening; namely, the transfer by the Tacoma Light and Water company of their entire plant, valued at $2,000,000, to the city of Tacoma. The city now has control of all water and lighting rights, and supplies the entire city's private and public wants. C. B. Wright, of Philadelphia, has purchased $1,500,000 of the bonds.

NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

Fisherman Drops Dead—Salmon Run Improving and Prices Hold Good.

Great Excitement at Kamloops Over a Rich Strike at Adams Lake.

(Special to the COLONIST.)

VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, June 24.—Findlay Macfarlane was married yesterday to Miss Langlands, of North Shields, England. The ceremony was performed by Rev. H. G. F. Clinton.

Saloon and hotel keepers, with few exceptions, decline to subscribe to the Dominion Day celebration, as the sports being held at Brockton Point, their prospective patrons are taken out of the town instead of kept in it. The money to carry on the firemen's races will, no doubt, be forthcoming, as the events will come off on Cordova street.

Cordova street to Cambie street was opened for traffic to-day.

Messrs. McKinnell & Decker have taken over the Palmer House, Cordova street.

The C. P. R. will send a special train to the races on Saturday.

Six men are working on the new road to be cut through from Lund's Landing to Malasping Inlet.

The Liederkranz hold a picnic at Granite Falls on Sunday via steamer Mermaid.

A Japanese who was sentenced to two months imprisonment a week ago has been released, on the grounds that for selling liquor to Indians, the offence for which he was sentenced, he could only be tried by two Justices of the Peace, when as a matter of fact he was tried before Acting Police Magistrate McLean alone.

Dr. Clark and Mrs. Clark will give a spiritualistic show to-morrow night at the Imperial opera house.

Mr. E. Arrowsmeth, of the Children's Special Service mission, held services here to-day and will repeat them to-morrow. The Scripture union for young people and children, organized April 1, 1879, has a membership of 500,000.

Mr. Ward, last night, addressed a large number of people in the Board of Trade rooms, on the subject of Trade with Australia, giving some exceedingly important facts and figures.

Mr. Ceperley, who has been in England for three months, is returning via Chicago. He will be home next week.

The Mermaid returned from the North yesterday with a number of Indians, who will fish in the Fraser.

The British bark Dochra, Capt. McJarren, finished loading lumber to-day at Hastings mill, and will sail for Adelaide.

A passenger on the steamer Mogul from Japan was Capt. Frank Brown, formerly of Oakville. Capt. Brown is master of a steamer on the Japan line of mail steamers.

Mr. R. Marpole, Supt. Western Division, C.P.R., is in the city.

Mr. C. Sweeny, manager of the Bank of Montreal, has returned from a trip to Nelson.

Messrs. Hillier and Akroyd went to Victoria yesterday to attend the James Bays sports. Both gentlemen are all-round athletes with reputations.

WESTMINSTER.

NEW WESTMINSTER, June 24.—It has been decided as a further measure of precaution not to open the Sunday schools for a week or two. There is only one case of diphtheria in the city; but while any trace of the disease exists, it is considered advisable to take no risks.

To-day was decoration day with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and about fifty members of the craft marched out to Sapperton cemetery and decorated the graves of their departed brothers with many beautiful bouquets.

A fisherman named S. Holden dropped dead yesterday at his cabin on the North Arm. Foul play was feared at first, but the post mortem revealed the fact that he died of heart disease.

Two of the buoys carried away by the freshet from the mouth of the river have been picked up and returned to Steveston.

There was a still further improvement last night in the salmon run, and the fishermen at work made good wages. The price paid for spring salmon at present is 50 cents each.

KAMLOOPS.

KAMLOOPS, June 24.—John G. Myers, who located the mineral district at Adams' lake, and sent samples of the ore to the Tacoma smelter assay, received returns this morning which prove the ore to be even richer than expected, one sample assaying $176.34 and the other $112 93 per ton. Four claims have been taken up on these two ledges for Tacoma parties, and Joseph Zino and Hector McLean, who were with Mr. Myers, also have claims on the same prospect. The ledge is from five to six feet wide and traceable for miles. Mr. Myers says that although he has visited all the richest mineral districts, he considers the lake district is one of the richest districts he has ever seen, and predicts a great future for it. There is great excitement over the discovery, and numerous prospecting parties are preparing to go out.

The steamer Peerless left yesterday on her first trip to the Kamloops Coal Co.'s colliery on the North Thompson river, and returned this evening with a full cargo of coal.

UNION

UNION, June 23.—The steamship San Mateo left Union wharf on Friday last with a cargo of 4,500 tons of coal for San Monaco, Cal.

The steamer Queen arrived here on Saturday from Alaska with 160 excursionists. While she was taking on coal, the visitors were naturally desirous of seeing Union and its surroundings. A special train was placed at their disposal and the party proceeded to the mines, accompanied by Mr. G. W. Clinton, cashier of the company. Arriving at the depot, they were joined by Superintendent Little and Manager Russell, who escorted them to the lake, where they had a splendid view of the mountains and the great glacier. On the return journey a number descended into the mines and were shown the splendid seam of coal which, in places, is over eight feet thick. The visitors were shown the large electric pumps at work, and these came in for a fair share of interest and admiration, as did also the gigantic pithead with all the latest appliances for facilitating the unloading and dispatch of coal. The party returned to the wharf in the evening well pleased with the day's outing.

Sunday last was Pythian decoration day. The Union lodge joined Comox lodge in decorating with flowers the graves of departed brethren interred in the Catholic and Presbyterian graveyards.

J. Coates, a rancher in the Comox District, has adopted a novel method of killing bear. About a week ago he purchased some roburite, the new explosive manufactured here. Into a small piece of this he placed several detonators, carefully wrapping it up in a neat package, which he smeared with honey and aniseed. Having deposited it on bruin's trail he returned home and awaited results. On reaching the place, on Sunday, he found the remains of a large black bear, which had evidently been chewing the bait when it exploded, blowing the head from the body.

Yesterday was examination day at the Public school here, which is under the charge of Mr. Duncan Ross and Miss Amy Spragge. The result is not at present made public.

Mr. Alex. Grant, worshipful master Hiram lodge, Courtenay, left on the San Mateo to attend the session of the Masonic Grand lodge to be held at Victoria on the 22nd.

The new Sub-Collector of Customs, J. Mundell, came up on the Joan on Wednesday. Mr. Harvey, who has resigned, will leave at an early date for Kaslo.

On Saturday next there will be a meeting at the school house to elect a trustee in place of Mr. Thos. Russell, whose term of office expires.

W. C. Pierce, the popular Nanaimo photographer, came up on the Joan, and is doing some good work.

Work on the steamer for Mr. Little is rapidly nearing completion, and the vessel, when finished, promises to be one of the finest in the province.

WILL NOT BE LICENSED.

The City Council is Against Astrologers, Sight-Seerers, Clairvoyants, and Other Fakirs.

Contract for the Repairs to the Johnson House at Ross Bay Awarded at $1,367.

A special meeting of the City Council was held last evening for the consideration of by-laws, there being present Mayor Beaven, Ald. McKillican, Bragg, Styles, Miller, Henderson, Munn and Baker.

The revenue by-law was first considered, and the clause relating to road and dog taxes and licenses was amended to make these due and payable July 3 and January 16

ALD. MILLER suggested that the "license fee" of "astrologers, sight-seerers and clairvoyants" be reduced to $10.

THE MAYOR—They license them in other places, and why should we not do it here?

ALD. MUNN—I don't see why we should license those people to gull the public.

ALD. MILLER—the position I take is this, that those people can be easier prosecuted if they are not licensed. I don't see why we should license these people to do what is palpably wrong. I move that the clause be struck out.

ALD. MUNN agreed. All these things were, on the very face of them, frauds just as much as faro players, shell games, roulette and the like, and he did not see why the Council should endeavor toligitimate them.

ALD. MCKILLICAN thought if the $50 tax were imposed these people would stay away.

ALD. STYLES—Wouldn't it be better to fine them $50?

MAYOR BEAVEN—The City Council can't make it a crime, but they can make the business as unprofitable as possible. Everybody else who is in business has to pay a license, and why should not these people.

ALD. MUNN—Then this is intended to be a prohibitive tax? Is it large enough for that?

ALD. HENDERSON thought the clause should be left in. The Legislature had seen fit to give the Council power to impose the tax, and that was enough justification. Moreover, he thought these people came here and did business, and ought to contribute something to the city revenue.

MAYOR BEAVEN—The fact of licensing does not make an illegal act legal, but it gives the Corporation a good deal of control over it.

ALD. BRAGG—What is the motive in passing this? Is it to get revenue or to prevent wrong being done?

THE MAYOR—I don't know.

ALD. BRAGG—There are possibly some people who look upon matters which come under these heads as religion, and value it just as much as we do our religion.

The clause was struck out on the following division:

AYES—Ald. Styles, Bragg, Miller, Munn and Baker—5.

NAYS—Ald. McKillican and Henderson.

The by-law was then reconsidered and finally passed.

ALD. MUNN, from the Old Men's Home committee, to which the tenders for repairs to Johnson House, Ross Bay, were referred, reported that the committee could not agree who should get the contract.

After some discussion, the contract was awarded to the two lowest tenderers—Fullerton & McDonald for repairs, at $1,367, and W. G. Parmeter for clearing the land, at $17.

The Council adjourned at 9:30.

NEW YORK, June 24.—While trading at the Stock exchange was limited in volume during to-day's short session, the "bears" did not lose their control of the market. In fact, they made material progress in certain sections of the list, more particularly so in the case of Nickel plate, whose stocks have been dormant for a long time. To-day they were taken in hand by a "bear" broker and depressed, anywhere from 1½ to 9 per cent. The common sold down, 1½ to 13; first preferred, 9 to 57, and the preferred 6¾ to 23, a 23¾ in the absence of inside support. The marking down process was accomplished with ease. The market was influenced by the further loss in the bank reserve and fears that money will work close next week. The total sales were 77,731 shares. The market closed weak. Closing bids: Canadian Pacific, 77; Denver and Rio Grande, 13¾; Wells, Fargo, 130; Great Northern, preferred, 112; Missouri Pacific, 33½; Northern Pacific, 12½; Northern Pacific, preferred, 34½; North Western, 104; Oregon Navigation, consolidated, 58; Oregon Improvement, 10; Pacific Mail, 17⅞; Union Pacific, 27⅝; Western Union Telegraph, 82½.

NEW YORK, June 24.—Flour, very dull and weak; wheat, moderately active and steady at ¼ to ½c., decline on easier cables, small clearances, large receipts and local realizing. Foreigners bought freely of December at the decline. Closing prices: July, 71⅞c; September, 75⅛c; December, 81c. Sugar, raw, dull and nominal; fair refining, 3⅝c; centrifugal, 96 test, 4⅜c; refined, firm and quiet; coffee, options steady; spot Rio, dull and nominal.

WASHINGTON, D.C., June 23.—Comptroller Eccles has appointed Robert Wingate receiver of the Merchants National Bank of Tacoma.

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