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SOUNDS AND ECHOES.

If the Duke of Veragua would come out to Victoria and take a third interest in an opium ring, he would mend his fallen fortunes.

SEYMOUR, the mind reader, has gone to Chicago to be buried alive. Chicago is a bad place for that. Vancouver would make a quieter grave.

PROF. DIMCHA, of Russia, now at the World's Fair, says the United States is great, but there is one thing that he cannot understand. It is the American woman. Ah, professor, but there are about 30,000,000 American men in the same predicament.

PARENTS should teach their boys to swim. It is an accomplishment of which every boy and girl in the nation should be possessed. It would reduce more than anything else the number of reports of harrowing deaths by drowning to be found in the news columns daily after the opening of summer.

THE troubles in Siam are not yet settled. The latest English papers announce that the French have occupied three islands in the Gulf of Siam. As these are vantage points for defending the only safe anchorage for a naval division on the coast, the action looks threatening. But Great Britain will have a good deal to say before anything serious is accomplished.

WHEN bicycles were novelties in Scotland, the question of regulating their speed was brought up before the local authorities of a southern town. A learned officer of the town gravely informed the court that the new mode of rapid transit came under the traction-engine law, and that every bicyclist, unless he showed consideration, could be compelled to send a man on ahead, on foot with a red flag to warn pedestrians.

WHAT'S your strawberries worth? "Ten cents a quart." "Let me have a quart," and she held out a regulation quart measure. "Just take the box, madam," said the obliging grocer, but she had the measure there for a purpose, and when he had emptied two boxes into it she left with a pleasant smile. He cuffed his useful assistant, and kicked a friendly dog ten feet into the air and half way across the street.

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In every community, there are a certain limited number who are what may be called powers, and whose influence for good is generally felt; but with it there is always the danger of growing into power those who from long enjoyment of privileges possessed exercise an objectionable influence by presuming on their position, becoming negligent in duty and obstructive, requiring notice and correction from those in authority over them. Several of these powers are said to exist in Victoria

PERSONAL GOSSIP.

Mr. W. E. McCormack is confined to his room through illness.

Miss P. Rhodes left for San Francisco, Thursday, by the City of Puebla.

Mr. Johann Wulffsohn, banker, of Vancouver, was in the city during the week.

The Victoria Lawn Tennis Club will hold their annual tournament at the grounds on Belcher street, on Monday, August 7, and following days.

Mr. D. R. Ker, one of the leading business men of Victoria, B. C., is in the city, on his way home from an extended trip in the States. *Winnipeg Free Press* July 11.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. L. Courtenay returned, Wednesday evening, from their honeymoon tour to San Francisco. Mr. Courtenay has been promoted to the agency of the C. P. R. in this city.

The Royal Templars held a very successful strawberry social on Wednesday evening, in the St. Andrew's and Caledonian Hall. The Rev. Ebenezer Robson occupied the chair. A good programme was provided and all spent a most enjoyable evening.

Mr. A. G. Patrick, chief draughtsman for architect Hooper, accompanied by his "Dad," went over to Vancouver this morning where he will figure as one of the principals in an interesting event before the Rev. E. D. McLaren. The lady, who comes from Mr. Patrick's old home in Scotland, is expected to arrive in Vancouver by to-day's Pacific Express.

The Arion Club concert on the Arm,

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Wednesday evening, was enjoyed by a large number of persons. There were about twenty members of the club out, and, under the excellent leadership of Mr. Greig, they fully sustained their reputation as being the most popular musical organization of the city. A number of the selections which were rendered at concerts in the Institute Hall were given so well that they were encored by the boating parties present. The evening was a most enjoyable one.