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Weekly Colonist

FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 1887.

From the Daily Colonist, March 24, 1887.

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Sheriff's Sale.

Deputy-Sheriff Langley sold at the police barracks, Bastion street, yesterday at noon, the goods which Chas. Levy, the absconded tailor, left behind him.

Social.

The Odd Fellows give the last of their winter socials on Friday evening next, at their hall, on Douglas street. Only the usual limited number of tickets will be issued—to be had of the committee.

Port Townsend Progress.

Mr. E. H. Fisher, architect, is preparing plans for three brick blocks to be erected at Port Townsend, at a cost of about $40,000. Our neighbor over the water appears to be prospering.

Goldstream.

A new hotel will be built at Goldstream this summer by Mr. James Phair at a cost of $6,000 or $8,000. Now that the Esquimalt and Nanaimo railway is completed this famous resort will be still more largely visited by tourists and others than formerly.

Shipping Fish East.

Mr. W. J. Herring, as an experiment, will ship to-day a quantity of fresh cod, packed in ice, to Donald and other points along the Canadian Pacific. Mr. Herring, as his name might suggest, understands the business perfectly and will, doubtless, make the enterprise a success.

Solid Sooke.

It was scarcely expected by Mr. Planta's most sanguine supporters that he would poll the solid Sooke vote, and the fact that he did shows that his friends in that part of the district were not idle. A candidate realizes the uncertainties of electioneering when his own agents vote against him.

A Provincial University.

Secretary Hayward, Mr. H. F. Heisterman and Dr. Milne, of the Victoria school board, had an interview with the provincial secretary yesterday, when they urged the importance and necessity, in the interest of education, of the establishment of a provincial university. The minister received the deputation cordially and promised that the project would receive the early attention of the government, so that the scheme, if favorably entertained, might be laid before the house at the next session.

Did Na' Want Him.

In the house the other day Hon. Mr. Robson gave the member for Cassiar a little bit of "fatherly advice," and concluding said that as a man was generally known by the company he kept, the honorable gentleman had better cross the floor of the house and join the government side where the surroundings were of a better order and the influences more elevating. The bumptious member who would be only too glad to get such an opportunity, was promptly informed by Mr. Dunsmuir that the government side "did na' want him."

Quick Work.

On Tuesday morning at six o'clock R. Dunsmuir & Sons steamer Wellington arrived at Departure bay, loaded 2500 tons of coal and sailed for San Francisco at two o'clock yesterday afternoon. During that short space the steamer lay at the wharf six hours without loading, so that the 2500 tons was loaded in about 25 hours. The contention that the Wellington shutes would not be able to load the transpacific steamships rapidly enough would thus seem to be without any foundation.

Another Libel Suit.

Coun. Styles was referred to in a communication in Saturday evening's *Times* as a swindler. That gentleman personally applied to the manager for the correspondent's name, which was refused. Mr. Styles placed the matter in the hands of Mr. Theo. Davie who requested the name of the writer, or in case of its refusal, on behalf of Mr. Styles, promised a libel suit. This had the desired effect, and the name of Ex-Coun. Robertson was given as the author of the letter. An action for libel will be instituted against the latter by Mr. Styles.

Special Colonist Trains.

It is understood that the Canadian Pacific railway will run weekly special colonist trains from western Ontario through to the coast. In order that intending settlers may have every facility for locating upon the lands of the province, it is imperative that there should be an agent thoroughly acquainted with the location of lands to meet the settlers at the trains and direct them to suitable locations. It is suggested that the appointment of a Dominion agent, similar to the one at Montreal, Winnipeg and Victoria, should be made at Vancouver, and it is trusted that such action will be taken at once to induce the federal authorities to favorably consider the matter.

An Incorrigible Girl.

The little girl named Lawson who was found prowling about the streets in January, and who was with difficulty taken to the city gaol for the night, again ran away from home yesterday and was found by two young ladies who offered to take her to where she lived, as she said she had been lost. The little thing who is a most incorrigible "tibber," gave them the wrong direction, which, of course, they took. After walking about for over an hour they met Officer Hawton who instantly recognized the girl. He told the kindly disposed ladies who she was, and taking her by the arm led her to her home. Her father and mother say they can do nothing with her, as she seems to have a mania for running about the streets, giving no end of trouble.

Daring Robbery.

On Tuesday evening Wm. Smith, who keeps a boot and shoe and general store on Store street, left his premises and did not return until nearly 10 o'clock. On entering the place he discovered that a panel in the rear door had been broken in and two pairs of blankets and thirteen pairs of shoes stolen. He proceeded at once to the police station and informed the officers of his loss and they took immediate action in the matter. An official was stationed at the Sound steamer and another despatched to the pawnbrokers shops where he issued written notices describing the goods. All day yesterday most thorough search was made through the Chinatown quarter, but so far nothing has been discovered that will lead to the arrest of the parties. The police are confident that the perpetrators of the deed are Chinamen and expect to have them locked up before long.

Steam Service for Alberni.

The steamer Hope which left for Barclay sound is the first to visit the new settlement of Alberni since December last. The consequence has been that the settlers in many cases have run short of the commonest necessaries of life, and during the past severe winter have not put in a very pleasant experience. The Woodside will leave in a few days for the same point, and then the two stores will have received full stocks. It has been impossible to take in anything by the Nanaimo-Alberni road, and it has been suggested that a small subsidy be given a steamer for making regular trips. It is understood that such an inducement would secure to the inhabitants of Alberni the convenience of weekly or semi-monthly steam service, which, in the present condition of the settlement a great boon. It will be remembered that in the early settlement of Cowichan the Sir James Douglas was run to that point for the purpose of facilitating settlement, and the government would now be doing a commendable action if, by the outlay of a small sum, they can advance to a great extent the interests of the Alberni settlers.

Indisposed.

J. Wilton, mate of the British bark Dilbhur, arrived from Burrard Inlet a few days ago and has entered the marine hospital. Mr. Wilton has been quite sick, but is thought a few weeks in the hospital will restore him to health.

A Good Move.

Of late there have been a large number of unemployed men hanging about the streets, in other words vagrants who seem to have no means of support. Sergeant Sheppard is going to arrest and vag all idlers, and unless they can give a satisfactory account of themselves they will probably get two months each.

Got the Sand.

Two carloads of sand to be used for plastering purposes, arrived in the city yesterday. This is the first freight that has entered Vancouver by the C. P. R.—*Vancouver News.* With a little infusion of "sand" we shall expect our sister city to keep a stiff upper lip in future and make no more mistakes.

PERSONAL.

J. Orr, M. P. P., returned last night by the Louise.

Robert Ward will leave England for Victoria on Saturday next.

Mr. A. W. Ross, M. P., was expected to arrive at Vancouver yesterday.

Geo. Byrnes, C. D. Rand, J. W. and D. A. McFarland, G. A. Keefer and W. Harkins were passengers from Vancouver last night.

Messrs. C. Semlin and R. McLeese, M. P. P.'s, yesterday visited the high school, accompanied by the superintendent of education.

Capt. O'Brien, of the Alden Besse, came over from Esquimalt yesterday afternoon, his friends, and they are legion, keeping him busy shaking hands.

Mr. H. Abbott will leave by to-night's boat for Vancouver, and will proceed direct to Montreal on important business. He will be absent for several weeks.

MARINE.

Ship Iroquois sailed from San Francisco on Monday to load Wellington coal.

The bark Otago arrived Sunday in San Francisco, coal laden from Departure bay.

Steamship Empire sailed Tuesday with a cargo of East Wellington coal for San Francisco.

Steamship Wellington sailed yesterday afternoon for San Francisco with 2,500 tons of Wellington coal.

The ship Wilna, Capt. Taylor, completed her cargo of V. C. Co.'s coal yesterday and will have immediate dispatch.

Capt. O'Brien reports that the ships Enoussoulie and Escort were to leave Hongkong for this port on the 25th inst., (to-morrow).

H. M. S. Cormorant arrived at Vancouver on Tuesday at 3:45 p. m., and anchored inside the Shannon and almost opposite the foot of Carroll street.

Bark Alden Besse arrived at Esquimalt at 3 o'clock p. m. yesterday, 58 days from Hongkong. She is consigned to Welch, Rithet & Co., and brings a cargo of general Chinese merchandise.

The British ship Lindisfarne, Captain Miller, 1724 net tonnage, which arrived in San Francisco last September from Newport, England, after a voyage of 137 days, has been chartered to load a cargo of Wellington coal from Nanaimo for San Francisco.

GORDON ELECTED

In Vancouver District—Returns as Far as Heard From—A Quiet Contest.

The election in Vancouver district resulted, it is believed, in the election of Mr. Gordon, the old representative, though up to the hour of going to press there were still six polling places to hear from. Personally Mr. Gordon is, as we have always said, a most genial gentleman and it is very evident that he is popular in the district. It was felt, however, that he had not done his duty by the Island and had not assisted the other Island representatives in advancing its interests. It is to be hoped that in the event of his election, which now seems probable, he will pursue other tactics and so regain his old place in the esteem of the people of this city and district.

Mr. Planta made a plucky fight against big odds and polled a very respectable vote. Mr. Gordon has always been a firm adherent of the Liberal-Conservative party and a faithful supporter of the "Grand Old Chieftain," who, doubtless, will be glad to have him by his side again in the next house. The contest was an exceedingly quiet one and very little interest was manifested in the result in this city, probably from the fact that no party lines were drawn and that the fight was only one of men. Considerable betting was done towards the afternoon at Frank Campbell's corner, but "the sports" were conspicuous by their absence. The returns are as follows:

	Gordon.	Planta.
Nanaimo court house	63	28
" city hall	74	43
" school house	81	34
North Cedar school house	41	19
Gabriola "	20	7
Cowichan lock-up	27	35
Royal Oak school house	20	47
Wellington south	35	20
" school house	56	49
Saanich	59	58
Somenos	53	43
Sooke	0	27
Total	529	410

The following polling places are still to hear from: Alberni, Comox, Denman Island, Vesuvius Bay, Burgoyne Bay, and Mayne Island. It will be some days before returns can be had from Alberni and Comox.

ANNUAL MEETING

Of the Subscribers to the Royal Hospital—Election of Officers.

The annual meeting of subscribers to the Royal Hospital was held in the city hall yesterday afternoon, Mayor Fell in the chair. The annual report of the directors was presented and showed a substantial reduction for the past year.

The convalescent home has ten beds and the hospital thirty-two. The fiscal year was commenced with a balance on hand of $570.51, and ended with a credit balance of 1,663.37, all liabilities being discharged. The total expenditure for the year was $7,218.08. The average cost per day for each resident patient, including out door disbursements, was not quite 84 cents. Voluntary subscriptions show a slight falling off. During the year ten deaths have taken place. One hundred and sixty-eight patients were admitted and the same number treated outside. Total subscriptions amounted to $879.50.

The board of directors which was re-elected selected the following officers: President, A. McLean; secretary, J. S. Yates; treasurer, W. M. Chudley. A vote of thanks to the directors was passed. Moved by Mr. Drake and seconded by E. A. McQuade, that the thanks of the public and of the board of directors be offered to Mr. Chudley for his very efficient services as secretary and treasurer during the past year, and for the energy he has displayed in rendering the hospital an institution which is a credit to the province. Carried. The meeting then adjourned.

LORD LORNE.

Why He Chooses to Remain in Retirement at Malta.

LONDON, March 14.—The absence of Lord Lorne from nearly all of the social festivities at Malta during the time that he and the Princess Louise have been staying on the island has been much remarked upon. As a matter of fact Lord Lorne is engaged on a political essay of considerable magnitude, which occupies nearly all of his time, and as he was never a professed diner out and is modest enough to believe that although he might be on the list "he never would be missed," he has taken possession of the pleasant and snug quarters he occupies in the San Antonio palace to devote himself to his favorite occupation of writing. The princess goes everywhere and is everywhere received with acclamation.

NEARLY A COLLISION.

The Princess Louise Nearly Runs Into a Small Steamer, Which is Running as a Free Lance.

Last night as the steamer Princess Louise was between Ten Mile Point and Trial Island, her captain noticed a small steamer ahead with lights burning. He sounded the whistle, but received no answer. A second whistle obtained an answering toot, but the little steamer kept right along, and in an exactly opposite direction to what the whistle blown indicated, and without changing the signal light. Seeing the danger of a collision the engineer was signalled to back full speed, and the Louise stopped just in time to avoid a serious accident, merely bumping against the scow in tow. The craft proved to be the steamer Lottie, and in answer to a query as to what was the trouble, the individual in charge, who refused to give his name, said that something was the matter with his wheel-ropes, and he could not manage his steamer. On being asked why he had not blown the danger signals, he made no answer. The Louise waited until the eccentric craft got well out of the road, as it was hard to determine which way she was bound, and then came on to Victoria.

The practice of allowing every Tom, Dick and Harry to command steam craft without first having a master's certificate is a reprehensible custom, and may some day result in a serious accident. By their lack of knowledge of the rules of the road there is every day a danger that they may get themselves and others into trouble. The steamboat inspector's attention is directed to the matter.

DELAYED TRAINS AND MAILS.

To-night's Steamer Will Bring the Delayed Passengers and Mails.

A special to THE COLONIST yesterday stated that a train left Donald at 9 o'clock in the morning for the coast. This will arrive at Moody at noon, and passengers and mails will reach Victoria on the Louise at night. There are two trains *en route* west with 245 passengers. Supt. Abbott, who was in the city yesterday, states that it is now his opinion that the road will not suffer any further detention from snow slides. There may be some avalanches come down, but it will most likely be in places now amply protected by snow-sheds.

From arrivals by the Princess Louise last night it is learned that two special trains with the delayed passengers, 245 in number, and the mails and express will arrive at New Westminster at 8 o'clock this morning. The Yosemite will wait to take them on board and arrive here some time in the afternoon. This will clear the road. The regular through train will connect with the Princess Louise at Port Moody at 12:45, schedule time.

ONWARD AND UPWARD.

Some of the Buildings Proposed to be Erected This Summer.

Enquiry into the building prospects of the city elicited the information that they were quite good, and that although fewer business blocks may go up this season than last, the number of good substantial residences to be erected will be far in excess of previous years. Several fine blocks, however, are in contemplation and the architects have been asked to prepare plans for them. Some of the residences which will go up will be very beautiful, showing that the tendency to build handsome dwellings is growing more and more every year. Architects state that judging from previous years it is impossible to forecast what turn building operations may take during the year. Among the buildings about to be commenced are the following:

A $6,000 residence for Mr. C. E. Renouf on Menzies street, James bay.

A two-storey dwelling which Mr. Langley will erect on Fort street, above Cook, for Mr. T. M. Henderson; cost $4,500.

A two-storey residence, to be built by Mr. E. H. Fisher on Pandora Hill. This building will be heated by hot water; cost $3,000.

A two-storey residence on Chatham street; cost $2,800.

A two-storey residence on Pandora street; cost $3,000.

A one-and-half storey brick residence on Pioneer street; cost $2,250.

A three-storey business block (brick), for Mr. Stelly, at the corner of Blanchard and Johnson streets; cost $15,000.

A two-storey brick, for Mr. Louis Willie, on Johnson street, opposite the Grand Pacific Hotel; cost $4,500.

A three-storey brick block, facing on Bastion square, for Mr. T. J. Burnes.

A two-storey residence, on Simcoe street; cost $5,000.

New law courts, Bastion square; cost probably $35,000.

The Jubilee Hospital, at a cost probably of $40,000.

Among several buildings which are contemplated and likely to be built are three, three-storey brick blocks. Also six residences, aggregating in their cost, $30,000. It is understood also that a two-storey brick will be erected on Yates street, extending from the Poodle Dog Hotel to Broad street.

POLICE COURT.

[Before Edwin Johnson, S.M.]

Susan, *alias* Whiskey Susan, was arrested by Special Constable Lindsay, charged with being drunk.

Prisoner pleaded guilty to the charge. Fined $9 and $1 costs; in default 14 days.

A young man was charged with assulting Officer Robb on the 18th inst.

Defendant said he did not know anything about the matter of assault.

Officer Robb, sworn, said that he arrested the prisoner on the 18th at the house on James Bay. He came quietly along Belleville street, but when he got to the corner the prisoner put his hand in his pocket and muttered something; took hold of his hand and wrenched a knife (produced) out of it. The prisoner behaved very savagely and kicked him several times in the legs. When trying to put the irons on he tried to bite. A gentleman came up and gave him assistance in putting the irons on. After he was ironed he would not walk; got a carriage and took him to the police station.

The young fellow then said that he followed the officer quietly for a block and a half, when he wanted to cut some tobacco and took the knife out for that purpose. The blades were in a very imperfect condition and no harm could be done with them, anyhow. Fined $10 and $3 costs.

ECHOES FROM YALE.

During the past week nothing of any interest has occurred to enliven the proverbial dulness of this now "sleepy hollow," not even a pugilistic encounter, bun fight, or a case of petty larceny; if we may except the visit of Mr. Deputy Sheriff Armstrong accompanied by Jenns Seal. Mr. Armstrong is at all times sure of a welcome in Yale accompanied by J. S.

It is generally understood that by the end of this month the railway officers and men will have left for Vancouver, the telegraph operator and express agent being the only C. P. R. officials permanently stationed here.

The weather is beginning to show some signs of improvement, and the snow is gradually disappearing. The Indians predict "big water" in a month or so, which means the inundation of the Fraser river, and should the prophecy be fulfilled the low-lying lands at Chilliwhack and down the river will, in all probability, suffer from submersion. It is to be hoped, however, that these sable soothsayers will be out in their reckoning.

Yale, 20th March, 1887.

DIVISIONAL COURT.

[Before Justices Begbie, Crease and Walkem.]

Lee Shew *vs.* Mayor McLean and others—This was an appeal from an order made by Mr. Justice McCreight at New Westminster on the application of four of the defendants ordering the plaintiff to give security for costs. The appeal was allowed with costs. Mr. Fell for the appellant; Mr. Yates for the defendants.

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

The regular weekly meeting of the council was held last evening. Present, His Worship Mayor Fell, and Couns. Grant, Pearse, Vigelius and Barnard.

Coun. Vigelius said before proceeding with the business he would like to ask his worship if those present were acting legally by holding a meeting?

His Worship—I consulted the city barrister to-day and he told me that four members of the council with the mayor constituted a quorum.

COMMUNICATIONS.

From M. W. T. Drake in reference to a sidewalk which was being laid beside his property, stating that several feet had been taken off his lot, and asking that some recompense be granted or he would proceed with an injunction against the council.

The clerk said a writ had been served on the corporation in respect to this matter, returnable on the 27th inst. Referred to the mayor, city surveyor and legal adviser.

From D. F. Fee, informing the mayor, Edwin Johnson, S. M., and T. Shotbolt, J. P., that unless he was allowed a license to sell spirituous and malt liquor at his store, on North Park street, before a specified time, he would proceed against them. Referred to the city barrister.

From John Teague asking for street levels in order that he may build a house on Bastion street. Granted.

From Frank Davis asking that the water course of the drains which passes his lot on Spring Ridge be pulled up as the place was nearly always under water. Referred to the street committee with power to act.

From F. W. Vincent calling attention to grading the drain on Erie street. Referred to street committee for report.

From E. M. Johnson, as agent for several property holders calling attention to the state of a drain which passed through the Fernwood estate, and asking that the drain be repaired. Referred to street committee with power to act.

From Geo. Rudlin asking that he be allowed to burn rubbish on his property. Granted.

From Smith & Clark, asking permission to use a portion of Bastion street for building purposes and enclosing $20, the sum required by the council. Granted.

MOTIONS.

No motions were read, as the councillors from whom they emanated were not present.

REPORTS.

The street committee reported that as the earth on Yates street was needed by the corporation, it would not be advisable to grant the petitions read at the previous meeting. Adopted.

The sanitary committee reported that the sanitary condition of the city was very imperfect and recommended that the city council appoint a regular sanitary officer, and that his salary be raised to $60. Laid on the table for further consideration.

The police committee reported that the city was under notice to quit the old gaol, and that the committee had plans five months ago of cells, but would not use them as they thought the old cells would have been given to the city, but such was not the case, and the contractor agreed to supply eight or nine cells, bolts, bars and doors for $400.

Coun. Vigelius, as one of the fire wardens, objected to having the Tiger engine house used for a gaol.

His worship explained that that plan had been abandoned.

The matter of the cells was deferred for one week.

A report from the police committee recommended that Mr. Walker be paid extra for his services as superintendent of James bay bridge. Received and laid on table.

WATER WORKS.

The water works committee reported that in pursuance of the resolution passed by the council on the 9th inst., we have let the contract for the removal of the loose rock blasted in the reservoir at Pandora street, to James Stephens for the sum of $200, to the grade, he to have the use of the plant now on the ground; time twenty days. We have also addressed a letter to Mr. Geo. Hargreaves calling upon him to report that in consequence of Mr. Hargreaves being unable to carry out Mr. Hendry's scheme for the extension of the works, whether he would be willing to sit with Mr. Hendry in a co-ordinate capacity, so as to secure success in the undertaking. To report relative cost of high level reservoir at site near Government house, at Nesbitt's, and at point on Pemberton rocks; the relative cost of pipes and connections to each of the above mentioned sites; the comparative advantages of each site as a reservoir for supplying the high levels with water and for giving a supply in case of fire; the cost of acquisition of each site; whether the present scheme of motors, pipes, etc., would allow of the adoption of the highest site and, if not, what alternative would he propose to meet the case. We have received no reply as to the low level reservoir site, except as above mentioned, and your committee feel that no blame is to be attached to us for this vexatious delay.

Coun. Pearse said that he and his two colleagues had had a long meeting, together with Mr. Hargreaves, and had asked that gentleman if he would be able, in the event of Mr. Hendry's death, to carry on the work in its entirety. Mr. Hargreaves, of course, said that he would not be able to do so. The interference of the council in this matter had brought it to a deadlock. If the committee had been allowed to carry out their own plans there would have been no trouble. He wanted the public to know that it was the fault of the council and not of the water works committee. Report received and adopted.

The petition from 47 ratepayers, asking the mayor to call a meeting for the consideration of the water question, was read again. Laid over.

The mayor then said that he had received a communication from the militia authorities asking him to call a public meeting for the purpose of considering military matters.

Before adjourning the mayor said he had been told that a number of amendments to the corporation bylaws had been suggested in the house. He did not know anything about them, and as he understood that they were intended to hamper the business of the council, he would advise that the matter be investigated.

After considerable discussion it was decided to hold a special meeting in the mayor's room at 10:30 o'clock this morning. The council then adjourned at 9:15 o'clock.

SUPREME COURT.

[Before Mr. Justice Walkem.]

Johnson, Walker & Flett *vs.* C. B. Robelee *et al.*—The able opinion delivered by his lordship to-day, is of especial interest to the mechanics, as it disposes of important questions arising under the Mechanics' Lien Act. It will also be welcomed by the legal profession, since the Mechanics' Lien Act has heretofore been rather a *nemo scit.* Robelee was a contractor for the erection of a house for Norris, for which plaintiffs furnished materials. After the materials were furnished, Robelee gave orders to various creditors, on Norris, sufficient to consume the money due on the contract, without providing for plaintiffs. Norris accepted the orders before plaintiffs gave notice of the lien. His lordship held that plaintiffs were entitled to a lien by virtue of furnishing the materials; that it is not necessary to register the lien, but that a suit must be commenced within thirty days from the completion of the work, and a *lis pendens* registered; and that as plaintiffs had done this they were entitled to priority over the order holders. Mr. Drake, Q.C., for plaintiffs; Mr. Mills, Mr. Yates and Mr. Wilson for order holders, and Mr. Bodwell for Norris.

Highly Spoken Of.

Mr. James M. Dawson, of Woodville, Ont., speaks in high terms of Yellow Oil for rheumatism, lame back, sprains and painful complaints. Yellow Oil is used internally and externally in case of pain; also coughs, colds, sore throat, etc., and has made many remarkable cures of deafness. tu-th-sat-dw

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Coroner's Inquests.

The attorney-general's bill respecting the expenses of coroner's inquests provides that the costs and fees incident to the holding of them shall be defrayed by the municipality in which they are held.

Family Troubles.

Two families living on Spring Ridge will settle their quarrels before the police magistrate. It is said that one of the ladies acted in a very violent manner on Wednesday, breaking up furniture, etc., in a lively way.

A Menagerie.

The bark Alden Besse, which arrived from Hongkong on Wednesday, has on board a collection of tropical birds, Chinese pigs, rabbits, etc., which are well worth seeing. We understand that Mr. John Howard has purchased several of the feathery species.

Committed.

John Dillon, the insane man, was committed to the insane asylum at New Westminster yesterday. He will be taken up to-day. Yesterday morning he made an attempt to hang himself in the waiting room of the gaol, but his designs were frustrated by the vigilance of the men in charge.

New Hospital.

We learn, says the *Columbian*, that another hospital is to be built in the rear of the Sister's hospital, which will be devoted exclusively toward the refuge and care of the Indians. The plans and specifications have already been drawn and work will begin immediately. It is expected that the new hospital, already built, will be opened in three weeks.

A Nasty Rut.

On Yates street above Cook there is a rut in the road running north and south. Hackmen and others complain that the springs of their hacks and buggies do not benefit by the jolts received, and think that a few stones and a little gravel placed in the hole would do a power of good. We trust the corporation will look into the matter.

Conversazione.

All who wish to enjoy themselves on Tuesday evening next should take a run down to the Reformed Episcopal church Sunday school room, where a conversazione will be held. The best local talent will be present, and as the musical part of the programme will be under the direction of Prof. Sorgé those who attend may expect to hear something of a high order.

The $1,000,000 Loan.

The bill to authorize a loan of $1,000,000 by the government came before the house yesterday. It provides that the debentures shall bear interest at 5 per cent per annum, payable half yearly, and shall be redeemable at the expiration of thirty years from the 1st day of July next. The interest will be payable at the Bank of British Columbia, London. The whole or any portion of the loan may be contracted for at such times, in such sums, and in such manner as the lieutenant-governor in council may direct.

Municipal Act Amendments.

The mayor and eight councillors met at the city hall yesterday morning to consider the clauses of a bill now before the local parliament to amend the Municipalities Act. Contrary to expectation, from what had gone before, a stormy time was anticipated, but, on the contrary, a most agreeable *séance* was had. Mutual concessions were made, and in the result the meeting was resolved into a sort of love-feast, with his worship as Cupid. It is believed that all cause for irritation will disappear after the passage of the amended Municipal bill.

New Timber Regulations.

The Land Act Amendment Bill, introduced yesterday by the attorney-general provides that every crown grant hereafter made shall contain a reservation in favor of the crown of all timber upon the land. The pre-emptor of any land, however, may cut timber on his land for domestic or farm purposes, or in clearing, but he will have no right to cut any of such timber for the purpose of manufacturing or selling it, without first obtaining a license and paying the dues stipulated in the act. Any person who shall continue the provisions of the act shall be liable to be adjudged to pay a penalty of $250, and in default of payment to imprisonment for three months.

A Ladies' Gallery.

Our ladies do not shed the light of their countenance upon the gay young fellows across the Bay. In the east many an orator has been inspired by that one of the fair sex in whom he is most interested, and they are the most attentive listeners at the debates. Perhaps one reason for this conspicuous absence is the fact that there is no "Ladies' Gallery" in which they may feel at home. This should be remedied. Just imagine what an oration the superb knight of Cassiar would thunder out, or with what polished diction the Soda Creek "Senator" would fill the house if each of those youthful and exuberant dudes felt that he was speaking to a crowded gallery of admiring fair ones. The baron bold from Comox, however, we fear would shed the light of his benign countenance on that portion of the house reserved for the ladies a little too frequently to correspond with his desire, for mutual protection, of course, to meet the wishes of his constituents. Even at such a risk, however, let us have a "Ladies' Gallery" next session.

The Opera Concert.

Next Thursday and Friday evenings, March 31st and April 1st, Trebelli and Musin, together with an excellent company, will appear at the Victoria. Trebelli's fame is so great in England and continental Europe that her name has been familiar among opera goers for a long while. She is an artiste of rare dramatic ability, and her voice, a pure contralto, rich in the lower tones and wonderfully clear and sweet in the upper register, imparts a vast interest to all her selections. She has a finished execution and repose; Ease gracefulness and symmetry mark every phrase she utters. Musin is considered now one of the world's best violinists. His playing has the true characteristics of genius and gives unqualified pleasure. His tone is strong, but modified by the charm of sweetness. Besides these excellent qualities he shows the greatest agility, the greatest precision in time, and all without apparent effort. Steindorff and Diezeusi, the other artists who assist, are spoken of in the highest terms, and no doubt will please. Trebelli will be heard the first evening in her greatest part, "Azucena," in Verdi's opera "Il Trovatore," and on Friday night in "Carmen." The sale of seats commences Monday morning, March 28th.

Free Trade.

The reduction of internal revenue and the taking off of revenue stamps from Proprietary Medicines, no doubt has largely benefited the consumers, as well as relieving the burden of home manufacturers. Especially is this the case with *Green's August Flower and Boschee's German Syrup*, as the reduction of thirty-six cents per dozen, has been added to increase the size of the bottles containing these remedies, thereby giving one-fifth more medicine in the 75 cent size. *August Flower* for Dyspepsia and Liver Complaint, and the *German Syrup* for Cough and Lung Troubles, have perhaps, the largest sale of any medicines in the world. The advantage of increased size of the bottles will be greatly appreciated by the sick and afflicted, in every town and village in civilized countries. Sample bottles for 10 cents remain the same size. wly

PERSONAL.

Chas. Hayward, jr., has taken passage on the Mexico which leaves San Francisco to-day.

Capt. and Mrs. Irving and Mrs. Bole arrived from New Westminster by the Yosemite yesterday.

Denny Fletcher, formerly operator at Port Blakely, has been appointed to the office of the Postal Telegraph Company at Seattle.

CABLE NEWS.

The Ecclesiastical Bill.

BERLIN, March 23.—The Oberhaus today in plenary session began the discussion of the ecclesiastical bill. Prince Bismarck made a long speech in defence of the measure. He said that, as regards the question of religious orders, the chief point to be determined was whether Catholics needed orders. He was certain that Catholics believed in the value of orders, and their sentiments should be satisfied in harmony with the legislation of the country. The state naturally had an interest in the good training of the priests. Such training they could acquire as well in the seminaries as at the universities. The bitterest enemies of the government came from the universities, not from the seminaries. The government had not made too large concessions to the Catholics, nor had it given up any of its sovereign rights. In conclusion, he argued that the whole house should adopt the bill with the commission's amendment.

Thanks His People.

The emperor's proclamation to the German people, thanking them for their expression of devotion and joy at the anniversary of his birth, is couched in words expressive of the profoundest emotion. The document contains a long review of the emperor's life. The Kaiser dwells on the experiences of his youth, the wonderful help God vouchsafed him, and prays that he may be able to deserve during the short remainder of his life the blessing of peace.

The Emperor's Birthday.

This evening the empress, crown prince and his family and royal visitors attended the performance of the ballet "Sardanapalis," at the opera house. Between acts tea was served in the foyer, which had been converted into a brilliant reception room. Emperor William has conferred the first class decoration of the Red Eagle upon Dr. Lauer, his physician. The Prince of Wales visited Count Herbert Bismarck to-day. He will return to London on Sunday.

Notwithstanding his fatigue the emperor rose at his usual hour this morning and attended to all his duties. He is well. Prince Bismarck caught a chill on Monday evening while responding to the students. Heavy rain has been falling to-day, but it did not prevent crowds waiting to catch a glimpse of those going to and returning from the state banquet at the palace to which all Berlin had been invited. The emperor presided. The queen of Roumelia recited a poem which she had composed in the emperor's honor. The emperor was much gratified. Telegrams from every city in Germany show that illuminations were not limited. At Frankfort the display was especially fine. At Strasburg all the public buildings and some private ones were illuminated. The Kaiser's expressions of belief in the maintenance of peace are everywhere the subject of comment. At Prince Bismarck's dinner it was a common topic of conversation. The general opinion is that the crisis is over and that a period of quiet is commencing. Prince Bismarck said to a foreign minister: "I rejoice on account of the emperor's happy anniversary, and especially that the political horizon is now being cleared." It is reported that the Grand Duke Vladimir told the emperor that the czar had authorized him to declare that he would continue to do all in his power to maintain the traditional policy of Russia, viz.: A perfect understanding with Germany. M. Flourens, French minister of foreign affairs, in the name of President Grevy and the French government, sent the emperor congratulations. General Cordoda, of Spain, and General Seoraneiro, of Portugal, who came as special envoys to represent their respective governments, have been decorated with the cordon of the order of the Red Eagle.

Seventy Miners Killed.

LONDON, March 23.—An explosion by which seventy miners were killed occurred to-day in Bulli colliery, Sydney, New South Wales.

Steeple Hunt Cup.

At Sundown park, the military steeple hunt cup was won by the Prince of Wales' Hohanlenden by four lengths; Maasland, second; Harlequin third. Eight ran.

Gladstone and American Sympathy.

Gladstone cabled the following message to Mr. Chas. A. Dana, of New York, in acknowledgement of a cable dispatch sent him by Dana informing him of the endorsement of his Irish policy by a mass meeting of citizens in the Cooper Union on Monday: "I am very sensible of the value of the sympathy which from the first we have received from, I believe, the majority of the American people in our efforts to secure just measures of good government for Ireland, a sympathy which I feel sure will continue to attend us until this just policy shall attain its coming consummation."

Slaves Captured.

Advices from Suakim state that the British warship Albacore captured two slavers with a cargo of 90 slaves each, going to Keddah.

The Queen Visits Birmingham.

BIRMINGHAM, March 23.—The Queen visited Birmingham to-day and laid the foundation of the Victoria Assize Court building. The weather was fine. Public buildings and private residences were decorated. The streets through which Her Majesty passed were spanned by arches and thronged with people. The reception given to the Queen was hearty and enthusiastic.

To be Prolonged.

MADRID, March 23.—In the chamber of deputies Signor Moret, minister of foreign affairs, announced that an agreement had been reached between the government and the United States, under which the existing commercial *modus vivendi* would be prolonged to July.

Prince of Wales' Cup.

LONDON, March 24.—At the first day of the Liverpool spring meeting, the Prince of Wales' cup race, six furlongs, was won by three lengths by W. A. Powell's 5-year old Lord Charles; Mr. Dunne's 4-year old Mellifont, second; C. J. Meny's 3-year old colt Shannon, by Doncaster, third. Seven started.

Molyneux Stakes.

The Molyneux stakes for two-year olds, eight starters, was won by