

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Hotel Janitor.
This new brick hotel on Store street is offered for lease on the temperance principle.

Columbia River Salmon Pack.
Salmon fishing for the season, on the Columbia River, closed last night at midnight. Correct footings give the total pack on the river for the year at 375,000 cases, a shortage of 60,000 cases on the pack of 1890.

A Broken Leg.
A carpenter named Murray, employed on the new exhibition building of the Agricultural Society, fell from one scaffolding to another, yesterday morning, breaking his leg in two places. Dr. Watt is attending him.

Schools Re-open.
The public and high schools re-opened for the fall term yesterday morning with a greatly increased attendance. The High School register showed 105 pupils present; there were 455 at the Boys and 429 at the Girls' school, with a total of 510 at the Ward schools.

Another Transcontinental Railway.
The railway from Hudson's Bay to Port Simpson, which has been talked of for some time back, is now in a fair way to become a reality, the only bus asked being a strip of agricultural land in proximity to the latter place, and which is of comparatively small value unless this line is constructed.

Pity the Children.
As long as the hot weather continues the school-rooms remain closed. The children can learn nothing in a crowded and suffocating hot schoolroom and the confinement under such circumstances may be injurious to their health. Why should the little ones be tortured for mere form's sake? It would be far better for them to have their fling a little longer. It seems to us cruel to pen them up between four walls these hot days. What has the Superintendent of Education to say about the matter? He, no doubt, sympathizes with the small people and sees the uselessness of sending them to school to be roasted.

Common Sense Needed.
On Saturday evening about 7:30 the employees at the Langley street electric light station cleaned the smoke stack by beating it with a club while the fires were burning in the furnaces. The consequence was that the atmosphere for several blocks was filled with small particles of soot. These blackened the faces and linen of pedestrians, and spoiled delicate goods in the stores. The method followed by the electric light people is a productive of serious nuisance, and it is to be hoped that the incident will not be repeated. If it is, they should be indicted as a nuisance.

The Emperor of Germany in England.
"The state banquet at Windsor was admirably served, and the menu had wisely been reduced to reasonable proportions. The Emperor appeared most to enjoy the Bique d'Escargots aux Quenelles, the hanchon of venison, the roast beef, and the Charlotte Russe aux Fraises. His Majesty drank Rhine wine at dinner and Apollinaris water, and afterwards he took a bumper of the Queen's famous Madeira, finishing up with a glass of Tokay, like his grandfather the Prince Consort, who always concluded his dinner with Tokay, of which Her Majesty possesses a unique cellar."—The World, London, 15th July, 1891.

An Attractive Exhibition.
At 3 o'clock this afternoon, the Lieut. Governor and Mrs. Nelson will formally open the annual exhibition of the B. C. Horticultural Association, at the B. C. Growers' Society, in Assembly Hall, Fort street, which has been specially prepared for the occasion. Up to six o'clock, last evening, some five hundred entries had been received, which promises a thoroughly representative and attractive show. During the exhibition, which will be open to the public this and to-morrow afternoon and evening, Prof. Pierdner's fine orchestra will provide good music, and refreshment will be provided from the opening until the closing of the show.

Her Wish Was Granted.
Miss Kate Tierney, a native of Victoria, 20 years of age, died at Vancouver on Saturday last, after a remarkably brief illness. The deceased had spent her holidays in this city, returning home about a week ago, only to be taken sick. Rapidly growing worse, she was told that she had not long to live, and she then expressed a desire to be buried at Ross Bay. The dying request was heeded. The remains were brought over by the Islander, Sunday night, and the funeral took place, yesterday morning, from St. Andrew's pro-cathedral, where mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Nicolay. The pallbearers were, T. S. Burnes, F. Partridge, F. Campbell, H. McDowell, F. Sehl and S. Latham.

Outpost Duty.
Capt. Smallfield and the men of his command returned to town yesterday morning, having completed their outpost duty at the junction of the Gadsden Bay road and the main road. The company had just got nicely settled, Saturday night, three pickets being thrown out, when a party of ten or a dozen, led by Sergeant-Major Munro, crept stealthily along. Deafened, surprised, bound, gagged and disarmed the sentry of the first picket; captured and disarmed his five companions, and took possession of the camp. The attack was very nicely planned, and the men were awakened, few had to be awakened, and skimming down to the beach followed. Then general halting exercise, led by Sergt. Hibben, was the order of the day.

Severage Investigation.
The inquiry into the allegations made by sub-inspector Newhouse, to the effect that defective pipes were being laid in the Cook street sewer, that they were not properly stamped and protected, and that timber was used for which there was no necessity, was opened, yesterday afternoon, before a sub-committee, consisting of Aldermen Hunter (chairman), McKillop and Conaghan. Mr. Newhouse, Mr. Harrison and Mr. Mohn were heard, the evidence tending to show that the only piece of broken pipe made use of was one at the manhole, near Belcher street, which was to be connected with another pipe in a manner explained by Mr. Mohn, so as to enable the manhole to be used for the purpose of flushing the sewer. If the broken pipe had not been used a perfect pipe would have had to be put.

Mr. Newhouse only charged that some 500 or 600 feet of unnecessary timber were put in, and it was explained that no timber had been put in except what was required to prevent a cave-in.

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THE SCHOOL TRUSTEES.

Meeting Last night—A Substitute Teacher Appointed to the Girls' High School.

The Board and the Superintendent of Education—A Question of School Accommodation.

It was almost half an hour after the time set for entering upon the business of the evening, when the school trustees, under the presidency of Chairman Hayward, came to order, last evening. All members of the Board were present, and, before taking up the order of communications.

TRUSTEE MCCONNAN requested that his name be removed from those forming the committee to appoint a substitute for Miss Armstrong, principal of the Girls' school, during her absence. He had not been consulted in the matter, and, consequently objected to serving upon the committee.

TRUSTEE JESSOP, rising to a question of order, said that Trustee McCannan must certainly be laboring under some misapprehension, as the other members of the committee had consulted him, and the selection of Mr. Kerr for the position had met with the approval of the Board. TRUSTEE MCCONNAN acknowledged that his memory had, for the moment, played him false. He had been consulted as to the selection of Mr. Kerr.

Supt. Pope, replying to a communication from the Board, addressed to the Council of Public Instruction, wrote that the Board had no authority to appoint teachers to positions other than provided for in the estimates; the necessary authority being obtainable from the Government.

TRUSTEE JESSOP expressed surprise at the tenor of Supt. Pope's communication; he had understood otherwise from conversation with the superintendent. To avoid future misunderstandings, he hoped that all communications with the Council of Public Instruction would be in writing.

The letter from Dr. Pope was placed upon file. In acknowledgment of the resolution passed at the Board's last meeting, requesting his opinion upon the right of the Trustees to request the attendance of Supt. Pope, and to enquire into the manner of examination papers, the Attorney-General, through his deputy, Mr. Barton, wrote that the question was not of such a character, in his opinion, as to require an expression of his views upon.

J. N. Muir informed the Board that ten pupils, not of school age, attended the Victoria West school, last year. This was contrary to the rules and regulations, which, if strictly enforced in this particular, would crowd the schools with toddlers of two years old. Filed.

TRUSTEE JESSOP, for the committee appointed to select a substitute for Miss Armstrong during her absence, reported that the best available teacher, Mr. Kerr, had been selected for the position, and had already entered upon his duties.

In reply to an enquiry as to the amount of remuneration, Trustee Jessop said that this was something which the committee had nothing to do. The act provided that the supply should be paid by the teacher absent from duty.

The report was received and the committee discharged.

The architect for the school improvements at Victoria West being in attendance, with the tenders received, the chairman suggested that some action be taken with respect thereto.

TRUSTEE McLAUGHLIN said that when the committee, of which he was in charge, had advised the enlargement of the Victoria West school, and the appointments of an additional teacher there, they were not aware that other schools required attention of the kind referred to, even more than Victoria West. It would hardly be right to receive tenders for the Victoria West school until it was known what would be done for the others.

TRUSTEE JESSOP said that, now that the schools were open again, the board would be in a better position than before to see where space and assistance were most required.

TRUSTEE RICHARDS, who had visited the schools during the day, said that in some of the wards he found four scholars occupying seats and desks intended for but two. While such a state of affairs existed, satisfactory progress could hardly be expected. The opening of the tenders was deferred for one week.

TRUSTEE McLAUGHLIN briefly commenting upon the benefit to be derived by teachers going over the examination papers with their pupils, and teaching them from their failures, introduced the resolution reprinted below:—

"Resolved, that this Board believes it conducive to the best interests of education in this city, that, as far as possible after each half-yearly examination, the teachers of the public and high schools, reviewing the questions at the examination, and the work of the pupils in connection therewith, more particularly their failures, instruct their classes upon these questions, and, where necessary, judiciously comment on the most suitable answers, and endeavor to give them character. Resolved, that the principals of schools, and all others interested in education, are respectfully requested to carry into effect the views of the Board as contained in the foregoing resolution."

The resolution was seconded by Trustee Jessop, and cordially supported by Trustee Richards.

TRUSTEE MCCONNAN was opposed to the course suggested; he did not consider it right that examination papers should be reviewed by teachers and scholars. If the resolution received the sanction of the Board, it would be going back upon its previous action. He moved that the resolution be tabled for one week, in order that trustees might look carefully into it.

The amendment failed to find a second, and the resolution was adopted.

TRUSTEE RICHARDS thought that the Board would agree with him that the Attorney-General should lend the Board all necessary assistance in determining the powers and duties of the trustees, and he therefore submitted the following resolution, which was seconded by Trustee Morrow:

"Resolved, that this Board is of opinion that the opinion of the hon. the Attorney-General should be obtained with respect to the powers and duties of the trustees, and that a resolution be passed at the next meeting of this Board, to the effect that the Attorney-General be respectfully requested to favor this Board with his opinion on the question submitted by the resolution."

The mover remarked that the Board could not proceed intelligently until it knew the position it was in with respect to the superintendent of education. The seconded thought the Attorney-General had given an answer to all to the question of the Board, and had simply adopted a policy of evasion.

TRUSTEE JESSOP failed to see where anything could be gained by pressing this matter further. He moved that no vote be taken on the question, and that the matter be referred to the Superintendent of Education before it. It would be better to let the matter drop.

TRUSTEE MCCONNAN shared this view of the matter.

By adopting the resolution, the board was only putting itself to increased and unnecessary trouble.

The chairman and Trustee McLaughlin saw no advantage in pressing the resolution. The Attorney-General had stated his intention not to interfere in the matter; and now, said Chairman Hayward, the best thing to be done is to submit a full statement of the facts to the council of public instruction.

The motion was lost on a tie, the chairman giving his vote to defeat it, with the remark: "When a man says no, I take it he means no."

TRUSTEE RICHARDS moved that, in consequence of the present crowded condition of the schools and unusually hot weather, the Educational Department be requested, to extend the vacation, in the city schools, until September 1st.

This resolution was debated at length, amended to make the extension of holidays until August 24th, and finally lost upon a division of two for, three against, Trustee McLaughlin not voting.

TRUSTEE MORROW introduced the following:—

"Resolved, the estimates provide for additional teachers for the Victoria West school, and also for a new school in the city of Victoria."

And whereas, the Board of Trustees are of the opinion that the following ward schools, viz: James Bay, Hillside and Spring Ridge, are in a very overcrowded state.

Resolved, that the trustees will require to apply to the Provincial Government for its assistance in their opinion, provided in the estimates.

He is therefore resolved, that this Board is of the opinion that it is advisable to supply new teachers for the ward schools named in preference to Victoria West or establishing a new school."

This resolution was made the subject of considerable discussion, and was finally withdrawn, with the understanding that it should be again presented at the next regular meeting.

A long list of articles required in the various departments was read and referred to the committee of supply, with power to act.

Trustees McLaughlin, Saunders and Richards were named as a finance committee, and to them was referred a bill for back hire amounting to \$3, the instructions being to pay it if correct.

On motion of Trustee Richards, a copy of Trustee McLaughlin's resolution was ordered to be sent to the Superintendent of Education, and to each of the principals of city schools, and the Superintendent was requested to supply the heads of each department with copies of the papers sent at the recent examinations.

This concluding the business of the evening, an adjournment was taken until Monday, at the usual hour.

LITTLE LOCALS.

The I.O.O.F. excursion across the Sound is not until Saturday, 22nd inst.

The Parsons' case will come up again in the Provincial Court, this morning.

Extensive alterations are being made to the basement accommodation of the Court-house.

Work on the new Basil block, corner of Blanchard and Pandora streets, was commenced, yesterday.

In the Supreme Court, before Mr. Justice Drake, the action of Harris vs. McNeil, was dismissed with costs.

SEMI-NEWSY TID-BITS.

A HOME for broken down bachelors has been founded in St. Louis.

The discovery of nickel near the village of Pleovra, in Ontario, has created much excitement.

Another Bellamy colony is to be started near Beaver City in No. Man's Land. It is expected to number five hundred.

POISONED grain has been scattered in the courthouse yard at Sioux City, and it is expected that the English sparrows will eat it and die.

A FUNERAL procession got stuck in the mud at St. Joseph, Mo., the other day, and everybody had to get out and walk excepting the corpse.

The city council of Santa Barbara, Cal., has ordered every eucalyptus tree that stands within one hundred feet of a water main to be cut down.

L. K. TANNOCK, of Pratt Mines, Ala., jumped into a well sixty feet deep. There was not enough water in it to drown him, and he was taken out alive but badly bruised.

A SCHOOLHOUSE in which Susan B. Anthony taught for three years, up in Canajoharie, in central New York, has been set aside for sale at auction. It was built in 1849.

A CHATTANOOGA dentist lost a valuable diamond ring the other day in a curious manner. He was examining the back teeth of a patient, when the ring slipped down the latter's throat. The ring has not yet been recovered.

BERLIN doctors have come to an understanding that hereafter their coats shall wear white hats, so that a doctor's face will be always immediately distinguished and the public enabled to summon medical aid on the streets in urgent cases.

A CRAZY spectator in court at Woonsocket, R. I., a few days ago seized some copies of the general statutes and smashed glass panels in Judge Ballou's bookcase and window lights to the extent of thirty-five dollars before he could be seized and locked up.

SHERIFF HATVES, of Dearborn county, Ind., was awakened by a rattle on the doorbell of the jail at Lawrenceburg the other morning, and upon responding to the summons found one of the prisoners on the outside who had voluntarily returned. Investigation showed that all the prisoners had escaped during the night.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

BEEBEE BREWER is the name of a resident of Beaville, Bee county, Tex.

There are one hundred and one life prisoners in the Kentucky penitentiaries.

The thinnest and at the same time one of the toughest leathers tanned is a frogskin.

STRABO theologist says that the invention of bellows is due to the Scythian philosopher Anacharsis, who lived in the time of Solon.

ABOUT the only farm work that cannot now successfully be done by machinery is husking corn. It is still done about the same old way.

A SMALL company invited to taste the tea recently purchased by a London company at fifty-three dollars a pound arrived at the conclusion that it was worth the money.

ONE of the streets of Palermo is named after President Lincoln. This was done by order of the marquis of Rudini, the new premier of Italy, who was mayor of Palermo at the time of Lincoln's assassination.

It is the fashion now to buy odd vases. Pairs are going out of style. This is a very comforting thought to the woman who has engaged a new parlor maid and has had no experience of her talents as a bric-a-brac smasher.

An English beggar letter asking for a pair of cast-off trousers closed pathetically with these words: "So send me, most honored Sir, your trousers, and they will be woven into the laurel crown of your good deeds in Heaven."

WILLIAM JEWELL COLLEGE, an institute for young men, is situated on a hill in Missouri, and on another hill directly opposite is a female seminary. The man who goes to the territory with field glasses to sell ought to make money.

FULLY two-thirds of the professional criminals of the country have decorations in India ink tattooed in some parts of their bodies. The decorations please the owner and sometimes aid in his identification when he is wanted for a crime.

SCIENCE FOR MECHANICS.

It has recently been found that certain fungoid growths have the power of removing gold from water containing it in suspension.

When cast and malleable iron are used in the same structure a galvanic action is set up between them, and the malleable iron is corroded.

SEAWATER is now made into a tough paper, which takes the place of window glass. When colored the effect is similar to stained or painted glass.

To OVERTAKE the waste of steam in steam hammer an improvement has been introduced in fitting the hammers with two pistons of different diameters, compensating them, in fact.

GUM arabic, which was once universally used, has become very scarce and dear, and a substitute for it is being made from starch, which is subjected under pressure and at a high temperature to the action of sulphurous acid. The product, after neutralization, is soluble and extremely adhesive.

A NEW kind of metal is reported from Birmingham, Eng., which is said to be non-corrosive and will adhere to other metals of all kinds when properly applied. Its greatest use will probably be found in the marine engineering, for coating iron and steel for propellers to prevent their pitting.

THE LUCKY ONES.

Winners in the Various Events in the Albion Iron Works Picnic.

Appended are the names of prize winners in the various games at the Albion Iron Works Picnic on Saturday. Owing to the lateness of the return from the picnic ground, they could not be secured for earlier publication.

Running high jump (six entries)—Angus Bell (5 ft. 1 in.); Harvey Cook, A. Wills.

Standing long jump (three entries)—G. Eaplin (9 ft. 4 in.); Joe Madden.

Running long jump (six entries)—A. Bell (17 ft.); Joe Madden (16 ft. 10 in.); G. Tite.

Running hop, step and jump (nine entries)—A. Bell (37 ft.); H. Cook (35 ft. 6 in.).

Sack race (ten entries)—John Davidson; Bell (a sailor), the latter of whom gave his prize, a tin of coffee, to the widow of the unfortunate John Joyce, who was the other day killed by the falling of a large pipe in the foundry. The third prize went to A. Coogan.

Flat man's race (four entries)—T. McManus, W. Smith, E. Cooley.

Old man's race (100 yards, six entries)—R. Clarke, J. Clarke, Thomas Shaw.

One hundred yards race (five entries)—Thomas Cusack, G. Tite, C. R. Coates.

Quarter mile employed's race (five entries). This race was undecided between W. Peter and James Shaw, the first and second; a man having crossed the track, and, it was claimed, interfered with the runners. Joe Madden third.

Half-mile race (five entries)—championship, T. Cusack, A. Mills, Moody.

One and a half-mile walking match, open to employees (six entries). F. Watson, who came in first, was ruled out because of unfair walking; W. Pettigrew, H. Cook.

Handicap, 300 yards, married men's race, open to employees (six entries). R. Shaw, G. Madigan, W. Jenkins, James Johnson, W. Pettigrew.

Handicap, apprentices boys' race (seven entries). C. Woolley, T. Jacklin, D. Penketh.

Backward running race (five entries). J. Penketh, R. Shaw, T. Jacklin.

Wrestling match, one fall. The first match was won by H. Mellish against T. Moses, and the second by A. Wills against A. Watson.

Boys' race, under ten years (fifteen entries). J. Meel, W. Welsh, N. Basso.

Flat ladies' race (five entries). Mrs. Braidford, Mrs. Penketh, Miss Richards.

Married ladies' race (five entries). Mrs. Clyde, Mrs. Speed, Mrs. Braidford, Mrs. Kerr.

Egg and Ladle race, for ladies (five entries). Mrs. Lyons, Mrs. Clyde, Miss Cook and Mrs. Kessler.

Young Ladies' race, under 18 (ten entries). Miss Grace Craigie, Miss Colquhoun, Miss Meerrim.

Girls' Race—12 years and under—(twelve entries). Miss Grace Craigie, Miss Colquhoun, Miss Emma Johnson.

Girls' Race, under eight years of age (ten entries). Essie Kerr, Lizzie Wensley, Lillie Lyons.

Double Header Race, runner blindfolded, carrying man on shoulder. Cook and J. Shaw; Lyon and Watson; Madden and Jeff.

The Tag of War—eleven men on each side—was won by representatives of the boiler and blacksmiths' shops over the men of the machinery and moulding shops.

An extra Tag of War, between ten picked men of the Albion Works and ten men of the Navy, was won in two straight heats by the men of the Albion.

The baseball match between the Victoria Athletic team and a picked nine of the Albion Iron Works was won by the Albion boys, who thus became entitled to the silver cup, presented by Mr. Thomas Shaw, their opponents gaining a baseball and bat, the gift of T. N. Hibben & Co.

The following are the results of the drawings in the tombola: 620, gilt-edged china tea set; 290, parasol; 201, oxidized silver manure set; 208, half-dozen napkins; 213, cashmere dress pattern; 292, ten pound tin of coffee; 85, brush and comb; 176, bottle Cashmere bouquet; 14, parasol; 160, fancy box of caramels; 254, lady's fan; 233, six cans of fruit; 995, box of candles; 199, case of needles; 384, box of hairpins; 702, box of tea; 5, box of candles; 216, extra prize.

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