

# Local News

**(From Tuesday's Daily.)**  
**A Painting Boom**—A very commendable desire on the part of property holders in the business portion of the city to improve their premises is noticeable, and the paint brush is being used vigorously on many premises with very gratifying result.

**Buff For Size**—An exhibit of Buff and Black Orpington chickens, raised by Miss Turner of Cadboro Bay road is on view in the window of H. & W. Ryan, Government street. They are from the same brood and are about three months old. The difference in size is quite marked, the buff being much larger than the blacks.

**Co-operative Tile Factory**—The farmers of Saanich district are preparing to start a co-operative tile factory, near Saanich. A large number of shares have already been subscribed, and it is hoped to install the plant next month. Any person desiring shares or further information may obtain same by applying to the secretary of the Victoria Farmers' Institute.

**"Reincarnation"**—Flora Heckman lectured before the Public Research Society Sunday evening upon "Reincarnation." She said that the doctrine of reincarnation was very old, and that the mind it removes many difficulties and solves many problems. While many think it a strange, new doctrine, it is in fact taught by the Hindu sages thousands of years before Christ.

**Asked to Run**—Those interested in educational matters will learn with pleasure that the friends of Mr. J. L. Beckwith are endeavoring to induce him to become a candidate for the vacant position on the school trustee board to fill the place of Dr. Bolton, who recently resigned. Mr. Beckwith's experience at the aldermanic board would make him an admirable acquisition to the school board.

**Easter Holidays**—An exceptionally good opportunity is afforded those who wish to spend the Easter holidays with a friend or at one of the numerous resorts "up the line," the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway having arranged a double train service each day from Good Friday until Easter Monday inclusive, the afternoon trains leaving here at 4 p. m. In addition to the special train service, excursion rates will be in effect between all stations for the four days.

**Matrimonial**—A quiet wedding took place at the Metropolitan Parsonage, 41 Blanchard street, on Saturday, when Alvin and Mrs. W. J. Stoddard were united in matrimony by Rev. George K. B. Adams. After the ceremony the happy couple set away on a short trip, and returning will take up their residence in this fair city.

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**Victoria Clearing House**—The total clearings reported by the Victoria Clearing House for the week ending April 18, amount to \$59,428.

**Hotel Change**—It is reported that the Oriental Hotel has been sold to a number of years ago by the late Mr. J. M. Courtenay, and that the new proprietor, Mr. E. Courtenay, has taken possession of the hotel premises in contemplation of a change of name. The leasehold is to commence on the first of May next.

**The Finnish Colony**—R. M. Palmer, secretary of the provincial bureau of information, has returned from Malcolm Island, where he went to investigate on behalf of the government the financial troubles of the Finnish colony. Mr. Palmer says that the position is not as bad as has been reported, but until he has made his report to the government he cannot discuss the matter.

**A Job for Joseph**—The Vancouver city council has appointed Mr. Joseph Martin, C. C. counsel for the city at a salary of \$2,500 per annum, it being understood that in accepting this civic office Mr. Martin will surrender his connection as counsel with the Vancouver, Westminster & Yukon, the Hendry interests, and that the latter might possibly be antagonistic to his connection with the corporation in the capacity of legal adviser.

**Teachers' Salaries**—The school board has determined on a revision of the system of paying teachers' salaries and the finance committee has now in hand the matter of drafting the necessary amendments to the school by-law. It is proposed to grant the petition of the teachers and revert to twelve instead of ten payments annually. It is felt to be just and right that the teachers should be paid monthly throughout the year. The interference will not materially alter the whole amount expended in this way.

**ONE BOX OF DOAN'S KIDNEY PILLS CURED DROPSY.**  
**(From Thursday's Daily.)**  
**Matrimonial**—At Nanaimo yesterday morning, M. Bevelock, the well known coal city merchant, and Ethel Simpson, his daughter, were united in matrimony by Rev. A. O. U. Hall on the evening of the 27th instant. The programme was in arrangement promises to be one of the best offered locally in many months.

**Electric Workers Entertain**—Invitations have been issued by Local Division No. 109, of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees of America, for the first annual entertainment in this city, to be given at A. O. U. Hall on the evening of the 27th instant. The programme now in arrangement promises to be one of the best offered locally in many months.

**A Plucky Pioneer**—News comes from the north that Capt. William Moore, a former resident of Victoria, who raised the first white horse in 1882, is at White Horse superintending the erection of a small boat in which, although he will be 80 years of age, he will prospect the waters of the Tanana river for gold this season.

## Must Hurry the Flat Filling Work

**C. P. R. Desires to Have Hotel Site Ready for Contractors May 1st.**

Spring Ridge sand pits must be opened to Contractor Haggerty.  
At this evening's meeting of the board of directors of the C. P. R., the subject of the filling of the hotel site was discussed. It was decided that the filling of the site should be completed by May 1st. The contractor, Haggerty, is to be given the contract to fill the site. The filling of the site is a matter of great importance, as it is necessary for the construction of the hotel. The contractor is to be given the contract to fill the site. The filling of the site is a matter of great importance, as it is necessary for the construction of the hotel.

## WITHDRAW FROM INTERNATIONAL

**Local Garment Makers' Union Play Fair with Employers—Labor Council**  
The regular meeting of the Victoria Trades and Labor Council was held last evening, with President W. J. Stoddard in the chair. W. J. Stoddard presented his credentials as a delegate from the tailors' union. The president reported that the garment workers' union of this city had ceased to exist as a branch of the international laborers' union. The union had been reorganized under the name of the American Labor Union.

**At the Driard** yesterday evening, Alderman Hanna and Fuller and City Engineer Topp had a conference with H. J. Campbell, president of the Victoria Building Society. The subject of the meeting was the filling of the hotel site. The building society is to be given the contract to fill the site. The filling of the site is a matter of great importance, as it is necessary for the construction of the hotel.

## LEGAL INTELLIGENCE

**In the Full Court:**  
**Attorney-General vs. The Canadian Pacific Railway Company.** The Canadian Pacific Railway Company was ordered to pay the costs of the action, less the costs of those issues which were decided in its favor.

**Morgan vs. British Yukon Company.** This was an action for personal injuries sustained by the plaintiff while acting as mate on the steamer Yukon, owned by the defendant company. The jury found in favor of the plaintiff and awarded him \$10,000 damages.

**THE MAIN POINT.**  
Mr. Rockefeller has tested popular feeling as to the wisdom of his gift of \$200,000 to the Baptist Foreign Missionary Board. It was promptly accepted, and he might repeat his experiment ad lib. With similar results, for, after all, there is no difference in the popular feeling of a Rockefeller dollar and any other dollar.

**THE USE OF THE CANAL.**  
Toronto Globe.  
A canalization of the Columbia river, so that a considerable portion of the crops of Oregon, Washington, and Idaho may be brought to the sea by water, is a part of the project which has been discussed in the past. It is a project of great importance, as it would greatly increase the productivity of the land in the region.

**SOURCE OF SUPPLY POISONED.**  
An alarming condition present in many places in Canada—How Best to Correct it.  
Many people all over the Dominion are being poisoned slowly but surely, and that by their own carelessness. The food they eat is not pure, but is contaminated with various poisons, which are being introduced into the system through the food.

## A Great Outlook For Flathead Oil

**Pioneer Prospector Says the Famous Pennsylvania Fields Will be Eclipsed.**

**A Region Ten Miles Square With Many Latent Seepages.**  
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**Stock is being rapidly disposed of** to investors who are determined to get in on the ground floor. The oil industry is showing a great deal of activity, and many companies are being formed to explore for oil in the region.

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## MARINE NEWS

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Changes in Legislation to Aid Shipment of Crews.  
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**THE QUADRA'S CRUISE.**  
Visited Various Lights in Northern Waters—Buoys for Coast.  
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