

Local News.

CLEANINGS OF CITY AND PROVINCIAL NEWS IN A CONDENSED FORM.

At the next meeting of the mock parliament the eight-hour working day, which is one of the subjects mentioned in the speech from the throne, will be discussed. H. G. Galloway will again act as speaker this winter.

A Dawson correspondent of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer says: "The valuation of the gold exported during the season, that is from May 1st to November 1st, when considered worth \$10 an ounce, reaches \$12,741,000.

Evangelistic services are being held all this week and next, indefinitely, commencing at 8 o'clock, at the Metropolitan Methodist church, Saturdays excepted. The services are conducted by the pastor, Rev. Elliott S. Rowe in the auditorium of the church, with the choir in attendance. All are invited to attend.

An indoor basketball team has been formed in connection with the Victoria Athletic Club, and the team is open to receive challenges from any similar organization in the city.

The Sons of Scotland will give an entertainment in Sir William Wallace hall on Tuesday, December 2nd. A first class programme is being prepared, some of the best talent of the city having promised to contribute towards making the affair a success.

"Picturesque Victoria," an advance copy of which was referred to last Saturday, has now been published. It is a most interesting and beautiful book, illustrated with half-tones specially prepared for the Tourist Association by the B. C. Photo-Engraving Company. The publication has been prepared by Manager Herbert Cuthbert.

On the recommendation of a number of the members of the Provincial Progressive party a change of date for the night of meeting. The adjourned debate on Compulsory Arbitration will therefore take place at Labor hall to-night. Members and other friends are requested to be on hand at 8 o'clock. All are welcome to the meeting.

The Imperial Bank of Canada has established another branch at Cranbrook. This is the seventh branch of this energetic bank, which has branches in British Columbia, and speaks volumes for its growth. A transfer has been made from the Victoria branch. A. R. Green having gone over to fill the position of accountant.

The officers of H. M. S. Amphion gave a farewell dance Friday evening leaving for their southern cruise. The dance was given in the Dallas hotel, and was one of the best held this season. The hall was decorated with garlands and streamers. The decorations of the room included many of the trophies belonging to the warship. Finn's orchestra provided the music to the satisfaction of all. There were present about 200.

The second annual ball of the Chemainus hospital will be held at Chemainus on Friday evening, December 12th. Extensive preparations have been made for the event. These include a special train service from Victoria in order to accommodate those attending from this city. A train will leave Victoria at 6:30 p.m., and returning will leave Chemainus at 2 a.m.

In connection with the paragraph in the Times the other evening regarding the departure of Mrs. Drossner's son Leo, an informant states that he has not been living in Victoria lately, and was only here on a visit to his mother. He intends to remain in this country, and special attention will be devoted to Victoria and the Island.

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The Larriain factory of J. S. Henderson, Parkside, N. S., was destroyed by fire on Friday, together with 20,000 pairs of larrigans. A hundred men are thrown out of work. The loss is \$40,000, partly covered by insurance.

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Fully four hundred guests were present at a very enjoyable "At Home" given by His Honor the Lieut. Governor and Lady Joly at Government House last Friday evening. Music was furnished by the Fifth Regiment orchestra.

The steamer Queen City returned from the West Coast Monday afternoon after a stormy trip. She reports having sighted no vessels on the Coast, and having heard nothing of the overdue sailing schooner South Bend.

A new post office is to be opened at Sointula, the town which forms the headquarters for the Finnish colony on Malenon Island. Already the place has a regular steamboat connection, and the granting of a post office will be a matter of the greatest convenience to the colonists.

Capt. Ahlsvik, of the Russian ship Svifid, which arrived from San Francisco a few days ago, reports that the two schooners in the Straits are top-masted. The disposition of the rumor that the South Bend is in the immediate locality unless the favorable winds of today has brought her in from sea.

The past month has been extremely light for the firemen. There have been only two alarms. The first was at 6:30 p.m. on the 11th, when the department was called to a slight blaze in C. W. Miller's store on Yates street. There was no loss. The second fire was on Saturday morning at the First Presbyterian church; loss, \$100. A fire drill was held on Saturday afternoon.

The funeral of the late Charles Birch took place yesterday afternoon from the parlors of the B. C. Funeral & Burial Company at 2:30 p.m. Members of the Fraternal Order of Eagles attended in a body. Religious services were conducted by the worthy president, G. W. Wood, assisted by W. E. Theodor, W. Dempster, F. Christensen, S. A. Bandy, H. Pettierow and W. N. Tyson.

At St. John's church Sunday evening the first of the series of Advent organ recitals was given at the conclusion of the evening service, when, in addition to the four organ solos by the organist, A. Longfield, Mrs. Clyde sang a solo titled "O God, That I Know Where 'Thou' Find Him," in a very effective manner, and Mrs. Harry Young, who possesses a good soprano voice, gave the composition of Mendelssohn's "O God, in Wings of a Dove" in a most artistic manner. F. Waddington sang "Rock of Ages" by W. H. Jude, every word being clearly articulated, which added greatly to the effectiveness of the solo.

A Vancouver paper on Saturday announced that the British Columbia government had issued a report on the mining situation with a promising outlook for the British Columbia mines. The article then deals with the production of gold in the Boundary, the Yukon, the Stikine, and the Similkameen, actively in the Stickeen, etc. This is all very interesting, but it couldn't have been gleaned from any report from the provincial government simply because none has been issued. In fact the provincial mineralogist would like to get hold of the correct figures at present, as it would greatly assist him in the preparation of a report on which he is now engaged.

On Monday next at Sidney, Herbert Cuthbert, travelling representative of the Tourist Association, will deliver an illustrated lecture on "British Columbia and the Great West, or a Tour Through Western Canada With the British Journalists." This lecture will be practically a continuation of all those already given by him dealing with the grain producing areas of the Northwest, the mineral, fisheries and timber resources of the province and its immemorial past as a tourist country. Special attention will be devoted to Victoria and the Island.

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The steamer Edith came in from the Sound on Monday and is now in the dry dock, where a survey of her injuries will be made as soon as the water about her has been pumped out. The repairs on the ship are to be effected by the Esquimalt Marine Railway Company, while Frank York has the contract for the docking and painting of the steamer. The extent of the damage done to the ship could not be determined while she was afloat, and Capt. Hall is puzzled to know the cause of the accident. He says the steamer started to fill while off the Cape without any apparent reason. He says that his vessel could not be accommodated on the Sound. Mr. Moran, of Seattle, would not take her, while the Quartermaster's dock at Tacoma would not receive the vessel while there was any coal in her.

The National Woman's Christian Temperance Union will probably meet here next June. The officers of the organization wrote to the local W. C. T. U. officers asking for information concerning the city and the hotel accommodations. This is being furnished by the Tourist Association, who are forwarding literature relative to the city to the officers of the association. The new city guide, "Picturesque Victoria," is included in this, and the interesting points along the C. P. R. are also set forth. The Tourist Association have for a time been negotiating with the C. P. R. for the purpose of obtaining concessions from that railway which would serve as an inducement to have the National W. C. T. U. convene here. Their efforts have been satisfactory in this respect, so that the chances of the union meeting here are very bright.

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SUPREME COURT SITTINGS.

First Case to Be Heard Will Be Action Against Owners of Tur. Mr. Justice Irving will preside at the sittings of the Supreme court for trial of civil cases, which will begin at 11 a.m. to-morrow. The first case on the list will be tried with a special jury. It is brought by the Alaska Packers' Association, owners of the Laraine Santa Clara, which was wrecked on Trial Island last Christmas, against the owner of the tug Mystery, the claim being for damages on account of alleged negligence in attempting to get the Santa Clara across the rocks. Messrs. Bowdell & Duff act for the plaintiffs; Tupper, Peters & Griffin, for defendant.

Mr. Justice Drake disposed of the following cases in Chambers on Saturday morning: Bontiller vs. Lozan. Defendant was granted an order for particulars, defence to be delivered within five days from the date of the order. Plaintiff has liberty to examine defendant. A. F. R. Martin for plaintiff, J. M. Bradburn contra.

Re Lenora, Mt. Sicker Co., winding-up. James Egan's petition for a winding-up order was dismissed with costs, without prejudice to his right to bring a further petition. The winding-up order granted on Hoffin & Co.'s petition still stands, and the company are appealing against it. W. E. Oliver, for company; J. H. Lawson, jr., contra.

McLaren vs. McLaughlin. F. Higgins, for plaintiff, obtained a garnishee order nisi. This morning His Lordship granted orders in: Evans vs. Miller. Security for costs was ordered, \$100 to be deposited. A. C. Stanton, for defendant; F. Higgins, contra.

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Algernon Eccleston, servant of Lieut. Knox, of H. M. S. Grafton, was Monday morning sentenced to three months' imprisonment with hard labor for the theft of \$25 from John Sullivan, acting bombardier on the flagship. The accused protested his innocence to the last despite the overwhelming evidence that was adduced against him. Geo. Powell had been retained by Lieut. Knox to look after his employee's case, but during its progress formally withdrew. It is understood that Mr. Powell, observing that his client's chances of acquittal were extremely precarious, advised him to plead guilty, and the accused disregarded this advice.

In convicting him the magistrate pointed out that although no one saw him actually put his hands into Sullivan's pocket the evidence nevertheless was overwhelmingly against him, and the court had no other alternative than to find him guilty. He gave the prisoner an opportunity to make restitution by returning to Sullivan the money stolen from him if it was still in the prisoner's custody. As it wasn't proven that the money had belonged to the complainant the magistrate had no power to order the return of any of it to Sullivan.

The circumstances of the case are as follows: Sullivan, Eccleston, the accused, and a number of men were on, looking at the Coach and Horses saloon, Pseumilut road, on Friday night last. Sullivan, who had received \$28.45 in wages that day paid for the drinks, and took a few dollars of the money which consisted of four five dollar gold pieces and four dollars in silver. The accused was standing near and saw him pay. During this period of convivial pleasure Sullivan was a victim of the Naval hospital became involved in a row, and with the others went outside to settle the difference in a "square up." Before doing so he collected his money and put it in a service envelope, which he placed in one of his coat pockets. He then took off his overcoat and tunic and left them both on the bar.

While they were outside the bartender and Mrs. Simpson, proprietress of the Coach and Horses, saw Eccleston return and walk toward the coat. As their attention was diverted by the trouble outside they paid no attention to him, in fact their backs were turned toward him while he was standing near the coat. Eccleston was in the room several minutes, and left just as the others were coming in. Sullivan detected the loss of his money immediately on his return and reported it to the bartender.

Suspicion fell on Eccleston, and next morning Constable Campbell, who was notified, told him that he was accused of the theft. The latter strenuously denied the accusation, and was very willing that they should search his room at Clayton's, where he has been lodging. While making the search Constable Campbell discovered in his trousers pocket the service envelope in which Sullivan had his money. The latter refused to let him see it, and at once asked Eccleston how the envelope happened to be there, and the latter faintly. After he had recovered the constable put him under arrest. Eccleston then got on his hands and knees and implored them to let him off offering Sullivan and the constable \$50 if they would do so. He subsequently said if they would give him a chance he would get the money.

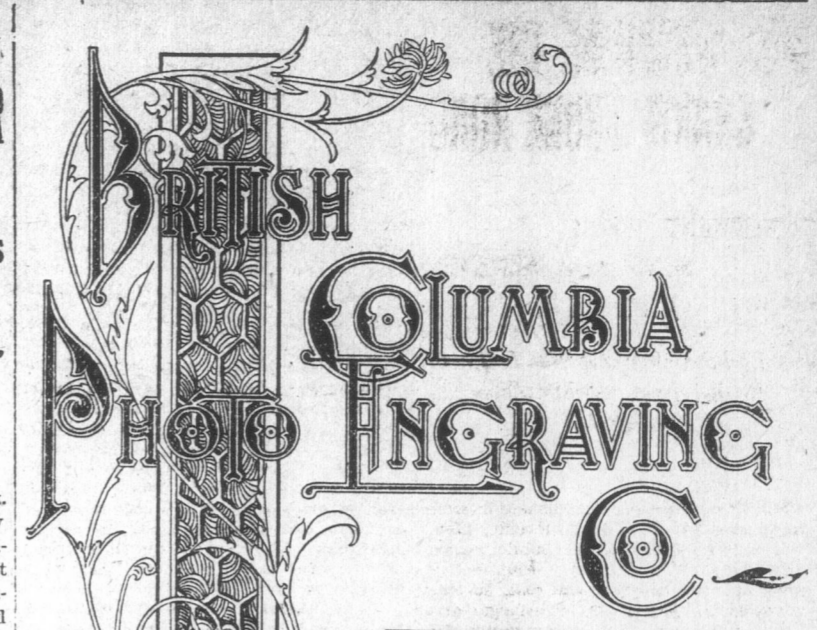
They then proceeded toward the house of Eccleston's employer, Lieut. Knox, and on the way the prisoner made a dash for the woods. He was speedily caught, and had a number of fainting spells. When they arrived at the Victoria house, where Lieut. Knox is staying, the prisoner made another attempt to escape. He appeared particularly anxious to go up to the lieutenant's room in company with the officer, but would not accompany Constable Campbell there. The latter refused to let him out of his sight. Ultimately the constable took his prisoner to town in a hack.

On Saturday afternoon some money, including a number of gold pieces, was found in the lieutenant's room, where it had been concealed by Eccleston. He stoutly asserted that this money was his own. On the witness stand he protested his innocence. He admitted having been at the Coach and Horses on Friday night. He didn't remain with the party, because he didn't want to see a fight. As he was walking away from the place a man passed him dropping an envelope. He picked it up and called out to the man, but the latter did not hear. That was how the envelope happened to be in his pocket.

As before stated he was convicted and sentenced to three months' imprisonment with hard labor. Since his arrest he has told a number of different stories concerning the affair, and his version on the witness stand to-day varied considerably from all the others.

WHOLESALE MARKET. The following quotations are Victoria wholesale prices paid for farm produce this week: Potatoes (new), per ton, 12.00; Carrots, per 100 lbs., 60; Turnip, per 100 lbs., 60; Parsnips, per 100 lbs., 1.00; Onions, per 100 lbs., 1.00; Butter (creamery), per lb., 25; Butter (dairy), per lb., 20; Eggs, per doz., 25; Chickens, per doz., 3.00 @ 6.00; Hens, per ton, 20.00; Oats, per ton, 24.00; Barley, per ton, 24.00; Flour, per ton, 31.00; Beef, per lb., 8 @ 9; Mutton, per lb., 9 @ 10; Veal, per lb., 10 @ 11.

The catcamps at Rome contain 6,000,000 skeletons.



To the Editor:—Now that the volume "Picturesque Victoria" is in the hands of the public, I wish to express my pleasure at the excellent work done by the B. C. Photo-Engraving Company in furnishing engravings for the work. I have long contended that we need not send to Chicago or New York to obtain first-class engravings, and the work just published is a complete vindication of that position. The work of the B. C. Photo-Engraving Company of Victoria, and of the famous Binner, of Chicago, is shown side by side, and I ask the public to form their own opinions as to which suffers by comparison. For the future engraving work should be kept at home, and in the hands of our own artists. A. B. FRASER, SR. Hon. Treas. Tourists' Association.

DEATH OF PURSER AYRES. Further particulars regarding the death of Edward