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## LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

**MEETING OF THE LEGISLATURE.**

A proclamation has been issued summoning the members of the local legislature to meet, for despatch of business, on Thursday, the 31st day of January, 1889.

**Obituary.**

Mr. Chas. Taylor, a respected farmer of Alberni, and one of the oldest settlers there, died at St. Joseph's Hospital yesterday morning of heart disease.

**The Weather in the Interior.**

The weather on the mainland this season has been remarkably fine. Arrangements were made to play a baseball match at Kamloops on Christmas Day, and the *Sentinel* reports that road-making, building, plastering and painting were being carried on every day.

**Coroner's Inquest.**

An inquest was held yesterday morning by Coroner Jackson on the remains of the Chinaman Lang Ah Sam, Messrs. Munsie, Maynard, Salmon, McCandless, Irving and Jewell being sworn as jurors. After viewing the body and hearing the evidence, the jury returned a verdict of suicide.

**A Poor Marksman.**

T. W. Worthington, superintendent of the coal mines at Roslyn, W. T., while standing in the company's store on Christmas eve, was fired at four times through the window by an unknown man. The superintendent was unhurt. His offence was replacing white strikers with black miners.

**Petition.**

Rev. Dr. Reid and Rev. J. E. Starr yesterday presented a petition containing about five hundred signatures, to Assistant Commissioner T. R. Smith, President of the C. P. N. Co., requesting the company to reconsider their decision to hold an excursion on Sunday next on the steamer Islander. The President informed the gentlemen that the decision would receive every consideration.

**City Police Court.**

In this court yesterday, several Chinamen were charged with refusing to pay trade licenses. The charges were withdrawn on payment of license and costs. W. Harward paid $5 for driving over a city bridge at a pace faster than a walk. A similar charge against J. W. Martin, not being proven, was dismissed. A hackman named Cash was fined the sum of $5 for fighting on the public streets.

**Y. M. C. A.**

The annual reception of the temperance societies and the Y. M. C. A. will be held in the Y. M. C. A. Hall on New Year's day, commencing at 10 a.m. and closing at 5 p.m. Everybody welcome. In the evening there will be an entertainment given in the Temperance Hall, Pandora street, commencing at 7:30. A good programme has been provided for the occasion. Admission free. Collection at close of meeting.

**To Trip the Hours Away.**

The annual assembly of Court Northern Light, A. O. F., will be held to-night in Assembly Hall, on Fort street. The brethren promise that everyone attending will have a thoroughly happy evening, and they have made every arrangement to make their promise good in its fullest sense.

On New Year's eve, the annual assembly of the German Liederkranz will be held in Philharmonic Hall, and a general good time is looked forward to.

**A Temperance Lesson.**

At about eight o'clock last evening a sailor who had been indulging in too much liquor took a tumble from Welch, Rithet & Co.'s dock. The sudden immersion had the effect of thoroughly sobering him and he managed to catch a pile and thus keep his head above water while shouting lustily for help. His cries brought to the spot several of the crew of the steamer Isabel, as well as a number of railway men who were on duty at the E. & N. yards. One of the latter, a young man named Austin, procured a boat and rescued the thoroughly soaked mariner just as he was about to sink into the water exhausted.

**Fell Down an Open Hatchway.**

Yesterday afternoon Mr. Wm. Nichols, a well-known resident of Victoria, while walking along Douglas street, stepped into a hatchway on the sidewalk near the Clarence Hotel, which chanced to be open at the time. The sun was shining full in Mr. Nichols' eyes, which prevented him seeing the open trap. A flight of steps broke his fall, but he nevertheless struck with such violence as to fracture his leg in the same place in which it had been broken last September, when the unfortunate gentleman met with a similar accident on Government street. The fractured limb was set by Dr. Jackson.

**From Fifty-Eight to Eighty-Eight.**

The first time in many, many years, the Adelphi Cigar Store remained closed yesterday, and the genial face of its proprietor was missed from his accustomed post at the "corner." The news of the death of the estimable wife of Mr. Campbell was received with genuine sorrow, and during the day and last evening many were the expressions of sympathy extended to the bereaved family. The deceased lady, with her husband, came to Victoria in 1858; she resided here continuously until the time of her death, in 1888, and was aged 58. The funeral has been arranged to take place on Saturday morning from the family residence, Johnson street, at 9:45, and at 10 o'clock from St. Andrew's pro-cathedral. Members of Far West Lodge, K. of P., of which Mr. Campbell is a member, will attend the funeral in a body.

**The Way to Serve Dinner.**

In a recent issue of New York *Engineering*, the following reference to the dining car system of the C. P. R. is made, and a happy suggestion toward their improvement offered:—

"We predict for that dining car line a great success which first has the courage to abolish the bill of fare, which not one in ten of the passengers knows how to order from directly, and serve simply a *breakfast* or a *dinner*, with the ordering of which the passenger has nothing to do (as he never expects to have when he is to be served particularly well) and which then it might reasonably be demanded, should be in every article of the best. Even in a hotel this would probably be a greater success than the "American plan" of choosing blindly from all the dishes that can be thought of; nay, it is a success in one of the best hotels on this continent as respects its table, the Driard House, of Victoria, B. C., where the guest is not asked for his order, and when his meal is placed before him, is thankful he was not; and the same is true of all other *table d'hote* meals. Of dining cars this should surely be still more true, because the conditions forbid serving well a multiplicity of dishes. Few of us are conscious of suffering from lack of a bill of fare when we dine or breakfast with a friend. Why should not the railway company take the place of the friend and simply serve an excellent breakfast according to the judgment of its carterer, who knows far better how to serve one than the average passenger does how to order it."

**Westminster Presbyterian Church.**

The *Columbian* reports the new Presbyterian Church in Westminster as nearly completed. The exterior presents a handsome appearance, which is not a little enhanced by the tasteful spire. The interior is both commodious and beautiful, and when the church is finished and opened, which will be some time next month, the congregation of St. Andrew's may well be congratulated.

**Heine, the Gifted Violinist.**

Victorians will next week be afforded an opportunity of hearing the great violinist, M. Heine, and his talented wife. A peculiar interest attaches to M. Heine's performances on the violin, by the fact of his being deprived of the sense of sight. In his case, as in that of most other blind people, the sense of touch is remarkably developed, and the delicacy with which he "feels" the strings of his instrument is described as being wonderful. The music he produces proclaims him at once as the true artist, while Mrs. Heine is pronounced one of the best pianists who has visited this coast for many years.

## ATHLETES AT DINNER.

**The Members of the Victoria Athletic Club Hold Their Annual Dinner at the Clarence.**

The annual dinner of the Victoria Athletic Club was held last evening at the Clarence Hotel, in all about seventy-five gathering around the well-filled tables.

The Christmas decorations remained in all their beauty, and the splendor of the snowy linen, and glistening crystal and silver, added to the handsome ornamentation of the room, made the whole a scene of beauty not soon to be forgotten. The chair was taken shortly before 9 o'clock by the president of the club, Mr. J. L. Smith, while Messrs. John L. Gardner and F. W. Robson occupied the vice-chairs. The menu was such as might be expected from the prince of caterers, Mr. Anderson, and was as follows:

MENU.

OYSTERS.

SOUP.

Consommé. Royal. Game.

FISH.

Halibut Sauce Hollandaise. Salmon Sauce Tartare.

ENTREES.

Vol au Vent of Chickens.

COLD.

Roast Turkey. Boar's Head. Mayonnaise of Chicken. Ham and Tongue.

HOT JOINTS.

Roast Turkey. Grouse. Wild Ducks.

ENTREMETS.

Plum Pudding. Mince Pies. Wine Jellies. Creams. Pastry.

DESSERT.

Apples. Nuts. Oranges; Ice Cream.

After the eatables had satisfactorily been put out of sight, toast, song and sentiment became the order of the hour, the following toasts, interspersed with songs and speeches, being disposed of: "The Queen." "The President of the United States," proposed by the chair and acknowledged by Mr. J. Coleman. "Our President," given by Capt. F. Gouge, and "Our Officers," by Mr. P. Davies. "Past Officers" was called for by Mr. P. Frye, and "Absent Members" by Mr. Shade; Mr. F. W. Robson replying for the unfortunate few who missed being present. "Athletes Everywhere," The Press" and "The Ladies," completed the toast list; Messrs. Gardner, Whittaker, Fisher and Weiler speechifying to the delight of all the boys.

The pleasant dinner came to an end before midnight and each of the boys carried away with him most pleasant memories of the annual re-union at the close of 1888.

## TOWN TOPICS TERSELY TOLD.

**Local and General Happenings Gathered up and Presented in Readable Shape.**

Farmers in Victoria district are busily ploughing.

Mt. Baker was a grand vision yesterday, having a mantle of white almost to its base.

The district roads in places are badly rutted by the passage of heavily laden wagons.

Construction in brick, wood and stone buildings is proceeding with unabated vigor.

Deputy Sheriff Langley disposed of the stock recently owned by Brown, the hatter, yesterday morning.

Charles McDougall, a patriarchial looking man, living a few miles out in the country, was confined in the city lockup last evening on suspicion of having stolen several stone cutters' tools.

Two amateur sportsmen amused themselves yesterday by shooting seagulls on the harbor, not far from James Bay bridge. As the names of the reckless couple are known, it is probable that they will be called on to explain their violation of the law.

## MARINE.

Steamship Willamette is loading Wellington coal at Departure Bay.

Steamship Walla Walla cleared from San Francisco for Victoria yesterday.

Steamer Barbara Boscowitz will leave for Skeena River on or about January 10th.

Steamship Wellington will complete loading Wellington coal at Departure Bay to-day.

Steamship Batavia, which sailed from Vancouver to Hongkong on Christmas day, had 1,207 tons of flour and 75 tons miscellaneous merchandise. Her passengers were, cabin: A. Kusawa, V. E. Magor and Capt. Wm. Grant; steerage, 57.

## PERSONAL.

Miss Laura Copeland of Seattle is the guest of her sister in this city.

E. L. Shannon, formerly of this city, spent yesterday in Victoria, and left for the Sound this morning.

## CHRISTMAS AT THE CHINESE HOME.

To THE EDITOR:—While Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Chase are very thankful for the opportunity of helping to enlighten and impress upon the darkened minds of the Chinese girls at the home the significance and beauty of the day we celebrate as the birthday of our Saviour, the privilege and honor (if any be due) for the beautiful Christmas tree presented to them on Christmas eve is not ours alone, as one would infer from the article in the columns of yesterday's COLONIST. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Gardiner were large contributors, as well as were Mrs. Grant, Miss Leask, Mrs. Stevens and others. We ask that you will kindly give space for this correction.

MR. AND MRS. J. S. CHASE.

**A Lucky Escape.**

"For six years I suffered with my throat and enlarged tonsils. I was very weak; I doctored four years and had advice from three doctors; they said I would have to undergo an operation. I tried B. B. B. instead. One bottle cured me." M. A. Squelch, Raglan, Ont. tts

**Launches.**

Marine and other work made and repaired at Victoria Machinery Depot.—SPRATT & GRAY, Rock Bay. *

## THE DOG SHOW.

**Successful Opening of the First Exhibition of the Dog, Poultry and Pet Association—The Prize List.**

The first exhibition of the Victoria Dog and Poultry Association was declared open to the public at four o'clock yesterday afternoon, by His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Nelson; among the visitors present being Mr. D. M. Eberts, president; and Lieut.-Col. Prior, M. P., treasurer of the society; Chief Justice Sir Matthew B. Begbie, Hon. Judge O'Reilly, Mr. F. S. Barnard, M. P., and a large number of ladies and gentlemen of social prominence.

The delicious music of "C" Battery band was mingled with the occasional howling of the homesick canines and the cackling of the fowls, as the visitors inspected the exhibits and commented on their individual excellencies.

Passing down the right, on entering, a number of splendid setters, of all the peculiar breeds, are first visited. Then come grey-hounds, deer-hounds, retrievers and all the other intelligent friends of the sportsmen; with several sturdy mastiffs occupying a prominent position at the View street end of the rink. Spaniels and pet dogs of many kinds are found in full force; while "toy" dogs, no bigger than kittens are not fifty feet away from the family of Great Danes, Danish boar hounds, massive creatures, with faultless symmetrical limbs, and almost speaking eyes. The handsome animals are the property of Mr. Meyer of Port Townsend, and are apparently the visitors' favorites. In all, over 150 dogs are exhibited and each and all are splendid specimens of the canine race.

THE POULTRY EXHIBIT,

which occupies the centre of the rink, is as good as it is varied. Every description of barnyard and fancy fowl is shown, and the birds are, as a whole, the finest ever seen at any exhibition given on the Pacific coast.

In pigeons, all the fancy beauties are exhibited, the magnificent dovecots of Mrs. Perrin and other city fanciers being well represented. Antwerps, nuns, owls, fantails, pouters and almost every other variety, fill the coops—placed just on top of the cages containing the pet cats. A substantial board partition is between them, however, and they get along very well together.

The cat show is a thoroughly good one. There are about a dozen tabbies, each with the traditional pink ribbon about its neck. Almost all are competing for the honor of being the largest cat in Victoria. One of them looks as if he would tip the beam at about 18 pounds or thereabouts, and divides his attention between the pigeons, on which he looks with hungry eye, and the dogs, with a view to combat. Canaries are shown of all the various breeds, and the lovers of bird music will find all their household favorites shown at the Yates street end of the rink.

During yesterday afternoon, the trick dogs were put through an elaborate programme by their owners, and the performance was again repeated in the evening. The rink is very conveniently arranged with a view to seeing all the exhibits at their best, and the electric light will be placed in position to-night, when the show can be seen more satisfactorily than last evening.

The association has worked energetically and intelligently to make the present exhibition the finest show of dog, poultry, and pet stock ever held on the coast, and all who have visited the rink will unhesitatingly affirm that they have fully accomplished all that was undertaken. The judges completed their work in one department last evening, and the following is the prize list of the

**DOGS.**

St. Bernard dog—1st, Major Peters; 2d, Thos. Dunn.
St. Bernard bitch—1st, R. R. Cunningham; 2d, J. R. Hett.
St. Cernard puppy—1st, J. E. Gardner.
Mastiff dog—1st, W. S. Chambers.
Mastiff bitch—1st, W. S. Chambers.
Mastiff puppy—1st, C. Rezonf.
Newfoundland dog—1st, H. C. Fawcett.
Greyhound dog—1st, W. J. McKeon.
Greyhound bitch—1st, W. J. McKeon; 2d, W. S. McKeon.
Greyhound puppy—1st, W. J. McKeon.
Staghound—1st, J. Cameron.
English Setter dog—1st, C. W. Thompson.
English Setter bitch—1st, C. W. Thompson; 2d, Watson.
English Setter puppy—1st, A. Mowatt.
Irish Setter dog—1st, N. Wall; 2d, R. L. Jackson.
Lish Setter puppy—1st, B. T. Drake.
Black and Tan Setter dog—1st, C. P. Bloomfield; 2d, R. Beattie.
Black and Tan Setter bitch—1st, J. E. Wilson.
Pointer dog—1st, M. Henry.
Pointer bitch—1st, T. G. Hemsworth; 2d, E. Beattie.
Irish Water Spaniel Bitch—1st, E. J. Thain; 2d, Adams.
Irish Water Spaniel puppy—1st, J. W. Carter.
Clumber Spaniel dog—1st, N. P. Snowden.
Field Spaniel dog—1st, Joseph Stewart; 2d, J. Burgess.
Field Spaniel bitch—1st, T. A. Watts.
Field Spaniel puppy—1st, H. Creech.
Black or Liver Colored Field Spaniel bitch—1st, J. H. Sullivan.
Black or Liver Field Spaniel dog—1st, H. Creech; 2d, J. Westhaver.
Blace Cocker Spaniel bitch—1st, A. T. W. Bridgeman.
Cocker Spaniel bitch other than black under 28 lbs.—1st, H. L. Salmon.
Cocker Spaniel puppy, other than black, under 28 lbs.—1st, Geo. Beckingham; 1d, W. Watkins.
Foxhound dog—1st, N. Wall; 2d, H. Watkins.
Foxhound bitch—1st, C. A. Smallbone.
Harrier bitch—1st, N. Wall.
Couple Beagles—1st, E. M. Boyill.
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Fox Terrier dox—1st, J. H. Gray; 2d, M. S. Dayrs.
Fox Terrier bitch—1st, G. H. Burnes.
Fox Terrier puppy—1st, Davis, Nanaimo; 2d, R. H. Norton.
Black and Tan Terrier dog, over 7 lbs.—1st, F. Claxton.
Black and Tan Terrier bitch—1st, Mrs. Geo. A. Perrin.
Rough-Haired Terrier dog—1st, G. Smith.
Rough-Haired Terrier bitch—1st, C. Green; 2d, W. H. Lee.
Rough-Haired Irish Terrier puppy—1st, W. H. Lee; 2d, W. H. Lee.
Hairless Japanese dog—1st, W. J. Herring.
Toy Terrier bitch—1st, Miss McDonald.
Pug bitch—1st, John Decker.
Bull Terrier dog—1st, T. O. Watts; 2d, S. Neabitt.
Bull Terrier bitch—1st, Geo. Jay.
Bull Terrier puppy—1st, M. Coulon.
Sheep dog—1st, W. G. Wilson; 2d, A. Cruickshank.
Sheep bitch—1st, G. H. Burns.
Retriever dog—1st, H. M. Dumbleton. 2d, F. G. Walker.
Retriever bitch—1st, Geo. Richardson.
Retriever puppy—1st, E. D. Helmcken; 2d, Hamilton Smith.
Barbet dog—1st, Mrs. Geo. A. Perrin.
Poodle dog or bitch—1st, F. Higgins.
Great Dane dog, bitch and three puppies—1st, J. G. Meyer.

**SPECIALS.**

Best dog, any breed or age—1st, C. W. Thompson's English Setter; 2d, J. G. Meyer's Great Dane dog.
Best bitch—1st, A. J. Bridgeman's Black Cocker Field Spaniel; 2nd, W. J. McKeon's Greyhound bitch.
Best Fox Terrier—1st, J. H. Grey, jr's. terrier dog; 2d, G. H. Burns' fox terrier bitch.
Smallest dog or bitch—1st, Miss McDonald's Toy Terrier; 2nd, Mr. C. Clestman's Terrier.
Best Retriever—1st, H. N. Dumbleton; 2nd, F. G. Walker.
Best Setter—1st and 2nd, to C. W. Thompson.
Best Deerhound—1st and 2nd, J. Cameron.
Best Great Dane dog, (gold medal, presented by Secretary Perrin,) L. H. Meyer.
Best Silver Grey dog—1st and 2d, L. H. Meyer.

**NOTES.**

Mr. Gwynne's wire haired fox terrier, Tootsie, was the only animal of the breed on exhibit yesterday. It was greatly admired by one and all.

The success of the show is in a great measure due to the indefatigable work of the energetic secretary, Mr. Perrin.

The judges will award the various prizes for poultry and pet stock to-day.

The winners of the special prizes given for the heaviest dog on exhibit and the best trick dog will be announced to-day.

The exhibition will open at 10 o'clock this morning, and remain open until 10 p.m.

**Smuggling Opium.**

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27.—Angelo Antone, an Italian, was arrested this afternoon for attempting to smuggle a quantity of opium off the steamer Walla Walla.

## TIRED OF LIFE.

**Thomas Thompson Makes a Determined Effort to Commit Suicide by Cutting His Throat with a Razor.**

Shortly after eight o'clock yesterday morning Dr. Milne was summoned in haste to the home of Thomas Thompson, a gunsmith doing business on Johnson street in this city, and who resides on Albert street, not far from the Royal Hospital; being informed that Thompson had attempted suicide and was dying from loss of blood. The doctor hurried at once to the scene of the tragedy and found Thompson had, with a razor, cut his throat from ear to ear, severing the windpipe. He was completely exhausted and the blood was still gushing from the jagged wound in his neck. A friend was supporting the unfortunate man, who appeared to be perfectly sane and who was sitting in a chair too weak to rise. The wound was quickly dressed, despite the feeble opposition offered by the would-be suicide, who was determined to take his own life.

After the doctor had attended to the wound, he asked the patient how he felt and Thompson, although scarcely able to articulate, replied that he wished he was dead, and made an effort to tear open the wound in his neck, which was between six and seven inches in length. Seeing that the unfortunate man would require constant watching to prevent him from carrying out his intention of self-destruction, Dr. Milne communicated with the police and an officer was placed in charge of the house.

Thompson for some time past has given way to fits of despondency, owing, it is said, to business troubles; and has acted very strangely in his home of late. Several weeks ago while visiting a mainland mining camp, he was lost in the woods for upwards of two weeks, and his terrible experiences during that time are, by some, thought to have unsettled his mind.

Nothing peculiar in his actions was noticed on Wednesday, or by his wife early on Thursday morning. When she first called him to breakfast, he replied that he would be up in a minute, and requested her not to keep breakfast waiting. She called him again and receiving no answer, opened the door and found him standing with the dripping razor in his hand, and the terrible evidence of his awful crime before her eyes.

His family consists of a wife and three children and his domestic relations have always been the most happy. It is thought that his self-inflicted injuries will not prove fatal, although the attempt to destroy himself was most deliberate and determined.

## DISTRICT SCHOOLS.

WEST SAANICH SCHOOL.

Friday afternoon last, the West Saanich schoolroom was crowded with parents and friends to witness the school examination and exhibition. The examination consisted of a brief review of the work of last term in arithmetic, reading, spelling, geography, grammar, Canadian and English history, conducted by the teacher, Mr. Geo. H. Sluggett. The exhibition opened with a short address of welcome from the chairman, Master Willie Gregory, who then proceeded to call the following programme: Song and chorus, Dora Butler and Mabel Thomson; recitation, George Verdier; piano solo, Grace Thomson; recitation, Hugh Thomson; song and chorus, Geo. F. Butler; recitation, Mary Graham; vocal solo, Rosa Sluggett; recitation, Fred. L. Thomson; recitation, Dora Butler; duet, Mabel and Fred. L. Thomson; "Red Riding Hood," an operetta, with the following characters in suitable costumes: Gladys Butler, Red Riding Hood; Grace Thomson, Red Riding Hood's Mother; Hugh Butler, the Wolf; Rosa Sluggett, Fairy Queen; eight little girls prettily dressed as Fairy Queen's attendants. Special prize list—Rosa Sluggett, head of school; Susan Hagan, May Butler, Gladys Butler and Dora Butler, head of fourth, third, second and first classes respectively; F. Greig, G. Butler and R. Thomson, writing.

MAYNE ISLAND SCHOOL.

The Christmas examination of the Mayne Island school was held on the 21st inst. in the presence of Messrs. T. Bennett, W. T. Collinson, W. M. Robson, D. Sutherland, J. Robson, Sr., J. Robson, Jr., J. H. Wessel, W. Cook, W. Smith, and Mrs. T. Bennett, Mrs. W. T. Collinson, and Miss E. Robson. Twenty-one pupils were present. The examination having been a complete success, short speeches, highly complimentary to both teacher and pupils were made. Mr. M. McKinnon, M.A., the teacher, in response said: "I thank you very heartily for entertaining so high an opinion of the school. It is true that I have been zealously endeavoring to do my duty, but thanks to yourselves, the performance of that duty has been a work of much pleasure. Indeed, you yourselves have done three-fourths of the work. You send me children remarkable for good conduct. Having an adequate appreciation of that governmental munificence which extends the glorious system of free schools to your doors, you make your children prepare their lessons at home and send them regularly to school." Miss Annie Robson, a young lady of 12, in a well-worded speech, thanked the visitors for their presence, and cautioned them, for the special benefit of the pupils, to be exceedingly polite to Santa Claus on Christmas eve. Then all went home well pleased with what they considered a pleasant entertainment.

CADBORO SCHOOL.

The examination of the above school took place last Friday in the presence of quite a number of visitors. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Henderson, Trustee and Mrs. Thistle, Mrs. Fuller, Mrs. Jobson, Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Ohlson, Mrs. Wilson, Miss Pretland, Mrs. Lee, Miss Ogle, Miss Williams, trustees and others. The children in a very creditable manner entertained the visitors by the following excellent and well rendered programme, and showed a marked progress under their efficient teacher, Miss M. Williams: Opening hymn, "Lead Us Heavenly Father;" simultaneous recitation; writing lesson; class singing, "This is the way the snow comes down;" calisthenic exercises; primer lesson; composition; marching song; recitation, Alex. Harvey" The Schoolmaster's Guests;" class singing, "Cuckoo Song;" recitation, M. Jobson, K. Simpson, A. Morrisey, H. Fox, Mary Fox, N. Ohlson, "Little Girl's Story;" class singing, "Christmas Carol; simultaneous recitation, "Home for the Holidays;" "God Save the Queen." Addresses were made by the trustees, Messrs. Evans and M. Finerty. Each congratulated the teacher on the standard of success she had succeeded in bringing the children to, and regretted her leaving them. After the closing exercises, Miss Williams was waited upon by the children and presented with a handsome album. Mr. Henderson thanked the children on behalf of Miss Williams for their handsome gift.

The news of the decision of the Supreme Court in favor of Manitoba in the crossing case, was received at Winnipeg with much rejoicing. Bonfires were lighted at Portage La Prairie and other places. It is probable the C. P. R. will take the case before the Imperial Privy Council, but Attorney-General Martin expresses his determination to resume operations on the road at once.

## CABLE NEWS.

**A False Alarm of Fire Creates a Panic Among the Audience in a Berlin Theatre.**

**The English East African Company Are Charged with Dealing in the Slave Traffic.**

**Vessels Collide in the Suez Canal—Founder in the Bay of Biscay and Sink in the Channel.**

**The Company Deny the Report.**

LONDON, Dec. 27.—No little indignation is expressed at the offices of the English East African Company, in this city, regarding the report that came today from Zanzibar to the effect that the company not only winked at slavery but actually contributed its assistance to Arab slave dealers to carry on the infamous traffic. The company hastens to deny the report, which, if believed to be true, would let loose upon it an overwhelming torrent of British public opinion. The stout denials that any such contract as said exists, however, are considered by many to be diaphanous, and these doubting ones do not hesitate to express the belief that much crooked work has been done in Africa by this organization for the sake of rendering the channels of trade less difficult. The company, nevertheless, repeats its denials, and asserts that some trafficked trader, who has not been allowed to import slaves, has fabricated the story to revenge himself. McKinnon, secretary of the company, is at present in Scotland, and his subordinates in London refuse to talk of the matter, contenting themselves by merely denying the statements.

**Sudden Death of a Singer.**

LONDON, Dec. 27.—Alfred Vance, the famous music hall singer, was seized last night with an attack of heart disease on the stage of the Sun Music Hall, and died in a few minutes.

**"Jack the Ripper" Again.**

LONDON, Dec. 27.—Brussels has been thrown into a ferment of excitement by the reception by prominent people of cards and telegrams announcing the advent there of "Jack the Ripper" of Whitechapel notoriety.

**The African Slave Trade.**

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The English East African Company deny that any agreement has been entered into by the company with the Arabs regarding traffic in slaves. He says the only act of the company's agents in reference to paying for slaves was Mr. Mackenzie's in paying for the liberation of 140 slaves.

**Collision in the Suez Canal.**

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The British steamer Belgravia, from Bombay for New York, has been in collision in the Suez Canal with the British ship Amana, from Liverpool for Bombay. Both are badly damaged.

**Foundered in the Bay of Biscay.**

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The British steamer Storm Queen has foundered in the Bay of Biscay. Her captain and five others were drowned.

**Sunk by Collision.**

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The British bark William K. Chapman, from Hamburg for New York, was sunk off the North Foreland yesterday by collision with the British steamer Bedlormie.

**Well Received.**

DUBLIN, Dec. 27.—Archbishop Croke entertained William O'Brien at Thurles yesterday. Mr. O'Brien was serenaded by a band and cheered by a crowd.

**Boulanger's Candidacy.**

PARIS, Dec. 27.—The national republican committee to-day unanimously resolved to support Gen. Boulanger's candidacy for a seat in the deputies for the Seine, made vacant by the death of M. Hude.

**Confidence in DeLesseps.**

PARIS, Dec. 27.—At a meeting to-day of four thousand Panama canal bondholders, a resolution was nnanimously adopted expressing confidence in M. DeLesseps and volunteering to forego interest on coupons and redemption of bonds until the canal is open for traffic.

**The Servian Parliament.**

BELGRADE, Dec. 27.—The Skuptachina opens to-morrow. M. Ristics has refused to form a new cabinet, but suggested that M. S. Enrics, the present Servian minister to Russia, be asked to form a transition ministry, to be composed of strong liberals.

**The Late Emperor's Diary.**

BERLIN, Dec. 27.—Prof. Geffcken was examined here to-day in connection with the publication of the late Emperor Frederick's diary. His whole past career was brought into consideration and examined into. His trial will take place at Leipsic in the middle of January next.

**Panic in a Theatre.**

BERLIN, Dec. 27.—A false alarm of fire was raised to-night at the Berlin Theatre. A panic immediately ensued and the audience made a frantic rush to escape from the building. Order, however, was restored and the people's fears allayed before anyone was injured.

**A Heinous Offence.**

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 27.—The Czar has summarily dismissed M. Palovetzoff, secretary of state, for remaining in Paris and not attending the opening of the Imperial council.

**The Russian Church.**

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 27.—The Russian holy synod has sent 2,000 roubles to the Prince of Montenegro for the support of the Russian church in Montenegro. The Czar has given a large sum for the purpose of erecting a cathedral at Kiksatch.

**Not Until March.**

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 27.—Queen Natalie will not come to St. Petersburg until March.

**Minister to Russia.**

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 27. — Judge Lambert Tree and Mrs. Tree have arrived here. Judge Tree was recently U. S. Minister to Belgium, but has been transferred to the Russian mission.

**Trainmen to be Arrested.**

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 26.—The second official inquiry into the circumstances of the late alleged accident to the Czar's train at Barki, which has just closed, has resulted in ascribing the disaster to crime, and not to accident. With a view of securing the punishment of the perpetrators of the deed, it is the intention of the authorities to shortly arrest all railway employes who were discharged just previous to the wrecking of the train.

**German Control in East Africa.**

LONDON, Dec. 26.—The *Standard's* correspondent at Berlin states that he has grounds for the opinion that the action of the German government in East Africa will not be confined to a land and sea blockade, but that Lieut. Wissman has been directed to suppress the revolt on the coast and to establish stations for the maintenance of order. A protest against certain passages in the white book, giving Count Herbert Bismarck's speech in the reichstag, has been made by the East Africa company, who indignantly deny being the principal importer of arms and ammunition.

**A Prolonged Strike Threatened.**

LONDON, Dec. 26.—A crisis is threatened in the cotton trade at Bolton. Dissatisfaction is felt on the part of the masters, who threaten a general lockout on account of the bad work done in the mills, and because of the partial strike among the operatives. The latter have ample funds on hand and feel confident of maintaining the strike, and defy the masters. A prolonged struggle is feared.

**John Bright's Health.**

LONDON, Dec. 26.—John Bright has rallied somewhat to-day.

**To Oppose Boulanger.**

PARIS, Dec. 17.—Leading French military officers strongly condemn Boulanger's action in determining to contest one of the seats for the Seine in the chamber of deputies, and a strong government clique is organizing to oppose his candidacy.

**Servia's New Constitution.**

BELGRADE, Dec. 26.—King Milan has consented to relinquish the right to conclude foreign alliances and military conventions. The radicals are now ready to accept the new constitution.

**Death of an Italian Minister.**

NYELES, Dec. 26.—Signor Maocinini, formerly Italian minister of foreign affairs, is dead.

**The Natives Attacked.**

ZANZIBAR, Dec. 27.—German troops landed at Cagaloya yesterday, and in an attack upon the natives many of the latter were killed.

**Emigrating to Brazil.**

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The extent of the emigration of Austrian and Italian peasants to Brazil is attracting attention. A vessel leaving Trieste to-day had 740 emigrants of this class bound for San Paulo.

**Anxious to See the Execution.**

PARIS, Dec. 27.—It is expected that Prado, the notorious murderer, will be executed early this morning, and crowds began to gather in the vicinity of Roquette prison shortly after midnight.

**Banquet to Minister Phelps.**

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The Lord Mayor of London will give a farewell banquet in honor of United States Minister Phelps on January 24th.

## WESTMINSTER NEWS.

**The Death Sentence on Jones, the Murderer, Affirmed.**

**The Execution to take Place on the 7th of January—The Cold Snap Drives Most of the Small Craft into Winter Quarters—A. F. and A. M. Installation.**

[From our Own Correspondent.]

WESTMINSTER, Dec. 27.—Sheriff Armstrong has received official notice that the sentence of death passed in the case of W. H. Jones, the murderer of Durant, has been affirmed, the execution to take place on the 7th of January.

The installation of officers of Union Lodge, A. F. and A. M., takes place to-night, D. D. G. M. Clute officiating. A number of Vancouver brethren arrived by the evening train to assist at the ceremony.

The weather continues bright and cool. The thermometer last night dropped to 27 above zero.

Most of the small craft on the river have gone into winter quarters, fearing the sudden cold weather. The steamers Irving from Chilliwack, and Yosemite from Victoria, arrived to-day.

The city police court shows a record of one case only in the past seven days, a fact which speaks well for the orderly habits of our citizens.

## SOCIALISM IN LONDON.

**The Police Break Up a Procession.**

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Robert Cunningham Graham, member of Parliament, addressed a meeting of unemployed workingmen last night. A procession of workingmen, which arrived from Kensington, was attacked by the police and dispersed. It is reported that several severe struggles took place between the police and paraders.

## NIHILISM AT MALTA.

**A Russian Consul Who Tried to Kill the Duchess of Edinburgh.**

VIENNA, Dec. 24.—The *Tagblatt* has a dispatch stating the Russian consul at Malta has been arrested on suspicion of having placed an explosive shell in the theater while the Duchess of Edinburgh was present. The consul refuses to answer questions. The English authorities believe the affair is the outcome of a Nihilist conspiracy.

## WEATHER REPORT.

**A Cold Snap Sets in on the Mainland—Thermometer Ranges from 33 Above Zero at Westminster to 15 Below at Donald.**

[Special to THE COLONIST.

ROGERS PASS, Dec. 27.—Clear and fine, with thermometer at zero.

REVELSTOKE, Dec. 27.—Clear and fine; zero.

DONALD, Dec. 27.—Clear and fine; 15 below zero.

NORTH BEND, Dec. 27.—Clear and fine; 18 above zero.

BARKERVILLE, Dec. 27.—Zero.

QUESNELLE, Dec. 27. — Eight above zero.

WESTMINSTER, Dec. 27. — Clear and fine; 33 above zero.

KAMLOOPS, Dec. 27.—22 above zero.

ASHCROFT, Dec. 27.—20 above zero.

## CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

Principal Grant arrived at Kingston on Saturday evening and received a very cordial welcome. He was met at the station by a large number of citizens and escorted to the city hall, when several addresses were presented to him.

In answer to an appeal from the pastor of the St. Paul Methodist church, Brampton, Rev. J. Phelps, for $12,000 towards the extinction of the floating debt as a Christmas thanks offering to God, the congregation put on the plate the sum of $13,941.

A son of Matthew Weise, of Adolphustown, Ontario, went to a neighbors to play and getting on the ice in the bay was drowned. The father not hearing of the affair went to rest and dreamed of his son lying face downward in a certain spot in the bay and rising he and his neighbors went to the place and found the lad as described.

**A Severe Attack.**

"I never felt better in my life than I have since taking Burdock Blood Bitters. I had a severe bilious attack; I could not eat for several days, and was unable to work. One bottle cured me." John M. Richards, Sr., Tara, Ont. For all bilious troubles use B. B. B. tts

## AMERICAN NEWS.

**The Schooner Letitia Arrives at San Francisco After a Rough Trip from the Sound.**

**The Master of a Brig Fined $4,000 for Failing to Account for $20 Worth of Corn Starch.**

**An Opium Smuggler Promises to Make Developments Implicating Prominent Citizens.**

**An Arbitrary Proceeding.**

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 27.—The brigantine Josefa arrived from Monteigo Bay, Jamaica, and reports that on her outward trip from New York, while discharging cargo at Arroga, Porto Rico, she was seized by the Spanish authorities because twenty packages of cornstarch which were marked on the manifest could not be found, and was held until a fine of $4,000 had been paid, although the value of the missing goods did not exceed $20. The master and crew suffered many indignities at the hands of the governor of the island and his officials. The authorities offered to settle the matter if the whereabouts of the packages could be explained. After payment of the fine, it was discovered that by mistake the cornstarch had been delivered on board the ship Josephus. An explanation was made to the Spanish authorities, and a return of the fine was requested, but it was refused, and the Josepfa then left port. The owner has filed a complaint against the Spanish government with Secretary Bayard.

**A Rough Voyage to Frisco.**

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27.—The schooner Letitia, which left Port Madison 33 days ago for this port with a cargo of ashes for fertilizing and a deckload of lumber, was towed in to-day from Drake's Bay, where she sought refuge yesterday. Capt. Moller reports that his vessel was in all the storms in the early part of the month, during which part of her deckload was washed overboard and some of her sails were blown into ribbons. The schooner sprang a leak, but fortunately her pumps were sufficiently large to keep her hull clear of water, though it was only by the hardest work that she was prevented from becoming waterlogged. The provisions and water became scarce and all hands had to be cut down to short rations. Yesterday, the captain put into Drake's Bay, where he obtained necessary supplies and he telegraphed here for assistance. A tug went up and brought the Letitia down to-day.

**Suicide of a Prominent Politician.**