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ON THE FENCE.

We are amused when we read the criticisms of the Times with reference to the Land Exchange Question. It chaffs us, good-naturedly enough, we admit, and charges us with having practically abandoned the position we at first assumed on the land question, and says that we are "hedging." It is very likely that we have not pursued exactly the course that our contemporary expected, and although we regret that it is disappointed, it will have to allow that we are not in duty bound to act in such a way as to meet its approval. To tell the truth, we are rather pleased to see that it is annoyed at the part we have taken in the controversy. If we had been so unfortunate as to have gained its commendation we would have felt that we had made some mistake or had committed ourselves to some unsound principle. But as it finds fault with us we are pretty sure we have kept on the right track.

We have not abandoned the position we took at first on the matter, and have uttered no word of retraction. We have been scolded pretty vigorously and at great length, but no one has attempted to prove that we are wrong. But accusations of being too cautious come with a very poor grace from the organ of the Opposition, which has in this land exchange business mounted the fence, and has been balancing itself on its perch not too gracefully from the beginning of the controversy until now. It has been evidently afraid of trusting itself on one side or the other. If it has an opinion on the subject, it has concealed it with very great skill. Its attitude has been eminently prudent, and it evidently has reasons which it considers good for being so very strictly neutral. We don't feel disposed to quarrel with it for refraining from mingling in the fray, but we think that it would be wise in such an exceedingly discreet spectator to refrain from reproaching any of the combatants with being too cautious. It has itself in this matter been caution personified.

NO LAW REQUIRED.

A Nanaimo contemporary is of opinion that revolvers are too easily procured, and that a law should be enacted placing restrictions on their sale. We are not at all sure that such a law could be easily enforced. There is a law on the statute book to prevent those who have no apparent use for them carrying deadly weapons, but it does not appear to us that that law prevents anyone who is so foolish as to do it, carrying a loaded revolver in his hip-pocket to a church picnic or a lady's tea party. The law cannot give people brains or self-restraint. In fact, the interference of law in matters of this kind has a tendency to lead people to believe that the exercise of common sense in the ordinary affairs of life is altogether unnecessary. When the law provides against every bad habit and against every possible indiscretion—treats grown-up men and women, in fact, as if they were children that cannot possibly do right unless there is a law on the statute book to regulate their conduct—people get into the habit of depending upon law rather than upon their own judgment. If our contemporary remonstrated with people on the stupidity of carrying loaded weapons, and of having them in the house where excitable persons and persons not familiar with their use have access to them, would it not be better than advocating the enactment of a law that would only be enacted to be disregarded? If people would only consider how little use the ordinary citizen of a well governed country has for a revolver, very few indeed who did not really need them would allow such a dangerous weapon inside their doors. Let any man, say of fifty years of age, consider how many occasions there were in his life in which it were necessary for him to use a revolver, either for self-defense or the preservation of his property. We know one rather intimately who has lived longer than that in this wicked world who can honestly say that he was never once in a situation in which he wished he had a revolver; and there are no doubt hundreds of thousands of different ages in this Dominion whose testimony as to the necessity of carrying revolvers is similar. Why, then, when there is so little need of them, should any peaceably disposed man have a revolver in his possession? There are one or two occasions in most men's lives when laudanum or belladonna, or some other deadly poison, is required in his household, but that fact does not justify him in keeping these deadly poisons within reach of persons who do not know how to use them, or who might be tempted to use them for their own destruction.

The revolver is looked upon by a good many young people rather as a toy than anything else. But it is a very dangerous toy. One hardly takes up a newspaper from any of the large centres of population without seeing in it an account of some serious or fatal accident from either playing with or clumsily handling a pistol. "Didn't know it was loaded" is the stereotyped excuse. But it is really no excuse.

The pistol, in by far the greater number of cases, should not have been in the house at all. Nearly all the accidents from pistols can be traced to the stupid fashion of people who have no earthly need of such weapons carrying them or having them in their houses.

Having a revolver within reach in moments of extreme depression or unusual excitement affords a facility for suicide or murder which, when it is calmly considered, is almost, if not altogether criminal. If the deadly weapon were not at hand, if time were given for reflection, the resolution formed under very unusual circumstances would never have been carried out.

The number of persons who have lost their lives in one way and another through the habit of carrying revolvers and having them in their dwellings is so great that it should prevent any sensible person from purchasing such a weapon unless his occupation specially requires its use. We are quite sure if the greater number of those who own revolvers would just think of how little use they are, and how liable they are to do mischief, either accidentally or otherwise, they would come to the conclusion that they are better without them than with them. If this conviction should become general, it would do more to cause the disuse of revolvers than the most stringent Act of Parliament, and without such a conviction a law restricting the sale of revolvers would, like the Blake Act, be a mere dead letter.

WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE.

The fact that Lord Salisbury favors the granting of the suffrage to women has alarmed many ladies in England, and a number of them have protested against extending this political privilege to their sex. They give their reason for taking this course in an "appeal" that appears in the June number of the Nineteenth Century. The appeal is forcible and eloquent, and it is short. The ladies are, to a certain extent, in favor of what is called the women's rights movement. They desire the "fullest possible development of the powers, energies and education of women." They approve of all that has been done towards the emanicipation of women. They believe, too, in giving her a share in "those affairs of the community where their interests and those of men are equally concerned, when it is possible for them not only to decide but to help in carrying out, and when, therefore, judgment is weighted by true responsibility, and can be guided by experience and the practical information which comes from it." They believe that women can consistently vote for members of School Boards and Boards of Guardians, and, we presume, Boards of Aldermen. But they draw the line at voting for Members of Parliament. They consider that women have no right to take this part in the government because they cannot fight when the necessities of the state require the use of physical force. They assert that besides the army and navy there are certain departments of the national life which are of necessity worked exclusively by men.

"To men," they say, "belong the struggle of debate and legislation in Parliament; the hard and exhausting labor implied in the administration of the national resources and powers towards the external world, all the heavy, laborious, fundamental industries of the state, such as those of mines, metals, and railways; the lead and supervision of English commerce; the management of our vast English finance, the service of that merchant fleet on which our food supply depends."

There are ladies who do not believe that in some of these departments "the disabilities of sex," make women's direct participation impossible and they would be far from admitting that the "formations of custom" should be allowed to decree their exclusion. They ask has it yet been proved that women are naturally unfitted for taking part in the work of legislation, administration and diplomacy, or in the management of finance? In these very important matters are women to be for ever deterred from taking a part, because they cannot shoulder their rifles and enforce their decisions at the cannon's mouth. If it is allowed that women can have an indirect influence in these matters, who is to say that they are not equally capable of exercising a direct influence.

The ladies affirm that women are unfit by their temperament to take an active part in political struggles. They say: "Were women admitted to these struggles their natural eagerness and quickness of temper would probably make them hotter partisans than men." If some brute of a man should say that the women are too bad-tempered, and have their feelings too little under control to have anything to do with politics, he would get a good many black looks, and hear a good many sharp words from some of those whom he condemned in this uncomplimentary fashion. But as the ladies say this of themselves, we are not going to be so rash or so presumptuous as to contradict them, but we would just hint that in those public affairs in which women are allowed to take part they do not make the "disabilities of sex" so very apparent. They do not exhibit the eagerness and quickness of temper which the ladies ascribe to their sex in their appeal. They are, on the contrary, as cool and patient as the men are, and are by no means such hot partisans as to make it disagreeable to co-operate with, or even to oppose, them. The behavior of ladies at elections, municipal and other in which they take part, is so exemplary as to dissipate the prejudices of those who opposed their admission into the body of voters. If the women have proved themselves worthy of enfranchisement as far as they have been enfranchised, why should not the greater privilege be extended to them?

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria

FROM THE DAILY COLONIST, June 26.

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Still Another.

Tenders have been invited for the construction of a new two storey brick block on Fort street, in the rear of Angus & Gordon's premises, for Mr. J. J. Southgate. The architect is Mr. John Teague.

Not the Titania.

The steamer Wellington early yesterday morning sighted a sail a few miles out from Sooke, which the captain took to be the British ship Titania, now 105 days out from London for this port. The craft proved to be the old lumber boat Dashing Wave.

Opium Seizure.

The Port Townsend customs officers seized 20 pounds of opium on the Idaho on Monday, and arrested three men who had the drug in their possession. One of the men had ten pounds of the opium concealed in the sleeves of his overcoat.

Complimentary Benefit.

The friends of Mr. John Chester propose to tender him a complimentary benefit on Saturday evening at Philharmonic Hall previous to his departure from the city. The entertainment will comprise a minstrel first part, and songs, dances, farces, etc., principally by local amateurs. A bumper house is anticipated, as John Chester has made many friends during his two-year residence in Victoria.

Set for Thursday.

A man named Grady, charged with cutting and wounding Robert Turnbull, appeared before Hon. Mr. Justice Crease, sitting in the Speedy Trials court, yesterday. The trial was set for Thursday at 10 a.m.

Joe Howard, of ten-round-contest fame, and Frank Ireland, pleaded guilty to the larceny of a trunk and its contents, from a cabin on Chatham street. Sentence was deferred until Thursday.

Florence Lake.

This not very well known, but lovely spot, is only a very short distance from the line of the E. & N. railway, just beyond Langford Plains. There is a nice sheet of good water, surrounded by choice shrubbery, with plenty of available ground for picnicking. It is to this pretty place the Sabbath school of the Pandora street Presbyterian Church have arranged to go on Dominion Day, and a very enjoyable time is in store for all who may accompany them.

The Vancouver Celebration.

The steamers Princess Louise and Islander will make special trips to Vancouver on the occasion of the two days celebration to be held on Monday and Tuesday next. The steamer Princess Louise will leave here on Sunday night at 12 o'clock, and returning will leave Vancouver at 1 a.m. on Tuesday, arriving at Victoria about 7 a.m. The steamer Islander will leave her wharf here at 1 a.m. on Monday, and returning will leave Vancouver at 6 p.m. the same day, arriving at Victoria about 11 p.m.

Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly

For July, 1889, has a picturesque and well-illustrated article, entitled "Into Oklahoma with the Boomers," giving much interesting information about the settlement of the Promised Land, as well as of the adjoining Cherokee Strip. "The Samoa Cyclone" vividly depicts the great naval calamity of last month, which has been compared to the historic destruction of the Spanish Armada. Another notable contribution to this number is the account of the ascent of Mount Ararat, the Biblical "Noah's Mountain," by the Russian Imperial Geographical Commission, whose notes and photographs were specially secured for Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly. "The Dynamo" is a timely popular science article. The biographical and natural history papers, sketches of travel, short stories, poems, etc., are numerous and excellent.

Manitoba's Progress.

Robert Kerr, western traffic manager of the C. P. R., arrived yesterday from the east via Vancouver and Nanaimo, and registered at the Driard. Mr. Kerr says that the outlook for an abundant harvest in Manitoba and the Northwest is very bright, and Providence will have to come down on them very severely indeed to disappoint them. Owing to the great number of cars and locomotives built in expectation of a large crop last year, the C. P. R. are in a position to handle all the grain that will offer. There will have been fully 10,000 new farms taken up in the Northwest at the close of this year, remarked Mr. Kerr, chiefly by Ontario farmers. The latter have pretty well worked out their farms in the east, and are giving way to the old country farmer, who knows better how to treat a long worked soil than any other living. The effect of this influx, of course, will not be felt until next year.

AT THE GRAVE.

The Last Chapter in the History of a Ruined Life.

The funeral of Edna, the victim of Sunday's tragedy, took place yesterday from the house on Broughton street, where a service especially impressive and fitting was held by Rev. J. E. Starr. He referred briefly to the sad life and awful death of the young girl, for whom he said no man nor woman could feel ought but pity; and his kind words which came straight from the heart went straight to the hearts of his hearers. The magnificent casket which enclosed the body of the poor unfortunate was covered with a wealth of flowers, while the treasures of the hot-house made fragrant the death room. The service at the grave in the stranger's plot in Ross Bay cemetery was also conducted by Rev. Mr. Starr, the companions of the dead girl and a few sympathizing strangers following the body to its unmarked resting place.

THE HONOLULU CABLE.

Some Particulars About the Mission of the Schooner C. H. Tupper.

On Sunday afternoon a train of freight cars arrived at Vancouver with some forty miles of cable, consigned over the C. P. R. from the Bishop Gutta Percha Co., New York, to Messrs. Barholomew & Baker, Vancouver, and is now being transferred to the schooner C. H. Tupper, lying at the City Wharf, to be shipped to the Hawaiian group of Islands, of which Honolulu is the capital. Mr. Bartholomew, who was interviewed on board by a News-Advertiser representative, is a resident of Honolulu, and is superintendent and part owner in the firm. The other member of the firm is Mr. E. Crow Baker, M. P. His company has secured the sole concession for ten years and a substantial cash subsidy from the Hawaiian Government, and will lay 400 miles of cable, connecting the five principal islands of the group, for the first section of which, forty miles, the cable has arrived and will be laid forthwith.

The cable in question comes by the way of the C. P. R. as affording a cooler route, the necessity of which will be seen when the material of which it is composed is considered, viz: iron, Russian hemp, gutta percha and copper. It contains three strands of No. 18 copper wire conductor, insulated to 6.32nds. The insulation is of gutta percha served with Russian hemp, Clark's compounds. The diameter of the deep sea portion is 1½ inches; of the intermediate, about 1⅜ inches; and of the shore ends about 1⅜ inches—2,400 lbs., 3,100 lbs. and seven tons to the mile, respectively. The core is the same as the French Atlantic and the type of the cable the same as that adopted by the Anglo-American Cable company.

The cable is now being transferred from the cars to the schooner, the same being a very delicate operation and carefully looked after. It passes through the end of the car, in which it is very carefully coiled, through the water and up into the schooner, where it is coiled quite as carefully with lime sprinkled between the layers. Mr. Bartholomew has established a circuit with the cable and its every condition is indicated by the instruments in his cabin.—News-Advertiser.

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

THE RIFLE.

The challenge cup presented by Mayor Oppenheimer, is to be shot for at Vancouver on the 1st of July. The competition is to be open to teams of eight men belonging to rifle association, H. M. fleet or British Columbia military organizations. Queen's range, seven shots each range. Special prizes will be given each member of the winning team, to the highest score in each team, and the highest scorer on the range.

SAILING.

Mr. Jones' trim little yacht Scud, winner in the sailing races here on the 24th, will leave for Vancouver this morning in charge of Captain Harmon, having been entered for the races there on the first of July. Victorians expect to see her return with the victor's pennant flying.

Supt. Roycraft's yacht Ada leaves for Vancouver to-day.

HERE AND THERE.

E. W. Johnston, the champion all-round athlete, has again challenged D. H. Cameron to wrestle for two hours, for $300 a side at Hastings on July 1st, Cameron to take his favorite style for one hour, and Johnston his favorite style for one hour, and the man winning most falls in two hours to take the money.

Tom Cleary was in Port Townsend on Monday, on his way up the Sound. He said the fight between himself and Austin did not come off owing to mismanagement, but he will meet Austin in a contest for points at Victoria next month.

LITTLE LOCALS.

No police court yesterday.

Steamer George W. Elder has sailed from Portland for Victoria, bound for Alaska.

A letter acknowledging the receipt of Victoria's first contribution was received by the mayor, from Johnstown, Pa., yesterday.

A large number of passengers bound for Sound ports over the C.P.R., arrived by the Islander last night, and left by the Potter this morning.

The steamer T. J. Potter brought 12 carloads of freight last evening, consisting chiefly of flour, wheat, bran, and coal oil, and 682 sheep, all for Victoria consignees.

Mr. B. A. Teezle, merchant tailor, of Vancouver, having assigned to Mr. E. G. Anderson, of this city, the stock has been disposed of by private sale at 60 cents on the dollar.

The Fort Douglas Indians, 50 in number, accompanied by their band, have arrived at Westminster from Harrison lake to engage in salmon fishing. Chief James is in command.

A public meeting is to be held at Nanaimo this evening to devise some measures for stamping out the disease diphtheria which has claimed so many victims during the past year in this district.

Yesterday Mayor Grant forwarded $169 25 to J. R. Lewis, chairman of the Seattle relief committee, and $20 to W. C. Lewis, chairman of the Johnstown relief committee, in addition to the amounts previously sent.

The Golden Gate Improvement Co. will shortly visit Victoria. They will come as far as Seattle in the famous "Golden Gate" special, and there will charter the Olympian and visit Victoria, Vancouver, and other cities on the North Pacific Coast.

Refrigerators in family and hotel sizes just received by McLennan & McFeely. *tf

A bush fire spread so rapidly near Westminster a few days ago, that the rabbits were forced to abandon their homes and fly before the heat and flames. They were seen to cross the Scott road in hundreds, and some were so frightened that they lay down and were easily caught.

Mr. Richard Chapple, an elderly resident of Gabriola Island, was thrown from a colt on Sunday, and in falling, was struck on the head by one of the animal's hoofs, receiving severe injuries.

The headquarters of the Canadian Pacific Telegraph Co. will be removed from Westminster to Vancouver as soon as the necessary arrangements can be completed.

PERSONAL.

Sir Henry W. Ambridge, of Selby, Cambridge, is visiting Victoria.

Roderick Begg returned last night from a trip to Banff and Winnipeg.

J. Willoughby, R. N., was a passenger by the Islander, last evening.

W. Holbrook and family party from Mt. Valley, Iowa, are at the Driard.

Frank Jacoby, of San Francisco, is on a visit to friends and relatives here.

James L. Lee, of Woodstock, Ont., is making a short visit to Victoria.

W. H. Redmond and wife returned from Vancouver by the Islander last night.

Capt. Revely left this morning on a three months' visit to home and friends in England.

E. V. Bodwell, president of the Vancouver board of trade, arrived on the Islander last night.

E. G. Anderson, of Richardson, Church & Co., returned from the mainland last evening.

D. E. Brown, general freight and passenger agent of the C. P. R. at Vancouver, is in the city.

W. E. Carson, general passenger agent of the C. P. R., at Portland, with the Misses Carson, is in the city.

J. G. Strickland, saw mill machinery dealer, Westminster, was a passenger by the Islander last night.

Frank R. Stull, of Decatur, Ills., one of the real estate hustlers of that hustling western town, is in the city.

F. H. McFarland, assoiate editor of the Seattle Morning Journal, is in Victoria, and will remain here until Thursday. The Journal was one of the sufferers by the fire, and is now published in a tent, until more commodious premises can be erected.

Our streets were enlivened on Saturday evening last by the well-known chiropodist, Dr. Treat, of San Francisco. The doctor appeared in his carriage in full evening dress, and gave for his opening the recitation entitled "The Moneyless Man," which was rendered in fine style, the doctor receiving an ovation which he can be proud of. The doctor then commenced his free operations. The doctor can extract corns, warts and bunions as easily as one can extract corks from a soda bottle, the only question is will they stay away? From what can be learned they have as many lives as a cat, and that the same cause will produce the same effect time will tell.

The French man-of-war Duquesne, flagship of the Pacific squadron, has arrived at San Francisco. Rear-Admiral Lefevre is on board.

American bark Brazos, Capt. Edgeth, from Newcastle, N. S. W., for Hong Kong, was wrecked 500 miles from Sandy Cape, Australia. Part of the crew were saved and the remainder are missing.

A three-story wooden tenement building at West Seventh and C street, West Boston, fell on Saturday morning. An old woman was killed, and it is reported that there are several persons in the ruins.

OFF FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

Commencement of the Midsummer School Examinations.

The Exercises at Spring Ridge Ward School—List of Promotions and the Prize-winners.

The closing exercises, bringing to an end the Spring term, took place at Spring Ridge Ward School yesterday afternoon. There were many visitors in attendance, the mothers and grown-up sisters of the little pupils constituting the majority. No more cheerful sight could well be imagined than that presented by the homelike schoolroom, filled with happy children and their proud parents and friends. Bouquets of flowers on every desk, and festoons of flowers and moss around each window made a very pretty effect, while the universal good-fellowship to be seen existing between teacher and pupils showed them to be thoroughly in sympathy with each other, either in work or pleasure. The condition of the school in every respect is most encouraging. As shown by the report, progress even more gratifying than any one could have anticipated has been made by the scholars in every branch of study; while the order preserved by the little ones during school hours is something wonderful. For both the progress of the pupils and their excellent behavior too much credit can hardly be given to their teacher, Miss L. Horton, a lady possessed not only of an abundant store of knowledge, but also of what is fully as essential to insure a teacher's success—plenty of tact. The schoolroom is light, bright, cheerful and well arranged. It is, however, too small to accommodate the large number of pupils now in attendance, and an addition is being built to the main building to meet this need.

Among the visitors yesterday were to be noticed: Hon. John Robson, minister of education; Hon. J. W. Fairbanks, of Chicago; S. D. Pope, superintendent of education; Lieut.-Col. Wolfenden, secretary of the trustee board; Trustees Heisterman, Erskine and Mallandaine, Rev. John Reid, D. D.; Rev. D. Fraser, M. A.; Mr. Henry Behnsen, Mr. Elliott, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Carlow, Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. Horton, Mrs. Kessler, Mrs. Johnson, Miss Collis, Mrs. Craft, Mrs. Janes, Mrs. Marston, Mrs. Welch, Miss Janes, Mrs. Going, Mrs. Castleton, Mrs. Shears, Miss Innes, Mrs. Muncey, Mrs. Robins, Mrs. Wall, Mrs. Behnsen, Mrs. Creech, Mrs. Fowler and the Misses Fawcett.

The promotions having been announced, the following programme was presented in a manner, which captured the hearts of the audience, by the children of the school:

CLOSING EXERCISES.

Dialogue, Gertrude Collis and Bessie Johnson; That Boy, Arthur Fowler; The Oak Tree, Frank Thomson; Twin and One, Willie Corder; Late, Della Marston; Be Pleasant, Chester Merryfield; Perils of the Illiterate, Maud Munsie and Mabel Kessler; Song, Grace Phillips; Presentation of Flowers, Queenie Benson.

Before calling upon any of the gentlemen present to address the school, Mr. Pope, the superintendent of education, referred briefly to the creditable showing made by each of the ward schools at the examinations just over. The standard of the ward schools had been raised during the past year, in grammar, and in the addition of the third reader. Consequently as favorable a report could hardly be expected as if these studies had not been new to the scholars. The result of the examinations, however, had been a most agreeable disappointment, as excellent progress had been made by all. The number of pupils on the roll of the Spring Ridge School during the year, was 108, while the average attendance was about 63. In all the ward schools the average during the year had been between 60 and 70. He was glad to comment upon the excellence of the order and discipline, which showed that the teacher of the school had been most assiduous in the discharge of her duties.

Hon. John Robson, minister of education, being called upon to address the school, expressed gratification at the favorable report of the school, both in regard to progress and discipline. The report was proof of the good work done by the faithful teacher. It also spoke strongly for the disposition, ability and industry of the scholars. Addressing himself particularly to the boys and girls, Hon. Mr. Robson told them how to act at school and during the holidays, in order to become good and useful members of society when they became men and women. The presence of so many of the parents, he said, was a source also of gratification to him. It not only showed that they took an interest in education and in their children, but it encouraged the teacher and the children. The teacher needed all the help and encouragement that parents and trustees could give. He was glad to note the prosperity of the ward schools, which were prospering far beyond the most sanguine expectations of any one. It was in the ward schools that the foundation of education was laid. The children, he hoped, would enjoy their holidays, and come back with renewed strength and vigor, ready for work when school reopened.

Col. Wolfenden said that he was pleased to hear so favorable a report from the schools—especially from the ward schools. He was also glad to see so many smiling childish faces, and so many of the parents present. He thanked Miss Horton on behalf of the school board, for the very satisfactory manner in which she had performed every duty during the term just closed; and thanked the children for their good behaviour and attention to study.

Trustees Heisterman, Erskine and Mallandaine; Rev. Dr. Reid, Rev. D. Fraser, Mr. Behnson and Mr. J. W. Fairbanks also spoke briefly, congratulating teacher and pupils upon the progress made by the school, and its generally satisfactory condition.

After three cheers for the teacher had been given with a will by the pupils, the school was dismissed, to re-open on the 5th day of August.

PROMOTION LIST.

To Central School—Bessie Marion Johnson, George William Clarke, Annie Elberta Clarke, Harry Whidden Welch, John Valentine Dalby and Robert Frank Carlow.

From 2nd to 1st—Frank Thomson, Maud Munsie, Fanny Carlow, Lulu Wall, Harry Munsie, Frank Smith, Margaret Irvine, Janet Innes, Annie Myrdal, Thomas Mitchell, Annie Winsby, Joseph Smith, Queenie Behnsen, Matilda Snider.

From 3rd to 2nd—Mabel Kessler, Henry Henworth, Della Marston, Ettie Casselton, William Corder, John Myrdal.

From 4th to 3rd—Cora Clarke, Nellie Unwin, Sarah Breddford, Ada Smith, Annie St. Onge, Rose Palmer, Alice Turner.

THE PRIZE WINNERS.

Bessie Johnson, first prize for general proficiency, presented by Mr. H. F. Heisterman.

Annie Clarke, first prize for geography, presented by Mr. R. Jamieson.

George Clarke, first prize for writing, presented by Rev. Dr. Reid.

Gertrude Emma Collis, prize for reading, presented by Lieut.-Col. Wolfenden.

Nellie Dalby, prize for geography, presented by Mr. Behnsen.

Annie Clarke, winner of the spelling match, prize presented by Mrs. Smith.

Frank Thomson, head of the second reading class, prize presented by Mrs. Smith.

Mabel Kessler, head of the third class, prize presented by Mrs. Smith.

Harry Welch, first prize in arithmetic, presented by Rev. Dr. Reid.

MOTHERS who have delicate children can see them daily improve and gain in flesh and strength by giving them that perfect food and medicine, *Scott's Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil, with Hypophosphites.* Dr. W. A. Hulbert, of Salisbury, Ills., says: "I have used Scott's Emulsion in cases of Scrofula and Debility. Results most gratifying. My little patients take it with pleasure." Sold by all druggists. 50c. and $1 00.

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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

The New Hose Reel.

The new light hose reel recently ordered through Mr. W. W. Farley, of Toronto, arrived from the East via the C. P. R. last evening. The new wagon is a beauty, light and strong, and a credit to the manufacturers.

Working by Lamp Light.

Owing to the fact that at low tide in the day time, the pile-driver at work in the construction of the Rock Bay bridge cannot be brought into the proper position, all the work of driving the piles is now being done at night by lamp light.

Chinese Citizenship.

The licensing court will sit at noon to-morrow to decide whether or not the Carey brick hotel, on Cormorant street, should be granted a license. The question at issue is whether or not the names of Chinese residents are of any value on a petition.

St. Ann's Convent.

The distribution of premiums preceded by an entertainment given by the young ladies will take place this afternoon at 2 o'clock. The parents of the pupils and all friends of the institution are cordially invited. Children will not be admitted.

Preparing for the Sockeyes.

Salmon averaged 12 to the boat in the Fraser on Tuesday. On Saturday morning one of the advance guard of the regular sockeye was caught. The fishermen and canners are all prepared for the big run, which is liable to commence at any moment now.

New Books.

"Karmel, the Scout;" and "Orion, the Gold Beater," by Sylvanus Cobb, jr., have been received from William Bryce, publisher, Toronto. Also, "Jim the Parson," by E. Bedell Benjamin, from the Montreal News Company. The books may be had at any of the book stores.

V. S. & N. W. R. R.

Notice of motion has been given by Aldermen Wilson and Goodacre, of their intention to introduce a by-law in the city council, to grant assistance in the construction of the Victoria, Saanich and New Westminster railway, and to enable the council to take stock in the road. The by-law will come up for a first reading next Wednesday.

A Telephone City.

Victoria has now 315 telephones in use in offices and residences—a greater number in proportion to the population than any other city in America, possibly the world. In order to make the service as satisfactory as possible to all subscribers, new operating apparatus has recently been put in, and the work of the operators in answering calls has thereby been very much lessened.

Speedy Trials.

Three cases are to be disposed of in the speedy trials courts this morning. Indian Mary, who was brought down on the Sardonyx to stand trial for attempting to break into Mr. Cunningham's store; and the men Grady and Vernon, who were mixed up in the stabbing affair on the C. P. N. Co.'s dock a month or so ago. Howard and Ireland, who pleaded guilty to a charge of larceny, will also come up for sentence.

Labouring Men!

Suppose you are a hard labouring man, buying your goods on credit from month to month or year to year—How often do you think your poor throbbing heart beats for the man who sells you the necessities of life? Or, to be more explicit, how many days each month do you work for that wretched privilege—credit. It will pay you to buy for cash at CAMERON'S the clothier, 55 Johnson street.

"Let There be Light."

Complaints are made that the city electric lights are turned off about an hour before dawn every morning, just when the lights would be of most use to the police. On Tuesday night, owing to the darkness, and no lamp being in positon, an accident occurred to a horse and vehicle at the foot of Johnson street, where the workmen are excavating for the sewer. A police officer, to prevent further accidents, placed a lantern over the excavation.

Jones vs. the Guardian Insurance Co.

In the supreme court on Monday last his lordship Chief Justice Sir M. B. Begbie reversed the verdict of a special jury awarding Stephen Jones the sum of $3,469.25. On motion for judgment his lordship reversed the verdict and gave judgment for the defendant with costs. The action was brought by Stephen Jones against the Guardian Insurance company for the sum of $4,000, insurance on a building and contents burned at Esquimalt, when the jury awarded the plaintiff the sum mentioned.

The Police Record.

In the City Police Court yesterday, Hon. A. N. Richards, P.M., presiding, a case of vagrancy preferred against Mary Burnes, "Russian Mary," was dismissed. Daniel Sullivan, for the pleasure of getting drunk and thereby making a nuisance of himself, paid the usual penalty of $5. The case of Dominick Fasinard, charged with an infraction of the building by-law, was dismissed. Mary Davenport, summoned to appear on a charge of vagrancy, treated the summons with scorn, and a warrant was issued for her arrest.

Young Men's Institute, No. 85.

At the yearly meeting of Young Men's Institute, No. 85, held Tuesday evening the following officers were installed by Institute Organizer, Bro. Alex. McDonald: President, Geo. Madigan; first vice-president, F. H. Lang; second vice-president, Geo. Tribe; recording secretary, T. Rourke; corresponding secretary, Frank J. McDonald; treasurer, W. H. Harris; marshal, T. McManus. The delegates selected to represent Institute No. 85 at the grand council meeting to be held at Oakland, California, on August 28th, were Frank J. McDonald and Joseph Ahern.

AN AWKWARD MISTAKE.

Detectives are Misled by Similarity in Appearance.

On Tuesday evening, Mr. F. J. Jones, a gentleman who, with his wife and child has been a resident of Victoria for three or four weeks, was walking along Pandora street, when he met with a not altogether agreeable surprise, due to the fact that his personal appearance somewhat tallies with the description given of a bank sharp, known by the name of Simpson, who is wanted by the American police. Mr. Jones was walking rather quickly, when a hand was laid on his shoulder, and, turning round, he was confronted by three men, one of whom he recognized as a Provincial police officer. The spokesman of the party, a stranger to Mr. Jones, requested him to accompany him to the office of the Provincial Superintendent of Police, as he was believed to be a man named B. Simpson, wanted for forgery in Sioux City. Seeing that it would be the easiest method of settling matters, Mr. Jones offered no objection and accompanied the three men to the police court, where he soon explained to their satisfaction that they had made a mistake.

On the 9th of January, a man calling himself B. Simpson (the man for whom Mr. Jones was mistaken) entered the Sioux City Savings Bank, and on presentation of a forged draft for $8,000, secured $2,500 in cash, leaving the balance on credit and deposit. The draft proved to be bogus, but before the fraud was discovered the forger had fled. A reward of $1,000 was offered for his detention by the bank, and his description was sent to every police station and detective agency in America.

A Victoria detective, thinking that Mr. Jones filled the bill, wired his description to the Sioux City police and Detective Davenport, of Iowa City, arrived about a week ago for the purpose of identifying the forger, if it was him. Meeting Mr. Jones on the street he mistook him for the man he was looking for, and swore out a warrant, charging him on suspicion with forgery, pending extradition proceedings. The victim of the mistake is very much annoyed over the affair, and his annoyance is not to be wondered at.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

All the aldermen were present at the regular weekly meeting of the board held at the city hall last evening, Mayor Grant in the chair.

COMMUNICATIONS.

From Rev. John Reid, D. D., expressing gratification over the improvements being made on the road to the park, and suggesting several other improvements in the neighborhood of the Reformed Episcopal church. Referred to the street committee.

From F. Joseph Spencer in re Sabbath desecration.

It was moved and seconded that this communication be received and filed.

Ald. Goodacre thought that Mr. Spencer had taken an undue liberty in publishing the correspondence between himself and the board.

Mayor Grant remarked that, Mr. Spencer and all others to the contrary notwithstanding, Victoria for morality would compare favorably with any city on the continent.

Ald. Wilson said that he did not understand that the park committee had been given power to act in this matter. He had no objection to anyone holding meetings at the park, providing no buildings or stands were erected.

Mayor Grant considered the park a place for recreation, out of deference to his friend, Rev. Mr. Starr, he would not say amusement, and would not approve of allowing discussions on any subject to take place there. If a privilege was granted to one, it would have to be to all. In music no discussion was possible, and he thought that the band now playing on Sunday was appreciated. The communication was filed.

From Wm. Grimm, requesting permission to use a portion of Johnson street for building purposes. Request granted.

From J. L. Turnbull, asking for certain sidewalk improvements on Princess avenue. Referred to the street committee.

From Alex. Calder, directing attention to a growth of thistles near his property. Referred to the street committee.

From Quong On Tai, re opium license. Filed.

From Smith & McIntosh, asking for permission to use a part of Douglas and Yates streets for building purposes. Request granted.

From Redon & Hartnagle, in reference to the drain leading from the Driard Hotel. Referred to the sewerage committee.

From E. C. Blackwood in regard to the bad condition of the upper end of Fourth street. Referred to the street committee.

From the secretary of the Caledonian Society, enclosing tickets, and inviting the Board to attend their annual gathering on the 4th of July. Invitation accepted, with thanks.

From Wm. M. Chudley for the committee of the Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital, soliciting a donation in aid of that worthy institution. Referred to the finance committee for report.

Ald. Goodacre—I think it would be a good idea for each alderman to give that $200 that it is proposed to give him as a year's salary, to the hospital.

SEWERAGE.

WHITEHAVEN, June 5, 1889.

To Their Worships the Mayor and Aldermen of the Corporation of the City of Victoria:

SEWERAGE OF THE CITY.

In further continuation of the subjects alluded to in our letter to His Worship the Mayor bearing date 21st May last, we beg to enclose herewith a tender, and accompanying letter dated the 3rd instant, which we have received for the construction of the whole of the works as described in the bill of quantities, and in accordance with the specifications and conditions from Messrs. Hill, contractors, Plymouth, England, they offer to execute the whole of the works for the sum of four hundred and forty-two thousand three hundred and sixty-five dollars, ($442,365.) Messrs. Hill are a firm of great experience in carrying out sewerage and water works; they have ample means, and are responsible people. From the testimonials (originals) which they have produced from many well-known engineers and from corporate bodies with whom they have been engaged in contracts. If Your Worships, on due consideration, decide to accept their tender, one of the partners will at once come out to Victoria with a view to complete the necessary legal formalities, and to make the necessary arrangements for the works being put forward.

One of the partners paid a visit to Whitehaven to see the copy drawings, specifications, conditions, &c., (all of which you have the originals.) We very carefully gave them the strata of each sewer—that is, so much rock and so much loam, &c. We also gave them the prices of materials, duties inward, price of labor, &c., and they have further made independent inquiry and they are very anxious to be entrusted by you with the works.

We note by the Victoria newspapers that you either had, or were about to contract with some firm for the construction of the Johnson street section of sewers. Well, if that be so, it will not affect Messrs. Hill's tender, because Messrs. Hill will only be paid for what work they really execute according to the schedule.

Messrs. Hill have filled up the bill of quantities in detail, showing how their tender is made up. We retain the details in the meantime till you decide whether you accept their tender or not