For Early Closing

By-Law Respecting the Hours of Clothing Stores Passes the Council.

Street Improvements to Be Carried Out in Parts of the City.

At its regular session last evening the city council passed the Clothiers' Early Closing by-law, sanctioned a lengthy programme of street improvements and dealt with the usual budget of communications. There were two absentees in the aldermanic row, Ald. Cameron and Ald. Cooley, the latter being laid up with a broken collar bone sustained in a fall on the sidewalk while out walking on Sunday.

In the course of routine business, Hon. W. C. Wells was heard from in a request on behalf himself and others for sewerage connections with the residences in the vicinity of the new government house. The letter was received and referred to the special committee on sewers.

Frank H. Eaton, superintendent of the city schools, asked that the board inform the secretary of the trustees what its proposed action would be in reference to the appropriation of $30,000 for a new High school.

Ald. Yates moved that the trustees be advised that the board could not see its way clear to accede to the extraordinary expenditure for a High school, and the motion carried.

From the B. C. Pottery Co. came a letter stating that they would be glad to have the price of pipe settled by the council. They made an offer to supply pipe at last year's quotations. Received and referred to the engineer for report.

W. H. Langley wrote saying that he had been requested by many residents of Fort street to urge the completion of the work of improvement on Fort street. Received and filed, Mr. Langley to be notified that the work has been ordered to be done.

Mrs. S. J. Campbell again requested that a light be placed at the corner of Carr street and Avalon road, and also asked for sewerage connection. Received and filed, the writer to be informed that the light will be provided as soon as possible.

J. T. Wall, on behalf of Geo. Watt, sent in a claim for damages for injuries sustained by his client through falling into a trap door on Broad street. He was willing to meet the city solicitor and to thus agree on an amount. Referred to the city engineer and city solicitor for report.

John Baillett, who has just left the hospital and is a sufferer from many physical afflictions, and who has a wife and family of four to support, applied for permission to sell matches on the street. The case was a deserving one, said Ald. Kinsman and others, but if permission was granted the licensing regulation would have to be overlooked. It was therefore decided to leave the case in the mayor's hands.

W. H. Harris complained of a maple tree in front of his residence on Fort street being a nuisance, and requested that it be removed. Referred to the city engineer, with power to act.

W. J. Caustin and other residents of Henry street asked that that thoroughfare be put in a better state of repair. Referred to the city engineer for report.

A similar petition from J. Freeman and eleven other residents of Andrew street took the same course.

F. W. Grant, a resident of Chestnut avenue, asked permission to plant chestnut trees in front of his residence. Referred to city engineer, with power to act.

The report of the streets, bridges and sewers committee, which was read and passed, was as follows:

Gentlemen:—Your streets, bridges and sewers committee having lered the undermentioned subjects, beg to report and recommend as follows:

Re communication of Robert Sellick, respecting sewerage connections to Nos. 195, 197, 199 and 201 Douglas street—Your committee recommend that action be taken by the city engineer to cause all persons owning property on a line of sewer to connect.

Re communication from Dr. E. C. Hart, coroner, regarding protection to foreshore of Straits of Fuca, Dallas road—Your committee recommend that this work be not done.

Re communication from Thomas Hooper, requesting the improvement of Government street (west side) between Herald and Fisguard streets by gravelling and macadamizing same. Your committee recommend that the work be done.

J. G. Tlarks et al, petitioning for the grading and gravelling of Bellot street, from Cook street east—Your committee recommend that the work be carried out for a distance of 550 feet.

Communication from Messrs. Leigh & Sons, re improvement by grading and rock surfacing, David street—Your committee recommend that the work be done.

Re communication from A. Calderwood, respecting the improvement of Niagara street, between South Turner and Beacon Hill park—Your committee recommend that the work be done.

Re communication from Messrs. Kenworthy and Worthington, desiring the improvement of the south side of Fisguard street, between Government and Store streets—Your committee recommend that the work be done.

Re improvement of the Gorge road, between the Fountain and the first bridge on the said road—Your committee recommend that the work be done.

Re communication from Thos. Shotbolt et al, respecting the improvement of Yates street, from Blanchard to Cook streets—Your committee recommend that the work be done.

Re communication of James Brooks, complaining of a drainage nuisance on Government street near the Taylor mill, Rock Bay—Your committee recommend that the work be done.

Re communication of Skene Lowe, re rubbish on the city streets and in the use of the streets by steam wood-sawing machines—Your committee understand that the police have been given instruction to carry out the provisions of the by-law relating to these matters.

Re communication of Mrs. L. S. J. Campbell, respecting the removal of the plank walk on Carr street—Your committee recommend that the work be done.

Re comunication of A. E. Belfry, re sanitary condition of Rae street above Blanchard street; of G. J. Bagshawe, respecting the improvement of Fairfield road—Your committee recommend that action upon these matters be deferred.

Re communication from B. C. Pottery Co., re improvement of Dominion road, between the Old Esquimalt and New Esquimalt roads—Your committee recommend that the road be gravelled, if the provincial government will contribute half the amount, viz., $40.

Re communication of Thomas Hooper, respecting a permanent sidewalk at corner of Pandora and Douglas streets, opposite the Todd building—Your committee recommend that the city engineer be requested to give an estimate of cost of a permanent sidewalk for the remainder of the block on Douglas street to Cormorant street, sidewalk to be 14 feet wide.

Re communication of Wm. Humphrey, superintendent of construction work, Clover Point rifle range, respecting the erection of a wire fence 300 feet across Cook street—Your committee recommend that the fence be brought to the east line of Cook street only.

Re communication of Hon. E. G. Prior, respecting the improvement of Tolmie avenue—We would recommend that the work be carried out if the provincial government will metal the road.

Re communication of J. G. Tlarks et al, requesting the extension of the Dallas road surface drain to the west of Carr street—Your committee recommend that the work be done.

Re communication of R. Chapman et al, respecting a sidewalk (four feet) on Oakland avenue, between Lansdowne road, from Cedar Hill road; and Cedar Hill road, from Lansdowne road to Oakland avenue—Your committee cannot recommend that the work be done.

Re communication of Robert Porter, respecting repairs to Telegraph street—Your committee recommend that action upon this matter be deferred.

Re communication of Wm. Maltby, respecting sewer connections on Cameron and Pembroke streets—Your committee recommend that the work be done.

Re petition of E. Bragg et al, for a sidewalk, south side of Alfred street—Your committee recommend that the work be done.

Re communications of Rev. W. D. Barber and Hans O. Price, in regard to the removal of rock on Henry street—Your committee recommend that the work be done.

Re proposal of Lyman P. Duff to construct a drain on Rockland avenue—Your committee recommend that the city engineer's recommendation be adopted, and that Mr. Duff be notified that he cannot be allowed to use any such drain for sewerage purposes.

Re communication of Jas. L. Raymur, water commissioner, respecting the water troughs in the city—Your committee recommend that the recommendation of the water commissioner be carried out and that five new troughs be erected.

Re communication of S. A. Spencer, respecting the extension of the drain on Johnson street to the rear of his premises—Your committee recommend that the request be granted.

Your committee also recommend that Fort street, between Cook street eastward to car switch, be macadamized.

Accounts recommending the payment of $9,912.25 were passed.

The fire wardens had no report to make, only to recommend the placing of a hydrant in front of Mr. Shotbolt's residence at a cost of $17. The recommendation was approved.

On motion of Ald. Williams, tenders for the sprinkling of the city streets during the warm weather will be invited.

The Early Closing by-law was next brought up and passed, Ald. Yates alone opposing it. He contended that it was legislation for a class and not for the benefit of the public as a whole. He wanted to see it lay over for a week.

Ald. Beckwith said he believed in by-laws of this description. In the East they have been worked very satisfactorily, and instanced the success of a similar by-law in Winnipeg. He, too, thought the council had no option but to pass the by-law. The council then resolved itself into a committee of the whole to consider the second reading of the by-law. It was agreed to make it operative on the 7th day of March.

The by-law was put through its second and third reading, and on motion of Ald. Williams passed.

It was arranged that the mayor and aldermen assemble this evening at six o'clock preparatory to meeting the home-coming soldiers on the Vancouver steamer.

On motion of Ald. Stewart the council on its rising stood adjourned until Friday at 4 p.m.

Ald. Beckwith then proposed the second reading of the Boot and Shoe Closing by-law, which he wished to have also put through without delay.

Ald. Yates protested against such an action. It, too, meant legislation for a class, and he considered that it would be well to defer its consideration for a week.

Ald. Stewart took a similar view, and Ald. Brydon argued that a uniformity of closing hours was very desirable, as premature closing might work to the disadvantage of the business interests of the city, as in the instance of a Klondike ship arriving after shops were locked up.

On motion of Ald. Yates, however, the second reading of the by-law was deferred a week. The council then adjourned.

SKIRMISHES IN PHILIPPINES.

Manila, Feb. 19.—Col. Schuyler, with one hundred men of the 46th regiment, on the gunboat Basco, landed on the Cavite coast near Ternate, and proceeded inland, capturing a small rebel garrison.

Continuing his march along a mountain trail, Col. Schuyler was attacked by the rebels of Trias's command. After a sharp fight the enemy was beaten and scattered. One American was killed and one was wounded.

The United States transport Rosecrans has returned here from the Island of Guam, after landing there the Filipino prisoners, who have been transported to that place. The prisoners were landed on January 12th. They occupy an excellent prison site, four miles from Agana. The prison is called the Presidio. It is situated on an ascent.

Heroes of Paardeberg

B. C. Members of the Contingent Welcomed to the Capital City.

A Rousing Reception Given to the Boys in Khaki Last Night.

Commencing this evening and extending until Friday next, the city will be given over to the men of the South African contingent, whose deeds just a year ago were ringing round the world. It is just a year ago yesterday since the battle of Paardeberg, when the Canadian boys distinguished themselves, and when Victorians felt for the first time in the campaign the keenness of bereavement, because of her sons who went down in that fight. Yesterday's anniversary was appropriately honored by making preparation for a rousing welcome to the survivors of the contingents.

As outlined in the Times last night, the men from the Mainland will leave Vancouver at 1.30 to-day for the Capital, and will reach Victoria at 6.30 in the evening. Their Victoria comrades will assemble at the drill hall at 6 o'clock and will march to the C. P. N. wharf, where fire-crackers and other vehicles of demonstration will be employed to welcome the boys. Chinese New Year has given the festive fire-cracker a new lease of life, and it will doubtless be very much in evidence to-night. A display of fire-works will also be made as the steamer swings into the wharf. The mayor and council will also attend in a body.

The men will march from the dock to the Driard, where at 8 o'clock they will sit down to a reunion dinner, at which Col. Benson will preside, and Major Williams will occupy the vice-chair. Outside of these two officers the company will be confined to the men in khaki. After the dinner they will be the guests of the City band at a concert and dance to be given in the A. O. U. W. hall.

On Wednesday sight-seeing will be the order of the day, and in the afternoon the men will be shown over the warships by permission of Rear-Admiral Bickford.

The men intend to have a short drill at the drill hall on Wednesday, for already they are getting rusty on their drill.

Thursday they will meet at 2.15 and march to the legislature, where they will form a khaki escort for the Governor and suite.

A meeting of the Ladies' Patriotic Committee was held yesterday afternoon at the city hall for the purpose of making arrangements to entertain the boys during their stay in the city.

There were present Mrs. Hayward, who presided; Mrs. Kent, secretary; Mesdames McQuade, Helmcken, Hasell, Spencer, Lawson, Templeman, Rowe and Staneland, and Misses Gallethy, Keefer, Powell, Pooley, Turner and Hall.

A long discussion first took place as to whether it would be advisable to hold the conversazione on Wednesday, that day being Ash Wednesday.

A large number of the ladies were of the opinion that an entertainment held on that day would not be so well attended as if held on Thursday.

The question then arose as to what time on Thursday an entertainment could be held, and it was decided that they could not hold it Thursday evening as a banquet was to be tendered the boys in the A. O. U. W. hall that evening.

After a prolonged discussion, and after many schemes had been proposed, it was decided that the entertainment should be held in the drill hall immediately after the ceremony of the opening of parliament had taken place, probably between the hours of 4 and 6.

An entrance fee of 25c. will be charged, and refreshments dispensed during the afternoon. The band's services will be, if possible, procured, and a short programme will be rendered. Mrs. W. E. Staneland, Mr. H. Kent and Dr. Robertson have promised to contribute solos.

Mrs. Kent moved that the surplus funds, if there were any, should be devoted to the Paardeberg gate. This was heartily approved and passed unanimously.

All those wishing to aid the ladies are requested to send any contributions of cakes or sandwiches to the drill hall, if possible, early on Thursday.

On Thursday evening a banquet and smoker will be given the boys in Assembly hall, tickets for which are fixed at $1.25, and may be obtained at Hibben & Company's or at the Victoria Book & Stationery Co. At its close the men will be escorted to their boat.

Victoria has been captured. After a brilliant but innocuous display of fire crackers and rockets, the city succumbed last evening to a little force of khaki men whose banners already bear such honored names as Paardeberg, Thaba Nchu, Winburg, Kroonstadt, Lindley, Heilbron, J'burg and Pretoria. The mayor handed over the keys of the city and of its best hostelry to the detachment, and to-day not only the city but the government buildings have been given into their possession.

The arrival of the contingent last evening recalled to the minds of all the memorable scenes attending their departure a little more than a year ago. True it was a bigger company than went forth at that time burning with ardor—and eager to win fame on the battlefield. Perhaps it was because some of the familiar faces were missing from the little company that the march of the men for a few blocks last night was unmarked by great demonstration. The onlookers naturally recalled the names of Blanchard, Scott, Maundrill, Somers and Todd, and the sight of the gallant fellows who had borne with them the burdens of the campaign, the long marches and the shock of battle, revived memories which were too deep to find expression in cheers.

Yet there was no lack of warmth in their welcome. From the deck of the Quadra, from the wharf, and other points colored rockets, brilliant and other devices of the pyrotechnic art boomed a welcome, as the Charmer glided past Sehl's point into her moorings. The general public was excluded from the wharf, but the Victoria members of the contingent, the mayor and council and the Fifth Regiment band were there to do the honors for all. And right royally they did it.

There were a few minutes allowed the men to exchange handclasps and to form up, and then the procession swung out of the shed and up to Wharf street. Ahead were the members of the city council in carriages, and behind them a big body of police under Chief Langley. Following the law guardians was the band, and then the "boys," hearty, husky, fit and looking ready for another such march as that with the 19th Brigade, with whose fame they will be imperishably associated.

But when Government street was reached the crowd broke loose. In spite of rain and slush such as has been rare here this winter, the city had emptied itself on to the streets, and firecrackers and cheers were seen and heard in contestant association. Plodding along contentedly in the slush a Times man found George Jeeves, a good conscience and an ample dinner reflected in his eyes But he exercised his inalienable right as a kicker all the same. "Now, don't you think it was a good idea of mine having these boys down here for the opening?" hea sked. An affirmative reply gave him his chance. "Well, why didn't you say so? You fellows in the Times there, never gave me any credit for it." By a fortunate dispensation of providence the head of the column just then turned on to Yates street, and Mr. Jeeves's energies were successfully enlisted, together with those of several others, in raising three times three and a tiger for the "First."

When the Driard was reached and the mayor essayed a speech he was met by discouraging conditions. Perhaps fifty dollars worth of fire crackers were at this particular moment exhausting their boisterous capabilities and their competition was sharper than even the healthy lungs of the first magistrate could negotiate. He was in broadcloth, too, and just at that particular moment the popular eye could see no color but khaki. But he made a gallant attempt, and where his accents went down before the clamor of the crackers, the big crowd generously took it "as read," and applauded the effort. However, standing on a chair, flanked and backed by hundreds of people, he was understood to extend two privileges to the boys. Metaphorically he conferred the freedom of the municipality upon them and intimated that if they did not see what they wanted they were to ask for it. Secondly he broke the news to them that it had been decided that a formal introduction was not needed to any of the ladies at the conversazione on Thursday, at which the lads yelled as though they had heard that Dewet had been captured.

Then they poured into the Driard, where from every point of vantage great Union Jacks and other emblems of the Empire for which so many of them had fought, were suspended. The ante-room of the dining room was instinctively selected as a rendezvous, and here it was that many a friendship born on another continent was renewed. "Jones, old chap, surely it's not Jones." This to Victoria's swarthy volunteer, who seemed to be a general favorite, but whose reduced girth was the subject of general comment and concern among his comrades.

And Finch-Smiles. He beamed with good nature and pleasure, and did not lack smiles in return. One enthusiast was actually noticed to throw him a kiss as he passed. O'Dell, too, whose duties for the last week seem to have included those of minister of the crown, mayor of the city and colonel of the regiment, bustled about, seeing that everyone was comfortable. Sergt. Northcott admitted that he would not promise to see the entire family to bed, while Leamy told of his unfortunate condition in never being wounded or invalided, and thus being obliged to march through the campaign. Rev. R. B. Blyth moved about among the boys and fraternized with Gunner Wilson, the only other member of the Royal Canadian Field Artillery.

Fred Peters, K.C. and ex-premier, was found cooling his heels in the corridor and debating how he was going to get any dinner. "You can't get in there, Mr. Peters, unless you are in khaki," some one observed, and the veteran politician intimated that in such an event he would have to fall back on Joe Levy. His well known persistence finally carried the day, and in company with George McL. Brown and others he managed to satisfy his appetite before the campaigners entered the dining room.

One of the most popular members of the Mainland contingent was a strapping fellow who answered to the name of O'Brien. This particular veteran had a wealth of auburn hair and bore such a facial resemblance to a well known member of the newspaper fraternity in Vancouver that several awkward mistakes occurred.

The dinner which followed the arrival of the boys was presided over by Major Benson, D.O.C., with Major Williams in the vice-chair. There was no toast list. At about nine o'clock the dinner terminated and the majority of the boys became the guests of the City band at a concert and dance in the A. O. U. W. hall.

ADOLPH BISSINGER DEAD.

Killed in a Railway Accident Near Winnemuca, Nev.—His Wife Also Among Victims.

According to telegraphic advices from Winnemuca, Nev., published in the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, Adolph Bissinger, of the firm of Bissinger & Co., with head quarters at San Francisco, and a branch in this city, was killed in an accident on the Southern Pacific railway last Monday.

The dispatch reads as follows: "Winnemuca, Nev., Feb. 18.—The east-bound overland limited Southern Pacific train, officially known as No. 2, was wrecked at 5.20 o'clock yesterday morning at a point twenty-seven miles west of this place. While running at a speed of fifty miles an hour, the train went into a washed out culvert, and the result was the worst wreck known on this division of the road. Six persons were killed and six injured. Among the dead were Adolph Bissinger, 40 years old, of the firm of Bissinger & Schloss, San Francisco; Mrs. Adolph Bissinger, 38 years old, San Francisco.'

Miss Elize Bissinger, daughter of Mr. Bissinger, was among the injured.

Prompting Desertion

Port Townsend Boarding House Proprietor Arrested on Serious Charge.

Attempt Alleged to Have Been Made to Steal the Dunstaffnage Crew.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

Horace Simms, of Simms & Levy, proprietors of a sailors' boarding house at Port Townsend, and Louis Hansen, are being tried in the provincial police court this afternoon on the serious charge of enticing sailors to desert.

The accused were placed under arrest by Officer Campbell in Esquimalt at 7 o'clock last evening. The sailors in the case are those who had signed articles for a voyage on the British bark Dunstaffnage, which arrived here from Tacoma this morning on her way to the United Kingdom with 5,000 tons of wheat. She came here for eleven men to complete her crew, and expected to proceed to sea this evening. She is the first of the outward bound grain fleet from Tacoma to call here, and herein, it is said, lies the sequel of the case in court. For long, loaded ships when ready to leave Tacoma have been baulked in their movements by the actions of certain unscrupulous sailors, and sometimes have had to lay up for a week or two before securing a complement of men who would then perhaps be inexperienced.

Captain Forbes anticipated trouble of this kind, and was bound to circumvent it if possible. He wrote to W. Van Rhein, of the Globe hotel, Esquimalt, who is in the business of supplying ships with sailors, to secure a crew for him, and arranged for provisional articles to be signed by the men obtained. This was on Thursday last, and everything had been satisfactorily settled, all that Captain Forbes was to do, according to contract, being to call here, pick up his crew and proceed to sea without delay. Meanwhile, however, all kinds of threats had been made against the captain at Tacoma in an endeavor to prevent his coming here, but the skipper was resolute and too shrewd to be fooled or intimidated. As a climax to these efforts made to keep him away from Victoria he was aroused out of his sleep just before leaving Tacoma and shown a telegram bearing Mr. Van Rhein's signature attached, and stating that the sailors signed had disappeared and advising him to go to Port Townsend for a crew. The telegram was pre-paid, and was such a surprise that Captain Forbes's suspicions were at once aroused. He thought the telegram was bogus, and at once wired to Hugh Logan, shipping agent of this city, for confirmation of it. The reply received bore out the captain's convictions, and so he took no notice of the message.

Simms is said to have thrown out all kinds of inducements to the men who had signed to leave on the Dunstaffnage, offering them big wages if they would go to one of the Sound ports. Captain Forbes had no knowledge of him being in the city.

The Dunstaffnage is one of, if not, the largest sailing vessels ever in port. Her registered tonnage is 3,129 tons. She is a steel four-masted bark of the following dimensions: Length, 339 feet; beam, 48 feet, and depth of hold, 28 feet. She was built 1892, and is owned by Macviar, Marshall & Co.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

A deeply interested company of spectators watched the proceedings in court yesterday afternoon in the case brought against Horace Simms and Lewis Hansen, charged with inducing sailors to desert. The trial was conducted in the city police court-room before Magistrate Hall. Several witnesses were called and examined, including Shipping Master Lewis, who testified to having signed the crew for the voyage of the Dunstaffnage, and the three sailors or informants in the case. These told of how advances had been made to them by not only Simms and Hansen, but some five or six others, urging them to forego their agreements with the ship and cross to the American side. They had been approached repeatedly on the subject, and told how foolish they were to ship on the Dunstaffnage at $20 a month when they could get $25 or $30 a month by crossing to the Sound cities. Simms first met them in front of the Globe hotel, Esquimalt, where some five or six of the sailors were sitting and made them a general offer to cross to the Sound, afterwards telling them that he would give them a pound apiece advance money. On another occasion the Simms party expressed a desire to "knock out" the boarding house business on this side, indicating that they did not want to see sailors shipped from this side. Despite the persistency of these approaches the three sailors refused all offers. Capt. Forbes also gave evidence in the case, and Constable Campbell told the circumstances of the arrest when Hanson had said to him that he had the right to get sailors when and where he liked. At this juncture the trial was adjourned until Thursday morning at 10.30 o'clock, when the accused will be given an opportunity to present their side of the story.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT.

George Murton Falls a Distance of Thirty Feet.

A serious accident occurred at the Summit, on the E. & N., this morning just before the noon train arrived at that place.

The victim was George Murton, a carpenter, who was employed repairing a water tank on the E. & N. railway a short distance from the Summit. He was just putting the finishing touches to his work when a block of shingles slipped and struck him on the chest. This overbalanced him and he fell a distance of from twenty to thirty feet, his head striking on the railway track. He was observed lying in an unconscious state by a person passing by and moved to a room. It was thought best on the arrival of the train to send him to Victoria, where he could receive the best possible medical treatment.

The train was met by Dr. Ernest Hall, who sent the unfortunate man to the Jubilee hospital.

FRIGHTENED!

The Agony Endured by Nervous Women.

"My nerves are all unstrung" is the expressive way in which a woman is apt to describe a condition of extreme nervousness. The figurative expression "unstrung" may be unscientific but it pathetically suggests the grand harp of the nervous system, strung and keyed for harmonies by its Maker, now become so unstrung that it gives out nothing but jarring discords. Nervous people rarely receive the sympathy which is their due. The dropping of a book which causes the nervous woman to start, or the slamming of a door which causes her to scream, are sounds which do not jar the nerves of a healthy person. To the nervous woman such sudden sounds are like a blow in the face and they cause intense suffering. The extent of this suffering may be gathered from Mrs. Nelson's experience told in the letter given below. She says, "I was so nervous that the least thing would startle me almost into convulsions." Such a condition of nervousness generally indicates womanly disease. It is useless to attempt to cure nervousness by the use of narcotics.

Narcotics are Deadly

for the nervous woman whose need is not to make the nerves sleep but to make them strong, not to numb them but to nourish them. The best medicine for nervous women is Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It cures nervousness because it cures the causes which are behind nervousness. It establishes regularity, dries the drains which undermine the health and strength, heals inflammation and ulceration and cures female weakness. It makes weak women strong and sick women well.

"Dr. Pierce's medicines are the best I have ever used," writes Mrs. C. Nelson, of Chemawa, Marion Co., Oregon. "My health was badly run down when I consulted him by letter. My limbs were cold and my head hurt me continually. I was so nervous that the least thing would startle me almost into convulsions. I had palpitation of the heart so bad that I could scarcely walk sometimes. I felt utterly discouraged, but two bottles of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription and one of 'Golden Medical Discovery' made a new woman out of me. We are never without Dr. Pierce's Pellets in the house."

Nothing is claimed for Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription but is claimed for it by the women who have been cured by its use. Behind every claim is a cure—yes, a thousand cures. In fact, Mrs. Anderson in the letter which follows expresses the general sentiment of her sex when she writes: "I think Dr. Pierce's medicine is the best in the world for sick and nervous women."

"I would like to express my gratitude to you for the benefits I have received from your wonderful medicine, 'Favorite Prescription,'" writes Mrs. C. N. Anderson, of Rockbridge Baths, Rockbridge Co., Va. "It is a God-send to weak and sickly women, restoring good health without subjecting their weak nerves to the shock of an examination.

"I was all run down in health from November until March—could not work but a short while without resting. Was so nervous at times that I could not even write; had a very poor appetite, and what I ate did not seem to do me much good. I decided to write to Dr. Pierce and state my case, and am thankful that I did, for in due time I received a favorable reply as to what kind of medicine to take. I sent and got it and commenced taking the 'Favorite Prescription' and 'Pellets.' Took six bottles of 'Favorite Prescription,' one of 'Golden Medical Discovery' and one vial of 'Pellets.' I can now work as well as I could before I was taken sick. I think Dr. Pierce's medicine the best in the world for sick and nervous women. May God bless you in your good work."

What Women Dread.

There is a sentence in Mrs. Anderson's letter which will strike a sympathetic chord in the breast of every woman. She writes of "Favorite Prescription."

"It is a God-send to weak and sickly women, restoring good health without subjecting their weak nerves to the shock of an examination."

Women dread the indelicate questionings, the offensive examinations and the obnoxious local treatment considered necessary by many local physicians. All these may generally be avoided by a consultation by letter with Dr. Pierce, for which there is absolutely no charge. Sick and ailing women are invited to consult Dr. Pierce, by letter, free. All correspondence is strictly private and the written confidences of women are treated with the same privacy observed by Dr. Pierce in verbal consultations with women at the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, Buffalo, N. Y. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

Because Dr. Pierce's offer is free it is not to be classed with those offers of "free medical advice" made by men or women who have neither the legal nor the professional right to practice medicine. If they dared to put out their signs with the title Doctor upon them, the law would instantly deal with them. They don't dare do this, and yet, though without medical training, medical knowledge or medical experience, they cunning offer "free medical advice." The law can't touch that claim because anyone can give free advice on any subject, but a woman knows that the advice of her laundress is perfectly worthless as to the cutting and fitting of her gown.

In consulting with Dr. Pierce, women not only consult with a real doctor, but one who is a specialist in the treatment and cure of diseases peculiar to women, and who, assisted by his staff of nearly a score of physicians, has in a little more than thirty years treated and cured hundreds of thousands of women.

Women Need It.

Every woman needs a copy of Doctor Pierce's Common Sense Medical Adviser, containing 1,008 large pages, which is sent free on request of those who send stamps to pay expense of mailing only. Send 31 one-cent stamps if the cloth-bound volume is desired, or only 21 stamps for the book in paper covers. Address Dr. P. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N.Y.

LAST EVENING'S WEDDINGS.

Three Marriages Celebrated in City—Well Known Victorian Couple United in Matrimony.

Three weddings were celebrated in this city last evening. Rev. W. H. Barraclough conducted the ceremony of uniting E. B. L. Rogerson and Miss Rose A. Hall in the holy bonds of matrimony. The wedding took place at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Hall, 99 Johnson street. The bride was attended by the Misses Hall and T. Rogerson, and wore a beautiful dress of white organdie over ivory satin, trimmed with orange blossoms. The bridesmaids were attired in white organdie over blue silk and white over pink. J. C. Pendray acted as best man. On the conclusion of the wedding ceremony and the partaking of a recherche supper a reception was held. The esteem in which the young couple are held was shown by the numerous and costly presents of which they were the recipients. The groom's mother presented a handsome piano. Mr. Rogerson is a member of the grocery firm of Clarke & Rogerson, Vancouver, and the happy couple left by the steamer Charmer for their future residence last night.

Another very pretty wedding took place at the residence of Thomas Allice, 28 Michigan street, last evening. Rudolph Schnoter and Miss Kate Johns, sister of Mrs. Allice, both well known in the city, especially in James Bay district, were the contracting parties. Frank Stephenson performed the duties of best man, while Miss Frances Fraser attended the bride. The bride was attired in a beautiful garb of white organdie over white taffetta, and carried a bouquet of pink carnations and chrysanthemums. Miss Fraser wore a costume of white organdie trimmed with lace. The bride wore a handsome diamond brooch and the bridesmaid a ruby ring, gifts of the groom.

Rev. Dr. Campbell united in the holy bonds of matrimony Alexander McKee, of Dodge's Cove, and Mary Murray, of Guelph, Ont., last evening at the manse. Mr. McKee has charge of the school for the Chiaht tribe of Indians at Dodge's Cove. The bride arrived from her home in the East last Monday evening.

On the evening of Tuesday, the 12th inst., Prof. E. F. Shelby and Miss May F. Peaker, of Victoria, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony by Elder E. L. Pettus, of New Whatcom. After the wedding ceremonies a wedding supper was served. The newly married couple received numerous presents. They will spend their honeymoon in New Whatcom as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Simon Fox.

IMPORTANT CONCESSION.

Arrangements Made for Free Admittance of British Columbians Into American Colleges.

As a result of J. R. Anderson's visit to the meeting of the Fruit Growers' Association at Portland, and more particularly to the different state colleges at Moscow, Idaho; Pullman, Washington; and Corvallis, Oregon, arrangements have been made whereby students from British Columbia can enter any of these institutions free of charge.

Mr. Anderson, who is superintendent of the farmers' institutes in this province, arrived home from his most important tour last night, and says that he has received the promise that, whenever practicable, professors from any of the colleges will, when desired, attend meetings of home institutes. It was also arranged for the exchange of publications and for the supply of the same at cost. The colleges give a thorough schooling in mechanical engineering, civil engineering, mineralogy, agriculture and domestic service, and the advantages to British Columbians of being thus in touch with such institutions can hardly be overestimated.

Mr. Anderson speaks in eulogistic terms of the Oregon Railway and Transportation Company, which provide special lectures on agricultural subjects at Institute meetings, and otherwise pursue a most enlightened policy.

The total municipal assets of New York, including all public buildings, institutions, apparatus, etc., amount to about $900,000,000.