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AW—At St. Saviour's by Rev. W. D. Barber, youngest son of N. F. of Lexington, Illinois, iry, second daughter of of this city.

les A. Godson, or ... ette Seabrook, younge Seabrook, of Victoria.

San Francisco's Sensation

Mrs. and Mrs. J. R. Rathom, Late of Victoria, Principals in a Mystery.

A Sequel to the Botkin Case That Presents Many Unique Complications.

Miss Campbell previous to the conclusion of their friendly relations, and sent the poisoned candies himself—with no intention of their being eaten, but to secure a into either consenting to a divorce, or

leaving the state. Up to the 7th instant (last Friday)

cerned, he has since been giving most of his attentions to Miss Campbell.

East to learn of it."

Strange as it may seem, the women did not become enemies. Until a very short time ago they were good friends and wrote letters to each other. It is from one of these letters that the address on the basket of candy appears to police are now trying to discover who s responsible. They are also trying to discover somewhere a motive which any one other than Mrs. Rathom could have for sending such a package, the police having abandoned all idea that Mrs. Rathom is responsible, or that any one

intended to take life. to do something which might reflect Chief Lees, in response to an inquiry. The inference was that the damage ntended was for Mrs. Rathom. He

would not say it in so many words; Miss Campbell in a published interview details minutely the circumstances

bitter toward me, and from that tin has acted unkindly staff. toward me. Our frequent letters were friendly in tone, and she never wrote anything in the nature of a threat

Rathom in his story acknowledges that Miss Campbell was the direct cause of the estrangement between himself and his wife, and further, that the address ing deep water at all times, a man (a constable of C Division), who was bathhis wife's handwriting. She acknowledges the writing, but denies sending
the package. Rathom also stoutly asserts her innocence and that of Miss

Serts her innocence and the service of t himself. His wife had written several letters to Miss Campbell. The address on the box was part of one of the envelopes mailed by Rathom's wife to his

on the box was part of one of the envelopes mailed by Rathom's wife to his sweetheart. That envelope was available to Rathom, Miss Campbell and possibly some of the Scheib household. The person who pasted on the candy box the address written by Mrs. Rathom in one of her letters to Miss Campbell, sent the poisoned package.

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bert, of 15 Summernin parade, nappen a few months ago, the present commanding officer, Major-General Hutton, was appealed to, and wrote as follows, after quoting the opinion of General Middleton, already mentioned:

In face of the opinion of this distingushed officer I cannot recommend, without a personal inspection, the sui ender of Deadford Trompans in the assistance of Mr. Thomas of the sending of the poisoned borders and solicers, Major-General Hutton, was appealed to, and wrote as follows, after quoting the opinion of General Middleton, already mentioned:

In face of the opinion of this distingushed officer I cannot recommend, without a personal inspection, the sui ender of Deadford Trompans is Island for the purposes required. It is impossible for me with the materials at my disposal, and with no maps of reference of an adequate kind, to give any military opinion upon this question which his wife, or that

tion. In concluding his statement for Higher "Old Schreib saw me yesterday (July 6), and told me this whole thing could be hushed up on these conditions: First, that my wife should sign a statement saying she had deserted me. That would Education.

enable me to secure a divorce on that ground, said Schreib; second, that shemy wife—was to pay \$50 for Mrs. Schreib's sickness, then that my wife should leave the state at once. Schreib said he had intended to go to her—my wife—vesierday afternoon and tall her. Baptists of B. C. Decide Upon **Establishment of Paci**fic College. wife-yesierday afternoon

wife—yesierday afternoon, and tell her that he knew where she had bought the arsenic; that he knew where she had bought the basket, and the cherries, and that everything looked very black against her; that it was her handwriting on the package, and the best thing she could do was to sign a statement and get out. Offer of Suitable Site on Saanich Arm- Mr. Pineo President.

Your wife sent that box to my house.'
"He said the whole thing was his fault, and admitted I should get some satisfaction, but he said he had no money, nor had his wife. He said: 'How are you going to get satisfaction?'
"After a long tell" are you going to get satisfaction?

"After a long talk I said to him: If you don't want to prosecute your wife, why not get her to sign a statement saying that she has no claim on you, and is willing to give you a divorce? Thus you can get rid of the whole business."

"He said he would think about it. I have not seen him since.

"Datham's statement that I would al"Datham's statement that I would al"Datham's statement that I would al"Datham's statement that I would al"Out of this sum the committee recommittee recommittee recommittee recommittee recommittee of the sales of land in the sales of land due to the increased prosperity of the sales of land due to the increased prosperity of the sales of land in the sales of land due to the increased prosperity of the sales of land in the sales of land due to the increased prosperity of the sales of land in the sales of land in the sales of land due to the increased prosperity of the sales of land in the sales o

ried. Early in March they left here. Since then Miss Campbell's mail has come here. She asked me to say nothing about her affair with Rathom, because she did not want her people in the East to learn of it."

Cates with be granted to successful candidates.

It is of course expected that at no very and March last was considerably smaller than in 1898, but as already observed, the prices realized were generally higher than those of last year.

Mrs. Rathom has not yet made a detailed statement of her connection with the case, having been in a highly nervous condition since the outset of the sensational developments above chronically above chronically and with our present rate of influx of population and our absence of higher educational advantages, the decled. It is understood to be provided to be a connection with the case of the sensational developments above chronically advantages, the decled. It is understood to be a connection with the case of the sensational developments above chronically and with our present rate of influx of population and our absence of higher educational advantages, the decled. It is understood to be a connection with the case of Mrs. Rathom has not yet made a decled. It is understood to be part of her mother's mission to San Francisco others of a similar character upon a subbring her unhappy daughter back to stantial basis cannot be too rapid.

Of Rathom himself, little need be said DEADMAN'S ISLAND SCANDAL. to recall his personality to Victorians.
He came here from Australia some ten Three Majors-General Had Advised \$9,174. or twelve years ago, and soon proved himself a man of strange contradictions. He had many failings that made him en-Against Lease Dr. Borden So

ided to take life.
The only scheme seems to have been to something which might reflect and do damage to some one," said of Lees, in response to an inquiry. The inference was that the damage add in the inference was that the damage and in the wider sphere of San Franchis work in connection with the Butler murder case, the Corbitt-Fitzsimmons fight (the result of which he predicted to the exact round of its conclusion), and the inference was that the damage and in the inference was that the damage and in the wider sphere of San Franchis work in connection with the Butler murder case, the Corbitt-Fitzsimmons fight (the result of which he predicted to the exact round of its conclusion), and the inference was that the damage and in the wider sphere of San Franchis work in connection with the Butler murder case, the Corbitt-Fitzsimmons fight (the result of which he predicted to the exact round of its conclusion), and the inference was that the damage and in the Montreal Gazette.

The Deadman's Island controversy at Vancouver has got into the law courts, and may safely be left there, so far as the merits of the dispute are concerned; but the publication of the correspondence does not reveal the minister of militial in the light of perfect innoence in which he has hither the publication of the courts, and may safely be left there, so far as the merits of the dispute are conce who details minutely the circumstances nected with the receipt of the candy, illness of herself and Mrs. Scheib sequently the cuban campaign, made him a person of no little celebrity. On returning from the Island he spent some influential and determined lawyer, Mr. connected with the receipt of the connected with the illness of herself and Mrs. Scheib the illness of herself and Mrs. Scheib subsequently to eating of it, and the steps that she took (through Rathom) to secure an analysis of the candies. In concluding her statement she says:

"I don't accuse anyone of this crime of illness of the candies of a long time, and until recently his wife felt more than kindly toward me. Suddenly, a few months ago, for some readenly, a few months ago, for some readenly is mighted and determined lawyer, Mr. Influential and determined lawyer, Mr. But determine his mind. Leaving here on that oc-casion, he returned to his position on the Chronicle, which paper claimed him as one of the most capable members of its the other day, between half-past eight and nine o'clock, whilst a number of the state a desirable one. An application was made so long ago as 1888, and was rejected because General Middleton reported that the island "might prove to be of improve value when the General archives a number of improve value when the General archives a number of improve value when the General archives a number of improve value when the General archives a number of improve value when the General archives a number of the state of improve value when the General archives a number of the state of improve value when the General archives a number of the state of improve value when the General archives a number of the state of improve value when the General archives a number of the state of improve value when the General archives a number of the state of t and nine o'clock, whilst a number of men were bathing at a spot on Dollymount Bull, Dublin, known as "Curley's Hole," of immense value when the general scheme of defence came to be considered."

There was a second application in 1896, which was also rejected; General Gascoigne

was unable to recommend its acceptance for reasons which he thus set forth: From the enclosed correspon after examination of the plans of the property referred to, I would strongly endorse the conclusion arrived at by Major-General scrts her innocence and that of Miss scrts her innocence and that of Miss temely strong. He had gone beneath the water a couple of times, and his comdeny whether or not he sent the package rades were unable to render him any astherefore of opinion that no occupation by therefore of opinion that no occupations private parties or business corporation

should be permitted. When Mr. Ludgate made his application

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Having in view the increasing importance of Vancouver in the future, and the necessimore than he's got.

sity for its adequate defence, I consider that it would be highly inadvisable to close any lease of the nature indicated until it was made quite clear that the island in question would not be required for some portion of the defence.

The test defence that the standard of the the s

portion of the defence.

It is my intention, with the concurrence of the minister, to visit Vancouver for the purpose of military inspection in April next.

I could then, after a personal investigation on the ground, record my views of the present situation of the defence, which, having in view modern changes, might be modified from that recorded by Six Fred. odified from that recorded by Sir Fredrick Middleton in 1888.

an inspection, and obtained from Admiral Palliser, by relegram, a declaration of opin-ion that he could not see that the island lon that he could not see that the island would ever be required for purposes of defence. As the island is only separated by a few feet of water from the Mainland, it appears to be conceivable that it might be useful for purposes of land defence, of which the admiral might be ignorant. There certainly seems to be no good reason for allowing an off-hand opinion in a telegram to overweigh the deliberate judgment of

But the Baptists do not intend waiting until their building is erected before beginning work. They have already outlined their institution, which they have named Pacific College, and have elected A. J. Pineo, M. A., of the Victoria High school, president. The course of study from the recent gold discoveries, and partly from the improved conditions of the second university year. A faculty of instructors will be appointed who.

'The land account shows receipts

"The farm land sales for the year were 61,546 acres for \$300,555, averag ing \$4.88 per acre, as compared with 37,923 acres for \$183,890, averaging \$4.85 per acre, in 1897-98; and town ots were sold for \$26,330, as against

Present advices in regard to the land department and to the general trade of the company are favorable.

Captain Williams Granted Leave of Ab-

perform the duties of quartermaster.

2. The following communication from

"Lieut.-Col. Gregory, First Battalion, Fifth Regiment, C. A., Victoria, B.

"Sir: The contents of your letter of the 3rd inst., have been communicated to the celebration committee, and they are much gratified by the terms in which your appreciation of their reception of your command are expressed. Your presence added much to the success and pleasure of the celebration, while the excellent music afforded by the

All a man wants here below is a little

Session.

Mr. Croft's Scheme Embodied in a By-Law--Cheap Rides for Workers.

The minister of militia decided that he could not wait for General Hutton to make The Taxation Rate for 1899---Yates Street Fire Hall Is Now Ready.

and charges upon them.

An increase of one mill is noticeable in the rate mentioned in the draft, being 19 mills instead of 18, inclusive of everything. Ten mills are intended to cover interest and sinking fund accounts; 6 (instead of 5) mills for ordinary revenue; for hospital and the subject has been referred, reported as follows:

wrote, and that official had pointed out that all space in the old post office had been devoted to the accommodation of tenants in retail businesses. As for utilizing the lobby of the new post office in any way—the inspector was opposed to it, and the postmaster-general not but coincide with his views. could

The letter was received and filed, or the motion of Ald. Stewart and Williams. The former could not refrain from an observation of "I told you so," while the latter disclaimed that any-thing whatever had been said by the council in regard to the use of space in the old post office building.

To the city engineer and sanitary offi-

cer, for report, was referred a complaint from Major C. T. Dupont, to the effect that a number of houses on Cadboro Bay road, Stadacona avenue and Elford street are draining into the private drain aid by him through his property-a nuisance being created and the land unfitted for pasturage, to which use it had prebeen devoted. Major Dupont suggested that if the council would lay proper pipe drain, he would have no objection to others draining through it-

and would give the necessary right of way.
George A. Coldwell, by direction of
the Trades and Labor Council, of which he is secretary, asked that some steps be taken by the council with a view to securing a reduced fare for workingmen be taken by the experimental securing a reduced fare for workingment securing a reduced fare for workingment securing a reduced fare for workingment securing a reduced in their daily avocations at Esquimalt but having their homes in the city—the reduced rate to apply only the city—the reduced rate to apply only the considered on second reading to-morrow night.

This last-referred-to by-law is practically applied to the considered on second reading to-morrow night.

from their labor.

It was at first suggested that a copy of the communication be forwarded to

while the excellent music afforded by the First Battalion band was enjoyed by all who heard it.

"Speaking unofficially of the Second "Speaking unofficially of the Second "be seen to be s people - despite the fact that better patronage was shown to be obtained here than in the Mainland city he spoke from the published statistics of the com-

now an important and ever-growing body. If cinders were laid between the rails on all the lines of track out of Victoria, the bicyclists would rise up and call the company blessed.

Mayor Redfern also endorsed what had been said by Ald Mayord and

had been said by Ald, Hayward and had been said by Ald. Hayward and Stewart, and the matter went without further debate to the finance committee, who will as speedily as possible report the result of their promised interview with the company interested.

Charles Wilson acknowledged with thanks the receipt of a pair of swans presented to the Harrison Lake aquarium, his letter going upon file; and a simum, his letter going upon file; and a similar course was pursued with regard to the following formal communication from the council clerk:

from the council clerk:

"I have the honor to inform you that since the last meeting of the city council the following communications have been received and referred to the city engineer for report: From Rev. W. W. Bolton and others, complaining of the condition of the drain on Belcher street, between Oak Bay avenue and Cadboro Bay road; from W. O. Moore and eight others, requesting that box drain be laid on Milne street; and from E. Dickenson and W. G. Carson, directing attention to the condition of Henry street, from Turner street to Bridge street, and requesting that the same be graded and a sidewalk laid hereon."

Be Sold—Xora at Sooke.

The C. P. R. steamship Empress of China sailed for the Orient at 9 o'clock last night, after berthing at the outer wharf for Victoria mail and passengers. She was drawing 25½ feet of water aft when she landed, which meant that her capacious holds were filled to their full limit. Her saloon passenger list was a

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from all similar measures of other years, the present being the first summer in which the legislation in this regard brought forward by Attorney-General Martin applies, By this legislation it is possible for municipal governments to liberally increase the rate of taxation, by making special provision for debts and charges upon them.

An increase of one mill is noticeable in the rate mentioned in the draft, being the provided for, and it is therefore desirable that the firemen take possession as speedily as possible, while the building is made complete for the purposes to which it is to be devoted.

This report was adopted, the suggestation of the suggestation in this regard to the country through which his party passed is entirely new to map-makers, and no signs of trails, mess debris, chopping or other evidence of previous visitation could be found.

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made complete for the partial made complete for the suggestions to be acted upon forthwith.

As to Mr. W. J. Pendray's requests a cast failed to land a fish.

The concessions, the finance committee, a cast failed to land a fish.

In appearance these fish are very like contain trout, but somewhat lighter in the partial made complete for the partial made complete fo

being sent to Mr. Pendray.

In another report the finance committee recommended for payment various routine accounts totalling \$776.71, which

troduced, and received its preliminary of the party gave the big game reading, being set for second reading at In passing, Ald. Hayward wished it desperate knife battle. clearly understood that he was not in favor of the rate set forth in the by-law,

On Saturday, between seven and half-

In explanation, the Mayor pointed out that it was necessary to present to the council a complete by-law, while it was lits movements were watched by groups of people in various directions. It had

their hands.

Ald. Stewart emphasized the necessity dication of a good fishing season. for promptness in the passage of the by-law, and it was agreed to take it up don Casserly, of the Indian Staff Corps, in its second and most important stage who resides at 9 Upper Leeson Street, to-morrow evening.

Dublin, met with a serious accident while to-morrow evening.

The Craigflower Road by-law was replaying polo in Phoenix Park. It ap-

considered and finally passed; and the Fire Prevention Amendment by-law and by-law "To Provide for the Erection of a Steel and Stone Structure Free of Cost to the Corporation, in Place of the Present Lymps Ray Bridge and for the Cost of the Cost Cost to the Corporation. in Place of the Present James Bay Bridge, and for the Reclamation of James Bay Flats," were house surgeon, Dr. McLaughlin.

of the communication be forwarded to the tramway authorities.

"With a request that it be given favorable consideration," suggested the mayor, as an addition.

The original motion was abandoned, however, at the suggestion of Ald. Hayward, who proposed that the subject ward, who proposed that the subject be referred to the finance committee for a report. The committee could then interview the management of the tramway, do what is possible in the matter directly referred to, and possibly accomplish something in the way of obtaining a general lowering of the fare the tramway authorities.

"With a request that it be given favorable consideration," suggested the mayor, as a result of the pounding with stones to which he was subjected by the women. A magisterial inquiry was held in the infirmary morning, and is at the Dominion. He says that progress is being made—but slowly—with the settlement of the claims grlevances, the prospect being that Hon. Justice Irving and his staff will be engaged for scveral weeks to come. The news of the recent explosions in politics were received by the Rosalle's passengers at Skagcomplish something in the way of obtaining a general lowering of the fare and other handy weapons on Sunday way, and should have reached Atlin about the fought the matter out with their belts and other handy weapons on Sunday was maded.

In the davantage to be thereby the pounding with stones to which he was subjected by the women. A magisterial inquiry was held in the infirmary the following day, when one of the women who were in custody was discharged, and the other was remanded.

A rather serious riot amongst the militia regiments stationed for training at Blackrock, near Dundalk, is reported. It appears that there was some old grudge between Loutn and Down Militia Regiments, and the recruits of both fought the matter out with their belts and other handy weapons on Sunday.

AN INTERESTING CASE.

toria had a right to ask for equal favors with Vancouver, and endorsed what had been said as to the superior patronage accorded the road by Victorians. In various ways by their treatments, but The Labor Department of the Board to me are laborated to me and to the superior patronage accorded the road by Victorians. In various ways by their treatments, but The Labor Department of the Board to me are laborated to me are labor accorded the road by Victorians. In various ways by their treatments, but The Labor Department of the Board Vancouver the company had been good to no avail, besides spending a mint of of Trade is collecting information on the

The Far East

Empress of China Leaves Heavily Freighted for the Orient.

Damaged Cargo of Danube to Be Sold-Xora at

Chief of Police Lees appears to have found a solution satisfactory to hinself at least, for after a long interview with at least, for after a long interview with Rathom, it appears, had mad wife. were intended to made and was never intended to made and wish were married. Mrs. Rathom. Of course will be contained to the finding course and wish were married. Mrs. Rathom, of course will be contained to the contain to the friends of her husband's attention to Miss Campbell were married statements of all parties conversed in more and with a preparatory and the tree contained as the properties of the season of the purposes; and the properties attention to Miss Campbell were married. We knew houshand and wife were statements of all parties converse will be contained and wife were statements of all parties converse will be contained and wife were statements of all parties converse will be contained as the contained and with were married. The candy was never statements of all parties converse will be contained and with were statements of all parties converse will be contained and the part of the purposes; and a cast failed to land a fellow the subject to change when the dot the sumilate two ment in my complaints to the fifteen years of the part of the purposes; and the purposes;

were passed in the usual course.

On the motion of Ald. Hayward and Stewart, the by-law to fix the rate of taxation for the current year was intaxation for the party gave the big game opportunity of the party gave the big game opportunity. on the party gave the big game oppor-tunity to get away, although J. J. De-

Vault killed one giant cinnamon after a as he found it before him. He had understood that the rate would be left blank when the by-law was presented to the council.

In explanation, the Mayor pointed out entirely immaterial what rate was put of people in various directions. It had in — that was something for the council apparently followed a shoal of fish inshore, and, though very unwelcome as a

A tramp named John Meara, who is and to have attacked two women on the This last-referred-to by-law is practically a recapitulation of Mr. Croft's proposals, with the insertion of argument as to the advantage to be thereby derived by the city.

George Hayes, of Atlin, who left the capital of the new mining district on the trial inquiry was held in the infirmary

state of siege for a considerable time. Sir Thomas O'Connor Moore, Bart., is in a bad way. The poor man is so hard pany.

Mr. W. G. Phyall, proprietor Bodega
The suggestion was cordially supported by Ald. Stewart, who held that Vicwhile living in Chicago I was
payment of 1s. a week as rent of rooms

enough to make cinder paths between money to no purpose. Since coming to their rails on practically all lines save Toronto I learned of Dr. Chase's Ointhose through paved city streets. These ment. I used but one box, and have not paths were of a lasting character, and been troubled with piles in any shape or very much appreciated by the cyclists—form since, the control of the co