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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

The Rush at Port Townsend.

The sealers' enemy—the revenue cutter Richard Rush, Captain Sheppard—arrived at Port Townsend on Wednesday night from Behring's Sea. Lieut. Tuttle went ashore for the vessel's mail, but immediately returned on board, eluding the reporters who were looking for an interview.

The Tramway Track.

The National Electric Tramway Co. have notified the city of their intention to lay rails over Rock Bay bridge and along Work street to Point Ellice bridge, the western extremity of the city boundary. This looks as if the company contemplate an immediate extension of their lines to Esquimalt.

The Alpha's Passengers Safe.

C. O. Husher, the San Fradcisco artist supposed to have been lost on the Alpha, on the Alaska coast, was a passenger on the Corona, which arrived at Port Townsend Wednesday morning from Alaska. The Alpha was found in distress at Gukeetat by the Rush, and all on board of her were brought safely to Sitka.

The Puebla's Passengers.

The following passengers, bound for Victoria, are on board the steamship City of Puebla, which sailed from San Francisco on Wednesday, and is due to-day: Mrs. Welsh, E. Kingsbury, A. J. McMillan, Mrs. Ross, J. A. Sayward and wife, D. R. Perrie, J. Purdy and wife, G. Derg, E. E. Entwissel, Mrs. Coulter and daughter, A. C. Greenbaum, W. W. Hubbard, R. H. Renebaum.

From Alaska.

The steamship Corona, which arrived at Port Townsend on Wednesday from Alaska, had a cargo of 2,053 cases of salmon from Bartlett Bay, 640 cases from Pyramid Harbor, 1,539 from Loring, 2,799 cases from Tongas Narrows, all for San Francisco. She had a lot of miscellaneous freight for Port Townsend; and besides had a number of skins and a lot of fish products. There was also a consignment of $35,190.54 of bullion from Douglas Island.

Hymeneal.

A very pretty wedding was that of Miss Bessie Pauline and Mr. W. S. Goodwin, of the Hudson's Bay Co., which was celebrated in Christ Church Cathedral at 2 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon, Rev. H. Kingham officiating. The bride was attended by her three sisters, while her brother presided at the organ. The flowers, dresses and wedding et ceteras were unusually handsome, and everything in connection with the happy affair passed off delightfully. Mr. and Mrs. Goodwin are receiving the congratulations of very many friends.

Perry Creek Mines.

The latest reports from the Perry Creek mines were received from the two superintendents, Messrs. G. A. Dew and A. W. Bilsland, yesterday. The report of the former, who is working the tunnel, is to the effect that the men working with him are now in 46 feet from the head of the falls, and expect to strike another fall ahead. The report from the shaft, which is in charge of Mr. Bilsland, is to the effect that work is progressing very rapidly, and the bed rock is found to be very favorable for catching gold in the 30 foot channel. Mr. Bilsland is running a seven foot drift, and averages about eight sets a week. Both reports are encouraging, and 6.55 ounces of gold accompanied them to this city.

Painful Accident.

A few nights ago, while Night Watchman Alex. Campbell was making his usual rounds, he noticed a man lying on the sidewalk on Johnson street, just above David Heal's tinshop. Thinking it was an ordinary drunk, Mr. Campbell caught him by the shoulder and tried to raise him to his feet. The man complained of one of his legs being hurt and exceedingly painful. At the sound of his voice Mr. Campbell recognized the man as John Rowen. He informed the night watchman that he had fallen off the sidewalk and injured his leg so as to be unable to walk. A hack was procured, and Rowen was conveyed home. By this time the injured leg had swollen considerably, and had become so painful as to be almost unbearable. Dr. Milne was sent for, and when he arrived and examined the injured limb he at once pronounced it to be broken, just above the ankle. He gave directions to have the swelling reduced, and then set the fracture. Rowen is now doing well, but it will be some time before he regains the use of his leg. The place where he fell is a veritable man-trap.

A Scene in Court.

The county court was the scene of a somewhat sensational incident upon the conclusion of the unimportant judgment summons case of Ward v. Williams yesterday afternoon. Sir M. B. Begbie, C. J., was presiding, and in the course of the remarks made by the counsel for the plaintiff the trouble occurred. The case arose over the purchase of goods on account by defendant's daughter, without his authority or wish; the goods being charged to the father, while the girl said that they should have been charged to her account. In referring to the manner of purchase, the counsel for the plaintiff remarked to the defendant, "Then she had no right to have them charged to you?" This was reviewing what the defendant had said. The remark was not understood evidently by the defendant, who excitedly replied, "By ——, if you say that again outside, I'll smash your face!" at the same time shaking his fist in the face of the lawyer, who, like Nicholemus, is a man of small stature. The learned judge, as soon as the remark was made, promptly committed the offender for contempt, remarking that the bar must be protected from insult, and would be in any court over which he presided. Not wishing to see his opponent in the action committed to jail, the counsel for the plaintiff interceded for him, and the sentence of the court was recalled, the offender being allowed to depart with a few words of advice as to future behavior in the court noom.

THE DAY OF ATONEMENT.

A Few Particulars in Regard to the Day of Fasting and Prayer.

To-morrow, Saturday, Oct. 5th, is the Jewish "Day of Atonement," which is observed according to the command of God to Israel in Numbers, chap. 19, verse 7: "And ye shall have on the tenth day of the seventh month an holy convocation, and ye shall afflict your souls; ye shall not do any work therein;" as also in accordance to the commands of God to Israel in Leviticus, chap. 16, verses 29 to 34, in which this day was ordained to be a Sabbath of Sabbaths; a day on which to afflict the souls. It was to be observed by the stranger as well as the native born. This was a day for the atonement of the Children of Israel for all their sins to be observed once a year. The Israelites, therefore, abstain from all food for twenty-four hours—from sunset this evening till sunset on Saturday, and they assemble in their synagogues and offer praise and adoration to the great Jehovah. On this day it is supposed that all souls appear before their Creator and receive their merited judgments. It is therefore incumbent on all Israelites to observe this day of penance and prayer. The penalty in former days was excision. It is right and proper for all Israelites to observe this day; to crave the mercy and pardon from God, and to implore Him to so fashion their hearts that they may be susceptible to His great words of truth, and that they may walk in a virtuous and direct path. On this day they must glorify God by performing noble works of charity, and perform benevolent actions toward mankind, and by praiseworthy acts secure for themselves the grace of God and future inheritance. So holy is this day considered in the eyes of every Israelite, as a day of prayer and penitence, that even the most hardened scoffer pauses on this day. He realizes there is a guiding spiritual power revealed in it; the importance of the day is associated with the sweetest and dearest memories of their childhood. This day of atonement is accounted as the very highest gem in their religious crown; on this occasion the faithful attune their hearts with prayer, and with contrite hearts and humble spirit implore the great Jehovah to pardon their transgressions, to grant them new life, and that they may glorify Israel's God by honoring mankind and performing works of mercy and benevolence to their fellow creatures who are in need.

A SAILOR'S SWEETHEART.

How a Young Lady of Victoria Eloped with the Fortunate Man of Her Choice.

Several months ago, so the story goes, John Paul, a handsome and popular seaman of H. M. S. Swiftsure, became acquainted with one of the many good looking young ladies of Victoria with whom he straightway proceeded to fall in love. The tender passion was fully reciprocated, and the jolly Jack Tar made application for a discharge from the service. As he was a good mechanic, he naturally concluded that as a married man he could do better ashore, and was willing to forsake the pomp and circumstance of naval grandeur for a neat little home on the less treacherous element, Mother Earth.

His application for a discharge was duly forwarded to England, and not expecting that any difficulty would be experienced in securing his release, Paul made ready for the wedding day. When news did come from England, it was disheartening. The application was refused.

Nothing daunted, the sailor and his sweetheart put their heads together and resolved to outwit the authorities of old England hand in hand. They said nothing of their plans to anyone, and consequently surprise was expressed by everyone when it became known yesterday morning that the loving pair had placed the Straits between themselves and all that would interfere with their union and were already man and wife.

The plan of their elopement was unusual, and as decidedly romantic as any chapter from any of Clarke Russell's novels. The prospective groom visited the James Bay boat house on Tuesday night and wished to rent a boat, ostensibly to go to Esquimalt. "Capt. Dan" did not, however, wish to let his boat go out, and the blue jacket thereupon applied to Capt. Cox, of the schooner Sapphire, who loaned him one of his boats upon which to go, as he said, "down to Esquimalt."

Instead of sailing to the headquarters of the fleet, the sturdy tar and the girl of his choice together set sail for Port Angeles, which they reached safely, and where they were duly united in marriage.

Yesterday Capt. Cox received a telegram informing him that one of the Sapphire's boats was in Port Angeles, and asking what he wanted done with it. He replied to hold it, and arrest the persons in whose possession it was found for larceny. Whether this was done or not is not yet announced. It was the intention of Capt. Cox and the father of the missing bride to have gone over to Port Angeles yesterday afternoon by the steamer Lottie, but for some reason the plan was abandoned.

A SERIOUS CHARGE.

The First Mate of the Camelot is Accused of Insubordination.

In the provincial court yesterday, Edwin Johnson, Q.C., S.M., presiding, Charles Pike, first mate of the British bark Camelot, was charged with refusing to obey the orders of his captain to proceed to sea, and also with inducing the crew to follow his example.

Capt. Joseph P. Murphy, master of the bark, deposed to the accused signing articles and going on board the ship as first mate on October 1st. The Camelot was bound for Sydney, N.S.W. Witness was detained in town until 6 p.m. of October 2d, and went alongside of his ship at about 7 o'clock on the tug Pilot. Mr. Pike came to him and said that the crew refused to weigh anchor or go to work, it being after dark, and they having worked all day. He (the captain) then went forward and asked the men to go to work, and they again refused. The captain of the Pilot was then applied to for men, who came on board and commenced to weigh anchor. Asked Pike why he did not go forward and assist in raising the anchor, and he replied that he would not go to sea in the ship then. He commenced giving advice as to what he would do, and the captain informed him that he was the only master on board. After considerable talk, gave orders for the men to cease weighing anchor, as he (witness) did not consider it wise to proceed to sea under the circumstances. The tug-boat expenses were $25 per hour and the ship's $35 per day while she was being detained. He considered that the delay was due to the mate's action.

Charles Pike, the accused, pleaded "Not Guilty," and stated that he could produce the evidence of the entire ship's company to disprove the captain's statement.

The case was accordingly remanded until to-day.

COUNTY COURT.

(Before Sir M. B. Begbie, C. J.)

Low Chong vs. Berrow—Judgment for plaintiff for $200. Mr. T. Fell for plaintiff.

Fox vs. Brackman & Ker—Judgment for plaintiff for $27.36. Mr. C. E. Pooley for plaintiff; Mr. J. S. Yates for defendants.

Hall vs. Lawrence—Judgment for plaintiff for $17.50. Mr. H. G. Hall for plaintiff.

Bossi, et al, vs. King—Judgment for plaintiff for $5. Mr. Mills for plaintiff.

Mason vs. Good—Judgment for plaintiff for $55. Mr. C. D. Mason for plaintiff.

A large number of judgments summons' cases were also disposed of, and the court adjourned for one week.

PERSONAL.

S. S. Hyams is in Seattle.

Dr. F. W. Hall is on the sick list.

H. Oliver, of Denver, Col., is visiting Victoria.

John Henderson and sons, of Chilliwhack, are in town.

Percy Jenns, of the Bank of B. C., is spending his holidays in Vancouver.

F. M. Libby and wife, and J. Wesley Barber and wife, of Boston, are at the Driard.

H. A. VanAmringe, of the San Francisco Sewer Pipe Association, is at the Clarence.

Ben. Williams, J. R. McKenzie, J. L. Beckwith and W. L. Cusack returned from Vancouver last evening.

John Gardner, driver of Deluge fire engine, has gone over the Sound on business. He has just perfected still another improvement in fire harness, which he will probably have patented.

Dr. Child's Pile Ointment instantly relieves and permanently cures Piles, Pruritus and all hot and itching sores and eruptions. Price, $1. Of druggists. jel3-d&w

LITTLE LOCALS.

The recent rains have swollen all the rivers and streams in Nanaimo district to an unusual height.

A five round fight occurred in a Yates street saloon on Wednesday night, in which one of the principals was badly battered.

Twenty-five Chinese left for the Flowery Kingdom this morning. They took 20 tons of baggage with them, and will not return.

The work of enlarging the Calvary Baptist church is being quickly proceeded with, and when completed the addition will be a very substantial and useful one.

The repairs and improvements to the Provincial Government buildings, James Bay, have now been completed, and the legislative halls are ready for the painters.

The body of Hugh Sowden, who was drowned in Nanaimo lake, has not yet been discovered. A party of men were exploding giant powder in the lake yesterday in the hope of bringing the remains to the surface.

The Morning Leader, a new Port Townsend morning paper, made its appearance on Wednesday. The Leader is an eight-page daily, and makes the third paper published at the Port of Entry.

At the monthly meeting of the Victoria Athletic Club, held last night, seventeen new members were elected. The question of increasing the dues was laid over till a special meeting, to be held on the 17th inst.

MARINE.

J. Tasse returned to Montreal this morning.

Steamer Sardonyx is due from the North.

C. E. Renouf and wife went over to the Mainland this morning.

W. F. Wilson and wife left this morning for Milwaukee, Wis.

Steamer Danube, after discharging cargo, left for Portland yesterday afternoon.

Steamer Emma arrived in yesterday with two scow loads of shingles for W. P. Sayward.

Capt. Lloyd, of Port Townsend, who was pilot of the Ancon on her last trip, is at the Oriental.

Steamer Alert left yesterday with 14 men and one year's supplies for the Nelson Island granite quarries.

Steamer Rithet will arrive in Esquimalt with a cargo of Fraser river salmon this morning.

Steamer Islander left the dock last evening and resumed her place on the Vancouver route this morning.

TRADE NOTES.

Over one hundred hogs came in by the Louise last night.

Another large consignment of Washington Territory flour arrived by the Yosemite last night.

Six thousand cases of Fraser river salmon will be shipped to San Francisco by the direct steamer next Sunday.

The steamer Olympian brought from the Sound last evening one full carload of machinery, another of grindstones, and a third of iron for Spratt & Gray.

The Catapult Nuisaance.

The police have very properly decided to abate the catapult nuisance, as, next to a gun or pistol, a more dangerous plaything could not be placed in a boy's hands. Of late the use of the catapult has become so frequent, that reports of broken windows are of daily occurrence, and cause much grief. Sheppard instructed his officers to confiscate all catapults. Boys should remember that it is against the law to carry such dangerous weapons, and if they are arrested they can be severely punished. Dealers in such articles, also, should assist Chief Sheppard in stamping out the catapult nuisance, by refusing to sell children such mischievous toys.

District Meeting of Foresters.

On Wednesday the provincial district meeting of the Ancient Order of Foresters of British Columbia was held in the rooms of the local court at Vancouver. Among the delegates present were Bros. McMurphy and Coutts, Westminster; Wm. Hilbert and Mayor Bate, Nanaimo; E. J. Salmon, J. H. Hughes, J. R. McKenzie, H. Smith and Ben Williams, Past Chief Ranger. Business belonging to the order was transacted and the following officers of the Columbia District, A. O. F. were elected: Wm. Hilbert, D. C. R.; W. B. Young, D. S. C. R.; H. Smith, D. T.; J. R. McKenzie, D. S.

In the evening the members of Court Pacific, 7,627, entertained the visiting delegates to a dinner at the Pacific Hotel. The spread was tasteful and the attention all that could be desired. Bro. W. B. Young, Chief Ranger of Pacific Court, occupied the chair, and Bro. T. R. Hardiman, Sub-Chief Ranger, the vice-chair. After the usual loyal and patriotic toasts had been honored, Bros. McMurphy and Smith, veterans of the British army, responded to the "Army and Navy," and gave some interesting reminiscences of their service for the Queen. Bro. Salmon, Past District Chief Ranger, was then called on to represent the "High Court and Ancient Order of Foresters, the world over. He favored entering the jurisdiction of the Canadian High Court, as the one to which the Foresters of British Columbia should properly belong, a sentiment which found much favor with those present. "The Columbia District and Visiting Brethren" was proposed from the vice chair and honored by Brother Wm. Hilbert, of Nanaimo. Brother Ben Williams, Victoria, then gave the sentiment of Court Pacific, which was responded to by Brothers W. B. Young and T. R. Hardiman, each expressing the strongest hopes for the success of the local Court and the Order generally.

The Victoria Art Critic Criticised.

Mayor Grant, of Victoria, has been making funny remarks at the expense of Mr. John Ruskin, world renowned art critic, litterateur, and some time Slade Professor at Oxford University. Mr. Grant evidently does not entertain a very exalted opinion of Ruskin, because "he is a man (so says the Mayor, and of course he would never talk about what he did not understand), "who objects to railways, steamboats and other modern improvements." Mayor Grant would find it hard to prove what he says, however. John Ruskin, as an art critic, naturally, in his writings discusses subjects from the æsthetic standpoint, and no one can reasonably find fault with such a man for preferring the gondola to the steam launch on the beautiful waterways of Venice, or blame him when he protests against the running of a railway line into the heart of the English lakecountry, because he believes that the preservation of its natural beauty is a matter for consideration as well as the putting of a few more shekels into the already well-filled money bags of railroad directors. For Mr. Grant, as mayor of Victoria, we entertain unbounded respect, but when he attempts to criticize Ruskin and lets himself down to vapid vulgarisms about beauty unadorned, Eve in the garden of Eden, and the era of the fig leaf, we imagine he would act more wisely by keeping silence for fear uncharitable persons, reading his foolish talk, should repeat the old adage that empty kettles make the most noise.—Westminster Columbian.

From Bad to Worse.

SCROFULA leads to consumption. From three to six bottles of Burdock Blood Bitters will cure scrofula, salt rheum, erysipelas, boils, pimples, blotches, tetter, shingles, scald head, sore eyes, and all skin affections, by cleansing the system and removing all impure matter that causes bad blood. swt

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria

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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

That Pocket Picking.

Evidence in the case of Wm. Farrell, charged with larceny, occupied the time in the provincial court for six solid hours yesterday, and the case was then remanded for another day.

Coming Home.

The boat from the schooner Sapphire which carried the eloping bluejacket and his sweetheart over the straits, was sent from Port Angeles to Port Townsend by the steamer Idaho. It will probably come back to Capt. Cox by the Olympian to-night. He will not take any action against the elopers for using the boat.

The Westminster Races.

Messrs. Jones & McNeil last evening received a telegram from Westminster informing them that their horse "Ito" had won in the races held there yesterday. "Ito" was imported from California last spring, and has quite a record. In yesterday's race he was ridden by Tommy Gannon, who, the telegram says, rode as jockey in three races and won them all.

A Bear Hunt.

A few days ago a man name Jones observed a she bear and two cubs crossing a field belonging to J. J. Russell, at the head of the Arm. Mr. Jones got his gun and followed the bears and succeeded in killing the old one and wounded one of the cubs. A number of sheep have been missed lately in this vicinity and the presence of these bears was evidently connected with the lost sheep.

The Crew Objected.

On Thursday afternoon the tug Lorne was engaged to tow the bark Martha, now lying lumber laden in Royal Roads, to sea. When she got alongside this intention was abandoned, the crew refusing to go to sea, as they pronounced the bark to be in a leaking condition. The tug returned to port and yesterday a survey was made of the condition of the boat. No decision was given in regard to the safety of the vessel and a second survey will take place to-day.

Sold for $330!

At eleven o'clock yesterday morning, Deputy Sheriff J. M. Langley, disposed of Mr. H. B. Roycraft's yacht, the Ada, by public auction. The sale was attended by a couple of dozen, who had known the late superintendent of police in the heyday of prosperity, and who were anxious to see what became of his favorite boat. Bidding was brisk, and the Ada was finally knocked down to Mr. F. Hewitt for $330, with sails and all fittings.

Thrown From His Horse.

While Dr. Duncan, staff surgeon of "C" Battery, R.C.A., was mounting his horse to pay his usual calls yesterday morning, the animal reared, throwing the doctor heavily to the ground. In falling his head struck a small stone, and he lay unconscious from the blow. The accident was seen from the barrack windows, and he was at once carried within and Dr. Davie hastily summoned. For upwards of twenty minutes the injured man lay insensible, and then rallied and expressed the opinion that he was not seriously hurt. This opinion was shared by Dr. Davie, and it is to be hoped that Dr. Duncan will not be long confined to his room by the injuries he received. He is at present at the St. Joseph's Hospital.

Rumored Loss of the Wilmington.

A rumor was prevalent in Seattle on Thursday that the steamer Wilmington had foundered off Dungeness Head, in the straits of San Juan de Fuca. This point is about 30 miles west of Port Townsend. Inquiry failed to confirm the rumor. On the contrary it was shown that the Wilmington could not possibly be at that point as she only left Seattle on September 27th for Portland, with a cargo of coal, which it would not be possible to discharge and another load taken on in the time which has elapsed. Telegrams from Port Townsend also deny the story, and state that no information had been received at that point of the wreck of the Wilmington.

For China and Japan.

The ss. Abyssinia left Vancouver yesterday for China and Japan. Among the passengers were: Major T. St. Clair, Mrs St. Clair, Mr. A. L. Bagnall, Mr. D. L. Hicks, Mr. D. Grant, Mrs. D. Grant, Master A. Grant, Mr. Vanchape, Miss M. J. McIntosh, Miss Graham, Mrs. Christianson, Rev. E. McVicar, Mrs. McVicar, Rev. Geo. Sicafoost, Miss Chaffner, Miss Patterson, Mr. S. Haskimo, Mr and Mrs. McDougall, Col. Barton-Brown, Mr. J. F. Mahon, Mr. Henry Mahon, Mr. C. E. G. Crawford, Capt. F. Clayson, Mr. Grindlay, Mr. T. S. Kirkland, Mrs. Kirkland, Mr. F. M. Schmeck, Mrs. F. M. Schmeck, Miss L. Schmeck, Mr. Alex. Waddell.

The Sockeye Salmon Run.

The sockeye salmon still continue to run in good numbers in the Fraser. The catch has not only been larger this season than that of any previous fishing season, but the run continues much later than it usually does. The close season, set apart by the inspector—minimizing the mesh of 7½ inches—extended from the 25th of August to the 15th of September, in order to give the sockeyes an opportunity to return to their spawning grounds. It would appear, however, from the continued run of these fish that the close season was not sufficient for the purpose for which it is intended, and should have been extended to about the present time. It is claimed by authorities on the matter that when salmon arrive at a certain period of their age they are of no value, save for spawning purposes. Therefore, in order to preserve this very important resource of the province the old salmon should be allowed an unobstructed passage to their spawning grounds. There are three canneries engaged at present packing cohoes. The run is still rather poor in the Fraser, and the average catch does not exceed thirty to the boat.

PERSONAL.

E. J. Salmon returned from Vancouver last night.

Capt. J. G. Cox is expected home on Tuesday next.

John Hendry, ex-mayor of New Westminster, is at the Driard.

Miss Thain came over from Port Townsend last evening.

J. A. Sayward and wife came home from San Francisco yesterday.

Hon. John Robson was a passenger home by the Islander last evening.

Lieut.-Governor and Mrs. Nelson returned from New Westminster last night.

Charles Gardner and Simon Leiser returned from Port Townsend yesterday afternoon.

A. J. McMillan, who recently went to California for his health, returned by the Puebla yesterday.

Prof. Saunders, of Ottawa, manager of the experimental farms, arrived by the Islander last night, and is at the Driard.

Douglas Sladen, Australia's greatest poet and literator, left Winnipeg Friday for British Columbia. He will stop en route at Banff and other points in the mountains, and on his return will visit the towns along the Canadian Pacific. Mr. Sladen's trip is mainly to secure material for the work which he is shortly to write, entitled, "Canada's Functions in the Empire." The object of the book is to show in what manner Canada can become the artery through which will flow the commerce of the empire, and thus to indicate the importance of the Dominion in the empire in a commercial sense. The work will be written during the coming winter, and will appear next fall in London.

LEFT BEHIND.

The Camelot Sails for Sydney, Leaving the Mate to Meet an Unproved Charge.

When the case of Charles Pike, mate of the British bark Camelot, charged with refusing to obey lawful orders, was called in the Provincial court yesterday morning, the accused instantly replied "Here." He was represented by counsel, Mr. A. L. Belyea, and was quite ready to face the charge against him. The prosecutor, Capt. Murphy, was not present, however, nor were any of the witnesses belonging to the Camelot's crew who had been summoned to give evidence for the defence. Mr. J. P. Walls, who had represented the prosecution when the case was opened, informed the court that he no longer appeared in the action.

An explanation of the strange state of affairs was obtained when it was announced that during the night the bark had sailed for Australia, leaving the first mate behind under arrest upon a very serious charge of broken discipline. As no reason was offered for his detention the magistrate dismissed the case.

Having been subjected to loss of time, wrongful imprisonment and other damage, the mate intends representing the matter to the Department of Marine at Ottawa, from whom he expects to obtain a passage to Sydney, N. S. W., the destination of the bark to which he was duly articled. On the arrival of the bark in Sydney, he will at once take action against the captain for wages due from the time of signing articles, and for heavy damages.

His side of the case is set forth in his statement, to be forwarded to Ottawa, which was subscribed to yesterday, and which reads as follows:

CITY OF VICTORIA,
Province of British Columbia,
Dominion of Canada.

I, Charles Pike, of the city of Liverpool, England, Master Mariner, do solemnly and sincerely declare as follows:

1. On Monday, the 30th day of September last, I signed articles at the Customs House, Victoria aforesaid, as first officer of the British barque "Camelot," of Carnarvon, Wales with the option of leaving said vessel on her arrival at Sydney, New South Wales.

2. The master of said barque "Camelot" at such time was Joseph Patrick Murphy.

3. On Tuesday, the morning of the first day of October instant, I went on board the "Camelot," then lying at Esquimalt Harbor, British Columbia, and entered on duty as First Officer. The "Camelot" was then laden with timber and nearly ready for sea.

4. The said Captain Murphy was not on board during that day, Tuesday, until about half-past six o'clock in the evening. On Wednesday he was again absent from the "Camelot" all day, coming aboard at seven in the evening the worse of liquor. Several men came on board with him and went with him to his cabin where they spent the evening drinking liquor.

5. The crew of the "Camelot," under my orders, had been at work all day preparing for sea, and the tug Pilot came alongside about 7 o'clock with some freight and ship stores, which by the captain's orders were at once taken on board. As soon as the freight and stores were on board and stowed away the captain ordered the crew to weigh anchor, but the crew complained of being tired and all quit work, telling both me and the captain that they wanted a few hours rest before putting to sea. This was about eight o'clock Wednesday night. The men then all went to the forecastle. I reported this to the captain. He at once s arted for the forecastle, I following. He tumbled down on the way forward. On reaching the forecastle he ordered the men to man the wind'ass. The men refused for the reasons already given by them. He then turned upon me, cursing and swearing at me, and twice ordered me to go on shore. I refused to leave the vessel. He then asked the captain of the Pilot to send men on board from the Pilot to weigh the anchor. Four or five men from the Pilot came on board, and after heaving about 30 fathoms of cable Captain Murphy ordered them to stop, which they did, and went back to the Pilot. Captain Murphy then started aft and again fell to the deck, s ill cursing and swearing at me. I called out to him: "Captain Murphy, you are drunk. It is the whiskey that has made this disturbance. Go to sleep where you are or go to bed." He managed to get on his feet and make his way to his cabin, where he remained till after eleven o'clock drinking with his friends who came on board with him. I went to bed, but the noise in the captain's cabin kept me awake till eleven o'clock.

6. Thursday morning at sunrise I turned out all the men to their different duties, and waited orders from the captain to get under way, the tug Pilot being still alongside.

7. At 9 o'clock the captain came on deck, and said to me: "I don't require your services any longer." I reported his words to the second mate, who advised me not to leave the ship on such a account, for if I did the captain would have me arrested as a deserter. Shortly afterwards the captain went ashore in the Pilot.

8. At 10 o'clock on Thursday, October the 3rd inst., I was arrested on board the Camelot by an officer, who handed me at the time the warrant hereto annexed, marked "A." The officer took me before the provincial police court at the City of Victoria, where I was charged with the offence set out in the said warrant.

9. Hereto annexed, marked "B," is a copy of the proceedings of my trial for such offence.

10. On Thursday night, about 7 o'clock, Captain Murphy ordered the Camelot to sea, leaving me at Victoria aforesaid under arrest, being held to bail to appear on Friday morning.

CHARLES PIKE.

ONLY A MYTH.

An Eminent Scientist Gives His Opinion About the "Silent City."

Professor Otto C. Klotz, of Ottawa, chief astronomer for the Department of the Interior, a very extensive traveller and a keen observer of people and things, returned from Alaska a few days ago and is at present sojourning at the Driard. The professor, after many years of uninterrupted work, is enjoying a well-earned holiday, during which he has crossed the continent by the C. P. R. and visited Alaska. From here he goes to California by way of Mount Shasta, and will then return to Victoria and go back to the Dominion capital by the same way he came.

During his visit to far-famed Alaska Professor Klotz paid a visit to the great Muir glacier, which has attained recent celebrity by the published accounts of the "Silent City," a mirage picture of Montreal said to have been discovered by a camera in the ice fields of the north. Neither Capt. Carroll nor any of the passengers said anything about mirage, nor did any of the people where it was reported to have been seen.

The story of a mirage being seen in the Alaskan ice field, Prof. Klotz, a scientist of no mean standing himself, is inclined to pronounce "all humbug." A mirage could not be seen reflected, as it is a phenomenon of the air. Many fine reflections are obtained in the northern waters and in ice fields, of wild scenery, mountains and fantastic formations of crystal ice, but such a thing as the reflection of a city, thousands of miles distant, would be an utter impossibility, and for a mirage to be seen IN THE WATER OR ICE would be equally absurd.

During his travels over the plains, Prof. Klotz has more than once had the pleasure of witnessing a mirage, and he does not consider the athmosphere of the far north capable of producing such a phenomenon, which is generally the result of overheated air. The pecularity of the mirage has been proved by science to be produced by air stratos of different heat overlaying each other and causing the rays of light striking on some particular spot to be broken and sent back to the earth again, thereby enabling the place or object which the ray first touched to become visible at the place to which it was finally directed.

No finer day could have been had than the one on which Prof. Klotz visited Muir glacier, and there was no mirage anywhere around, and certainly no appearance of one. Another ridiculous feature of the "Silent City" story is that by it, people uneducated in scientific truths, are led to believe that the mirage is a phenomenon generally to be seen in the one particular place. This alone would be sufficient to stamp the story as a myth in the minds of all well read people.

Cannot Fail.

MRS. John E. Thompson, of Shelburne, P. O., writes: My two children received great benefit from Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry for Diarrhœa and summer complaint. I gave it according to direction and they soon recovered. Be sure and get the genuine. swt

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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

The Canadian Pacific's Earnings.

Canadian Pacific earnings for the fourth week in September were $443,000, an increase of $114,000. The month of September, $1,483,000; increase, $373,000.

Royal Hospital Donations.

Steward Garland, of the Royal Hospital, acknowledges with thanks the following donations: Fruit, from Mrs. M. W. Waitt; vegetables and fruit, from Mrs. P. Wilson; box of grapes, from J. & A. Clearihue; flowers, from a friend.

The Sealer Lily L.

The sealing schooner Lily L. arrived at San Francisco on Thursday night from the north with 900 seal skins. She had a rough voyage down and nearly foundered at one time, being struck by a heavy sea, which stove in three of her boats and set everything movable on the deck afloat.

Tramway Completion.

The statement of yesterday's COLONIST that "it is expected that the tramway will be completed and the cars running on the Victoria city service before January 1st," is misleading. Under the terms of the contract with Mr. Paterson it is stated that the track is to be completed by the 1st of November.

Obituary.

Rev. Bro. Verney, O.M.I., died on Wednesday morning in the Catholic bishop's palace, Westminster, at the age of 76 years. Brother Verney was a native of France. He came to the Pacific Coast in 1847, with the first Oblate missionaries, who located in Washington Territory; he afterwards came over to British Columbia in 1858.

The Abyssinia.

The ss. Abyssinia did not get away from Vancouver until yesterday morning at 2 o'clock. She had 635 tons weight of cargo, principally lumber, flour and cotton, 32 saloon passengers, the names of whom have already appeared, two second-class passengers, and 215 Chinese in steerage. The Abyssinia went to Departure Bay and loaded coal.

To Relieve the Thetis.

The United States steamer Pinta has sailed from San Francisco. She goes to Sitka to relieve the Thetis, which, on her arrival, will return to San Francisco. The Pinta should have sailed north on Sunday last, but just before the time arranged for the departure she blew out one of her valves, necessitating a short delay for repairs. The steamer will touch at Port Townsend and thence go to Nanaimo for coal to carry her to Sitka.

From Fort Simpson.

Early yesterday morning the steamer Sardonyx arrived from Fort Simpson, with a large number of passengers and full freight. Sixty barrels of salt fish, and 278 casks of Skidegate oil formed part of the cargo, the balance consisting of 5,553 cases of salmon divided as follows: Windsor Packing Co., 2,000; McLellan's cannery, 1,553; Cunningham's cannery, 2,000.

Among the passengers down were: Judge Wootten, of Metlakathla, George Martin, W. A. Robertson and Harry Tolmie.

Striking for Shorter Hours.

A meeting of the carpenters of the city was held last evening at Philharmonic Hall, over 150 being present. It was unanimously carried that on and after Monday, October 7th, nine hours shall constitute a full day's work; and also that the secretary of the contractors and builder's board of trade be notified of said action, and that all carpenters refrain from work until the contractors and builder's board of trade agree to give the men what they demand. The men are well organized and determined not to go to work until their demand is acceded to.

No Place for Chinamen.

On board the steamer Corona which arrived at Tacoma from Alaska on Thursday morning were 50 Chinese, who landed their baggage, and to all appearances seemed preparing to distribute themselves throughout the city. In this they were disappointed. By some means they were informed that the old committee of fifteen were still in existence and an amusing sight presented itself in a general scramble for the wharf with bag and baggage again. They at once left by train for Portland. Not a Chinaman has ever remained in Tacoma over twelve hours since the exodus some years ago.

A Merry Party.

A pleasant birthday party was given by Mrs. M. Young, at her residence, Quebec street, last evening, in honor of Miss Mary Summerfield, of Missouri, who is at present visiting her. There were about twenty-five young people present and everyone enjoyed himself or herself mast thoroughly. Miss Summerfield is the daughter of Mr. Thomas Summerfield, editor of the Joplin (Mo.) Daily Herald, and a sister of Mr. P. Summerfield, water commissioner, of this city. She came here from Los Angeles, where she had been visiting other relatives, and has already made for herself a host of friends here.

MARINE.

The Favorite has not yet sailed for Alberni.

Steamer Walla Walla leaves for San Francisco to-day.

It is expected that the bark Martha will get to sea to-day.

Steamer Maude left for Nanaimo at at early hour this morning.

Steamer Yosemite will arrive in Esquimalt to-day with salmon from the Fraser.

Schooner Lottie, Capt. Holt, arrived yesterday from Mud Bay with a cargo of wheat, oats and onions, making the trip in 12 hours. She will sail again to-day with a general cargo of merchandise for Sam Clay's store.

Steamer Brick made her usual trip from San Juan yesterday.

British bark Camelot sailed during Thursday night for Australia.

Steamer City of Puebla arrived at 1 o'clock yesterday, 52 hours from San Francisco. She brought 1,791 tons of freight, eighteen cabin and fifteen steerage passengers.

Steamer Corona arrived from the Sound yesterday afternoon, and passed on early this morning for San Francisco.

The bark George is loading lumber at the Hastings saw mill. The cargo is consigned to London and consists of about 300,000 feet of large timber and about 400,000 feet of planking and a few spars.

THE FRUITS OF THE HARVEST.

St. John's Church Arrayed for the Autumn Festival To-Day.

St. John's Church, the pretty little church at the corner of Douglas and Fisgard streets, looks more than usually beautiful to-day, being fresh from the hands of the decorators for the autumn festival. The services to-day will have special reference to the ingathering of the harvest. The rector, Rev. Percival Jenns, will preach the morning's sermon, and the Lord Bishop of Columbia will occupy the pulpit in the evening. Special music by a full choir will add to the attraction of the services.

Willing hands yesterday effected a beautiful transformation in the church; fruit, cereals, flowers and foliage being used to good effect in the decoration. The communion rail and choir rails are artistically adorned with sprays of grain, relieved with flowers and woodland ferns. At the bottom of the choir rails are piled, in "harmonious confusion," luscious fruits, tempting bunches of glossy grapes, and banks of sweet smelling flowers. The reading desk stands upon a pillow of fragrant treasures of the hot house, and is decorated with autumn leaves, grasses and golden grain. The lectern is also beautified with grain and grapes, while miniature sheaves of grain and oats rest at the base of the pulpit. The font rises from a mass of tempting grapes, shining like jewels in their setting of grain, foliage and flowers. The top of the font is wreathed with flowers and bright leaves. Distributed about the church are a large number of handsome shields, crosses, anchors, and other symbolic devices, being fashioned with sprays of wheat.

Unfortunately, space forbids a more worthy description of the decorations of the church, which should be seen by all who have a love for the beautiful and artistic.

AN ABDUCTION CASE.

A Statement by Mr. Norman, Father of the Young Lady.

Samuel Norman, the father of the young lady referred to in connection with the item, "A Sailor's Sweetheart," states that it is entirely false that his daughter married John Paul. The facts are simply these: Paul, who was engaged to Mr. Norman's daughter and was to have been married as soon as he got his discharge, asked leave to take the young lady to a party which he said was to be held on the "Amphion" on Tuesday evening last. The parents consented, and Paul obtained a boat; but instead of