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Local and Provincial News.

From the Daily Colonist, Sept 23.

ESQUIMALT.

What Sir Edward Watkin, M. P., Thinks of Its Future.

A Valuable Practical Opinion.

Sir Edward Watkin, one of the directors of the Grand Trunk railway, and a member of the British House of Commons, is at present staying at the Driard in this city. Yesterday in company with several gentlemen, among whom was the Hon. Joe Trutch, he paid a visit to Esquimalt inspecting the drydock, the naval yard, and the capabilities of the station from a strategic point of view. In a conversation with a *Colonist* reporter Sir Edward said that he considered the future of this country could be written in one word—"ESQUIMALT."

He was of the opinion that it had hitherto been played with, so to speak; a little was to be done by the Imperial government, a little by the Dominion government, and it had taken eleven years to do what could have been done in almost as many months. It was now proposed to deliver from Montreal the caisson for the dock, which should have been in position nine years ago, for the work if energetically and efficiently handled should not have taken more than two years to complete, and would not have cost half the money. "I do not care," he remarked, "for the personal interest of the few; I can see that it is the right place" which to make a [illegible] and that made everything else will follow. I do not think that there is any place—except Halifax, N. S., which has, moreover, the disadvantage of a rigorous climate—where nature has done so much to make a commercial rendezvous as it has at Esquimalt. It is accessible from the ocean without any impediment; there are easy means for fortifying it; and in my opinion it is the only place on the Pacific where the British authorities should erect in the way I speak of. As Lord Beaconsfield said, 'We are as much of an Asiatic as a European power,' and it is as important to preserve our interests on the one as on the other continent, and in view of this, Esquimalt with an Imperial station very soon assumes an importance the extent of which many at present fail to realize."

Sir Edward Watkin leaves this morning on a trip over the Island railway to Nanaimo, returning on Friday.

MINNIE HAUK.

One of the World's Great Queens of Song.

Minnie Hauk has a fine physique, an attractive stage presence, large, dark eyes, and a very expressive pretty face. To these she adds a thorough knowledge of the high art addressing for the stage. In whatever character she may appear her costume will be the perfection of taste, historical exactitude, and in thorough harmony with the character she represents. She has her own professional, for the greater part of her very extensive repertoire, comprising nearly sixty roles. If representing an Italian peasant girl, she will wear a costume the different parts of which she picked up herself, here and there, during her travels in Italy. Her magnificent "Carmen" costumes came from Madrid, and the veil she wears in the fourth act is Spanish lace, a present from the Empress of Germany. The costumes of Elsa, in "Lohengrin," were made after designs of Camphausen, the celebrated chief of the Dusseldorf school of painting, who copied the original dresses of the Dukes of Brabant, now in the Hanover museum. Her costumes for Catharine, in the "Taming of the Shrew," are made from designs of Hans Makart, the celebrated Viennese painter. Minnie Hauk unquestionably ranks as one of the most original and most universal singers of the present century.

Municipal Council.

The regular weekly meeting of the council was held last night in the city hall, his worship the mayor in the chair. Present—Councillors Smith, Styles, Robertson, Vigelius, Higgins, Lopez, Humber and Barnard.

COMMUNICATIONS.

From Drake, Jackson & Helmcken, stating that J. J. Southgate was willing to hand over to the city certain lots to connect Sutlej street with the park.—Coun. Higgins said that lots 14 and 40 were purchased and paid for for the purposes of the agricultural society, and moved that as there is a complication the matter be referred to the city barrister.

On motion of Coun. Vigelius, it was ordered to be referred to the city surveyor and city barrister.

From E. B. Crossdale asking for street lines on McClure street. Request granted.

From thirteen ratepayers residents on Third street, drawing attention to the deplorable condition of the street and asking that it be graded and gravelled. Referred to street committee.

From seven ratepayers, residents of Douglas street, asking that a portion of the street be repaired and graveled. Referred to street committee.

From nine residents of Fort street, stating that the grade of the street opposite their property be not raised as contemplated. Communication received and laid on the table.

From Turner, Beeton & Co., calling attention to the necessity of detailing policemen to attend church sheds on the arrival of steamers so as to ensure the safety of passengers and avoidance of danger. Referred to the police commission, to report.

From eleven ratepayers making application for a plank sidewalk on Belcher street; also on Moss street. Referred to street committee.

From five ratepayers of Third street, stating the necessity of laying a pipe. Referred to water works commission.

From John Boyd, asking to be allowed to open up Yates street in order that he might build a cellar. Communication received and ordered allowed on complying with the usual conditions.

From D. Dale, foreman of the gas works, notifying the council of the lying down of a gas pipe in the rear of the Masonic Lodge, and asking for the right to open up the street.

From Thos. Penoyman, asking permission to be allowed to use his telegraph, telephone and electric light poles and all others in possession of the city for the purpose of affixing street guides. Referred to street committee.

TENDERS FOR STREET WORK.

Tenders were received from Hall & Donald offering to block the pole on Herald street, between Douglas and Blanchard streets, for $2.40 per cubic yard; from James Baker, offering to do the work for $2 44, and from John Bergman, offering to do the same work for $2.49. Contract awarded to H. H. McDonald.

THE ELECTRIC LIGHT.

Tenders were received from Bert Grant offering to attend to the city electric light service for $75 per month, and from Wm. McGregor offering to do the work for $150 per month in the winter months and $100 in the summer months.

Coun. Higgins pointed out that the tenders were incomplete. He thought the care of the dynamos should form part of the service.

Coun. Smith moved that the tenders be referred to the electric light committee.

Coun. Higgins said he doubted if it was the intention of the council to insert in the resolution the care of the dynamos be considered in the resolution.

Coun. Higgins said these councillors being on the floor at the same time, that he wished it to be understood he would not be a willing party to any further extra expenditure.

Coun. Smith rising to speak, he (Mr. Smith) could never hear what he said.

Coun. Higgins then submitted the following amendment in writing: "That the tenders referring to the electric light be referred to the electric light committee, and that instruction be given as to the proper care of the dynamos."

His worship declared the amendment out of order.

Coun. Higgins and Vigelius, under rule 4, appealed in writing from the decision of the chair, which was carried.

Coun. Higgins' amendment was then formally put and carried.

THE EXHIBITION.

The Agricultural Society asked for a donation to the forthcoming exhibition. Referred to finance committee.

Coun. Higgins commended the society to the care of the finance committee, the object was meritorious and would induce many strangers to visit the city. He hoped as large an amount as possible would be donated.

TENDERS FOR FORT STREET.

Coun. Barnard moved that the tenders for Fort street be handed back and new tenders, based on the sales system, called for.

Communication from residents of Fort street, previously laid on the table, was received and filed.

ELECTRIC LIGHT.

The electric light committee reported that in answer to the communications of Turner, Beeton & Co., and John Irving, they would ask for the matter to lie over until the nights grow darker, and recommended that the light be discontinued on Langley and Fort streets, be removed to the corner of Fort and Wharf streets.

Coun. Humber said we must have an electrician. The light was a good one.

His worship—I have never seen it yet.

Coun. Humber—Because your eyes are not open.

Mr. McMillan's duties, the councillor said, were likely to attend to the three old lights; he had nothing to do with the new lights. Report adopted.

Coun. Vigelius moved that two lamps be erected on Pandora street, one at the corner of Amelia street, and the other at the corner of Vancouver street.

Ruled out of order.

THE VERANDAH BY-LAW.

The council then went into committee of the whole on the consolidated verandah and awning by-law, his worship in the chair.

Coun. Higgins said, incidentally, that the object was to prevent future verandahs being erected; there was some question as to the power to remove existing verandahs.

The committee on rising reported the amendment to the consolidated verandah and awning by-law of 1881 complete. The by-law was then passed its second reading.

FIRE ENGINES.

Report from D. C. Nicholson and A. Gray, stating that they had examined the engines, deluge engine No. 1 being in fair working condition. Hyer engine No. 2 was reported much in the same condition as the Deluge, and improvements were suggested. Neither of the engines, it stated, could throw water to the top of the Clarence hotel, and the recommendation was made that such an engine, one at a time, be sent on a longer or shorter trial, the hotels required to be supplied, and decided that recommendations be carried out. His worship said the cost for each engine would not much exceed $120.

REPORTS.

From the police committee, recommending that the mayor be authorized to swear in attaches of the O. P. N. Co. to act as special officers on their wharf.—Coun. Smith thought the same plan might be had on all wharves in the city.

Coun. Higgins said Turner, Beeton & Co.'s wharf would be visited and probably the same plan would be adopted there. Report adopted.

From the street committee recommending certain improvements on the streets and advising that others be deferred or postponed. Report received and recommendations ordered to be carried out.

SIDEWALKS.

Coun. Higgins moved that the matter of building a sidewalk on the south side of Fort street be referred to the street committee.—Carried.

Coun. Styles moved that a plank sidewalk be placed from the end of Cook street to the cemetery gates on Fairfield road. It was most important that a sidewalk should be laid down there.

Coun. Robertson thought the government should continue the walk from the end of the city limits to the cemetery gates.—Carried.

SEWERAGE.

Coun. Higgins gave notice that at the next meeting of the council he would introduce a bylaw providing a system of sewerage for the city.

Coun. Humber said he thought councillors should not be so personal. He challenged an investigation into the electric light business. He acknowledged that the electric light had cost more than was anticipated, but it would yet succeed. It was a good light.

Adjourned at 10 o'clock.

What Some People Say.

That Judge Macallister, who was removed from office at Alaska has been found to be blameless.

That the report that Prince Victor will marry Miss Chamberlain, an American girl, is generally discredited.

That Cardinal Jacobini is better.

That the name of the young man who was shot near Tacoma by mistake for a bear was E. B. Cleaver, chief clerk in the road department of the O. R. & N. Co., Portland.

That $5000 worth of opium was seized at San Francisco on Tuesday.

That Grace Darling's only sister died last month at her home under the shadow of Hambrough castle, within sound of the waves that beat against Holy Island and the rock that wrecked the Forfarshire.

That C. S. Hayes, an editor, was killed at Travers, Cal., on Sunday night by a rival who fired through an open window at which Hayes was sitting talking to his sweetheart.

That Denis Kearney is a candidate for sheriff. While attempting to harangue a meeting at San Francisco on Sunday he was hooted down.

That the Seattle Gas and Electric Light company has contracted to furnish a case thousand candle-power arc light on Yesler's wharf for $10 a month. This light will be sixty feet above the planking and will light the entire wharf.

That a few days ago an agent put in an appearance at Cleveland, interviewed outside refiners and offered to make an $2 cut rate from Cleveland to San Francisco on any quantity of the article. The route was all mail from Chicago to St. Paul, thence to Winnipeg and over the Canadian Pacific to Port Moody, whence it would be transhipped to Port Moody or other Pacific coast points. The agent returned to Montreal, but the company has since refused to ratify the arrangement. It is said that the C. P. R. dare not carry out the contract for fear of the Standard Oil company's opposition.

That British Columbia fruit has been brought to Winnipeg by the C. P. R. at a cost for freight of 7 cents per pound, or seven times more than the fruit itself costs.

That Tacoma, W. T., is being lighted by electricity.

That at Oneida the other day a baseball umpire made a wrong ruling. When it was pointed out to him he fined himself 75 cents. At the close of the game his severity gave way and he remitted the fine.

That during this season Mr. McNeeley of Ladner's, reports having sold about 25,000 grain sacks, and reports that about 8000 more will be required. Probably 15,000 of the 25,000 old sacks were used in the settlement. From these facts one may form an estimate of the quantity of grain raised there.—*Columbian.*

That Col. Black, on his return to Winnipeg, states that it is the intention of the government to make Esquimalt an impregnable harbor, and also to make it an important depot for munitions of war.

That it is proposed to impeach Mayor Smith, of Philadelphia for misdemeanor and maladministration.

That specialists declare that the new Mannlicher repeating rifle, now being manufactured for the Austrian army, is the most perfect rifle ever invented. It fires 40 rounds per minute.

That $500 is offered for publishing a description of the mechanism breech of the new rifle.

That the appointment of General Kouibars as the Russian agent at Sofia is not regarded with favor at Sofia. The report says he is a brutal Muscovite, whose doings when he was Russian minister of war in Bulgaria soon caused Prince Alexander to dispense with his services.

That Sophia Hume, only daughter of the Hon. Edward Blake, was united in marriage on the 14th inst., at St. James' cathedral, Toronto, to the Rev. George McKinnon Harding, dean of Trinity college, Toronto. The wedding, at the express wish of the bride's parents, was a quiet and unostentatious one.

Personal.

Mrs. Youmans has returned to her eastern home.

At the Driard: Wm. Bradley, Wm. M. Hazzard, Richard Ingraham, John Freed, Mrs. C. D. Agatz, Mrs. C. Agatz, Brooklyn; A. C. Bonsfield, Geronimo Sangler, Wm. Rose, Paul Bell, John Flasch, San Francisco.

We are pleased to learn that Mr. J. C. Blackett is rapidly recovering from the effects of his late accident.

Mr. Wm. Lindsay of Wellington was in town yesterday. He will return home by train from Nanaimo.

Capt. Roberts, of the steamer George E. Starr, is, we are glad to see, on deck again.

Mr. T. Elwyn, deputy provincial secretary, who has been as far east as Calgary, returned by the steamer Princess Louise last evening.

Mr. W. C. Ward, Mr. C. W. R. Thompson, Mr. Arthur Bresley and Mr. A. Gilmore were among the arrivals by the steamer Princess Louise last evening.

Mr. Phillip Phillips left New York on the 17th inst. for Indianapolis and Chicago, and will return home by way of San Francisco.

Mr. Lewis Lewis left New York on the 16th inst. for Victoria via the Canadian Pacific railway.

Mr. A. Macpherson, the popular representative of the Union Mutual Life Assurance company, left for Portland this morning, and probably he never took or followed a better policy than the one he is about to adopt. It is only necessary to say that he is about to be married to a most estimable young lady, to call down upon him, when he returns in a week's time, the congratulations of his many friends in this city, who wish for him, as we do, a happy and prosperous future.

Mr. W. Christie, of the Victoria telegraph office, left by rail yesterday for a short visit to Nanaimo.

POLICE NOTES.—Ross Ferguson, proprietor of the O.P.R. hotel, on Johnson street, was charged with selling liquor without a license. The defence claimed that the saloon was conducted under the license held by Muirhead & Carter, and that no violation of the law was intended. The prosecution contended that the C. P. R. saloon was a separate establishment and had no connection with Muirhead & Carter's premises. The hearing of the case occupied several hours and resulted in the magistrate fining defendant the sum of $105, the lowest penalty the law allows upon conviction, to wit, $5 fine and the amount of the license for six months—$100. Mr. Theo. Davie for the defence; and Mr. E. P. Mills for Muirhead & Carter. Mr. Ferguson has just purchased the business from the late proprietor for $500, so that his fate is rather an unfortunate one.

EXCHEQUER COURT.—An exchequer court will be held to-day by Mr. Justice Henry, at the supreme court, Government buildings. The cases to be tried, though involving the interests of private individuals, lie virtually between the Dominion and provincial governments, affecting the authority to issue Crown grant for lands within what is now known as the railway belt, previous to the commencement of construction of the line. The question of ownership of the minerals within the belt will also be decided.

LICENSING COURT.—At the meeting of the board of licensing magistrates held yesterday Hamm & Marbourg applied for the privilege of selling liquors in the Poodle Dog saloon under the present restaurant license or in the alternative, a new license. The board refused the application, and the applicants were, moreover, reminded that any excess of privilege granted by the license they already hold might result in its being cancelled.

Serious Accident at Nanaimo—One Life Lost.

(Special to The Colonist.)

NANAIMO, Sept. 22.—In coming to the wharf, three men from the steamship Queen of the Pacific were lowered in a small boat to take the line to the wharf or buoys. They drifted on to the propeller, and the screw striking the boat smashed it to pieces. One man was drowned; the other two were picked up by a boat that was lowered. The name of the drowned man was Cummings.

Tarred and Feathered.

The following item is from yesterday's News: "Last evening, about 9 o'clock, a number of citizen entered the bar-room of the St. Elmo, on Carroll street, and seizing A. T. Collier, the proprietor, dragged him outside on the street, where they tarred and feathered him. He was put on a rail, taken to Cordova street, and allowed to proceed home." From another source it is learned that Collier was charged with illicit intercourse. After the removal of Collier home he was relieved of his unwelcome coat by his relatives, who applied coal oil to his skin.

ATTEMPTED BRIBERY.—Capt. Pitten drigh stated this morning in the police court, when the charge against Ah Moo of keeping a house of ill-fame was being heard, that two attempts had been made by the accused to settle the case by bribery. Constable McBroom had been offered $50 not to prosecute the case, and he (the magistrate) had been called upon last evening by the accused and his friends when similar proposals were made. As a lesson in consequence received the full penalty which the law allows for his offence, he will not care to try again such a dangerous experiment as tampering with officials.—*Columbian.*

FOR NANAIMO.—A preliminary run over the E & N. railway will be taken to-day by the president, Mr. R. Dunsmuir, M.P.P., and a number of invited guests, including Sir Edward Watkin, M. P. All the passenger coaches will be attached to the train, to warm them up, as it were. The railway telegraph line has been completed from Nanaimo to the Songhish reservation. The party return on Friday.

OBITUARY.—We regret to have to chronicle the death of Mrs. Carr, the beloved wife of Mr. Richard Carr, of Wharf street. An invalid for many years, her death was not unexpected, but nevertheless was a and shock to her husband and relatives, who have the sympathy of a large circle of friends.

From the Daily Colonist, September 24.

Personal.

Messrs. James Laidlaw and T. E. Ladner were passengers by the steamer Yosemite yesterday.

Mrs. G. A. Carlston returned from a visit to the mainland yesterday.

Rev. J. C. Eccleston, D. D., the famous platform orator, arrived in the city yesterday from the Sound.

At the Clarence: Wm. D. N. Beck and family, Oregon; J. T. Galbraith, Metchosin; D. A. McFarland, Vancouver; Frederick Hussey, Spence's Bridge.

Mr. W. J. McKeon, of the Oriental Hotel, left last night for Vancouver.

Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs. Houghton are the guests of Mr. James Harvey, at Nanaimo.

Major Wilson and Mrs. W. Cusack returned from Nanaimo yesterday.

Miss Lola Collin, the dramatic reader, arrived in the city yesterday from Seattle.

Mr. J. J. Southgate will leave for England on Tuesday next, having spent a few weeks very pleasantly and profitably with his many old friends here.

Ex-Mayor Dalby, who has been ill for several days, was out again yesterday.

At the Oriental: F. P. Loftus, E. W. Dorcot, C. H. Stibbs, Port Townsend; H. C. Frank, John Bard, J. Dickinson, San Francisco; James Alnure, Nanaimo; J. M. Walbus, Shanghai; J. B. Crooke and P. Frederick, Seattle.

At the Driard: W. S. Chandler and family, Nanaimo; Jno. Pellens, George Randy, M. Cready, T. S. Simmons, San Francisco; Joseph Falta, New York; Thos. E. Ladner, Mrs. W. J. Parr and child, Ladner's Landing; J. P. Jones, Nanaimo; John S. Siegfried, Alameda; H. J. Morton, San Francisco.

Capt. Thos. Harman left for Port Townsend this morning on business.

Rev. Mr. Beanlands and Messrs. U. Nelson, H. F. Keefer and F. Hussey were passengers by the steamer Princess Louise last night from the mainland.

Excursion.

On invitation of Mr. R. Dunsmuir, M.P.P., president of the E. and N. railway, a number of guests, including Sir Edward Watkin, M. P., made a trip over the E. and N. railway yesterday to Nanaimo. The train consisted of a locomotive, two passenger and two baggage cars, being the first passenger train to leave Victoria West over the road. The trip was made in four hours, a delay being caused at Chemainus by a hot box on the engine. The party returns to-day at noon. It is thought that the entire line will be ballasted by to-morrow evening, and regular freight and passenger traffic will begin on the 1st October next. A private despatch received in this city last night stated that the excursion was a most enjoyable one, and that the chief guest of the occasion was delighted as well with the railway as with the scenery along the track.

Street Improvements.

The following street improvements have been decided on by the Council:

Rock on Beechy street to be taken out by the steam drill, about 160 yards.

Ballot street, from Vancouver to Cook, grading and gravelling.

Rock at corner of McClure and Collinson streets, about 230 yards, to be removed.

Kingston street, Oswego to Montreal, to be graded, cambered and gravelled.

Box drain on Superior street, between Menzies and Oswego, to be continued to Oswego street, and the sidewalk on south side continued a distance of about 500 feet to Oswego street.

Six-foot sidewalk on west side of Store street.

Widening of Pandora street to be deferred.

It was also recommended that a street overseer be appointed to act under the instructions of the City Surveyor, and that applications stating salary required be received for the position.

THE LAST RITES.—The funeral of the late J. A. R. Homer, M.P., took place this afternoon. The procession left the family residence at 2 o'clock for Holy Trinity Church, where the solemn services of the occasion were conducted by the Ven. Archdeacon Woods, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Croucher. The church was filled with a large audience who assembled to pay their last tribute of respect to him who was esteemed for his many excellent qualities and an honorable career in public as well as in private life. The body was interred in the Church of England cemetery. Following are the names of the pall-bearers. Senator Nelson, Mayor Dickinson, C. G. Major, J. S. Clute, Donald Chisholm, H. V. Edmonds, Geo. Webster, H. Elliott, Capt. Pitcairdigh, Jas. W. Harvey, J. C. Armstrong, J. C. Hughes. The procession was one of the largest ever seen in this city.—*Columbian.*

CAPTURED.—Yesterday morning as the ship J. V. Troop was about to be towed from Nanaimo by the steamer Pilot, the captain of the former vessel discovered that five of his men had deserted. He immediately offered a young man up there the sum of $10 per head for the recapture of the men, and to pay attendant expenses. The latter accordingly laid his plans and, when the J. V. Troop was being towed out, stationed himself near the entrance lying at the wharf. He succeeded done so when the deserters appeared from her hold. They were arrested by him and sent to Victoria by the steamer Amelia and transferred upon arrival to their own ship.

The Elizabeth Case.

The case of the Queen vs. Farwell was taken up in the Exchequer court yesterday. Mr. Drake, of Drake, Jackson and Helmcken for the crown, Messrs. A. Rigsby and T. Davie for the defendant.

Mr. Drake after reading the pleadings in the cause referred to the circumstances thereto. The 11th section of the cause under which the Provincial government endeavored to convey to the Dominion government lands for railway construction. He read several enactments of the local legislature appropriating and setting apart lands for railway purposes in the province, and contended that the grant was a present one, or would inure as soon as construction took place. And prevented the local government selling lands north of Kamloops. Upon the construction to be placed on the local bill a disagreement occurred between the Dominion and Provincial governments, the former believing that no lands could be legally granted within the 40 mile belt by the local province where located. The point as to the manner of survey and other requirements of the existing land laws at the time necessary for the exception of public lands were read. Following with the application to the O. C. of L. & W., of Mr. Joseph S. Farwell wherein 115,000 acres were applied for by him. The act passed 10th May, 1883, was cited, wherein by an agreement between the governments of British Columbia and the Kootenay Railway and Navigation Company, a belt six miles in width and extending on either side of the Columbia from the national boundary on the south of Big Bend, was therefore reserved.

Hon. J. W. Trutch being called as a witness testified on examination by Mr. Davie that he was the agent for the Dominion for this province and was appointed by order-in-council.

Mr. Richards, Q. C., requested the witness to produce his commission, but the official notice of his appointment to the lieut. governor was satisfactory.

Mr. Trutch then stated as follows: All correspondence connected with the construction of the C. P. R. in this province passed through my hands up to the time that Sir Alexander Campbell arrived here. The railway passes through the lands shown as being granted to Farwell. I know that the Columbia is navigable by steamers to a point far north of that.

In answer to a question by Mr. Davie he said: I know that the Columbia is obstructed and unnavigable at some points between Bull's Head, which is ahead of navigation from the sea, to the Big Lower Dalles, but this is a point below the national boundary and could not apply in this case. The head of navigation in the sense of the agreement referred to is far above the north of the railway. Up to November, 1883, the Dominion government had an equitable title to the forty-mile belt in question, but by the Act of May, 1883, they acquired a legal title. It was my clear understanding that the whole of the land in that section was reserved. I understand the Dominion government had the right to locate the line wherever they might think proper. My own reason for writing the letter placed in evidence, was to signify where the road's line had been finally located, so as to relieve other portions from the reserve. This was done solely at the request and for the benefit of the local government, as I felt that their interest might be prejudiced if the line was not laid up to settled land.

Surveyor-General Cure was next called, and the question was discussed as to whether for the purpose of this suit it would be competent to enquire into any irregularities by Mr. Farwell in making his application for the lands in question. Messrs. Davie and Richards made an exception, which was noted by the court, and the testimony of Mr. Cure showed that Mr. Gore, the then Commissioner and deputy head of the Land W. Mr. Farwell's application was for 115,000 acres. There was only one application. There was no special application made for the 1,175 acres covered by the Crown grant, but the plan and field notes were received previous to the 17th November, 1883.

The court then adjourned at 10.20 o'clock this morning.

What Some People Say.

That Mrs. Mark Hopkins' palatial residence, in course of erection at Great Barrington, Mass., has a state dining room 40x60 feet, two stories in height, with a roof of glass. The walls of this room are finished in alternate panels of Italian marble. There are two breakfast rooms, one capable of accomodating a large number of guests.

That Martin Irons has at last reached the stage when he is liable to be misapprehended as a vagrom man, and was Monday night locked in the Kansas City calaboose with the legend "Drunkenness" inscribed against his name. Evidently Martin has had two many irons in the fire.

That opera-glasses are now pressed into service to enable gossips to observe what passes in neighbors houses.

Mr. Justice Mabry twice while on the bench "black rode trimmed" his brother Horsehair is dispensed with.

That the only man who got even with the earthquake live in Bardstown, Ky. When it rattled at his door he promptly fired at it, under the impression that robbers were seeking an entrance.

That Frank Hoffman, a citizen of Broad Ripple, Ind., was sent to State Prison on a serious charge. A few days ago he was released, and his neighbors to the number of 350 welcomed him home with a picnic and an all-night dance.

That at a recent reception given by Judge Hilton, at Saratoga, Mrs. Moore, a Pennsylvania woman, is said to have worn jewels worth $168,000.

That Dr. Golden has been writing to a St. Louis paper of the disagreeableness of persons suffering from *delirium tremens*. There is a most striking temperance lesson in one instance he mentions. A person complained that he had been hard frozen concealed near him for four days. The agonies of the poor man must have been frightful.

That the Taylor brothers, both of whom are running for Governor of Tennessee, are having some interesting joint debates, which are marvels in the way of political amiability. This relationship precludes personal abuse and attacks upon the character of gentlemen, and they consequently wind up with "my brother will have the honor of being the brother of the Governor of Tennessee." How sweet and pretty this is compared with the usual run of politics.

That a Chicago man, who had grown rich on hams, built a country seat, and asked a friend to suggest a name for it. "Call it the 'Ad Hoc,'" said his friend.

That the President of the United States, Grover Cleveland, was seven times seven years of age when married; his bride, Frances Folsom, three times seven years of age, making a difference in their ages of four times seven years the bride's age, and the difference in their ages added makes seven times seven—the President's age. The bride's birth occurred seven years after the President attained to his majority. Their ages added make ten times seven, three score and ten, the number of years allotted to the age of man. Multiply the number of their added ages by seven it makes seventy times seven, the number of times the Saviour commanded to forgive an erring brother if he repents. The President's official title, "President of the United States of America," contains five times seven letters. The bride's official station, the White House, contains three times seven letters.

That they tell in Brattleboro, Vt., of a clergyman who had refunded to a butcher of his butcher because it had been killed on Sunday. A few days later the preacher told the butcher that he wanted some meat. "I haven't any to sell you," said the conscientious man. "I have stopped receiving money that is earned on Sunday."

That Voorhees, democratic candidate for congressional delegate from Washington Territory, refers to the opponent in his circular, "Vinegar Tom" and to another as a pickerel, fire, Dutch stump."

That Prof. Young Dutchey had his nose whacked at Portland the other day, and still refuses to fight

"SAILING BOUND FOR THE STARS."

A Trip to the Planets.

Fortune-Telling by Constellations—Life in the Heavenly Bodies.

There is a rare pathos and poesy in the mythological stories of the planets, although it is a branch of literature overlooked by a vast majority of people. The attraction has not been wanting, however, to many superstitious persons both in the United States and England who are to-day turning their limited knowledge to good account pecuniarily. It is estimated that there are a thousand fortune tellers who use the planets as a means of piping their calling. From a source so exalted it is a subject expect to hear marvellous things about themselves, and despite the seeming absurdity of it, hundreds of people seek these supposed planetary seers for advice and a peep into the future. Hearing that a fortune teller had received visitors here in Victoria, a gentleman lately from the east called to test her powers, and according to his own story, the experience was a novel one. Being ushered into a cozy sitting room he met a pleasant lady, who bearing his errand, became enthusiastic on the subject at once. Producing a pencil and a slip of paper she said:

"Write your name, date of birth, and the hour, if you are positive of it, on this slip of paper. That will do. So you were born on the third of January at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, don't believe you are right about being in the afternoon. It was in the morning about the time Jupiter appeared above the horizon."

"Why, Jupiter! Were you present when I made my bow to the world, madam?"

"No, I was not."

"Well, I was, and ought to know when I first wrestled with life."

"Pleasant reader, pause, then connect with it me, or so, yet your planet, Jupiter, if my experience is correct."

"Hardly a matter, madam, for I had been descended from that ancient God. It was from my natural mainel world have guided me to a more heroic life than that of a plumber, which I don't mind telling you is my occupation."

"A plumber, and with such soft hands, I am astonished," said the lady.

"Madam," I replied quietly, "I am a boss plumber, and never yet have I failed to execute it."

"Ah! yes, I see; I thought you might be one of those abominable newspaper reporters. Well, Mr. Smooth, Smooth is my name, Eph. Smooth," I interrupted.

"Well, Mr. Smooth," she continued, "You are born under a lucky planet. According to the belief of the Romans, Jupiter, determined the course of all earthly events, and revealed the future through signs in the heavens another name for Jupiter, is Jove, pardon,