Had Passengers Unlawfully

Freighter Oscar Fined the Revenue From Recent Service to Japanese.

Hint That There Are Others Engaging the Collector's Attention.

A case of considerable interest to shipping men was before Collector of Customs A. R. Milne yesterday, the owner of the steam freighter Oscar being convicted of an unlawful carriage of passengers and fined $101, with costs—the fine being merely the supposed collection of fares, although in reality the Oscar has not yet been paid a single dollar for the service that brought trouble upon her. When all the circumstances of the case are explained, it is altogether probable that a refund will be allowed, for the conduct of the steamer and her owner throughout the transaction has been quite the reverse of that of wilful violators of the law. The offence and its punishment arose out of the keen competition of Oriental business, the agent of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, when their Kinshiu Maru was here, doing a master stroke of business by making a round-up of the Japs employed at the Fraser river canneries and desirous of going home at a specially cheap rate. They had to be got down from the river economically, too, and so the steamer Lapwing was originally chartered to handle them as live stock. The Lapwing broke her eccentric while off Trial island, and the Oscar was pressed into service, her owner being deceived in several important particulars as to the nature of the work and the acquiescence of the authorities to the use of the Oscar under emergency pressure. After the trip had been made and the 101 Japs delivered in Victoria, the Oscar's people commenced to learn that all was not as they had been led to believe. Complaint of their having carried passengers was eventually made to the collector, and he had no other course than to convict. A penalty was not imposed, but the $1 for each passenger which is supposed to have been collected—but which the Oscar has never received—was ordered confiscated. The collector will at the sase time transmit a special report of the exceptional circumstances of the case, in view of which a refund will no doubt be ordered. It is not the Oscar that the authorities desired to punish for illegal passenger handling—there are others that are quaking.

GOSSIP OF THE WATERFRONT.

Bark Harvester, just arrived from Honolulu, has been chartered for coal from Black Diamond to San Francisco, and went over the Sound in tow of the Tyee yesterday. Coming up the Straits the Harvester sighted the American schooner Volunteer, from Hakodate for the Sound, and the Seattle brigantine Blakely, home-bound from the halibut fishing. Both reported all well.

Steamer Clayoquot, although due back from her regular trip to Texada on Wednesday morning, has not yet arrived. Her owners are not uneasy, however, as they anticipate that she has taken up coke-handling from Union for the smelter.

Tug Sea Lion goes to Departure Bay this morning to take the Katie Flickinger across to Port Townsend.

DIRIGO FROM THE NORTH.

Another Small Shipment of Gold —Nanaimo Receives Passengers for Canadian Ports.

Nanaimo, Sept. 15.—(Special)—The steamer Dirigo touched here this morning on her way down from Skagway with some $40,000 in dust, and a mixed lot of passengers. Most of the gold came from Dawson. There was no single individual on board with dust worth more than $5,000. The bulk of the passengers were for Vancouver, and some for Victoria.

Advices from Atlin report nothing new at those diggings.

TRADE OF THE WEEK.

Business in the United States Expanding at Unprecedented Rate.

New York, Sept. 15.—R. G. Dun & Company's weekly review of trade says: Better than all other news, the record of August commerce shows an increase of United States business, compared with that of other countries. Exports were $20,082,875 larger than ever before in August, and exceeded the imports by $38,929,699, partly because staples were $9,366,978 larger than last year, but also because the exports of other products, mainly manufacturing, were $10,349,000 larger than last year, and larger than in any other month of any year. The volume of business now in progress has never been rivalled. Clearing house payments in the second week of September were 29.2 per cent. larger than last year, and 58.9 per cent. larger than in 1892. Railway earnings in the first week of September were 6.7 per cent. larger than last year, and 31.1 per cent. larger than in 1892. Returns covering half the mileage of the country show earnings in the United States amounting for August to $52,861,309, exceeding last year's by 13.7 per cent., and those of 1892 by 18.5 per cent., and the July returns covering all the larger systems show earnings of $42,853,522, exceeding last year's by 19.6 per cent., and those of 1892 by 14.2 per cent. The tonnage from Chicago was nearly 60 per cent. larger than in 1892, and 90 per cent. larger than in 1898. Yet the stock market has been hindered, and closed $1.45 per share lower for railroads, and $1.77 lower for industrials. The strength of railway securities under all the circumstances has been a surprise. The great movement of grain in wheat and flour is far more effective in preventing a decline in prices than any international or unofficial estimates. Government reports indicate a wheat crop of only 518,000,000 bushels. The price has fallen a quarter of a cent. Failures for the week have been 149 in the United States, against 174 last year, and thirty-two in Canada, against twenty-three last year. Bradstreet's says: Cool weather has helped trade at Canadian points. Montreal reports retail demand materializing earlier than usual, a satisfactory business being done by jobbers; ocean freights are firm, and a tonnage capacity for the balance of the season is pretty well contracted for. Encouraging trade reports come from Toronto, where complaint of inadequate stocks is heard from wholesalers. The scarcity of iron and steel is handicapping business in some lines. A large business is looked for in the Northwest, where wheat has turned out better than expected. Country collections are better than usual. A large amount of money is seeking investment, and numerous industrial companies are being formed. Halifax reports business in dry goods better, and collections fair. Retail trade is better at British Columbia points, while jobbing trade is steady. Collections have also improved.

Business failures for the week number 24, as compared with 21 last week, and 20 in this week a year ago.

CANADA IN ENGLAND.

Provincial Six Per Cents—Mr. Tarte Poorly—Electric Railway Board—Personal.

London advices under date September 2 state that there have been several purchases of British Columbia 6 per cent. bonds recently, and consequently the price has advanced from 113 to 118. Other government securities are unchanged.

The London Star says: "The Hon. J. Israel Tarte, minister of public works of Canada, who lately underwent a very serious operation in Paris, for which he had specially voyaged to Europe, is unfortunately not pulling round as satisfactorily as was expected."

It is announced that Mr. Charles Augustus Verner, director of the Southern Punjaub railway, the Dooars Tea Company, and of the Russian Petroleum and Liquid Fuel Company, has been elected to fill the vacancy in the directorate of the British Columbia Electric railway company, caused by the death of Mr. Reginald Northall-Laurie.

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Barnard have brought their lengthy visit to a close, and sailed on the 31st ultimo on the Dominion liner Dominion for Montreal. On the same day Mr. John Cobeldick left on the Allan steamer Californian. Sir Charles Tupper had returned to London and intended to sail for Canada on Thursday, the 17th.

Among the recent arrivals from the Dominion is Capt. J. F. Crean, of the Toronto field battery, who has been appointed inspector of the Gold Coast constabulary, with headquarters at Accra.

FOUR MILLION FOR A YACHT.

Huge Fortunes Sunk in Building Sumptuous Pleasure Craft.

The new steam yacht Victoria and Albert, which has been building for the Queen at Tenby, will be on completion the handsomest and fastest yacht any British sovereign has possessed. It will rank only second to the Emperor of Russia's wonderful yacht, the Polar Star, which is said to have cost close upon £1,000,000.

Nothing more lavishly elaborate than the fitting and decoration of the Polar Star could easily be imagined. Money has been drilled into her frame in hundredweights. The decorations of the dining saloon alone, which will seat 150 guests, cost approximately $100,000. Exquisite paintings by some of the most celebrated artists adorn the saloons and cabins, and all the woodwork is elaborately carved. There is a fine library and music-room aboard and a beautiful white marble fountain, while some of the ornaments are of the rarest.

The Standart, the Czar's smaller steam yacht of 4,300 tons, is much more frequently used than the Polar Star. She cost slightly over $2,600,000. This is only about half the price of the Polar Star, but the Standart is one of the most sumptuous yachts afloat.

There is accommodation aboard for a crew of 300, 20 officers and 80 passengers. There are three magnificent suites of apartments devoted to the use of the Emperor, Empress and Dowager Empress, a fine library, a billiard room and a music saloon.

The dining saloon is pannelled in tulip-wood; the door handles, finger plates and the lamps fittings are of heavily carved solid silver. There is a fine marble bath-room with heavy silver fittings, and the walls and doors of the principal cabin are elaborately inlaid with ivory and mother-of-pearl. So many improvements and additions have been made to her appointments since she was first completed that she is now worth probably half as much again as she originally cost.

The German Emperor's famous steam yacht, the Hohenzollern, of nearly 4,000 tons, was, considering her beauty and purpose, a comparatively inexpensive vessel, costing probably less than $1,000,000. She has a very beautiful interior and splendid accommodation for crew and passengers alike, and is considered one of the fastest, smoothest-going yachts afloat.

ON HOTEL REGISTERS.

Colin Cameron, late provincial police officer at Telegraph Creek, arrived at Port Townsend by the steamer Alki on Thursday, and came over by the steamer Victorian yesterday. He is now a guest at the Hotel Victoria. The provincial government has now withdrawn all the police from that section of the province, Messrs. Drummond and McLean, who were left behind by Mr. Cameron, being expected down shortly, Mr. Drummond's time having expired yesterday. There are not a great many people along the Stikine at present, but a few men are required to maintain law and order, Mr. Cameron had a busy time during his term at Telegraph Creek, and on more than one occasion was roughly handled by the Indians. In July last he arrested an Indian, and was attacked by thirty-five of the prisoner's friends, who disarmed and stripped him. The interference of the missionary in all probability saved the officer's life.

E. W. Cox, son of Senator Cox, of Toronto, and assistant general manager of the Canada Life Assurance Company, is registered at the Driard. He is accompanied by Mr. A. McT. Campbell, the Western manager of the company. They intend to remain in the city for a couple of days.

D. Gillis, of Dawson, registered at the Queen's yesterday, having arrived on the noon train from Nanaimo, where he landed from the steamer Dirigo.

Mrs. O. H. Harper, Mrs. Austin Claiborne and Mrs. A. Hunter, of Seattle, are spending a holiday in the city as guests at the Driard.

J. S. Latimer, of the United States Customs, Seattle, is here to meet the steamer Umatilla, and is at the Oriental.

A. E. McNaughton, of Vancouver, is a guest at the Victoria, having arrived from Nanaimo by the noon train.

Samuel M. Robins, superintendent of the New Vancouver Coal Company, Nanaimo, is at the Driard.

W. G. Harrison of Calgary is a guest at the Queen's.

To Entertain The Navy.

Arrangements Made for a Ball to Be Given Next Month.

General Committee of Twelve Appointed to Carry Out the Details.

In response to the call of His Worship the Mayor, a number of citizens met last evening in the committee room at the city hall, to make arrangements for a ball to be tendered to Rear-Admiral Beaumont and the officers of Her Majesty's ships on the Pacific station. The date selected was Friday, October 13, by which time it is expected there will be six British ships at Esquimalt, and probably the German ship Geier.

Those present at the meeting last evening were Mayor Redfern, who occupied the chair; Mr. E. R. Harris, who was appointed permanent secretary; Senator Macdonald; Col. Prior, M. P.; H. D. Helmcken, M. P. P.; A. E. McPhillips, M. P. P.; Carl Lowenberg, German consul; Col. Gregory, M. Young, W. R. Wilson, E. Wall, L. G. McQuade, Ald. Hayward, W. A. Warl, W. J. Hanna, T. E. Pooley, C. E. Jones, A. Redfern and H. Robertson.

It was decided to have a general committee of twelve, of which the Mayor will be chairman, Col. Prior vice-chairman, Mr. E. R. Harris, secretary, and Ald. Hayward treasurer. The other members, who have power to add to their number, are: Messrs. D. R. Harris, W. R. Wilson, W. A. Ward, T. E. Pooley, E. Redfern, Major Jones, Senator Macdonald, Col. Gregory, Carl Lowenberg, L. G. McQuade, C. H. Lugrin and Capt. Palmer.

To the general committee was left the question of fixing the price of tickets, after a long discussion during which many and varied suggestions were offered. As it is the desire to make the ball an unqualified success, it was decided to canvass for subscriptions in addition to selling tickets. Messrs. H. D. Helmcken, M. P. P., A. E. McPhillips, M. P. P., Col. Gregory and E. Wall volunteered to canvass the city and report to the general committee, which meets on Wednesday evening. At the meeting they secured $50, and hope to increase it to $500 before Wednesday.

The principal business to come before the committee on Wednesday will be the fixing of the price of tickets and the appointment of sub-committees.

In all probability the ball will be held in Assembly hall.

ART EXHIBITION.

Mr. Bell-Smith Returns With a Collection of Paintings by Prominent Artists.

Mr. F. M. Bell-Smith, R. C. A., whose collection of water-colors excited the admiration of the art lovers of Victoria last year, is here again with a very interesting exhibition of paintings in oil and water colors. They will be on view for a week at Mr. Sommers', 50 Government street, and include some fine examples of the work of several artists well known in the East. Mr. W. Blatchley's little water colors cannot fail to delight those who like to look on the bright and pleasant side of nature. They are full of light and color, and the subjects are well chosen. Mr. C. M. Manly, A. R. C. A., must be a veteran in water-color work, for his handling gives evidence of thorough knowledge of his work and great facility. His scenes in Devon are very artistic and satisfying. Miss Spurr has evidently had English training, as her method is quite academic. Her color is warm, and, like Mr. Manly, she has got some of her best notions in old Devon. Perhaps one of the gems of the collection is by an artist who unfortunately contributes but one picture. "Golden Evening," by Mr. F. McG. Knowles, is full of subtle color and the warm glow that comes at sunset. It is not a surprise that this artist has recently received the honor of election to the rank of academician. All that has been said of Mr. Knowles may be repeated in reference to Mr. F. S. Challener. He, too, sends but one, and a charming bit it is. Like Mr. Knowles he delights in warm glows, and his high talents have received the same recognition. Mr. Henry Martin has several broadly painted water colors of interesting Old Land scenes, including Melrose and Muckross abbeys.

Of Mr. Bell-Smith's work it can be said that the high qualities shown in his former exhibition are all well displayed, and in one or two of his pictures he reaches a higher standard. His chief picture is "London Bridge." Here the many varied characters to be met with on this world's highway are shown with life-like fidelity, and the wet pavement and general humidity of the whole scene will recall London to many who have been there. He shows several other street scenes, all full of the spirit of the great metropolis.

The pictures may be seen every day, and none should miss them.

RECENT INVENTIONS.

A Vermont man has patented a snow-plow which can be attached to an ordinary pair of sleighs, consisting of a V-shaped plough suspended on two vertical rods, with pivoted levers set in brackets in the box to engage the rods and adjust the height of the plough.

Curves of any desired shape can be drawn by a new Swedish drawing instrument, which has a straight, screw-threaded rod, on which are arranged a number of revolving sleeves, which carry flexible steel strips, to be formed into the desired curves by moving the sleeves.

Boiler tubes can be rapidly and thoroughly cleaned by a Michigan man's invention, an accumulator being formed of sheets built up of strands of vegetable fibre, with wires interlaced, making a circular mass, which is surrounded by a wire cage to scrape the flues.

An English woman has patented a separable muff lining, which can be fitted to a muff of any size, being formed of a soft fabric shaped into a tube, with flanges at either end, the central portion being provided with longitudinal tension cords to take up the lining until it is the right length.

Churns can be operated by the feet by the use of a new mechanism, in which an upright frame carries a sliding head, to be attached to the dasher, with springs to raise the head, a pair of hinged pedals being attached to the base to depress the dasher in the cream. —Chicago News.

AUSTRALIAN FRIENDLY SOCIETIES.

Notwithstanding the large sums annually expended by the Australian people on popular amusements of every description, there exists among them a thrifty and provident spirit, as shown by the rapidly increasing accumulating funds in colonial savings banks, and various forms of industrial investment; also by the number of friendly, co-operative, and other laboring class societies. In New South Wales nearly all the leading friendly societies in the United Kingdom are fully represented. The Manchester Unity I. O. O. F. has in that colony eleven districts, embracing 159 lodges, of which 69 are in the Sydney district, the others being scattered over the whole of the colony. There are 19,175 members, the great majority being good on the books, the total amount of Grand Lodge and lodge funds being £241,179. The Grand O. O. F. comes next, with 120 lodges, 11,426 members, and £83,071 united funds. The Independent O. O. F. has 93 lodges, 5,016 members, and £41,884 united funds. The National Independent O. O. F., possessing six lodges, 711 members, and £2,161 united funds. The Ancient Order of Foresters has 56 lodges, 5,199 members, and £34,115 united funds. The order of Royal Foresters, 25 lodges, 1,823 members, and £25,925 united funds, and the Irish National Foresters, five lodges, 284 members, and £1,097 united funds. The United Ancient Order of Druids has 60 lodges, 49 in Sydney and suburbs, and 11 in the Newcastle district, with 6,196 members, and £28,714 united funds. Then comes the Grand United Order of Free Gardeners, Independent Order of Rechabites, Sons and Daughters of Temperance, Protestant Alliance, Friendly Society of Australasia, Loyal Australasian Benefit Society, Hibernian Australasian Benefit Society, Australasian Holy Catholic Guild, Australian Oddfellows' Union, and nearly thirty others, representing a total of 321 lodges, 21,345 members, and £138,591 united funds. The total number of lodges in the colony is 817, with 69,124 members, of whom 63,074 are good on the books. The lodge funds amount to £398,562, and the district, or Grand Lodge funds, to £197,902, forming a total of £596,464. According to Mr. Coghlan, the New South Wales government statistician, the number of members admitted during 1897 was 8,548, while 5,593 were lost from all causes. The total cases of sickness came to 11,054, and the average amount of sick pay was £5 2s. 4d. per member. The total receipts were £252,865, and the expenditure amounted to £218,991, while the total funds were £596,464, as shown above, or £8 12s. 7d. per member enrolled. The benefits promised by friendly societies are, in kind, much the same in all societies, and usually comprise medical attendance and medicine for a member and his family, sick pay, generally £1 per week for the first six months, reduced thereafter to 15s. or 10s.; allowance in the event of the death of a member's wife, and funeral money to his wife on the death of a member. The colonial Friendly Societies' Act limits the amount payable on the death of a member to £200, and no annuity can be granted above £50, but there is no limit to the amount of sick pay, although the rules of some societies limit the total amount receivable weekly to 42s., nor to the number of societies to which one person may belong, and from which he may receive benefits, but the combined benefits must not exceed the above-mentioned amounts. In addition to the friendly societies properly so called, some of the registered trades unions give benefits analogous to those of the societies mentioned above. The benefits, however, are usually smaller in amount, seldom exceeding 12s. a week for sic[illegible] and £7 in case of death. A few trade unions also make allowance to their members when they are out of employment. The New South Wales Friendly Societies' Act affords every facility for the establishment or expansion of these useful institutions, and efforts are being made to place those in existence on a secure basis, several having been founded by old members of English orders who had emigrated to Australia before the light of public investigation had been thrown upon the business of the societies in Great Britain, and an exposure made of the unscientific principles on which they were being conducted. This is recognized by the societies, which now admit that the recognition of accumulated funds solely as profits, is a mistake; also that new members should be admitted only on condition that their payments are made in accordance with a properly adjusted scale of contributions.

PECULIAR AND PERTINENT.

It is now proposed to construct a canal connecting Germany with European Turkey. The financial success of the Kiel canal has given rise to this project.

The art of self-defence is inculcated early among some of the wilder tribes of the Caucasus, who instruct their children as soon as they can walk in theuse of the dagger.

An enterprising western firm is making arrangements to set up a modern American sawmill in China, where lumber is still sawed by the primitive methods of a century ago.

Peter A. Porter, of Niagara Falls, N. Y., claims to have proved by careful study, that it was Champlain and not Cartier who made the first reference to Niagara Falls in literature.

The authorities in Algeria gave $40,000 toward fighting the grasshoppers. In one section 3,200 camels were employed to carry the material for burning over the places where eggs had been deposited.

In 1890 the receipts of the Oberammergau "Passnon Play" were $175,000, while $60,000 was expended on the players, Mayer receiving $500, while even the little children in the chorus were given $10 apiece.

A Duquesne (Ia.) man has a dog which was sent to him by express all the way from Manila, P. I.

An eminent American scientist claims to have made the discovery that the earth is 500,000,000 years old.

Whales from 300 to 400 years old are sometimes met with. The age is ascertained by the size and number of the whalebone, whiches increases yearly.

The number of cases of rabies has been decreasing each year. In London, for instance, there were only 17, none fatal, in 1896, while in 1897 there were 151 cases.

For the last year our exports of railroad iron of all sorts were 610,213 tons, against 747,662 tons for 1896, 558,375 tons for 1893 and 1,035,431 for 1890.

Passenger trains from Boston to Plymouth are hauled as far as Braintree, and then divided into two parts and drawn to Plymouth by a third-rail moter.

In Launceston (Tasmania) a mother of 90 years brought her son of 72 to the benevolent asylum to be looked after.

The Irish language movement in Donegal is being taken up in all seriousness. Towards the end of the present month an organizing tour will take place, commencing at Ballyshannon, and going through all the towns and villages in the County.

HOUSEKEEPING.

If a woman is in good health there is no more beautiful employment than housework. Generally speaking, there is no happier woman in the world. But how different when every breath is pain, every step torture! This state of health. In nine cases out of ten comes from derangements of the delicate, feminine organs of generation. The family doctor enquires first concerning these. He most usually insists upon an "examination." From this the modest woman naturally shrinks. She is right. Except in very unusual cases of "female weakness" examinations are unnecessary. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is a simple, natural remedy for these ills. It cures safely, permanently.

Send 31 one-cent stamps to cover cost of mailing only, and receive free a copy of Dr. Pierce's Medical Adviser. Address, World's Dispensary Medical Association, Buffalo, N. Y.

To Submit To Ratepayers.

Ald. McGregor Will Introduce the Port Angeles Ferry By-Law.

Proposal by Ald. Humphrey to Pave Section of Yates Street.

At the regular meeting of the city council on Monday evening Ald. MacGregor will take the first step toward having the Port Angeles railway and ferry proposition placed before the ratepayers for their approval, as requested in the petition presented to that body by the required number of ratepayers. The Alderman postponed his formal notice of motion yesterday, which is to the effect that at the next meeting of the council he will move that whereas the Mayor and council of the city of Victoria have been petitioned by ratepayers representing over 10 per cent. of the assessed value of real property, according to the assessment roll for the year 1899, in accordance with the requirements of the Municipal Clauses act, to submit a by-law offering an annual subsidy of $17,000 for 20 years, to a company agreeing to build, equip and operate between Victoria and Port Angeles an 18-knot steel passenger and express steamer, together with a steam-car ferry capable of carrying at least ten loaded freight cars; and

Whereas, It is expedient that Victoria should have faster and more modern transportation connection with the outside world,

Therefore, Be it resolved that this council grant leave for the introduction of a by-law in accordance with the desire of the said petitioners.

Another important notice of motion on the bulletin board stands in the name of Ald. Humphrey, and is as follows:

That in accordance with the provisions of the Local Improvement by-law, 1892, and amendments thereto, this council hereby determines that it is desirable to have the following work carried out under provisions of said by-law, and of the Municipal Clauses act and amendments thereto, viz., to pave by means of wooden blocks placed on a suitable foundation, in accordance with specifications to be approved by the city council, Yates street, from Government to Douglas street.

VANCOUVER'S BAD BOYS.

Thieve and Sleep Out of Night and Won't Suit Gaol or Reformatory.

From the Vancouver News-Advertiser.

There are a number of very bad boys in this city, but before condemning them it would be well to ask to what extent their parents are to blame for the wrong-doing of their sons. The police have this week arrested four lads who are suspected of petty thieving and the officers are hunting up other suspected culprits. Detectives Butler and Wylie have the matter in hand. They had quite a search on Tuesday evening when they caught two of the small boys sleeping in the empty wagon at the rear of Center & Hanna's parlors. The wagon belonged to the B. C. Delivery Company.

Mr. Butler, on lifting up the wagon curtain, saw the sleeping boys, one named Bertie Oliver and the other Duncan McConnell.

"Hullo!" said Butler.

"Hullo! Mr. Butler," answered the boy Oliver. "What do you want me for?"

Mr. Butler: "Why are you sleeping out here?"

Oliver: "How would you like your father to come home and lick you when you are in bed and asleep? My father always licks me then."

Mr. Butler: "Who's the other boy?"

Oliver: "Wake up, Kid, come on. His name is Duncan McConnell. I suppose you are going to take us to the police station?"

Mr. Butler: "Yes."

Oliver: "I s'pose that sack stealing business will come on now?"

Mr. Wylie: "Are there any other boys sleeping round here?"

Oliver: "Yes; some kids sleep round here nights in the barns and stables. They get in through the hole in the back of the wall."

The detectives hunted around but did not find any other boys then. These two were taken to the police station and on Wednesday the detectives arrested two more, young Emery and Alfred Robinson. These boys are all accused of petty thefts, such as taking cigars, bags and other things from stores. They came up before Police Magistrate Russell on Thursday afternoon. They all pleaded "guilty."

Both the police and the magistrate are in doubt as to what is the best thing to do for these boys. The magistrate does not desire to send them to New Westminster, while he feels that it would be of little service to them to send them to the so-called reformatory at Victoria. It is suggested that a reformatory should be built here in Vancouver and run on proper lines. A few days ago the Women's Christian Temperance Union held a meeting at which a resolution was passed in favor of the erection of such an institution, but as the resolution was not sent to the proper authorities little is likely to come of it.

How It Was Done.—"I would like to go to the theatre to-night and see a good show, but I cannot afford to pay a dollar and a half for a ticket." It is to this remark that the Shaw Company owes its existence. Sam T. Shaw heard it—not once, but hundreds of times—and finally set about to devise some plan to furnish an amusement which would fill an apparently long-felt want, and give first-class performances within the reach of all. After all, this was not such a difficult matter. There were plenty of good plays which could be secured upon the payment of a reasonable royalty, and competent actors who were willing to engage in the production of the same at a fair salary. All that now remained to do was to exercise judgment in the selection of both, and Mr. Shaw's unqualified success in the past six years amply attests his ability in that line. Not satisfied with this, he added a musical feature, and the Shaw Company's orchestra is conceded to be the best organization of its kind on the Pacific coast to-day. The Shaw band needs no introduction. It will be seen on the streets, and can speak for itself. This company will begin a week's engagement in Victoria Monday next.

Hack Drivers Summoned.—Officer Redgrave has had 14 hack drivers summoned for not complying with the new regulations requiring that the hacks shall stand in the centre of the streets to which they have been assigned. The cases will all come up in the police court on Monday morning.

(From Thursday's Daily Colonist.)

LOCAL NEWS.

Full Court Business.—The Full court has dismissed with costs the appeal in Percy vs. Pemberton.

Three Attractive Plays.—The Victoria Dramatic Club have decided to open the present season with that old favorite comedy, "The Private Secretary," later in the season presenting "Sweet Lavender" and "The New Boy."

New Lodge.—A new lodge of the A. O. U. W. will be instituted by the grand officers at the hall, Yates street, Friday evening, at 8 o'clock. This latest addition to the order in this city starts with over seventy-five charter members, and includes many well-known professional and business men of Victoria.

May Be Deferred.—It is doubtful if the next match between the Victoria and New Westminster lacrosse teams will be played on September 23, the date fixed by schedule for the game. The Royal City players wish it to come off earlier, if possible, and are making arrangements with that end in view.

An Important Gathering.—A meeting of the Presbyterian Synod's house committee is to be held here on Tuesday next, when among those present are expected Rev. Dr. J. Robertson, superintendent of missions; Revs. E. D. McLaren, Vancouver; G. W. Wilson, Vernon; J. McG. Gandier, Rossland; and J. C. Henderson, Calgary.

In Honor of the "Geier."—At a meeting of some of the German residents held last evening, it was decided to give a picnic and evening entertainment at the Victoria Gardens in honor of the officers and men of the German cruiser Geier, which will arrive at Esquimalt on or about the 23rd instant. A committee was appointed to make the necessary preliminary preparations and report at a future meeting.

No Convictions.—Yesterday was a light one in the city police court, no convictions being recorded. An information against Ah Sue, for peddling without a license, was withdrawn on the law being complied with; an assault charge preferred by M. Vaslatos against John Antiopis was disposed of inn precisely similar manner; and the water-throwing information against a Chinaman, referred to in the Colonist of yesterday, was not pressed.

Routine Only.—Only routine business came before the city licensing commissioners at their quarterly session yesterday, when Commissioner J. B. Lovell took his place at the board for the first time, the Mayor and Ald. Stewart completing the bench. The transfers granted were: For the Telegraph hotel, to Frederick Sturm; for the Elk saloon, to L. Dickinson; and for the Hall saloon, to John Parr. Temporary permits were extended in the cases of the Empire restaurant, the Louvre and the White Horse.

Welcomed Home.—There was a large gathering of the members and adherents of the First Presbyterian church held last evening in the lecture room to welcome back the pastor, Rev. Dr. Campbell, testifying to the great esteem in which he is held by his congregation. The following programme was acceptably rendered: Piano solo, Misses Milne; vocal solo, Miss L. Baker; addresses, Rev. Mr. MacRae and Mr. Knowles; vocal solo, Mr. J. G. Brown; vocal solo, Mrs. Karkeek Hunt. The Ladies' Aid brought the pleasant evening to a close by serving refreshments with their usual good nature. Dr. Campbell, who has been in the pulpit as supply during Dr. Campbell's itinerary, occupied the chair.

Earth to Earth.—Right Rev. Bishop Cridge, assisted by Rev. Dr. Wilson, officiated yesterday at the funeral of the late Evelyn Nesbitt, whose peculiarly sad death was referred to in the Colonist of yesterday. The services were at the Church of Our Lord at 3 o'clock, very many sorrowing friends attending. Messrs. C. S. Baxter, John Nicholles, A. T. Goward, H. Fuller, W. T. Williams and H. Scott acted as pall-bearers, and the grave at Ross Bay cemetery was literally buried under a wealth of flowers.

Cup and Home Defenders.—A neat and acceptable souvenir of the coming race for the America's cup is being distributed by the New York Life Insurance Co., to whose district manager, Mr. R. B. Brett, the Colonist is indebted for a copy. The little booklet gives a brief story of the origin of these contests, and presents a series of pictures, showing side by side the yachts taking part in each of the eleven contests from 1851 to 1899. An unobtrusive homily on life insurance as the home defender is where the New York Life comes in.

(From Friday's Daily Colonist.)

Soldiers at Service.—There will be a church parade of the First battalion, Fifth R. C. A., on Sunday, the 24th instant.

Arrived Promptly.—E. A. Morris, has just received a record carload of Wills' tobacco from England. The shipment, which consists of 120 cases, came through from Bristol in 129 days, fully a week under the time it generally takes for the freight to arrive.

A Ball to the Admiral.—A special meeting of all citizens of Victoria who are interested in the tendering of a complimentary ball to Admiral Beaumont and his officers has been called by His Worship the Mayor, to be held at the city hall this evening.

United in Marriage.—Rev. J. C. Speer performed the pleasant duty on Wednesday evening of uniting in marriage Mr. Amos Lee, of Nanaimo, and Miss Rosina Marie Thrall, eldest daughter of Mr. Albert Thrall, of 45 Blanchard street. The ceremony was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents.

Farmers' Institute Meeting.—Next Saturday afternoon the Victoria District Farmers' Institute will meet at Cedar Hill, in the Temperance hall. Mr. A. T. Bassford, an experienced fruit packer of California, will give practical instructions on packing fruit for market.

His Case Remanded.—Charles McCorlick, for a time night watchman of the Fort street paving work, appeared before the police magistrate yesterday morning, charged by T. L. Beaven, the foreman, with using obscene language. The case was not proceeded with, as the defendant asked for a remand to allow him to secure the services of a lawyer. One drunk was also dealt with by the court, and a case entered against Thomas Babbington for owning a dog and refusing to pay a license was left over until the 18th instant.

Jubilee Hospital Board

Month's Business Disposed Of at Short Meeting of the Directors.

A Hundred Dollar Donation—Kind Words for the Institution.

Just a quorum was present at the regular meeting of the directors of the Jubilee hospital last evening. The president, Mr. H. Dallas Helmcken, presided, and there were present J. L. Crimp, Alex. Wilson, James Forman, R. L. Drury and H. M. Grahame.

The committee appointed on January 14 to devise ways and means for the erection and maintenance of a children's ward, maternity ward, residence for the medical officer, increased accommodation for nurses, the completion of a sewerage system, the draining and beautifying of the hospital grounds, and the procuring of such other necessary adjuncts and needed appliances, reported at length, and on motion the report was handed over to the printing committee to be combined with the annual report of the board. It suggested among other things that the government grant should be twice the amount that it is and in this several of the members concurred, advancing in support of their argument that the hospital is more provincial in its work than local.

John W. Coburn, conductor on the E. & N. Railway, who wrote to the board some time ago to ascertain what arrangement the employees of the road could come to in regard to engaging a room in the hospital, wrote in reply to terms given him that the men preferred raising a general sick fund to renting the accommodation, as was first suggested.

Dr. Hasell, the medical health officer, reported that the daily average number of patients was 42.35; the total days' stay was 1,373; and that the daily average cost was $1.28. He drew attention to the case of a patient, Hazar, a Syrian, suffering from pleurisy. The patient is destitute and very anxious to go home to his native country and the doctor wanted to know what to do with him.

Mr. Grahame, as French consul, happened to be well acquainted with the case. The man owned property in Northern Syria, and his friends were wishing to get money advanced upon it, but had not succeeded. Mr. Grahame thought the hospital better off without the patient, and seconded the motion of Mr. Wilson, which passed, to have him discharged.

The Doctor's report was accompanied by two letters which he had received from His Excellency, G. Digby Barker, C.B., governor and commander-in-chief of the Bermudas. The letters are as follows:

Oak Bay Hotel, Sept. 12, 1899.

Dear Dr. Hasell: I send the enclosed donation to the funds of the Jubilee hospital as a small thank offering for the great benefits which Mrs. Barker has derived from her treatment there and as a thankful recognition of the very kind attention which was bestowed upon her by all the hospital staff while she was an inmate, of which she frequently speaks with much gratitude.

I was greatly interested on my visit to the hospital this morning in seeing what an excellent building you have got and what an air of comfort and kindliness pervades it, thanks to the noble care of those who watch over and direct it.

Believe me, yours very sincerely,

G. DIGBY BARKER.

Dear Dr. Hasell: I thank you for your kind reference to Mrs. Barker, and your wish to have some remembrance of her is very gratifying.

Of the four branches of the fund which you name I should prefer my donation being applied to the Women's Auxiliary, and Mrs. Barker has suggested that a sewing machine for the use of the nurses and an invalid chair such as that shown in to-day's paper to be much needed would be suitable and useful additions with which she would be proud to have her name associated.

May I ask, therefore, that the $100 which I sent may be devoted to this purpose.

I am,

Yours very truly,

G. DIGBY BARKER.

The check was received with thanks by the board.

The Matron's report for the month was then read as below:

To the President and Board of Directors of Jubilee Hospital:

Gentlemen: I have the honor to report the following donations for the month of August:

Old cotton, Mrs. Dunsmuir; 3 dozen small towels, Mrs. Goodacre; 1 doz. small towels, Mrs. Potts; magazines, Mrs. H. Dallas Helmcken; reading matter, Mrs. Gillespie; flowers, Reformed Episcopal Church and St. Barnabas Church.

The following were also received from the Women's Auxiliary: 12 tray cloths, 2½ yards glass towelling, 2 Turkish towels, 12 teapots, 48 small towels, 2 toilet sets, 6 soup dishes, 5 awning blinds, 1 pneumonia jacket, 3 glass lemon squeezers, 1 carpet sweeper, 12 quilts, 4 sheets, 23 pillow slips, 15 small muslin curtains, 11 night dresses, 2 night shirts, 2 dressing gowns, 1 dressing jacket, 6 towel racks, 3 hampers for soiled clothes, 10 flower vases, 12 knives.

I have the honor to be, gentlemen,

Yours sincerely,

J. M. GRADY,

Matron.

The Ladies' Auxiliary reported having appointed Mrs. A. J. Smith, Mrs. D. W. Higgins, Mrs. L. Goodacre, Mrs. Rickert, Mrs. Butler and Mrs. Hasell an advisory committee and asked to have come under their management the supplies of linen required by the hospital. A committee was appointed to meet the ladies, and after the passing of the regular accounts the meeting adjourned.

Jury's Answer.—The trial of Baptie vs. the Klondike Mining, Trading & Transport Co. was brought to a close yesterday so far as the jury is concerned, they having answered the one question put to them in favor of the defendants. The question was "Was the company justified in discharging the men?" After being out less than five minutes the jury brought in an answer in the affirmative. A motion for judgment will be heard by Mr. Justice Irving this morning. Messrs. A. E. McPhillips and G. H. Barnard for plaintiffs, and Hon. Fred. Peters, Q. C., and Mr. G. A. S. Potts for the defendants.

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