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From the DAILY COLONIST, Dec. 31.

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

The Last Day.

The last day of the year—1887 will soon be dead. Long live 1888!

Watch Night.

A Watch Night Service will be held in the Pandora street Methodist Church tonight, commencing at 10:30. Sermon by Rev. Mr. Starr.

New Year's Services.

Reformed Episcopal Church Services to-morrow at the usual hours. New Year's sermons will be given by the pastors. Full Communion service in the morning.

Petroleum and Wheat.

Petroleum is steadily advancing in price.

Wheat is dearer in England, prices firmer, and probable that an important advance will take place.

Customs' Seizure.

The Vancouver customs officers have seized a pile of goods which were on the Batavia, but not on the manifest. Among them are 28 canaries, a large quantity of bottled wine, clothes, and quite a collection of ornaments, etc.

The Eighteenth Drawing.

The drawing for an appropriation of the V. I. Building Society's funds, took place on Thursday evening, when the following were successful, each securing a third of the $3,000 drawn: D. G. Hooper, Wm. Newbury, Albert A. Davis.

Handsome Calendar.

T. N. Hibben & Co. have just issued their annual business calendar, designed and printed in THE COLONIST establishment. It is of neat design and of a most useful character. There are calendars of many varieties, but Hibben & Co.'s take the bakery this year.

The New Postmaster.

Mr. N. Shakespeare, postmaster, entered his on his new duties yesterday, and was waited upon at his office by many of his friends and duly felicitated. He proposes having many necessary changes made in the interior arrangements of the Post Office building. Many years of usefulness!

A Handsome Allowance.

In the superior court the other day in San Francisco Judge Gibson granted Mary Jane Starr, widow of the late Louis M. Starr, a family allowance of $1000 a month, to be paid out of the estate of the deceased. The widow stated that that amount would be necessary to maintain her in her accustomed mode of life.

Ministerial Association.

The ministers of all the evangelical churches of the city, at a meeting held at the beginning of the month, organized a "Ministerial Association." The object of the association is brotherly conference on matters of religion and public interest, with a view to co-operation. Right Rev. Bishop Cridge is the president.

Bail Refused.

Lum Lap Fong *alias* Lim Sam, the Chinaman arrested some time ago for sending a threatening letter to Mr. J. Gardner, and who was refused bail, again renewed his application for bail yesterday afternoon. Mr. Drake appeared for the prisoner but His Worship declined to grant bail.

A Salmon That is a Salmon.

A huge salmon weighing 55 pounds was captured in a net in the harbor not far from Janion's wharf yesterday morning and carried in triumph to the Vienna Market. It is the largest salmon ever caught in these waters. The monster had followed a shoal of small fish into the harbor and while preying upon them was preyed upon by the fisherman.

In Memoriam.

Mr. Richard Wilkinson died at the residence of Mr. Daniel Wilkinson, at Wharnock, at 6 o'clock on Christmas morning. The body was buried at Mount Lehman amid the general regret of the settlers. That fell disease consumption claimed him for its own. He was a fine young man, and highly respected by all who knew him.

The Standard Life.

Robt. Ward & Co., agents of the "Standard Life Assurance Co.," yesterday circulated a convenient and handsome little blotter, and a handy little memorandum and diary. The numerous advantages of life insurance in the "Standard" are modestly set forth in the latter. The two articles form one of the best advertisements of the kind yet issued.

The Arctic Arrives Safely.

The telegraphic reports about Spratt's Ark were incorrect, as that famous craft merely anchored in Dungeness until the gale subsided. As she is low in the water, and has rather a dismantled appearance at a distance, the mistake made was quite natural. However, its fog-horn called down nearly every resident of Port Townsend on Wednesday evening, and they all voted that the steamer was properly named. The customs gave her quick dispatch to Seattle.

Week of Prayer.

In all Christian countries the week of prayer has become an institution. It is held during the first week in January under the auspices of the Evangelical Alliance. Accordingly the following plan has been adopted by the Ministerial Association for holding union services in Victoria during "The Week of Prayer:"

On Monday evening, January 2nd, Rt. Rev. Bishop Cridge will preside and an address will be delivered by Rev. Mr. Starr.

Jan. 3rd—Rev. Mr. Starr, chairman; address by Rev. Mr. McRae.

Jan. 4th—Rev. Mr. Fraser, chairman; address by ———

Jan. 5th—Rev. Mr. Wadman, chairman; address by Rev. Dr. Reid.

Jan. 6th—Rev. Mr. Rugg, chairman; address by Rev. Mr. Fraser.

The services will be held in the Y. M. C. A. hall, commencing at 8 o'clock and lasting one hour.

"O Tempora, O Mores."

Our evening contemporary denies that it is under obligations to Coun. Higgins for a great service rendered and challenges proof. We shall communicate with Mr. Higgins and furnish the proofs tomorrow. From what we have heard from reliable parties there is reason to believe that the *Times* is indebted for its existence to-day to the good offices of Mr. Higgins, which were freely rendered, for which he was not thanked at the time and for which he is now being repaid by the blackest ingratitude which may well be summed up as, "Mean, cowardly and libelous." While awaiting the proof, we are reminded of the following modern fable:

A man was about to cross a shallow river, when a fox came out of the bushes and begged for a ride across, saying:

"If I can ever reciprocate the favor I shall only be too glad to do so."

The man permitted him to occupy a seat on his back and carried him safely over.

A few days later the man was in great distress over a lost sheep and called on the fox to assist in the search.

"Oh, but I have my own affairs to look after," was the cool reply.

"But didn't I carry you across the stream?"

"Certainly."

"And didn't you declare your gratitude?"

"Exactly, my verdant friend, but the difference between a fox in need of a ferry and a fox all right at home is so great that your mind can never realize it."

Moral: We have all ferried the fox across the stream.

Athletic Club Dinner.

The Victoria Athletic Club held their annual dinner at the Clarence last evening, which was a highly successful affair, the spread being a beautiful one, and speech and song passed away the evening in a highly enjoyable manner.

From San Francisco.

Among the passengers on the steamer Mexico which left San Francisco yesterday are: E. J. Parsons, W. M. Rice, C. Dempster, C. E. Wilson, A. D. Andrews, E. Pferdner, G. Storey, W. T. Franklyn, M. B. Stone and T. Twombley.

Police Court.

J. Nightengale, on remand, was charged with attempting to shoot an Indian woman named Jennie. Mr. Bodwell appeared for the defendant. The evidence of Officers Thomas and Hawton and the woman was taken, after which the case was remanded until to-day at the request of counsel for the defense.

Municipal Elections.

Coun. Vigelius announces himself as a candidate for reelection in Yates street ward. He has represented the electors of that ward frequently, and will, no doubt, receive a renewal of their confidence.

Mr. John Robertson's card soliciting the ratepayers' votes as councillor for Johnson street ward appears in this issue.

Mayor Fell's Portrait.

In the HOLIDAY NUMBER which will be distributed to our subscribers to-day, is a well-executed portrait of James Fell Esq., Mayor. It is the production of the "Williams & Fleming Photo-Engraving Co." just started in connection with Mr. R. T. Williams' publishing business. The portrait is an excellent one and the signature below is a *fac-simile* of the one he refused to place at the foot of certain contracts. It will therefore be an object of interest. However, we are sure that our numerous readers will be pleased to see Mr. Fell's pleasant countenance beaming upon them from its place in the paper.

Protected by Coats of Mail.

Pon See, the Chinaman who interpreted for the prosecution in the recent Chinese murder trials, says the friends of the convicted men are very hostile towards himself and Lee Toy, proprietor of the Chinese theatre for the active part they took. He adds that five or six of these friends, protected by a coat of paper mail and armed by pistols and knives, prowl about at night, seeking an opportunity to "get even." These coats of mail protect the upper portion of the body and are impervious to bullets, except one from a large sized revolver which should strike fairly and squarely. They weigh from fifteen to twenty pounds and cost from $15 to $50. A coat of steel wire is more bullet-proof than a paper one. The wire coat weighs about forty pounds and is worth $130.—*Oregonian.*

MERRY XMAS AT THE I. O. O. F.

The Christmas Tree and Entertainment at their Hall—The Dance Afterward.

The Christmas tree and entertainment given at Oddfellows' Hall last night by the brethren of the three links, was a decided success. The spacious hall was packed to its utmost capacity. The first part of the programme consisted of an exhibition of the magic lantern and the beautiful views shown were much appreciated and greatly applauded by old as well as young. Next followed an exhibition of the good old amusement of childhood, "Punch and Judy." The antics of Punch and his family were the delight of the children, who were only too sorry when Punch, after polishing off his wife, child and policeman, gave his good night. The magic lantern was under the management of Mr. A. J. Langley and Punch and Judy was manipulated by Mr. R. P. McLennan, N. G. elect of Columbia Lodge, No. 2. Then followed the main feature of the evening, the distribution of the prizes on the Xmas tree. Every child in the hall received one and a great many two presents, and much hilarity was caused by the gifts received by some. Great amusement was caused when one of the brethren led from his secret abode the celebrated and mythical goat. He was led through the hall, gally trapped, and all present had an opportunity of viewing this famous animal. During the evening refreshments were passed around and after all had been disposed of the happy children and their parents went home well satisfied with their evening's entertainment. The hall was then cleared of chairs and a pleasant dance indulged in, which lasted till the wee sma' hours. The Oddfellows, who are famed for their pleasant entertainments, surpassed themselves this time, and we may expect many similar pleasant gatherings. A great deal of the success of the affair was due to the assistance of the ladies of the Lodge of Rebecca, lately instituted, and it will without doubt, greatly add to the strength of that lodge.

THE CHINA STEAMERS.

The Council of the Board of Trade Express an Opinion on Capt. Webber's Letter.

At a meeting of the Council of the Board of Trade held yesterday morning, Mr. Robt. Ward presiding, the matter of the non-calling of the China steamer Batavia was discussed. A very lengthy letter from Capt. Webber to the board was read. This letter in effect gave the reasons that induced the "ship's husband" to order the Batavia to proceed to Vancouver, without calling at Victoria.

After discussing the letter the following resolution was adopted:

Moved by Mr. R. P. Rithet, seconded by Mr. R. Finlayson: That this board having under consideration the letter of Capt. H. Webber, agent for the C. P. R. China-Japan line of steamers, dated 27th December, setting out in full his reasons for having ordered the steamer Batavia not to call at this port on her inward voyage, and having given the matter due attention, are of the opinion that the reasons given by Captain Webber are not sufficient to justify his course, inasmuch as he has thereby broken the pledge made by him to the council of this board held on the 8th August last, and confirmed by H. Abbott, Esq., of the C. P. R., Everett Frazar, Esq., New York agent of the steamers, and himself in September last to several citizens whom they called to an interview upon the subject referred to, and they then claimed that they were authorized to specially visit this city and give their assurance on behalf of both the owners of the steamers and the Railway Company that these steamers would in future call both on the inward and outward voyages at this port, and Esquimalt. The board is further of the opinion that Captain Webber, before breaking the pledge above referred to, should have endeavored by proper and constitutional means, to have the difficulty complained of adjusted, by reference to the authorities at Ottawa, and if he had failed, he should have appealed to this board for their assistance before he could be justified in taking the action he did. Be it therefore resolved, That the above resolution be adopted as the finding of this board and that a copy of the same be forwarded to H. Abbott, Esq., agent for the C. P. R., Everett Frazar, Esq., the New York agent for the steamers, and Captain Webber, agent at Vancouver.

Further, that if Captain Webber will signify what concessions are necessary by the Customs this board will have great pleasure in doing all in their power to induce the Collector of Customs to comply with any reasonable request which may be made, and in the meantime the board are making inquiries as to what can be accomplished in that direction.

It will be remembered that in an interview with a representative of THE COLONIST Mr. Everett Frazar, of New York, representing the company, was positive in his statements that the steamers would call here, and in this he was seconded by Mr. H. Abbott, superintendent of the Pacific division, Capt. Webber also being present. To private citizens and to the Board of Trade council similar assurances were given, and the hasty action of Capt. Webber in ordering the steamers direct to Vancouver, without first giving the Board a chance to help him out in his alleged difficulties, can only be regarded as a breach of faith on his part, and also apparently on the part of Mr. Frazar. An effort is being made to find out what facilities are really required by the steamships, and then the board will be in a position to take steps towards securing them, if possible.

PERSONAL.

D. McGillivray, railroad contractor, is in the city.

A. R. Johnston, of Nanaimo, was in the city yesterday.

Capt. Pike arrived down on the Yosemite yesterday afternoon.

Coun. Coughlan returned from Port Townsend yesterday morning.

W. Phelps, teacher at Mayne Island, is spending his holidays in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Tolmie, of Westminster, arrived on the Yosemite yesterday.

Capt. and Mrs. Carmichael arrived down from Westminster on the Yosemite.

R. S. Albright, for many years chief clerk at Tacoma for Capt. Clancey, is in town.

Rev. W. W. Percival, formerly of this city, has accepted a call from Richmond Hill, Ont.

Capt. John Irving has been elected president of the Vancouver Water Works Company (Capilano).

E. Bloomingdale, of C. Strouss & Co., arrived from San Francisco yesterday by Portland and the Sound.

The Manchester *Courier* states that Lord Stanley of Preston has accepted the governor-generalship of Canada.

Capt. Clancey, port captain of the O. R. & N. Co., for Puget Sound division, came over on the Olympian yesterday.

It is announced that on January 1st E. J. Baldwin will assume entire management of the Baldwin hotel, San Francisco.

Lieut.-Col. Baker, M. P. P., left Liverpool, Eng., on the 24th December, and will arrive in Ottawa some time next month.

Miss Armstrong, principal of the girls' school, arrived on the Yosemite yesterday from Westminster, where she has been spending the Xmas holidays.

J. W. McLeod, of Earle & Co., contractors on the Seattle, Lake Shore & Eastern, came over from the Sound yesterday. Mr. McLeod is suffering from a slight cold and rheumatism. He will return to Seattle to-day.

Jennie Winston has received a flattering offer to open the new Grand Opera House in Philadelphia, under the management of her old friend, H. B. Mahn. The offer was reluctantly declined, Miss Winston having accepted an engagement at the New Lyceum, in Baltimore, to begin April 15th.

H. Pottmeyer, who has been principal of St. Louis College in New Westminster during the past eighteen months, has accepted the position of principal of the Vancouver public school. He is *stud. phil.* of the University, and graduate of the Gymnasium of Munster, Province of Westphalia, Germany.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

Prof. E. Pferdner is on the Mexico for Victoria.

The only consignee by the Olympian yesterday was A. Gilmore.

The annual dinner of the Union Club will be held to-night at 6:30 o'clock.

The Union Club had their annual dinner last evening. A gala time was had.

Hon. Robert Dunsmuir has entered an action for libel against the Vancouver *News-Advertiser.*

Robert Irvine was committed for trial at the police court for breaking into the Lion Brewery.

The steward of the Royal Hospital acknowledges with thanks the receipt of a box of apples from Miss Muir.

There will be a watch-night service in the Gorge Road church this (Saturday) evening at 11 o'clock. Rev. J. W. Wadman will preach.

Capt. J. D. Warren has secured the premises next door to the telegraph office, and henceforth his place of business will be there instead of on Wharf street.

"What's your age? or advising people to die early," is the subject of Rev. J. W. Wadman's talk next Sunday evening in the Gorge Road church. Services at 11 and 7. Free pews; all welcome.

The United States consulate flag was flying at half-mast yesterday in respect to the memory of Hon. J. M. Barclay, who was for over thirty years journal clerk of the House of Representatives, who died on the 25th instant.

Sneak thieves are pilfering in the eastern part of the city. On Thursday night a lady lost her entire week's washing, including the clothes' line, and petty thefts are being frequently reported. It would be well if the officers would keep an eye on the culprits.

Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Harris have been appointed Steward and Matron of the Nanaimo Hospital.

His Worship Richard Gibson of Nanaimo, was unwell this morning, that at the request of many electors he has consented to stand for reelection.

From the DAILY COLONIST, Jan. 1.

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Yates Street Ward.

Mr. J. R. Anderson, one of Victoria's oldest residents, is a candidate for Yates street ward.

No Paper.

Monday, having been declared an official holiday, no paper will be issued from this office on Tuesday morning.

The P.O. Staff to be Dined.

At the close of his remarks after the presentation last evening, Postmaster Wallace invited the staff to a supper at the Poodle Dog restaurant on Monday evening next.

The City Schools.

The Christmas and New Year's holidays are now nearly over and on Tuesday all the schools will again be in full working order. The pupils are to bring their slates and books to school on that day so that work can commence at once.

For San Francisco.

The following Victorians are on the steamer Umatilla for San Francisco: Wm. Broderick, W. D. Claussen and wife, Miss C. Phillips, Mrs. A. Phillips, Mrs. W. Walker, Mrs. S. Nesbitt, Louis Redon and wife, Geo. Beriot.

Smallpox in Seattle.

Dr. Jackson received the following telegram yesterday from Seattle:

SEATTLE, DEC. 31.

Dr. W. Jackson, Quarantine Officer, Victoria: Disease of smallpox officially reported. Every precaution is being taken. Will report.

J. B. ALEXANDER,
Consul.

Presented With a Quartette.

It's as well to be born lucky as rich. Nelson Roy, of Benton, Ky., has reason to feel the force of this fact. His wife bore him a quartette of boys and girls on Sunday night, two boys and two girls—just a nice Christmas present. This remarkable event is the first of the kind that ever occurred in the State of Kentucky. All of the children and mother are doing well.

"Gloomy and Sepulchral."

The Nanaimo *Free Press*, in a review of the year, says: "As before stated, the advance made in 1887 will, no doubt, be continued to the year 1888, and we feel, (the gloomy and sepulchral account of Nanaimo which appears in the Victoria *Times* to the contrary notwithstanding) that the past year has been one of advancement and prosperity, and that the coming year will also be fraught with an onward march towards substantial increase, influence and prosperity."

From Alberni.

Mr. D. Little, says the Nanaimo *Free Press*, one of the pioneer settlers of Alberni, arrived from that settlement on Thursday and proceeded to Victoria by the train. He states that the road is badly blocked with fallen timber on the Nanaimo side of Cameron Lake. In some parts of the road near Cameron lake the cribbing has been burned down and the road made dangerously narrow.

A New Year's Gift.

A large basket reached THE COLONIST office last evening and the staff expected to see Santa Claus behind it, judging by its proportions. It proved, however, to be sparkling champagne, which the staff has to gratefully acknowledge from the Senate. We don't drink ourselves, but some of our Vancouver friends (and what "terminal city" man doesn't "smile") who happened in, managed to get away with "the boodle." Our thanks all the same.

The Line Abandoned.

The Western Union Line from Westminster to Seattle has been abandoned from Dec. 31st. The old line, which has done such good, as well as erratic service is now left to the mercy of the elements. No more will the snows of winter, or the gales of summer, cause the night editor to use very long ———; no more will the festive mosquito perch upon the wire and cause its fall; no more will the falling autumn leaf in its flight to earth demoralize the electric current; no more will the deadly snow-flake isolate us from the outside world. The W. U. wire is but a thing of the past. Perhaps it is but an illustration of the "survival of the fittest," and it is to be hoped that the successful line will not allow the gentle zephyr, the weight of a mosquito, or the striking of a falling leaf to interfere with the flashing of the world's news across the continent.

Our Holiday Number.

The Holiday Number of THE COLONIST went off "like hot cakes." We were quite unable to supply the demand, but our business office will be open after 9 o'clock to-morrow morning, when all those who desire copies can secure them. As before intimated, our issue is a limited one, and we would advise all who wish to send the number to eastern friends to secure copies immediately. Believing as we do, and as our friends tell us, that our Holiday Number is the finest ever produced in British Columbia, we are anxious that each of our readers should send at least one copy to the old home by the Atlantic, to tell them something of the ambitious and rising province by the Pacific. We believe that we have issued a number which compares favourably with any published in the east, and for that reason are desirous that it should have wide circulation.

Customs Officer Boarman Resigns.

The *Post-Intelligencer's* Port Townsend correspondent says: A few weeks ago a woman known as Mrs. Minor, whom the customs officials have had watched for some time suspected of smuggling, passed through to Portland. On the same steamer was Frank B. Boarman, customs officer at Seattle, who passed her trunk without examining it. When questioned by the collector of customs for such conduct, Boarman replied that her trunk contained books. Advices was forwarded to Portland to search her baggage. It was done and over 300 pounds of dutiable opium were found in her trunk. She was arrested and found guilty. Boarman was suspicioned of implication and an investigation warranted. His resignation was demanded by the collector of customs, which was presented and accepted yesterday. His dismissal as reported is the subject of much comment.

Councillor Grant's Change of Front.

A reporter of THE COLONIST was deputed yesterday to interview the three most distinguished advocates of the defunct Hendry plan for not supplying the city with water. The first person he ran against was

ALEX. HENDRY.

"What is your opinion of Coun. Grant's card, in which he announces that he is no longer a supporter of your scheme?" asked the same. Mr. Hendry—"That's all right. Vote for Grant!"

MAYOR FELL

was next observed bearing down from the vicinity of Fort street.

"What is your opinion of Coun. Grant's card, in which he announces that he is no longer a supporter of your scheme?"

The Mayor—"That's all right. Vote for Grant!"

COUN. PEARSE

was next visited at Fernwood. He was engaged in preparing a long report on the water question for the next council.

"What is your opinion of Coun. Grant's card, in which he announces that he is no longer a supporter of the Hendry scheme?"

Mr. Pearse—"That's all right. Vote for Grant!"

A "Slim" Advantage.

A witty ratepayer, who hails from the Green Isle, being asked his opinion of Coun. Grant's throw-off in the Hendry scheme, replied, "He's trying to take a *main* advantage of Higgins."

A Runaway.

A pair of horses attached to a hack was standing unattended on Broad street early this morning. They bolted, running down Fort street and through Government, when the electric light post opposite the Pritchard House brought them to a standstill. Little damage was done, except to the pole of the wagon.

The Princess Louise.

The steamer Princess Louise which left Vancouver at 1:30 p. m., did not arrive here until close on to 3 o'clock this morning. She had to tie up at James' Island for several hours, owing to the heavy gale in the Gulf. She brought through passengers and freight to date. The steamer Amelia was also at James' Island and continued there when the Louise left.

Rock Creek Mines.

The latest news from Rock Creek is by letter, dated 23d December. Mr. H. Nicholson writes that the contract for sinking a shaft on the Alice and Emma Consolidated has been awarded, and that at a depth of twenty feet a fine body of ore is displayed. The ledge at that depth is eight feet wide. Mr. Nicholson predicts a bright future for Rock Creek, and thinks there will be a rush there in the spring.

A. O. F.

At their last regular quarterly meeting the members of Court Nanaimo Foresters' Home, No. 5886, A. O. F., elected the following gentlemen as officers for the ensuing term: C. R., Wm. Bennett; S. C. R., T. I. Buckle; Treas., J. Randle, Jr. (re-elected); Sec., L. Manson (re-elected); S. W., Frank Rogers; J. W., Robert Pollock; S. B., R. Prowse; J. B., A. J. Dixon. The installation will take place at a special meeting to be held tomorrow evening before the ball commences.

A Rousing Reception.

Young 1888 has no reason to grumble at the reception accorded him by the citizens of this city at midnight. Locomotive, mill and steamboat whistles filled the air with their shrieks and the church bells, supplemented by numerous cowbells, pealed forth a merry welcome. Old and young made the welkin ring with their shouts and laughter while the reports of pistols and guns were heard in all parts of the city. THE COLONIST joins in wishing the young fellow all joy and prosperity.

Capt. Alexander Praised.

Captain Alexander, says the Port Townsend *Call*, well and favorably known in this city as commander of the Queen of the Pacific, is spoken of in the highest terms of praise by the San Francisco papers for his brave and skilful efforts in saving life at the time of the burning of the steamer San Vicente. The Queen stayed by the burning wreck all night and rescued seven men, the captain refusing to leave the scene while there was a hope of saving a life. As it was it is due to Captain Alexander's good management that so many of the doomed vessel's crew were rescued. The last man picked up by the Queen's boats was found in a terribly exhausted condition. When taken on board heroic efforts were made to save his life, but he died in an hour. In all ten men were drowned. A subscription was taken up among the Queen's passengers for the benefit of the rescued sailors.

"Diversions of a Diplomat."

At the U. S. consulate yesterday we were shown a brilliantly bound volume of 700 pages, illustrated with many curious engravings. It bears the above title, and is the latest literary production of Hon. S. S. Cox, late E. E. and M. P. from the United States near the Sublime Porte. In its pages are found sense and sensibility, wit and wisdom, happily commingled in *Sunset* hues. Those interested in the Holy Land, the eastern question, i. e., "the Sick Man," or desiring a compendium of all that is most valuable of the history of Egypt, Greece or Rome, will find the "Diversions," rare reading. The industry of Mr. Cox is marvellous. There are those who know him only as a humorist, but his career as a statesman of more than a quarter of a century evinces that he is as useful as ornamental.

The Services Rendered.

Coun. Higgins requests us to say that he declines at present to put in print the nature of the services that he rendered the *Times*; because the *Times* is already aware of all the circumstances connected therewith. He, however, refers any person who may be curious to ascertain the fact or who may desire to verify Mr. Higgins' statement that he has been and is being treated by the *Times* with the blackest ingratitude, to Hon. Mr. Robson and Mr. Theo. Davie, M. P. P. Those gentlemen are prepared to furnish the fullest information to any person who may apply to them. He also refers to Mr. Perry Mills, solicitor for the *Times*, in a certain memorable case, who, he feels sure, if asked, will not deny Mr. Higgins' statement.

MARINE.

Steamer Maude left for Alberni and ports on the west coast at 6 o'clock last evening.

British bark Leucadia, from Port Blakely, which cleared at Port Townsend on August 8th for Melbourne, had her cargo shifted in a gale on October 5th, but none of it washed away. The Leucadia will return to the coast and load at Portland.

British bark Hercules, from Burrard Inlet for Sydney, on October 26th, saw on Elizabeth reef the abandoned wreck of a lumber-laden vessel of about 500 tons, with foremast with topsail and royal yards still standing. The stern had gone to pieces and the hull generally showed signs of breaking up.

British four-masted ship General Gordon, which cleared at Port Townsend on August 3d for Sydney, lumber-laden from Port Ludlow, has arrived at her destination. In latitude 37.20 north and longitude 130.20 west she struck some floating wreckage, or a log of timber, and apparently damaged her rudder, as difficulty was found in steering her during the remainder of the voyage. While, too, on October 19th, in latitude 36 south and longitude 156 west she lost her lower mizzen topsail, the only sail set.

THE FORTIFICATIONS.

Forts to be Erected and Big Guns Mounted in the Vicinity of Victoria.

We have the best of authority for stating that the long talked of fortifications will, in a very short time, be commenced. Reports and estimates have been forwarded to the Imperial government in regard to the cost of mounting the heavy guns, etc., and early in the new year we may hope to see very active operations being carried on "all along the line." It is announced that the work of constructing the forts will shortly be commenced. These will be situated, one on Macaulay's Point, one on the hill above Esquimalt church, one near Fiegard light, and one on the high ground above the Esquimalt lagoon. The character of the forts is not yet learned, but it is expected that they will be of a very substantial character, and will cause the ex-

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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Retained.

Major E. G. Prior, M. P. P., resigned his seat in the local House yesterday, in order to contest the vacancy for the Commons.

Gone Below.

J. Leach, for several years employed on steamers running out of this harbor as mate and captain, left for San Francisco yesterday on the Umatilla.

New Year's Greeting.

The following dispatch was duly received at this office:

MONTREAL, Jan. 2.—To THE COLONIST, Victoria.—The Montreal *Herald* wishes you a Happy New Year.

Furs Plentiful.

Furs are being brought into New Westminster every day in unusually large quantities. The slaughter among bears still continues as brisk as ever. Bears have never been known to be more numerous than they are this season.

Reopening of the Schools.

The city schools reopened yesterday morning with a large attendance. Mr. J. P. McLeod, M. A., assumed charge of the principalship of the High School. Mr. McLeod is a native of "the tight little isle," is about 27 years of age, and is a native of Dalhousie College, Halifax. He is understood to be a superior teacher and an estimable young man.

Inland Weather.

The *Sentinel* says: The snow is evidently settled to stay.

The thermometer registered below zero last night.

During the first part of the week parts of the river and a large pond on the reserve were utilized as skating rinks. The ice was in fine condition and the skaters had lots of fun and falls.

The Pacific Cable.

Owing to some misunderstanding between the Dominion and Australian governments, the laying of the Dominion government steamer Alert has been indefinitely postponed. She was to have left Halifax this month for the Pacific to survey the route from British Columbia to Australia for the proposed cable. The expedition was to form part of the Fleming scheme, by which it was proposed to connect British Columbia, Australia and India by ocean cable.

A Credit to the Interior.

Our excellent contempory, the *Inland Sentinel*, surpasses itself this year. It publishes a twelve-page newspaper number of seventy-two columns, all original, and offers a reward of $100 open to the world, to any one forwarding it *a bona fide* copy of a similar issue published during the year 1887 in any place with a population not exceeding 1,110, of whom not more than 800 are white. It is a safe offer, brother McCutcheon. It can't be done. Your holiday number does you infinite credit, and we trust your enterprise will bring you the financial reward you deserve. All success in 1888!

The New Year's "Oregonian."

The Portland *Oregonian* this year has presented to its readers a number that, for good, substantial information as to the resources of the Northwest, has never been equalled. A wonderful amount of information has been collected upon the various industries, resources and trade of the Northwest, and is incorporated in the twenty-four pages that form the descriptive matter of the number. Four pages are devoted to illustrating the city of Portland, and its beauties of situation and handsome business structures are well represented. Altogether the number is of great merit, and is another evidence of the energy and enterprise of Oregon's representative newspaper.

For China and Japan.

Steamship Batavia, Capt. Wotton, sailed from this port for China and Japan yesterday morning at 11 o'clock. Her cargo comprised 1,200 tons dead freight, embracing 1,000 tons of Oregon flour, 900 bales of cotton goods from New York for Shanghai. Her saloon passengers were G. C. T. Radatz, Geo. Hardy, Miss Ethel Hardy, Ed. Gilchrist, Miss C. Gilchrist, Mr. Milton Hayte, Miss F. K. Morgan, Miss J. Sailer, Mrs. Mann, Mr. Ballantyne, Mr. Gill, Stephen D. Cummings, J. D. McDougall, Mr. R. Friddale, Mr. W. W. Cargill, Mr. Carr, Miss Carr, all for Yokohama; Mr. Burnie, for Hongkong. In the steerage there were four European passengers bound for Yokohama, and one for Hongkong. There were 134 Chinese in the steerage for Hongkong, of whom 50 were from Victoria.

The Week of Prayer.

On Monday evening the Y. M. C. A. Hall was well filled by a most attentive audience notwithstanding it was a general holiday, affording opportunity for many social engagements. The Rt. Rev. Bishop Cridge presided, giving an earnest tone to the meetings by his ripe experience in divine things. The Rev. J. E. Starr gave a short stirring address on the subject appointed in the *Evangelical Alliance* programme—"Thanksgiving and confession," as especially called for at the beginning of the year. The ministers of Evangelical churches were present, and took part in the devotional exercises. As these are united services, the ordinary weekly meetings of the churches are postponed for these union services. Some were present from all the city congregations. The building was comfortably warm, and the singing was heartily joined in by the people.

New Year's Day.

The reception given by the W. C. T. U. and I. O. G. T., in the rooms of the Y. M. C. A., on Monday was very successful. Some 400 visitors partook of the generous hospitality, including many young men, strangers in the city. Among the ladies who entertained were Mrs. Spofford, Mrs. Penwell, Mrs. McNaughton, Mrs. McKitrick, Mrs. Luker, Mrs. Burkholder, Mrs. Hendry, Miss Cummings, Miss Humber, Misses Heard, Miss Carter, Mrs. Spencer, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. Flett, Mrs. Hodnett and others. In the evening a grand concert was held in Temperance Hall, Mr. N. Shakespeare, P. M., occupying the chair. The following was the programme: Prayer by Mr. S. Gray; address by the chairman; chorus by the choir; address of welcome, Miss Pickard; solo Mrs. Turnbull, *encored*; recitation Miss A. Cameron; anthem by the choir; clarionet solo, Prof. Agius, *encored*; song, "We all love Jack," Mr. S. Gray; piano solo, Prof. Sharp, and a comic song (by request); chorus by the choir; temperance addresses by Rev. Mr. Rugg and Rev. Mr. Fraser; humorous reading, Mr. Sutton; address, Rev. Dr. Reid; anthem by the choir. Mr. James Miller was the efficient leader of the choir. The reception and entertainment were each under the management of the following committee: Mrs. Spofford, Mrs. McKitrick, Mrs. Hendry, Mrs. Luker and Mrs. Pe[illegible] on behalf of the W. C. T. U., with Cummings, Messrs. E. Morrison [illegible] J. Plummer from the I. O. G. T.; they may well feel that their efforts have been highly successful.

A large number of gentlemen [illegible] than ever before were at the Government House, called on the Governor and Mrs. Nelson and [illegible] hearty reception.

The day passed off very [illegible] fine weather adding to its [illegible]

Will Be Hanged.

Friedrich, the Seattle m[illegible] tenced to be hanged on March [illegible]

To Act as Interpreter.

Mr. Henderickson, of this city, [illegible] Winnipeg *Call*, has been sent for to act as interpreter in the trial of the Emb[illegible] who is charged with stabbing another at Roger's Pass, B. C.

Fire Alarms.

An alarm was sounded [illegible] noon at 5 o'clock, the cau[illegible] ing chimney at Wing [illegible] Cormorant street.

About 7:45 o'cloc[illegible] alarm was turned on [illegible] a burning chimney [illegible] the Royal Hotel.

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Vancouver E[illegible] their annual sl[illegible] night when G. [illegible] following officers [illegible] P., Jas. Pope; S. [illegible] J. W., J. E. Philli[illegible] T., B. Roberts; O. [illegible] G., Joseph Sears; [illegible] in; 2nd W., Jas. [illegible] Carne. A pleasant [illegible]

Port Ha[illegible]

We don't wish [illegible] the *Times* clipping our [illegible] notes without giving us the [illegible] but it might have fixed up that [illegible] one of our compositors left [illegible] The sentence reads: "Were [illegible] more frequent, the rancor so[illegible] lating between *seats* would [illegible] neutralized." It should be [illegible] stead of seats.—*Vancouver [illegible]*

Jubilee Servi[illegible]

Special Jubilee Servi[illegible] St. Andrew's pro-Cat[illegible] evening in celebrat[illegible] golden jubilee—the fi[illegible] his priesthood, which [illegible] him in the chapel of the [illegible] Rome, on the 20rd Decem[illegible] J. Pfender preached a beautiful sermon, appropriate to the occasion, [illegible] especially on the *unity* of the church under the invisible Head in Heaven and the visible head on earth—His Holiness Leo XIII. Prayers for the Pope were recited and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament concluded the service. The music was in keeping with the usual high excellence of the Cathedral choir.

Appointed C.P.R. Agent.

Mr. Robt. Irving, long the popular agent of the N.P.R.R. at Victoria, has been appointed to the same capacity in the service of the C. P. R., and will assume his duties at a very early date. The company could have made no better choice. Mr. Irving is always obliging and courteous, understands his business thoroughly, and will make a good agent. The departure of Mr. W. D. Hunt, travelling passenger agent of the C. P. R., in consequence, will be generally regretted since his genial manners have made him a general favourite. He was temporarily occupying the position pending the appointment of a permanent agent, and his stay here, while pleasant, was somewhat longer than he anticipated.

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