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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

To Open the Exhibition.

His Honor Lieut.-Governor Nelson has consented to formally open the B. C. agricultural exhibition. The ceremony will take place on the 30th inst., at 11 a.m.

A New Magazine.

Tenders are invited by Mr. J. H. Innes, naval storekeeper, on behalf of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, for the erection of another brick powder magazine on Cole Island, Esquimalt harbor. The time for receiving bids for the contract expires on the 26th inst.

Metchosin Bazaar.

A grand fancy fair, sale of useful and ornamental articles, supper and concert is to be given at Metchosin to-day, and to afford Victorians an opportunity of being there, a 'bus will leave Bowman's stable at 4:30 o'clock, returning after all is over.

W. C. T. U.

A meeting of the W.C.T.U. was held, yesterday afternoon, in Temperance Hall, Mrs. Spofford presiding. After routine business, it was resolved to hold an open meeting, on Monday evening, at half-past seven, at which all the honorary members are invited to be present.

On September Thirtieth.

The last day of September has been fixed as the date of the Wolff family concert in aid of the Jubilee hospital. All concerned are working hard to make the entertainment a success, Mrs. McTavish, president of the Ladies' Auxiliary, lending valuable assistance.

Who Has House Room?

The indications are that lodgings will be at a premium during fair week, and all who can place rooms at the disposal of visitors would be wise to give their names and addresses to Mr. W. P. Lindley at once. They will be duly registered by him, and the register will guide visitors in search of accommodation. Only 14 persons have as yet registered.

Couldn't Make It.

The Pacific Mail steamer China arrived at San Francisco, early on Sunday morning, from Hongkong and Yokohama. She was 12 days, 7 hours and 55 minutes from the latter port. It was thought she would attempt to break the record made by the C. P. R. line of steamships, but she did not do so. The Empress of Japan's time was about two days less than that of the China.

New Time Schedule.

The new time schedule on the Esquimalt tramway line comes into operation to-day. Hereafter the cars will make half-hourly trips daily, from 6 a.m. to 9.30 p.m., the last half-hourly car leaving Esquimalt at 9 p.m. Hourly trips will be made from 10 p.m. until midnight, the last car leaving Esquimalt at 11.30 o'clock. On Sundays half-hourly trips will be made from 9 a.m. to 9.30 p.m., and hourly trips as on other days.

Accused of Being a Smuggler.

Assistant United States District Attorney Sullivan has filed a libel against a small black sloop, supposed to be named the Annin, of British Columbia. It is assumed that the small black sloop was engaged in the smuggling business, and the charge is that the vessel on August 23 last went into Port Angeles from a foreign point and did not enter or report to the customs officers. This fact led to the seizure of the craft by Collector Bradshaw, and now the libel to forfeit the vessel to the United States is filed.—Seattle Telegraph.

The District Telegraph.

The Victoria District Telegraph Co. have now located 500 boxes in the city, which are being put in position as quickly as possible and which will necessitate the employment of a staff of 15 messengers from the start. The headquarters of the service, in the Turner Block, are well worth a visit. The only opposition met with has been from Hon. Amor De Cosmos, who refuses to allow a call box to be put in any building owned by him, while the tenants of several are determined to enjoy the advantages of the system.

Three in a Bunch.

Three more sealing schooners have joined the fleet in port—the Pioneer, Wanderer and Ventura—each of which came in yesterday morning. The Pioneer, the old Pathfinder, Capt. Lavener, secured 870 skins on the Coast going up, and 1,484 in Behring's Sea, where she operated without interruption, until a shortage of fresh water necessitated a return to port. On one occasion she was chased by H.M.S. Pheasant, but a dense fog settled just in time to hide the schooner from the pursuing gunboat. The Wanderer, Harry Paxton master and owner, took 220 seals on the Coast and 530 in the Sea; and the Venture's Behring's Sea catch was 659. The Oscar & Hattie is now close to port with 1,100 odd, and another of the fleet is in the neighborhood of Neah Bay.

The Police Journal.

There was a large assembly of erring ones in yesterday's police court, there being 13 cases in all. Four drunks were the first on the list; after which Dan, an Indian, was sentenced to two months for having liquor in his possession. Lucy, an Indian woman, and two men named Wm. Malby and Herbert Martin, were charged with vagrancy. His Honor discharged the two men, but promised next time they made an appearance in court he would punish them to the full extent of the law. Lucy was remanded for a day. John Kenny, police officer, was remanded for a day on the charge of using threatening language. Geo. Wright, charged with supplying an Indian with an intoxicant, was also remanded. James Patch, for an infraction of the park by-law, was fined $5, and Ed. Kyles was fined double the amount for an infraction of the health by-law.

Did Not Get Far.

Supt. Hussey, of the Provincial Police, received the following telegram from Officer Stephenson, of Wellington, just before the Nanaimo train arrived, yesterday:

"Arrest two men on the train, to-day, one five feet six, straw hat, aged nineteen, looks boyish, light hair, dark coat and vest, dark stripe in pants; the other 27 years old, ginger hair, thick set, old dark brown suit, wanted for stealing forty-seven dollars and fifty cents."

Officers McNeil and Hunter at once hurried to the E. & N. station, just in time to see a man with "ginger hair" go by. Thinking that the two would be found together, he was not molested. No one else answering the description was seen, and Officer McNeill returned to town, while Officer Hunter went out to Victoria West to see if he could get trace of the game there. Passing the Times office McNeill spotted his friend with the ginger hair, and arrested him, despite the protest that he had just come over from Chehalis. His companion was also captured by McNeill on his way up from the wharf, where he had been buying a ticket for Seattle. The money was found on the prisoners, who give the names of John Johnson and Duke Walters. They will be taken to Wellington, to-day.

Sewer Pipes.

In report of proceedings of City Council, appearing in yesterday's COLONIST, a general statement is made as to defective sewer pipes. Mr. Carmichael's analysis only referred to one lot of pipes. Those already laid have all passed inspection.

Officers Installed.

Waverly Lodge No. 145, C.O.O.F., M.U., met last night, and installed officers for the ensuing half year as hereunder: J. F. Smith, N.G.; F. H. Coles, V.G.; J. S. Floyd, Secretary-Treasurer, and M. S. Wade, lecture master.

The Empress of China.

The Empress of China is expected in port on Monday or Tuesday next on her round-the-world trip. She has a full list of passengers and a general cargo. In the steerage are 100 Chinamen, who will swell the Chinese population of Victoria. They will be landed at the Outer wharf.

At an End.

The bazaar and luncheon of the Christ church cathedral ladies auxiliary came to an end yesterday, when the tables of good things were well patronized, and many articles on the sale tables were disposed of. The low prices prevailing during the sale were what most astonished the visitors.

The Favorite Returns.

The sealing schooner Favorite, Capt. Charles Spring owner, Capt. J. McLean, master, made her way to port through pouring rain, last night, and anchored in the inner harbor. She had taken 1,700 seals in Behring's Sea on July 19th, when she was ordered away by H.M.S. Porpoise.

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church.

The contractors are putting the finishing touches on the new St. Paul's Presbyterian church, Victoria West, preparatory to the opening services next Sunday. The ladies' Aid are also very busily engaged in preparing for the sale of work, on Tuesday afternoon, in the public hall, Victoria West.

Sailors Hornpipe.

In contradiction of the statement that the contest between W. D. Ross and Alexander Beaton, in a sailor's hornpipe, had been declared off, the announcement is made that the money is now all up and the articles of agreement duly signed. The committee appointed to carry out the affair say it must be decided, as agreed upon, in Philharmonic Hall, to-morrow evening.

Fall Fairs.

Following are the dates fixed for the holding of the various agricultural fairs in this province:

Chilliwhack	Sept. 17, 18
Surrey	Sept. 19
Delta	Sept. 22
New Westminster	Sept. 22, 23, 24, 25
Victoria	Sept. 29, 30, Oct. 1, 2, 3
Ashcroft	Oct. 8, 9, 10
Saanich	
Cowichan	Sept. 26

Full Moon.

The Almanac says, new moon, September 3rd; first quarter 11th; full moon 17th. Governed by the published announcements, the Electric Lighting Department of the municipal service has for some days past been turning on the current in homœopathic doses of very attenuated strength, and that only occasionally, Mr. McMicking's man having been manifestly out with his lantern. The nights have, however, of late been as dark as Erebus, and much dissatisfaction has been expressed on the part of the public.

Gaerdes vs. Buchanan.

In this case, tried at the last County Court, plaintiff sought to compel payment of certain advance notes given by defendant, who is captain of a sealing schooner. The notes were cashed by the party receiving them and signing for the cruise, but the schooner was wrecked, and in consequence the defence was set up that the wages had not been earned. On motion for judgment, yesterday, before the Chief Justice, an order was made in favor of the defendant. The plaintiff was represented by Mr. Lindley Crease, while Mr. Gregory (Belyea & Gregory) appeared for the defence.

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

THE OAR.

A SWEEPING CHALLENGE FROM HANLAN.

Ed. Hanlan publishes the following challenge in the New Westminster Ledger: "While O'Connor and myself are in British Columbia we are anxious to give the public as much boat racing sport as possible during our stay, which will be necessarily short. I learn that your local oarsmen, Messrs. McLean and Murray, have expressed a desire for a brush with us, and we will gladly accommodate them, double or single. If double, the race could be rowed on Monday, 27th inst., for stakes of, say, $500 a-side, distance three miles, over the same course as next week's regatta, or any other near Westminster.

"For the same amount of stake money I am also open for a race with Mr. McLean or any other provincial oarsman in skiffs, fishing boats, yawls, or any other kind of craft that may be propelled with oars or poles. Distance from three miles to ten. Mr. McLean should have some advantage over me in lapstreaks or boats with stationary seats, but I am willing to stand the hazard so as to give the public some amusement.

"Mr. O'Connor is also willing to row any provincial oarsman in any style of boat; or we could all enter in a sweepstakes of $500, the winner to take two-thirds, the second man one-third of the total stake; race to take place on the Fraser, Monday, September 27th."

THOSE SEWER PIPES.

VICTORIA, B.C., September, 18th, 1891.

TO THE EDITOR:—Referring to a paragraph that appeared in your publication of yesterday, in the report of the City Council meeting, headed "Bad Sewer Pipes," from which it would appear to the public that all the pipe supplied for the sewerage works was worthless. I would ask you on behalf of the B. C. Pottery Co. to publish the accompanying letter received by me from the Chief Engineer.

I remain, Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,
W. H. BAINBRIDGE,
Secy. B.C. Pottery and Terra Cotta Co.

VICTORIA, B.C., 18th September, 1891.

W. H. Bainbridge, Esq.

DEAR SIR:—The report in the COLONIST to which you refer in your letter of yesterday's date, has been already corrected, both in that paper and the Times. Mr. Carmichael's report only referred to certain samples I sent him to test, representing a small number of pipes, the large majority of the pipes supplied have stood the tests in a satisfactory manner.

Your Obedient Servant,
(Signed) EDWARD MORUN,
Chief Engineer.

What Say They?

IN POPULARITY increasing. In reliability the standard. In merit the first. In fact, the best remedy for all summer complaints, diarrhœa, dysentery, cramps, colic, cholera infantum, etc., is Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry. All medicine dealers sell it.

A PIONEER OF THE PIONEERS

John Kurtz, One of the Veterans of the Pacific Coast, Passes Away.

An Eventful and Adventurous Life in California, Nevada and this Province.

John Kurtz, a pioneer of the pioneers, and the friend of all who enjoyed the pleasure of knowing him, departed a busy, useful and adventurous life, at 4 o'clock yesterday morning, at the Jubilee Hospital.

While Mr. Kurtz had aged much during the past few years, and was growing noticeably feebler each month, few suspected that the dissolution was so close at hand; the news of his death comes as a sudden and personal bereavement to hundreds in this province, of whose resources he was so proud and so worthy an advocate. The deceased was a man of unsurpassed geniality and rare kindness of heart, and, while none was fonder of a good practical joke or more ready for one, his humor found expression only in words and actions which entertained all and displeased no one. Public spirited to a degree, his name will ever remain associated with those who gave life, energy, everything they possessed, to the upbuilding of British Columbia.

The late pioneer was born of German parents, in Philadelphia, Pa., 59 years ago. He received a liberal education in his native city, where he started life as a druggist's apprentice, and, in 1849, made his way to California, then just beginning to come before the world as a country of glorious possibilities. In the infant city of San Francisco Mr. Kurtz embarked in the tobacco business, in partnership with a man named Drinkhouse. The business was a profitable one, and the young Philadelphian soon became recognized as a leader in every movement for the public good. He was one of the organizers of the California State militia, in which he held the rank of captain of a company, and also of the San Francisco fire department. He was a member, and an outspoken one, of the vigilance committee of 1856, which hanged and drove out the gamblers and roughs who had usurped the civic government, and funged San Francisco of as desperate a collection of thieves and cut-throats as ever were found in one locality.

In 1858, when the great wave of miners and prospectors swept up the Fraser to Yale, Mr. Kurtz was one of the company, and, in the same year, Kurtz & Co. entered into business at Yale. For a time the deceased had for a partner at Yale, Hugh Nelson, another pioneer merchant, and now Lieut.-Governor of the province, in whose capabilities he has always had unbounded confidence. In 1861 Mr. Kurtz was instrumental in organizing, and became secretary of, the Yale Steamboat Co., which built the Fort Yale in Victoria harbor, and established a regular service up the Fraser to Yale, when Hope had previously been recognized as the head of steam navigation. For his services, the secretary of the company was honored with a public dinner and presented with a handsome gold watch, a souvenir which he treasured as one of his most valued possessions. The boat on its third trip exploded, and many lives were lost.

In 1862 the deceased again made California his home, but only for a few months, Cariboo next claiming his attention. He was the owner of the famous "Point" claim on Williams' creek, in which he made a large sum of money. With this fortune he once more returned to California, but the spirit of adventure was strong in him, and he next came prominently before British Columbians as the organizer of the Lane & Kurtz Mining Co., formed for the purpose of working the meadows at the mouth of Williams' creek, which were popularly supposed to be enormously rich in alluvial deposits. Giant pumps and other massive machinery were introduced at an expense of hundreds of thousands, but the water came in so quickly that operations had finally to be abandoned, after a fortune had been spent. From Cariboo, Mr. Kurtz went to the Nevada silver region, then an unknown land, and where he at one time was the owner of mining property worth several millions.

Once more returning to California, this pioneer of the Golden State, of British Columbia and of Nevada, opened a real estate office, which he disposed of to advantage 14 years ago. He then made Victoria his home, establishing the first white labor cigar manufactory in the province, of which he remained proprietor until his death.

A keen and energetic student, deceased was possessed of a wide and liberal education, which rendered most valuable his many contributions to the press of California and of British Columbia. In science he was also at home, and few were better informed upon all subjects connected with botany or mineralogy. He remained an American citizen until his death, and while a Mason, in good standing, chose to maintain his connection with the pioneer lodge of San Francisco. He was also a founder and officer of the B. C. Pioneer Society, which, with the Masonic order, will take charge of the funeral. Deceased leaves a widow, one son and three daughters, all resident in California.

THE FRIED CASE.

Further Evidence for the Prosecution—The Accused Parties Returned for Trial.

Mr. and Mrs. Hermann Fried were, yesterday morning, brought up in the Provincial court, on remand, charged with the abduction of Hattie May, a girl of some fifteen summers. The interest manifested in the case from the first time it was called in court, continues unabated, if yesterday morning's gathering in court be any index of public feeling.

The accused parties were prompt on time, both being dressed in black, and looking the reverse of happy. Shortly afterwards their securities put in an appearance, and the court-room began to fill up. Mr. Taylor, council for the defence, was not many minutes in his seat when Deputy Attorney-General Barton appeared on the scene, and Superintendent of Police Hussey brought in his papers and writing material.

Mr. Ward was the presiding magistrate. The Mays, father, mother, brother and Hattie, who were in town on the last occasion the case was under hearing, were not present on this. They were expected over from Seattle the previous night, but did not arrive.

Mrs. Kate Randall was examined for the prosecution, and deposed that she lived on Kane street and knew the Frieds. She also knew Miss Hattie May. On Saturday week, 5th inst., Mrs. Chennelle, a sister of Mrs. Fried's called upon her in company with Hattie May, and asked her if she would keep Hattie until Monday. The girl was crying, and seemed to be disturbed, so she was asked into a room, and remained in the house until the following Wednesday.

Cross-examined by Mr. Taylor, witness said that the conversation with Mrs. Chenelle was outside the door. The girl was the one, who was pleading to be let in, saying that her father was cruel to her.

Mr. Ward asked if it was mentioned that the girl was to be kept until after the police court proceedings, and witness replied that she could not remember, as there was a great deal of confusion at the time.

Provincial Constable McNeil was sworn, and, in reply to Mr. Barton, stated that on the 9th inst. he arrested Mrs. Fried in the house 62 Kane street. Having given her the usual caution, Mrs. Fried said she heard the girl had gone down town, and that she had not seen her since the previous Saturday. He saw Mrs. Fried on Tuesday, the 8th inst., in company with Hattie May. They met at the corner of Douglas and Fort streets, and went down Broad street to Yates street.

To Mr. Taylor—This was about 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

"Would you be surprised to hear that it was not Mrs. Fried you saw with Hattie May?" asked Mr. Taylor.

Witness replied that he would, adding that he knew Mrs. Fried and her sister.

To Mr. Barton—Mrs. Fried is not like Mrs. Randall's sister.

Mr. Ward—You have no doubt in your mind that the person you saw with Hattie May on that occasion was Mrs. Fried?

The witness replied that he had no doubt on the point.

To Mr. Taylor—I went with May to Fried's house on Friday preceding the 5th, and May used language there that I would not use.

Mr. Ward—Had you a noisy time there?

Witness—Oh, yes; a very noisy time.

This concluded the evidence for the prosecution.

Mr. Taylor addressed the bench on behalf of his clients, arguing that the evidence adduced was not sufficient to warrant the court in returning the case for trial.

Mr. Ward replied that he had his mind made up as to what he would do in the case.

"If that be so," retorted Mr. Taylor, "there is no use my saying anything further," and with this remark he resumed his seat.

Attorney-General Davis, who had just entered the court, said he would not take up any time in replying to his learned friend, but would simply ask that the case be returned for trial. His worship was not trying the case—he was simply to hear the evidence, and, if a *prima facie* case was made out, to send it on to the Grand Jury.

Mr. Ward considered that he had sufficient evidence to warrant him in sending the case on for trial, and he would do so. He admitted the accused to bail on the same terms as before.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

Summary of Henry Clews & Co.'s New York Circular for the Week Ending September 12th Inst.

For the last few days, the Stock Market has been subjected to the test of realizing profits. The sellers have included many large and influential holders, and the "bears" also have made "short" sales. These transactions have been large enough to try the confidence of the market pretty sharply; but the result has shown that the disposition to buy about equals the disposition to sell. The condition of the market must be conceded to be strong and healthy. The speculative movement is backed by a revival of the long dormant investment demand for bonds and the better classes of shares. London, Boston, Chicago, Philadelphia and the minor cities participate in the renewed activity. It remains to be seen what may be the attitude of the important class of operators who have been realizing. Some of them conclude that they have been hasty and are buying in again; but a larger proportion are waiting, or, perhaps, using their influence to create a reaction. Unless some unforeseen inflating element appears, the present halting attitude of the market may be continued somewhat longer without any extreme changes in price. The status of the chief conditions that regulate values has improved quite as much as prices have advanced, and in every condition there has been a gain beyond what was expected six weeks or two months ago. The apprehensions about the supposed weakness of finances in Europe have been dissipated with a revival of speculation, especially in American securities. It is no longer expected that any attempt will be made by the British and Continental banks to interfere with the natural course of exchange. The outflow of currency to the interior turns out to be lighter than usual, and there is no certain prospect of special stringency and no difficulty in procuring time loans for Stock Exchange purposes.

The crop situation has almost passed the stage of possible adverse contingencies. The corn crop may be considered as virtually beyond reach of frost, and the late storms have caused but little discounting of the earlier good prospects. The reports of damage to spring wheat in the far West prove to have been exaggerated, and we may safely count upon a total yield of 575 millions of bushels, better than average quality. The reports of damage from worms to the cotton crop have been grossly magnified. Even supposing a loss of a quarter million of bales from this cause, it is more likely that it would increase the total value of the crop than diminish it. The general conditions of trade are encouraging. The feeling on all hands is hopeful for a good and prosperous season's business. In iron the firmer tone of prices indicates the beginning of a better demand. The increase in the current consumption of coal is clear evidence of a growing activity in our industries. The earnings of the railroads show a gaining rate of increase over those of last year. The uneasiness felt in some quarters in prospect of the demands upon the treasury for the redemption of the 4½ per cents is found to have been unfounded. The main conditions of the market are more favorable than had been expected, and must be regarded as laying the basis for a year of unusual, if not unprecedented, tonnage on our railroads, and for a prosperity which is likely to develop into an era of marked industrial and commercial activity. The prospects are plainly towards higher rates for money, for the next few months; in fact excessively easy money is about over until the middle of April. It is quite possible that at later stages the condition of the money market may force out "long" stocks and cause temporarily lower prices than those now prevailing. While regarding the situation as in the long run a good one, I deem it prudent at this juncture to maintain a conservative attitude, and to husband profits rather than put them into new purchases at present prices."

Tournament Gossip.

Wollcott's band will play at the parade and tournament.

The City Hall and Fire Halls will be decorated by the firemen.

The firemen will receive visitors at headquarters on Sunday and Monday.

The ladies of Victoria are requested to leave flowers at the fire halls on Saturday, the 26th.

Every fireman in the department will be in uniform during the parade and tournament.

Five hundred firemen will arrive on the steamer Kingston, on the 27th inst.

Nanaimo, Vancouver and Albany teams will arrive on the 26th.

The collecting committee have over $4,000 on hand. The prize money, $2,950, is ready for the association. For music the sum of $315 will be expended. Decorating and numerous other incidentals will require about $600.

At the agricultural grounds, the hose coupling contest, hub-and-hub race and chief's race will be extra, and will finish up the firemen's sports. These races will take place at the conclusion of the tournament on Yates street.

The firemen's ball at the Assembly hall is an assured success. The Queen City Social Club will assist the firemen. Mr. David Nolan will take charge of the supper room. His Worship the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen received invitations to attend.

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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

A Thousand Each.

E. R. Phelps and Turner Townsend, holders of shares 70 A and B, won the 51st appropriation of the Vancouver Island Building Society, drawn for last evening.

For Water Works Extension.

Ald. McKillican has posted a notice on the City Hall bulletin board, stating his intention of introducing a by-law, to be voted on by the ratepayers, for the purpose of raising money for water works' extension.

A Question of Salvage.

Collector Milne, yesterday, held an inquiry into the nature of the damages sustained by the steamer Lois, in her recent accident, this investigation being necessary in order to determine the amount of Salvage due to the Mascotte.

An Old Offender.

Serving an eight-day term for drunkenness, at the city lock-up, is a white-haired man who has counted the flight of more than eighty years. He still gets drunk regularly, and only very recently completed a three months' sentence, awarded for supplying liquor to Indians.

More Sealskins.

The steamer Mystery brought the catch of the Oscar and Hattie, amounting to 1,093 skins, from Clayoquot yesterday, the schooner remaining at Mr. J. L. Penney's station to load a cargo of oil. The Favorite's total for Behring's Sea is entered at the Custom House as 2,380—the second best of the season.

Stole the Silver Spoons.

Charles W. Monk, of No. 8 Humboldt street, reported to the police, last evening, that 13 silver knives, an equal number of silver forks, and six table spoons, also silver, had been stolen from his house during the day. A Chinaman, of the great Sing family, who left Mr. Monk's employment, yesterday, is suspected.

The Late John Kurtz.

All friends of the late John Kurtz, who wish to look at his well-remembered face, before it is forever hidden from their sight, may do so by calling at Pioneer Hall, Broad street, at any hour to-day, previous to the funeral. The cortege leaves Pioneer Hall at 2 o'clock, and Christ Church Cathedral half an hour later; the interment will be made in Ross Bay cemetery.

Charged With Highway Robbery.

John Morris and Alexander Carmichael, both well-known young men about town, were arrested, yesterday morning, by Officer R. H. Walker, and locked up, with a charge of highway robbery to answer. A sealer, just arrived in port, is said to have been the victim. The arrest was made upon a description given by a third party, who identified both prisoners last evening.

The Police Blotter.

The following cases were booked in yesterday's police court: Jacob Roberts, drunk, fined $5; Wm. Casey, drunk, fined $5, or, in default, eight days; Benjamin Butler, an Indian, drunk, fined $5; J. M. Elgin, charged with an infraction of the Park by-law, fined $10, given one week to pay the penalty; Lucy, an Indian woman, remanded on the charge of having an intoxicant in her possession, discharged; and Geo. Wright, on the same charge, also discharged.

Wants His Own Record.

Within the last few day there arrived in Victoria, Prof. Beaumont Morrice, L.L.B., F.S.A., barrister of the Inner Temple, London, who is endeavoring to obtain particulars of the registration of his birth. He is the son of Capt. Morrice, of the barque Harpooner, at one time in the service of the Hudson's Bay Company. He was born in 1849, on board ship, at the entrance to Victoria harbor, and so far has been unsuccessful in his search.

In Hard Luck.

Supt. of Police H. W. Sheppard is in hard luck. He was given a week's holidays a fortnight ago, and went to Nanaimo to become the guest of Chief O'Connell and his wife. On the 15th, little Rachael, the Victoria Chief's daughter, was taken sick, and the doctor pronouncing it scarlet fever quarantined the house. Mr. O'Connell left with his family for safer quarters, but Mrs. O'Connell remained with Supt. Sheppard to care for the little sufferer. The child is better now, and her father hopes to return with her in about a week.

Asleep in Death.

The funeral of the late Alexander Calder took place, yesterday afternoon, from his late residence, Cook street, and from Christ Church Cathedral. The remains, which were enclosed in a handsome coffin, retained a remarkably life-like appearance, making it hard to believe that the vital spark had departed. At the Cathedral, the appropriate services of the Anglican church were read in a most impressive manner by Rev. W. D. Barber, of Victoria West. The pall-bearers were Messrs. J. S. Yates, John Trutch, Simeon Duck, A. Turner, J. H. McLaughlin and John Graham.

Fire Notes.

The new chemical fire engine for Westminster will be tested next week.

The fire losses in the United States, from January to September of this year, amount to $78,593,000, at which rate the losses of the year will reach about $120,000,000.

The amount of losses by fires reported in the United States, during the week ending September 3, is $800,000.

The city firemen had only two still alarms this month, with no loss.

A new alarm box, No. 4, will be placed near the outer wharf, shortly.

"Fire and Water," published in New York, cites Victoria as the phenomenal city of North America. The loss of but three small buildings by fire in four years is the reason for the article which appeared in a late number of that journal.

A Policeman the Defendant.

Officer John Kenny was charged in the police court yesterday with having used threatening language toward Mr. Gilbert W. Clayton-East, acting clerk of the municipal council. Mr. J. P. Walls appeared for the prosecution, and the complainant gave evidence that Kenny had come to him for a search warrant and certain other police court documents which he was preparing. The officer asked for them gruffly, and was told that they were not then ready. He came again, and, when told that he would have to wait awhile, he said to Mr. Clayton-East that he had better hurry up, or he (Kenny) would "smash him" or "would walk around his collar." This the acting C. M. C. took as a serious threat and he asked that the officer be bound over to keep the peace. His honor remarked that for his own part he fully believed that Kenny meant no harm, but, as the prosecutor said he was afraid of him, he would bind Kenny to keep the peace for one month, himself in $100, and two sureties of $50 each.

Little Favorite.

A bonnie little girl baby was born on board the sealing schooner Favorite, yesterday afternoon, the mother being the wife of one of the Indian hunters. The mother was sitting up on deck half an hour after the occurrence.

On a Prospecting Trip.

Messrs. Walter Chapman and W. McGeary sailed, to-day, on the sloop Falcon on a general prospecting and exploration trip to the northern end of the Island and Queen Charlotte's Islands. They expect to be gone some time, probably a year.

James Bay Athletic Club.

There will be a meeting of the shareholders of the James Bay Athletic Club in the Board of Trade rooms, Bank of B.C. building, on Monday evening next, at 8 o'clock. It is particularly requested that all members be present as very important business will be transacted.

Off to Tacoma.

The members of the Canadian Order of Oddfellows, Manchester Unity, have varied the order of Saturday excursions, and will go with their friends to Tacoma instead of Seattle. The Olympian, bearing the excursionists, will leave early this morning, and every arrangement has been made for a good day.

To See Queenstown.

Steamer Thistle, Capt. Nichol, left, last night, for another trip around the Island. She has on board a party of prospectors and a number of prominent real estate men of this city and a couple of gentlemen from Seattle, who intend taking in Queenstown and a few other places at the northern point of the Island. The Thistle expects to be gone about five days.

Not an Auction Sale.

The conditions in connection with the Mount Tolmie Home Building Association sale are fully set forth in their prospectus and paper published. It is not intended to hold an auction sale, as many applicants for information have supposed, but on Monday morning, at 9 a.m., the sale begins, and the first buyer will have the opportunity of the first choice out of 600 lots.

Cruelty to Animals.

Two brutes, in human form, were endeavoring to break in a young horse on Fisgard street, near the Iron Church, last evening, by beating him most unmercifully. Had it not been that the electric light failed to show up, the gentleman, who interfered, would have been able to discern the faces of the offenders, and taken out a summons in the police court against them for cruelty to animals.

The Celestials' Home.

The Chinese mission, on Fisgard street, was crowded to its utmost capacity, last night, the attraction being a lecture, illustrated with magic lantern views, by Mr. Gardner, the local missionary. The views thrown on the canvas were chiefly Chinese, and appeared to afford great delight. A collection was taken up in aid of the library fund, it being the intention to establish a library in connection with the mission. The evening class, for religious and secular instruction, is fast producing the best results, and, with further help from without, much more can be done.

Policeman Assaulted.

As Officer Conlin was proceeding along St. Lawrence street, James Bay, at about half past ten, last night, he noticed two men helping themselves to fruit in an orchard. He went after them, when they jumped over to the street, where he made one arrest. Both of them turned on the policeman, whom they handled very roughly, the prisoner in the struggle managing to get free. Both are sailors of the barque Callao, and one of them, it is claimed, can be identified without difficulty. The officer was severely kicked and had his uniform torn. He had not as much as a baton with which to defend himself.

Farming at the Delta.

The prize list for the exhibition to be held at Ladner's Landing on the 22d inst. indicates considerable liberality on the part of the Delta Agricultural Society. It has 14 divisions in all. The different breeds of cattle will compete under five sections, there being in all 34 classes. There are 18 classes of horses, divided between draughts and roadsters. Sheep come under 14 classes, long wooled and short wooled. The large and small breeds of pigs have in all 10 classes; poultry, 16; dairy products, 6; vegetables, 18; field products, 33; miscellaneous, 15; fruit, 23; flowers, 22; ladies' work, 30; fine arts, 4; and specials, 10. All entries must be made before 7 o'clock on Monday night.

C. O. O. F., M. U.

Loyal Fernwood Lodge met, last night, in the Icelandic Hall, Fernwood Road, for the purpose of initiating candidates and installing officers. D. D. G. M. Wade, assisted by P.N.G. Fullerton and visiting brethren of Esquimalt, Waverly and Pride of the West Lodges, initiated eighteen members, making the Lodge now 77 strong. The officers elected are: Mr. Spofford, N.G.; Mr. Matthews, V.G.; A. R. Sherk, secretary; Mr. Stephenson, treasurer; Mr. Westcott, warden; Mr. Norgate, conductor; Mr. G. Snider, inside tyler; Mr. J. Barker, outside tyler. A number of enthusiastic speeches were made by the officers and visiting brethren, to the encouragement of all interested. All the P.N.G. of the sister lodges of the city were elected honorary life members of this lodge.

The Public Market.

In the course of a conversation with a COLONIST reporter, the other day, Professor Saunders, of Ottawa, referred to the establishment of a public market in Victoria. This, he said, would have the effect of removing the difficulty that the local farmers had, as they complained, in disposing of their small products. Three or four years ago, when he visited Saanich and the farming lands about Chemainus, he saw many instances in which useful and valuable products were allowed to go to waste. In answer to his inquiries, he was informed by the farmers that it did not pay them to hawk their stuff, there being no place in which to sell it. With a market, they could have no excuse of that sort, and, no doubt, in such event, they would see that the waste was done away with in their own interest. The citizens would then get their vegetables much fresher than at present. It would also place at the much more ready disposal of the citizens, fresh eggs, poultry and dairy products for which they could readily command their own prices.

Regina Ripples.

"I TOOK six bottles of Burdock Blood Bitters for liver complaint, headache and dull stupid feeling, but now I am entirely well and healthy, having also a good appetite which I did not have previously."—Mrs. T. Davis, Regina, N. W. T.

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

Annual Meeting of the Victoria Football Club—To-day's Boat Race.

The annual general meeting of the Victoria Football Club, (Rugby), was held in Robert Ward & Co's office, last evening, a large number of members attending. Mr. W. A. Ward was voted to the chair, and a resolution was duly introduced and passed asking Captain Clive P. Woolley to become President. Mr. W. A. Ward was chosen captain and Mr. W. Langley vice-captain. E. Miller was re-elected secretary-treasurer, and the following members were named as a managing committee: H. J. Martin, G. Wilson, R. E. Bilinghurst and Lindley Crease. The club decided to hold its annual tournament of athletic sports on October 24th. A team will be sent to Esquimalt, to-day, to play the first match of the season, with the fleet.

CRICKET.

At 1:30 o'clock this afternoon the Corrig college first eleven, weather permitting, are to meet the choir of the Christ church cathedral, an interesting and closely contested match being expected.

The secretary of the Corrig College Cricket Association is open for challenges for either their first or second team, to play any Wednesday or Saturday during the last three weeks of the cricket season.

THE OAR.

A race for the amateur single scull championship of Victoria, and the handsome silver trophy presented by Dr. J. D. Helmcken, will be rowed over the harbor course, this afternoon, the boats being sent away from the James Bay Athletic Association's club house at 3 o'clock. The rules and regulations compel the use of outrigged skiffs 20 feet and under. Mr. D. Sullivan will row in a 75 lb. boat, built by T. C. Jones; Mr. George Watson will use a 35 lb. skiff, made by Alex. Watson; while Mr. D. DesBrisay will ride Peterson's boat, built for his race with McLean by A. R. Rodgers, of San Francisco. Ald. Rencuf will act as referee and starter.

Hanlan and Alex McLean, of Westminster will probably make one or two races for moderate stakes next week. Hanlan offered McLean 30 seconds start on a straight course, three miles, or 22 seconds on a three mile course with turn, in the 32-foot shells for $100 a-side. McLean wants to row Hanlan in skiffs, even start, McLean to use his new boat, Hanlan to row in the skiff McLean used with Peterson.

The start for the professional single scull boat race, to come off on Thursday next, on the Fraser, will be from the Rowing Club's new boat house down to the main channel of the river with a turn. The buoys will be placed 100 feet apart, and a flag with the colors of each oarsman will be placed on his buoy. The following are the officially registered colors: Hanlan, blue, with white cap; O'Connor, white, with blue cap; Dutch, black, with blue and white cap; Stevenson, blue and white; gold stripe; blue and gold cap; McLean, black and white stripe, black and white cap; Murray declined to register his colors.

John Murray is willing to row any resident British Columbian oarsman for stakes from $250 to $500, but declines to make a race with any of the existing oarsmen now here.

NEW WESTMINSTER, Sept. 18.—Nothing is being talked about but the great race. The Canadians and Australians are training hard, and the struggle will be a great one. Dutch and O'Connor are the favorites for first place, the latter leading somewhat in the betting. McLean issued the following challenge to Hanlan, to-day, in response to the latter's challenge to provincial oarsmen:

"I will row Edward Hanlan a three mile race in skiffs for $100 a side, Hanlan to give me the inside course; the course to be the same as rowed over in the Peterson-McLean race.

"I will pull Hanlan a three mile race in fishing skiffs for $100 a side, he to give me the inside course, over the Peterson-McLean course.

"I will race Hanlan across the Fraser and back in best and best wash tubs for $100 a side.

"I will race Hanlan across the Fraser and back on the smallest log procurable for $100 a side.

"I will tow a scow with fishing skiff three miles, up or down stream, against Hanlan, for $100 a side.

"I will paddle Hanlan a three mile race in Indian canoe, for $500 a side.

"I will run Hanlan a sack race in best and best grain bags, from $100 to $500 a side.

"Date of races and conditions to be fixed within 24 hours, and deposits to be made for each event at the signing of articles. The whole stake money to be put up before the race.

"(Signed) ALEX. MCLEAN."

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