

## A PERSONAL CHATTEL

### Important Decision on Proposed Application of Assessment

Quartermaster Bichman of Steam  
ship Queen Washed Over-

Decisions have been given by Mr. S. Perry Mills, judge of the court of nisi prius.

assessment act or not. In the case of the K. M. T. & T. Co., which was assessed for three steamers—the Amur, Nahleer and Louise—Mr. Mills held that a ship

of the assessment act. The Amur, by a fiction of law, must be considered as property in London, Eng., where she is registered, and therefore is exempt from

however, is registered in Victoria, and her assessment, together with that of the company's office furniture, is fixed at \$20,000. Mr. Peters, Q. C., appeared for the company. It was agreed that

registered in Victoria, the steamers were in the N. W. T., and would never return to this place. Mr. Rattenbury appeared in person for the company.

Mr. Mills gave a decision similar to that in the Nahleen case, and the assessment was fixed at \$21,000. The company's stores in Cassiar had their assessment fixed at \$3,000. There was another

essed at \$25,000. They admitted personal property to the value of \$5,000, but in regard to the steamer Stikkeen Chief took the ground that the vessel had been wrecked and the \$35,000 in-

limits. Mr. Mills held that the money was not in the province, and, therefore, was not subject to the tax. The assessment was fixed at \$5,000. Mr. G. H. Barnard appeared for the company. Mr.

The court sits again on Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock.  
**QUARTERMASTER OVERBOARD.**  
 A San Francisco despatch of Tuesday

A San Francisco despatch of Tuesday says: "The steamship Queen arrived to-day from Seattle and way ports, after a very rough trip. High winds prevailed during the voyage, and on leav-

quartermaster, whose home is in San Francisco, was washed overboard. Every effort was made to save the young man, but it was not possible to locate him. After remaining near the

**MARINE NOTES.**  
Steamer Horsa, it is reported, has been sold by Messrs. Martin & Langley to a company on the Atlantic coast for

**THE 'FRISCO LINERS.**  
After a rough voyage from the Bay City the steamer Umatilla arrived at 6 o'clock yesterday morning delayed sev-

storms. She landed 18 passengers and 61 tons of freight before proceeding to the Sound. The Walla Walla in leaving for the South last evening carried the following among her passengers:

Morgan and wife, Miss Madigan, Mrs. F. Murray, Miss Eames, F. A. Spencer, R. Telfor, E. J. T. Woodward and P. T. Harrington.

The mustache first became common in the British army at the beginning of the present century.

A scientist, looking for microbes, says there are absolutely none on the Swiss mountains at an altitude of 2,000 feet.

ports that 70 per cent. of the women applying for work at the public employment bureau in St. Louis have deserted their husbands or been deserted by them. Probably no actor now on the stage

**FELLING THE GREAT TREES OF CALIFORNIA.**

plumb-line; if the top does not lean more than two feet in the case of a large tree, or more than four feet in the case of a small one, he considers that he can fall it in any direction he may desire. He then views the ground, and selects the most

usually extends about one-third through, and then the tree is sawed in from the back to meet it. When the two cuts are within six inches of meeting, the saw is removed, and the tree is wedged up until

Where the surface of the ground is such that it is necessary for the but and the top to strike the ground simultaneously, the stump is snubbed off at the undercut, which

slides to the ground. If the tree needs to be rolled off to one side, half the undercut is slanted, and a pile of chips is placed on the flat surface of the other half; the result never fails to manifest the efficacy of this

saw-cut thicker than the other, the tree may be drawn considerably away from its natural course.—Wm. Adams, in the *Engineering Magazine* for January.

Every tailor knows a lot of promising young men.  
Bellows are not boxers, yet they often come to blows.  
There is a great deal of cold comfort in

It may have been indigestion that made the whale give Jonah up.

Wise men are less charitable to their own faults than the faults of others.  
Sometimes marriage is a failure, and sometimes it is only a run on the bank.  
A wife should not expect her husband to

Monsignor Ignazio Effrem Rahmani, the new Syrian patriarch at Antioch, speaks and writes, it is said, 10 languages—namely, Arabic, Syriac, Turkish, Greek, Latin, Italian, French, English, German and Hebrew.