Weekly Colonist

FRIDAY, MARCH 30TH, 1888.

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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Palm Sunday.

To-day being Palm Sunday, the ceremony of blessing and distributing palm branches will take place at St. Andrew's pro-cathedral at 10:30, immediately preceding high mass.

Fine Sport.

Messrs. H. B. Cameron and John Dean who returned yesterday from a two days' fishing trip to Shawingan Lake, had good luck; the former caught 151 and the latter 40 fine trout with worm bait.

Not a Single Clearance.

Nanaimo *Free Press*: Since our last issue there has not been a single entrance or clearance of vessels at the custom house. The America is under the V. C. Co.'s shutes taking on coal and the ship Glory of the Seas under the Wellington shutes.

Coming West.

Winnipeg *Sun*: There were about twenty agents at the depot Sunday afternoon, and though 140 immigrants arrived, the obliging agents only found seven people to look after, the others having selected locations before starting out or being *en route* to British Columbia.

Port of Chemainus.

It is stated that Capt. J. W. Glaholme, the present commander of the steamer Princess Louise, has been given the command of the revenue steamer Sir James Douglas. If Capt. Glaholme proves the fortunate man, the service has secured a trustworthy officer.

The Southern Railway.

Mayor Dickinson of New Westminster has received the following telegram from Ottawa:

MAYOR DICKINSON,
Westminster:
I believe our Southern road is all right. Particulars in a few days.
DONALD CHISHOLM.

Outward Bound Passengers.

The following passengers sailed for San Francisco on the steamship Umatilla yesterday: Mrs. Hagenbuch and two children, S. C. Baker, Mrs. R. Butler, Mrs. H. E. Ward and two children, Miss M. Murphy, Mrs. M. E. Walters, Mrs. J. K. Blum and child, Wing Leong, W. P. Zwilling, Mrs. G. Siffail, W. B. Townsend, H. G. Walker, G. V. Story, Leong Denng, G. Davenport, Duncan Stuart and seven in the steerage.

The Water Supply.

Coun. Coughlan in moving the health of the "Officers of the Corporation," at Stevens', on Friday afternoon, did so in his own neat way. Mr. Russell, who was called upon to respond, felt that as this was a peculiarly *water* excursion it devolved upon Commissioner Summerfield to do so, which that gentleman did in a clear, succinct style, and judging by the tone of his remarks we may hope to have a good service soon.

The Mines.

Work has already commenced on the Tunnel Mountain mine, says the Calgary *Tribune*. "Hot Water Jimmy" moved down there on Saturday with a gang of men to begin work for the company. It is the intention to push matters ahead vigorously. The good people of that vicinity are agitating for a post office, and from a conversation we had on Saturday evening with Mr. Fletcher, the P. O. Inspector, we think their request will be granted at an early date.

Whither Bound?

On Thursday evening, says the Nanaimo *Free Press*, a small steamer entered this harbor from Victoria with Supt. Bloomfield, of the Victoria Police, on board. On being interviewed as to his mission he was mighty mum and serious. This gave ground to the surmise that the police had again found a hot scent of Tascott, the murderer of Snell in Chicago, with the alluring bait of $102,000 reward. Whether he is after Tascott or not, one thing is certain, he is bound further north, for the high northwest wind yesterday kept him in port all day.

B. C. Agricultural Society.

The directors met yesterday and passed the prize list, which differs in some essential respects from previous lists. The contract for publishing the list was awarded to Mr. G. A. Perrin. The president was instructed to take steps to recover the money paid J. G. Shepherd for the two lots of ground enclosed in the society's fence, which it has since transpired he had no right to dispose of, they having been dedicated for a public street. Mr. Shepherd, who is a resident of Dorsetshire, England, was many years ago manager of a bank here. The show will be held on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of the first week in October.

Rumored Appointment.

Mr. B. H. Smith, Collector of Customs for Nanaimo District, according to the *Free Press*, has received official information of the appointment of Mr. Henry Croft as acting preventive officer for the port of Chemainus, with power to enter and clear vessels and collect the sick mariner's dues. Chemainus has not been declared an output of Nanaimo as previously stated, therefore all dutiable goods will have to be entered and duty paid at Nanaimo as heretofore. The appointment of Mr. Croft does away with the necessity of masters going to Nanaimo to enter and clear their vessels. The great increase in the export trade of Chemainus saw mills has made this step necessary.

Received a Commission.

The following reference to the appointment of Lieut. Gaudet is taken from the Kingston, Ont., *Daily News* of the 17th instant: "Mr. F. Gaudet, who graduated from the R. M. C. last June, has been appointed to a lieutenantcy in "C" battery, British Columbia. The ex-cadet in graduating, stood second in his class and was entitled to any one of the four imperial commissions with the exception of the engineers, which was taken by B. S. M. Davis, but preferred a colonial commission. Since graduating he has been engaged on survey work. He was a good collegian, an excellent soldier and disciplinarian and a great favorite in the social set in which he moved while in Kingston."

Capt. White Seen.

On the arrival of the Premier yesterday, says the Seattle *Post-Intelligencer* a reporter fell in with one of the officers, who said: "Well, we have heard from Capt. White. While in Vancouver this trip I met a gentleman named George Whitehead, who had just arrived from the east, who claims to have occupied the same seat with Captain Frank White, late master of the Premier. He said; "Having occasion to go from St. Paul to Chicago, in company with Capt. White, I struck up the usual train acquaintance. I could see he was naturally companionable, but I noticed a very reserved air about him when the subject of conversation drifted toward himself personally. During our journey together I told him I contemplated coming west and mentioned Vancouver as one of my objective points. I inferred from his appearance that he was from the west, and I asked him about various places and particularly Vancouver. Capt. White said that he had been there once or twice, and that he had a slight acquaintance with some of the business people there. On our arrival at Chicago we spent the day together, and from there Capt. White bought a ticket for New York city. He was traveling alone."

The Behring's Sea.

The cutters Bear and Richard Rush, of the U. S. revenue marine, and the man-of-war Thetis, have received orders to cruise in Behring's Sea this summer to prevent private sealing. They will fit out at once and start for the north in the course of two or three weeks.

The Salvation Army.

The local organization seems to be falling into the sere and yellow leaf. The number of soldiers is constantly decreasing, the singing is execrable and the speaking worse. Either more interest and greater strength will have to be infused into the rank and file or the whole affair must tumble to pieces.

Two Chinese Dudes.

Says the Montreal *Witness*: Two Mongolians, from British Columbia, in charge of a customs house officer, excited some attention on the street yesterday. One of them had brand new light green pants, white stockings, brown overalls, and pigtail reaching to his heels. The other had blue pants, green blouse, and an equal length of pigtail. They were evidently "dudes." Both were in bond till they quitted Canadian soil.

Rifle Practice.

There was quite a large attendance at Clover Point range yesterday afternoon. As this is the first practice of the season the increased interest taken in shooting is very gratifying. Two or three good scores were made, but the majority confined their attention to securing big duck's eggs. It is the intention to have a rifle match on Good Friday between a team from "C" Battery and one from the Volunteers.

Militia Inspection.

Yesterday afternoon the Westminster Rifles and No. 1 battery of B.C. Artillery were inspected by Major Peters, of "C" battery, in the drill shed at New Westminster. After the men paraded, they marched out to the battery facing the crescent, where heavy gun practice was held, a target being placed on the opposite side of the river bank. The men then marched back to the drill shed, where they were addressed by the inspector. At 8 o'clock last evening the men again paraded, when they received their drill pay for the season.

I. O. O. F.

Victoria Lodge, No. 1, I.O.O.F., will meet to-morrow evening, when a notice of motion defining when and how benefits are to be paid will be taken up and discussed, and as much interest is manifested by the brethren on the subject of dues and benefits, a large number of the members are expected to take part in the debate. The question in nearly its present form was embodied in Grand Master Davies' report to the Grand Lodge at the beginning of the year, and was endorsed as an open question and recommended to subordinate lodges.

Ways and Means.

Mr. Higgins, junior member for Esquimalt, has been selected to act as chairman of ways and means, and commenced the discharge of the arduous duties yesterday.

It is stated that about $200,000 changed hands on the Peterson-O'Connor boat race at San Francisco last Sunday. It is believed O'Connor's backers and friends will take away over $85,000 profit. Joseph Rogers, the Canadian sport, is said to have cleared $7,000, while John O'Grady, who accompanied him here, won about $5,000. James Keenan, the Boston sport, is credited with winning $3,000.

The E. & N. Railway Celebration.

The committee who have charge of the celebration to be held on the occasion of the first passenger train entering the city, held a meeting in Mr. Henry Saunders' office yesterday. A decision was arrived at as to whom the committee should invite as guests, the proposed line of procession, and other details. A sub-committee was appointed to complete the programme and make the final arrangements, and another meeting will be held at Mr. Saunders' office to-morrow morning. It is understood the programme will include the decoration of the buildings in the neighborhood of the depot and along the route to be taken by the procession.

Novel Swindling Scheme.

An institution bearing the name of the "Selkirk Crystal and Mining Co., of Illecillewaet, B. C.," has been introducing a novel method of raising money at Winnipeg, a number of citizens having been taken in. The company's mode of operating is as follows: A box containing a quantity of ordinary crystals is addressed to some gentleman of known standing whose address has previously been obtained from a directory. The package is sent by express and marked "C. O. D.," the consignee being left to guess the contents and pay $10 in addition to the express charges. When the box is opened the receiver of course sees that he has been victimized, and in several cases the victims have quietly put up with the loss rather than confess to having been so easily taken in. The "company" recently extended its operations to Victoria, and tried the game with a well-known citizen who, however, declined to be victimized, and who, upon ascertaining the nature of the swindle, took prompt and effective steps to recover his money.

Cricket.

Sides were chosen at Beacon Hill yesterday, and the opening game of the season was marked by a score slightly larger than any obtained last year. Sinclair's batting was the feature of the innings, and his ninety-two, made without any previous practice, was a very fine performance. Beyond a possible chance of stumping and one rather risky stroke, his batting was safe and sure, and he hit a six, two fives and five fours. Martin's freely-hit not out innings included four fours, and the minor contributions of Ward and Campbell were also creditable. Of the bowlers, Capt. Benson took two wickets for sixteen runs, Fennelly three for thirty-six, Schwengler two for thirty-three. Time permitted of only a few of Mr. Wilson's eleven getting an innings, but three of their wickets fell to Goepel for only two runs. There is every probability that less difficulty will be found than has heretofore been the case in securing players for a regular succession of weekly matches, and yesterday's game was a very satisfactory beginning.

MR. SINCLAIR'S ELEVEN.

J. W. Sinclair c. Ogilvie b. Schwengler	92
P. D. Goepel st. Wilson b. Fennelly	0
E. A. Wylde b. Fennelly	2
W. A. Ward c. Doig b. Benson	14
H. M. Hett b. Benson	5
W. E. Hyndeman b. Doig	0
H. J. Campbell b. Fennelly	14
H. L. Martin, not out	37
W. Swinnerton c. and b. Schwengler	0
J. Wray, c. Fennelly b. Ogilvie	6
C. A. Goffin absent	0
Extras	10
Total	180

MR. WILSON'S ELEVEN.

D. Doig b. Goepel	4
C. Schwengler b. Goepel	0
P. Grant not out	0
J. Fennelly b. Goepel	0
Extras	5
Total	9

Capt. Benson, Lieut. Ogilvie, G. M. Wilson, Walby, Webber, McKenzie and Proctor did not bat.

New Business Premises.

A large 4-storey brick block will be put up on the north-east corner of Johnson and Government streets for Prior & Co.'s hardware and agriculture business, the Transfer Co.'s lease of the lot having expired.

Accident at the Station.

Between 9 and 10 o'clock yesterday morning a lad named Harry Maynard, aged about six years, fell through the trestle work at the approach to the swing bridge, a distance of about twenty feet. The boy in his fall struck a large piece of timber, and was rendered unconscious. He was carefully lifted up and placed in an express wagon and driven to the police barracks, where he regained consciousness. An examination showed that no bones were broken and that the lad's injuries were not serious.

Sudden Death.

Word has been received at New Westminster that Mrs. Loggie, *nee* Miss Davidson, who was formerly principal of the girls' department of the public schools of that city, died suddenly on Friday morning at her home in Empire City, W. T. Mrs. Loggie was a sister of Miss Davidson, who is at present on the teaching staff of the public school. The deceased was well known in this city, and highly esteemed by all who knew her. She is a native of Chatham, N. B.

Incoming Passengers.

The following Victoria passengers are on board the Mexico, which sailed from San Francisco yesterday morning: Miss Young, Mrs. J. D. Palmer, J. G. Robinson, Mrs. Robinson, daughter and two children, Mrs. W. J. Guest, G. Wessells, G. Cairo, R. Grame, W. C. Deales and wife, B. Levy, B. J. Murphy and wife, C. Chapelle and wife, Miss Lowens, Mrs. Douglas, S. P. Phillips, P. A. Jenns, Mrs. A. Phillips, Miss C. Phillips, F. McLennan, Miss F. Hartman, W. Sehl, Mr. Farrer, J. W. Savannah, D. A. Phillips, Mrs. J. J. Sehl, W. Herring, W. B. Benchley, R. Beauchamp, J. Murray, F. J. Mayhew, P. N. Fowler, Mrs. M. Smith, J. Lindsay, C. Parker, Mrs. A. Thorn, Lee Bow.

Rock Creek.

A letter received from Rock Creek yesterday states that work is being proceeded with on the various claims with good results. The sale of the half interest in the "Cariboo" claim is confirmed, the price being $50,000. This claim adjoins the Emma and Alice Consolidated. The 200 foot tunnel on the Cariboo claim is now in about 140 feet and crosses a small vein of about 2½ feet in width. The prospects for the coming season are very bright. A ten stamp mill and concentrator are now on their way to the camp and will be erected in May. The miners are hopeful that the government may be able to construct the necessary wagon road, as this is absolutely necessary for the proper development of the various interests in that important district.

The Sudden Death Club.

We are told that club life in New York city is growing so broad that it is embracing nearly every scheme, purpose and caprice of man. The newest organized candidate for public favor has the cheerful title of the "Sudden Death Club." It is open only to those who are afflicted with heart disease or some other disorder that is likely to end life without much warning. The club, of course, has no constitution. One of its by-laws, however, forbids any member to carry upon his person letters or papers that can compromise the peace or happiness of others. Another requires him always to carry about with him a paper or card containing his address and directions as to the disposition of his body. The club will have a dinner every year. The inaugural banquet will take place shortly, and if all the present membership should be on hand on that occasion there will be just thirteen at the table.

Water and Its Impurities.

Dr. Milne delivered another of his interesting and instructive lectures to the pupils of the public schools yesterday, taking for his subject, "Water and its Impurities." The lecturer stated that water has the power of absorbing a variety of solid and gaseous matter, and these impurities may be classed as mineral, gaseous and organic. Ice water, though not absolutely free from contamination, is one of the purest, that is if the water is pure from which ice has been formed. Snow water will also be found pure, though to a less extent, as snow is more liable to absorb impurities. The doctor also referred to the danger of drinking hard water as being liable to cause certain diseases, and marsh water, or water polluted by drainage from graveyards is especially dangerous as likely to cause typhoid and other fevers. Sudden outbreaks of fever have been traced to the use of impure water, and when a number of persons take ill at the same time the examination of the drinking water should be the first duty. From beginning to end the lecturer was attentively listened to and the doctor deserves the thanks of teachers as well as children for the able manner in which he handled the subject.

PERSONAL.

Jacob Sehl returned from Vancouver yesterday morning.

W. B. Townsend, of New Westminster, left for San Francisco by the Umatilla yesterday.

Mrs. J. X. Blum and Mrs. J. W. Meldrum, were among the passengers for San Francisco yesterday.

J. Bryden, manager of the Wellington mines, spent yesterday in the city and will return this morning.

W. B. Wilson, one of Vancouver's prospective millionaire's, arrived down on the Princess Louise last evening.

G. Robertson, A. C. Flummerfelt and J. M. Spinks were amongst the arrivals by the Louise last night.

A. Heathorn, who has been spending a couple of weeks at Harrison hot springs, returned last night much improved in health.

C. W. Brewar and wife, who have been spending some time at Harrison hot springs, left for the east on Friday. Mr. Brewar is the business representative of Chas. Scribners Sons, New York.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria,
When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria,
When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria,
When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

About $3,000 of a provincial tax was collected in Vancouver last year.

It is rumored that a physician in New Westminster will be sued for libelling another physician. The amount claimed is $10,000.

Two seamen belonging to the bark Siren were before Judge Harrison in the provincial court yesterday charged with refusing duty.

The postal wires went down early last night and in consequence, much to our regret, we are without our usual lengthy despatches this morning.

Arrangements have already been made for spending Good Friday as a holiday. A rifle match and two base ball matches, in all of which "C" Battery will participate, being part of the programme.

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The Dry Dock.

Mr. John Kennedy of this city has been appointed to a position in the engineers' department at the Esquimalt dry dock. A good selection.

Launch.

The steamer Cariboo Fly having received a thorough overhauling and repairing, will be launched from Cook's ways at nine o'clock this morning.

Fast Steamer.

A Puget Sound transportation company are about to build a steamer which will make the round trip between Tacoma and Port Townsend once a day, and stopping at way ports both ways.

Clean Bill of Health.

Dr. Wm. Jackson, the health officer, boarded the Mexico upon her arrival last evening, and reported a clean bill of health; also, that the smallpox had ceased at San Francisco, the last patient being convalescent.

Mining.

Miners are upon the move, some pushing toward Rock creek, others to Mission creek and many are going into Cherry creek. This season is likely to cause a good deal of development, with, of course, varied success. Fond hopes are entertained that good results will follow honest labor and efforts.

Funeral Services.

The funeral of Sarah Cassie, only daughter of Rev. John and Lizzie Chisholm, who died on Monday last at Kamloops after a few days' illness from congestion of the lungs, took place on Wednesday, and was attended by a large number of friends and acquaintances of the bereaved parents.

He Is Married Again.

It is rumored on what purports to be good authority that a well-known individual who some time ago sought and obtained a divorce from his wife in this city, has again entered the married state, the bride this time being a girl of some 14 years of age.

Saved His Bacon.

Yesterday afternoon a Chinaman was observed on Wharf street to coolly pick and walk off with a bag of bacon from a heap lying in front of a wholesale house. A cry was raised by some on-lookers, when John started off on a run, but had not proceeded far when he was tripped up by a drayman and handed over to the police, the bacon being restored to its lawful owner.

City Postal Delivery.

It is to be hoped no time will be lost in completing the work of naming the streets and numbering the houses, as the letter carriers will be appointed immediately. The number of carriers to be allowed this city will be four, with a superintendent, and there are already over fifty applications for the positions. It is expected there will be two deliveries daily—morning and evening.

Accident at the Depot.

Yesterday morning about 9:30 o'clock a man named William Atkins sustained a severe fall at the depot of the E. & N. railway. He was standing on a ladder engaged in nailing a joist, when a swinging beam struck him on the head, knocking him off the ladder into the ravine beneath. He fell across a scantling, and it is feared injured his spine. Medical assistance was obtained and the unfortunate man carefully placed in a vehicle and conveyed to his residence at Rock bay.

Arrival of the Boscowitz.

Steamer Barbara Boscowitz arrived from the Naas and Skeena rivers and way ports about 12 o'clock last night with several passengers, amongst whom were Messrs. Washburn, Brown, Winston, Dempster, Robertson, Rev. C. B. Nash, M. H. Cowan and W. Ralph. The northern canneries are all at present engaged in making cans in readiness for the summer catch. Since the previous visit of the Boscowitz to the north, five Indians were drowned off Point Lambert at the mouth of the Skeena by the upsetting of a canoe.

Supper at Yale.

A supper was held on the 16th March at the Station Hotel, to wish God speed to Mr. C. Gill, manager for the H. B. Co., who has since departed for other fields of labor. A first-rate spread was served by the host, Mr. W. J. Taylor. After the usual loyal toasts by the chairman, Mr. McKay, an old H. B. Co.'s officer, Mr. Taylor proposed the health of "Our Guest," which was responded to with the usual musical honors. After spending a pleasant evening in speech, songs and recitations the party broke up, but not till St. Patrick's Day was an hour old.

Fire Alarm.

Yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock the fire bells rang out an alarm, and the continued ringing of the bells after the engines had turned out led the public to believe that a large fire was in progress. The alarm, however, was merely caused by sparks igniting the roof of Mr. Geo. Beckwith's residence, James Bay, the flames being extinguished with but slight damage. It was ascertained that the continued and unnecessary ringing of the bells was the work of boys who had free access to the engine house, and doubtless imagined that in raising such an alarm they were benefiting the public as well as amusing themselves.

Another Cannery.

The *Columbian* learns that Messrs. J. H. Todd & Son, of Victoria, have completed the purchase from Mr. E. Girard, of five acres of land just below and adjoining the wharf at Lulu Landing, south arm of the Fraser. The land has been purchased by Messrs. Todd for the purpose of erecting on it a large and first class salmon cannery, which will be provided with the most approved machinery throughout to make it second to none on the Fraser river in all its appointments. In consequence of the increasing demand for their "Horseshoe" brand of canned salmon, these gentlemen are unable to fill all orders at their present cannery, the Richmond, on the North Arm, and are in consequence prompted to the erection of this new cannery on the South Arm.

Blue Ribbon Social.

Saturday evening the Blue Ribbon Club held a tea meeting and social entertainment in Temperance Hall. After the tables were cleared away a most enjoyable programme was carried out, Mr. N. Shakespeare occupying the chair. The entertainment opened with a selection by the band, under Mr. Agius' leadership. The chairman spoke on the progress temperance was making in this province. Capt. Dyer delivered a short address. Mr. John Stewart recited "The Old Fellow's Defense Before the Senate." Master North played a fine cornet solo, which received an *encore*. Sergt. Hyndman favored the audience with one of his excellent solos. Master Garland recited a nice little piece, entitled "The Temperance Pledge." The band played a new schottische composed by Prof. Agius. Mr. A. J. McLellan spoke on the advantages derived by leading a temperance life. Miss North, one of Prof. Sharpe's pupils, played a piano solo, which received thunders of applause. "The Soldier's Widow" was recited by Mr. J. B. Kerr. A clarionet solo by Prof. Agius earned for that gentleman a well deserved *encore*. Prof. Sharpe played "The Mocking Bird" with variations in a most artistic manner. The meeting closed with "God Save the Queen."

The Mails.

No mails east of Winnipeg arrived on Sunday evening, and last night there was only a local mail, all trains having been cancelled. The reason, as usual, is not stated.

Interior Weather.

The snow at Okanagon is nearly gone, and welcome rains have caused the grass to start up. Most of the stockmen have turned out upon the ranges the greater number of their stock. Plenty of fodder is left over this season.

No Quorum.

The city council proposed to meet last evening to pass the consolidated by-laws; but the work being of too dry and uninteresting a nature to induce the councillors to attend, the meeting was postponed for want of a quorum.

Rabbit Migration.

From Idaho it is reported that millions of jack rabbits migrated from Oregon to that territory during the recent cold spell in the far Northwest. They crossed the frozen waters of the Snake river in hoards, and presented a wonderful spectacle to the people who saw them.

Interesting Lectures.

Rev. Father McGuckin, O. M. I., of New Westminster, has consented to deliver two lectures at Philharmonic Hall on the evenings of Wednesday and Thursday, the 4th and 5th of April, in aid of the St. Joseph Social and Literary Society. The lectures will embrace an account of the reverend gentleman's recent visit to Europe, and the various places of interest in the old world, including Rome, Lourdes, Lorretto and Ireland.

Printers' Boat Race.

The printers of this city are arranging for a four-oared boat race to be rowed on Good Friday, in which crews from the Government Office, the *Times* and The Colonist will participate. As several of the typos are aedpts at the oars, a most exciting and interesting race may be looked for, especially as the struggle will be for "blood." In the last printers' boat race which was rowed here, The Colonist crew were the winners, and the boys of this office are confident of maintaining the championship in the coming contest.

Coal Discovery.

Another coal discovery is reported at Kamloops, the location being about four miles south-west of that town, in a gulch near the house of Mr. James Guerin, whose son, Mr. E. L. Guerin, found the location some two weeks ago. The vein has been traced for half a mile, cropping out in different places, dipping to the north-east. It is of soft coal variety, encased in soapstone and gray sandstone. Application has been made by Messrs. J. T. Edwards and J. Guerin to the Dominion and Provincial governments for a permit to prospect for coal within 480 acres.

The Seabird Mystery.

It is said that one of the three Indians—the youngest—awaiting trial in the provincial gaol on a charge of being concerned in the Seabird murder, will never live to stand his trial, as he is slowly but surely fretting himself to death over the awful crime with which he stands charged. It is also stated that the unfortunate man is fully aware of his approaching death, and hails it with joy as a release from all his troubles. In anticipation of death he has made a confession of several facts in connection with the murder, which it is reported places the whole details of the crime in a clearer light than any of the evidence previously obtained.

Death of Midshipman Dudman.

The following obituary is copied from the Panama *Star and Herald*: The British ironclad Triumph arrived at Panama on the evening of February 16th from the North Pacific. On the 17th of February, Midshipman Cecil E. Dudman died on board from tetenus, which resulted from fracturing his leg. The funeral of the young officer took place at the Foreign Cemetery in Panama. The body was brought on shore and an armed escort (permission to land being freely granted by the authorities) accompanied the body to the grave, where it was interred with the customary honors.

Thursday's Celebration.

The celebration committee held another meeting in Mr. Henry Saunders' office yesterday morning, when further details in connection with Thursday's demonstration were arranged. The supervision of the decorations was left in the hands of Mr. Chas. Hayward, and it was decided to invite "C" Battery, the volunteers, societies, firemen, etc., to join in the procession, which will start from the city hall about noon. The train (the first regular passenger to cross the new bridge) will enter the depot at exactly 1:40 p. m., and the programme of the celebration will include the presentation of an address to the president of the road, Hon. R. Dunsmuir, and a citizens' banquet at the Driard in the evening.

Gas Explosion.

As Anthracite despatch of the 22nd inst. says: An explosion of gas occurred this morning about 9 o'clock in the 300 foot shaft. A man named Joseph Moore had descended the shaft about 75 feet when his lamp ignited the gas overhead, causing an explosion. The man's face and hands were badly burned, but fortunately he retained sufficient presence of mind to grasp the steel rope and, though badly burned, to pull himself to the gangway. Another man who had first entered the shaft escaped with his hair being signed. Fortunately there was nobody at the foot of the shaft for nobody would have come out alive. Accidents in the mine have been very frequent of late, and though some are unavoidable, the greater number are the result of carelessness on the part of the miners. Many inexperienced men hire as miners and through their lack of knowledge of the *savoir faire* endanger the lives of many. Gas is always to be found in a mine, but it floats above the surface, and an experienced miner alwas knows how to hold his lamp low, but in this case, though there was much gas at the time, the man carried his lamp on his cap in the manner peculiar to miners.

Coal at San Francisco.

Coal shows no change from last week. Foreign grades continue scarce, while coast coals for house use are in sufficient supply without being abundant. Prices show no change. A local authority says of foreign grades: "The local scarcity continues, and dealers are lending to each other sufficient to keep old contracts filled. The yards are all empty, hence quotations of last week are fully maintained for all coal here and to arrive for the next three months. Jobbers who were free buyers of English and Australian several months ago at from $4 to $5 per ton less than said cargoes are being freely sold at on arrival here now, are reaping a rich harvest. Dealers are not purchasing foreign grades for later loading as liberally as they did last month, fearing the increased output promised in the near future from the British Columbia and Seattle mines. A marked increase is assured, but not sufficient to materially influence prices during the year 1888. Colliery-owners are not so philanthropically inclined as to sell their products at less than they can safely offer them, and figures clearly demonstrate that the demand and consumption for the entire year will so nearly balance that prices must be sustained for several months to come at least.—San Francisco *Call*.

Arcade Millinery Opening.

The ladies of Victoria are invited to inspect on Wednesday next, March 28th, the novelties in French millinery and mantles selected by Miss Lazenby when in New York.

The Miller and Dring Murder.

Supt. Bloomfield and Deputy Sheriff Langley returned on Sunday evening by the Nanaimo train. The officers had been as far north as Osborne Bay in quest of further evidence against the Indian Quamlet, now awaiting trial for the murder of Miller and Dring at Cowichan.

Important Visitors.

Says the *Inland Sentinel*: Two gentlemen of large property from England, who intend making investments in this country, are about to visit this part of British Columbia. They are friends of Canon Cooper's and will accompany him on his mission tour through Okanagon, Penticton, Osoyoos, Nicola, etc., visiting Rock Creek to inspect the mines at that important camp. They will arrive at Donald on Thursday next, and after spending a few days in the mountains come on to Kamloops before starting on their long tour.

Preaching on Heaven.

Rev. Mr. Wadman preached to a large audience on Sunday evening in the Pandora street Methodist church on "the grand route to Heaven." He described the scenery on the way, the advantages of the line, the excellent eating stations at all points, the good fellows encountered in the palace cars, and at the "terminal city" where the grand central depot is situated. He told of the glories of the fair land which was the objective point of the pleasure trip. He advised all present to purchase through tickets by this road *only* if they wished to arrive in safety at their journey's end. A newspaper man in the congregation objected to squandering his hard-earned wealth on the ground that he held a perpetual pass.

Death of An Old Pioneer.

Death has made another gap in the ranks of the pioneers of this province, this time in the person of Thomas N. Innes, one of Victoria's oldest and best known citizens, who passed away about 5:30 o'clock last evening at the French Hospital, after a short illness. Deceased was a native of the Orkney Islands, and was aged 75 years. He came to Victoria on board the brig Vancouver in the year 1853, and has witnessed the growth of the city from a few log huts to its present dimensions. He had ever a kind word for young and old alike, and "Tommy's" familiar figure will not soon be forgotten on the streets of Victoria. He was an honored member of the B. C. Pioneer Society and of the St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society, under whose auspices the funeral will be conducted.

MARINE.

Steamer Boscowitz arrived from the north last night.

Steamer Muriel left for Alberni last evening with a full complement of freight.

Steamship Idaho sails for Alaska at six o'clock this morning with about fifty passengers and a large quantity of freight.

Ten British vessels are now at Portland having wheat charters. The following British vessels are there disengaged: Millendale, Kinfauns, Rohilla, Martha Fisher and Derby Park.

Steamship Mexico did not arrive from San Francisco until six o'clock last evening, the detention being caused by heavy seas and head winds which prevailed since the vessel left San Francisco.

[BY TELEGRAPH].

VANCOUVER, March 24.—Steamship Batavia arrived at Vancouver yesterday morning from Yokohama. She left Yokohama on March 10; had a fair passage and brings fourteen passengers, twenty-four Chinese and Japanese; she carried a cargo of 1,480 tons, consisting of silk, opium and general merchandise.

PERSONAL.

J. A. and Mrs. Sayward arrived on the Alaskan yesterday.

Major Peters and Capt. Jones returned last evening from New Westminster.

H. E. Levy, J. R. Tait and H. L. Gulline were passengers from the Sound yesterday by the Alaskan.

H. E. Beasley and J. E. Griffiths of the C. P. R., at Donald, are in the city, stopping at Roccabella.

Amongst the passengers from Vancouver on Sunday night were D. E. Brown, Wm. Dalby and B. Van Volkenburgh.

M. H. Cowan arrived from the north last night by the Boscowitz. He made the return trip in ten days—pretty good time.

Rev. Mr. Starr arrived from New Westminster last night where he preached on Sunday much to the delight of the people of the Royal city.

W. N. Bole, M. P. P., H. V. Edmonds, C. E. Windsor, F. B. Pemberton and W. H. Higgins were passengers by the Yosemite from the mainland last night.

W. R. Higgins, who has been confined to his room for several weeks by a severe attack of sciatica, was able to spend a few hours in town yesterday.

The death is announced of Harry Osborne, the well-known comedian, at Los Angeles, on the 10th inst., of asthma. Deceased was buried by members of the profession with whom he was always a favorite.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

There was a scrimmage on the outer wharf yesterday between two well-known Jehus. A pair of black eyes was the consequence.

Postmaster Shakespeare is constructing a handsome two-story residence on Hillside avenue. He hopes to have it ready for occupancy by June 1st.

A number of telegraph and electric light poles are being erected on the principal streets. They are unsightly in appearance and should be painted.

A party of about a dozen made an excursion on the steamer Saturna on Sunday to Crescent Bay and Port Angeles, returning about sunset, after a delightful trip.

In the police court yesterday the cases of H. L. Salmon, charged with an infraction of the building by-law, and John Begg, charged with a breach of the inland revenue law, were postponed for one day.

A young man giving the name of Gordon Lee has succeeded in passing bogus checks on unsuspecting business men of Portland, and is believed to be the same fellow who practiced a similar game in this city.

During the usual bustle and confusion which always occurs on the streets when the fire bells ring, Joe Perry's horses became excited yesterday afternoon and in their struggles got their legs entangled in the traces. By good management, however, no damage occurred.

A Postmaster's Opinion.

"I have great pleasure in certifying to the usefulness of Hagyard's Yellow Oil," writes D. Kavanagh, Postmaster of Umfraville, Ont. "Having used it for soreness of the throat, colds, burns, etc, I find nothing equal to it." to-th-sat-dw

CABLE NEWS.

The Budget Submitted to the House by Mr. Goschen, Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Great Sensation Caused by Novel Features Introduced—The Galleries Crowded.

William O'Brien Attempts to Hold a Proclaimed Meeting—Police Charge the Crowd.

The Chancellor's Budget.

LONDON, March 26.—The budget which was submitted to the House of Commons by Mr. Goschen, chancellor of the exchequer, this evening, possesses more novel features and creates a greater sensation than any similar presentation for many years. In expectation of something of this character thousands of persons tried to gain admission to the galleries long before the speaker took his seat, but the space allotted to strangers was already crowded to its full capcity. Minister Phelps and several prominent Americans were present. The budget separates imperial from local taxation, but the result of a division is not yet made clear. New taxes are imposed upon all street vehicles except those used in pursuit of husbandry and hack coaches. Taxes on the latter named vehicles is, however, changed to end of lessening the rate of taxation. Pleasure and racing horses, horse dealers, choice wines and champagnes are included in the list of increases. The budget also remits a penny of its own tax to remove all taxes from street hawkers, and lowers the rate of taxation upon land yielding profitless husbandry. The revenue of the Suez canal shares is to be devoted to the construction of new fortifications. The increased penalty imposed upon brokers, contracts, and new companies will be certain to cause a disturbance in financial circles, while it is doubtful whether a remittance of taxes hitherto paid by street hawkers, which was designed to catch proletarial will result as favorably to the government's total vote at the next election as the ministry are led to hope. The proposal to tax champagne five shillings a dozen was kept very quiet and only leaked out this afternoon through the misplaced confidence of the ministry in one of the garrulous members.

Parliamentary Notes.

In the house of commons this evening Goschen introduced his budget, which shows the total expenditure for the fiscal year, 1887-88, to have been £87,427,000, £423,000 less than the estimate and £612,000 less than the expenditure for the preceding year. The total revenue is £89,589,000, an increase over the estimate of £1,454,000. Tobacco customs is reduced £595,000, but the actual consumption is increased under the rearrangement of duties. The decline in the revenue from spirits is arrested for the first time in many years; the total increase of the revenue from spirits is £300,000, and from stamps and succession duties £1,120,000 over last year. The budget is held to furnish abundant proof of general prosperity and revival of trade.

Of the income tax Goschen said he could not speak with satisfaction since the revenue from that source had been the lowest of any year since 1871. The excess of revenue and saving in expenditure has given a surplus of £2,165,000, the greatest since 1874. The year had begun with a balance in hand of £595,000 and ended with a balance of £7,438,000, the national debt had decreased £7,601,000, the largest shrinkage since 1872. For the coming year the expenditure would be £86,910,000 and the revenue £89,287,000. In order to obtain a surplus to enable the remission of a penny from the income tax it was proposed to institute various minor taxes including one shilling per cent. on transfers of certain fugitive stocks, six pence on contract notes, £1 on each pleasure horse, £5 on a race horse, £1 per £100 on capital of new companies and five shillings per dozen on bottled wines. Referring to the measure to fortify ports and coaling stations, Goschen said, it was intended to utilize the revenue from the Suez Canal shares, £570,000 per annum, using thereon a loan of £23,000,000, which would meet the expenses without the slightest burden being imposed upon the taxpayers. Mr. Goschen spoke for four hours and was highly complimented by Mr. Childers upon the lucid manner in which he had presented the statement.

Mr. Goschen asked the house to pass resolutions immediately reducing the income tax and increasing the duty on wine.

Mr. Harcourt concurred in the proposed increase on wine, and which he thought ought to be passed at once, but could not agree to the income tax proposal which involved other taxes.

Replying to Nolan, Goschen said: The government is most sincerely desirous that Ireland should share facility in reductions of taxation proposed and was ready, he said, to discuss the question with Mr. Nolan with a view to readjusting charges to that end, if necessary. He admitted, in reply to other criticisms, that the budget did not rival the great budgets of Gladstone, but thought it impossible at this time to further simplify taxation and reduce the duties on exports and thought some of the latter, notably tobacco, were too high.

A resolution increasing the tax on wine was passed.

Balfour asked the house to sanction a bill appointing assessors to assist the judges of Irish land courts.

A Place in History.

The *Times* says: Goschen's speech will take its place in the history of the country beside the famous statements of Peel and Gladstone. Goschen exhibited a perfect mastery of the details of a very difficult question, the reception of which is very hopeful.

Withdrawal Advised.

Jos. Chamberlain will preside at a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Radical Union, at Birmingham, on April 4th, and it is well understood that he will advise the Unionists to withdraw in a body from the Liberal association and form an organization of their own. This step is resolved upon in view of overwhelming evidence given at a recent meeting of the Birmingham Liberal association that Gladstone dominates.

A Large Deficit.

The Indian budget estimates for the fiscal year, 1887-8, show a deficit of £2,448,000 exclusive of £569,000 spent for special defences. The deficit has been chiefly caused by the conversion of stock, fall of rates of the exchange and the extraordinary military expenses in Burmah.

Another Letter From Blunt.

Mr. Blunt has written another letter to show that serious obstacles were placed in the way of his giving a correct version of his conversation with Irish Secretary Balfour while he was confined in Tullamore jail. Blunt says he supposes the obstacles were instigated by Balfour himself.

Struck by an Ironclad.

A French ironclad firing its gun near Villa Franca to-day struck an Italian steamer, inflicting considerable damage. The French officers claim the Italian vessel was accidently hit during gunnery practice. An inquiry will doubtless be instituted.

Polls a Big Vote.

In the election at Laon to-day Boulanger received 45,089 votes; Dourner 26,806, and Jacquemart 24,670. Another ballot will be necessary.

Forces Retiring.

The French forces have evacuated New Hebrides.

Attempt to Hold a Meeting.

CORK, March 26.—Wm. O'Brien addressed the tenants of the Ponsonby estates at Youghal early Sunday morning and attempted to organize a meeting which the government by proclamation had forbidden to be held, subsequently he mounted a car and began to speak to the assembled crowd, but the police dragged him down and charged upon the people with batons. A serious melee ensued, during which several were wounded on both sides. It is alleged many of the police were stabbed. Captain Plunkett, in charge of the police, was thrown down and severely beaten and cut about the head. O'Brien escaped to the house of a priest and the latter harangued a crowd in the stable. Police and military patrolled the streets all night.

The Weather Unfavorable.

BERLIN, March 26.—The *North German Gazette* says Emperor Frederick's sleep was much broken last night by fits of coughing. The physicians are anxiously awaiting milder weather, the Emperor greatly needing such air, which the inclement weather prevents him from enjoying.

The Late Emperor's Will.

Emperor William left a personal fortune of $12,500,000. The will bequeaths a large portion of this sum toward an increase of the crown treasure, and the bulk of the remainder is divided between Empress Augusta, Emperor Frederick and the Grand Duchess of Baden.

The Panama Canal.

PARIS, March 26.—M. DeLesseps has written to the financial correspondents of the Panama Canal company, that subscriptions amounting to 50,000,000 francs have been received. This he regarded as being satisfactory, but authorizes the correspondents to continue to receive subscriptions.

Voting Papers Seized.

The police have seized a number of voting papers issued on behalf of General Boulanger at Marseilles, on the ground that they did not bear the name of the printer. Deputy Laquerre will interpolate the government in regard to the seizure.

Boulanger's Trial.

The examination of General Boulanger by a council of army officers took place to-day. General Boulanger's defence consumed only ten minutes. The court gave judgment, the nature of which is as yet unknown, but it is reported to be against the general. The cabinet will discuss the matter to-morrow.

Inundation and Starvation.

VIENNA, March 26.—Thousands of persons are dying from starvation in the inundated districts of Hungary.

Ordered to Attack.

MASSOWAH, March 26.—King John has ordered three columns of Abyssinians confronting the Italians to begin a simultaneous attack upon the Italian main body.

An Attack Expected.

ROME, Mach 26.—A despatch from Massowah states the Italian forces are expecting an early attack by the Abyssinians. Rasaloula has arrived with a command at Ghinda and Negus has reached Aznagas.

CAPITAL NEWS.

Capt. Irving Arrives at Ottawa—The New Steamer.

The Reciprocity Debate Still Progressing—A Legislative Assembly for the Northwest Territories—The C. P. R. Want Manitoba to Purchase the Emerson Branch.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, March 26.—The reciprocity debate was confined to-day to Messrs. Rykert and Taylor. It was very dull and cannot finish before the holidays. The division will, therefore, be postponed until next week. It is understood that Mr. Dalton McCarthy will give a new turn to the discussion by moving an amendment looking to a change in Canada's fiscal policy in favor of British products on condition that the mother country discriminates in favor of colonial products.

Capt. Irving has returned from Scotland. He says the new steamer for the Canadian Pacific navigation company will be launched on the Clyde in June and will reach Victoria at the beginning of October. It will make the distance between Victoria and Vancouver in four and a half hours.

The Government measure dealing with the Northwest Territories will create a legislative assembly of twenty-five members, three judges of the territorial supreme court having seats in the assembly but not the right to vote.

The Canadian Pacific want the Manitoba government to purchase the Emerson branch for one million dollars. Premier Greenway thinks half a million is sufficient. Negotiations are proceeding.

AMERICAN NEWS.

Woman's Rights Convention.

WASHINGTON, March 26.—The International Convention of women was opened formally to-day with several hundred delegates in attendance. Miss Susan B. Anthony presided and called the council to order, after which Elizabeth C. Stanton delivered an address of welcome. Mrs. Stanton in the course of her address said: "I have often said to men of the present day that the next generation of women will not stand arguing with you as patiently as we have for half a century. The organizations of labor all over the country are holding out their hands to women, and the time is not far distant when, if men do not do justice to women, women will strike hands with labor, with socialists, with anarchists, and you will have the scenes of the revolution of France enacted again in this republic." At to-night's session papers relating to education in its relation to women were read by Mrs. May Wright Sewell, Sarah B. Cooper, Louisa Reed Stowell, Rena A. Michaels and others.

Quarantine Regulations.

Secretary Bayard has received a despatch from the United States minister at Honolulu saying, all vessels arriving at Hawaiian ports from San Francisco are to be placed under quarantine regulations owing to the spread of smallpox in that city. The regulations of the board of health dated Honolulu, Jan. 28th, 1888, prescribe a quarantine of eighteen days, and say that no passengers for ports other than Honolulu shall be allowed to land. Vessels may, however, upon written consent of the port physician be allowed to come to an enclosed wharf for the discharge of cargo, but no person will be admitted to the wharf except upon a written permit from the board of health.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.