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The Eggs that Never Hatch.

There's a young man on the corner,
Filled with life and strength and hope,
Looking ever beyond the Present,
With the whole world in his scope.
He is grasping at To-morrow,
That phantom none can catch;
To-day is lost. He's waiting
For the eggs that never hatch.

There's an old man over yonder,
With a worn and weary face,
With earching, anxious features,
And weak uncertain pace.
He is living for the Future,
With no desire to catch
The golden Now. He's waiting
For the eggs that never hatch.

There's a world of men and women,
With their life's work yet undone,
Who are sitting, standing, moving
Beneath the golden sun;
Ever eager for the Future,
But not content to snatch
The Present. They are waiting
For the eggs that never hatch.

"You Bid Me Try."

bid me try, Blue Eyes, to write
ideau. What?—forthwith?—to-night?
effect. Some skill I have, 'tis true:
ut thirteen lines—and rhymed on two—
ain,"—as well. Ah, hopeless plight.

here are five lines—ranged aright,
Gallic bonds I fear would fright!
y easy Muse. They did tell you—
You bid me try!
makes them nine. The port's in sight;
ll because your eyes are bright:
ow just a pair to end with "too,"
hen maids command, what can't we do?
ll—the Rondeau, tasteful, light,
You bid me try!

cked Funeral Extravagance

he Gates Ajar, the Broken Pillar, the
s and Crown, the Sheaf of Wheat, and
her hideous invention of the funeral
t, the Vacant Chair, were all there.
ugh money had been spent in these
es and ostentatious things to keep the
man's family for several months. His
n was piled high with "floral emblems,"
twenty-five carriages waited around the
er to join the regulation six which
permitted to stand before the church
. This was a pleasing way of "getting
d of the priest," who had wisely for-
en that more carriages than the half-
n should attend any of his parishioners'
rals. The next week the friends of the
ased were engaged in arranging a col-
on for the procuring of a sewing ma-
e for—so the printed card of appeal
d—"a starving family." — *Freeman's
nal.*

A Human Piano.

a strawberry and ice-cream festival
n in the North-avenue Methodist
urch, a novel and taking feature was
"humaniphone," which was kept a
t secret from all who were not
ing to place in the door-keeper's
d the magic bit of silver which
ned the door to the ante-room on
right. Upon entering the room the
ds and shoulders of nine young la-
were visible above a screen ex-
ding the length of the room. All
young ladies wore masks, and from
r necks hung suspended a cord on
ch was printed a musical note. It
not take the audience long to dis-
r that the "humaniphone" was
ly a human piano. It was played
Miss Nellie Schoyer. With a wand
walked back and forth, and each
ng lady uttered a different note as
touched them with a wand. In this
l manner Miss Schoyer played
me, Sweet Home," "Yankee
ddle," and a number of pleasing
odies.—*Philadelphia Call.*

ONGRESSMEN AND THEIR SALARIES.—
n a member dies his pay ceases on
day of his death. The salary of the
lesser commences the day after the
ate of the former member, though
election may not occur for several
ths. The new member, in other
ds, draws pay for time he never
ved. A member is allowed 20 cents
age each way, or 40 cents a mile one
, and he can check for the full amount
ota trips when he takes his seat. He
llowed $125 a year for stationery. The
t of this sum is pocketed. The mem-
draw their money in different ways.
are probably twenty of the present
ne who let their salaries run into next
. There are a couple of dozen mem-
who always overdraw, or rather,
row from the head of the bank. They
row or get in advance sums ranging
m $10 to $300, and at the end of the
nth they have nothing to draw.

Syrup of Figs.

anufactured only by the California
Syrup Co., San Francisco, Cal., is
ture's own true Laxative. This pleas-
liquid fruit remedy may be had of
ggley & Co. Sample bottles free and
e bottles at 75 cents and $1 25.
e the most pleasant, prompt and effec-
remedy known, to cleanse the system;
ct on the Liver, Kidneys, and Bowels
ly yet thoroughly; to dispel head-
es, Colds and Fevers, to cure Consti-
ion, Indigestion and kindred ills. dw13

AMILY MARKET REPORT.

SATURDAY, July 24.

TTER—Choice Island, 20c ℔ lb; Island Roll, 25c; New Oregon Roll, 25c ℔ roll; White Clover, —c; Canadian Reg, 30c; Bennett's, 25c.

EESE—Canadian, 12c ℔ lb; Cals., 25c.; Eastern Cream, 25c; B.C., 25c.

GS—Fresh Island, 37½c. ℔ doz.; Sound, 25c.

ORNMEAL—50c ℔ sack of 100lbs.

OUR—Extra, $5 50 ℔ bbl.; $1 50 ℔ sack; Super $5 ℔ bbl.

EAT—2c. ℔ lb.

AINS—Lima, 5c. ℔ lb; Small White and Bayou, 5c

PLIT PEAS—12½c. ℔ lb.

EGETABLES—Potatoes, 1½c. ℔ lb; sweet —c. ℔ lb; Onions, 4c ℔ lb; Celery, 75c ℔ doz; Carrots, 2c ℔ lb; Rhubarb, 50c ℔ doz; Lettuce, 25c. doz; Cauliflower, 50 ℔ doz; Asparagus, 50c ℔ doz; Radishes, 15c ℔ doz bunches; Squash, 5c. ℔ lb; Turnips, 1½c. ℔ lb.; Green Peas, 5c ℔ lb; String Beans, 25c; Cucumbers, 25@50c ℔ doz; Cabbage, 25c ℔ lb; Tomatoes, 5c ℔ lb; Green Corn, 50c ℔ doz; Dry Squash, 5c ℔ lb.

EMS—Home Cured, 12c. ℔ lb; Chicago, 20c.; Oregon, 20c; Shoulders, 15c.

ACON—Breakfast, 18@20c ℔ lb.

ARD—20c. ℔ lb.

SH—Cod, 5c. ℔ lb; Salmon 8c ℔ lb; Boneless Cod, 8c; Soles, 8c; Halibut 8c; Yarmouth Bloaters, 25c. ℔ doz; Bal. Bellies, 8 for 50c; Herring, 5c.; Kippered, 6c; Smoked Oolachans at; Salmon, 12c. Smelt, 8c.; Sturgeon, 6c; Whiting, 7c.; Shrimp, 50c; Salt Oolachans, 8c.; Crabs, 75 ea. ℔ dozen; Smoked Herring, 12½c. ℔ lb.; Salmon Trout, 8c; Oolachans, —c; Spanish Mackerel, —

NNED SALMON—1lb tins, per doz., $2.

RUIT—Lemons, 50c ℔ doz; Oranges, 50c ℔ doz; Limes, $1 ℔ doz.; Apples, 8c ℔ lb; Cranberries, 50c ℔ gal.; Quinces, 8c. ℔ lb.; Pears, 8c; Grapes, 50; Bananas, 50@75c ℔ doz; Cocoanuts, 15c ea; Cherries, 25c ℔ lb; Apricots, 15c ℔ lb; Strawberries,—c; Gooseberries, 15c ℔ lb; Raspberries,—c. ℔ lb; Plums, 12½c ℔ lb; Peaches, 25c; Pineapples, 75c ea; Watermelons, 75c. each; Muskmelons, 50c

NDIED FRUITS—Lemon, 50c. ℔ lb; Mixed, 50c

RRANTS—Zante, 15c. 16c ℔ lb.

RISINS—English Layers, 50c ℔ lb.; Cals., 25c Sultana, Valencia and Eleme 25c.

ICE—New, 37½@50c. ℔ lb.

UNKED SPICES—25c. ℔ tin.

ARCH—$1 per 6lb box; 25c per lb.

FFEE—Coffee, ground, 50c. ℔ lb; green, 25c. ℔ lb; Tea, from 35½c. to $1 25 ℔ lb.

IGARS—Crushed or Cube, 25c for $1; Granulated or No 1, 25c. for $1; D or No. 2, 20c for $1; 10lbs Dark Grade, $1.

NUTS—Enc. Walnuts, 20c. ℔ lb; Cocoanuts, 12½ ea; Almonds—Paper Shell, 37½c.; Jordan, 75c; Brazil, 37½c. Chestnuts, 37½c.

PICKLED SPICED BEEF—12½c. ℔ lb.; Ox Tongues 75c. ea.; Smoked Tongues, $1 ea.

BEEF—Choice Cuts, 12½c. ℔ lb; other cuts, 10c; Soup meat, 5c.

MUTTON—Choice Joints, 12½c. ℔ lb; Stewing meat 8c.

PORK—12½c. ℔ lb.

HAM—16c. ℔ lb.

LARD—$1.25 per quarter.

BACON—12½@15c. ℔ lb.

BUTTER—12½c. ℔ lb.

SPRING PIGS—$2.50@2.00 ea.

CHICKS—Tame, $3 ea; Wild, —c ℔ pr.

HOOKERS—Spring Chickens, $6@7 ℔ doz; 75c. ea.

TURKEYS—12½c. ℔ lb.

GEESE—Tame, $2 50 ea; Wild, —.

SALT OIL—$2 ℔ tin; ℔ case, $2 75.

OYSTERS—75c. ℔ quart; Canned, 37½c ℔ can.

CLAM—$18 per ton.

TEA—15c ℔ lb.

MOLASSES—2c. ℔ lb.

RICE—4½c. ℔ lb.

VINEGAR—Willow, —c ℔ gal; Blue, —.

SALMON—Bloaters, —c ℔ lb.

KIPPERED SALMON—12½c ℔ lb.

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TO SUBSCRIBERS AND INTENDING SUBSCRIBERS.

IN ORDERING THE WEEKLY COLONIST TO INSURE DELIVERY, YOU SHOULD ENCLOSE THE AMOUNT OF SUBSCRIPTION IN POSTAGE STAMPS, MONEY ORDERS, COIN OR BANK BILLS. NO PAPERS LEAVE THIS OFFICE UNLESS THE SUBSCRIPTION HAS BEEN FIRST PAID, AND NO NOTICE IS TAKEN OF ANY ORDER THAT IS NOT ACCOMPANIED BY THE MONEY.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

Persons residing at a distance from Victoria, who may desire to insert a notice of Birth, Marriage or Death in *The Colonist*, must enclose with each notice Two Dollars and Fifty Cents in P. O. Stamps, money order, bills or coin, to ensure insertion.

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NOTICE.

A SPECIAL EDITION FOR SOUTH ALBERNI, ALBERNI, METCHOSIN, SOOKE, COWICHAN AND OTHER DISTRICTS NOT REACHED BY FRIDAY'S MAIL IS PRINTED EVERY TUESDAY MORNING AND DISPATCHED THROUGH THE POSTOFFICE.

Local and Provincial News.

(From the Daily Colonist, July 31.)

The Explosion at Nanaimo.

(Exclusive to The Colonist.)

NANAIMO, July 30.

The wounded are doing splendidly. It is hoped that all will recover. Every attention is being paid to them by the hospital committee and other kind friends. The cause of the explosion in my opinion was a collection of impalpable coal dust in the hold which exploded by concussion.

JAS. HARVEY.

The Late Harrison Case.

Private dispatches from Victoria, B. C., received the other day, stated that Mr. John S. Harrison, who retired from the postal service in St. Johns a month or two ago, and who had accepted an agency for the Dominion Safety Fund Life Association, had been arrested in Victoria by Mr. Dewe, chief postoffice inspector, on suspicion of stealing the $5000 registered package which was mailed at Chatham for St. Johns a few months ago. This morning the Telegraph published a dispatch stating that the examination into the charge against Mr. Harrison had resulted in his honorable acquittal, and that it intended to enter an action for damages against the inspector. A reporter of the Globe interviewed the postmaster on the subject. He stated that at no time did any suspicion, in connection with this affair, attach itself to Mr. Harrison. It was clearly shown, he said, that Mr. Harrison did not enter upon duty until some time after the Chatham bag had been received, and that he could not have been present when the bag was opened. He knew of no reason why he should have been suspected by the inspector. Mr. Harrison's friends will be glad to know of his honorable acquittal.—*St. John Globe.*

Workingmen's Meeting.

Only about fifty or sixty people responded to the call for a meeting at Philharmonic Hall last evening, for the purpose of taking into consideration the propriety of presenting a workingmen's address to the premier during his sojourn in this city. Representative workingmen were conspicuous by their absence, and the leaders of the workingmen's party are said to have had no connection with the affair. Conn. W. A. Robertson was called to the chair, and Mr. A. Dodds appointed secretary, but his duties were light. The chairman said it was evident, from the small attendance, that the meeting would have to be postponed. The idea was to hold a meeting of the laboring classes only, working men in the fullest meaning of the word. The meeting had not, it would seem, been sufficiently advertised, and he thought it would be better to postpone it in order that a thoroughly representative address might be presented.

On motion of Mr. Eli Harrison, the meeting was accordingly postponed till Tuesday evening next.

An Experienced Operator.

The length of service as a telegraph operator of Mr. James Urquhart, who is now connected with the Victoria telegraph office, may be judged from the fact that in 1859 a correspondent of the Toronto Leader wrote of him: "I cannot close this letter without paying a deserved tribute to Mr. James Urquhart, whose untiring energy and industry aided the enterprising journals of Toronto in placing before their readers daily ample telegraphic reports of the debates. This gentleman performed almost superhuman labor during the session and with care and accuracy really surprising, considering the pressure of work upon him. He has shown himself an efficient and deserving servant of the company in whose service he is engaged."

Nearmen.

Ship Nancy Pendleton arrived at San Francisco from Nanaimo on the 28th. On the same day the steamer Alki sailed for Nanaimo, and ship, Ocean King, for Departure Bay.

British ship Hermine, from London for Victoria, passed the Lizard July 21st.

The return of the Dominion steamer Sir James Douglas, which has been at Cape Beale for the past four weeks, is daily expected.

Steamship Mexico left San Francisco for Victoria to-day.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

SAN FRANCISCO, July 30.—Cleared—Ship Dashing Wave, Port Townsend.

Sailed—Steamer San Pedro, Tacoma; steamer Mexico, Victoria; bark Obville, Puget Sound; bark Ben. Butler, Puget Sound.

Movements of the Premier and Lady Macdonald.

Sir John and Lady Macdonald received yesterday morning and afterwards attended an "At Home" given by the Hon. Mr. Tratch. They are enjoying their visit exceedingly, and are delighted as usual with the glory of the climate as the kindness and hospitality of the people. The forthcoming regatta promises to be a grand affair and next week will be broken up with various festivities in honor of our distinguished guests.

DEATH.—A woman known as Mrs. Morgan, the keeper of a house of ill-fame, died yesterday morning at 10 o'clock and was buried at 4 o'clock the same afternoon; the body being consigned to the grave without any funeral service whatsoever. The spirit which Tom Hood recognized when he wrote:

"Beth his bones over the sewer,
"He's only a pauper whom nobody owes,"

would seem to have been again illustrated in the summary treatment of the remains of this unfortunate woman. It was a significant end and closing to a shameful life.

THE BISHOP STRACHAN SCHOOL.—Toronto, for young ladies, will re-open on 8th September. This is one of the foremost institutions of learning in Canada. Terms may be learned on application to the Lady Principal, Wykeham Hall, Toronto.

What Some People Say

That the saloon in connection with the Poodle Dog Rotisserie will be opened on Saturday evening next by Mr. James H Seeley.

That the oak tree in Bushnell park, Hartford, grown from an acorn of the famous Charter Oak, is in a flourishing condition. This is the only successful attempt to preserve an offspring from the historic tree.

That what a language is ours! Speak of a man's eagle eye, and he'll give you his hand; mention his parrot nose, and he'll give you his fist.

That a humane man chloroformed two kittens the other day, doing the job thoroughly, as he thought. The next morning the kittens were found on his doorstep, anxious to be let in, and mewing as more chloroform.

That a New York man advertised that for $3 he would advise you "How to get to California without a cent for transportation." A Michigan man utilized his spending money and sent, when there came as the answer a single word printed on a strip of paper, "Walk."

That a Butler county, Neb., aspirant for legislative honors is described as soft-handed, palms uncallused by toil, parting his hair in the middle and bellows freely.

That a man was hanged in Illinois last week for killing an alderman. A dispassionate observer will scarcely believe that his crime merited such a severe punishment.

That five million needles recently sank with an ocean steamer to the bottom of the sea. It is to be hoped the mermaids will take the hint and make themselves some clothes.

That in a Chinese village during a time of drouth, a missionary saw a row of idols put in the hottest and dustiest part of the road. He enquired the reason, and the natives answered, "We prayed our gods to send us rain and they won't; so we've put them out in the sun to see how they like the heat and dryness."

That held by wire ropes to the tip-top point of Sonnblick mountains, a peak 10,000 feet high in the Tyrolese Alps, is a new blockhouse. Flanking it is a massive stone turret. A wire ropeway 300 feet long leads down the mountain. In this blockhouse is to dwell a meteorologist, and his observatory is higher than any other meteorologist in Europe.

That the use of iron ties in America is not favored by Chief Engineer Brown, of the Pennsylvania railroad, who has been experimenting with them for several years. He says that they give perfect satisfaction, and are more difficult to keep in line and surface than wooden ties, but that they cost from $3 to $4 each, while good white oak ties can be procured for 37 each or less.

That a Jackson, Mich., special says: A band of young white men at Union, Newton county, styling themselves regulators, have issued edicts that no negro shall work on farms in that vicinity. The band has about fifteen members, and they have killed three negroes and wounded several.

That a Pierre, Dak., despatch says: Miss Lizzie Yates, of Sully county, while out horseback riding to-day near Onida, Sully fell from this horse, and her foot being caught in the stirrup she was dragged five miles. When found her head was beaten into a jelly, and nearly every bone was broken.

New Saloon.

Perhaps the most elaborately and elegantly fitted saloon in this city is the one next the Poodle Dog, on Yates street, that will be opened this evening. The proprietor is Mr. James Seeley, a young and well-known Victorian, and whose enterprise is plainly indicated by the evidence of taste and expense in the appearance both of the exterior and interior of the saloon. The large rear mirror, with a high and ornamental back and decorated shelves, would of itself set the place off without the additional adornments of an artistically finished ceiling and handsomely papered walls, around whose sides hang many fine English lithographs. While nothing calculated to please the eye has been omitted, the demands of the palate have received special attention, and in the iced and fancy drinks mixed with expert hand, even the most capricious tastes can find satiety. Mr. Seeley, who does nothing by halves has prepared, as a kind of housewarming, a supper for 200 guests, and invites all his friends to give him a look in this evening.

Lawn Tennis Tournament.

The first round of the Victoria lawn tennis challenge cup, played yesterday, resulted as follows:

Mr. H. E. Jones beat Mr. J. Musgrave.
Mr. Arthur Brealey beat Mr. H. E. Crosdaile.
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THE GREAT TRANSCONTINENTAL LINE.

St. Paul and Manitoba and Canadian Pacific Railways Issue a Circular.

(Exclusive to The Colonist).

SAN FRANCISCO, July 31.—A St. Paul, Minn., special states that the St. Paul and Manitoba and Canadian Pacific have issued a circular announcing the opening of the new transcontinental line from St. Paul and Minneapolis via their road, to Vancouver and all Puget Sound points. The Manitoba train, leaving St. Paul at 7.30 p. m., will connect at Winnipeg daily, except Wednesday, with the Canadian Pacific through train for the coast without change of cars to Vancouver. Direct connection will be made with the steamers of the Canadian Pacific Navigation Co. for Victoria and Puget Sound points. Connection will also be made with the steamers of the Pacific Coast Steamship Co. for San Francisco and Alaska points and all ports on the Pacific Coast. Later connection will be made at Vancouver with the steamers for Japan, China and Asiatic points.

Horrible Discovery.

On Thursday afternoon an extraordinary discovery was made by Mr. Wood who is employed at Laney's saw mill across False Creek. While walking up the hill some 300 feet from the shore of the creek, alongside a rivulet which is quite shallow, he noticed a boot lying on the bank. He took up the boot and noticing something projecting out of the top, cut into the leather, and to his surprise and horror discovered that in the boot was a human foot in an advanced stage of decomposition. The chief spent several hours yesterday afternoon and evening in the locality where the boot was found, hoping that some light might be thrown upon the mystery which at present baffles all explanation. Within the present month two dead bodies have been picked up near the locality of this latest "find."

Second to None.

The remarkable mind reading feats but serve to heighten the interest taken in the many wonderful magnetic cures performed by Prof. Menzies, who has greatly increased in magnetic power since his return to Victoria, and again offers his services to all those who may need them.

"Not Sufficiently Advertized."

The meeting at Philharmonic Hall last evening was a "fizzle," because it was "not sufficiently advertized," so the chairman said. Our obscure evening contemporary of opposition proclivities was the only newspaper that "boomed" the meeting, the result being that so few attended that the meeting was declared off. If the getters-up public or political meetings desire to have anything like an attendance they should advertise in those papers which the people read. Whatever and commentary was presented last night on the circulation of the little bragger around the corner!

LORNE COLLEGE, NEW WESTMINSTER.—This school will re-open on September 9th; with H. Fiennes-Clinton, Esq., M. A., of Keble College, Oxford, as principal, and W. H. Bates, Esq., of the College Commerciale, Boulogne, and Anglo-French College, London, as assistant. An experienced matron has also been secured.

SIR JOHN MACDONALD'S SPEECH.—*The Colonist* notwithstanding a verbatim report of the speech of Sir John Macdonald may be had at the publication office and the bookstores.

SCHOOL FOR BOYS.—Mr. H. J. Campbell, B. A., will resume his classes on Tuesday, August 3rd, and has vacant evenings for pupils. See advertisement.

From the Daily Colonist, August 1.

Personal.

Mrs. Caldwell and Miss Horton, teachers in the Victoria school, reached town yesterday.

Mr. J. A. Halliday, principal of the boys' school, and Mr. Woods, lately appointed principal of the Rock Bay school arrived yesterday.

At the Driard: Wm. A. Rice, St. Paul; S. Danziger, Seattle; S. D. Masson and wife, St. Paul; H. A. Muhlenberg, Isaac Hunter, Reading, Penn.; Geo. F. Smith, Philadelphia; F. B. Bowman, Seattle; J. A. Sheet, S. C. Devan and wife, Port Townsend; Thomas E. Ryan, Oregon City; Miss E. M. Bryant, New Haven, Connecticut.

At the Occidental: Thomas F. Ryan, Portland; Thomas Johns, Astoria; Mrs. Crosdaile.

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FROM THE MAINLAND.

A Budget of Interesting News.

(Exclusive to The Colonist.)

NEW WESTMINSTER, July 31.—The race for $250 a side between George Black's horse "Bobby Burns," and A. McKinnon's "Alkali Dave" came off here to-day and was won by the former in two straight heats.

The customs receipts for the month ending to-day were $6,696.54, an increase of $3,638.87 over the corresponding month of last year.

The first number of the Daily Columbian was issued this evening.

Salmon are running slight again to-day, the average catch being 75 fish to a boat.

A dispatch from Kamloops states that Sir George Stephen and lady, General Manager Van Horne and General Traffic Manager Olds, of the C. P. R., are expected there by special train this evening, and will leave for Port Moody at 8 a.m. to-morrow.

Death Claims a Victim.

(Exclusive to The Colonist.)

NANAIMO, July 31.—W. Kade, one of the sufferers from the explosion, died this morning. It is now thought that two more will die. They were delirious all night. Kade will, after the inquest, be buried to-day at the Roman Catholic cemetery.

ANOTHER DEATH.

A. Robee, another of the sufferers, died this afternoon.

Marine.

Mr. Harmon pronounces the bottom of the bark Robert Kerr, now lying at Vancouver, as sound. She will be sent to San Francisco with a cargo.

Bangkok.—Sailed 21st, British bark Abistano, Victoria.

Hongkong.—Sailed 27, Grecian bark Gotha, Victoria.

Amoy.—Sailed, June 19, Norwegian bark Norway, Victoria.

Callao.—Sailed June 21, British bark Madeira, Victoria.

Ship Oregon is loading with a cargo of Wellington coal.

Steamship Queen of the Pacific left yesterday for San Francisco with a very heavy passenger list.

Steamer Alexander yesterday towed down the barkentine Malay from Burrard Inlet bound for Sandwich Islands with coal and lumber and returned to Departure Bay for the ship Glory of the Seas with coal for San Francisco.

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SECOND ROUND.—(CONTINUED.)

R. H. Handcock beat A. Brealey.
J. C. Gatsford (R.N.) beat E. M. W. Woods (N.W.)
H. E. Grafton (R.N.) beat H. W. Harvey Combe.

THIRD ROUND.

H. E. Jones beat H. E. Grafton (R.N.)
J. C. Gatsford beat B. H. T. Drake.
R. H. Handcock, a bye.

FOURTH ROUND.

R. H. Handcock beat H. E. Jones.
J. C. Gatsford, a bye.

The company present on both days were very hospitably entertained by Admiral Sir Michael Culme-Seymour and Capt. Rose. The band of H. M. S. Triumph played a selection of airs.

The final tie will be played on Monday, at 4 p.m.

A Raised Banknote.

John Balden was brought before Mr. Platts, S. M., at Nanaimo on Wednesday, on a charge of raising a Bank of British Columbia note of the denomination of $5 to $50 and passing the same on Hirst Brothers of Nanaimo. Mr. Hirst identified the prisoner presented the bill to him on the 30th June last and received thirty-five dollars in change, fifteen dollars owing the firm had been deducted. A few days afterwards the bill was found to be fraudulent and when Balden was asked to exchange for good money he replied that he had got it from a Chinaman whom he did not know. Inquiries having been instituted it was ascertained that the identical raised bill was paid by Balden to Mr. Thomas Earle of Victoria on the 14th of October 1885. When its character was discovered Balden took it back, saying he would return it to the party from whom he received it. Evidence to the effect having been given, Mr. Platts remanded the prisoner.

Blue Ribbon Club.

Last night's meeting of the Blue Ribbon club was opened by the choir singing "Rescue the Perishing," under the leadership of Prof. Hookway, which was followed by prayer by the President. The band then rendered a charming selection, and Miss Copelind gave a recitation. Mr. West made a short, stirring address, when the choir sang "Hold the Fort." Mr. Hember then addressed the meeting, and the band rendered a selection. Miss Dobbs sold "Speak to Me, Speak," was heartily applauded, as also was Mr. Douglas' recitation "Mrs. Pankey's sing so delightfully that she was obliged to respond to an encore. A selection by the band, under Prof. Agius' leadership followed, and a few remarks from the president closed the meeting.

Letter of Marque.

Mr. Lewis Hall has received the newspaper route of Mr. D. McAdam, who begins his round to-day. Mr. Hall has been most obliging and indefatigable in his work and has succeeded admirably in pleasing the many patrons of the *Colonist*. He goes east in a few weeks to enjoy a well-earned rest at the old home. His successor, Mr. Ed. Grant, will doubtless succeed courteous and painstaking, and if he is as successful as Mr. Hall, will leave nothing to be desired.

Financial Revenue Receipts for the Month of July, 1886.

Cigars	$1,110.30
Licenses	1,508.00
Tobacco	919.00
Spirits	3,807.52
Malt	990.17
Total	$8,326.99

Accident.—Yesterday evening an old man named J. S. Mooney, about 65 years of age and very deaf, was knocked down on the corner of Government and Johnson streets, by a buggy team driven by Mr. W. G. Bowman. The old man, who was an inmate of the hospital, and was out for a walk at the time, was cut about the face and also hurt in the breast, in addition to a general jarring. He was taken back to the hospital, where it is probable he will keep his bed for several days.

CAPE BEALE LIGHT.—The light is now in full working order and is exhibited as usual.

THE EXPLOSION.

On Board the Steamship Queen of the Pacific.

The Cause of the Disaster Still Awaiting Explanation.

Death of Two Sufferers.

The steamship Queen of the Pacific sailed from this city on her last trip at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon for San Francisco. She had, besides a full passenger list, 1900 tons of B. C. Co.'s coal. It was originally intended to take 1100 tons, but after the explosion Capt. Alexander declined to receive any more on board.

THE SHIP.

A fine seaworthy vessel, she shows few signs of having been in peril two days ago. In the fore-hold, where the accident occurred, the sides are blackened and scorched, and the stanchions look as though they had passed through a fery ordeal; but in other respects the vessel bears no marks of ill usage. The officers and crew expressed various theories as to the cause of the explosion. One thought that a dynamite cartridge that had missed fire in the mine had been accidentally mixed with the coal and exploded by contact with the floor when shunted into the hold. Another thought that the trouble came from a charge of black powder that had been put in and overlooked when the coal was mined. Others inclined to the opinion that to

COAL DUST

which had gathered in the air in the hold, was attributable the accident. There was no slight unanimity in the first. All agree that the concussion was severe and that it occurred when the first lumps of coal from the last carload struck the bottom of the hold. All the men in the hold at the time were more or less burned. Mr. Hanson, the third officer, had his hair and eyelashes burned off, but did not knock off duty. One of the men leaped overboard and was picked up by a boat. The others either climbed up or were helped out of the hold. Their appearance was startling—the hair having been burned from their heads and faces and their bodies were scorched and bleeding.

In the after-saloon, 250 feet from the forehold, the stewards were terrified by the hatch being blown off and several chairs that were near by were lifted to the ceiling, where they smashed an electric bell. This was the first intimation that the people who were aft had of the accident, the gas having been forced along between decks and found a vent at the after hatch. The saloon instantly became thickly charged with coal gas and dust. Captain Alexander, who was on board, ordered the

FIRE ALARM TO BE SOUNDED

which was done, and within two minutes after the explosion several streams of water were poured into the hold. These had the effect of clearing the atmosphere and enabling an examination to be made of the vessel, which was found, as before stated, to be only slightly damaged. The sufferers, who by this time were writhing in agony, were hurried off to the hospital where every thing possible was done to relieve their pain. The names of the unfortunate men have been already given to the readers of *The Colonist*, and, as announced in a telegram, Wm. Kade and A. Robee, Seattle,

DIED YESTERDAY MORNING

from the effects of their burns. Two others are believed to be dying. An inquest has been opened. It is hoped that it will be of a searching character. It is of the greatest importance that the cause which led to this sudden and almost fatal disaster should be ascertained, so that a recurrence may be guarded against. This is the first disaster of the kind we believe, that has ever occurred on a vessel while engaged in taking on or discharging cargo. Explosions of dust have taken place in flouring mills when windows and doors were tightly closed; but on the decks of the Queen the fore-hatch and ports were all open, allowing a constant current of air. The affair is shrouded in mystery.

London Society.

Several Canadians were present at the garden party given by the Baroness and Mr. Burdett-Coutts, at Holly Lodge, Highgate, on Friday last to the members of the congress of the chambers of commerce of the empire, and representatives of the colonial exhibition. Over 1,500 guests were present, among them being Sir Donald and Lady Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Oakley, Colonel Schreiber, Professor Macoun, Mr. Joe Cornwall, jr., and Mrs. Ross. A large number of distinguished colonists were entertained by the Travellers' Club on Saturday evening. The Duke of Cambridge presided, and among the Canadians present were Sir Charles Tupper (who sat on the right of the chairman), Sir Alexander Galt, Sir John Rose, Hon. Hector Fabre, and the Hon. Geo. Kirkpatrick. The toast of the visitors was responded to by Sir Graham Berry.

In connection with the exhibition Mrs. Beeton, the wife of Mr. H. C. Beeton—who occupies the position of representative for British Columbia at the exhibition—gave an "at home" recently, when a large company of Canadians was present. These included the Marquis of Lorne, Sir Donald, Lady and Miss Smith, Dr. and Miss Selwyn, Prof. Macoun, Gen. and Mrs. Young, Hon. Hector and Madame Fabre, Rev. and Mrs. Hawkes, Hon. Mr. Kirkpatrick, the Speaker of the Dominion Parliament, Hon. G. and Mdme. Ouimet, Mr. J. Marmette, Dr. May, Col. and Mrs. —, and others.

Strange Experience of a Steamer Near the English Channel.

NEW YORK, July 31.—The Netherland steamer Waesland, which set Antwerp on the 11th and arrived here yesterday morning, reports that at noon on the second day out, and just after the Waesland left the channel, a whale was seen floating on the water directly in the vessel's course. No attempt was made to avoid it, as the natural impression was that it would get out of the way of its own accord. It declined to move, however, being fast asleep, most likely, and the steamer's sharp iron bows struck full and fair about midway of its length. The whale, which was fully eighty feet in length, was cut half in two and stuck to the vessel's bows, quite dead. The steamer was stopped and backed to disengage the carcass, which drifted astern.

OUR VISITORS.—Tourist travel to Victoria during the present summer has exceeded that of any previous season, and the hotels have been taxed to their utmost capacity, the Driard, where the great majority of tourists register, having on numerous occasions to place on their book "no room." During the month of July 720 guests have placed their autographs on the registers of the Driard, among whom are many of the notabilities of Canada and the United States. Sir John A. Macdonald and party being the last of the long array. Should the famous hotel continue to be patronized as it has been during the past month it is the intention of its energetic proprietors to build a further addition on the vacant ground fronting on Broad and View streets.

THE steam fire engine, four hose carts and nine boxes hose, fixtures, etc., consigned to the mayor of Vancouver, arrived at Port Moody yesterday.

New Westminster.

(Columbian).

The brach railway to the city is now ready to receive the rails. It is to be hoped there may be no unnecessary delay in laying the iron.

The men discharging the tea ship at Port Moody struck on Thursday for an advance from 30 to 50 cents per hour. Stevedore York refused to comply with the demand and hired a new crew at Vancouver.

On Thursday the C. P. R. raised the wages of workmen on terminal works 25 cents per day all around. The advance was made to meet the figures of the Cascade division contractors who have been making large drafts of men from there, as during the last few weeks.

On Sunday night the chief of the Lummy Indians and an Indian boy were drowned at the mouth of the river in one of the B. C. Packing Co's. boats.

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