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THE CITY.

A woman namen Mrs. M. E. Collins is now out on bail at Port Townsend on a charge of smuggling, U. S. Customs Inspector Loftus having arrested her for wearing a bolt of silk as a bustle, while crossing from Victoria on the City of Kingston on Saturday.

The following gentlemen were the guests of the Hon. D. W. Higgins, Speaker of the Legislature, last evening: Major Muirhead, Capt. McCallum, Capt. A. W. Jones, Capt. A. C. Flumerfelt, Lieut. Templar, Lieut. Barnes, Hon. Theo. Davie, Mr. Henry Croft, M.P.P., Mr. J. M. Kellie, M.P.P., Mr. J. W. Horne, M.P.P., Mr. C. C. McKenzie, M.P.P., Mr. Thornton Fell, Dr. T. J. Jones, Mr. R. E. Gosnell, Mr. F. M. Rattenbury, Mr. E. Baynes-Reed, Mr. A. B. Gray, and Mr. W. F. Bullen.

Mr. George Simpson, who has for many years been a resident of this city, died yesterday at his residence on Cook street. He was the eldest son of the late Sir George Simpson, who, years ago, as Governor of the Hudson's Bay Co., held sway in Manitoba long before the Northwest became a part of the Dominion, and it was in that part of the country that the late Mr. Simpson was born 68 years ago. He leaves a widow and several grown-up children. The funeral takes place to-morrow morning at 9.30.

The following is the programme for to-night's (invitation) smoking concert in charge of Occidental Lodge, I.O.O.F., M.U., in Sir Wm. Wallace hall: Pianoforte solo, M. J. Burrill; song, Mr. J. Monro; recitation, Mr. Davidson; song, Mr. W. Porter; address, Dr. M. S. Wade; song, Mr. J. S. Floyd; song (comic) Mr. W. Wallace; banjo solo, Mr. Lawrie; song, Mr. Perfect; song, Mr. Ross Monroe; song (comic), Mr. Porter; address, Mr. A. M. Muir; song (comic), Mr. W. Wallace; accompanist, Mr. J. Burrill; God Save the Queen.

The election of a school trustee for the unexpired term of the late Caleb Bishop, of Victoria West, took place yesterday, more than ordinary interest being manifested in the contest and upwards of forty otherwise fully qualified voters paying their revenue tax during the day, in order to secure the right to cast their ballots. The ladies also manifested an exceptionally lively interest in the election, being present in force during the afternoon. The result of the contest was the election of Mr. George Glover, by a majority of 44, his vote being 143, while that polled by Dr. Lewis Hall was 99.

The Single Tax club at their meeting last evening passed two resolutions, as below published: "That this club is of opinion that any increase in the property qualification for mayor and aldermen is inadvisable and against the interests of the citizens; and that this club therefore forward to the provincial members for the city a strong protest against any such action"; and "That this meeting heartily endorses the principle of civic ownerships of electric lighting systems, and hereby pledges itself to support the electric lighting by-law to be submitted to the vote of the ratepayers on the 20th instant."

A special meeting of the Aldermanic board was held yesterday afternoon, at which Mr. James Wilson was chosen as street superintendent, out of a list of 26 candidates, one of whom—Mr. John McDougall—ran him very close for the $100 a month position. Eight ballots were necessary to determine the choice of the Council. The only other business transacted was in reference to the widening of Cadboro Bay road, Dr. Richard Morrison expressing his willigness to accept the $100 tendered for the small strip of his property required, and the Council ratifying the bargain which had been made by their predecessors in office.

Mr. Drake, plasterer, has just completed burning some seven hundred cubic feet of fire proof concrete—"ballast" is its technical name. It is made of brick clay burned with Wellington coal. A lump of it which is to be seen at the Colonist office, has a very peculiar appearance. The clay is burnt to the hardness of brick and cemented into a solid mass. The architects pronounce it to be excellent in quality. Before it is used, it is broken up, passed through a screen and mixed with Portland cement to form a bed for the tiles which are to be the floor of a large part of the new Parliament building. The concrete is being burned in Mr. Coughlan's brickyard, Burnside road.

The text of the petition of Thomas Geiger and thirty-two others, presented to the City Council this week, in reference to Sunday closing, is given below: "Believing it to be in the best interests of the city of Victoria, we, the undersigned, do hereby petition that the influence of the council be brought to bear on the Legislative Assembly, now in session, compelling the closing of all places of business on Sundays, excepting hotels, restaurants or anything which may be considered by the courts to be works of necessity. The foregoing we request for the following reasons: It is admitted by nineteen-twentieths of our citizens that a day of rest from toil and business is necessary at least once in seven, and it is also a noticeable fact that the best regulated concerns close their places of business accordingly, which gives a decided advantage to foreigners, who ignore our customs by keeping open on Sundays, thereby taking away the legitimate trade which would otherwise go to a better class of citizens on Saturday evenings, and seeing that the business men of the city are almost unanimous for such legislation, it is deemed a reasonable request to ask the aid of our City Council in assisting to obtain what we believe to be for the welfare of the city."

Coroner Hasell held an inquest yesterday on the body of the infant daughter of Mr. Walker, of South Saanich, the melancholy circumstances of whose death have already been published. Provincial Officer Hutchison summoned the following jury, and represented the Crown at the proceedings: William Thompson, foreman; Rev. F. G. Christmas, Richard Thompson, Richard Ewart, William Tolmie and Arthur Reynerd. The only witnesses were the bereaved parents themselves. Mrs. Walker is in bed, prostrated more by the terrible shock of losing her baby than by her physical injuries. She simply stated that at the time the accident occurred she was sitting at the table, reading the Bible, her little one toying with some articles beside her. Suddenly she heard a report, and the same instant the infant fell into her hands, its tiny head covered with blood. She shouted, "Oh, Joe, you've shot baby," and remembered nothing more. Walker testified in effect what has already been stated. Both parents are inconsolable over their loss. The gun, which is a most antiquated old double-barreled muzzle-loader, must have had an unusually heavy charge, as it cut a regular bullet hole through the thick bar of the door, and after doing its awful work in extinguishing the infant's life, broke some panes of glass in the window beyond. The jury found the simple verdict that the baby came to her death by accidental gun-shot wounds inflicted by her father.

HER FATE DECIDED.

The Long Missing "Mary Brown" a Wreck Near the Mouth of the Skeena.

Indians Bring Word of Their Discoveries to the White Inhabitants.

The mystery surrounding the fate of the schooner Mary Brown, which sailed from Alaska for this port upwards of three months ago, and which was the object of a search by the United States revenue cutter Wolcott quite recently, has at last been solved. It is all but certain that the unfortunate vessel, in trying to make the inner passage round Graham Island, was caught in one of the storms so frequent in that locality, and all hands perished.

Direct informanion strongly confirmatory of this theory, and establishing conclusively the loss of the Brown, was received yesterday morning in private letters from the Skeena, one to Mr. George Denny, giving particulars which render it impossible to doubt the accuracy of the news. The reference to the Brown in this communication reads as follows:

"Canoes came in from Kitkatla the other day, and reported a schooner on the rocks at the upper end of Banks island. They say that the name on the flag is Brown; they could see that much—the rest of the name has been torn away. The vessel has a large hole in her bow and her masts are both gone. The boats that are hanging at the davits are badly broken and the vessel has evidently been there some time. The Indians picked up three rifles, three watches, a lot of 45-90 cartridges, shot, powder, gum boots and some money, but there were no signs of anyone having been around at all. It is believed that everyone belonging to the craft perished before she went on. Banks Island is just below the mouth of the Skeena and separating Hecate strait and Principe channel."

Other letters are similar in tenor, and their combined information is to the effect that Indian fishermen were the ones to discover the wreck, and took good care to appropriate everything of value about the hulk which could easily be carried away before reporting the fact to the white residents of the Skeena.

Collector of Customs A. R. Milne, in his official capacity of Receiver of Wrecks, was notified by Rev. Fred. L. Stephenson, the Episcopal clergyman stationed at Port Essington, with whom he will communicate as soon as possible, requesting him to ascertain all possible particulars, and take possession of any wreckage that may be found. He (Collector Milne) will also communicate with the collectors of customs of the Sound cities and San Francisco, as well as with Captain W. D. Roach, of the U. S. Wolcott, giving them all available information. Rev. Mr. Stephenson's letter is given in full:

Lak-Lan (Gitkatla), March 2.

To the Collector of Customs—Dear Sir: I am just in receipt of news from some of my Indians (Gitkatlans), that they have found a schooner ashore on a small island off the western coast of Banks island, somewhere in the vicinity of Bonilla island. Its exact position I did not ascertain. The vessel is badly damaged and is thrown high and dry with her masts both gone. The anchors and chain are out—reasons are doubtful, whether from thumping or having been cast overboard. Three rifles or guns, 45 90 cartridges, several bags of shot, gum boots and some clothing, three watches (one gold), and some money were dug up in the sand. Boxes and pieces of boats are strewn along the beach, and a flag was found, part missing, but the name "Brown" was spelled out by one of the Indians. Possibly you are the authority I should communicate with. My Indians are searching up and down the coast for more proof as to identity or for remains of the bodies. As yet information is scarce. Should you require more information, I am at present residing with Bishop Ridley of Metlakatla, and will be glad to offer all the assistance I possibly can. I am, dear sir, yours very truly,

(Signed) Fred. L. Stephenson.

It is quite possible that the Lynd-Hough Co., or Ross & Hewlett, who were Captain Brown's agents in San Francisco, may send a steamer north to investigate and, if possible, fully establish the fate of the passengers of the ill-fated vessel, though the hope that some of the number may still be alive and communicate their whereabouts has no foundation in probability.

The Mary Brown was a small craft of sixty odd tons, owned and commanded by Captain Marzonia Brown, of Sand Point, Alaska. The schooner and her master were both well known in this port, where the keenest anxiety was expressed when the word came that they were missing, together with the crew of six and three passengers—Edward O'Brien, manager of the Lynd-Hough Co. at Sand Point; Captain Gaffney, also of the company's service, and a little boy, a relative of the skipper.

Henry Hensenig, one of the Emerald smuggling gang, and who found the Victoria police too attentive for his comfort, has been arrested at San Francisco, supposed to be the result of Agent Phenix' visit to this city.

In the Divisional court yesterday, Mr. Davis asked for the insertion in the orders setting aside Mr. Justice Crease's order in Gordon v. Cotton, of a provision requiring the defendant to attend before the Registrar for examination. The necessary order was made. The Full court heard argument in the appeal of Roedde v. News-Advertiser, which is taken from the judgment of Mr. Justice Crease, who dissolved the partnership and declared Roedde entitled to one-fourth of the assets of the business. Mr. Wilson for appellant and Mr. Russell for respondent.

After the weekly drill last evening the members of No. 1 Company B. C. G. A., gave an entertainment in the men's room, where there was a large attendance of the members of this and other companies. Sergeant Major Anderson was the master of ceremonies, as well as the organizer of the programme, which was carried out as follows: Cornet solo, Trumpeter Maynard; songs, Company Sergeant Major Anderson, Quarter master Sergeant Muir, Lieutenant Monro, Mr. Ball, Gunners Munroe, Quigley and Scott, Mr. Jamieson and Battalion Sergeant Major Mulcahy, mouth organ selections, Gr. Wilson; song, Bombardier Handley; cornet solo, Gunner Maynard; song, Gunner Wilkerson. The accompanist was Sergeant Keith Middleton. A vote of thanks to the contributors was proposed by Corporal Muir, and then the programme was brought to a close by all singing the National Anthem. Coffee and cake were served during the evening. Altogether a very pleasant time was spent, and it is evident that these sociable evenings are going to add not a little to the attractions of membership in the battalion.

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THE CITY.

Funeral services will be held for the late George Simpson at 9:30 o'clock this morning from 134 Cook street, and later from St. Andrew's R. C. cathedral.

It is likely that the first business of the Full court this morning will be the hearing of argument in the well-known will case of Adams v. McBeath, an appeal from the judgment of Hon. Justice Crease.

There was a large attendance at the funeral of the late Captain William Petit yesterday afternoon. Rev. Dr. Campbell conducted the funeral services at the family residence on Fernwood road and at the graveside. The pall-bearers were: Capt. Hackett, William Frank, W. Walker, John Fullerton, J. Fraser and V. Flett.

A book, which will be awaited with much interest, is about to be written on the over land journey to British Columbia in 1862, and it is requested that any members of the company who made it, and who have not been communicated with, will kindly send their address to Mrs. Archibald McNaughton, at Quesnelle, B.C.

The evangelists, Webb and Reid, who are conducting services every evening this week are men of earnestness and power, with ability to present the truth clearly. They point with burning words the heinousness of sin, and with loving words the goodness and mercy of God. They are both good singers, and sing the gospel as well as preach it in a manner that touches the heart.

The Hawaiian Deputy Postmaster General, J. G. Rothwell, who visited Victoria several months ago on his annual holiday and while here attended to some business relating to the extension of the parcel post system to Hawaii, has been removed from office by the Provisional Government. Mr. Rothwell is an Englishman, and the party now in power removed him for political reasons, as they wish sympathizers with them to have all the positions of trust under their Government.

Mayor Teague presided at an entertainment given in the James Bay Methodist church last evening. The principal item on the programme was a lecture by Rev. Solomon Cleaver, who spoke on the civilization and conquest of Mexico by Cortez. He dwelt upon the incidents of the conquest, from the time Cortez and his comparatively few men landed in Mexico in 1519, working their way to the capital against formidable enemies in eighteen months. The lecture was divided into two parts, and in the interval a fine musical programme was rendered.

The marriage of G. A. Jordan, police magistrate of Vancouver, to Nellie H., second daughter of Mr. D. Withrow, was performed at St. John's church yesterday afternoon by the Rev. Percival Jenns. In the absence of the father, the bride was given away by Mr. A. L. Beiyea. The bridesmaids were Miss G. H. Withrow and Miss Staples, the groom being supported by Messrs. J. M. O'Brien and R. W. Armstrong, of Vancouver. After the ceremony the party adjourned to the home of the bride's parents, Stanley avenue, where a pleasant time was spent prior to the departure of Mr. and Mrs. Jordan on the Walla Walla for San Francisco.

The matters which came before Mayor Teague and the Police Magistrate, sitting as a board of licensing commissioners yesterday, consisted mostly of transfers of licenses. The application of Wm. Baines for a license for the Osborne House was opposed by H. G. Hall, appearing on behalf of the First Presbyterian and Metropolitan churches, while H. Dallas Helmcken appeared for the applicant. Decision was reserved till the return from California of Dr. I. W. Powell, the other member of the board. Mayor Teague announced that strong measures would be taken to put down gambling and the selling of liquor to women, and licenses would be taken away from places where these practices were carried on.

The Loyal Occidental lodge, I.O.O.F., M.U., held a very enjoyable reception last night, in their hall on Broad street. There was a good attendance of members and friends, and the programme rendered was excellent, the interest being maintained throughout. The chairman, Dr. Wade, gave a short address, embodying a history of the Manchester Unity Order of Odd Fellows and its relation to the other bodies of that name. The comic songs by Mr. Wallis were thoroughly enjoyed, he receiving many well merited encores. Messrs. Ross Monro, Perfect, Floyd and Porter entertained the company pleasantly, all being enthusiastically encored. Mr. Lawson gave selections on the banjo which were much appreciated. There was a service of coffee and cake, which added to the pleasure of the evening's entertainment. After the singing of "God Save the Queen," the meeting dispersed. Mr. Burrill was accompanist, and received a hearty vote of thanks for his able services.

Last night in St. James' church, James Bay, a service of song was rendered by the full choir, assisted by Mrs. McKenzie, Messrs. Russell and Risch and others, under the leadership of Geo. Jay, jr. The opening voluntary, Offertoire in B flat, by Baptiste, was played by the organist of the church, Mr. Haines. A short lesson was read by the Archdeacon, followed by the "Magnificat," by Elliott. The anthem, "Call to Remembrance," with chorus, was sung by the full choir, Mrs. McB. Smith taking the solo. After a few introductory words, in the nature of a sermon, from the Archdeacon, the special musical programme was entered upon. The first item was an organ solo by J. E. Bridgman, the talented young organist of St. John's church. Mrs. McKenzie sang Handel's "Angels Ever Bright and Fair," which was the piece of the evening, being sung with feeling and expression, and in a manner which betokened careful study. The duet "Crucifix," by Faure, was sung by Messrs. Russell and Jay, both gentlemen appearing to advantage. Mr. Bridgman played Baptiste's grand offertoire in D as a concluding voluntary.

WELLINGTON DYNAMITE OUTRAGE.

Every effort is being made by the authorities to discover the perpetrators of the dynamite outrage at Wellington on Tuesday, and Supt. Hussey will leave no stone unturned to get at the bottom of the matter. The Provincial Government have with commendable promptness offered a reward of $1,000 for any information leading to the arrest and conviction of the culprits who tried to blow up Mr. Sharp's house, and it is understood that this reward will be paid to any accomplice or accomplices who will give the desired information, and that the informer, not being a principal, will escape prosecution. The official report of the affair has been received from Chief Constable Stewart, of Nanaimo, the facts being similar to those already published.

Nanaimo, March 14.—(Special.)—The police so far have been unable to discover the least clue to aid them in their search for the perpetrator of yesterday's dastardly attempt on the lives of Assistant Superintendent Sharp, of Wellington colliery, and his family. The prompt action of the Government in offering $1,000 reward for the apprehension of the guilty party, it is thought will have the effect of eliciting information that may lead to the conviction of the party or parties if more than one is implicated. The Dunsmuirs are also offering a reward of $500. Mr. John Bryden, manager of the colliery, says he is positive that no employe of the company is guilty. He is certain that not a man in the camp would take a hand in such a cowardly design.

CENTENNIAL AT HOME.

Mr. and Mrs. Noah Shakespeare gave a most enjoyable "At Home" last evening at their residence on Hillside avenue. A good number of people availed themselves of the opportunity to spend an exceptionally pleasant evening, and the funds of the Centennial Methodist church will benefit correspondingly. During the evening, solos and quartettes were rendered by Miss Humber, Mrs. Rowlands, Messrs. Shedden, Brownlie and Rowlands. A very pleasant duty devolved upon Mr. Shakespeare, being that of presenting Miss Humber, formerly organist of the church, with the following address:

Victoria, March 14, 1894.

Our Dear Miss Humber:—We have availed ourselves of this favorable opportunity of expressing, in some small measure, the indebtedness we owe to you for your faithful services, during so many years, as organist of the Centennial Methodist church. We are satisfied that if we failed to express our recognition of your services, we would be guilty of great injustice to you, and would show on our part a lack of our appreciation which would be unworthy of the name of Methodists. Your regularity, not only at each of the Sunday services, but also at the various practices necessary to the proper preparation for the Sunday services, has not been unnoticed, and, although no remuneration has been given you, we are pleased to believe that other and higher motives have been your constant stimulus. The small token of appreciation accompanying these few words of thanks is far from expressing our sense of indebtedness to you, and we hope you will in no wise regard it as such. We pray God's blessing to rest abundantly upon you, and that at Christ's Coming you may be found worthy to join the Heavenly Choir, and in that happy land beyond we trust that we, with you, may be attuned to sing His praises forever more.

Signed on behalf of the congregation of Centennial Methodist Church.

Noah Shakespeare.

The address was accompanied by a purse, containing a somewhat more material expression of the esteem, in which the recipient is held by the donors.

THINGS ELECTRICAL.

Some of the Views Expressed Respecting the Proposed Electric Light By-Law.

Civic Compared With Private Ownership of the Street Service.

The near approach of the day when the ratepayers will cast their votes for or against the new electric light by-law, makes the subject just at present what may fairly be called a burning question among citizens who take an interest in civic affairs. There are a good many reasons advanced as to the economy of the city doing its own street lighting as gathered from interviews with leading citizens, among them Mr. E. Crow Baker, president of the Victoria Lighting Co. One gentleman who has had considerable experience in electric affairs, bases his arguments on various conclusions drawn from the experience of others. In the first he pointed out that the report of the U. S. Senate committee, made to Congress in 1892, showed that, out of 50 cities considered, 25 renting their electric lights from private companies and 25 owning and operating their own plant, the cost of the light was from 15 to 20 per cent. less in those cities that owned their plant. Then a city owning its own street lighting plant can from the same station light its other works, public buildings, offices and so on, and make a large saving in comparison with buying gas or other illuminant from dealers.

Again the public lighting under the immediate supervision of the City Council can be more easily controlled. The city for example owns its streets and would not be hampered in the same way as a private company in placing its poles and stringing wires. The city has another great advantage in not having to buy water, paying neither taxes nor licenses, and can borrow money at a far less rate of interest than a company would have to pay; there are no profits to be made for shareholders, and on the whole, if operated in a businesslike and economical manner, the city can undoubtedly supply its street lighting at a less cost than any one else.

At the same time to do the work properly the best modern engines and machinery would be required, in place of the old antiquated plant now in use. The economy in the fuel saved by modern engines would, however, more than pay the interest on their cost, so that a direct saving would be made by their purchase. While believing it was quite legitimate for the city to supply its own street lighting, Mr. Baker, for one, believed that the city should not trench upon the private lighting of residences or stores in competition with individual enterprise, holding that it would be quite as legitimate for the city to go in for manufacturing shoes or any other commodity.

Mr. Stickles, the Nanaimo city electrician, who inspected the electric lighting plant here, in an interview in Nanaimo on the question, commented somewhat at length on the subject of municipal ownership, holding that, while he believes in a city doing its own street lighting, it should not take up commercial lighting. Mr. Stickles argues that with exemption from taxation and water rates and other advantages a municipal lighting station can, if properly managed, easily undersell private concerns.

DUTIES ON RICE.

To the Editor:—Permit me to explain that my resolution at yesterday's meeting of the Board of Trade on the above subject remained without a seconder; not for the reason that none present approved of it, but because there was not a quorum present when it was offered. Mr. Rithet was, through important business, called away during the early part of the discussion, and was absent when the resolution was moved.

A. B. Gray.

Victoria, March 15, 1894.

Peculiar to Itself.

So eminently successful has Hood's Sarsaparilla been that many leading citizens from all over the United States furnish testimonials of cures which seem almost miraculous. Hood's Sarsaparilla is not an accident, but the ripe fruit of industry and study. It possesses merit "peculiar to itself."

Hood's Pills cure Nausea, Sick Headache, Indigestion, Biliousness. Sold by all druggists

MARINE MOVEMENTS.

The Story of the "Puebla's" Mishap as Told by the Passengers.

New Sealer For the Fleet—The "Primera" Damaged at Sea Seeks Shelter.

J. Maw, of the firm of Ross & Maw, Winnipeg; John McLean, proprietor of the Occidental hotel, Quesnelle; John Hawks, of the Sprinfield farm, Soda Creek; John Kirkup, government agent at Revelstoke, and Mr. Brown, miner, of Barkerville, were among the passengers who left for San Francisco on the Walla Walla last evening. They were among those who left here on the steamer City of Puebla on Friday evening, and consequently know something concerning the accident which befel the vessel off Cape Flattery. Mr. Maw, in speaking of the Puebla's adventure, said, last evening, that although there were a large number of passengers on board the steamer at the time of her misfortune, not more than a few were well enough to realize the danger of their position. He, however, was one who not being sick was able to know exactly what took place. On leaving here, he says, everything went smoothly until about thirty-five miles off Destruction Island. It was after 8 o'clock next morning when he and those in his company discovered that the steamer was making no headway. They interviewed Capt. Debney, the Puebla's skipper, as to the reason of the stoppage, and were told that the vessel's crank pin had broken, leaving her disabled. The Captain, although too well aware of the danger, acted very cooly, and in reply to the inquiries made of him said he was hopeful of being picked up by some steamer, as he was right in the way of navigation. After waiting in vain nearly all day for the sight of a sail, First Mate Willett, with four men, lowered a small boat and started for Neah Bay at about 4 o'clock. From there they expected to send word in for a tug boat), but in this undertaking they failed. It was nearly fifteen minutes before they could get away from the ship's side, and when they finally did get away from the vessel, a huge wave carried them up about fifty feet above her. As darkness came on the small boat began leaking so badly that at last it kept one man bailing out water while the others pulled with all their might for shore.

After working six hard hours in this way, the men's strength had become almost exhausted, and had it not been that the American tug Wanderer picked them up they would probably have been lost, as they had not made more than one mile of the distance. In the meanwhile the Puebla kept drifting towards shore, and Mr. Maw says that the vessel when finally rescued was about four miles distant from the rocks of Destruction Island. On Sunday morning at 8 o'clock the steam collier Costa Rica was sighted and hailed by the Puebla, and shortly afterwards the Montserrat came alongside, being bound south with a cargo of coal. The Costa Rica passed her hawser twice to the disabled steamer, but on each occasion the line broke, and as being unable to offer further assistance proceeded on her voyage north. While the work was going on the Montserrat lay hove to a short distance off, and on seeing the fruitless attempts of the Costa Rica her captain made arrangements with Capt. Debney to tow the Puebla into a safe harbor for the sum of $30,000. A line was then passed between the two ships, but in the heavy strain on it it broke. A second hawser was immediately used, but it also broke. The third, however, stood the strain, as more caution was used. The Montserrat, being well loaded down, was able to accomplish more than the Cost Rica, and succeeded in keeping the Puebla from drifting until the tug Wanderer came to the rescue on Sunday afternoon. When the latter arrived all those on board the Puebla felt in good spirits, but when they saw the tug's hawser break they feared that their last resource was gone. This fear, however, soon vanished as the tug passed two more lines—one of steel and the other a manilla. Slow but sure progress was then made until a second tug came to the assistance.

On the way to Port Townsend the passengers on the Puebla held a meeting and adopted the following resolutions, E. Bloomfield acting as secretary:

"Resolved, That this meeting of the passengers of the steamship City of Puebla, on voyage No. 153, choose to express their appreciation of the admirable manner and cool courage displayed by Capt. Debney in the management of his ship during the recent unfortunate mishap and the critical conditions in which it has been placed; and, further, in expressing our thanks to him we wish to state that he has shown exceedingly good care of the passengers, and a calamity has probably been averted; and it is further

"Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing be properly engrossed and forwarded to Capt. Debney at an early date."

The following was also adopted:

"Resolved, That at the meeting of the passengers of the steamship City of Puebla, on voyage 153, the thanks of the passengers be tendered to First Officer Walter Willett, Quartermasters Dan McKinley and Charles Burg, and Sailors Charles Phul and George Gerdenson for their prompt performance of duty and heroic conduct in leaving the ship while high seas were running to reach a point of assistance some twenty miles distant; and, further, that a suitable token of appreciation be presented to each of the aforesaid."

A purse containing $27.50 was presented to Mate Willett by the grateful passengers, and the four sailors mentioned in the resolution received each a $5 gold piece.

The Puebla is to go to San Francisco for repairs, according to instructions from Goodall, Perkins & Co. The San Francisco tugboat Fearless is now on the way to the Sound for that purpose and will arrive this evening if nothing detains her. The Fearless brought up a lumber vessel to Humboldt bay and her master was wired there to come to the Sound after the Puebla. The tow to San Francisco can be made in four or five days if the weather is favorable for towing in that direction. Ordinarily the breaking of a crank pin is not an expensive affair, but with such vessels as the Puebla it means a good deal. The steel broken is 17 inches in diameter and is a nice job for the machinists. So far as known that is the only damage to the vessel. She is now lying at Port Townsend. This is the first accident of consequence to the Pacific Coast Steamship Company hereabouts for a long time.

ANOTHER SEALER.

A new addition to the sealing fleet is now on her way to this port. Her name is the Florence M. Smith, a schooner of 200 tons, and she is owned by Captain Kelly, who has just returned from Nova Scotia, where he purchased her. She is already in Pacific waters, having reached Pernambuco last January, whence she sailed for Victoria on the 11th inst.

THE "PRIMERA" SEEKS SHELTER.

A cablegram received yesterday from London reports that the British bark Primera, which sailed from this port for London, salmon laden, on December 17, was forced by stormy weather experienced on the voyage, to put in at Talcahuano with her bulwarks and deck works smashed.

VICTORIA MARKETS.

The arrival during the week of the Australian steamship did not affect the market very materially as the consignments received of meats, butter, fruits, etc, were not sufficiently large to stimulate competition in local trade. Merchants are eagerly awaiting the action of the Dominion Government in reducing the tariff exactions on such importations, and until legislation is settled in this respect Australian markets, ables will not be so keenly sought for as they would be otherwise. Business men, although anxious to encourage Southern trade, find it almost impossible at present to do so advantageously. Latterly the importations of sheep from the American side, particularly from Washington, have decreased to a surprising extent, the result of a new market opening up in Eastern Canada. Grocers report having had one or two good days' business this week. They have been well stocked with dairy productions by local farmers, who have latterly been doing probably more selling than buying. The appended quotations which have been unaltered this week, show the current retail prices:

Flour—Portland roller per brl	$ 6.50
Salem	6.50
Ogilvie's (Hungarian)	5.75
Lake of the Woods (Hungarian)	5.75
Premier	5.75
Three Star	5.50
Victoria	5.50
Lion	5.50
Royal	5.50
Wheat, per ton	35.00@40.00
Oats, per con	33.00@35.00
Barley, per ton	32.00@35.00
Middlings, per ton	32.00@35.00
Bran, per ton	25.00
Ground Feed, per ton	30.00@35.00
Corn, whole	45.00
" cracked	50.00
Cornmeal, per 10 lbs	40
Oatmeal, per 10 lbs	50
Rolled Oats, per lb	5
Potatoes, per lb	1¼
Cabbage, per lb	1¼
Hay, baled, per ton	18@20.00
Straw, per bale	1.00
Onions, per lb	05
" Silver, per lb	04
Eggs, Island, per dozen	20
Butter, Island roll, (2 lbs)	65 @ 75
" Creamery, per 3 lbs	1 00
Cheese, Canadian per lb., retail	20
Hams, American "	20
" Canadian "	20
" Boneless "	20
Bacon, American, per lb	18@20
" Rolled "	14
" Long clear "	15
Shoulders, per lb	14
Lard	18@25
Golden Cottolene, per lb	20
Meats—Beef "	8@15
Sides "	8@10
Mutton, per lb	8@12½
" Frozen, per lb	8@11
Pork, fresh "	10@15
Chickens, per pair	1.00@2.00
Turkey per lb	18@25
Geese per lb	16@25
Pigeons, each	25@35
Fish—Salmon (Spring), per lb	10@12½
" (Smoked), "	8@10
Halibut	12½
Cod, per lb	8@10
Small fish	6@8
Smelts, per lb	8@10
Sturgeon	7@8
Herring (smoked) per lb	12@15
" (kippered), per lb	12@15
Fruits—Apples per lb	8
(Eastern) per lb	8
Oranges (Australian) per doz	25@30
do. (Japanese) "	20@25
do. (Mexican) "	35
Lemons (California) "	35@40
" (Australian) "	25@40
" (Sicily) "	40@50
New Orleans Bananas, per doz	45
Pine Apples, apiece	25@30
Cranberries, per gallon	50@75

BIRTH.

Byrne—In this city on March 10, at her residence, 38 Simcoe street, the wife of Andrew Byrne, of a son.

Beavis—In this city on the 13th inst., at 19 S. Turner street, James Bay, the wife of Rev. R. B. Beavis, of a son.

DIED.

Simpson—In this city, on the 13th inst, George Simpson, a native of Manitoba, late a chief trader of the Hudson's Bay Co., aged 68 years.

Petit—In this city, on the 11th inst., William Petit, a native of Jersey, Channel Islands, aged 44 years.

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