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CARING FOR THE ORPHANS.

Admiralty House Tax Refunds Coming In—A Fairview Firm's Generous Gift for the Work.

A meeting of the managers of the B. C. Protestant Orphans' Home was held yesterday afternoon, when among those present were Mr. Ohas, Hayward (in the chair), St. Rev. Bishop Orin, Rev. Dr. Campbell, and Messrs. Edgar C. Baker, Thornton Fell, Noah Shakespeare, A. C. Fimmerlet, John Jessop and A. J. McCallan.

After routine business, the hon. treasurer reported receipt of a letter from Messrs. Dier, Davidson & Kneeshel, of Fairview, enclosing \$100 as a donation to the orphanage and expressing a wish that it be expended on the children's Christmas and New Year's gifts.

The hon. treasurer reported having received from Mrs. Charles Kent a second instalment of admiral's house tax refunds as follows: W. G. Eden, \$10; J. W. Walker, \$5; A. J. Dallain, \$1.38; R. Thane, \$1.17; B. Engle, \$1.13; Mrs. K. M. Foster, \$3; Alex. Stewart, \$1.30; Herbert Kent, \$2.02; Mrs. A. McConnell, \$70; C. Wenger, \$100. The total was received and the donors thanked.

An offer from the president of the Young Women's Christian Association to purchase the old orphanage on East street for the purpose of making it the headquarters for that and kindred institutions was accepted.

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THE CARMANAH WRECK

Derelict Reported By "Empress" Proves to Be the California Schooner "Vesta."

"City of Topeka" Carries North a Quota of Gold Seekers.

The identity of the three-masted schooner sighted on the rocks near Carmanah by the officers of the R. M. S. Empress on Tuesday evening became known last evening, when news was received by wire that the vessel was the schooner Vesta from Euenema, Cal., for Port Blakely.

The unfortunate vessel was in ballast and went ashore at 4:30 a.m. Friday, the 10th inst., 9 miles west of Carmanah—this being just about the time that the Cleveland met her doom. The full particulars of the mishap were not received at a late hour last evening, but it was learned that the vessel is a total loss and that there is a large amount of valuable property on board which may possibly be saved.

No lives were lost, and the crew, consisting of 12 men, were rescued. The vessel was carrying a cargo of lumber, and the loss is a heavy one for the owners.

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A WEDDING MYSTERY.

Vancouver Mining Man and San Francisco Lady Agitate Spokane.

The Spokane Spokesman-Review of Sunday says: "A marriage license was issued yesterday afternoon to Harry B. Peck, of Vancouver, and Clara A. Ashbrook, of San Francisco. The prospective bridegroom is one of the best known mining men in British Columbia, having his headquarters in Vancouver, and doing business throughout all the leading districts. The bride, or bride-to-be, is not so well known, probably owing to the fact that she registers from San Francisco. After procuring the license the young couple, accompanied by a lady witness, were driven to the office of Justice Saunders, where it was found out that they were to be married. When Justice Saunders was called up by telephone last evening he refused to state whether he had married the young couple or not, but after considerable questioning acknowledged that a young bride had called at his office in the afternoon, but preferred not to say anything about the matter until Monday. Finally the justice decided to refuse to state it is understood the wedding has been performed.

O. E. STEELE, of Kelso, was yesterday appointed by Just. Justice Walker as auditor of the Box Mining Co., the assets being fixed at \$5,000.

NO DATE has yet been fixed for the sword contest between Moth and Baron de Malchin, and the meeting with the foils of the doughty Baron and instructor of the Box Mining Co., the assets being fixed at \$5,000.

When he does meet Mr. St. Clair, the Masters Coates, Brooker and Netherby will be present, and the business manager of the last contest in which the Baron figured as a principal was not altogether to his satisfaction, and he desires to have the arrangements for the contest again appearing before the public.

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DRIFTED TO HER DOOM.

The Crippled "Cleveland" a Total Wreck at the Entrance to Barclay Sound.

Captain Hall and One Boat's Crew Land Through the Boiling Surf.

Twenty-Two Others Missing—In All Likelihood Never to Be Seen in Life.

Purser Whitbeck Reaches Victoria to Tell the Story—The Quadra to the Rescue.

The steamer Cleveland, missing for seven days past enroute from San Francisco for Puget Sound, lies a hopeless wreck in Barclay Sound, twelve miles north of Cape Beale and near to Anderson's Camp. Her captain, Charles F. Hall; chief engineer, C. H. Huser; purser, J. W. Whitbeck; fireman, James Fern; seaman Alexander Leach, Joseph Costa and Jens Hansen, and one passenger, James Lathbury, reached shore safely.

The others who left San Francisco on the ill-fated ship—two passengers and the balance of the crew, twenty in number—have not as yet been heard from, although five days have elapsed since the wreck, and are supposed to have been lost.

These facts have been communicated to Captain James Gandin, resident agent of the department of marine, and by his orders the government steamer Quadra has received instructions to proceed at once to the scene of the disaster with a rescue party, there to make diligent search for any trace of the missing passengers and crew. She left at midnight.

Purser Whitbeck who brings this word terminating all uncertainty of the Cleveland's fate, reached here by the noon train from Nanaimo yesterday, after an experience such as few men endure and live. He has twice been forced to swim for life in the surf; walked and ridden many miles through the silent forests; and neither eaten nor slept for upwards of forty-eight hours. Yet he tells the story simply and without reference in the narrative to his personal heroism. Here is his account of the wreck and the events in connection therewith, both subsequent and antecedent:

It was at 10:30 o'clock on Monday night, the 6th inst., he says, when the Cleveland's shaft broke, the ship being at that time off the Columbia river and fighting a gale from the southeast, which had the day before carried her from the mouth of the Columbia to the northward, where the following morning she was wrecked on the rocks of the schooner Marion, bound from South Bend for San Francisco, whose master promised to keep her in with.

There was no possibility of making temporary repairs to the shaft as it had snapped in the cleave, close up to the propeller, and where it was impossible to get at it. Under these circumstances the best we could do was to keep all the sails had on her—just barely enough to give her steerage way.

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FOR HIGH LATITUDES.

Two Adventurous Italians About to Explore the Wilderness North of Peace River.

Scientific Pursuits to Be Varied by Washing the River Gravels for Gold.

Two Italian explorers and noted travelers—Felix Seghezza of Genoa and Dr. D. R. de Simone of Naples—arrived in Victoria a few days ago en route to the unexplored regions north of the Peace river. They expect to leave on Sunday, and will take the route from Ashcroft north to Quesnelle by wagon route, and then by trail along the Peace to Fort George. They will then proceed to Fort McLeod, and at the junction of the Peace and Finlay rivers will strike out into the unexplored territory. A year's provisions will be taken by the explorers and they are also carrying with them instruments for surveying and mapping out the country.

Mr. Seghezza is a globe trotter and has penetrated the wilds of both Central Africa and Australia. He says that British Columbia and the Northwest Territories are the only countries he has not travelled in, and he thinks that the visit of the party to the north may be productive of much good in the way of making known by means of maps, charts and correspondence the nature of this unknown district. Appliances for prospecting will also be carried, and both travellers feel confident of making "strikes" before they return. To a Colonist reporter Mr. Seghezza yesterday said:

"Dr. de Simone and myself will make the trip alone with the exception of a hired man. The country we are going to is not a new one, but it is not a new Indian hunters. It is our intention to make if possible a detailed and reliable map of the country and we will also conduct a practical exploring with a scientific study of the geographical, the floral and general condition of the country.

"We will most assuredly look for gold," said Mr. Seghezza, in answer to a query. "It is well known that the gold belt in the Rocky mountains goes from north to south along the western slope, and it is not unreasonable to believe that the unexplored region between the Omineca district and the Klondyke is also full of gold. After making a scientific study along the Peace for some months, I am convinced that the unexplored territory will prove to be the coming gold country."

Dr. de Simone is a Lieutenant in the Twenty-fourth regiment of infantry of the Italian army, has been travelling continuously for three years. He has undertaken a number of expeditions of wealth and high family connection. Felix Seghezza is in correspondence with Professor George M. Dawson, of the Geological Survey, and has received much valuable assistance in the shape of maps and charts from him. The noted scientist is taking great interest in the expedition, and has offered to accompany them in Victoria, they were unfortunate in being induced to buy many things necessary for their journey in San Francisco.

"We were told," said Mr. Seghezza, "that we could get goods cheaper in San Francisco than here, and that we would not have to pay any duty at this port. We find, however, that in paying heavily for the goods that we have actually paid more for the goods than we would have here. I think we have been badly imposed on, as a don't think they have been operated in San Francisco for the country we are about to explore."

The dogs and horses necessary for the trip will be obtained at Ashcroft if possible. The outcome of the journey will be eagerly awaited.

GENEROUS CHILDREN.

Pupils of the Girls' Central School Prepare a Big Christmas Box for the Poor.

The teachers of the Girls' Central school are deserving of the highest commendation for their efforts to inculcate in their pupils a spirit of practical philanthropy. Yesterday a truck was loaded at this school with the contributions of the girls to the Christmas fund, and it is expected that the poor of the city, to be distributed for the Friendly Aid Society. Following is a list of articles contributed to the fund: Apples, 1 bag; bread, 13 loaves; bread tickets, 12; bacon, 1 piece; beans, 3 bags; cornmeal, 2 packages; canned goods, 9 tins; crackers, 4 boxes; currants and raisins, 5 bags; candy, 1 bag; clothing, 42 bundles; flour, 3 sacks; jam, 35 bottles; oatmeal, 12 bags; plum pudding, 1; potatoes, 10 sacks; vegetables, 3 bags; sugar, 10 lbs.; tea, 30 lbs.; toys and books, 30 bundles.

In addition to this, \$5 in cash was contributed, mostly by the younger girls in five and ten cent pieces.

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