ely find, before he is much must share the power of the ny men whom he regards as And it is quite possible that before he dies that there is a bedience of even soldiers. No ough to say where that limit nowledge that it exists may t of modifying the policy of and mighty a potentate as the Germany. Very little is said to-day of what an English led the "divine right of resist- ll know that peoples have that t resort, and that they will, as exercise it if they are pushed he Emperor has read history to rpose, even that of his own s grandfather's time, if he is d that it is dangerous to trust the influence of military discip- o do him justice, he seems in no tting too great a strain on the is army. He is doing what he he confidence and the affection n people, and there are indica- is succeeding. It will be ob- t is not the Germans who are with the young Emperor.

INE MOVEMENTS.

Breaker from Rio Janeiro—The Collis Pays a Fine.

the Zambesi from Japan kohama—The Wrecked San Pedro.

WATER FRONT, Dec. 5.—been no dearth of interesting marine circles, to-day, all the ers arriving safely, in time assengers and crews to spend rt. Local craft also were kept e day closed with a greater eight handled than has been previous Saturday for months. llis, Capt. Randall, was among her mission being to take the k back to Tacoma, but her newhat disarranged by a sur- llector Milne had been keeping ever she should honor the port ence. On the 23rd ultimo, the from this city, and, after re- apers, made a special trip with ptains out to the wreck of the hose owners also include the heir fleet. It is laid down in the Customs Act that, having ard, no vessel is permitted to other than mentioned in the d a penalty of $400 is provided disobeyed. Not only did the his trip, but her captain re- in stores from the wrecked onsideration of all the facts, ne felt bound to enforce the ained the tug until the $400 uced.

esi, of the Upton line, Capt. manding, docked at the Outer m., her report of the trip being low: "Left Yokohama Nov. at Honolulu Nov. 24th and later. Cargo, general; about Victoria and 1,000 tons for d other U.S. and Canadian first-class white passengers, two Japanese, 102 Japanese and 36 rage, all for Victoria. Had a en of any excitement." The ought from Honolulu that the gar crop, this year, has been a ut owing to the operation of y bill it will do little good to A year ago the two largest n the country were erected, rospect of their being a fine in- w they are idle, and next year turned into coffee mills, all the s having decided to cultivate l of the cane next year.

s wharf, the Barbara Boscowitz m her season's labors, having t trip, until some time in Janu- me in from Fort Simpson and bout noon, with a full freight assengers she could accommo- lso brought the mails, probably come down for some time, as osted in all the northern offices tch letters by any of the C.P.N. ong the passengers were two es, one under Mr. E. D. Thomp- led by Mr. J. A. Mahood. The een working for the Govern- oolm Island, while the latter ng over the coal lands of Queen ands and Skeena river. The sickness reported at any of the is that of Mr. Spencer's child, , to whom a doctor is to be at hed by special steamer. este Burrill, E. B. Haines, cap- the honor of having made the de Janeiro to this port in the record, 77 days—76 days to y. From the Brazilian capital ghly, 12,500 miles, so the ship iled over 162 miles per day on Three hundred miles in the 24 t, however, anything uncom- he trip. The Burrill was, for etted by head winds and heavy Horn, but this home of tem- the ship enjoyed an exception- North. When she sailed from country was in an unsettled, ondition—on the eve of the have since arisen. The high- evailed, while the currency of was so run down as to be almost Customs' duties were collected and the result was that the houses were filled to overflow- was at a standstill. "The re- Capt. Haines, "no doubt arose pockets of the people would existing state of things much e Burrill is in ballast, for or- w lies at anchor in Royal

rs and cables of the San Pedro e outer wharf, where the Mas- ged them yesterday, and the ect the wreck from the waves lete. To-morrow the work of he coal commences, and then ising of the ship. Capt. T. P. y is in charge of all operations, iven orders for the construction nse pontoons, to be used in lift- teamer. An arrangement has ith the local men interested, ships and appliances alone will of.

aude arrived over from Ana- day, and discharged 2,000 sacks the Brackman & Ker Milling rned for another cargo for the

histle leaves for all Northern t o'clock, to-morrow morning. obinson will be among her pas-

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From THE DAILY COLONIST, Dec. 8.

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

On the Line.

Several washouts are reported on the Island railway, but not sufficient to interfere with traffic.

Regina v. Vipond.

This case, which comes from Nanaimo, and is the outcome of an alleged criminal assault on a child of tender years, is set for hearing in the Assize Court here, before Hon. Justice Crease, on Friday.

Judgment Given.

On Thursday last, Mr. Justice Drake gave judgment in the case of Gray v. McCallum, in favor of Mr. E. M. Johnson, who also was awarded his costs. Both were reserved on the conclusion of the civil action some weeks ago.

The Public Market.

A special meeting of the City Council was held yesterday evening to discuss the Market By-law, which was gone through *seriatim* and passed. Those in attendance were Ald. McKillican (in the chair), Smith, Renouf, Munn, Robertson and Holland.

A Distinct Vindication.

In another column will be noticed an advertisement of Mr. Geo. J. Cook, contractor, which it will be seen substantially disproves the malicious rumors that have been started by certain parties concerning his credit in this city.

Police Court.

Drunks were in the majority at the police court, yesterday, four appearing and one leaving $10 bail to represent him. Brydon was again remanded, as was the case of B. Mason, charged with removing road surface contrary to the street by-law.

I.O.O.F.

J. E. Phillips, Grand Master, and H. Waller, Past Grand Master and Grand Representative, leave this morning, for Cloverdale, 12 miles from New Westminster, for the purpose of instituting a subordinate lodge of the order there.

Cleverly Caught.

On Sunday morning, Sergts. Walker and Hawton arrested a young man at the New York Hotel, who gave his name as R. A. White, but who is identified as one Frank Rupert Lockhart, who is wanted for robbery at New Whatcom, and for whom a reward of $100 is offered. He is charged with the larceny of a 3½ carat diamond stud and a three stone emerald ring, together worth about $750.

Sent to the Asylum.

The Salvation Army soldier, arrested at the Brunswick hotel a couple of days ago as insane, was, yesterday morning, examined in the lock-up by Dr. Milne, and pronounced as of unsound mind. Police Magistrate Belyea signed a warrant for his committal to the asylum at New Westminster, and, this morning, Officer Abell took him to his destination. Melancholia is the form his insanity assumes, and it is said in his case to be hereditary.

Lost—A Small Boy.

On Sunday, September 25th, there disappeared from his home in Tacoma a little boy, of whom the following description has been received by the police of this city: "Twelve years of age; rather small for his age; dark eyes; rather dark complexion; eyelids sore and inflamed and had been somewhat drawn out of shape by their soreness; boy is bright and interesting. When he left home, had on a neat, gray suit of clothes, short pants, black stockings, laced shoes, blue shirt waist, no vest, coat which buttoned to the neck, light undershirt, no drawers. He had with him a pocketbook containing over $16. Any information leading to his recovery will command a reward of $25.

A Cheerful Evening.

The second of the season's "cheerful evenings" under the auspices of the members of St. Saviour's Church, was held in the hall, Victoria West, last evening. Owing to the inclemency of the weather the attendance was small, but however cheerless the outside aspect, within the hall all were happy. Songs, readings, recitations, games, dialogues and social chat, engaged the attention of those assembled, and proved enjoyable and profitable. "Arabella's Poor Relations," was a little farce put on the boards, Miss Semple and Mr. Alexander Semple representing the poor relations, and Mrs. Cherry and Mr. Robert Clarendon, the wealthy ones. On the whole the evening proved a most enjoyable one.

Acknowledged.

The ladies' committee of Samaritan House thankfully acknowledge the following donations for October and November: Mr. Hall, one ton of coal; Mr. G. Langley, syringe and toilet soap; Mr. Jameson, groceries; Mrs. John Trutch, bed pan and syringe; Mrs. Higgins, two hanging lamps, one bureau; "Little Workers," rag mat; Mrs. Earle, preserves, one doz. pillow cases; Mrs. Mouatt, one bag flour; Mrs. W. Wilson, wringer, old linen, etc.; Mrs. Harvey, three pillows; Mrs. Hibben, four trays, one sack potatoes, one sack pears; a friend, three pie dishes; Mrs. R. Jamieson, visitor's book; Mrs. Sears, glazing windows; "King's Daughters," maternity bag; Mrs. H. Kent, infant's clothing. In addition to the above, sums of money have been received from kind friends, a statement of which will be published at the end of the year.

The Woodbine Gone.

Shortly after 6 o'clock, yesterday evening, fire was discovered to have broken out in the Woodbine, one of the old land marks on the Esquimalt road, just opposite the Grove. The house was a two story frame building, and was occupied by a carpenter named John Wilson, with his wife and five children. The family had been spending the day with some friends in town, and Wilson was in the house about 3 o'clock, when he set the fires for the return of his wife and family. As they delayed longer than he expected he took the tram car to town to look after them, but knowing well that their delay was occasioned by the inclemency of the weather. During his absence the fire broke out. The first to notice it was Police Officer Taylor, who lives in the immediate vicinity. He ran to the scene of the fire, and, breaking in the door, found the whole place to be well under flame. The whole interior of the house was burning, and in a few moments the flames broke out in every direction. The building was an old one, and internally as dry as tinder. There was, of course, no hydrant or hose, and those who were attracted to the scene were powerless in the matter. They had simply to look on and let the fire take its course. The fire brigade, attracted by the flames, put in an appearance with their chemicals, but too late to be of any service, as nothing could have saved the building. One of the electric wire poles also took fire, but was put out by Joe Lichmore, Harry Macgaw and Harry Fairall, who, with Officer Taylor, were first on the scene. Within an hour of the first appearance of the fire the house and contents were completely destroyed. There was some small insurance on the place and furniture.

A Pleasant Evening.

A large audience gathered at Christ Church schoolroom, last night, to listen to the entertainment provided by some of the leading amateurs of this city. The programme, which is given below, was carried out in a splendid manner, although two of the lady performers, Mrs. Walkem and Miss Rhodes, were unavoidably absent. The first part of the performance, which consisted of the Christy Minstrel entertainment, was productive of great merriment. Appended is the programme:

Christy Minstrel entertainment, with guitars and banjos.....
.....Mrs. Phillips-Wooley's troupe
Refreshments.
Pianoforte solo—Gavotte .....Miss Arden
Song—Dreamland .....Miss Lipscomb
Reading.....Ven. Archdeacon Scriven
Song—O Fair Dove, O Fond Dove.....
.....Mrs. Wollaston
Song.....Mr. S. Wootton
God Save the Queen.

Will be Careful Hereafter.

In the Provincial Court, yesterday, Messrs. Ward and Dalby, J.'s P., fined Henry Yates, of the Albert Head quarantine station, $10 and costs for assaulting Dr. W. McNaughton Jones. Yates was at the time, as he admits, "good and drunk;" when Officer McNeill arrested him he was "properly drunk," and when he appeared in court, after spending Sunday with Warden John, he was penitent and sober, and promised readily that it would never occur again. He worked a nice little scheme to get out of the toils on Sunday, but unsuccessfully. He told the warden that he was not feeling quite well, and as he had carried the small-pox patient from the ship to the house, he was afraid he had caught her disease. The warden at once investigated his story and found that Yates had not even seen, much less touched, the patient, who is now recovering nicely.

Housebreaking.

Late on Sunday night, or early yesterday morning, the jewelry store of J. Hoffman, 111 Government street, was broken into and about $35 worth of jewelry stolen. An entrance was effected from the rear of the, store, through a pane of gloss, which was broken for the purpose. The pane was about 18 by 12 inches, so that it is evident the thief must have induced a child to assist him. This is further evident from the class of goods taken—a couple of dozen cheap, gold-washed chains, half-a-dozen watch cases, and three cheap watches. An old offender would have taken more valuable stuff—would certainly not have taken empty cases in preference to watches. As far as Mr. Hoffman has been able to discover, no other jewelry has been taken. There were several valuable rings in the case from which the other stuff was taken, but these were not touched. To effect his exit, the youngster pulled over a large trunk, from which he was able to reach the broken pane. The police have the matter in hand.

Crossley and Hunter.

Although the weather showed no signs of clearing up, last night, the Pandora Avenue Methodist Church was crowded with people, gathered together to hear the revival service of the evangelists. As usual, sympathy was with the speakers from the start, and a very successful meeting was the result. Neither Mr. Crossley nor Mr. Hunter ever seem to tire of their work, and no two meetings are alike, but all are fired with that spurt of enthusiastic religious fervor that stirs up the hearts of the audience and makes their efforts so successful. Mr. Crossley opened last night's service by singing "Only remembered by what I have done." Rev. Mr. Hunter then took for his text the 10th verse of the 9th chapter of the Acts. During the course of his remarks he directed his attention to the church members present, administering to them a wholesome lesson, and telling them that human charity and kindliness were the stepping stone to all that was good and worthy. Then from Jeremiah, verse 20, chap. 8, he delivered a strong, touching address, appealing to all true Christians to help in the work of reform. Mr. Crossley sang "Jesus waits to pardon you," and the meeting closed by the retirement of a very large number of converts to the enquiry room.

THE SAMARITAN HOME.

An Appeal on Behalf of this Truly Charitable Institution.

Victoria, beyond most other cities, abounds in abodes of contentment and peace, but those abodes are not always either spacious or wealthy. The heads of some families do not possess the conveniences or accommodations which are necessary when the wife or mother may stand most in need of them. Strangers, also, sometimes come into our midst who, but for sympathy and aid from their more favored sisters, would suffer much. The Jubilee Hospital, for sufficient reasons, does not make provision for cases of this description, and hence arises an urgent need which it is the object of the above institution to supply.

The Ladies' committee have taken a house, and suitable arrangements have been made. Several medical practitioners have signified their approval and promised their professional assistance. The committee now appeals to the public for that aid which the citizens of Victoria have been always ready to extend to benevolent efforts and which the committee believe will be liberally afforded to the present object. Although comfort and convenience, in return for moderate or reduced payments, are chiefly intended, gratuitous assistance will be given to deserving cases. Contributions will be thankfully received by any of the following ladies: President, Mrs. Higgins; treasurer, Mrs. Kent; secretary, Mrs. Earle; Mrs. Cridge, Mrs. Watson, Mrs. Jenns, Mrs. Beanlands, Mrs. Scriven, or Mrs. Beeton.

IN CHAMBERS.

(Before Mr. Justice Drake.)

White v. Patterson—To sign judgment under rule 75, adjourned from 4th inst. Leave given to defend, defendant giving security within one week. Bodwell & Irving for plaintiff, J. E. Corbould for defendant.

AGRICULTURAL BUILDING BY-LAW.

TO THE EDITOR:—We are pleased to learn—from appearances—that the vote for the Agricultural Building By-law, to-morrow, will be almost a unanimous yea,—thus proving that the voters are prompted by the good old golden rule, to do to others as they would be done by. The directors of the Agricultural Society in good faith made themselves personally responsible to the Bank of British Columbia for the funds necessary to pay for the land and building, fully believing that the ratepayers would not see them *stuck* in the matter. Let every voter turn out to-morrow and do his duty by voting early for the by-law.

FAIR PLAY.

THE ROYAL COMMISSION.

The Evidence Now Concluded, and the Commissioners and Lawyers Resting From Their Labors.

The Opinions of the Judges to be Delivered Next Wednesday Week.—General Satisfaction.

The hope that the long case of the corporation would be drawn to a close this week was not a futile one, for at 4.30 yesterday afternoon everybody in the court room was pleased to hear the Chief Justice declare that the sittings were adjourned finally, and that when the court next sat it would be to deliver the opinion arrived at. On Wednesday, the 18th of December, the enquiry was started, and, though everybody concerned has had hard work from then until yesterday, the number of witnesses examined has been comparatively few. The honor of standing in the witness box has been shared, practically, by two or three people. The city auditor heads the list with eleven appearances, and the chairman of the Finance committee of the city council and City Clerk Dowler follow with four calls each. It has been a matter of satisfaction to both the petitioners and the city council that the proceedings throughout have been carried on in a most expeditious manner, and with the very greatest display of courtesy on both sides. The lawyers representing the council have, all through, left their case as presented by Mr. Bodwell, without any attempt to produce witnesses, other than those called by the petitioners, and have practically admitted a great deal of the substance of many of the charges. There has, besides, been but little attempt to show that certain acts of the present and previous councils have been legal, but it has been strongly represented throughout that no wilful wrongdoing has been attempted by anybody.

The first witness called, yesterday, was was Mr. W. J. Dowler, who appeared as Cemetery Clerk, and produced all the books and plans connected with the Ross Bay Cemetery. He was examined by Mr. Bodwell, relative to the process of obtaining titles to plots in the cemetery, and questioned about the means taken to prevent the same lot being sold twice over. Mr. Dowlee explained that Mr. Thomas kept the plan of lots and marked carefully on them those that were sold. The trouble that had arisen lately two or three times by reason of the same lot being sold to different persons was, he explained, due to the carelessness of the various agents for the religious denominations who often neglected to supply him with information after they had disposed of plots to their friends. The statements made concerning the unpleasant occurrences when bodies wore disinterred to allow of others taking their places, were, unfortunately, too true, and were caused by the neglect before spoken of.

Then followed a repetition of the evidence on this point, too gloomy to be anything but unpleasant reading.

After Mr. Dowler, came Ald. McKillican, who gave evidence concerning the purchase of the addition to the cemetery, and substantiated the evidence of previous witnesses on the point.

After the usual adjournment for lunch, Alderman A. J. Smith gave a large number of details of public expenditure, more particularly regarding streets and waterworks expenses, and entered fully into all matters pertaining to these departments. He gave his opinion at length on the present waterworks system, and informed the Court of a scheme which he had advocated in former years, to cost $8,000, and which, even in view of the recent so-called improvements, he still considered far better than the one now in vogue. It was to run a 20-inch box pipe from Elk Lake direct to the city. He did not believe in the steel pipe mains, but contended that cast iron was far better and more economical. He then continued: "We take the residue of the year for expenditure on streets. It is never very much. I think it was about $14,000 this year. We expected to float a by-law for $10,000 for street purposes. The salaries of all connected with the streets were provided for on the estimates. An additional sum of money was voted by the Council for the streets. Some of the work was done before the money was paid. This is not the general rule. Since the 12th of October we have spent a lot of money on the Saanich road, which the wet weather has put into a very bad state. After the proceeds of the gravel pits sale came to hand, the expenses of the rock crusher and teams ran away with a good deal of the money. We were spending nearly $60 per day on this work, for four or five weeks. Over $6,000 has been spent on macadamizing streets lately. Then we have men working continually on sidewalks, and a sidewalk contractor. All the contracts are not let at the beginning of the year. I think contracts have been let since the 12th of October. I reported the bad state of the filter beds at the waterworks last year. There is an annual inspection of Elk Lake by the Council. Nothing has been done to remedy the state of the filter beds. We spent $950 on Oak Bay avenue this year. We didn't build the road for the tramway.

By Mr. Richards—Mr. Summerfield acted in a very inconsistent manner over the waterworks business. Last year it was his own idea to allow the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department the use of the city hydrants, and about five months ago he wanted the permission revoked.

Mr. Bodwell—"This concludes the whole case for the petitioners, your Lordship. I don't know of any other evidence I can offer on their behalf. To the best of my knowledge none of the ratepayers have anything else to say, or any new charges to formulate."

The Court—"Then the Commission adjourns until next Wednesday week. As this is not a legal question, there need be no summing up on either side. The whole of the evidence will be in printed form by the end of this week, and copies will be presented to counsel on both sides. The Commissioners are prepared during that time to receive any reports that may be handed in and consider them. The court stands adjourned."

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

Relative to the condition of the live stock trade, C. H. Frye, buyer for the Seattle market, who has just returned from a trip through Oregon and Idaho, said that beef cattle are abundant, but prices are firm; that handfeeding has begun, and unless a severe storm comes to cut the cattle down suddenly, there is not likely to be an advance in prices for some time. Hogs, he says, are getting scarce, though it will not be necessary to ship from the East for several weeks; sheep are plentiful, but the speculators continue to hold on to their stock in anticipation of higher prices. In case they fail to realize, they expect to be able to get even for the extra feed on the extra yield of wool next season, as sheep well wintered yield more wool than those poorly wintered.

Henry Clews, of New York, has the following to say on the general financial situation in his latest financial and commercial review: During the week Russia has closed her ports against the export of wheat; which added to her previous stoppage of export of oats, must have the effect of largely increasing the shipments of those cereals from our own ports. The large shipments of grain are adding remarkably to the volume of our exports. For the three months ending with October 31, the total exports of merchandise exceeded those for the same period of 1890 by 34,000,000, while the imports for the same months fall 15,000,000 below those of last year. The trade balance in our favor for the three months is $64,000,000 compared with only $15,000,000 in 1890. The balance, however, has been set off by simultaneous gold imports amounting to $25,000,000, which left an outstanding balance in our favor of $39,000,000 at the end of October. Under the gloomy conditions recently existing abroad it was not unlikely that this balance might be liquidated to some extent by the return of our securities, but the more hopeful symptoms in both finances and the politics of Europe, above referred to, favor liquidation in gold rather than securities. At home, also, current influences are favorable to the stock market. The condition of the bank reserves is conducive to continued ease in money. The trade of the country at large is beginning to show a more distinct response to the stimulus coming from our abundant harvest. The earnings of the railroads are still gaining upon those of last year, and, that upon the net as well as the gross business. These several factors are producing a firmer feeling among holders of stocks; and as the market is largely oversold, the purchases of the "bears" to cover short contracts are likely to have a favorable effect on prices at an early day. Under these circumstances, it would seem safe to buy good stocks on the reactions for early favorable developments.

MARINE MOVEMENTS.

The Phantom Comes to Grief—Her Masts and Smokestacks Alone Visible.

Ship Thermopylæ Starts for Home A Tribute to B. C. Timber.

ALONG THE WATER FRONT, Dec. 7.

Another day of rain and storm and consequent inactivity. The small craft lie at their wharves waiting for the clouds to roll by, and the docks are for the most part deserted by all who are not absolutely forced to be at work upon them.

Yesterday morning the Collis left for Tacoma, with the Hawthornbank behind her, Capt. Randall having succeeded in raising the $400 fine imposed upon him, Saturday. He says that he was entirely ignorant of the law violated; like all information in regard to legal matters, knowledge in his case came high.

Several new names have appeared on the list of inbound ships within the past few days. The clipper ship Thermopylæ has sailed from Bankok with a full cargo of rice for her owners, Hall, Ross & Co., of Victoria; the British ship Ariadne, 1,167 reg., 100 A1, Capt. Crook, has left London, consigned to Robert Ward & Co.; and the British ship Aristomene, 1750, A1, Capt. Jones, has commenced loading cargo at Java for the B. C. Sugar Refinery.

British bark Argyleshire, 708 reg., * A1, Capt. Stevens, is 83 days out from Glasgow, consigned to James Crawford.

The British bark Mermaid, 404 tons reg., Capt. Niemann, is 24 days on the way from London to this port.

The Morning Light and the Celeste Berrill, seeking, are still lying in Royal Roads.

Bark Mistletoe, now en route from Montevideo to Victoria, is chartered to load at Hastings mill. B. C. lumbermen look upon this as a silent but powerful tribute to the superiority of the timber of this province. The Mistletoe's cargo will be used in the navy yards and car shops on the Delaware.

Steamer Thistle, Capt. Nickerson, will leave at noon, to-morrow, for all Northern ports with a full cargo and all the passengers she can can carry, among them: Miss Beavis, F. Cummings, D. Ferguson, A. Joyce, Mr. and Mrs. Skillen, Theo. Robinson and H. M. Price. Her return is looked for in about 10 days.

Owing to the high wind of last night, the Yosemite did not start for Westminster at her usual time. In fact, it was about half-past ten, to-day, before she did cast off her moorings. Among the passengers who boarded her, last night, was Sergt. Heywood, of the Vancouver police. He turned in, intending to get a good sleep no matter how rough it was, and slept like a top till morning. Then he awoke, and finding the boat not in motion, was under the very natural impression that he had arrived at his destination. So he got up, dressed, and, taking his valise in his hand, sallied forth. He had the joke all to himself, and, had he not given it away, no one else would have been permitted to enjoy it.

The tide, to-day, is higher in harbor than it has been for weeks past, and this makes it all the worse for the little steamer Phantom, which lies submerged in the old Enterprise slip. She came in, on Saturday night, and, it appears, ran her nose into the mud at the head of the slip, her stern being in deep water, where the dredger had been at work making room for the City of Kingston. When the tide receded the stern sank with it, and the water poured in through the closet pipes, filling the ship. She settled during the night, and now only her mast, her smokestack and her boat swung on the davitts can be seen above the surface. The joker of the water front says that she is simply being disinfected.

The Empress of China is advertised to sail for Asiatic ports on the 16th inst.

No work could be done on the San Pedro, to-day, owing to the rough weather. The Mascotte is now bringing in the lumber for the construction of the pontoons.

Steamer Islander brought over a large amount of naval stores, Saturday night. They will be reshipped at once to the naval dock-yard, Esquimalt.

Steamer Maude arrived from Nanaimo, last night with coal for C.P.N. Co., and as soon as discharged, will proceed to Anacortes and bring over another load of oats for the Brackman & Ker Milling Co.

Steamer Victorian is expected to resume her run between this city and the Sound, to-day or to-morrow.

The work of dredging the inner harbor has been resumed, and will be vigorously prosecuted.

Schr. W. P. Sayward is out on Clark's ways for repairs.

Steamer City of Puebla took a large consignment of hides to San Francisco yesterday.

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

McLean Defeats Hanlan and the Crowd Pronounce the Race a "Fake."

ATHLETICS

INTERNATIONAL TUG OF WAR.

CHICAGO, Dec. 6.—Preparations have been completed for the international tug of war which begins to-morrow night. The prizes aggregate over $2,000. The entries represent America, England, Ireland, Scotland, Germany, France, Italy and Bohemia.

THE OAR.

The boat race between McLean and Hanlan, for $500 a side, took place in Oakland on Sunday afternoon. The boats were outrigged skiffs. Hanlan gave McLean 100 yards' start. The stroke at the beginning of the race was not over 30 to the minute, but Hanlan gained rapidly, until at the turn McLean was only two lengths ahead; but after rounding the stake Hanlan stopped pulling, apparently to wipe the perspiration from his brow, and allowed McLean to gain some 80 yards' start. The pull home was a procession, McLean winning by eighty yards. Time, 23 minutes, 47 seconds. The large crowd present hooted the rowers, claiming that the race was a fake.

THE DOG.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 7.—Frak J. Dorsey has sold his champion setter bitch "Novelist" to Mr. Jno. M. Avent, of Hickory Valley, Tenn., for a handsome price.

THE TURF.

James Hickey, the driver who was ruled off the track at the fall meeting of the Victoria Jockey Club, appealed the judges' decision to the National Trotting Association by whom it has been annulled, Hickey securing the reinstatement which he asked.

A HOLIDAY RACE MEET.

LOS ANGELOS, Dec. 6.—Ninety entries have been received for the holiday race meeting of the Los Angelos association. All the races are filled except the Owners' handicap and the Los Angelos Derby. The closing of entries for these two events was continued until Wednesday. The races begin Christmas Day.

THE RING.

GALVESTON, Tex., Dec. 6.—Tom Casey, of Sioux Falls, and Bob McGee, of this city, indulged in a fight, this morning, for $50 a side and gate receipts. Both are featherweights. Four rounds had been fought and McGee had Casey badly winded when the police made a descent, arresting the principals and seconds and taking the names of all present. The principals were jailed and all who had any connection with the fight will be arrested.

FOOTBALL.

TORONTO, Ont., Dec. 7.—A cablegram from London says: The Canadian-American football team scored their eleventh victory on Saturday, defeating the Swindon eleven by three goals to two.

WITH THE LITTLE ONES.

Messrs. Crossley and Hunter Address an Audience of Children.

One of the fairest sights ever witnessed in Victoria was that which greeted the occupants of the platform of St. Andrew's church, on Sunday afternoon. There in front of them were crowded the young life and hope of the city—from tiny toddlers up to stalwart youths and blushing maidens. Many of the Sunday schools had come to the service *en masse*, and scholars and teachers were ranged in well-ordered ranks before the speakers. It made a beautiful picture—that army of the future with its various regiments, all compactly united to listen to orders from the King of Kings.

The church was filled to its utmost capacity—its area with children and Sabbath school workers, and its galleries with men and women, who appeared fully as much interested in the proceedings. Supporting the evangelists and assisting in the service were Revs. P. McF. Macleod, C. Watson, C. E. Dobbs, G. H. Morden and C. W. Townsend. And, clustering picturesquely around the platform, were quite a number of children who were unable to find seats elsewhere. An audience of juveniles is not the most easy to manage, but when it is skilfully controlled it is the most responsive and enthusiastic. Messrs. Crossley and Hunter proved themselves to be in every way equal to the occasion. At the commencement of the service they completely gained the attention of their young hearers, and held it unwaveringly to the close.

Mr. Crossley sang a solo, *The way is so delightful*, in a most delightful way. His address was an excellent one. He evidently does not believe in treating children to a namby-pamby talk, he rather goes upon the assumption, doubtless a correct one, that they can understand and appreciate a sensible, manly, and thoughtful discourse. His subject was, "Character Building," and he dealt with it in a clear and thorough manner. He described the material out of which character was to be formed. There must be such qualities as "heroism, politeness, ambition, honesty, and reverence." These thoughts were enforced with many apt illustrations.

Mr. Hunter has a style peculiarly his own, but it is one which is admirably adapted to arouse the interest and sympathy of the young, and his animated actions, flashes of wit, and thrilling anecdotes, all conduce to give him a perfect mastery over such an assembly. He said he would take a very big text, and so saying he held up the great pulpit Bible. It was that book he wished to talk about, and he would make an acrostic on the word Bible. There was the letter B—they must buy a Bible. There was I—they must investigate it. There was another B—they must believe it. There was L—they must love it. There was E—they must exemplify its teachings. Upon each of these points the speaker made some telling remarks.

This unique service was brought to a conclusion by the singing of a verse of the favorite hymn, "Shall we gather at the river?" and the usual benediction.

Loves Sport for Sport's Sake.

"An Australian Unknown," who disputes Durett's title "The Champion Horseback Wrestler of the World," writes as follows to Sporting Editor of the COLONIST:

Some few days ago you favored me by the publication of a letter, in which I expressed my willingness to wrestle Durett, or anyone else on horseback, provided some one would put up the stakes after seeing what I can do. At that time I was in the Upper Country. Now I am in Vancouver, at hand when wanted. Should it prove impossible to arrange a stake match, I will wrestle for gate money. Sooner than allow Durett to continue to claim the title of champion, I will wrestle him purely for fun. Hoping to hear some outcome of all this talk, I remain, sir,

AN AUSTRALIAN UNKNOWN.

The young man Luckhart, detained for a diamond robbery at New Westminster, is still held, awaiting the arrival of necessary witnesses from across the line.

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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Gone.

Thomas Carman, charged with assaulting Mr. G. J. Cook in his store on Douglas street on Saturday night, should have appeared in the police court yesterday to answer to the summons. But it was ascertained, on the case being called, that he had gone away to Seattle, in order to avoid the results of his action.

Information Wanted.

Several books were left at the Free Library a few days ago, either by mistake, or as a gift to the library—it is not known which. If they were intended as a gift the librarian returns thanks; if not the owner can secure them at any time by calling.

Not a Soldier.

The officers of the Salvation Army here deny that Foster, the lunatic, who was taken to the asylum yesterday was or had been, at any time, a soldier, though he wore the army badge at the time he was arrested and talked of nothing but the army and their mission to mankind.

The Tram Car Again.

A horse owned by Mr. Christopher Morley, and employed in the delivery of his famous soda water, took fright at a tram car near the outer wharf yesterday, and reached the Dallas before it was captured. Beyond the destruction of a few dozen bottles no harm was done.

Not Prof. Strauss.

Prof. Strauss was, in a recent report of the Pioneers' dinner, incorrectly stated to have supplied the incidental music. This was a mistake—an unintentional one—as all who know the professor can readily understand, and for the benefit of those who do not enjoy his acquaintance the correction is made with pleasure.

Ever Increasing.

The largest money order business ever done in the Victoria post office was transacted on Monday last, when 121 orders were sold, representing some thousands of dollars. As an indication of the prosperous times in Victoria, the money order business may be looked upon as speaking plainly and honestly, as well as emphatically.

Housebreaking.

Early yesterday morning the Telegraph hotel, Store street, was broken into and eight boxes of cigars and about $3 in cash stolen. The thieves got in at the rear of the premises, and were evidently disturbed in their work, as a quantity of baggage lying around was not touched. The desk was forced open to abstract the cash.

Board of Trade Building Association.

Messrs. Gus. Leiser and J. H. Todd, in one portion of the city, and Ald. Renouf and Mr. D. R. Ker in another, are meeting with splendid success in their canvass for sharetakers in the Board of Trade Building Association, and they are elated over the prospect, in the near future, of having their stock books filled with signatures.

"Riding Rough Shod."

As a gentleman was passing down Yates street, last night, at about half-past five, he was rudely saluted by a mounted butcher's boy or newspaper carrier, who was galloping along Cook street as fast as his horse could go. The boy shouted that he would run over him if he did not clear out, as he could not wait for people to walk over crossings. Manifestly, he thought he owned the entire street.

Laid in the Grave.

The funeral of the late Mrs. James Price took place yesterday afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock, from the Odd Fellows' Hall, Douglas street. The deceased was formerly a resident of Victoria, but during the past few years, with her family, has made La Connor, Wash., her home, and there leaves a large number of friends, as well as many in this city. The pallbearers were R. Roberts, J. H. Meldram, G. Doughty and W. C. Monck.

Vancouver's Sewers.

With reference to a telegraphic item appearing in yesterday morning's COLONIST, in which it is stated that cellars in Vancouver were flooded by the late heavy rains, owing to the inadequency of the sewerage system, Mr. Mohun requests us to state that the Vancouver sewers are on the separate system, which carries sewage alone, and the subsoil drains, which have no connection with the sewers, are responsible for any floods arising from surface water.

The Greer Case.

The points raised in the now celebrated Greer case, were argued here, last week, before the Chief Justice, who will state a special case on one point for the consideration of the Crown Cases Reserve. Hon. Mr. Davie represented the Crown, and Mr. S. P. Mills the prisoner when the matter was up for argument.

Since the above was written, the Attorney-General has announced that he will grant his fiat for a writ of error, which has been accepted by counsel for Greer.

An Escaped Prisoner.

James Bolton, who is undergoing a sentence of nine months for larceny, made an attempt to escape from jail on Friday morning last, as chronicled in Saturday's COLONIST. He was employed, with 23 other prisoners, in the chain gang at the rear of the jail, blasting, and while so employed attempted to regain his liberty. He was, however, quickly detected, and, impeded in his progress by the links attached to his ankles, was soon re-captured. He was brought before Mr. R. Ward, J. P., yesterday, and committed for trial. He elected to be tried at the earliest possible opportunity.

A Tribute to Capt. Williams.

Over a year ago the residents of Fort Simpson, Alert Bay and other northern ports, in celebration of the completion of the 200th trip, without an accident, of the steamer Barbara Boscowitz, framed a resolution or testimonial of confidence and congratulation to be presented to Capt. Williams, the veteran navigator. The testimonial, framed, still remains in Capt. J. D. Warren's office, unpresented, and the advisability of calling together a few of the skippers and shippers of Victoria to formally place it in the possession of Capt. Williams, and express their appreciation of his ability, was brought before the Board of Trade, yesterday, when it was decided to carry out the suggestion referred to.

The Sewer Choked.

Something went wrong with the Johnson street sewer, yesterday morning, and by afternoon the lower part of the street was a lake-like expanse of water, and the merchants, fortunate, or unfortunate, in the possession of cellars, found them flooded with from three to six feet of water. Goods stored therein, of course, came to grief, and the merchants were loud in their complaints against the authorities who made them connect with the sewer, and then, in the very worst time of the year, allowed it to become choked. The mayor was communicated with in the evening, and he gave orders that the stoppage must be discovered and removed at any cost, without an hour's unnecessary loss of time.

Young Men's Guild.

The Victoria Church of England Young Men's Guild held its weekly meeting in the mission room, Langley street, last night. The constitution, which had been drawn up by the committee, was approved of, and the following officers were elected: Rev. E. F. Lipscomb, President; W. J. Swiss, Secretary; Mr. G. T. Fox, Treasurer. Due notices of the weekly meetings will be published. All young men desirous of joining should apply to the President or Secretary.

Rebekah Lodge.

The regular meeting of the Colfax Rebekah Lodge of the I. O. O. F., which was held in their hall, on Douglas street, last night, turned out to be a very pleasant one. After the business of the meeting was over the assembly gave an entertainment during which several of the gathering were called upon to give recitations, songs, etc. The party, after enjoying this for an hour or so, then partook of refreshments, after which the dance started, in which about twenty couples took part. An excellent orchestra, consisting of seven different pieces, all members of the lodge, supplied the music, which was as follows—Circassian Circle, Waltz, Lancers, Highland Schottische, Ripple, Quadrille, Jersey, Danish Polka, Schottische Militaire, Quadrille, Waltz, Old Dan Tucker, Lancers, Polka, Waltz, and Virginia Reel. The dance came to a standstill about one o'clock this morning.

The Evangelists.

The Pandora Avenue Methodist Church was crowded last night when Messrs. Crossley and Hunter took their seats. The service was started by Rev. Mr. Hunter, who read Luke VIII, and took his text from the 40th verse. He spoke of the reluctance with which too many approached Christ, and the happiness which brotherhood with Him secured. Some were brought to Christ by love, others by affliction, but all who came were made happy. Christ was the conqueror of the Devil, disease and death. Mr. Crossley spoke with his usual power and effect, and dwelt upon the simplicity and efficacy of faith. Christ was willing and waiting to receive the penitent, and had mercy on all. Faith was easy and comfort-giving, and those who come to God through the Lord Jesus Christ would in no wise be cast out. There were the usual number of requests for prayer during the evening. The services will be continued in this church during the week.