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BLUCHER CUT
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LACE BOOTS, me-
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Mr. Men's Clothing
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AT DEATH WAS
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Jury Investigates
Death of William Hooper
of Duncan.

from Monday's Daily.)
The death of Wm. Hooper,
which took place in the
on at an early hour Satur-
day, was investigated by a
jury the same afternoon, and
it was determined that the man had
died as a result of a piece of meat
in his windpipe. The story was
inquest was that while
he was eating in the Commercial
corner of Cormorant and
Banks streets, he was suddenly seized
and was conveyed to the
hospital where he died. The
coroner's jury found that the
death was due to suffocation
caused by a piece of meat
lodged in the windpipe. The
jury also found that the
man was in good health
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THIS SEASON
IN BASEBALLPROSPECTS ARE GOOD
FOR THE LOCAL TEAMThe Game Calls for Large
Salaries to Players in
League.

The baseball season of 1908 is on. The
California state on the Coast League
teams bring the first nines to take the
field. The former, an outlaw league,
started last Saturday night and played
on Tuesday the past week, and for
eight long months they will do
battle for the championship pennants
of their leagues.

The National and American leagues
will play their first games on the 15th
of the present month and from that
time until the end of May the many
minor leagues will start their seasons.
By the time they are all under way
many thousands of players will
daily amuse vast crowds of fans and
incidentally draw nice fat salaries.

It would be a hard matter to estimate
the large amount of money paid out
to ball players yearly as well as
the large amount of money invested in
the game in ball parks, players' etc. It
seems strange to say, money invested in
players, but it has become quite a
common thing for a club to pay as
high as \$10,000 for the release of a single
player, and each season the major
league clubs pay out thousands of
dollars for players from the minor leagues,
many of whom really never receive a
fairly-try-out. However, money is no ob-
ject in securing good men to build up
a winner and to have a winner means
big profits for the baseball magnates.

Almost every team in the big leagues
has its star man for whom they could
secure almost their own price, but it
is seldom that these stars are quite
satisfied with their surroundings, are
satisfied. On the New York American's
side is Hal Chase.

who played here in 1903. He is to-day
considered without an equal on first
base. Offered as high as \$15,000 have
been made for him by rival clubs, but
received very little consideration. Wa-
gner, or Pittsburgh; Laporte, of Cleveland;
Cobb, of Detroit; Stone, of St. Louis,
and many others have been offered
if their contracts were placed on the
market.

Baseball is thus conducted as a
strictly business proposition. It is
colored and cents to the owner, but the
fan knows just the same. He cares
not who owns the team or who the
players are, so long as he sees a good
game and has the privilege of
seeing the players. The fan knows
this. This is the reason why the game
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The trading of Overall thus meant a
loss of thousands to one team and the
gain of many thousands to a rival team
and all because the fans had to be
pleased. Of course the team is an ex-
ception, as in the majority of cases the
fan does not make a mistake. The good
fan rarely misses a game and is above
all things a good judge of a ball player.
Baseball is an expensive game. The
cost of running one of the major league
teams being by no means a small mat-
ter. The players' salaries of one team
alone run up as high as \$40,000 for
a season. Players receive \$3,000 to
\$1,800 a season of five and a half
months and most clubs carry about
twenty men. LaJolle, manager and
captain of the Chicago team, is ex-
pected to receive \$100,000 a season. In
order to pay these salaries large gates
are necessary and these can only be
obtained by having a winning team.
Those who own the Chicago team are
"tallenders" usually have a good sized
deficit staring them in the face at the
end of the season. The winners of the
championship and the runners up of
course make large sums of money
during the season and in the past season
games between the winners of the Na-
tional and American league pennants,
the owners as well as the players, were
in for a fine slice of money. During
the games played last fall for the
world's championship between Chicago
of the National and Detroit, the win-
ners of the American league, the at-
tendance for the five games was 78,086
—the receipts being \$1,072,000. Of this
the owners of the Chicago team who
won the championship, received \$38-
022, while the players of this team re-
ceived \$38,969, to which the club added
\$12,940, making in all \$45,000, which was
divided among the players, giving each
member of the team \$2,500. The De-
troit players' average to have the
share of the gate to which the owners
of this club added \$15,000, making \$38-
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reward of winning.

the race and is of course in addition
to the regular salary received by the
players; to the player who is lucky
enough to be a member of a champion-
ship team is extremely fortunate. And
for all this vast expenditure of money
the fan is the man who must pick up
and so long as the fan continues to
furnish the shew of war by patroniz-
ing the game, just so long will baseball
continue to be the most popular of all
summer games. So far the attendance
has been on the increase, each season
making a higher attendance mark than
the season previous. The conditions
existing in the major leagues are prac-
tically the same among the winners
to-day as a much smaller scale. For the
coming season there are no less than
forty leagues, each having from four
to eight teams, playing under the Na-
tional agreement. In addition to these

there are several outlaw leagues and
many thousands of independent, col-
lege and amateur nines in the States
as well as in Canada.

Last week reference was made to the
glorious history of the local team in
1903.

The season of 1904 was not the huge
success that the previous season was.
The loss of Chase no doubt had con-
siderable to do with this and although
the team was a very good one the at-
tendance was not up to the mark.

McMann, Emerson, Earle and
Treadway joined the club early in the
season and for the first month the
team was victorious in all the games
played. After this Emerson, Earle and
Treadway left the team and from that
time on the local players were
Mann continued to play through the
season, but at a loss financially.

In 1905 the Northwestern league placed
a team in Victoria under the manage-
ment of Geo. Horvath. The Vancou-
ver team was in the hands of J. Mc-
Closkey, now manager of St. Louis in
the National league. Bellingham with
K. Drennan as manager, and Everett
with H. Hulen as manager comprised
the league.

But Victorians did not take very
much to professional baseball, and
owing to the poor attendance the Vic-
torian nine was after the first month or
so merged to Spokane, the city taking
Victoria's place in the league.

The Victoria team was unfortunately
a very poor one and badly managed.
At least effort games were made, this
no doubt being of much the cause of the
failure of the enterprise as anything
else. Patrons of any game like to see
their team win and nothing dampens
in ardor of the enthusiasts so much
as to see his team being defeated in
game after game. At any rate the
league was a poorly advised one, the
population of the cities in the league
being entirely too small to support a
league ball. The teams played out the
season, however, Everett winning the
championship and the Victoria-Spo-
kane team coming in tall-enders.

Several good men were developed in
this league, the best playing with
several of the eastern teams.

TO-MORROW'S PRACTICE.

Weather permitting the local ball
team, will, after two attempts have
their first practice at Oak Bay to-mor-
row. In spite of the wet and cold last
night, practice, if members count
for anything there will be no lack of
material to pick a most capable team
from. Almost every position on the
team will have several claimants, and
at least effort games will be played
in the morning. The team will be
home during the summer, there will
be plenty of work ahead for the players.

On Good Friday afternoon a game
will be played between the nines picked
from applicants for players. This game
should give the lovers of the game a
very fair idea of the talent available,
and if all reports received of the play-
ers are right, several surprises are in
store for the fans. Although the boys
will not be in extra good trim for a
game so early in the season, a very
fair idea can, no doubt, be obtained as
to their ability. Players are requested
to be out by 10 A. M., and spectators
are most welcome.

SEMI-PROFESSIONALS.

An independent semi-professional
baseball team was organized in Van-
couver a few nights ago. The team
looks very strong on paper with these
players to select from: Catchers,
Whalen; Townsend, spare. Pitchers,
Corby (captain), Tait and Lewis; first
base, Clark; second base, Swanson;
third base, Townsend; shortstop, Joe
Stinson; right-field, Walter; left-field,
Webster; centre-field, O. Hamphill.
The following officers were elected:
President, Con Jones; vice-presidents,
C. E. Sedall, G. C. Leonard, Pete Ban-
croft, H. Chapman; patrons, M. Fitz-
patrick, W. Fitzpatrick; treasurer, Bert
Frost; secretary, T. Clark; manager, O.
Humphill.

FOR GOVERNOR HUGHES.

New York, April 13. — Governor
Charles E. Hughes was endorsed as
New York's candidate for president at
the Republican state convention held
on Saturday, and the four delegates at
large, with the alternates, elected to
the Chicago National Republican con-
vention were instructed to use all
honorable means to bring about his
nomination. The four delegates at large
were General Stewart, E. Woodford,
former Mayor Seth Low, of this city,
Frederick H. Hazard, of Syracuse, and
E. H. Butler, of Buffalo.

PHANTOM OF THE STRAIN.

Bank Manager Says His "Hold Up"
Might Not Have Happened.

Toronto, April 13.—A special from
Thornhill states that all indications
now are that the alleged attempt upon
the branch of the Sterling bank at
that place on Tuesday night last origi-
nated in the imagination of the
young bank manager, Mr. Henry, who
described his combat with three bur-
glars, a pistol duel in the dark and
then ending when he was struck on the
head by a brick and fell insensible, and
the bank robbers escaped in the darkness.

So satisfied are the authorities of
this that they have stopped their in-
vestigations, and are waiting for the
evidence to develop their conclusions
to the attorney-general.

Henry is alleged to have written to
the detectives that perhaps he was
excited, and that no attempt had been
made to rob the bank. He recalled,
it is claimed, having read the account
of an attempt to enter the Imperial
Bank at St. David's, and it is asserted
that he made admission that perhaps
he had been dreaming about it be-
fore going downstairs. In this event
Mr. Henry must have fired the shots
himself.

The steamship Tees, Capt. Town-
send, is reported from the West Coast
to-day a few hours behind time. The
Tees will leave Alberni for Victoria
this evening. She was due here to-
night, but will not arrive till to-mor-
row.

ANGLERS' LUCK
IN NEAR WATERSMANY SOUGHT SPORT
WITH VARYING SUCCESSSome Fair Catches Are Re-
ported—Result of the
Day's Sport.

The time of year has come when
an angler can enjoy himself, even if
he catches no fish. There is no place
as pleasant as the banks of Vancou-
ver Island streams, where with pipe in
mouth the ardent sportsman whips the
surface of the water with his most
alluring flies. Even if March Brown
or Cowichan Coachman fail to bring
the big fellows to the surface, the re-
sult in muscular development and in
disease-fighting power is well worth
the trouble. At Cowichan river, near
the entrance to the lake, steelheads
are beginning to respond. Yesterday
F. Fletcher was up there and had
splendid sport. True he did not fill
three baskets, but the fish he caught
fought hard and were worth five hun-
dred tame little ones. The river is
fast going down and the Lakeside hotel
filling up in inverse ratio.

At Sooke lake there was a good
deal of pure enjoyment obtained but
the fish were rather shy. All sorts of
baskets were obtained from Richard
Hall's two up to Rowbottom's thirty-
five. F. Schnorcer caught something
like twenty and others ranged up and
down in this.

Those who were up say that by
peering down into the water the fish
could be seen in hundreds taking life
easy, but indifferent to any one boy
hooked on a very large one, as big as
a grise, but being too eager, managed
to toss it too hard, sending it over the
boat instead of into it.

At Saanich Arm the grise were
rather shy, the baskets ranging from
one to a dozen. About thirty people
were up there, but many went just
for the outing, not for the fish.
Prosper Lake was worse than the
arm, for one or two fish were all that
could be landed by one rod.

Shawnigan Lake yielded about the
best fishing in the course of the day.
W. W. Noury and W. E. Ditchbourne
brought down fifty five trout among
them. There were a number of other
catches made in the lake, but those
who tried the stream did not succeed
as well.

Sam Whittaker caught a fine steel-
head in Cowichan river, though in
what part of the river he fished has
not been reported. His brother Albert
also brought in a fine basket of trout
from the same place.

Of course there will be a stampede
to the lakes and streams for the hol-
idays. The steel and boarding camps
will be well filled and large numbers
will go out, returning the same day.
At Sooke many Victorians are build-
ing for themselves fishing camps. Mrs.
Work of Shawnigan is building a nice
little place here. Mellor Brothers are
also erecting a suitable building. Mrs.
Ross, Cathcart and Young, P. Demp-
ster and Mr. Wells will also soon have
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Local News

—Two drunks were the only repre-
sentatives of their class in the police
court this morning. Both pleaded guilty
and were assessed the usual amount.
One of them appeared very much the
worse for wear, although he has been
in the cells since Thursday last re-
covering from the effects of his celebra-
tion. Until today he was not in his
condition to plead.

—Rev. G. W. Dean is giving up his
work and going to Shawnigan Lake
this summer. Shawnigan is one of the
pleasantest places at which to enjoy
a long holiday and Mr. Dean is one of
those who knows how to take full ad-
vantage of the beauties of nature and
the opportunities for sport which are
there provided.

—Rev. Robt. Milliken, B. D., occupied
the pulpit of the Metropolitan
Methodist church yesterday when ser-
vices were held specially for the Sun-
day school. In the morning the chil-
dren of the Sunday school occupied the
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—The regular review of Victoria Hive
No. 1, Ladies of the Maccoches, will be
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Sooke, from the train at Vancouver to
their new home. The Dominion fisher-
ies inspector, Mr. Taylor, will await
the arrival of the train at Vancouver,
and as soon as the shipment has been
transferred will go direct to Sooke,
where the government steamer Georgia
will be in readiness to assist in placing
the lobsters in the large crates that
have been prepared for their recep-
tion. It is expected that the shipment
will reach Vancouver on Wednesday.

—The prizes for the Owl masquerade
ball, to be held in the Assembly hall
skating rink on the 23rd, are now on
view in Fletcher Bros.' window and are
attracted great crowds of attention.
The prizes have been carefully chosen,
the committee in charge, being specially
adapted for such work. Those in
charge of the ball are making such re-
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Jarden Produce—
Asparagus, new 40
Rhubarb, per bundle 25
Cauliflower, each 25
Cabbage, per lb. 1.50
Potatoes (Island), 100 lbs. 2.50
Lettuce, each 5
Onions, per bunch 12 1/2
Spinach, per lb. 8
Brussels Sprouts, per lb. 12 1/2
Artichokes, per lb. 12 1/2
Carrots, per lb. 5
Sweet Potatoes 15
Celery 15

Hams (B.C.), per lb. 20
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Hams (American), per lb. 25 1/2
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Bacon (rolled), per lb. 15 1/2
Shoulders, per lb. 20
Bacon (long clear), lb. 20
Beef, per lb. 10 1/2
Pork, per lb. 12 1/2
Mutton, per lb. 12 1/2
Lamb, hindquarter 1.50
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Veal, per lb. 12 1/2
Suet, per lb. 15

Fresh Island Eggs 25
Best Laid Butter 30 1/2
Butter (Creamery) 45
Butter (Eastern), 14 lbs. for 45
Cheese (New Cal.) 25
Cheese 25
Lard, per 25
Hudsonian Flour 25
Ogilvie's Royal Household, 2.00
per sack 2.00
Hudsonian Flour 2.00
Lake of Woods, per sack 7.50
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Okanagan, per sack 7.50
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Moose Jaw, per sack 1.75
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Excelsior, per sack 2.00
St. Louis, per sack 2.00
Oak Lake, per sack 2.00
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Hudson's Bay, per sack 7.75
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Enderby, per sack 2.00
Enderby, per sack 2.00
Pastry Flour 2.00
Snowflake, per sack 1.75
Snowflake, per sack 1.75
O. K. Best Pastry, per sack 1.50
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O. K. Four Star, per sack 1.75
O. K. Four Star, per sack 1.75
Drifted Snow, per sack 1.75
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Wheat, per ton 3.00 1/2
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Oats, per ton 3.00 1/2
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Whole Corn 36.00
Cracked Corn 38.00
Rolled Oats (B. & K.), 25-lb. 1.25
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Oatmeal, 10-lb. sack 2.25
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Rolled Oats (B. & K.), 25-lb. 1.25
Cracked Wheat, 10 lbs. 40
Wheat Flakes, per packet 40
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Graham Flour, 10 lbs. 45
Graham Flour, 50 lbs. 1.00

Feed—
Barley (hulled), new, per ton 30.00 1/2
Saw, per bale 75
Middlings, per ton 32.00 1/2
Bran, per ton 32.00 1/2
Ground Feed, per ton 30.00
Shorts 34.00

Poultry—
Dressed Fowl, per lb. 10 1/2
Spring Chicken, per lb. 10 1/2
Ducks, per lb. 10 1/2
Geese (wonder), per lb. 10 1/2
Turkey, per lb. 10 1/2

Fish—
Salmon (spring), per lb. 12 1/2
Salmon (autumn), per lb. 12 1/2
Haddock, per lb. 10
Haddock (smoked), per lb. 10
Crabs, per lb. 10
Smelts, per lb. 10
Flounders, per lb. 10
Cods, per lb. 10
Black Cod, per lb. 12 1/2
Bass, per lb. 10 1/2
Fawns, per lb. 10 1/2
Pinnin Haddies, per lb. 12 1/2

Fruit—
Walnuts 20
Chestnuts 20
Bananas, per doz. 10
Coconuts, each 10
Apples, per box 2.00 1/2
Oranges (Gavala), per doz. 40
Grape Fruit (new), per doz. 15
Raisins, seeded, new, per doz. 15
Many of these fruits are being
imported from Hongkong and
Sultana Raisins, per lb. 12 1/2
Currants, new, 2 lbs. 25
Figs (Cal.), table, per lb. 15
Figs (Cal.), cooking, 2 lbs. 15
Figs (Smyrna), per lb. 20
Figs (Vinea), per lb. 20
Lemons, per doz. 20
Almonds, shelled (Jordan) 15
Apples, dried 15
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Peaches, dried 20
Pist (assorted), per lb. 20
Patt's Coal Oil 1.25
Focene 1.25
Granulated Sugar 1.30

WHOLESALE MARKETS.
Carrots, per 100 lbs. 1.00 1/2
Bananas, per bunch 2.50 1/2
Lemons 2.50 1/2
Walnuts, Eastern 15
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Garlic, per lb. 15
Apples, per box 1.50 1/2
Pineapples, per doz. 4.00
Cabbage, per doz. 2 1/2
Coconuts, each 10
Bacon 20
Butter (Creamery) 45
Butter (Dairy) 50
Eggs (ranch), per doz. 20
Eastern Eggs (selected) 20
Oats, per ton 30.00
Feas (field), per ton 45
Barley (hulled), per ton 30.00
Pears, per ton 25
Sweet Potatoes 15
Cranberries 12 1/2
Pist. Cal., per lb. 15
Figs (new), bulk 15
Figs (Gavala), per lb. 15
Figs (Smyrna), per lb. 20
Figs (Vinea), per lb. 20
Grape Fruit (new) 1.75
Pineapples (native) 2.75
Dates