

Their Trip To Seattle

The Sound City Is All Right, So the Alderman Committee Say.

One Alderman Waxed Enthusiastic—Council Transacted Considerable Business

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Ald. Hall has several new ideas, which he would not divulge, but a transformation in the park is anticipated—it might be a cafe conducted by a real live Parisian chef. This of course is only speculation.

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Ald. Yates said that the committee from the council had met the government, and the latter had taken the matter under earnest consideration. The reception accorded the committee was most satisfactory, and the council on the interview. Received and filed, and the committee will furnish a report.

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was to be a series of levels, etc., and design a complete system, including, if possible, the Spring Ridge district. However, a small sewer could be constructed along St. Charles street and branching out at Rockland avenue and Belcher street, which would not be permanent, and would only accommodate about 10 buildings, including Government House. It would recommend this important matter be deferred until a complete system is decided upon, when the outlet could be considered permanent and of sufficient capacity for all the eastern section of the city for many years to come. I have the honor to be, gentlemen, Your obedient servant, G. E. TOPP, City Engineer.

Referred to the streets, bridges and sewers committee for report. The water commissioner reported that the pipe supplying the works at the outer wharf was altogether too small, and proposing that the old pipe from the water tower street be relaid in that portion of the city. Also that a supply be given to the residences on Amphion street, Oak Bay.

Ald. Cameron moved the adoption of the report, and Mr. Mason informed of the action of the council. Ald. Brydon advocated ascertaining some idea of the revenue to be derived from the work.

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is mud. In other words, water and silt; the water flows off and the silt remains. Your committee are fully convinced of the complete feasibility of the proposal to fill in James Bay mud flats by this method to any required level, and that the cost of the work would be well within the city engineer's estimate, and the operation would be attended with the additional benefit of deepening at the same time the harbor port sufficiently to the west of the proposed permanent causeway.

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Great Britain's Preparedness Checks Russia's Advance in Province of Manchuria.

The Engineer of Chinese Imperial Railway Gives Interesting Talk on Eastern Subjects.

There was a passenger on the steamship Glenogle, arriving here on Sunday, whose position in Oriental life should give to what he says regarding the great ordinary subject of this East—a more serious one, than the British railway authorities removing forcibly the Russian flags from railway property in the proposed concession and replacing the stones marking the old boundaries. The Russians at once protested; the British replied by putting on military guards. At this there was a fresh protest, and thereupon a large body of Madras Pioneers was sent over, and all the limits of the railway property emphatically marked with sentries.

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At the last meeting of the Natural History Society, the subject of encouraging the study of natural history among the school children was discussed. The great importance and desirability of this was unanimously conceded, but as it was agreed that the matter was one largely within the province of the teachers themselves, and that any steps taken should be with their co-operation and co-operation. It was decided to invite the principals of the various public schools, and as many other of the teachers as would care to attend the regular meeting of the Natural History Society, on Monday evening, May 13th, at 8:00 o'clock for the purpose of considering any suggestions that may be offered. You are therefore requested to be present, and to invite the members of your staff as well. In taking this step the members of the Natural History Society are simply desirous of ascertaining the views of the teachers, and of affording an opportunity to all concerned of finding out to what extent co-operation is practicable. I am desirous to assure the teachers that the society is in hearty sympathy with the movement in favor of introducing natural history into the schools, and that so far as possible they will aid in developing a system of instruction.

Discussion followed upon the subject mentioned in the letter, and it was finally decided to appoint a joint committee of six representing the Natural History Society and the teachers. The committee will report later upon a scheme after getting it in practical shape.

J. R. Anderson submitted some specimens of fungus which were taken from birch trees. In order to lead an interest to the study of natural history the society have decided to present a prize of \$10 for the best collection of native wild flowers at the fall exhibition. BEWARE OF A COUGH. A cough is not a disease but a symptom. Consumption and bronchitis, which are the most dangerous and fatal diseases, have for their first indication a persistent cough, and if properly treated as soon as this cough appears are easily cured. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has proven wonderfully successful, and gained its wide reputation and extensive sale by its success in curing the diseases which cause coughing. If it is not beneficial in your case, send it to your druggist, and get a refund. Wholesale Agents, Scott & Bowen, Toronto, Canada.

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THE PLANTA CLAIMS. Ore is to Be Smelted at Irondale-Building Wharves.

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alfour's Statement Four Thousand Rounds of Small Arms Ammunition in Great Britain in 1899.

Government Leader in the Commons Replies to Critics of Army Bill London, May 16.—Summing up the state on the army bill in the House of Commons to-day, A. J. Balfour, government leader, denied that there was any body of opinion hostile to the scheme of Mr. Brodrick, secretary for war. Mr. Balfour contended that it would be impossible to get unanimity among soldiers on any scheme of reform, and said that objections to the proposed scheme made upon the scheme were on several sides and inconsistent with each other, and it would be a crime against the future to allow this opportunity to pass and popular enthusiasm to die after the experience of the last few years.

THE HOTEL MYSTERY. Why Says Ho Saw Woman Descend Fire Escape After Shot Was Fired.

ATTACKS MR. WYNDHAM. Dublin, May 17.—The Irish People, William O'Brien's paper, contains a column of attacks on Mr. Wyndham, which paper, because of its insulting references to King Edward, the general manager of Mr. Wyndham is also assailed.

KILLED IN FIGHTING. Albany, May 16.—One man killed, two badly wounded, hundreds of others being broken heads and cut faces, others being mangled as far as the arsenal will do merely, the city under martial law, with the city in a frenzy of excitement, and the city authorities leading a strike trying to get the railway company to come to an amicable settlement, and the situation when darkness fell, and the street car strike to-night, William merchant, was killed. The fatal shot was by a National Guardsman, William Marshall, non-union motorist, skull fractured.

PRESBYTERIAN ASSEMBLY. Philadelphia, Pa., May 18.—The Presbyterian general assembly fixed next Wednesday at 10 a. m. for the hearing and consideration of the report of the Confession Committee on the revision of the Confession of Faith, Thursday and Friday have been set aside for the discussion of the report, and it is considered that the assembly will consume at least two days' session.