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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Travelers.

The following passengers left for San Francisco yesterday by the Queen: E. Smith, Jas. Wright, Mrs. L. Fox, Mrs. Geo. Haynes, C. Smith, E. Smith, R. Porter, jr., J. C. Ashby, J. Ross, A. Baldwin and Mrs. L. McLean.

Appointed.

The U. S. consulate in this city received notification from Washington of the appointment of Mr. Levi Meyers, of Iowa, to succeed Mr. Stevens. The new consul assumes office early in March.

Dr. Guthrie's Plans.

Dr. Guthrie will leave in a few days for his home in Guelph, Ont., intending however to return very shortly. Speaking of his business affairs he says to a COLONIST reporter that he owes about $4,250. He also owes a large amount for goods taking orders against the tariff which he states have been very slack.

Another Burglary.

Several nights ago the Union Club was entered between dusk and dark by someone evidently acquainted with the premises, who thoroughly ransacked each room that was likely to contain valuables. Several drawers were left open and a small sum of money secured. The police have a clue to the thief.

The Assault Case.

Sergeant Langrish, who was assaulted by a Chinaman on Saturday, appeared in court yesterday and gave evidence against the Chinaman, who was fined $50 and costs, in default two months' imprisonment. The Chinaman was also bound over in the sum of $200 to keep the peace for six months.

Investigating.

This morning the select committee of the Provincial Legislature consisting of Messrs. Haslam, Croft, Orr, Ladner and Cunningham, appointed to enquire into the construction and collapse of the bridge over the north arm of the Fraser River, went over the Mainland to pursue their investigation at the scene of the accident. They will examine witnesses in regard to the breaking of the bridge and present their report to the House next Tuesday.

A Test Case.

Messrs. Eberts & Taylor, city barristers, in a report to the City Council last evening informed the Board that Mr. Bryce, the commercial traveler who was recently fined in the police court for refusing to pay the city license, intends to test the constitutionality of the city by law under which the conviction was secured. The case will be watched with interest, especially by the legal fraternity, as it has no precedent in Canadian court practice.

Turning Out the Salmon Fry.

The Fraser river hatchery is going to turn out an immense number of salmon fry this season, and all in the very best condition. The fry are hatching out beautifully, and the losses are much below the average, due to careful attention while in the ova state. The little fellows are as sprightly now as young trout, and they are growing very fast. The first batch of 100,000 will be turned loose next week in Pitt Lake if the weather is favorable, and from that date forward the fry will be deposited in the various lakes and streams as fast as the work can be safely accomplished. Mr. Max Mowat will take charge of the distribution of the fry.—Columbian.

Newcastle Quarry.

Mr. Jas. Hall, superintendent of the Newcastle Island quarry, is in town looking after the interests of his company. He reports work progressing favorably and expects to be able to take orders for both dressed and undressed stone in a few weeks from British Columbia and American cities.

This stone will likely be used in the construction of many of the buildings to be put up in this city during the coming year. Geo. A. Cooper has been appointed agent in this city.

Freight and Trade Notes.

The Queen of the Pacific took 20 tons of hides and 10 tons of rice for San Francisco yesterday.

The Maude took 600 boxes tin and 45 tons miscellaneous freight for northern points last evening.

The Lakme was to have left Portland last evening with 200 tons cement and miscellaneous freight for this port. She had to leave 2,000 tons of flour behind on account of the wharves being washed away by the flood.

The steamer Princess Louise brought from the Fraser last evening 258 packages merchandise and farm produce.

The Islander last night brought assorted freight four cars flour, one car plate iron and one car merchandise.

The steamer Olympian last evening brought a carload merchandise, including a large quantity of seeds for Victoria seedsmen.

The U. S. Consul at Victoria.

The Oregonian's Washington correspondent wires: "The great contest over the appointment of a consul at Victoria, B. C., was settled to-day by the nomination of Levi W. Myers, of Iowa. He is a country editor who has never held an office before, and his appointment was made apparently to prevent the office being used for the purpose which the many candidates wanted it for. There were over 100 applications for this consulship, and the office is not so important, but the fact that it gives the occupant an opportunity to speculate in the growing towns along Puget Sound and the coast made it very desirable. A man in the consul's office at Victoria may keep informed on all matters of speculation and can easily visit the towns in the vicinity. A number of the applicants stated that they wanted the office because it would give them a first-class opportunity to get a foothold in the new state of Washington."

Worthless Paper.

Just as the Sound steamer was making ready to leave her dock yesterday morning Sergt. Walker discovered on board a young man named E. Levy, against whom a warrant had been issued charging him with obtaining money under false pretenses. Levy was placed in the cells, charged with fraud upon two counts; and later in the morning appeared before the police magistrate, reserved his pleading, and asked for a remand to procure legal advice. The remand was granted.

Levy, who is an agreeable and popular young fellow, came to Victoria about four weeks ago, and soon fell in with rapid company. Cards and wine quickly exhausted his money, which he spent with a free hand, and a few days ago he drew two checks which he had no money in the bank to protect. One was in favor of Richard Bray for $42; the other made payable to Thos. Garvin for $12.50, and it is these checks which put the younger into trouble.

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

THE GLOVES.

Last Friday evening at Professor Foster's gymnasium the fistic tournament which has been announced for some time will take place. The cups for which the athletes will contend are splendid specimens of silverware, and ought to put every man among the contestants on his mettle. The trophy for the open competition is especially handsome, being in the form of a beautiful [illegible], richly engraved. The work [illegible] Wednesday evening will take the [illegible] of deciding by preliminary heats [illegible] are to box the final heats at the [illegible]oria Theatre on March 1st. It may be interesting to know that the winner of the open competition will be amateur champion of British Columbia. The intending contestants are training hard for the struggle, and those who have had the benefit of Professor Foster's instruction will be sure to make a fine showing. Several competitors from the [illegible] and will take a hand in the mill [illegible] there will be sure to be a crowded house to witness the event.

A KNOCK-OUT.

[illegible] McCoy and Charlie Gleason, [illegible]-weights, met in the gymnasium of the Golden Gate Athletic Club, San Francisco, Wednesday night. The contest was short but fierce, and McCoy knocked Gleason out in the sixth round.

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE.

Fifth Parliament—Fourth Session.

ELEVENTH DAY.

THURSDAY, Feb. 13th, 1890.

The Speaker took the chair at 2:10 [illegible]

PRAYERS.

Prayers by Rev. P. McF. Macleod.

READING PETITIONS.

The petitions of Marshall Bray and others, asking for the incorporation of the Nanaimo Telephone Co., of the Pacific Coast Fire Insurance Co., applying for an act of incorporation; and of Henry Abbott, D. Oppenheimer and others in reference to the Ashcroft and Cariboo railway were, on motion, received.

OUT OF ORDER.

The Speaker ruled out of order the petition of Robt. Dexter, presented by Mr. Duck, which asked for relief, inasmuch as an indirect expenditure.

THE REPORT.

The committee on railways reported the bill entitled the British Columbia Railway Act, which they recommended. Report adopted.

A RETURN.

Hon. Mr. Robson presented the following returns: A statement of the names and places of residence of collectors of revenue paid by commission, rate of same, and date of authority therefor; a statement of Common establishments under the Cattle Ranges Act, showing the revenue collected for the fiscal year ending 30th of June, 1889; and a statement of bonds deposited in the Provincial Secretary's office by civil officers of the province for the due performance of their duties under the "Civil Service Act."

TO CONSIDER THE SPEECH.

Hon. Mr. Turner moved that the speech of His Honor, the Lieut.-Governor, be taken into consideration on Tuesday next. Carried.

A QUESTION.

Mr. Ladner asked the hon. the premier: "Has the money received by the government from the lands at Sumas and Chilliwhack conveyed to the province by the Dominion Government under 52 Vic., Chap. 7, Statutes of Canada, been set aside as a fund for the purpose of reclamation, or has it been paid into the consolidated reserve fund, and what amount has been collected from the said land?"

Hon. Mr. Robson—No; I am not aware that it was ever intended to so set it aside, and at any rate it could only be done by the legislature. The money has, of course, been paid into the Consolidated Revenue Fund. The amount will be given in returns already asked for.

MUNICIPALITIES BILL.

The House went into committee, Mr. Smith in the chair, upon the Municipalities Amendment Bill (Hon. Mr. Beaven).

The committee remained in session during the remainder of the afternoon, reporting progress at six o'clock.

PETITIONS.

Mr. Duck, with permission of the House, presented the petition of the National Electric Tramway Co.

Mr. Anderson laid before the House the petition of H. S. Mason and others.

Both were tabled.

WESTMINSTER ELECTRIC LIGHT CO.

Mr. Cunningham introduced a bill to incorporate the New Westminster Electric Light and Power Co. Bill read a first time and referred to the Private Bills Committee.

A RETURN.

Hon. Mr. Vernon presented a return of Orders-in-Council, etc., respecting the 1,057 acres of lands acquired by the province in connection with the Sumas Dyking Lands.

The House rose to sit again on Tuesday at the usual hour.

LITTLE LOCALS.

The Queen of the Pacific took down 170 passengers for San Francisco.

The corporation have decided to pension the old horse that has served the city for the past fifteen years, as a reward for faithful service.

Judgment has been given for the city in the suit brought against the corporation of Victoria by Mr. John Haggerty.

The Legislative Assembly hall is now as days as cold as the smile of the Government when a new applicant for a post office makes his appearance.

Yesterday the N. P. officials left Tacoma by steamer Sehome for Port Angeles for the purpose of making arrangements for building wharves, warehouses, etc., there.

Yesterday one of the sailors of the schooner Triumph was handed over to the police by Capt. Cox, who charged him with having disobeyed orders. The case will come up in the police court this morning.

Thos. Innis, who was killed at the Newcastle quarry by falling from the top of a derrick, was a native of Germany, and had only recently severed his connection with the U. S. navy. An inquest was held at Nanaimo on Wednesday afternoon.

Hon. Wm. Thornton, one of Montana's runaway senators, was supposed to be in Victoria yesterday, but it appears took another route.

MARINE.

Steamer Maude left for the North last evening.

Schooner Pathfinder left yesterday morning for the hunting grounds.

Steamer Queen of the Pacific will make one more trip to this port before being taken off the route.

The four-masted schooner Douglas Dearborn has been spoken in latitude 10 degrees south, longitude 132 degrees west. The Dearborn is the schooner which was reported bottom up off the Columbia river several weeks ago. When spoken all on board were well.

The steamship Wellington arrived at San Francisco on Wednesday, eighty-five hours from Departure bay, with a cargo of 1,300 tons of coal, reports fine weather on her passage down the coast.

Capt. Jordan states that when twenty miles north of Cape Mendocino the steamer passed through large quantities of driftwood and a number of immense trees with roots and branches attached.

PERSONAL.

A. P. Black, of Vancouver, is in town.

E. M. Yarwood, of Nanaimo, is at the Clarence.

C. D. Rand was a passenger from Vancouver last night.

Miss Sadie Watkins, of Nanaimo, is the guest of Victoria friends.

Frank Marshall, of the San Francisco Chronicle, is in town.

Edward Allen, senior member for Lillooet, is on the brick list.

Robt. Irving returned from a trip to Puget Sound last evening.

J. Orr, M.P.P., and wife went over to Vancouver this morning.

L. R. Trimen and T. G. Gore were passengers for Vancouver this morning.

Mayor Oppenheimer, of Vancouver, came over by the Islander last night.

Mrs. T. L. and Miss R. Briggs came over from Westminster by the Louise last evening.

C. E. Mallette, of Bourchier, Croft & Mallette, left for Port Angeles this morning.

Joseph Mason, M.P.P., has again recovered his health sufficiently to appear in the House.

A. Haslam, H. Croft, T. Cunningham and W. Ladner, M.P.P.'s, were passengers to Vancouver this morning.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria

LOST WITH ALL HANDS.

Wreck of a Lumber Vessel on the West Coast.

Not One of the Crew Left Alive to Tell the Story of the Wreck—West Coast News.

Mr. J. L. Penney arrived from the West Coast yesterday afternoon, bringing news of the total loss of a lumber-laden vessel near Clayoquot and the drowning of all of the crew.

Mr. Penney left Clayoquot on Sunday morning for Nanaimo, via Alberni, in company with Armstrong, the Alberni mail carrier. They found the snow on the summit, between Cameron Lake and Alberni, three feet deep, and had the greatest difficulty in making the trip. The horses stumbled and floundered through the soft snow, and were thoroughly done up and their feet badly cut when Nanaimo was reached Wednesday. At Nanaimo Mr. Penney took the train for Victoria, and upon his arrival in this city he kindly furnished THE COLONIST with the following news:

About two weeks ago, after one of the heavy gales which have prevailed on the coast, Indians came to Messrs. Brown & Penney's store at Clayoquot, and reported that a ship laden with lumber had been lost on a reef south of Vargas Island, about five miles from the Clayoquot store. That from seven to eight thousand feet of lumber had come ashore, and that all hands on the vessel had been drowned. The Indians searched along the beach, but could find no bodies up to that time. The place where the vessel was wrecked is so rocky and exposed to the full sweep of the wind and waves that she must have speedily gone to pieces after striking the reef. One of the masts with a mass of cordage was floating over the reef, held in place by some of the ropes being entangled in the rocks. With this exception and the large quantity of lumber strewn along the rocky beach, there was not the slightest trace of the unfortunate vessel or her crew, or anything to indicate her name or where she was bound for. One clue, and that a slight one, was found which may lead to the identification of the unhappy ship and her ill-fated crew. The Indians showed Mr. Penney a small leather pouch such as is commonly worn by sailors, and which the natives said they found among the lumber on the beach; but most likely the article was picked up in the water in the vicinity of the wreck. In the pouch were several letters and discharges for one Petersen, of Abo, Finland. The pouch and its contents is now in the possession of Rev. Father Heynen, of Clayoquot, and if any further details of the wreck are discovered the news will be sent to Victoria at the earliest opportunity.

SEALING NEWS.

Mr. Penney reports that the sealing schooners Sapphire and Beatrice were at Ah-hound-i waiting for their Indian crews, the weather being so rough that the natives refused to ship until milder weather set in. During a heavy blow the Sapphire dragged her anchors and fouled the Beatrice, carrying away some of the latter's head-gear, but inflicting no serious damage.

The seals along the coast were very plentiful, the heavy weather being the means of driving them close in-shore.

The Barclay Sound Indians had secured about one hundred skins, but refused to part with them, preferring to wait for higher prices.

Mr. Penney and the mail carrier brought a heavy mail from the west coast settlements.

ALBERNI AND ITS WANTS.

TO THE EDITOR: On Saturday, the 1st day of February, a public meeting was held in Gill's schoolhouse, called by the superintendent of public works to urge the necessity of having something substantial done in the matter of roads and bridges. Quite a discussion took place in regard to the site for the bridge over the Somas river, there being three sites in view. One site was contended that the upper site would be the cheapest because the shortest, others maintaining that the building of the approaches would more than make up the difference, while others, and either of the lower sites, besides putting those living lower down to the inconvenience of travelling up the river when their objective point was down. While for the lower sites it was held that they were already connected with the roads, would suit all parties and would not put anyone to the inconvenience above mentioned. The discussion was dropped and a motion passed asking the Government to make a special grant for the bridge. There were also motions passed asking that the line of the railway lands be surveyed, that a good large sum be granted towards roads, for they are in a wretched state and next to impossible to walk, let alone drive, over them during the wet weather in the fall and spring; that Alberni get direct representation in the coming parliament, and that a good colonization road be built between Comox and Alberni. This latter is a very needful thing, and it is to be hoped the government will make it a thoroughly good wagon road wherever a team and load may be safely driven from one settlement to the other, three foremen being appointed to look after the roads. Mr. Smith was asked if the whole of last year's appropriation was spent. He answered: By the time the roads are cleared of the timber blown into them by the recent storm it will be, and perhaps ten dollars more. The minutes of the meeting were read and the secretary was asked to forward a copy of them to our representatives. After a vote of thanks was passed to the chairman, Mr. Thos. Kirkpatrick, and secretary, G. A. Huff, the meeting adjourned.

The mail has not been very regular in its arrival and departure from this place, owing to the depth of the snow on the mountain. It has only got through about once in two weeks since the snow fell. Last week's mail arrived at 12 o'clock on Saturday night with three horses and a man, all about pegged out; the horses not being able to breast the snow very far without resting. From all accounts the snow seems nearly twice the depth on the east coast that it is here.

ALBERNIAN.

Alberni, B. C., Feb. 5, 1890.

CITY POLICE COURT.

(Before Hon. A. N. Richards, P. M.)

Ely Levy, charged with obtaining the sum of $40 from Richard Bray under false pretenses, was, on the request of his counsel, Mr. Helmcken, remanded until to-day.

Ah Hing, a miserable looking Chinaman, charged with vagrancy, was sent up for one month.

Another Celestial, charged with assault, was remanded until to-day.

G. C. Anderson, charged with entering Mr. Prevost's residence, was also remanded until to-day.

The Telecoach Cable.

The U. S. Congress has appropriated $6,800 to re-establish the cable and repair the telegraph line between Port Angeles and Cape Flattery. The line has been down for several months and shipping has been greatly inconvenienced. Vessels were formerly in the habit of telegraphing for tugs from Cape Flattery and notifying the merchants' exchanges at the various cities on the coast of their arrivals and departures. The sum of $50,000 has been donated by the U. S. government towards building a first-order lighthouse at the head of Cape Disappointment, Washington.

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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

The Pueblo's Passengers.

The steamship City of Puebla sailed from San Francisco yesterday with the following passengers on board for Victoria: W. Janer, H. Bald, J. T. Juner, H. Baldwin, E. J. Howell and J. G. Smith.

On the Beach.

The Indian police in this city yesterday received information that two bodies, identified as those of two of the Indians recently lost in the Straits, had been found on the beach at Mud Bay. The bodies were those of the young man August and his wife. A rope connected the two, being attached to the arm of the man and to the body of the woman.

The Potato Supply.

A Westminster paper says: Mr. J. Wise received a couple of tons of potatoes from up river on Thursday. He says the fears entertained regarding a potato famine are not likely to be realized. There are plenty of them up river, and with the opening of navigation the trade will be well supplied. The price of them now is $40 per ton.

Chinese Lotteries.

A gentleman who is well acquainted with the Chinese and their peculiarities, has estimated that over $300 per week is spent by white residents of Victoria in Chinese lotteries. The greater part of this is, of course, lost to the buyers of tickets and ultimately finds its way to China. Gambling in Chinatown is on the increase, and its suppression calls for the increased attention of the police.

Thieves at Work.

Some time during the hours of Thursday night sneak thieves, professionals evidently, invaded the Oriental hotel, and with a pair of nippers turned the keys in several of the doors, and ransacked the clothes of the sleeping boarders, none of whom were awakened. One guest lost $5, another $12, and another $7. No jewelry or other valuables were stolen.

Roller Train Service.

Mr. Abbott, general superintendent C. P. R., has at last that he will arrange that when the facific express is delayed so that it does not make connection with the steamer for Victoria, a special train shall be provided to bring passengers over from Westminster, so that no inconvenience may be experienced by persons desiring to get from Westminster to Victoria.—News-Advertiser.

Released to Die.

Charley, an Indian, who was undergoing a sentence of four years in the penitentiary at Westminster, has been pardoned. He has served about eighteen months, but consumption has taken a firm hold on him and in all human probability he will not last much longer. Warden McBride received the necessary papers from Ottawa yesterday, and the man will be released as soon as arrangements can be made to send him to his friends.—Westminster Truth.

The Mission Bridge.

The construction of the C.P.R. bridge across the Fraser river at the Mission will be pushed this spring despite all reports which have been circulated to the contrary. The contractor, Mr. McGillivray, says that he will have the work well under way by April 1st, and he is now making preparations to commence building just as soon as the weather will permit. If the present plans are carried out, and barring unforseen delays, the bridge will be ready for traffic by July 1st.—Columbian.

A Fortune Awaits Mrs. John Scott.

Chief of Police Pearce, of Westminster, has received a letter from Miss Carrie Johnson, of Seattle, containing the information that Mrs. John Scott, of New Westminster, and formerly of Jacksonville, Florida, has fallen into a large fortune by the death of a wealthy relative in the latter city. Enclosed in the letter sent to Chief Pearce was another addressed to Mrs. Scott, who is urged to send certain particulars necessary, without delay, in order that the will may be executed. So far the chief has been unable to find the particular Mrs. Scott mentioned in the letter, although he has made enquiries in both far and wide, and if this item should reach the eye of anyone knowing the lucky lady they will confer a favor on her by acquainting her with the good news. From a remark in the letter in possession of Chief Pearce, it may be just possible that Mrs. John Scott is a mulatto, or has at least some negro blood in her veins. Should this be the case identification will be easier, but the sentence is so worded that it is impossible to ascertain whether the fortunate party is colored or not.—Columbian.

City Police Court.

In this court yesterday, Hon. A. N. Richards, P. M., presiding, Chinese cases reigned supreme for upwards of four hours. The evidence, or the cases themselves, while interesting the Chinese possess no attraction for white people. Eli Levy, on remand, charged with fraud, was committed for trial, and two drunks confessed their guilt, paid their fines and fled.

George C. Anderson was charged with feloniously entering the premises of J. C. Prevost. Mr. H. D. Helmcken, who appeared for the prosecution, said that he had decided to amend the first information and charge the prisoner with carrying a concealed weapon.

Mr. Taylor, for the defence, said that to this arraignment his client would plead guilty. As no application was made to have the prisoner bound over to keep the peace, however, His Honor said that he was discharged.

"Here is the information on which he was arrested," remarked Chief Sheppard, handing a document to His Honor, "it is for burglary!"

"Yes," replied the Court, "but it is not completed, and consequently no action can be taken on it. Mr. Prevost is not here, and evidently does not want to do anything in the matter, so I will not detain the prisoner."

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

THE RING.

A KNOCK-OUT WITH FATAL RESULTS.

A special despatch from Dallas, Texas, to the St. Louis Post-Despatch says: Jake Kilrain and his sparring troupe exhibited at the Opera house Thursday night. It was announced to be only a sparring and wrestling match. After some uneventful sparring by others, Tom James, of Dallas, encountered Benzia, the combination champion light weight, for twenty-five dollars, the conditions being that James should stay four rounds. Benzia had it his own way from the first. In the fourth round Benzia struck James in the neck, knocking him limp on the stage. James was unable to rise. He was sponged and restoratives applied and the show continued, no one supposing that James was hurt seriously. When the entertainment had about concluded, Muldoon announced that James was unconscious and called for a physician. As soon as the serious condition of James became known officers began a search for Benzia, but he had fled. At 12:30 this morning James died, and the entire combination excepting Benzia, were placed under arrest on a charge of murder. Kilrain was so overcome that he wept like a child. A few hours later Benzia returned and surrendered to the officers. It is generally supposed that James' neck was broken, but one doctor gives it as his opinion that James died of heart disease.

WRESTLING.

The great Quinn-Richardson wrestling match, which was to have taken place in Philharmonic Hall last evening, matured into a complete fiasco. "A blood match" was expected from the time articles were signed, considerable heavy talk having been indulged in by both Quinn and Richardson, and the men trained for a legitimate wrestle. The match was made for $500 a side, and a small deposit was laid to bind it. On Thursday, the Quinn men, according to their own story, clubbed together, made up their $500 and asked the Richardson backers to cover it. They said that they could not at the time, as their money was to come from Vancouver, but offered to make the match for $250 and plant the money at once. This offer Quinn and his men refused to accept, and the Vancouverites promised to have their cash ready on the night of the match. It had not yet arrived when Quinn and his party reached Philharmonic Hall last evening, and the Victoria man thereupon announced from the stage that the Richardson crowd were not ready with their money and he would not wrestle for anything less than the full amount. Wrestlers, friends, and disappointed would-be-spectators then left the hall, and on the street met the Vancouver men, who had with their pockets full of money ready to make the match for the full sum and lay side bets as well. By this time one of Quinn's supporters, who was to contribute $150 to the stake, had disappeared, and the Victoria party were forced to draw in their horns for the time. All hands repaired to the Pritchard House, and the discussion became animated. Various propositions were made, but before any could be acted upon Quinn surprised everyone by fainting dead away, and afterwards becoming so sick that he had to be put to bed. The Richardson party on retiring announced that if Quinn and his money were ready in one week they would let the match go on; if not, they would claim it and the money up. To this the Quinn party agreed, and here the matter rests. Of course, directly varying opinions are expressed in regard to the wheel within. The Vancouver men say that Quinn was caught upon his own fake, and that a "square" match was something he doesn't understand. Victoria sports, on the other side, say that their man was acting on the square, but the nervous strain when he was unable to make up his stake was too much for him. The recognized champion of Victoria supports the latter story. While admitted a good wrestler he is pronounced, by those who know him best, too much afraid of losing other people's money, and his want of nerve is his greatest failing. There will be a large attendance of friends who have known and loved the departed during her long residence here.

Lost and Found.

Capt. Christensen, of the tug Lorne, while returning to port with the Hulda E. Wood yesterday afternoon sighted a small sloop adrift near Discovery Island. He took the little craft in tow, and found it to contain a complete settlers' outfit, with furniture, etc., all ready to commence housekeeping. The only thing missing was "grub." On reching Victoria, Capt. Christensen reported his find, and it was identified as the property of a Mr. Cartwright, of Sooke, who was moving, the sloop being in tow of the steamer North Star near Race Rocks when the tow line parted in the rough weather on Thursday last.

More Than Half a Million.

Some time ago mention was made of the division of the Work Estate among the eight fortunate heirs, but details were not completed at that time, however, and have only now been handed to the new owners of the estate. The whole property, in the most valuable part of Spokane, Washington, was equally divided so as to give each of the heirs an estate worth at least, in the market, $75,000. The new possessors of the estate are: Heirs of the late Mrs. Tolmie, Mrs. R. Finlayson, Mrs. Edward Huggins (Tacoma), Mrs. E. H. Jackson, Mrs. J. A. Grahame, Mrs. Charles Jones, Mrs. E. G. Prior and Mrs. E. E. Blackwood.

A Fast Mail Service.

A Tacoma telegram, dated the 10th inst., says: "It was given out to-day by Northern Pacific officials that the contract will be let shortly for carrying the mail by the through trains between St. Paul and Tacoma will be reduced twelve hours, the new schedule to take effect within a few weeks. It is also reported to-night that the company will put on another through train when the new time schedule goes into effect, the fast train stopping at principal stations only, and the second train doing the local business."

The new arrangement will be entered upon on March 1st, when east-bound Victorians will be enabled to catch the train at Tacoma on the arrival of the steamer there.

An Alarm But Little Fire.

The noise of many police whistles in Chinatown last night at about 11:45 o'clock called Officer Clark's attention to the fact that a chimney fire was progress on Fisguard street. An alarm was sounded, and the officer proceeded to locate the cause of the sparks and smoke. He only met with opposition from the frightened Celestials, one of whom refused to allow him to enter the house. He was thrown to one side, and the fire was extinguished without water being laid. The life of a fireman is not a pleasant one, when he his called out for such a senseless run as last night's, and if the practice of throwing chimneys to ignite was increased it would very probably lessen the number of these unnecessary expeditions.

Possibly Footpads.

As Mr. Henry Macauley was going home at a rather late hour a few nights ago, he became aware that two rough-looking customers were stealthily following him. He was near the end of James Bay bridge when he first discovered that his footsteps were being dogged; and he at once quickened his pace. So did the couple behind, who finally came up and tried to enter into conversation. At the end of Birdcage walk they separated, but a few moments later Mr. Macauley happening to look around, saw that they were again together and following him. Not being anxious to engage in an encounter, he started on a run and the pursuers gave him chase. Home was safely reached, but Mr. Macauley does not care to repeat his experience, for he is his opinion that the men were professional footpads and were only waiting till the outskirts of the city were reached to attack him.

Application for a Divorce.

Joseph Molina, of Spanish extraction, and a cigar maker by trade, appeared in the superior court at Port Townsend on Thursday and petitioned Judge Sachs for a divorce from bonds of wedlock which compelled him to share the trials and tribulations of Lenor Molina, his wife. He testified that he was married to the plaintiff in San Francisco five years ago, and the result of the union was three children, now deceased. They removed to San Jose in 1887, when it appears from the plaintiff's testimony that the wife's mother took a hand in the family affairs and induced the fair senorita to abandon her lawful protector. Both husband and wife departed from the Garden City the same day for San Francisco, each on a separate train, and the former came north to Victoria, where he resided for a time. He has repeatedly written to his wife giving her the alternative of returning to his bosom or becoming a divorced woman. She evidently was not much infatuated with Molina, as the letters were never answered, and he is of the opinion that she has returned to the land of the Montezumas, where her mother possesses some valuable property. Judge Sachs declined to grant the decree until a greater effort was made to notify Lenor Molina of her husband's petition. The judge said that if a divorce was granted on the evidence adduced in court, anybody could afford the luxury and he was strongly in favor of every reasonable effort being made to give defendants due notice of the proceedings.

For Mrs. Hewlett's Benefit.

A good half house was present in the Victoria last evening to enjoy the concert given by "O" Battery band and local talent for the benefit of the widow of the late Q.-M.-S. Hewlett. While the time of preparation had been very limited all acquitted themselves most satisfactorily. The band numbers were finely executed under Prof. Pierdner's baton, while Murphy of the battery "caught on" well in his vocal numbers. Mr. J. G. Brown was another great success, while the assistance rendered by the minstrels of H. M. S. Amphion was as acceptable as it was kindly given. The results of the entertainment will be very substantial and with the hearty donations of other friends will go far towards keeping the wolf away.

Real Estate Sales.

Bourchier, Croft & Mallette report the following sales for the week: Lots 4, 7 and 9, Simcoe and Niagara streets, $2,200; Lots 1, Carr street, $800; Lot 8, Simcoe street, $700; Lot 544, Quebec street, $2,000; Lot 11, Croft street, $600; Lots 21 and 22, Esquimalt road, 403 acres, Sec. 13, Cowichan district, $7,200; 40 acres, Port Angeles, Sec. 14, $6,000; 4 lots, E. C. Baker addition, $200; 2 lots, Syndicate addition, $150; 3 blocks in 264a, Vancouver, $5,340. Total, $28,250.

F. G. Richards, Jr., & Co., sales for the past week: Four lots in Victoria West, $1,235; 1 lot, corner of Douglas and Pandora streets, $20,000; 3 lots, James Bay, $5,400; Port Angeles, $3,505; Des Moines, $3,000. Total, $33,135.

Messrs. Crane, McGregor & Boggs report the sale of four lots in James Bay, two lots on Fort street and seven lots on Oak Bay avenue, for a total of $7,400.

The West Coast Wreck.

The general opinion at Port Townsend is that the vessel reported wrecked on Vargas Island, near Clayoquot Sound, was the Chilian bark Pastorenza, which sailed from Port Townsend about December 10th, loaded with a cargo of lumber from Blakely destined to Chili. A few days after the Pastorenza got to sea the captain of the tug Pilot, of Victoria, reported passing through acres and acres of floating lumber off Cape Flattery. The rumored loss of the Douglas Dearborn, bound to Philadelphia, off the mouth of the Columbia river, gave rise to the opinion that the lumber was from the latter vessel. The Dearborn has been spoken twice since then, and it is generally believed that the wrecked vessel at Clayoquot Sound is the Pastorenza. Near that sound is where the good ship St. Stephen went down with all hands three years ago. It is understood that the cargo of the Pastorenza was partly insured. The vessel was an old wooden craft and had little or any insurance.

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

WRESTLING.

Quinn, the wrestler, was a very sick man all through Friday night, but yesterday morning appeared himself again. He got up, dressed, and walked to his room over opposite Hay, where his friends took him in charge. During the morning the Richardson party, with their man, called to enquire after his health, but were not allowed to see him; his friends being afraid of visitors. Several are whispering it around that the Victoria man was drugged, just how they don't state, and his supporters will take good care that there shall be no more fainting if this was the cause. No one suggests that Richardson or his friends would descend to a foul trick, but Quinn's collapse looks peculiar to say the least, to those who know his feeling in regard to the match set for Friday night. The money is now ready on both sides, and a wrestle will probably be arranged for Friday next. There is a strong talk of the stake for Quinn being made up by the Victoria Athletic Club, of which he is a member and instructor, each member to put in $5. This is the proper manner in such a match should be made, and it is to be hoped that it will be so arranged. It will give a much greater assurance of a square match.

Victoria is full of wrestlers just at present, the collection being made up of Matsada, the champion, Dan McLean, Cameron, Rowe, Richardson and Quinn.

Richardson and his backers called at THE COLONIST office last evening and made final offer in regard to the match, which was so foolishly left to a low Quinn to post his stake money and complete arrangements for a match as decided upon to take place on or before Friday evening next; provided he calls at THE COLONIST office and deposits his money, at the same time arranging for the match, before noon of Monday, the 17th inst. If Mr. Quinn does not announce his intentions and put up his money prior to this hour Richardson to draw the money now up." In making this offer Richardson agrees to wrestle Quinn for any amount at his disposal from $100 to $500; not being anxious to obtain the small deposit now laid, but to secure the wrestle that he has trained for and is ready for.

HERE AND THERE.

Over $150 worth of new apparatus for the Victoria Athletic Club is on its way from Boston.

Capt. Harry Robbins and a party of twelve members of the St. Louis Bicycle Club will make a tour of the Coast this spring, including Victoria in their ramble.

A keen and exciting scratch game of football was played at Beacon Hill yesterday afternoon.

LITTLE LOCALS.

The organization of a chess and checker club is being talked of in the city.

Cassmore's Opera House of America.

Get a warm air furnace, and have the whole house warm with but one fire. McLennan & McFeely.

If you have your suits made to order by Jno. T. Pierce you will avoid bad fits. 98 Yates street.

No further things have been received of the ship reported wrecked near Clayoquot Sound. She is supposed to have been one of the Sound lumber fleet.

The police courtroom yesterday was empty of everything save a very perceptible odor of the departed Chinese. Judgment has at last been given in each of the long-pending Mongolian disputes.

An ex-grocer of Douglas street is missing from the haunts that until recently we knew him, and rumor is rife that he has departed for lands beyond the ordinary kinds, and without the formality of settling with his creditors previous to his short farewell.

A boat containing two sailors from the schooner Venture capsized in the harbor a few nights ago, giving the marine men an idea of McGinty's fate. They were picked up by a passing boat, feeling none the worse for their ducking.

Five missionaries for China, Messrs. J. M. McBride, Clarkson, N. T. R. Hend ll, and Charles Stephens, Toronto; and Misses Kay, Jamestown, N. Y., and Power, Barrie, Ont., arrived at Vancouver on the Pacific Express on Friday from the East. They will take passage by the SS. Batavia for the Orient.

PERSONAL.

J. W. Robinson of Vancouver is at the Clarence.

Capt. Peel came over from Westminster last evening.

W. D. Ferris, Sen., and J. Wrigglesworth were passengers from New Westminster last evening.

F. F. Berry of the A. T. and S. F. R. R. is at the Clarence.

A. R. Johnson was a passenger from Port Townsend yesterday.

L. Buttress Trimen arrived home from the mainland last evening.

Miss Wolfenden was among the arrivals by the Islander last evening.

P. C. Dunn, jr., and J. F. Hawkes returned from Seattle last evening.

M. M. English and L. P. Eckstein returned to the mainland this morning.

James Cunningham of Westminster arrived over by the Islander last evening.

Mark Drumm, representing Keene's Theatre Co., is in the city and will go over to Seattle to-morrow.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria

AN IMPORTANT DECISION.

The Right to Catch Seal in Behring's Sea.

In the Supreme Court on Wednesday last, before Hon. Mr. Justice Drake, a decision was given in the case of Baxter vs. Jacobs.

Solomon Jacobs, the defendant, was owner and master of the schooner Mollie Adams. In January, 1889, he made a contract with Baxter, of Seattle, to sell him at a stipulated price all the skins taken by his two schooners, the Mollie Adams and the Webster, during the coming year. The Webster was lost, and on the following April the Mollie Adams returned and delivered her spring catch to Baxter, at Seattle.

There was then a verbal understanding between them that the Mollie Adams was to return and seal in Behring's sea and deliver skins to Baxter in accordance with the contract. She went to Behring's sea and returned last November, but instead of delivering the skins to Baxter, sold them in Victoria. Baxter then brought suit against Solomon Jacobs for damages by breach of contract.

The defense held that the contract was not valid as sealing in Behring's sea was in violation of the United States statutes, and called Mr. Johnson, of Port Townsend, as a legal expert, to establish in the court the American law relating thereto. He took the sections of the statutes governing the case, the amendments enacted by congress of 1889 and the President's proclamation.

The court decided that the contract was valid, and refused to recognize the jurisdiction of the United States in Behring's sea outside of one marine league from the shore of the American territory.

It was held that section four governed the case and that the law, where a contract was made, had no bearing in court.

Baxter was awarded $4,161 damages. Both defendants and plaintiff are American citizens and the schooner was an American vessel.

Defendant has been committed to jail in default of payment of the money.

PORT ANGELES.

Regular Daily Steamer Service to be Established—Wharves and Warehouses to be Built.

Mr. H. V. Burner, the general agent of the Union Pacific railway, arrived over from Port Angeles last evening, which point he visited in company with General Manager Smith, B. Campbell, general freight agent and the chief carpenter of the Union Pacific. Their mission was to select a location for the wharves and warehouses of this company, which it is intended to immediately construct at Port Angeles. Manager Smith purchased the present wharf and secured other excellent frontage on the harbor. A wharf and warehouse will at once be erected and the steamer Geo. E Starr will begin regular trips between Port Townsend and Port Angeles in the course of a few days. This steamer will leave Angeles in time to connect with the Victoria-Tacoma boat, and will await the arrival of the Tacoma-Victoria boat before again leaving for Port Angeles. This is done for the purpose of establishing regular daily communication