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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Esquimalt District Crops.

The farmers in Esquimalt district are making good progress with their harvest. The general run of the crops is very heavy. The root crop is going to be good, with the exception of potatoes, which are not so promising.

U. R. K. of P. Anniversary.

The Victoria division No. 2, uniform rank, K. of P., will celebrate their anniversary on the 28th inst. The occasion will be commemorated by a supper, which is to take place in the evening of that day at Steitz's restaurant, and it is expected that both a pleasant and interesting time will be enjoyed.

Bound for Alaska.

The Raymond-Whitcomb party, announced a day or so since, arrived last evening and put up at the Driard and Clarence hotels. The party will embark on the Queen, due here to-morrow morning, for Alaska, and on their return will take the same route eastward as the first party.

Esquimalt Signal Station.

A pole has been erected on Signal Rock, Esquimalt, for the use of the meterological service, the wires to be connected with the Fisher Cottege, where the superintendent, Mr. Baynes Reed, has established himself. The premises are being externally altered and improved.

A Remarkable Occurrence.

A man who had been living at Rock Bay left his family about three months ago to take a business trip on the other side, and was not heard from until last evening. He wrote to his wife saying he foolishly took part in a balloon ascension, and losing control of the balloon was drawn into the sun. He tells her to get a refrigerator and ice cream freezer at mclennan & mcfeely's and join him up there.

Business Assignment.

Owing to pressing business engagements, which, for the time being, he was unable to meet, C. L. Terry, dry goods merchant, of this city, has assigned. Mr. A. C. Flummerfelt and Mr. Fred. J. Claxton have been appointed trustees of the estate. It is understood, however, that the assets considerably exceed the liabilities, so that 100 cents on the dollar is assured to the creditors. The crisis was brought about by the refusal of some eastern creditors to grant an extension of time.

Looking After Trade.

James Guest, of Montreal, the well-known agent of some of the leading wine and spirit producers in France, who arrived in town a night or two ago, is said to be negotiating with certain people on the coast with a view to finding a market in the more easterly portions of the Dominion for California wines. Meantime, however, it would appear that he has been "bluffing" the trade of Winnipeg as to his real objects, for one of the papers of that city announced that he was concerned in an immense "onion deal." There is an immense difference, however, in the bouquet of onions and the flavor of the finest viticultural products. If it is desired to change drinks, why not go in for oolachan oil or some other product of a fishy flavor?

Training School for Nurses.

The action of the directors of the Jubilee Hospital in establishing a training school for nurses in connection with that institution, is one which ought to commend itself. These are the days when skill in every avocation commands the highest remuneration, and in nursing particularly. Without proper training not even the greatest amount of sympathy and assiduity can be turned to the best account. The occupation of a nurse is a noble one, and brings into play the highest and best powers of which an individual can be possessed. Moreover, there is much of the morally heroic about the avocation of the nurse whom the poet Scott has well described as being "Ministering Angels," "when pain and anguish wring the brow."

Capt. Whitelaw's Application.

With reference to the application of Capt. Whitelaw for permission to kill whales in the Gulf of Georgia, it is learned from an Ottawa dispatch that the matter has been referred to the minister of customs by whom it was referred to the minister of marine and fisheries to be dealt with, and from what can be learned the request will not be granted. The refusal will be based upon the grounds of employing United States registered vessels. It appears that no objection would or could be taken to Capt. Whitelaw going into the enterprise if he carried on his expedition in a Canadian vessel. The fact of his being an American citizen has no bearing in the case. Advices have been received by the government from British Columbia strongly protesting against permission being given to Capt. Whitelaw to catch whales in British Columbia waters.

The Esquimalt Fortifications.

An Ottawa despatch says: It has been learned at the Militia Department that it is proposed to thoroughly fortify Esquimalt and put in a state of defense the five miles of sea coast intervening between that point and Victoria. As these fortifications are not likely to be required for permanent occupation, intrenchments will be constructed with all the necessary shelter for temporary use. In this way, it is contended, the work can be completed at comparatively small outlay, and at the same time furnish all the protection that may be required. It is learned also that an armament will be sent shortly to Esquimalt and Hong Kong, to be held in reserve for equipping the steamships of the Canadian Pacific railroad, under the government's inspection, should it be necessary at any time to equip them as cruisers, for which purpose they are being especially constructed.

The Salmon Outlook.

A gentleman resident in town, who is largely interested in the exportation of canned salmon, remarked, yesterday, that the English markets had been against the British Columbia salmon interest, largely because the production was too great for the demand. It was supposed on the other side that the price of salmon in the recent past was too high to encourage any considerable demand, but, with materially reduced prices, such as had been obtained of late at the public sale, there was every reason to expect that the consumption would be largely augmented. He believed that the reduction in value would, on the whole, tend to the material advantage of the interest. He declared that great caution should be exercised in receiving all the theories which had been put forth regarding the habits of the salmon and the supply of the future. Both whites and Indians had their theories as to the prospects for runs; but the speculations had not been realized this year. There had been little snow, few freshets and clear water, with an unparalleled run on the Skeena, the only approach to it having been some ten years ago. Nevertheless, contrary to the views of the theorists, there had not been much snow, heavy freshets and muddy water.

Was it a Hoax?

It has transpired that the search for opium on the steamer Olympian at Port Townsend one day this week, was due to information of a private nature received by the U. S. customs officials, from Victoria, stating that a quantity of the drug was on board. No opium was found, and now the Port Townsend officials are asking, "was it a hoax?"

At Wellington.

Affairs at Wellington continue quiet, and great endeavors are said to be making to induce some of the men who have recently arrived to join the strikers. They have had, it is said, some success in this direction. The meeting to be held in Victoria to-morrow evening is looked forward to with considerable interest by the miners.

THE ESQUIMALT MAGISTRATES' COURT.

The Controversies Arising Out of the Extention of the Line of Tram Cars.

Yesterday morning a special session of the Magistrates Court was held in the Fisher House, Esquimalt, under the presidency of Messrs. Fisher and Bullen, J.P.'s, for the purpose of hearing the charge of assault preferred by Mr. H. S. Fairall against Mr. Wilfrid Nichols, an employe of the Tram Car Company.

Mr. Gregory, of the firm of Belyea & Gregory appeared for the defence.

Mr. Fairall pleaded not guilty, and applied that the case be adjourned, he being sick yesterday and unable, in consequence, to consult his lawyer.

Mr. Gregory replied that the defence were prepared to consent to an adjournment provided an arrangement could be entered into to postpone the case for two weeks, the requirements of the Government rendering it necessary that track laying should proceed without delay. Several of the witnesses were employed upon it, and by the end of two weeks their services could, for the time being, be more easily dispensed with.

Mr. Fairall declared that he wished to have an adjournment, say, till Saturday only, as he feared that if it were longer delayed some of the witnesses might have forgotten the facts of the case.

After further remarks from Mr. Gregory, Hon. D. W. Higgins remarked that the Surveyor-General had notified the company to commence the work without delay. It was therefore necessary to push it within the next few days, after which the witnesses referred to would be more at liberty.

Mr. Fisher asked if the necessary deposits had been made. Both parties, he added, were ready for an adjournment; but if the one of them were to be considered the other was equally entitled to attention.

Mr. Bullen concurred in this view.

A witness for Mr. Fairall here interposed that it would be inconvenient for him, if the case were postponed for any length of time, as he wished to go to San Francisco.

Mr. Fisher ordered that each party deposit $10 into court.

The case was then adjourned until the 28th inst., at 11 a.m.

The next case called was that of Nichols, who charged Mr. Fairall with having intimidated him by threats to kill him with a view to compelling him to abstain from doing that which he had a lawful right to do.

Mr. Fairall pleaded not guilty, and asked for an adjournment to the 28th, which was granted.

Mr. Gregory said that there was a charge to come up against Fairall at the same time of threatening Hon. D. W. Higgins.

Mr. Fairall said he had made no such threats, and was not likely to have done so.

Mr. Fisher—I am an old man, and my experience is that the worst boys are always innocent, and so it is with men. We have to try the case on its merits.

The court adjourned.

OUR SALMON FISHERIES.

Opinions of an Expert as to the Situation—"Stop That Waste!"

Mr. Samuel Wilmot, Dominion superintendent of fisheries, with his son, Mr. George Wilmot, have been for several days at the Driard, one of his daughters, Mrs. Wynans, being a guest at Government House. Mr. Wilmot left for the East yesterday morning. In conversation with a COLONIST reporter, yesterday, Mr. Wilmot said he wished it to be understood that he was not here in an official capacity, but since he was here he had combined business with pleasure. He had confined his observations almost exclusively to the salmon industry, which had amazed him. He had conversed with a number of persons who were engaged in it, and had been puzzled to know exactly what it was desired the government should do. At Ladner's Landing he had been struck not alone with the salmon run and the manner in which the fish were disposed of, but the enormous crops of oats, barley and wheat that had been raised there, were beyond anything that he could have supposed. The canneries had been to him a wonderful sight; he had never in all his fishery experiences seen anything like them; but the waste which he had been compelled to witness had led him to believe that, if something were not done to protect the fish and check the waste after the fish were caught, the salmon would become as scarce on the Pacific as they had become in the east. He had seen as many as 10,000 fish brought in at once, many of them not being canned, but thrown aside to rot and pollute the streams. He complained of the manner in which the deposits of filth and of sawdust had driven the fish from their former resorts in the older provinces, and referring to the havoc which had been done in the Ottawa river, expressed the opinion that it was irreparable. He expressed surprise, in view of the experiences elsewhere, that the Pacific canners should wish to throw their offal into the water, thereby poisoning it, whereas it might be profitably utilized in the production of fish oils and manure, in themselves sources of much profit.

Though he was not speaking officially, he knew that the department desired to carry out as far as practicable the wishes of the canners, but it was difficult to discover, in the multitude of their counsels what was actually required. He realized, he repeated, the necessity of greater restrictions as concerned the catch, and much more economy in the methods of disposing of it. He remarked that he had been to Esquimalt, and was much gratified with the courtesies and attentions shown to him by Captain Hulton, of the Amphion. He could say nothing as to the Behring's Sea affair, but his personal impression was that it would be quite as justifiable for Great Britain to close the Mediterranean, of which she held the key, as for the United States to close the waters at present in dispute, no matter the pretension.

WESTERN PROGRESS.

Opinions of a Far Eastern Visitor to Victoria on Pleasure Bent.

Mr. T. A. Dawes, the well known brewer of Lachine, near Montreal, who is one of the latest arrivals in Victoria, in conversation with a COLONIST reporter yesterday, said that he had come here merely upon a pleasure trip. All the way from the East he had been surprised at the marks of Canadian progress. The towns which had grown all along the route of the Canadian Pacific manifested signs of a prosperity which he could never have expected in so short a time, and the agricultural advancement had been absolutely phenomenal. Considering its age he thought that Vancouver had made the best use of its advantages, it having, to his mind, grown in a much greater degree than Victoria had done, although he remarked that the prospects of both appeared to him to be upon a most satisfactory and enduring basis. He had been especially surprised and gratified to meet upon the coast so many persons whom he had known out East, their testimony being unanimous as to their high appreciation of the conditions under which they now lived. When he left home he had made up his mind to see as much of the Pacific coast as it was possible for him to do. He had visited Esquimalt during the afternoon and had been highly pleased with the graving dock and the vessels which were upon the naval station, while as for Victoria itself, it would be hard for him to say too much as to all its advantages. He proposed to cross over to Seattle last (Thursday) evening, and to return here so as to take the boat for San Francisco on Sunday. He dwelt with apparent pride upon the prosperity which his own city [Montreal] was experiencing, and believed that, as time advanced, the Canadian cities on the Pacific would not be unworthy to compare, in their degree, with the at present greater and more influential cities of the Dominion.

A GOOD SUGGESTION.

A Plea for the Establishment of Salt Water Swimming Baths in Victoria.

A correspondent writes:—Several visitors to and residents in Victoria have suggested the desirability of having salt swimming baths within easy reach of the majority of the towns-people. Why do not some enterprising Victorians with money at their command start some institution of this kind? It would prove a lucrative as well as a benevolent undertaking. Some of us are too much absorbed in plans and speculations for the future to consider sufficiently our present well-being. As sea bathing is universally acknowledged to be one of the best means we have for strengthening the system, the opportunity for indulging in this pleasant and healthful recreation should be placed, if possible, within the reach of all. The sea is far off for some of us, and we are rather afraid of octopi, sharks and possibly sea serpents, though we do not like to talk much about it. These unwelcome visitors would not dare to intrude themselves into a select and well organized bathing establishment, and we could disport ourselves in calm water with all comfort and security. Such an institution, if properly managed, would soon be regarded as one of the most beneficial and attractive of the town improvements.

BRITISH COLUMBIA MINERALS.

What is Necessary to Their Development—More Capital and Less Allowances to Promoters.

Dr. A. R. C. Selwyn, C.M.G., director of the Geological Survey, arrived in Victoria on Wednesday evening to consult with the local Government on mining matters. He left last night for the Mainland. In conversation, he, yesterday, observed that he had been for a few days in the Kamloops and other sections of the Mainland, and that the more he saw of the mineral wealth of this country the more strongly was he convinced of the great future that lay ahead of the Province. Undoubtedly the stock of minerals was immense, but the rights to them, like the ownership of the land, were in very few hands, and these people when it was proposed to develop their prospects demanded too great a proportion of the amount of capitalization, which was frequently higher than it had any reason to be. Judiciously developed and operated, he had never had any doubt that there was a wonderful amount of wealth in the rocks of British Columbia, and these were and must be the main source of its future greatness. More capital, a greater amount of energy, and a larger increase of real business methods would suffice to give an impetus to mining, whose effects could not fail to be continuous.

RETURNED TO PORT.

The Princess Louise Compelled to Put Back Owing to a Serious Leak.

The Louise put back into port about 1 o'clock this morning, and of course it was at once apparent that there was something wrong. She got a knock on a boulder on her last trip north, and the present result would seem to show that the blow was no slight one. She left port the authorities feeling certain that the damage was not such as to prevent her going on the present trip. When she got as far as Nanaimo the extra weight of her complement of coal made it apparent that she could not risk the continuance of the trip. A considerable leak was discovered in the region of the rupture which she received on her previous trip, and the water gained rapidly. The pumping was increased, but the influx was such that Captain McCulloch felt compelled, in order to save the vessel and freight, to return to port. She got into harbor about 12 o'clock last night, but it was nearly 1 o'clock before the bridge was opened. The steamer finally got up to Spratt's wharf and made fast, when the work of unloading was immediately commenced by the light of lanterns. The pumps were kept going incessantly. She will have to go into dock for repairs.

It was rumored that the Islander would proceed north in the place of the Louise, but this cannot be true, as the Islander draws too much water, it is said, to enable her to touch at all the Skeena river ports.

ADVICE TO MOTHERS.—Are you disturbed at night and broken of your rest by a sick child suffering and crying with pain of Cutting Teeth? If so send at once and get a bottle of "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for Children Teething. Its value is incalculable. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately. Depend upon it, mothers there is no mistake about it. It cures Dysentery and Diarrhœa, regulates the Stomach and Bowels, cures Wind Colic, softens the Gums, reduces Inflammation, and gives tone and energy to the whole system. "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup" for children teething is pleasant to the taste and is the prescription of one of the oldest and best female physicians and nurses in the United States, and is for sale by all druggists throughout the world. Price twenty-five cents a bottle. Be sure and ask for "MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP," and take no other kind.
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Dr. F. H. Mewburn, left this morning for Lethbridge, Alta.

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Connection with the Mainland by Telephone.

A project is on foot to lay a telephone cable across the gulf from Nanaimo via Comox to connect with the Westminster-Vancouver system.

Brewery for Victoria.

According to an Ottawa despatch a Chinese resident of Victoria has applied to the Minister of Justice for leave to establish a brewery in this city.

Those Injured Horses.

Although it is said that the fire department horses injured the other evening on the way to the fire on Chatham street, are all right again, the horses that were hired in their stead were yesterday at the Yates street fire station and were reported to have shown themselves very tractable.

The City Hall.

His Worship the Mayor presided last evening at the final meeting of the hall committee. There were present a number of prominent gentlemen who discussed the arrangements. A decision was reached to hold the ball on the 29th, Friday, at the assembly rooms. The remainder is now merely a matter of detail and will be arranged by the proper committees.

Mount Royal Mills.

The interior appearance of the Mount Royal Mills is assuming something of a definite shape now. The machinery in the new building is nearly all in place, while the old building is altogether finished. The office will be in the latter structure, and will be very comfortable as well as pleasantly fitted up. In addition to this it will have the advantage of being away from the noise and whirl of the machinery.

Waiting for His Steamer.

Capt. Manson, of Nanaimo, is at the Oriental superintending the completion of his steamer, the Thistle, which was built at Vancouver and is now receiving her machinery at the Albion Iron Works. She will be completed in about a month. She is intended for the general coasting trade, will have accommodation for 32 passengers and a cargo capacity of about 300 tons. She is also appointed for towing, should business lie in that direction.

A Sensational Report Contradicted.

There was a report current last evening that the steamer St. Paul, which arrived at San Francisco from Alaska on Wednesday, had brought news that nine of the Victoria sealing schooners had been captured by a U. S. revenue cutter in Behring Sea. A dispatch to THE COLONIST from San Francisco says the steamer St. Paul brought no report of any sealing schooners having been seized in Behring Sea.

The Fur Trade Outlook.

Speaking of the outlook for the dressed fur trade during the coming season, a prominent fur dealer said yesterday that the prospects are about the same as last year. There would be no material change in prices, especially in the finer class of furs. Still the outlook is very fair. The market has the recommendation of being sound so far, and promises to keep so. In seals, the price of jackets will be about the same as last year, at any rate they won't be any more expensive. Three-quarter length saques will range from $175 to $225 and the full length from $275 to $350.

Another Onward Stride.

The contract was signed yesterday for a new brick building in Trounce avenue for Mr. Musgrave. This will finish one side of that thoroughfare into one substantial collection of handsome and profitable buildings from Mr. Kurtz's place on Government street to Broad street. The new structure, the plans for which have been prepared by Mr. Teague, architect, will cost somewhere in the neighborhood of $8,000, and will have a healthy effect on the already strong position of real estate in that immediate neighborhood. The old building now occupied by Mr. Bull will be pulled down. Now if a similar step were taken in regard to the opposite side of the avenue, things would look very comfortable.

The Northwest Passage.

"You had better go by the Northwest passage," said a gentleman standing upon Janion's Wharf to an old lady who wished to reach Johnson street by the shortest possible route. "And, how's that? Which way do you go?" was enquired. "You see that bridge forenenst the bow of the Lorne; under it are a few boards, cross over them, but be careful and you'll be all right." The elderly lady made the venture, but before she had reached a "snubbing post" she began to cry out for help; and a hand having been given her she climbed up to a higher stage and soon reached terra firma, having had as many Northwest passage experiences as would satisfy her for the natural term of her life.

Unselfish Workers.

A little band of Christian workers has opened a hall on Store street, in which they intend to prosecute the good work of sowing the evangelistic seed. Small beginnings have great ends, and it may be so in this case, for the field is one in which a rich harvest may be reaped. Yesterday the hall was being papered and painted in readiness for Sunday's services. It is probable that services will be held during the week-day evenings as well. The few Christian soldiers who are undertaking this work are entering upon their task with courageous hopefulness, full of confidence that their mission will be much blessed. They have sought no material or monetary assistance outside their own limited circle, but there is no doubt that were some of our wealthy church people to visit the place they would see many things wanting, the possession of which would greatly encourage the voluntary workers.

Who Will Get It?

An interesting contention is proceeding between Sheriff Redgrave, of Donald, and Chief of Police McRae, of Winnipeg, as to who is entitled to the reward of $250 offered for the capture of Wm. Gray, who stole $3,000 from the American Express Co. at Hurley, Wis. Sheriff Redgrave arrested the man and claims the money, but the Winnipeg chief says he furnished the information. To a reporter, McRae said that if the arrest was not made under his instructions, it must have been, at least, on information given by him, as he located Gray on the train, and the circulars describing him had not been delivered west of Winnipeg at the time. Chief McRae first instructed Chief Dillabough, of Calgary, to arrest Gray, and by McRae's request, Supt. Ford, of the Dominion Express Co., wired the conductor of the train to give that officer every assistance, sending at the same time a full description of the man wanted. Dillabough failed to make the arrest, he having been told that Gray had left the train and gone to a hotel. Some further telegrams passed between Chief McRae and the sleeping car porter, and at Golden City the conductor wired back that the man wanted was on the train, and asked for instructions. The chief then wired to Redgrave at Donald to hold Gray. Later in the day Redgrave replied that he was holding Gray on Mr. Ford's order, which was no other than the message Mr. Ford had sent to the conductor at Chief McRae's request. The reward, $350, has been paid into court at Donald.

Committed for Trial.

The sailor, Albert Watson, charged with indecent assault, was brought before Provincial Police Magistrate Ward, yesterday morning. Sufficient evidence was taken in the case to justify His Honor in committing the prisoner for trial by a judge. The evidence is very strong against him. He has chosen to be tried by a judge under the Speedy Trials act. No doubt he will be finally tried on Monday; meanwhile he is lodged in the Provincial jail.

Society Troubles.

The reverse of the truth "behold, how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity," is the experience of one or more of the benevolent societies in the city, which would do well to settle matter among themselves before the public gets all the facts. Squabbles should be kept to the parties concerned in them. No matters how secret some of these organizations may affect to be, if there are any difficulties, the public, in some way or other, get hold of them, and in telling a story nothing is lost, if it is not altogether exaggerated in the recital.

Mysterious Disappearance.

The Seattle Times says: Charlotte Mitchell, an Englishwoman, 24 years of age, who has been employed as housemaid at the residence of Probate Judge Osborn, disappeared very mysteriously Tuesday evening, and has not since been heard from. About 8 o'clock on the evening in question the woman notified Mrs. Osborn that she was going out for a walk, and would return in a short while. She did not come back, however. Yesterday afternoon Judge Osborn reported her disappearance to the police authorities. She has a father and a married sister living in Victoria, B.C. The husband of the later is cashier of a bank in that city. The disappearance is regarded with more apprehension from the fact that the woman has never remained out at night since she has been employed at the Osborn residence.

A New Whaling Schooner.

Capt. Cooper, of Westminster, has been testing the machinery of his new steamer, which is to be employed in the whale fishing industry in the Gulf of Georgia. The gearing and machinery ran to perfection, and the manner in which the screw propeller churned up the water gave good promise of speed, when the vessel goes out to earn her living. The engines of this steamer are rather uncommon; the driving bar makes a large wheel revolve and the edge of this wheel is slotted to admit a heavy steel chain to run over it; this chain is thrown over another slotted wheel, to which the propeller shaft is securely bolted, and so the power is transferred to the propeller. The captain has displayed a great deal of ingenuity and a prodigious amount of patience in bringing this system of transmission of power to perfection.

B. C. RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

A Team to be Sent East to Take Part in the Dominion Rifle Matches.

Last night a meeting of the British Columbia Rifle Association was held, at which it was decided to send a team to take part in the matches of the Dominion Rifle Association, which commence at Ottawa on the first September. Inasmuch as the Province has not for two years been represented in these competitions, it was felt that British Columbia ought to again take its stand with the sister provinces. Advantage will be taken of the opportunity thus afforded to secure a place or places on the team which is to be sent to England next year. The trials at Ottawa are the only means possessed by our men of proving their capacity as riflemen; and, judging from the calibre of some of the Provincial shots, they should have a good chance of being sent forward to win their laurels at Bisley. It is to be hoped the citizens of Victoria will take a favorable view of the departure and assist in promoting its accomplishment.

LITTLE LOCALS.

The Northern Pacific railroad intends to begin running its train to Ainsworth by October 1st, and probably by September 15th, by way of the Seattle, Lake Shore & Eastern and the Seattle & Northern railroads.

Prof. Granat's violin class opens on Tuesday afternoon, he having secured sufficient pupils to justify him in establishing the class.

The street sprinkler broke down yesterday and had to be sent for repairs. Meanwhile people lunched off the copious clouds of dust that flew round.

Rev. Mr. Hall, of Alert Bay, is salting humpback salmon for market purposes.

The Vancouver band and Lacrosse club, together with many of the excursionists from that town made their headquarters at the Oriental.

Mr. Wm. Dalby, J. P., again presided at the police court yesterday and disposed of a large number of thistles cases. A commercial traveller was summoned under the new by-law, but failing to appear, a warrant was issued for his arrest.

Oregon's New Salmon Hatchery.

PORTLAND, Aug. 15.—State Fish Commissioner Crawford, of Washington county, left this evening for Kettle Falls, on Snake river, to locate the site for the state salmon hatchery. The last legislature appropriated $5,000 for this purpose.

Oregon Journalists Wrecked.

PORTLAND, Aug. 15.—A collision occurred this morning on the Union Pacific line about eight miles from this city, between a special carrying the Oregon Press Association and a freight train. No one was seriously hurt.

A Chicago man who had been appointed receiver went to a lawyer and asked: "Out of $20,000 passing through his hands how much ought a receiver to profit?" "Well, about $19,000," was the reply. "Only $19,000!" he exclaimed, "who is to get the other thousand, I'd like to know."

The following arrived by the yacht Vene from Fairhaven and are at the Driard H. G. Green, Roland Gansel, W. R. Rettebone, G. B. Baldwin and A. McAdams.

Mrs. O'Brien and Miss Armstrong, principal of the girl's school, returned yesterday from a brief trip to the Sound.

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Alderley Terra Cotta Works.

The last kiln of ware manufactured by the Alderley Terras Cotta company was taken out on Friday night and yesterday, and proved to be of splendid quality both as to color and texture.

Rewarded.

Mr. James O'Neill of this city, who secured the arrest and conviction of the bogus subscription agent, Clayton, some weeks ago, last night received two complimentary letters from the Chronicle and Examiner companies of San Francisco, thanking and congratulating him upon his success, and enclosing a liberal reward.

Open for Inspection.

The Victoria Athletic club rooms will be thrown open to visitors on Wednesday evening on the occasion of the inauguration of the season. The young panthers will be one of the curiosities to be seen, besides the many things of interest in the club's furnishings. The public, ladies particularly, are invited.

It Will Be Ready.

It seems that the sewerage bye-law will be ready for the special meeting of the council to-morrow night. The necessary blanks have been filled in. One important feature is that the interest and sinking fund will amount to $14,659.65 annually, or $2,000 less than the sum which the city at present pays for box drains. As it is the intention of the council to take up the loan in blocks of $50,000 at a time, the city will have to pay interest on the money only as they draw it.

Terrorizing Employes.

As showing the manner in which endeavors are made to terrorize people who work, or are inclined to work, at the Wellington collieries, it may be mentioned that a week from last night wife Robert Watson and Andrew Bryden were proceeding along the streets of Nanaimo they were followed and hooted, while Alexander Sharp, assistant superintendent of the works, was followed through the streets, persons who had gathered here and there calling him "blackleg" and other offensive names.

Assaulting a Witness.

On Friday evening at about twenty minutes past six as Joseph B. Hugo was coming out of the court room at Nanaimo, where he had been giving evidence in the miners' cases, he was assaulted and knocked off the sidewalk. Fortunately Messrs. Stephenson and Bloomfield, of the provincial police force, were on hand and noticed the affair. The assailant was arrested on the spot, and yesterday taken before Magistrate Planta, who, after hearing the evidence, dismissed the case, each party paying his own costs.

The Etta White Raised.

The steamer Etta White has been resurrected from her watery grave and is now at Moodyville as dry and clean as a new pin. Her temporary resuscitation has freed her from the fellowship of cockroaches and other forms of diminutive animal life which the sailor dislikes as fellow passengers. The White was taken out of eight fathoms of water by the Wilson pump of Victoria and $5,000. Her engines will be cleaned at once and she will plough the water once more in as good condition as ever.

British Columbia Timber.

The Hastings' mill is now shipping three pieces of square timber, each of which is 60 feet long by three feet square. Each stick contains 6,480 feet, board measure, and will weigh from 12 to 13 tons. The three pieces are being loaded on two flat cars coupled together, the sticks lying on four bolsters, two on each car—those on the extreme ends being fixed on a swivel and the centre ones sliding, so that there will be no trouble in going round sharp curves. The timbers are consigned to Montreal, where they will be utilized as anchors for a large dredge.

The Des Moines Townsite Forgery.

The evidence for the prosecution in the Cook-McCausland forgery case closed at Tacoma on Friday, Cashier Achilles, of the Travelers bank, testifying to the receipt of the deed from the San Diego National bank, with instructions to deliver it to J. S. Cook. The defence then moved to dismiss the complaint against the prisoner, on the ground that "the complaint charged him with making a forged deed, while the evidence, if it tended to connect Cook with the case, indicated that he should be charged with uttering the deed, knowing it to be a forgery." The motion for the dismissal of the case against Cook was granted by Justice Patrick, and Cook was discharged. McCausland's guilt is established by his own confession. It is left for the district attorney to determine whether the costs shall be taxed against the prosecution or the defence.—Post-Intelligencer.

Ah Jack in Trouble Again.

Ah Jack, a Mongolian who has caused the Puget Sound customs officers no little trouble and expense, is again in custody at Seattle. Ah Jack has been sent back to British Columbia several times before by United States Commissioner Emory. He also served a six months' term at McNeil's island for aiding and abetting Chinamen in the violation of the exclusion act. On one occasion when he was sentenced to be returned he was taken to Victoria by Marshal Hamilton and got back to Seattle before the marshal returned. The last time he was ordered back he called Commissioner Emory aside before starting and said to him: "I come back day after to-mollow morning." He was found at Slaughter Thursday by Inspector Coblentz, who immediately arrested him. He had been ostensibly gardening there for some time, but it was supposed that he was engaged in smuggling his oblique-eyed kindred from British Columbia.

Still Another Enterprise.

The past week has witnessed the floating of a number of joint stock enterprises, all of them in Victoria. The latest is that of the Alderley Brick and Terracotta company (limited) with a capital of $50,000, in shares of $10 each. The company's prospectus indicates a power to increase this capital to $150,000, if necessary. There is a growing demand in Victoria and British Columbia generally for a first-class pressed facing brick, ordinary bricks, drain pipes, terracotta mouldings, flower pots and similar articles of earthenware, and it is to meet this demand that the present company has been formed. The Alderley park estate has been purchased, the land of which overlies the finest bed of blue clay known to exist in British Columbia. There is practically no limit to the quantity and no defect in this clay, which produces terracotta of finer description than any manufactured upon the Pacific Coast.

A small kiln was erected with suitable plant for the introduction of terracotta work. The experiment has met with unqualified success, and the clay has been found to undergo the burning process better even than was anticipated. Indeed, so successful has been the result that it is at present proposed to continue for light ware and builders' requisites the present establishment, while the kiln and works upon the property at Alderley Park are engaged in the production of pressed bricks, drain, tiles and similar wares.

Several notices of the products of this kiln have already appeared in these columns, and their good qualities pointed out. A visit to the works on Store street is full of interest.

Almost In Esquimalt.

The street car track reached Canteen hill yesterday evening, the men working up to past 5 o'clock. The length of track now laid is three and a quarter miles. There now remains the erection of the trestle work, the contract for which has been awarded to Mr. Charles Williams. The operation of setting up the poles will be commenced to-morrow morning.

A Deserved Appointment.

Mr. J. A. Thomson, who went East to pass his examination for steamboat inspector, has returned and will assume office at this port. Mr. Thomson was called away on account of the resignation of Mr. Russell, who has filled the office of inspector at this port for the past three years. Mr. Thomson is a native of Scotland, but has been a resident of this province for a number of years. It is considered that the appointment is a very judicious one and well deserved.

Schubert-Winger.

Last evening Mr. J. A. Schubert, of Vernon, B. C., was invited in marriage to Miss Fannie M. Winger, eldest daughter of Mr. John Winger, of this city. The ceremony was performed by Rt. Rev. Bishop Cridge, at his residence. The bridesmaids were Miss Susie Winger and Miss Vivian Jagers, Mr. R. H. McMillan supporting the groom. The bride was given away by her father, and after the ceremony, the wedding party drove to the residence of Capt. Jagers, on Erie street, where supper was served. Above thirty friends had gathered to extend their hearty congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Schubert, who left this morning by the Islander for Harrison Hot Springs. From there they go to Vernon, where they will reside.

A Protest from Nanaimo.

NANAIMO, Aug. 14th, 1890.

The Hon. John Robson, Premier of the Government of B. C., Provincial Secretary, Minister of Mines, etc., etc.

SIR,—We, the members elect for the electoral districts of Nanaimo City and Nanaimo, hereby protest against the presence of "C" Battery and Militia of the Province at Wellington and urge their immediate withdrawal. We hold that the sending of an armed force into a peaceful and orderly community, is of a partisan character, unwarranted by the circumstances of the situation, an insult to the people of this district and as tending to promote the very disorders for the prevention of which they were ostensibly sent.

We further protest against the President of the Executive Council or any other member of the Government acting as counsel or in any other private capacity in the trials about to be held before the stipendiary magistrates.

We pledge ourselves to hold the Government to a strict accountability in the premises.

Your obedient servants,
THOS. KIPPEN,
THOS. FOSTER,
C. C. MCKENZIE.

SUPREME COURT.

Harper vs. Harper—Judgement of the Chief Justice Reversed.

In the case of Harper vs. Harper, Justices McCreight, Walkem and Drake, sitting in appeal, gave judgment yesterday, reversing the decision of the Chief Justice in favor of the defendant, declaring plaintiff entitled to the full amount claimed. The original action was brought by Ezekiel Harper against Thaddeus Harper, executor of the estate of the late Jerome Harper. Jerome and Thaddeus Harper were in partnership and at his death Jerome bequeathed $10,000 to Ezekiel, of which the executor paid over $5,000. Later on Thaddeus, who had not paid over the balance, got into business difficulties, and the balance has not yet been paid, Thaddeus Harper's estate, when realized, not bringing enough to pay all the claims against it. In 1889 Ezekiel Harper brought suit, claiming payment of the balance of his legacy in priority to the other creditors on the ground that Thaddeus as executor occupied the position of a trustee. The Chief Justice decided against the plaintiff, but his decision was reversed by the full court yesterday, the plaintiff being allowed the full amount of his claim in priority of other creditors.

THE VANCOUVER EXCURSION.

Arrival in Victoria of Four Hundred Visitors from the Terminal City.

Yesterday afternoon, shortly after one o'clock, something like 400 visitors from Vancouver, who had come out under the auspices of the Canadian Pacific Railway company, arrived in Victoria by the Esquimalt & Nanaimo railway. They had crossed over in the steamer Cutch to Nanaimo, having completed the journey here by rail. They were met at the railway station in an informal manner by Mayor Grant and several City Fathers and others, and after some handshakings had been exchanged, they severally disposed of themselves as they pleased. Some of them visited resident friends; others drove round town to see the sights, while the greater part of them went, during the afternoon, to Beacon Hill to witness the sports, which are elsewhere detailed. The weather was all that could have been desired, and there was nothing in any way to dampen the ardour or detract from the general enjoyment. Numerous comments were made by some who had not been here lately as to the progress which had been made by Victoria, and, despite their home preferences, it was impossible for any of them to say other than that they were well pleased with their journey. The arrangements upon the boat, as well as upon the cars, were excellent, and there were no complaints heard of failure to obtain the refreshments and substantials which everyone requires, particularly on a short excursion like this, the length and tedium of travel not having been sufficient to affect the appetite in an unpleasant manner. Some of the party were unacquainted with the gorges and other scenery along the line of the railway, and, in consequence, very much appreciated its startling beauties. Comment was made by several of them upon the fact of having been landed in the Chinese quarter of the city, whose denizens turned out in force to listen to the musical strains of the brass band which the "strangers" had brought with them. They left in the evening soon after seven o'clock.