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BORN.—Frederick street, on the 18th inst. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lea, a daughter. DIED.—At the residence of his daughter, Mrs. W. H. Spofford, 1842 Ambrose St., on the 18th inst. Dun- McNaughton, aged 90 years, a native of Glasgow, Scotland. LOWAY.—In this city, on the 21st inst., at St. Joseph's hospital, Robert Loway, aged 75 years, a native of England. L.—In this city on May 22nd, at St. James' hospital, Wallace Bell, aged 70 years, a native of Ingersoll, Ont. B.—On Friday morning, May 21, a female daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. Gresley, age 6 days. L.—In this city, on the 25th inst., at the family residence, 910 Mc- Cur street, Frederic Louis Wilmer, aged 46 years, a native of Wales, Great Britain.

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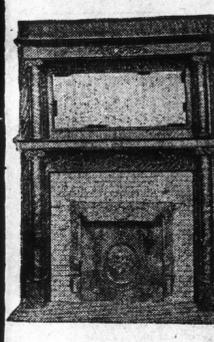
A. 5096—"The Star, the Rose and the Dream," "For All Eternity." A. 5097—"Rock of Ages," "Prayer" (Sacred). A. 5098—"A Possum Supper at the Darktown Church," "Down among the Sugar Cane."

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FLEA TRAINER IS MET ROOSEVELTS NATURE SMILES ON VISIT TO VICTORIA BY AFRIC'S SUNNY FOUNTAINS LAST NIGHT OF FUN

Alzona Sloane, Proprietor of Flea Circus, and Flea Educator Extraordinary, Will Show His Troupe at A.Y.P. Fair

This is about trained fleas. Victorians who have always regarded insects with abhorrence should meet Alzona Sloane, the man who has made it his business in life to obtain control over and cultivate the diminutive insects of fleas. He is in the way to meet Mrs. Sloane, who has in her keeping, confined in a small jewel case, two hundred or more fleas, valued at approximately \$40,000. They expect to put the troupe on exhibition at the Alaska-Yukon Exposition.

There is probably no man in the world who knows more about fleas than Mr. Sloane. With his father he originated the circus training the fleas. The latter's profession was teaching monkeys to do clever stunts. That was losing its attraction. It was too common and Mr. Sloane, who is convinced that any creature possessing a modicum of intelligence could be taught by the exercise of patience to make fleas perform. After years of work he succeeded. The present Mr. Sloane inherited the valuable creatures and followed in his father's footsteps, has made money out of his unique collection.

To those who have never heard of this triumph of human ingenuity the bald statement that fleas are capable of giving a circus sounder than the best of any other animal is incredible. It appears to be a fairy tale. And yet it is a true story. Mr. Sloane truly it is a matter of fact, he really admits that he has his companions since he has been identified for years is impossible of accomplishment without the aid of the people of San Francisco are fairly well acquainted with his favorite, or rather their kind, he humbly submits that he has it on them, in this direction, the distance of a Salt Lake City block.

Not Common Fleas. Mr. Sloan's fleas are not of the common, ordinary, every day garden variety, frequently found on the canine or feline family. They are large, brown fellows whose native land is Germany. They are known as the human flea, being so named because of their refusal to feed on any but the blood of man. "How do you manage to keep them alive?" This was a question asked by the ignorant but curious member of the fourth estate who had been invited to see some fleas, conversation with Mr. Sloan this morning. "Simply itself," was the reply. "When their regular meal time comes around either my wife or myself bare our arms and allow our little companions to feast themselves to their heart's content. It's really nothing, heart's content. It's really nothing, injurious to the victim was ridiculed. "Absurd," exclaimed Mr. Sloan, "who hundred would consume about a drop of blood at the outside. Besides they won't drink unless they are hungry. Most people think fleas bite just for the fun of it or out of spite. Don't you believe it. They won't do so unless actually hungry."

Mr. Sloan's flea-show usually is viewed through glasses. In this way the creatures are seen, balancing on the tight rope, riding bicycles and driving tiny automobiles. Sounds impossible but it's all true. The other day Mrs. Sloan had the misfortune to lose a flea. This was not many who would wish much over such an accident. But the public were startled next day to read a small advertisement in this paper, which offered for return to my address of a trained flea answering to the name of "Nemo." The flea, however, was not recovered and there was at least a month's mourning in the bereaved family.

THREE APPLICANTS FOR SCHOLARSHIP OF B. C.

Committee of Selection Will Meet in Provincial Buildings on Thursday Evening to Decide

Three students have applied for the British Columbia Rhodes Scholarship for 1909, namely: Sydney C. Dyke, graduating this year from Toronto University; Arthur Yates, of Victoria, a graduate of McGill University, and J. E. Cleburne of this city, also a graduate of McGill.

A meeting of the committee of selection will be held at the education office, provincial buildings, on Thursday evening, June 12, at 8 o'clock. It is composed of Lieut. Governor James Dunsmuir, Chief Justice Hunter, Dr. Robinson, superintendent of education, J. S. Gordon, inspector of schools for Vancouver Island, and W. P. Argue, city superintendent of schools for Vancouver.

The different provinces of the Dominion send a student to Oxford annually under the Rhodes trust. Thus far British Columbia has been represented by five men—Messrs. R. B. Riehinovitz, Bray, Larsen and Logan.

Sir Robert Perks Speaks. Toronto, May 26.—Sir Robert Perks, addresses the Empire club tomorrow on the relation of the Liberal party of England to the colonial problem.

Selection of Officers. The annual meeting and election of officers of the W.C.T.U. will be held Thursday afternoon, 3 p. m., at Mrs. Dempster's, Bay street, second house, from Douglas street.

Major Seaman, Arrived in Paris, Tells Truthful Tales of the Animals to Be Encountered at or Near Mombassa

Paris, May 26.—Major Louis L. Seaman, U. S. A., has arrived here from Mombassa, where he met the Roosevelt party. He says that Selous and Junkenburgh are the best hunters in Africa, and that the former president "is having the time of his life." Major Seaman, who hunted with Dr. Guillot, New York, over the Athaplanis along the Nairobi river, where Mr. Roosevelt is shooting, brought out 150 specimens of big game. His reports are so plentiful that after six weeks' hunting he and Dr. Guillot were completely satisfied with the sport. "When we left," he said, "he would rather shoot snipe on the wing than elephants. Never have the western game ranges seen so many animals. Within a segment comprising one-tenth of a circle there were fifty 6,800 in a night. Nevertheless the animals are hard to approach, as they keep out sentinals." Major Seaman considers the rhinoceros and the buffalo the most dangerous to hunt, as they invariably charge, which means death to the hunter if the animal is not killed or crippled. Lions, on the contrary, he said, are natural cowards, adding: "My respect for the lion has disappeared since I went to Africa. The lion never fights except when he is wounded or driven to bay."

Hard to Get a Bead. The most difficult element in shooting in the equatorial belt, is the drop of the range, caused by the vertical tropical light and the altitude. The nights are always cool and it is necessary to wear flannels and to keep under blankets. Major Seaman, who is an expert in military sanitation, was greatly interested in the sleeping sickness. He brought back news of the discovery of Dr. Schirch, a German, which completely upsets the theory of the English commission that the tsetse fly is the cause of the disease. Dr. Schirch proved that the fly becomes infected, thus establishing "a cycle" as is the case with the mosquito in yellow fever. The fly remains inoculated for fifty days. This discovery renders more difficult the solution of the problem of exterminating the tsetse fly, as it is the hope previously entertained of suppressing it by isolation.

The disease has claimed half a million victims, and, according to Major Seaman, not a single person attacked has ever recovered. The chief horror is the long period of incubation. The bite of the fly itself, when not inoculated, is harmless. Dr. Seaman was bitten on the forehead and suffered no bad effects.

PASTOR IS GIVEN A PLEASANT SURPRISE

Rev. Herman A. Carson, Pastor of the First Congregational Church Is Presented With Address

(From Wednesday's Daily) Rev. Herman A. Carson, pastor of the First Congregational church, was pleasantly surprised last night by the presentation of an address by a young man's organization, in connection with his congregation. Awaiting him were members of the ladies auxiliary and the majority of those identified with the church.

Rev. Mr. Carson could recover his equilibrium one of the ladies was reading to him an address expressive of the general appreciation of his five years' service as pastor of Victoria's First Congregational church. It explained that his friends had desired to mark the fifth anniversary of his installation with the denomination in Victoria in some suitable manner. Reference was made to the success that had attended his efforts in the growth of the church numerically and its augmented strength financially. The climax came when Rev. Mr. Carson was presented with a beautiful leather traveling case. The reverend gentleman was too much surprised to say much in reply. But he managed to make an appropriate acknowledgement.

Roy Tries to Kill Himself St. Johns, Que., May 26.—Phillippe St. Johns, former president of the Banque de St. Jean, and former speaker in the Quebec Legislature, on Friday here for the alleged issuing of false bank returns to the Dominion Government, tried to commit suicide by jumping from the roof of his home on Hill and Harriman.

Parsons Davis Is Dying. Chicago, Ill., May 26.—The Record-Breeze says that almost simultaneously with the news of the illness of Pat Heady, his former partner in many enterprises, Parsons Davis was quietly taken to New Orleans to Chicago. He is said to be in his 60th year, at the home of his sister in this city.

Compulsory Bible Study. Denver, Col., May 26.—Let Rockefeller's Carnegie go into their own pockets for endowments," was the advice of Dr. J. C. Steffen, of Duquesne, Iowa, in an address before the general assembly of the Presbyterian church yesterday. Dr. Steffen, in his address called attention to the lack of Bible study in the secular schools, and said that a rule requiring at least 144 hours of Bible study in each school year be made compulsory in the case of each regular student.

Final Celebration at Gorge Park Last Night Was Unalloyed Session of Enjoyment With Excellent Programme

Several exciting canoe accidents, all of which ended happily, a merry hour of vain attempts on the part of myriads of power craft to reach the swift current in the Gorge, a charming band concert, a water carnival in which six picturesquely decorated craft participated, a large number of people equal to any ever seen on this island, a moving picture show, and a thousand and one incidental items of fun marked the conclusion, at the Gorge Park last night, of Victoria's holiday celebration. Clouds that portended rain blackened the sky as the hour for the beginning of the evening's festivities drew near and the prospects for a dry evening seemed very slim, yet the threatening clouds had no deterrent effect on those who sought joy and recreation. Thousands lit the trail for the brilliantly lighted park and when the programme began the place was alive with people. The night came without the rain and instead of depressing into despondency, the evening proved to be precisely what was needed to make the fireworks which complete the celebration bright and complete. The rockets glared with unusual brilliancy, the streamers and cascades, the wide-flying flares of light seemed to give a weird beauty than ever. The pyrotechnics were sent up for the most part from a large structure on the stream—a fact that enhanced the effect. On the shore near the bathing house clusters of people gazed intently at the fire display in the dusk illuminating a fairy garden. Further back on the river, trees Chinese lanterns added their soft glare to the field of light and the trees themselves stood out in vast silhouettes.

No Weary Delays. There was no weary time of waiting during the fireworks display. From shore to shore the breeze from the pyrotechnic items followed one another in fast fashion, and the crowd on the display given at Beacon Hill park on the previous night, the setting was an ideal one and the surroundings infinitely more picturesque. The fireworks were provided for the display, which was probably the best ever witnessed on Vancouver Island.

While the craft moved up and down the stream, or anchored at some point of vantage where the occupants could listen to the music, the crowds were busy engaged in availing themselves of the numerous amusements provided for the occasion. The fair was kept running the entire evening, and the best patronized side show, and both young and old were enjoying this new entertainment at the Gorge. The rifle gallery, Japanese games, dolls, and other amusements, and the refreshment-booths and tents were crowded with people. Over a thousand additional electric globes have been added to the decorations in the park this year, and the arena, the centre of the music attractions, was not alone more brilliantly lighted than on last Victoria Day, but the new electric lighting brought to an already ideal picture.

The Band Concert. The band concert, composed of a programme of well selected popular airs, given by the Victoria band, was thoroughly enjoyed. Every one present was in the height of good humor, and the music which broke the whole-hearted pleasure of the evening.

An excellent display of moving pictures, which have never been previously seen here, were thrown on the screen subsequent to the fireworks display, and were thoroughly enjoyed. The winner was a six-horse power launch called the Ynamax, owned by T. S. M. The launch was driven by numerous lanterns, the hangings being interlaced with evergreen and holly. A number of ladies dressed in summer costume were among the occupants of the winning craft. The second prize went to Mr. Pitcock's Nemo, a rowboat which was dressed in similar fashion to the first craft. Third prize was won by Mr. Brown's canoe, called Cree, which was decorated with a number of tiers of Chinese lanterns. Mr. Williams' rowboat, Gladya, won fourth prize. The judges in this event were Mrs. (Dr.) Hall, Mrs. (Dr.) Ernest Hall and Mrs. G. Brown.

The car service was handled in an expeditionary manner, and the crowds were transported to and from the Gorge without any difficulty. The cars ran in relays of four, and needless to say, were thronged throughout the evening.

The celebrations were brought to a conclusion by the playing of "God, Save the King."

Bucking the Waters. While the Gorge park has been the attraction which took the thousands to the Gorge park last night there was one feature of the celebration which attracted the attention of the thousands who thronged the park. The usual rush of boats, big and little, through the city, in conclusion of the pyrotechnic display, through the rushing waters of the Gorge, kept the city in a state of excitement. Last night as the boats started out on their way to the city, the first boat to cross the bridge and stoppage banks, on their tip toes with excitement. Last night as the boats started out on their way to the city, the first boat to cross the bridge and stoppage banks, on their tip toes with excitement. Last night as the boats started out on their way to the city, the first boat to cross the bridge and stoppage banks, on their tip toes with excitement.

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Surveys Being Rushed. The Canadian Northern railway surveys on the west side of the North Thompson are being rushed ahead in order to be ready for the construction work in October. The party working from the south end is nearing Fish Trap canyon, and the one from the north is near the Peace creek, and they are only 14 miles apart. Permanent levels are being laid every other hundred feet, thus facilitating the work of construction.

throughout any trouble were swung around by the strength of the current and forced broadside against the banks or carried up stream. At one time the congestion became so great that an accident appeared inevitable. Canoes Overturned. The excitement reached a climax shortly after 11 o'clock, when two canoes in negotiating the difficult passage were overturned. That the occupants were not drowned was the result, in one instance, of the swiftness of the young man and maiden who occupied the frail craft. They were making a strong attempt to pass against the tide when the bow of their canoe was swept around and in an instant they were thrown into the water amid the shouts of the on-lookers. Instead of taking advantage of the aid which was extended them by the nearby boats, they were rescued by the provincial police officers who threw them life buoys, the pair struck out up the Gorge. Both were excellent swimmers and evidently rather enjoyed their enforced bath for they swam for some time before making for the shore.

The second accident occurred to two young men who had got through the Gorge, returning to the shore, when a wash of a launch struck their canoe and overturned it. One of the canoeists got ashore unscathed, while the other grabbed a life buoy thrown to him and was pulled ashore. The rush of boats was at one time so great that it required the peremptory orders of the police before the occupants would cease from attempting to get through all in a bunch. The police, under charge of Sergeant Murray, had their hands full regulating the boats, and were unable to stand on either side of the Gorge ready with life buoys in case of accident, and that the arrangements were made were timely was shown in the case of the overturned canoes. That there were not more accidents was a matter of course. The lack of care shown by some of the occupants of the craft.

Small Boats Helpless. In the case of canoes and rowboats there was nothing else for the occupants to do than to disembark and tow the craft along the edge of the bank while the larger craft, being banged against the others threatening destruction. It was nearly two hours before all the craft had worked their way through and by that time the tide had diminished considerably in force as the upper basin became empty. Among the helpless craft which fell back before the rush of water was a launch in which Major Han and a number of friends were seated. The brave attempt to get through resulted disastrously and the city's chief magistrate and companion, who nominously drifted back amid the laughter of the spectators.

Balloon Has Trouble. During the afternoon quite a number enjoyed themselves at the Gorge. Picnic parties were numerous and with the ideal weather conditions the beauties of the Gorge were thoroughly enjoyed. There was one item on the programme which failed to provide the excitement that was looked for. The ascent of the big balloon belonging to Prof. Sylvain proved, through accident, more or less of a failure. The big bag was duly inflated and commenced to rise, but before it got through the crowd on the ground something went wrong. The aeronaut attempted to loosen the parachute, but the upper basin became empty. The balloon drifted across the Gorge in a northwesterly direction, sinking to the water in the Peace creek. The balloonist, still attempting to loosen the parachute, was carried into the water and the parachute, transmission line, which runs along the Gorge road from Goldstream, fell past the water. A short distance further on in some fir trees and the progress of the air-craft was brought to an end.

Officials of Canadian Northern Will This Week Select Site for Shops and Station at Kamloops. Kamloops, May 26.—Officials of the Canadian Northern railway company will be here this week to select a site for the Canadian Northern shops and station. This is the first step in the construction of the J. A. Mara, head of the Townsite company at Victoria.

The site will be located across Peterson creek, and it is the policy of the railway company to rush the work incidental to the establishment of a division point as expeditiously as possible. It is understood that the line will enter the city at the north-east boundary, and that both the North and South Thompsons will be bridged. From here the road will proceed south through Nicola and cross the Hope mountains with the Great Northern.

Today it is expected that the survey as far as Little Fort will be completed, and then pack trains will be started out. Agents of the company have been busy this week buying horses. Sixty animals have been secured making two pack trains. Two other pack trains will be sent out, and for them the horses will be rented. The pack trains will go as far as Tete Jaune Cache.

The survey parties for the Grand Trunk and C. P. R. on the east side of the mountains, the Grand Trunk Pacific being already nearly 50 miles up the river.

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VICTORIA DAY WAS CELEBRATED AT NANAIMO

Best of the Many Similar Celebrations Held in Coal City—Regatta and Field Sports Had Many Features

Nanaimo, May 26.—The Victoria Day celebration in Nanaimo was the best of the many similar celebrations held in the city. Special trains from Victoria and excursion steamers from Vancouver brought in many visitors, and the whole country side about Nanaimo was in attendance.

The day was divided between regatta and field sports, and was conducted under the management of the Nanaimo Athletic club under sanction of the B. C. A. C. There was an entry list of fifty-six athletes from all over the province. Vancouver and Victoria athletes being the largest contingent. The regatta was the feature of the day and was conducted on the Victoria Y. M. C. A. second race in attendance.

The mile fell to C. V. Raine, of the Vancouver Y. M. C. A., who made the remarkable feat of running the mile first back with a lead of three laps on the second man. McConnell won the hundred-yard dash in the fast time of 10 2-5, with Valo, of the Victoria Y. M. C. A. second.

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McConnell won the 120 yards hurdle race in 15 seconds, with Hillier in second place. The order in the three hundred-yard race was Georty, Vancouver Y. M. C. A., McConnell and Dillabough. Hillier and Valo were first and second in the broad jump, and McConnell and Dillabough first and second in the 140 yards. Time 59 1-5. The two-mile walk fell to Nanaimo, with Tunstall the winner and Stone, of the H. M. S. Algerine, Esquimalt, second.

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