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THE WEEKLY COLONIST.

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Local and Provincial News.

From the Daily Colonist, April 27.

THE PASSENGER RATE WAR.

Competition for the Southern California Traffic.

(Exclusive to The Colonist.)

CHICAGO, April 26.—The announcement is made to-day that, taking effect from this date, first-class limited fares from Missouri river to San Francisco via Atchison road, will be $48 50; second-class and emigrant, $35; and to Los Angelos, Mojave, and points on the California Southern, $40; second-class and emigrant, $30. These flat rates are without rebate. The first-class rates are expected to force the Omaha roads to a similar figure or give up the fight for the Southern California business.

SUGARS.

Still on the Upward Grade.

A special telegram from New York to *The Colonist* last night states that refined sugar has advanced there another quarter of a cent to-day, being now 7¼ cents. The strikers are holding out and purpose to do so until the refiners meet their demands, which there is very little probability will be done. Prospects are very small for a settlement of the existing trouble, and the market is very firm. The San Francisco market will probably follow the advance, and jobbers' inquiries are very active.

Personal.

The Hon. Mr. Mackenzie, ex-premier, resumed his seat in the house on the 17th instant, having recovered from his recent indisposition.

Mr. A. J. Pinkstone, general traveling agent of the S. F. Alta California, is in town.

Mr. Richard Hall had sufficiently recovered to be on the street yesterday afternoon.

M. John Goodfellow, formerly chief train dispatcher of the C. P. R. at Yale, arrived yesterday from a visit to New Brunswick.

At the Oriental: J. C. Devlin, St. Helena, Cal.; H. C. Chowen, Stratford, Ont.; James Dalgardno, Port Townsend.

At the Driard: Harry E. Lewis, W. D. Miller, San Francisco; B. F. Munroe, New York; M. Lichtenstein, San Francisco; R. B. Thompson, Port Townsend.

Mr. W. J. Goepel, of the firm of Hall & Goepel, will leave for England on Thursday afternoon. We wish him a pleasant voyage.

Mr. D. Wilson, B. A., principal of the New Westminster public schools, returned home yesterday morning, having spent the Easter vacation in this city.

Eloped with his Sister-in-Law.

An elopement occurred at Vancouver, W. T., on the 23rd instant, in which Horace L. Zeck, a son of a pioneer Clarke county family, and Miss Susan Dillman, his wife's sister, were the principals. Zeck, who left behind him a wife and a 4-year-old child, left Vancouver on the 20th, he on a horse, and the young woman, who is 18 years old, in a stage. They stayed at the Oregon hotel that night, and on Wednesday morning took the train for Tacoma and the guilty couple, as she hopes to get hold of him, sooner or later, on American soil. Zeck left behind him a host of mourning creditors, who trusted him not wisely but too well.

SUICIDE.—Upon arrival of the Sound steamer yesterday it was learned that D.C. H. Rothschild, senior member of the firm Rothschild & Co., Port Townsend, had been found lying dead under circumstances that pointed to suicide. The last seen of him alive was when he left his house at 5 o'clock yesterday morning, presumably for his place of business. At half-past six o'clock, a man walking along the cliffs descried a prostrate human figure lying on the beach near the water's edge. Descending and examining the body, he found it to be that of Mr. Rothschild, who was then quite dead with a bullet hole through his head and a pistol either in his hand or by his side. Though nothing strange had been noticed in his conduct immediately previous to the tragic occurrence, this is the third occasion upon which it can be reasonably said that the deceased attempted his life; first by poisoning, afterwards by jumping overboard, and lastly with the fatal success just recounted. He was about 58 years of age, and had been engaged at Port Townsend in ship-brokerage for over a quarter of a century. It is not thought that any financial trouble urged him to the rash deed.

ENTERPRISE.—Occasionally there is found among business men one who duly appreciates the use of printer's ink, and when it is well and wisely used success is sure. We have had an illustration of this lately in the case of our pushing and enterprising citizens, J. B. Ferguson & Co. Having a larger stock of books and stationery than necessary for the trade here, and desiring to enliven the temporary dullness which has visited the city lately they decided on a discount sale, and advertised it fully through the medium of *The Colonist*. The result is that their trade has been wonderfully increased. Saturday all hands were kept busy, and yesterday people were standing about the door all the afternoon, trying to get access—Messrs. Ferguson & Co. having with others taken a half holiday. Printers' ink is the philosopher's stone to the merchant.

LECTURE.—This evening at 8 o'clock Archbishop Seghers, by special request, will lecture at the Theatre Comique, taking as a subject, "Leaves from a Missionary's Diary," which will embrace an account of his grace's travels along the northwest coast of British Columbia and Alaska, the habits, customs, the religious and historical traditions of the native tribes there, and other matters of the most lively and instructive interest. Previous to the lecture the younger members of the congregation will give a short entertainment of music, song, recitation and humorous sketch. The proceeds of the evening, which will be devoted to furnishing the new archiepiscopal residence, deserve to be large.

ADVANCE IN RATES. — West-bound freight rates were restored on Saturday to one-half transcontinental tariff, with minimums of 65 cents from Chicago, and 60 cents from eastern terminals. The war in passenger rates has at last come to a close, and rates have advanced, yesterday being the last opportunity afforded to take advantage of the "cut" rates. There was in consequence quite a "boom" in passenger traffic.

DEATH AT SEATTLE.—Major A. E. Alden, inspector of the Seattle police force, died suddenly on Saturday last of a stomachic complaint.

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Easter Sunday.

The observance of this great Christian holiday in the various churches was of the usual impressive character, while the attendance was very large. The floral decorations at St. John's were really magnificent, the altar, reading desk, pulpit and font being a mass of rich flowers, which literally filled the church with rare perfume. The choral part of the services were of the usual high order, the anthem being executed in particularly good taste. In the course of his sermon Rev. Mr. Jenns, the rector, made feeling reference to the recent sad deaths in the community, drawing the moral that "In the midst of life we are in death."

At the pro-Cathedral Archbishop Seghers preached in the evening, his sermon being an exposition of the doctrine of the church on the subject of Christ's descent into hell. The decorations, though quiet, were chaste, evincing much taste and judgment.

Christ Church Cathedral, St. James' and the Reformed Episcopal church were all beautifully decorated, and in each there were special services appropriate to the day. The choral service at the latter was enriched by the pure baritone of Mr. Norman of Australia. Mention was made in the sermons, as in those of the other city churches, of the great event of which Easter Sunday is the anniversary.

Blue Ribbon Meeting.

Though the attendance last Saturday evening was not so good as usual the same could not be said of the entertainment. President Ellis occupied the chair, and called on the band to play one of their delightful selections. After ex-President Gray had opened the meeting with prayer, Mr. Tremaine sang "Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep," in a resonant bass voice, and responded to an encore. Vice-President Roper spoke of the victories gained by the temperance army. Mr. Mundy, of H. M. S. Pelican, sang "Give me Back my Heart," a very sweet song. Mr. Sutton's character recitation of a "Breach of Promise Case," was well rendered. After recess, the Blue Ribbon band, under Professor Stevens, played a fine waltz. Next came Mr. Jones' solo, followed by a short recitation by Miss Foster. Mr. Manning, of H. M. S. Pelican, sang two very pleasing solos, and Mr. Robinson, an old temperance advocate, made a solid speech in support of the cause. Mr. Haynes sang "Silver Bells," a song which was loudly applauded. In the course of the evening ex-President Gray stated that a large number of new singers would assist next Saturday evening. A fine solo by Mr. Ashley closed the meeting.

New Brunswick Elections.

The local elections in New Brunswick took place yesterday. The government, in consequence of its having cunningly sprung the elections on the country within a few weeks of the prorogation of the house, will in all probability be sustained at the polls. It is generally supposed the New Brunswick local government is a liberal government. This is not the fact, for while the premier, Hon. A. G. Blair, is an ardent liberal, several members of the executive, including the surveyor-general and chief commissioner of public works, are representative liberal-conservatives. The result, then, if favorable to the government, will not be an index of a liberal reaction in New Brunswick, though the opposition press will attempt to prove it so.

Methodism at Port Simpson.

The annual meeting of the Port Simpson district of the Methodist church was opened at Port Simpson on the 12th of April. All the members were present except the Rev. A. E. Green, who is in the east at the command of the church. The various missions, extending from Queen Charlotte Sound in the south to the Alaskan boundary in the north, including a promising mission on Queen Charlotte islands, report the work in a prosperous state. The membership has increased during the year over one hundred, and they reach about 5000 Indians, besides many white settlers scattered along the coast. The district has in its work twenty seven paid agents, fifteen churches, nine parsonages and one mission yacht. The field is widening and an increase of laborers is expected.

PASTEL PORTRAITS.—There are now on view in the window of J. B. Ferguson & Co's. stationery store, two pastel portraits by Miss Withrow, one that of an Italian boy, the other that of a young lady resident of Victoria. This class of portrait painting has become very popular in the United States during the past year, owing to the soft and beautiful effect of the coloring and the perfect expression that can be given of the original. Those on view are very creditable specimens of pastel painting, that of the boy being most perfect, the dark and pretty features of the youthful representative of the sunny clime of Italy instantly striking the beholder as natural and pleasing. The portrait of the young lady is also natural, the features and expression of the face being clearly brought out, while the coloring of the minor portions of the picture is very affective. They prove, with the oil painting referred to the other day, that Miss Withrow is a true and conscientious artist, and with experience will rise to distinction in her profession.

THE INDIAN ACT.—Apart from the example set by Maine and other states, where men look nervously over their shoulder when mentioning the word "liquor," prohibition as applied to the Indian has not proved an unadulterated success. Yesterday afternoon a Chinaman who had purchased "out of the back door" a bottle of whisky that is warranted to kill at forty rods, was detected by Officer Walker in the act of handing it to a Siwash on Herald street. The Chinaman started to flee when too late; while the Indian, taking in the state of affairs, dashed the bottle into the road and ran off, only to be overtaken and lodged in the same cell as the Chinaman.

DISTRICT MEETING.—A district meeting of the Methodist church will commence to-morrow and remain in session for three days. It will be held in the Methodist church on Pandora street, where religious services will be held three times daily—at nine o'clock in the morning, at noon, and at half-past seven o'clock in the evening. During these intervals the business of the meeting will be conducted by the Methodist ministers of the province, who will assemble there for the purpose of reporting upon the progress of and considering the best means of extending Methodism in British Columbia. The general report will be completed in time to be submitted at the approaching Toronto conference.

POSTOFFICES will be established on the 1st of next month at Nanoose and Englishman's river.

Last Night's Ball.

The ball given by the Oddfellows' society at the Theatre Comique last night, in celebration of the sixty-seventh anniversary of the inauguration of the order. In addition to the adornments usual on similar occasions, comprising flags, evergreens, etc., there were hung from the walls the various insignia of the order, while pendant from the roof were silk bannerets belonging to the society, bearing devices tastefully wrought, and embelished with hand-painted decorations. Guests continued to arrive until eleven o'clock; and that the reception and floor committees were kept well employed may be judged from the fact that over eighty couples were by that time present. The system and order observed in all the arrangements rendered anything like confusion impossible, and reflected great credit on the various committees. The music was furnished by Professors Palmer and Haynes, and in connection with the programme it may be mentioned that the musical selections were made from the latest compositions, and were sparkling and "catchy," forming an acceptable change to the rather well known airs that have so often been made to do duty. The refreshment committee could not have chosen a better purveyor than Mr. Joseph Thomas (late steward of H. M. S. Swiftsure) who provided supper for one hundred and seventy persons in a style in which substantiality and elegance vied with each other and proved that the epicurean tastes of Mr. Thomas were fully equal to the occasion. The assemblage was large and sociable, entering the whirl of succeeding dances with a zest that but grew with the flight of the evening. Daylight was not far off when the last votaries of Terpsichore reluctantly departed from the pleasant scene. The floor committee consisted of Messrs. A. McCandless, A. Jones and W. Scott; while the reception committee included Messrs. J. Dixon, W. H. Mixer, E. Cameron, S. H. Maynard, and J. Gibney.

A LARGE TREE.—Mr. Frank Campbell has a photograph of a log that had been cut from a fir tree lately felled at Burrard Inlet. At a distance of twenty feet from the stump the diameter measured thirteen feet, nine inches. The log which has been sent to the Indian and Colonial exhibition as a specimen of the size of timber that can be grown in this province will prove to many whose eyes are turned toward British Columbia that they might "go fir-ther and fare worse."

ATTEMPTED ROBBERY.—Two attempts have been made to enter the house of Wm. Robertson, who resides on Cadboro Bay road, by cutting out a pane of glass. The last attempt was made on Sunday afternoon by two Chinamen, who, when called to, ran off. The house is without the city limits, but is sufficiently near the town to make parties who reside in the suburbs anxious and wakeful. One of the thieves is a tall man, slightly lame, and has black spots on his face. He is a notorious highbinder.

WEDDING BELLS.—Yesterday morning at 11 o'clock Mr. Michael Conlin, of Conlin & Cameron, blackmithing, and Miss Ellen Phillips, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony by Rev. Father Van Nevel at St. Andrew's cathedral. The bride was given away by R. E. Jackson, Esq., barrister-at-law. The wedding presents were numerous and costly, testifying to the esteem in which the happy couple are held. The flag and streamer of the U. H. & L. truck house floated to the breeze during the day in honor of the event, the groom being foreman of the hooks.

AT THE GORGE.—Sunday's delightful weather drew a large number of people, including many visitors, to the Gorge, where they basked in the sunshine in full enjoyment of the *dolce far niente*. The Arm was dotted with boats, and a band of Italian strolling players, who occupied one, regaled those who were fortunate enough to be present with some sweet music.

"SWEETS TO THE SWEET."—The sugar strike at New York has caused a large advance in the rates asked for saccharine matter. Orders are pouring in from the country in anticipation of a still further advance. At San Francisco on Saturday sugar advanced ⅛ of a cent in sympathy with the New York movement.

SUDDEN DEATH.—Thomas Morris, a former member of the city police force and an old Cariboolte, died at his residence, on the Esquimalt road, early on Sunday morning. Deceased was in town on Saturday, and those who saw and conversed with him little imagined that death was hovering so near. The funeral will take place to-day at 12:30 from his late residence, and from the Reformed Episcopal church at 1:30 p. m.

AS THE mail wagon laden with bags was backed down to the curb in front of the postoffice yesterday, the horse took fright and darted off. The wagon, locked wheels with a hansom, in which were seated a lady and gentleman. No damage resulted, as the flying animal was secured and the vehicular deadlock speedily ended.

THE Pallium will be conferred upon Archbishop Seghers on the last Sunday in May, by the archbishop of Oregon. There will be a large gathering of Catholic prelates from all parts of the province and Oregon on the occasion.

INDICTED.—Some of the most prominent capitalists of Oregon and Washington territory have been indicted for conspiracy to defraud the United States government of timber lands. The crime of perjury is also alleged. In all, thirty indictments have been found.

TROUT PLENTIFUL.—Anglers who have been visiting Shawnigan and Sooke lakes report trout as exceedingly plentiful there. And enthusiastic as all the fishermen were, it is occasion for favorable comment that not one of them alluded to the trout as "speckled beauties."

THE OLD CEMETERY.—A vault in the old cemetery has fallen in, leaving the coffin exposed. By an agreement with the government the city council stipulated to keep the resting place of many hundred pioneers in good repair.

SCHOOL FOR BOYS.—Mr. A. J. Campbell, B. A., who has had ten years' experience as a teacher, will open a school for boys on Monday, May 3rd, at the Church of England Institute on Blanchard street.

STEAMER TRAFFIC.—The traveling public will notice that from this date their baggage can be checked from Victoria to New Westminster, Port Hammond, Granville and Moodyville direct.

EASTER MONDAY. — Yesterday being Easter Monday, nearly all the stores closed at noon for the remainder of the day.

THE Scott Act was defeated in St. John, N. B. The vote stood: 1,610 for, and 1,687 against. In the adjoining city of Portland the act was carried, the vote being 514 for and 485 against.

What Some People Say.

That the Umbria has made the transatlantic passage in 6 days, 10 hours.

That President Cleveland does not deny that he will be married to Miss Folsom.

That Walt Whitman will visit England next autumn as the guest of Swinburne.

That the New York legislature has passed a bill prohibiting imprisonment for debt.

That friendly relations have once more been established between Portugal and Zanibar.

That the totals of the killed and wounded in the Minnesota cyclone are, respectively, 75 and 213.

That "I bless Eve for eating that apple," said a young lady the other day as she stood before the mirror. "Why?" asked a companion. "Because there is such a delight in trying on a new dress when it fits well."

That a remarkable case of longevity is reported from the Caucasus—that of a shepherd who has just died at the great age of 124 years.

That a list of the old-fashioned corvettes and gunboats of the British navy has been prepared by Lord Charles Beresford, who proposes their sale or destruction rather than wasting money in repairing them.

That General Boulanger, minister of war, has resolved on sanctioning beards in the French army. Officers and sergeants may wear any amount of beard, provided it be not long enough to conceal the number of their regiments on the collar. For privates there is no restriction. Side whiskers, however, must not be worn alone, and short hair, especially behind, is still compulsory.

That filial affection was never more strongly exemplified than in a recent case in Germany, where a young man secured a life insurance payable to his mother, who was very poor, and then took poison and died.

That at the recent marriage at Vienna of the daughter of the grand duke of Tuscany to the brother of the queen regent of Spain, the principal ladies in attendance wore dress-trains from thirteen to nineteen feet long.

That Mayfair has been startled by an odious scandal resulting in the imprisonment at Gibraltar under two months' sentence and the dismissal from the service of a high officer in the British navy. The culprit is a member of a noble family, and well known in turf and naval circles. The story recalls the abominable affair in Hyde park some time ago, in which Mr. Boulton and Lord Albert Clinton figured.

Thht Japanese open-work makes charming fire screens when lined with yellow silk.

That opalescent glass is fashionable in various forms of an ornamental description.

"That we must draw the line somewhere," said the vigilance committee to the horse thief.

That it is said he laughs best who laughs last. This may be true, but it is always regarded as a sign that he doesn't get the hang of the joke as quickly as the man who laughs first.

That sofa cushions have an interlining of delicate sachet powders. Lamp shades also are laden with it.

That Snaggs (passing teacup to his landlady) said—"Only half full this evening." Mrs. Jaggs—"Glad to hear it Mr. Snaggs. You're usually much more than that."

That the first train to be moved in Texas for two weeks contained 500 kegs of beer. This gives a faint idea of the suffering which the strike must have caused in Texas during that period.

That "I heard a voice come moaning over the sea," remarks a contemporary poet. Another cable poem from Tennyson is evidently incubating.

That Mrs. Fizzletop heard her son Johnny swear like a trooper. "Why Johnny," she exclaimed, "who taught you to swear that way?" "Taught me to swear!" exclaimed Johnny, "why, it's me who teaches the other boys to swear."

That "you dear thing," she said guileingly, "how handsome your bonnet does look. I'm sure it looks as well as it did last summer." Only a woman could say things like this and say them easily.

That a compositor with a great prophetic soul, while putting into type a wedding notice, instead of the "contracting parties," made it the "contradicting parties."

That James Gordon Bennett has subscribed $500 to the proposed Pasteur hospital at Paris.

That the colored people of Galveston won't take part in the Moody and Sankey revival meetings, because separate meetings for colored people are held. They say they will not join in the meetings until it has been proved to them that there are two heavens—one for white souls and one for black souls.

That a farmer claims that it is biliousness that makes a man get out of humor and fret and swear; when he feels himself getting angry he swallows a compound cathartic pill. Last week he was driving oxen and swallowed thirty-seven pills in one hour.

That George Augustus Sala, the celebrated writer, on his return journey to England, has been attacked by fever in India. He is said to be quite seriously broken in health and spirits.

That Barbadoes is the most densely populated part of the earth. The island has an area of 106,000 acres, and a population of 175,000 souls, 9 per cent. of whom are white and 91 per cent. black. There is an average of 1,054 people to each of its 166 square miles. How they exist is a wonder.

A Strong Endorsement.

The Star of Sunday last has a lengthy article upon the subject of magnetic healing, as performed by Prof. Menzies, here and elsewhere, and gives as a fact the statement that at no time have any of the testimonials been found faulty or been disproved. There have been during last season and are at present a large number of remarkable cases of cure made public.

Marine.

Barque Majestic, in tow of the American tug Holyoke, bound from Nanaimo for San Francisco, passed down yesterday afternoon.

Ship Commodore, with a full cargo of Wellington coal, sailed from Departure Bay for San Francisco yesterday.

Steamer Alexander left last night for Burrard Inlet to bring down the ship Frank Carvell, laden with spars for London.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

SAN FRANCISCO, April 26.—Arrived—Schooner Lookout, Victoria.

The Weather.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 26.—8 p.m.—Indications for the succeeding 32 hours: Fair weather followed by occasional local showers in the northern portion of the coast.

(*From the Daily Colonist, April 28.*)

HYMENEAL.—By yesterday's mail *The Colonist* received the (advance) wedding favors of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Vaughn Bryant, of Kansas City, Missouri, who were married at New Orleans yesterday. Mrs. Bryant will be remembered as the bright and sparkling correspondent of a leading New Orleans journal, who visited this province with her father, Col. Hatch, some three years ago, and made a host of friends by her sweet and amiable disposition. Col. Hatch deceased about a year ago, and not until he had passed away did his devoted daughter feel herself at liberty to marry. *The Colonist* extends its heartiest wishes for the long life and prosperity of the new couple.

THE Dominion steamer Sir James Douglas is off the mouth of the Fraser river where the buoys are being repainted.

Archbishop Seghers' Lecture.

The Theatre Comique was packed to the doors last evening on the occasion of His Grace Archbishop Seghers' lecture entitled 'Leaves from a Missionary's Diary.' Previous to the lecture some of the young er members of the Cathedral congregation gave a short entertainment, which included a piano duet, "The Sunbeam," by Misses M. J. Campbell and Grace McNiffe, and a side-splitting farce entitled "Thirty Minutes for Refreshments." The musical portion of the entertainment elicited much favorable comment, while the farce put the large audience in the best of good humor. While all the parts were well taken William McNiffe, the colored servant, sustained the negro character most creditably; in fact he would put many professionals to the blush. "Polly," (Miss M. J. Campbell) the waiting maid of the Squimalt hotel, played the *rôle* most acceptably, as did Miss Grace McNiffe that of "Arabella Pepper," and Miss M. Tierney that of "Mrs. Foxton," but where all did so well it would be invidious to further particularize. Mayor Fell, who with Fathers Van Nevel, Jorcksau, Mandart and Verbeke occupied seats on the platform, introduced the lecturer as follows: "It afforded him," he said, "great pleasure to act as chairman of the meeting. He was at home on this occasion; he was always at home where his fellow men were met together. He believed in harmony, and that we should endeavor to elevate our fellow men." He passed a high enlogy on the archbishop, whom he had known for years, whose goodness was known of all men. The subject of his grace's lecture was a wilderness now, but it would not always be such. To such pioneers as his grace was the colonization of such a country due—the world owes them many thanks. He believed one of the great changes of the future would be the emancipation of old Ireland. She had his best wishes, and he trusted that misrule in Ireland was now at an end. Archbishop Seghers on being introduced was received with long continued applause. He thanked the mayor for his kind words in behalf of Erin with which the whole world is in sympathy. "A few years ago this was an exclusively Indian country," he said, "so recent had been the Indian sovereignty that many in the audience doubtless had seen them darting their light canoes over the placid surface of some inland lake. While pagan Indians die out, those who have embraced the faith increase. This is seen as well in America as in our own country. Those wanderers, the gypsies of England, the Bohemians of France, the East Indian strollers, have almost passed away, and of their history we know little. To keep fresh some memory of the Indian tribes was the object of this lecture. He had recently visited that *terra incognita*, the west coast of Vancouver Island. North of the Fucca Straits there is an Indian tribe, some 4,000 in number, divided into twenty-two villages, the inhabitants of which all speak the same language. In 1869 the "John Bright" was wrecked on the west coast of the island. It was said the crew was killed by Indians, and two of them were executed for the crime. It has since been discovered that no murder was committed on that occasion; that the men were not guilty. The men were certainly found on the seashore with their heads severed from their bodies, but this fact, it has been found, was due to the action of the waters in that locality. In 1874 he visited all the Indians on the west side, and was well received everywhere. He, and the priest who accompanied him, baptized 900 children and converted many adults. In the same year he, with Father Brabant, visited the west coast in a canoe, and the priest then began the work of christianizing the Indians. There were only a few white people there, and in a letter subsequently written Father Brabant (who had a beautiful white Newfoundland dog) said that "he and his dog were the only white people in the country." He referred to the disease that spread among the Indians in October, 1875, which resulted in an attempt to take the priest's life. He showed a paper covered with blood, sent him by Father Brabant, which detailed the attempt made on his life by the chief, who ran away, the subsequent kindness of the Indians, and his devoting his all in the country to the diocese. His visit to Father Brabant in a man-of-war, his return to Victoria with the priest, who subsequently recovered and returned to his charge, where he still is, were related at length. The Indian languages were then touched on, each different in all respects from the other, not so much alike, in fact, as the English and French, or the English and Spanish. An illustration was given of the manner in which the various tribes made the sign of the cross, each entirely different from the other. The syntax of the language was discussed fully, and must have been a revelation to many present. The system of numbers was given to show the great labor required on the part of the missionaries in order to learn the Indian language. The lecturer then briefly outlined the civil organization of the Indians which is based on the patriarchal system. The Indians claim no possession in land, beyond the right of fishing and hunting. They have a religion of their own, one of the grossest superstition. One of these superstitions is that in reference to girls growing into womanhood and becoming marriageable a canoe head is adorned with bunches, she is locked up in a place behind mats and rags for four days and nights, she may not go to bed, nor must she quench her thirst, except with a few drops of water. For several months her diet is salt fish, and it is a dreadful thing to look longingly at crabs or oysters. Many more are the trials through which she has to pass, and for each there is a reason. The "medicine man" becomes a professional through superstition. A dream, an encounter with an evil spirit and the like, make him a doctor, and the casting out of spirits is his peculiar business. The Indians invoke and speak to the salmon and the seal and this rests on their idea of the origin of man. One of the Indian traditions is that man in the beginning was baked in an oven; the first came out not baked enough, and he was a was a white man; the second was too much baked, and he was a black man, and the third was baked neither too much or too little, and he was a red man. The music of the Indians was then fully explained, the lecturer singing several hymns and songs in the language, which were much enjoyed by the audience. The music was delightfully catching, and two songs, written by his grace himself while traveling with a tribe some years ago, showed some traces of the operatic. Several songs of the Yukon Indians were also sung by request, two being songs without words, and one a death wail. These were heartily appreciated by the audience which was loud in its applause. His grace in closing said that he had tried to do his duty during his long missionary career, and speaking humbly he felt he had done so.

A piano solo, "Bonnie White Tender Flowers," by Miss Doscher, and a vocal solo, "Consider the Lilies," by Mr. Gribble, who was obliged to respond to an *encore* followed, and a pleasant evening's entertainment was brought to a close by a laughable farce, entitled "Wanted, a Male Cook," which abounded in happy local hits and allusions, which were heartily relished by the audience.

The proceeds of the entertainment, which must have been very large, will be devoted to furnishing the new archiepiscopal residence.

COLLIDED WITH THE BRIDGE.—Last evening after dusk, a hack came into violent collision with the north-western end of James bay bridge, stripping it of its rail and pickets for a distance of about 20 feet. The horses were unhitched from the hack, which "stood on the bridge at midnight" in a demoralized condition, keeping mute guard over the general wreckage.

BANQUET.—The members of the lately organized British Columbia Saint George's society will give their inauguration banquet at the Theatre Comique at eight o'clock to-morrow evening.

BURST UP.—Col. Mapleson's last operatic trip to San Francisco was a complete financial failure, and he had to pledge his diamonds to pay the board bills.

Tea Meeting.

A largely attended tea meeting was held last night in the basement of the Methodist church, in honor of the visiting ministers from other districts. At the conclusion of the meal the guests adjourned to the body of the church, where the proceedings (presided over by Rev. Mr. Percival) opened with the hymn "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," followed by a prayer by Rev. Mr. Hemlaw. Rev. Mr. Percival delivered an address of welcome, which was responded to by Rev. Mr. Robson, who hoped that their thoughts that night would be hallowed by the religious event of which Easter was a celebration, and that Christ's love and Heaven's benediction would fall upon those there whose countenances seemed so full of kindliness and welcome. He reminded them that special revival services would be held at 9 o'clock this (Wednesday) morning, and again at noon, at which hour he specially requested the attendance of business men to join in half an hour's intercession at the throne of grace; while at 7 o'clock in the evening a short open-air service would be held at the junction of Government and Yates streets, which would be resumed at 8 o'clock in the church itself, when a sermon would be preached by the Rev. Mr. Watson. Such would be the outline for each day, and how much would be got out of it depended on the capacity of each for spiritual conversion or improvement—upon just how much faith they had—for as their faith so should their works be.

At the conclusion of an anthem by the choir, which followed, the Rev. Mr. Hall, from Vancouver, addressed a few words to the meeting, speaking of the duties of a Christian, the progress of the church in his district, and the determination that its voice should be raised in protest against any and all forms of sin that might exist or spring up in the city of his district. Succeeding the reverend speaker, was a solo by Mrs. D. Robson, who with enunciation so distinct that all could distinguish every word that she uttered, sang in a voice of great compass, and in clear and sweetly musical tones, "The Child of a King." Continued demands for an encore the lady was compelled to decline, being slightly indisposed.

Rev. Mr. Watson rose amidst loud applause, and addressing those present spoke of the pleasure it gave him to see their faces again. He assured his friends that he had not come there for applause, but took it as the outcome of their kindly hearts. Since he had been their pastor he had had many a pang cast through his soul—when he heard of some of those whom he had known as having died; and he felt that when he rose to speak he was always saying his last words to some one. Such a thought, reminding him as it did of the uncertainty of life, spurred him on to greater effort to do the work that was set before him. All could, did they but choose, consecrate their special gifts to the service of God. While listening to the singing that night he had asked himself if all were singing for Christ. He trusted so. The meeting was entering upon very mingled services in which secular business was connected with religious worship, though even the secular business was sacred to them as Christians. In order that they might be useful in God's service let them consecrate themselves that night as they had never before done in the past. God had given them great diversity of gifts, and they had in their physical and mental constitution those peculiar phases of temperament to enable them to fill the positions which He had marked out for them in life. He also reminded them that the pardon of their sins was but the first stage of convalescence towards religious health; they must go on striving to reach as near as they could the perfection of the Divine Master. He urged them to let their lives be an example to all men, saying he could mention to them very many excellent things about the good people of New Westminster, but had not time that night.

Then followed a selection on the organ by Mrs. Leach, a solo by Mr. Robson, and an excellent solo of "Consider the Lilies" by Mrs. W. F. McCullough, whose vocal services throughout were a great acquisition to the choir.

The Rev. Mr. Brian, of Chilliwhack, spoke a few words right to the point, which were succeeded by a solo by Miss Cusack that called forth deserved applause. The doxology having been sung, Rev. Mr. Pike uttered a benediction and the meeting adjourned.

Medical Council.

The election of practitioners as members of the council, under the British Columbia Medical Act, 1886, was declared yesterday by Mr. T. Elwyn (the registrar under the ordinance) to be as follows: Drs. C. N. Trew, J. W. Powell, J. C. Davie, D. Cluness, G. L. Milne, S. J. Tunstall and L. R. McInnes. The members of this council are required by the act to choose from among themselves within seven days after their election a president, treasurer, registrar and secretary, and whenever a vacancy occurs in any of such offices, to elect one of the persons registered, or other person qualified for election under the act. Only those persons whose names are on the register will be permitted to practice in the province; and before any person can be so admitted he will have to produce, from any college or school of medicine and surgery requiring a three years' course of study, a diploma of qualification, and will also have to furnish satisfactory proof of identification and pass before the members thereof, or such of them as may be appointed for the purpose, a satisfactory examination touching his fitness and capacity to act as a surgeon.

Gorge Road Church.

The floral display in this sacred edifice on Sunday last was both beautiful and appropriate to the occasion, and so tastefully were the decorations arranged that they possessed the artistic requisite of presenting an attractive appearance without superfluity or misrelation. Around the chandeliers and clock, wreaths were gracefully entwined; the windows also were adorned with flowers of various kinds. The communion rail and organ were freighted with festoonings of many-hued florals, while the rostrum was studded white handsome vases filled with elegant bouquets. Within the communion rail stood a fragile table support, containing only a large basin encircled with clusters of different petals, in the center of which rose a tall glass vase bearing many of nature's choicest colors. Before the pulpit, and attached to it was a green-leaved cross in which white and crimson flowers, placed together at regular intervals, shone like little gems. Behind, on the wall of the church, was an ivy screen enlivened with white racemes with a floral crescent on one side and on the other an anchor, the whole surmounted with the motto "Christ is Risen."

The effect upon entering the church was very pleasing indeed, while the fragrance of sweet flowers filled the air, recalling by their association the tender memories of many a happy Easter morn in by-gone years.

BUSH FIRE.—Word arrived by the steamer Princess Louise yesterday that the progress of the bush fire, which threatened the new city of Vancouver, had been stayed by a fortunate turn of the wind just in the nick of time, only a few of the outstanding buildings being scorched. The fear of such a fate must have filled with fear "the breast of that young child, Vancouver."

R. E. SPROULE.—Mr. W. S. Sproule, of San Francisco, brother of R. E. Sproule, had an interview with the condemned man yesterday, having arrived on the mail steamer. Sproule continues calm and hopeful. It is reported that the application of his council (Mr. F. Davie) for a new trial will be entertained at Ottawa to-morrow.

THE Canadian Pacific Railway company have instructed their British and continental agents that on and after the 15th of May passengers can book over their line from Montreal to the Pacific coast. A similar notice has been issued by the Dominion government to its agents.

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EXCLUSIVE DISPATCHES TO THE COLONIST.

CABLE NEWS.

ENGLAND.

LONDON, April 26.—The Pall Mall Gazette advocates the formation of a supreme and permanent court for the settlement of the fisheries dispute between Canada and the United States. The court, the Gazette says, should consist of five members, two of whom should be Americans and two Englishmen, and the fifth should be selected by the four, and be either an American or an Englishman.

Lord Hartington, in a speech in Lancashire this evening, said that no alterations would remove his objections to the Irish scheme. He did not wish to coalesce with the tories, but hoped with the assistance of Mr. Chamberlain, Mr. Trevelyan, Mr. Goschen, Sir Henry James, Mr. Bright, Earl Selborne, Earl Derby and the Duke of Argyle to create an independent party to induce the withdrawal of the measure. A portion of the audience made a hostile demonstration against the speaker.

LONDON, April 26.—Gladstone has written the following letter to the Chronicle: "It is not my custom to comment on statements made by hostile newspapers, but having a sincere respect for the Chronicle, I would call attention to an allegation made by it in a leader that the Conservative party is considered unsatisfactory. The conference of foreign ministers is being held at the Italian embassy for the purpose of drawing up and signing an ultimatum holding Greece answerable for the consequences unless she defers without reserve to the wishes of Europe. The ultimatum will be presented to the Greek government forthwith.

LONDON, April 26.—A statement that the Greek army is to be disarmed is confirmed. The Greek chamber has been convoked. The combined fleet of the powers, which had assembled to coerce Greece, has departed suddenly. The termination of the probability of war is received by all classes with consternation.

ATHENS, April 26.—At a meeting of the municipal council to-day a resolution was adopted wishing God speed to the troops and expressing the hope that they would do honor to their flag in the struggle for Greek unity and freedom. A resolution was also adopted inviting the citizens to bid the departing soldiers a hearty farewell.

The government has received a friendly note from France, in which it is intimated that the ultimatum of the French government may be expected shortly. M. Decrepinet has written to Prime Minister D'Lyannis assuring him of the sympathy of France and begging him to use his influence to preserve the peace.

NOON.—The orders to forward troops to the frontier have been countermanded. The warlike aspect of the kingdom's affairs has become more pacific.

PARIS, April 26.—It is officially announced here that Greece, yielding to the advice from France to refrain from war, will at once disarm.

SPAIN.

MADRID, April 26.—The Spanish senatorial elections have resulted in the return of 178 ministerialists, 23 conservatives, 6 independents, 4 republicans and two members of the dynastic left.

AUSTRIA.

VIENNA, April 26.—A dispatch from Lisko in