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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Bank Holiday.

To-morrow, Easter Monday, is a bank holiday.

Knights Bachelor.

Chief Justice Cameron of Ontario and Chief Justice Stuart of Quebec have been made Knights Bachelors.

Coat of Paint.

H. M. S. Cormorant is resplendent in a new coat of paint which she has received preparatory to the arrival of the flagship.

Cargill Re-elected.

Cargill, conservative, who resigned his seat, was re-elected for East Bruce by a majority of a hundred and fifty, about the same figures as in February.

Retired Officer.

A retired officer of the salvation army, his wife and family, arrived in New Westminster from the east a few days ago. They have gone to settle on Lulu Island.

Suspended.

The interstate railway commission has suspended the long and short haul clause of the new act for ninety days. The suspension applies to points east of the Rocky mountains.

The Steamer Corinna Again.

The tug-ship George, from Yokohama for Port Moody, arrived in the Royal Roads last evening. Four other vessels, names unknown, arrived late last night and anchored in the roads and Esquimalt harbor.

Will Lay the Dust.

At the adjourned meeting of the city council held in the city hall yesterday, it was resolved to call for tenders to sprinkle the streets. This action of the council comes some too soon as the dust is playing the mischief with dry goods merchants' stocks.

Nothing Like Gold Quartz.

Mr. B. K. Coles, who sailed for San Francisco, yesterday, with his family, is one upon whom good fortune has smiled abundantly. He became interested a few years ago in an Alaska quartz mine, which interest he held till it came to be demonstrated that he had a good thing which he sold out. The last time he came down from the land of the midnight sun he was a millionaire.

Herchmer's Death.

The man whose mysterious death at Andulusia, Pa., is causing a sensation, is supposed to be George S. Herchmer, recently manager of the Central Bank, Brampton, Ont. His identification is based upon the jewelry worn by deceased. Two weeks ago Herchmer was suspended for alleged irregularities in his habits. He is a brother of Commissioner Herchmer of the Northwest mounted police.

The Seized Sealers.

Collector Hamley who wrote to the minister of marine some time ago respecting the rights of our fishermen in Behring Sea has received a reply to the effect that the Dominion government have made representations on the question to the United States, that so far Secretary Bayard has not decided what course his government will pursue in future, but that the vessels seized last summer will be released.

Press San Francisco.

The following are the passengers per City of Chester from San Francisco for Victoria: W. Bickett and wife, W. S. Flood, B. Carothers, H. A. Carothers, H. Partridge, J. T. Moore, T. Fawcett, T.E. Martin, E. Probert and wife, Mrs. A. Lewis, J. J. Hardy, A. Wurtman, T. N. McKeague, E. C. Neufelder, H. Lipsett, R. Nuttall, Ed. Wilcox, M. A. Campbell, Jas. Graham, G. W. Martin, Mary Fitzgerald, J. S. Colby, J. Rosette and M. Piard.

Shot off His Finger.

Mr. J. W. DeLano, the gentlemanly manager of the Ewing company, who appears in the *role* of "I am a lawyer and my name is Marks" in Uncle Tom's Cabin goes on the stage with his good, right hand bandaged with linen and sometimes does not feel just as funny as he looks. In the scene where, after shooting Legree, he discharges his revolver several times by accident to his great surprise and discomfiture he accidentally shot the fore finger off his right hand at Seattle the other night. The wound is painful at times but it does not depress Mr. DeLano's exuberent good spirits in the least.

Base Ball Match.

An interesting game of base ball was played at Beacon Hill on Friday between the Amitices and James bay nines. The Amitices were as usual victorious, winning the game with a score of 23 runs to 11. Considering that this was the initial game of the season some very good playing was displayed, especially by the James bays'. The nine from this club wore a neat uniform and stood up to their work manfully. With practice they will soon play a strong game. Following is the score:

FIGHTING NINE.	Runs	JAMES BAYS.	Runs
G. Cowen, p. & l. f.	2	E. Arthur, c. & s. s.	2
W. Duck, 1. b.	1	A. Wilmott, 1. b.	1
T. Barnes, c. f.	4	J. O'Brien, 2nd b.	1
Gus Cowen, 2nd b.	2	T. Cox, 1st b.	1
J. Kane, 1st b.	1	F. Gones, l. f.	1
N. Cowen, s. s.	2	A. Mount, 3rd b.	2
F. Burwick, c.	1	F. Ackerman, c.	1
T. Baker, p.	1	F. Sandover, r. f.	1
J. Hannon, r. f.	8	W. Deney, c. f.	1
Total	22	Total	11

The "Red Star."

A special dispatch to THE COLONIST states that the Red Star and other steamers arrived safely at New Westminster on Friday. She had a fair passage though it was rough at times.

Colonial Medal.

Pendray & Co. have just received from the of Colonial and Indian Exhibition a medal and diploma in acknowledgment of the display made by them of their toilet and laundry soaps.

Dennis was the prize of his corps;
He's very fine uniform worse,
He could play at besique,
And with infinite chique
At the canteen would run up a score.

The Mexico.

An attempt will be made by the underwriters to raise the steamship Mexico from Belle Chain Reef. It is rumored that a contract has been given to the Whitelaw Wrecking Co.

An Assault Case.

In the provincial court yesterday a charge of assault against John Doherty, a scavenger, was brought by Michael Morrissey, who said that the defendant had beaten him badly. The statements of both men differed so widely that his honor concluded to adjourn the case until Tuesday morning.

Consoling.

By yesterday's mail Victoria merchants and others who receive goods from San Francisco were the recipients of the following circular: "Owing to the enormous advance in freight on all goods which we handle, it becomes necessary for us to advance our prices and to withdraw quotations which we have made you heretofore."

Telephone Extension.

A telephone will be put in at Brackman & Kerr's mills, North Saanich, to-morrow, the lines having already been stretched. The distance from the city is nearly 24 miles. The people of Saanich show commendable enterprise. Before long it is expected that telephones will be placed in all the districts.

The Empire's Freight.

The steamer Empire arrived at Nanaimo, from San Francisco, on Wednesday, with general merchandise valued at $4,102 including 140 barrels flour, 103 centals barley, 147 sacks bran, 83 cases canned goods, 190 pounds coffee, 240 pounds tobacco, 1,000 pounds lard, 2,970 pounds butter and 893 pounds of lard.

Steamer Dunsmuir.

The Dominion steamer Sir James Douglas returned on Thursday, having erected a beacon on Fiddle Reef, near Trial Island. The steamer went out yesterday to Race Rocks and completed the repairs on the fog-horn, when she returned to port. To-morrow Capt. Lewis and Contractor J. Holland will leave on the Douglas to select a site for the new light house on East Point.

Personal Paragraphs.

Per steamer Geo. W. Elder, for San Francisco: Mrs. R. Carne, W. G. Huxley, Mrs. F. Cason and three children, Mrs. R. Levy and three children, Mrs. Thain, Mrs. F. Adams and 2 children, Wm. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. B. K. Coles and family, Mrs. Hull, E. B. Dean, Lee Moo, P. Smith, K. Spates, Mrs. Coulton, B. E. Olsen, M. McDonald, Jacob S. Tabor, Mrs. Cannon and daughter, Geo. McDonald, Miss M. McNeill, and 20 in the steerage.

Fire on Chemainus.

The boiler house at Croft & Angus' mills, Chemainus, was burned to the ground on Wednesday night. The sawmill was in imminent danger for a time, but owing to the strenuous exertions of the men, coupled with a splendid supply of water, it was saved from destruction. Advices from Chemainus state that the sawmill will be ready again for the resumption of work on Tuesday next. The loss entailed is very small and, we understand, fully covered by insurance.

Saved From a Watery Grave.

A young lad named Hayes upset a canoe under Welch Fisher & Co's wharf in which he was taking a sail on Good Friday afternoon and was nearly drowned. Several men heard his cries and went to his assistance. They found him hanging to a pile greatly exhausted. The mate of the bark Viola with commendable promptitude seeing the boy's danger climbed across some scantlings which are nailed to the piles, and reaching out snatched him fast as he was slipping. The mate deserves a medal.

"The Messiah."

The interesting performance of Handel's oratorio, "The Messiah," for the first time in British Columbia will take place on Good Friday evening. We had the pleasure of hearing the full final rehearsal on Thursday, and from the ease and certainty with which the various solos, both male voices and choruses were rendered, we predict a most brilliant success. The orchestral accompaniments, the parquette and side private boxes have been taken up since. There are still places to be had in the gallery and those who intend to be present should secure their seats and be seated early in the gallery will accidedly be the best place in the house for hearing. At the close of the oratorio the combined band and chorus will sing the National Anthem, specially arranged by Mr. Sorgé.

Good Friday.

This day was generally observed in the city as a holiday. The weather was delightful. Winter which seemed to have lingered in the lap of spring moved on, and nature smiled in all the sweetness of gentle summer time. To use a somewhat familiar "chestnut," it was our "Italian skies" again. Taking advantage of the beautiful weather many of our citizens spent the day at Beacon hill where a base ball match was in progress, and also a rifle match on the Clover point range, while others drove out into the country or went on the excursion by rail to Shawnigan or picnicking at Niagara canyon, Goldstream and other resorts along the line. Everyone reports having had a good time.

Uncle Tom's Cabin.

The Ewing Company opened at The Victoria on Friday night in "Uncle Tom's Cabin to a crowded house. The version of the play is entirely different from Jay Rial's, and it is the general opinion that Mr. Ewing deserves great praise for the manner in which he has handled the changing of the various situations. The auction scene has been left out, together with the death scene of St. Clair. That in which little Eva dies was pathetically represented, and many eyes were dimmed with tears. The house was again crowded yesterday afternoon and evening by fashionable audiences. Mr. Ewing will take his company to New Westminster to-day, and will night at Nanaimo. Large business in the Royal City.

The Loss of the Champion.

From the Seattle *Post-Intelligencer* we make the following extracts concerning the loss of the Indian schooner Champion: "The sealing schooner Champion, owned by Chief Peter of the Makah tribe at Neah Bay, was wrecked on Nitinat shore, Vancouver Island, 40 miles from Barclay Sound, during the heavy westerly gale of last Friday morning. One Indian known as Cultus George was drowned. All of the rest succeeded in reaching an Indian village situated near the point. The schooner was a complete wreck, only the anchor chains and a portion of the crew were saved. The tribe recently purchased the schooner from D. C. McAlmond of New Dungeness, for $3,300, paying $1,500 cash down and the rest 'on tick.' She was built by Captain McAlmond in Dungeness some four or five years ago for a fishing schooner."

From Winnipeg.

Mr. W. W. McMillan, of the firm of D. H. McMillan & Bros., of Winnipeg, is in the city with the view of introducing in this market their superior flour. The firm has large mills both at Winnipeg and Qu'Appelle and enjoy a large patronage throughout the Dominion. They are largely interested in milling and propose doing a considerable amount of trade in this province.

Police Court.

James Stirling, an Indian, appeared on a charge of supplying liquor to another Indian named Jack. The charge in this case was withdrawn as the principal and only witness had taken his departure from town.

A seaman named James O'Harra, from the bark Alden Besse was up on a charge of being absent without leave, preferred by Captain O'Brien. The captain said that the man was all right when at sea, but as soon as he was on shore he was very bad. The prisoner, who pleaded guilty, was sentenced to one month's imprisonment and was sent to the provincial goal after the consent of the United States consul was obtained to the jurisdiction of the court, the vessel being an American one.

Rifle Match.

A large number of spectators visited the range at Clover point on Friday afternoon last to witness the match between teams of H. M. S. Cormorant and the militia. The shooting commenced at 2.30 o'clock at the 200 yards range, at the completion of which the militia led by 20 points. This was again increased at the 400 and 500 yards ranges, the militia winning the match by 83 points. The teams were composed as follows, with the total score of each:

MILITIA.	200	400	500	Total
Bush, V. Rifles	18	20	21	59
G. Jones, "	19	20	18	57
Sergt. Wilson, "	19	20	19	58
Gr. Sargent, "	19	16	15	50
Gr. Wilson, "	19	19	18	56
Sergt. Cameron, "	20	19	18	57
Gr. Sargent, "	20	19	19	58
Gr. Wilson, "	19	19	17	55
Pte. Newbury, "	19	18	4	41
				447

H. M. S. CORMORANT.	200	400	500	Total
J. Lang, A. B.	20	18	19	57
Pearce, Sergt.	19	14	14	47
J. Stewart, A. B.	20	14	13	47
J. Mitchell, O. M.	19	16	9	44
T. Turnbull, L. S.	19	19	18	56
J. Willard	9	16	13	38
J. Waldron, M. A.	16	16	7	39
H. Chapman, R. M. A.	18	15	8	41
H. Sart, A. B.	19	4	6	29
				360

A return match is spoken of, and will probably take place during the present month.

Cricket.

The B. C. Garrison Artillery yesterday defeated a city team by 31 runs. Both sides were expected to be weak in bowling, the warriors missing the brothers Martin, while from the Pacific contingent, who also played one man short, were absent Messrs. Eberts, Pooley, Hardcock and Helmcken. Nevertheless, it was the bowlers who mainly distinguished themselves; Goepel and Campbell having each 4 wickets for 16 runs, Sinclair 4 for 18, Fennelly 4 for 29, Innes 2 for 17. Sinclair and Drake were the only successful batsmen. In the former's excellent innings were a five and two fours, while the latter also booked a pair of fours. Wilson's wicket-keeping was of great use to his side, and he hit a neat one in his brief innings.

On Monday, at 2 o'clock, either at Beacon hill or at some other game will be played. Following is the score:

G. A. A.	
Gunner J. P. Sinclair c. Innes b. Fennelly	4
Gunner T. Drake c. Goepel b. Innes	14
Gunner P. A. Spring b. Innes	0
Sgt. N. P. Snowden c. Wilson b. Fennelly	1
Gunner B. T. Drake c. b. Campbell	26
Gunner J. K. Crosfield b. Campbell	0
Gunner Vaudin b. Fennelly	0
Gunner E. A. Dennison c. Wilson b. Fennelly	8
Lt. Col. Wolfenden b. Campbell	0
Gunner W. H. Langley c. Clinton b. Fennelly	0
Gunner J. A. Crease not out	1
Extras	8
Total	70

VICTORIA.	
G. M. Wilson b. Sinclair	8
E. A. Wylde b. Goepel	0
H. J. Campbell run out	0
J. Fennelly b. Sinclair	0
H. Pleasee-Clinton b. Goepel	5
J. Mutt b. Goepel	7
W. Swinnerton b. Sinclair	0
F. C. Watson b. Goepel	0
R. Drake b. Sinclair	4
H. E. Beaven c. Goepel b. Sinclair	0
Extras	5
Total	39

Bijou Opera Company.

Coming as they did, unheralded by any fulsome praise of partial criticism, and relying solely upon the merits of their musical and artistic ability, the Bijou Opera Company scored a signal success last evening in the very popular opera, "Chinese of Normandy." Miss Adelaide Randall, the prima donna, in the role of Serpolette presented a most charming figure. Graceful and piquant in action and with a mezzo voice of unusual sweetness and melody she completely captured her audience, especially in her singing and acting in the second act. But her singing of the Lullaby from the opera of "Erminie" took the house by storm and she was compelled to respond to a most enthusiastic encore. Throughout the entire opera her acting and singing were so pleasing and so thoroughly in keeping with the part she essayed that the audience was completely carried away.

Mr. Chas. F. Lang, as Henri, sang and acted the role in a most careful and painstaking manner. His voice is of a pleasing quality and handled with skill and judgment. Mr. Herman Waldo, as Robin More, though suffering with a severe cold, sang the role with a great deal of spirit and much greater success than could have been expected possible.

Mr. J. G. Peakes, as the sheriff, was simply immense. His quiet side speeches and comedy business generally, kept the house convulsed.

Miss Gertie Hoyt's Germaine was beautifully sung and acted, though at times there was somewhat of an uncertainty in her tones, as to lead to the supposition that she too was not in good voice.

Grapard, by Arthur W. Tams, was a well acted part, especially in the second act.

The remainder of the cast were equal to every demand of their respective roles and the chorus, though small, was one of the best that has ever appeared in Portland. There was not a piece of concerted music that was not admirably sung. The quintette in the second act was given better than we have heard it, and the chorus "Silent Shores" from most delightful and majestic pieces of harmony.

Those who desire to enjoy comic opera, well sung and well acted, should not fail to hear this company.—*Portland Oregonian.*

The season here will last three nights, commencing on Wednesday with a matinee. Wednesday, "Princess of Trebizonde;" Thursday, "The Mascot," and Friday, "Billie Taylor." The Saturday matinee and night opera will be announced later. Seats at Waitt's.

MEETING.

(From the Daily Colonist, April 12.)

The regular meeting of the publishers of the paper was held on Monday, the 50th inst., Mr. Bill Sutton in the chair. At the close of the meeting the chairman declared the following officers duly elected for the editorial staff of the *Girls' Own Paper*, for April: Editor, Julia M. Bradshaw; Assistant Editor, Annie Jamieson; Sub-Editors, Alice M. Case, Gertrude Withrow; Reporters, Hallie M. Pope, Alice L. Johnson; Reader, Annie H. Hicks. Alice Johnston and Nellie Cusack having received the same number of votes for reporters, the chairman gave a casting vote in favor of the former.

MOUNT LEHMAN SPEAKS.

The Mount Lehman correspondent of the *Columbian* says:

"It seems that Mr. Orr and our once supposed independent member feel very badly because their resolution of impeachment against the provincial secretary did not carry. Now, if they were to move one against themselves it is quite possible it would meet with better success. The people of this district once had considerable confidence in Mr. Orr, and were accustomed to take their grievances to him. But they have discovered by experience that it was very little use for them to depend on him, whereas all who have asked the assistance of the provincial secretary have found him ready to give whatever aid was within his power. No doubt all of us would be glad of larger appropriations, but all things considered, the government has dealt very liberally with the settlement. We have received within the last four years $6,000 from the government for school roads, etc., while the revenue has probably not exceeded $1,000. But this, I suppose, is a part of the large scheme of bribery by which the provincial secretary captured the votes of the settlers and secured his election! It is fortunate that Messrs. Orr and Ladner made the case known, for otherwise probably no person would have ever suspected that there had been bribery practised. We hope he receives much of it, however, for we are expecting to get our full share of the appropriations for the district. People here think it would be just as well for Messrs. Orr and Ladner to drop their foolishness and turn their attention to matters affecting the district they are supposed to represent. All we know about bribery in the last election is that when the opposition car arrived late last summer it came laden with a plentiful supply of bottles and jugs. Who brought them I shall not say, and of course the purpose of them was not to influence the electors unduly! Whatever the object, I am happy to say it was the first and last meeting at Mount Lehman where intoxicating liquor was produced."

MAINLAND NEWS.

(New Advertiser.)

Captain R. G. Tatlow and H. Bell-Irving purchased the C. P. R. hotel and lot on Hastings street last Friday.

Messrs. Leamy & Kyle yesterday laid the keel of a new steamer they intend building to run in connection with their mills.

The C. P. R. have abandoned their suit against Samuel Greer and have instituted a new suit against him on the same grounds.

Minnie Johnson, a chambermaid at the Dougall House, died suddenly on Tuesday. She was found in convulsions and though carefully treated continued to grow worse until she died. A *post mortem* examination was not thought necessary.

(Columbian.)

One of the provisions of the bylaw regulating the laying down of gas pipes, now before the council, is that no contractor shall employ Chinese labor to aid in putting down either gas or water pipes within the city limits.

(Guardian.)

A Kootenay correspondent, who writes from Wild Horse creek, on the 27th ult., says: "The lakes are frozen solid; cattle wintered well."

The wind appears to have got on a general spree about Sea island vicinity and knocked things about promiscuously. The residence of A. McDonald was torn from its foundation and twisted about into a shapeless mass of ruins. Windows were stopped out, rooms and doors and windows. From the evidence of its effects in the above-named vicinity, it is feared that more serious damage has been visited on other places not yet heard from.

A Chilcotin correspondent writing on March 2nd says that the cattle losses have been exaggerated. Sam Withrow did not lose any; the old Riskee ranch lost 9 per cent; B. M. English lost about 15 per cent; Thos. Collidhum lost 10 per cent; it was reported that Harper lost heavily, but so far no reliable information has been received.

MARINE.

British bark Thos. H. Stowe arrived in London from this port last week.

Steamship Empire is taking on a cargo of East Wellington coal.

The Cunard liner, Pavonia, which sailed from Queenstown on Wednesday for Boston, collided with a fishing smack yesterday off Cape Clear; two of the occupants of the smack were drowned.

Tug Pilot towed the bark Dr. Metzger to Port Townsend on Wednesday night and returned to port yesterday afternoon. The Metzger will load lumber at Port Blakely for the South Sea islands.

False reports have been circulated that the Alice Muir had gone to sea. Capt. Christiansen of the Pilot told a reporter yesterday that he will tow the vessel to Cape Flattery to-day from the Inlet.

A telegram was received Tuesday from A. D. Charlton, general western passenger agent of the Northern Pacific road of Portland, stating that the steamer Olympian would positively leave Tacoma April 16th for Alaska, at or about the hour of 7 o'clock in the morning. The steamer is now in San Francisco, and Captain Carroll is expected at Portland in a few days.

Steamer Victoria which arrived at New York on Tuesday from Baracia, brought the captain and crew of nine men off the brig Johanna, which foundered at sea after being out ten days from Havanna for New York. The crew had been at the pumps constantly for two days, and were in a wretched condition when picked up.

Bark Alice Muir, Capt. Yarnell, has taken in 400,000 feet of lumber at Hastings, which makes her cargo complete. The tug Alexander was expected to arrive to-day to tow her to sea. Her destiny is Sydney, Australia, and she carries a few passengers for that port.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

SAN FRANCISCO, April 7.—Arrived—Steamer San Pedro, Tacoma; steamer Columbia, Portland. Cleared—Steamer City of Chester, Victoria; ship Harvester, Nanaimo; British ship River Falloch, Nanaimo; Bol. bark Bondaleer, Nanaimo, barkentine Portland, Portland. Sailed—Steamer Oregon, Astoria; ship Potosia, Port Townsend.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 9.—Cleared—Ship R. P. Rusk, Nanaimo; ship Commodore, Nanaimo.

BLUE RIBBON CLUB.

The regular weekly meeting was held last evening. President S. Cleveley opened the meeting with prayer, which was followed by "Rescue the Perishing," sung by the audience. The Rev. Ladner made a few appropriate remarks respecting the progress of temperance in the older provinces. President Gray requested young men to sign the pledge. A solo by Mr. Dobbs received applause. Miss Emma Hendricks, a very sweet singer, favored the audience with a fine solo. Mr. Newman, president of the Esquimalt club, gave a reading. Mr. Sutton recited "The Bridge." Capt. R. E. Green's solo received thunders of applause. Miss Belon, a temperance lecturer sojourning in the city, commended the Blue Ribbon Club for their efforts in the cause of moral reform. Mr. S. W. Gray's solo, "The Cricket on the Hearth," received a well deserved encore. Treasurer M. Humber spoke on the removal of a motto from the hall against the wishes of the members. Mr. H. Rudge made a few remarks which were received with applause. The president extended with Mr. Rudge's remarks respecting the attitude of the churches on the temperance question. "God Save the Queen" closed the meeting.

NANAIMO.

(Free Press.)

The extra demand for coal we understand, has induced Mr. Robins, superintendent of the Vancouver Coal company, to again open up the South Field mine, so as to increase the daily output of the company to over 1000 tons per day. Work will commence at the South Field on Monday and the coal will be transported for the present over the original line of railway.

Mr. Taylor who arrived from Alberni yesterday states that the new road is so badly blocked with trees that he was compelled to come by the old trail via Qualicum. Everything was quiet at Alberni and the general health good. The trails between Englishman's river and the two Qualicums are also badly blocked up with fallen trees.

PERSONAL.

A. H. Winstode is registered at the Clarence.

Senator Macdonald left for Ottawa this morning.

G. E. Corbould, of New Westminster, is at the Driard.

H. Abbott and family arrived last night on the Louise.

J. W. McLeod and C. E. Perry returned from Seattle yesterday.

Sir Charles and Lady Tupper have arrived in Ottawa from Halifax.

Mr. W. H. Moss, of the Royal Route, at Portland, was in the city yesterday.

M. Strouss, S. G. Blaiklt and H. Underbrink were passengers by the Louise last night.

R. Dunsmuir, M. P. P., expects to leave on Wednesday for San Francisco via Portland, on a business trip.

Mrs. T. Fell and two children returned last night from Spence's Bridge where they have been visiting for some months.

N. Shakespeare, M. P., arrived at Ottawa at 5 o'clock yesterday morning. He telegraphs that he had a splendid trip.

General Bob Lipsett and Rev. Neufelder are passengers by the City of Chester which left San Francisco for this port on Friday.

Mrs. E. Dare, Mrs. F. Adams and Mrs. Thain were among the passengers who left by the Elder yesterday for San Francisco.

J. Warren De Lano, of the Uncle Tom's Cabin troupe, which played there last night, has been for many years the editor and proprietor of the Sunday Times, published at Charleston, S. C.

FRIDAY'S EXCURSION.

How the Liberality of the E. & N. Railway Company's Rates were Taken Advantage of.

Nothing could have been more delightful than the excursion on Friday to Shawnigan Lake and other points along the E. & N. railway. The morning dawned clear and bright, and on the first train, which left at 7.30, about 150 people sped away to the country with the determination to make the most of their holiday. On the train which left two hours later about as many more took flight, the majority of whom were destined for "Shimnangan," as some were wont to call it, while others dropped off in pleasant little picnic parties at Niagara Canyon and other points of interest along the line. On arriving at Shawnigan Lake mine host of the Morton House had everything in readiness for his guests. Boats instantly were in great demand and all that were available were immediately secured by those anxious to improve the occasion to the best advantage. Numerous parties were stopped out, rooms and doors and windows. From the evidence of its effects in the above-named vicinity, it is feared that more serious damage has been visited on other places not yet heard from.

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The Cunard liner, Pavonia, which sailed from Queenstown on Wednesday for Boston, collided with a fishing smack yesterday off Cape Clear; two of the occupants of the smack were drowned.

Tug Pilot towed the bark Dr. Metzger to Port Townsend on Wednesday night and returned to port yesterday afternoon. The Metzger will load lumber at Port Blakely for the South Sea islands.

False reports have been circulated that the Alice Muir had gone to sea. Capt. Christiansen of the Pilot told a reporter yesterday that he will tow the vessel to Cape Flattery to-day from the Inlet.

A telegram was received Tuesday from A. D. Charlton, general western passenger agent of the Northern Pacific road of Portland, stating that the steamer Olympian would positively leave Tacoma April 16th for Alaska, at or about the hour of 7 o'clock in the morning. The steamer is now in San Francisco, and Captain Carroll is expected at Portland in a few days.

Steamer Victoria which arrived at New York on Tuesday from Baracia, brought the captain and crew of nine men off the brig Johanna, which foundered at sea after being out ten days from Havanna for New York. The crew had been at the pumps constantly for two days, and were in a wretched condition when picked up.

Bark Alice Muir, Capt. Yarnell, has taken in 400,000 feet of lumber at Hastings, which makes her cargo complete. The tug Alexander was expected to arrive to-day to tow her to sea. Her destiny is Sydney, Australia, and she carries a few passengers for that port.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

SAN FRANCISCO, April 7.—Arrived—Steamer San Pedro, Tacoma; steamer Columbia, Portland. Cleared—Steamer City of Chester, Victoria; ship Harvester, Nanaimo; British ship River Falloch, Nanaimo; Bol. bark Bondaleer, Nanaimo, barkentine Portland, Portland. Sailed—Steamer Oregon, Astoria; ship Potosia, Port Townsend.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 9.—Cleared—Ship R. P. Rusk, Nanaimo; ship Commodore, Nanaimo.

BLUE RIBBON CLUB.

The regular weekly meeting was held last evening. President S. Cleveley opened the meeting with prayer, which was followed by "Rescue the Perishing," sung by the audience. The Rev. Ladner made a few appropriate remarks respecting the progress of temperance in the older provinces. President Gray requested young men to sign the pledge. A solo by Mr. Dobbs received applause. Miss Emma Hendricks, a very sweet singer, favored the audience with a fine solo. Mr. Newman, president of the Esquimalt club, gave a reading. Mr. Sutton recited "The Bridge." Capt. R. E. Green's solo received thunders of applause. Miss Belon, a temperance lecturer sojourning in the city, commended the Blue Ribbon Club for their efforts in the cause of moral reform. Mr. S. W. Gray's solo, "The Cricket on the Hearth," received a well deserved encore. Treasurer M. Humber spoke on the removal of a motto from the hall against the wishes of the members. Mr. H. Rudge made a few remarks which were received with applause. The president extended with Mr. Rudge's remarks respecting the attitude of the churches on the temperance question. "God Save the Queen" closed the meeting.

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

An adjourned meeting of the city council was held yesterday at 12 o'clock. Present were His Worship Mayor Fell and Couns. Grant, Harris, Fearns, Higgins, Coughlan, Barnard and Braden.

PAVING.

Coun. Coughlan said at last Wednesday night's meeting Coun. Pearse had accused him (Coun. Coughlan) of calling him (Coun. Pearse) a "liar." Since that time he had been asked by several people if he had done so. He denied having used such language when he had disagreed with the statements made in Coun. Pearse's report respecting the amount of rock removed from the reservoir, and called on Mr. Leach to give the results of his survey of the rock at the low level reservoir.

Coun. Grant said this was not a question of privilege.

Coun. Higgins replied that Coun. Coughlan had a perfect right to make the explanation, and it would have been done by that time if Coun. Grant had kept quiet.

Mr. Leach stated that 1,500 yards of earth and 622 yards of rock had been taken out of the reservoir. A portion of the rock had been blasted out.

Coun. Coughlan then said that Coun. Pearse's report stated that 2,300 yards of earth and 710 yards of rock had been removed, and 633 yards of rock blasted but he (Coun. Coughlan) had not said that he would not be doing his duty to allow a report of that kind to go to the public but thought it to be incorrect, and he would refer to it more fully at some future time.

Coun. Pearse said there were times when any man was liable to lose his temper. He did not say that either Coun. Braden or Coun. Coughlan had called him a "liar," but they had imputed false statements to him. He claimed that his report was correct, and that his sole object had been to place the truth before the council and the people, and he was very much grieved over the fact that he had lost his temper, a thing which had not happened for over thirty years. His word was his bond in this city and that was, perhaps, the reason why he felt it so keenly to have the accuracy of his statements doubted. He hoped by-gones would be by-gones.

Coun. Braden had refrained from saying anything in reply to Coun. Pearse on Wednesday evening, and in doing so he considered he acted more like a gentleman than he (Coun. Pearse) had. He pointed out that it was not prudent for Coun. Pearse or anyone else to invite newspaper criticism when about to discuss with him. He did not consider that his worship had done his duty, as he should have called Coun. Pearse to order. A mayor was there not to look on but to keep his council in order and see that nothing but proper business was transacted. He hoped this was the last time such a disgraceful scene would be witnessed in this council.

WATER SUPPLY.

A waterworks committee report, signed by Couns. Pearse and Barnard, was presented recommending that the council be authorized to arrange with Mr. H. F. Bell, C. E., to act as consulting engineer in connection with the plans to be submitted by Mr. Keefer, and report upon the same, in order that tenders may be asked for and the work carried to a successful completion. The report stated that it was highly probable two years will be spent in bringing the work to a conclusion, and the cost of an engineer at $150 per annum for this period would amount to about $300. The committee were informed by the Mr. Keefer that he would be willing to furnish, on behalf of the ratepayers, when they voted $75,000 for completing this work.

The council regarded this as a practical step and favored the adoption of the report.

Couns. Harris, Coughlan and Styles were of opinion that the only effectual way of giving the city an ample supply of water would be to tap another main from the reservoir. Couns. Harris and Coughlan said if this were not done the $75,000 would be spent and there would still be the cry "no water."

Report accepted unanimously.

The water committee also reported respecting the supply of St. Joseph's hospital.

MR. HARGREAVES.

On motion of Coun. Barnard it was resolved that Mr. Hargreaves resignation be accepted and that he be compensated for a year.

His worship said that there were great complaints about the dust.

Coun. Braden said one of the city horses was gone in the fore foot and it could not be used in the water cart.

It was resolved to call for tenders for sprinkling the streets.

CHATHAM STREET.

In reply to Coun. Styles, Coun. Pearse explained that the extension of Chatham street was not yet city property. He had promised to grant a right of way in perpetuity.

Council rose after sitting one and a half hours.

MURDER MOST FOUL.

The Body of Lee Guay Found—Her Head Evidently Broken in With a Hatchet.

On Saturday last a Chinaman named Ah Ki, a resident of the Nanaimo *Free Press* Correspondent, E. Drake and Dr. Stephenson returned with the body of the murdered Chinese woman Lee Guay, which they found within 100 yards of the spot indicated by the Chinaman in Sam Sing's letter being in jail for a few days, making a confession to the interpreter, Constable Drake and Stephenson left in a canoe early on Wednesday, taking some of the Indians from the jail with them. Arriving at the mouth of the Gravely near Narrow Island, they commenced the work of dragging for the body using a thirty foot line to which a number of large hooks had been attached. On Thursday afternoon about six o'clock their search was crowned with success by the drag hooking on to the body. On examination it was found that the body was fastened with a strong manilla rope to a large fat stone. One end of the rope was made fast around the waist of the murdered woman, and the other to the stone, which weighs between fifty and one hundred pounds.

The body is very much decomposed and about the face is badly eaten by the dog fish, which abound in large numbers in and around Cowichan Gap. Part of the clothing on the body, and from the clothing the husband recognized the body as that of his wife Lee Guay.

The details of this tragedy have appeared from time to time in THE COLONIST and no doubt fuller details will be elicited at the inquest.

WHAT SOME PEOPLE SAY.

That in one of the classes of the San Francisco high school, a catch question was asked, viz: "How many apples did Adam eat?" The question went round until it reached a bright young miss, who promptly replied: "Prove to me that Adam ate any, and I will tell you how many."

That, after the accident—She—Were you hurt much, Mr. de Decille? Mr. de D.—Aw, Miss Claiwe, I was, aw, knocked senseless, don't you know. She—Oh, I'm so glad you escaped. They told me you had a fatal injury. Mr. de D. wond