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THE ASSIZES CLOSED.

Leave Granted to Apply for a New Trial in Ah Lin's Case.

Grand Jury Recommend That Minors Be Not Allowed to Carry Firearms.

The spring assizes, which closed yesterday, could not have been much shorter than they were—for there was but one case dealt with. The grand jury were in attendance when the court opened yesterday and handed in their presentment, which also was much shorter than the usual run of such documents and read as follows:

To the Honorable Theodore Davie, Chief Justice:

The grand jury have the honor of reporting that no complaints of importance have been brought to their attention; their duties have been mainly all confined to making an inspection of public institutions.

The provincial jail being the first place visited, everything in connection with this institution was found to be in first class order, and very clean.

The British Columbia Protestant Orphanage, that most deserving institution, is under the able management of the matron, Mrs. Walker, with its 59 children inmates, all of whom seemed in good health, happy and contented, the premises being found by us to be in a very satisfactory condition.

The Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital received the attention of the grand jury, and deserves particular notice for neatness, cleanliness, and general appearance of cheerfulness throughout.

The city jail was visited by a committee and found in a satisfactory condition as to its cleanliness and absence of prisoners.

The grand jury recommend that the law against the carrying of firearms by minors be strictly enforced.

In closing we feel that it is a matter of congratulation for the people of this judicial district, on the paucity of crime as evidence by there being but one case laid before the grand jury this term.

The Chief Justice then discharged the grand jury, stating that he would forward their recommendation to the proper authorities.

Ah Lin, convicted of indecent assault, coming up for sentence, Mr. J. P. Walls, his counsel, moved to quash the proceedings on the ground that the prisoner had not been brought before the court for election by the sheriff twenty-four hours after arrest.

The Court, however, overruled this objection, saying that the prisoner might have compelled the sheriff to bring him up for election had he been very anxious for a speedy trial.

This Mr. Walls contended the prisoner could not have done, for he had been committed for trial on a section of the code dealing with one of the more serious grades of this crime, and one for which there was no election. At the assizes, however, the indictment had been made for the lesser charge.

Mr. Smith, for the Crown, argued that it was quite competent to change the indictment as had been done; whereupon Mr. Walls retorted that in such event it would be possible then to charge a man with murder and hold him over for trial when his offence might be only a common assault.

The court overruled the objection and one or two minor ones which Mr. Walls raised.

Mr. Walls, however, had a strong point in asking that he be granted leave to apply to the court of appeal for a new trial, on the ground that the verdict was against the weight of evidence. His ground for this was that the evidence of the child, Maud Smith, practically the only evidence against Ah Lin, had differed entirely.

The Chief Justice agreed with Mr. Walls that the medical evidence entirely disproved the case as far as the child's evidence was concerned, and he was inclined to think that the court of appeal would find that there was no evidence upon which to base a conviction. The verdict of the jury, coupled as it was with a recommendation to mercy, showed that there was some confusion in the minds of the jury.

The leave to apply for a new trial was therefore granted, and Ah Lin admitted to bail in the sum of $200.

This closed the assize, but the speedy trial of George S. Pouldis for keeping a common gaming house was immediately taken up.

Mr. Fell, for the prisoner, who pleaded guilty, stated that his client acknowledged only to a technical offence. The new section of the code governing gaming was so sweeping that it included almost everything that could be called a game of chance, and he contended that under it every place where there was a nickel in the slot machine might be proceeded against under this section. The prisoner had only permitted games of cards among people who came to his cigar store to pass the time, but did not himself take part. Though the marked cards were found there the prisoner had known nothing about them nor was he connected with the games. He would ask for a very light sentence in view of the offence being, as he said, a mere technical one.

Several witnesses were also called by the defence to show the prisoner's good character.

The Chief Justice, however, could not shut his eyes to the fact that the marked cards had been found in the prisoner's place, and the court, he said, must inflict such a punishment as would tend to deter people from using marked cards or cheating devices. He would inflict a fine of $150 and the costs of the prosecution.

ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY.

As a first instalment of the publications received from Washington as the result of the kind services of Hon. Don. M. Dickinson, United States Senior Counsel of the Behring Sea Commission, the library of the legislative assembly have received the following:

Reports of the Secretary of the Interior and accompanying documents, 1890 to 1896, 50 vols; reports of the eleventh census, 1890, seven vols.; vertebrata of the tertiary formation of the West (Cope); Tertiary Insects of North America (Scudder); The Cretaceous and Tertiary Flora (Lesquereux). The latter three are large and profusely illustrated and are valuable scientific works.

THE CITY

REV. CANON PADDON officiated at the funeral of the late James Johnson, which took place yesterday morning, a small company of intimate friends attending.

THERE is only one new company incorporation in the Gazette this week. It is the Nelson Poorman Gold Mining Co., Ltd., capital $250,000, and headquarters at Nelson.

THE B.C. Gazette of yesterday contains the appointment of S. B. Netherby, principal of the Boys' Central school, as inspector of schools and assistant in the education office. Mr. F. M. Cowperthwaite, principal of the Vancouver Central school, has received a similar appointment.

AT a meeting of the Troy Gold Mining Co., held last night, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: W. H. Price, president; W. B. Dennison, Nanaimo, vice-president; F. B. Gibbs, secretary-treasurer. It was decided to push development work the on company's properties at Rossland.

AT the parents' home on Hillside avenue, as also at the graveside, the funeral services of the late Belinda Mary Elizabeth Smith were conducted yesterday afternoon by the Rev. J. F. Betts. The pall-bearers were: William Turpel, William Beck, Bert Elford, William Batchelor, Emerson Turpel, and Stuart Jackson.

GEO. MOORE, who is now in Westminster jail charged with the murder of an Indian woman at Lillooet a couple of months ago, will be taken up to Clinton to-morrow, where he is to be tried at the assizes on the 31st. It will be remembered that Moore had been living with the woman, and one morning she was found dead in bed horribly butchered and chopped by a knife. Moore was then arrested for the murder.

THE following civil cases occupied the Supreme Court yesterday: B. C. Land & Investment Agency vs. Ladner et al, an action against the endorsers of a promissory note. Mr. A. E. McPhillips and Mr. E. V. Bodwell for plaintiffs. Hon. C. E. Pooley, Q. C., and Mr. F. Higgins for defendants. Bailes vs. Yates et al., an action for alleged negligence. Mr. L. P. Duff and Mr. Hall for plaintiffs, Mr. H. Dallas Helmcken, Q. C., and Mr. Gordon Hunter for defendants.

UNDER the School Act of 1891, Ven. Archdeacon Scriven. Rev. W. D. Barber, Rev. R. Whittington and Mr. John W. Church have been appointed to act with the Superintendent of Education at the examination of public school teachers to be held in July. Another item of interest in the gazette this week is the changing of the names of several school districts. Nicola Valley will be known in future as Lower Nicola; McPherson as Cowichan; and York as Upper Sumas.

THERE was a large attendance of sorrowing friends and acquaintances at the funeral yesterday of Mrs. F. S. Roper, wife of the well known provincial inspector of animals. Nor were those who were unable to attend in person unmindful of the occasion, as many exquisite floral tokens of their sympathy testified most eloquently. The services were conducted at the family residence at 2 o'clock, and at the Centennial Methodist church half an hour later, Rev. J. F. Betts being the officiating clergyman. Messrs. W. McKeon, jr., J. R. MacNeill, S. L. Redgrave, J. Anderson, W. J. Stevenson and J. McTaggart acted as pallbearers.

TO CONVINCE Eastern people that the vast mineral wealth of British Columbia is not confined to the interior, but that the coast shows as great a field for investment, Mr. Beaumont Boggs is making up a fine set of specimens from the Victoria-Texada group of claims on Texada island, which he will send East "on missionary duty." These specimens will be placed on exhibition at Winnipeg, Toronto, Montreal, Quebec and various other Canadian towns. When the people there see the quartz with splatches of gold showing here and there through it, they will have their eyes opened as to the possibilities of the coast mines, and the results will no doubt be satisfactory.

A NOVEL and pretty wedding took place last evening at the residence of the bride's parents, 129 Michigan street, when James John Robson of Plumper Pass was married to Miss Henrietta Emma Avery Boorman, daughter of Mr. Wm. S. Boorman. The ceremony was performed at 6 o'clock by Rev. Solomon Cleaver, the bride, who was given away by her father, having as bridesmaids Miss Alice Boorman, Miss Knight and Miss Ethel Knight. Supper was very tastefully spread in the orchard, the big wedding cake looming up like a pyramid in the centre of the table. Advantage was taken of the opportunity to have a large group photo taken by Savannah of the guests, and at 8 o'clock M. Wicken's juvenile orchestra, out of compliment to the bride who was one of Mr. Wicken's pupils, gave a selection of operatic pieces. Mr. and Mrs. Robson, who were the recipients of many presents, left for Plumper Pass by the Westminster boat this morning.

NEWS has just been received in Victoria of Buz McDonald, a prospector, who was washed over the falls on Powell river a few days ago. Powell river is on the Mainland opposite Texada island, and McDonald and a companion had been out in the district prospecting. A short distance above the falls on the Powell river McDonald pushed his boat out from shore with the intention of doing some fishing. The river rushes very swiftly at this point and something going wrong with the oars McDonald strove hard with one of them to paddle back to shore. The current was too powerful, however, and seeing that he was unable to handle the boat McDonald stood up and then sprang overboard evidently hoping to swim ashore. The rapid stream, however, bore him away and with one cry of dispair the unfortunate man went over the falls which are 60 feet high. A search below revealed the shattered fragments of the boat but the man's body was not recovered. McDonald had for some time worked on the Texada island mines. He was a native of Nova Scotia and about 45 years of age.

"What a lovely baby! It's yours, of course?" "No, that's the next door neighbor's." "And I suppose the squint-eyed little girl is their's, too!" No, she's mine." —Cleveland Plain Dealer.

THE GLORY OF THE SEAS

A Vessel, the Masterpiece of a Great Shipbuilder, Now in Esquimalt for Repairs.

The Whaleback "City of Everett" Carries Supplies to the Famine Sufferers.

Full of years and honors, as the saying goes, the American ship Glory of the Seas, now in Esquimalt for repairs, is a vessel whose name is familiar to most shipping men the world over, and whose history if told in detail would fill a book of many chapters. The ship came here Saturday with the intention of going on the Esquimalt marine railroad to be re-coppered, but as her work is urgent and as the steamer Tees is occupying that slip and likely to remain there for at least two weeks yet, Mr. W. F. Bullen, manager of the ways, has determined to place the vessel in the dry dock, having the contract there completed under his supervision. The vessel accordingly goes on the blocks to-morrow, and expected will be out again inside of a week. Built at Boston in 1870 by the renowned shipbuilder Donald McKay, the Glory of the Seas has earned for herself an enviable record, and there are few ships afloat having won greater celebrity. As her names implies, she was designed to be a vessel of vessels. Her builder, after constructing a line of clipper ships in the latter sixties that gave to the United States for a time the world's sovereignity in marine architecture and innumerable records for fast voyages which to this day have not been paralleled, built the Glory of the Seas as a masterpiece. She was designed as a medium clipper, that is to say, she was calculated to be a good carrier and speedy as well. That she has fulfilled all expectations has been manifested since on many occasions. In the first place her carrying capacity is about 70 per cent. more than her net tonnage, or about 20 per cent. more than the ordinary carrier, and in the second place she holds records which seldom are beaten. Among these are two memorable ones, the first from San Francisco to Sydney, N.S.W., in 1875, in exactly 34 days, 8 hours, when she averaged 270 knot a day—what is considered now fairly good time for even tramp steamships—and the second from New York to San Francisco in 96 days. Long after being built she was in the California trade, carrying grain from San Francisco to Liverpool for a time at the handsome figure of 75 cents per cubit foot (that was when the excitement in California was at its most feverish stage), and returning with cargoes for New York and then for the Golden Gate City. For the past twelve years she has been on this coast in the coal business, and Captain Freeman's connection with her as master antedates this period by one year. The vessel has the best of oak framing in her and her planking is all of pitch pine. Her dimensions are: Gross tonnage, 2,103; net tonnage, 1,939; length of keel, 240 feet; beam, 44 feet; depth of hold, 28 feet. She is very heavily sparred, the diameter of her mainmast being 42 inches, a good half foot larger than most such sticks. In building the Glory of the Seas expense was not spared, and as a result she is one of the most costly ships of her kind afloat. On her first trip to San Francisco Donald McKay was a passenger. He was sole owner, and the only time the ship has changed hands was when he transferred her to Sold, Sears & Co., of Boston. McKay, who was a Nova Scotian by birth, built many ships, among the most noted being a fleet of five for James Baynes, a very wealthy merchant of Liverpool. These vessels long carried the mail from England to Australia, but among other notable ones were the Flying Fish, the Telegraph and the Sovereign of the Seas.

THE "HUPEH'S" COMING.

The steamship Hupeh, under special charter to the C.P.R. Co., is expected here about June 8 with a cargo of tea from Japan. She has freight aboard for San Francisco, and being a tramp ship, after discharging her tea at Vancouver will leave for the Bay city. A San Francisco despatch has the following about her coming: "She is under charter to the Canadian Pacific railroad and is the pioneer, if her voyage across the Pacific turns out profitable, of a new line of steamships between China and Japan and San Francisco. If the experiment is successful it is expected that the bulk of the tea shipments of the future will come through this city."

OF SERVICE TO NAVIGATORS.

The United States lighthouse board has just published the 1897 edition of the "List of lights and fog signals on the Pacific coast of the United States and of the lights and fog signals of the Dominion of Canada on the coast of British Columbia." Views of thirty-two lightstations are shown, those of local interest being: Destruction island, Cape Flattery, Ediz Hook, New Dungeness, Smith island, Point Wilson, Admiralty Head, Point No Point, West Point, Robinson Point, Turn Point, and Patos island. Masters and pilots desiring the light list can obtain it on application to the branch hydrographic office, Port Townsend, Wash.

BROKE HER SHAFT.

On her last trip to the islands of the Straits from Vancouver the steamer Rainbow broke her shaft off Valdez island and was expected in port last evening to lay up for repairs. The steamer Maude has been called into service in her place and will leave Vancouver for Texada and other island points every Monday and Thursday at 10 a.m. The repairs to the Rainbow, however, will not, it is thought, take long.

A RECORD BROKEN.

The British ship Eurydice, Capt. J. F Curtis, arrived on Wednesday, says a Port Townsend dispatch, after the quickest sailing trip ever made from Milla Heads, near Yokohama. The trip was made in nineteen days, the lowest previous record being twenty-three days. On the 14th instant the ship's log showed her to have made the remarkable speed of 320 miles in twenty-four hours.

MARINE NOTES.

According to a dispatch from Washington the secretary of the navy has accepted the offer of the owners of the American steamship City of Everett, now at San Francisco, to charter that vessel to the government for the transportation of grain from California to Bombay for the famine sufferers, at $40,000.

The C.P.N. Co. dispatch the steamship Danube for Northern ports on Tuesday and the steamer Thistle for Quatsino and way ports on Sunday evening.

JOHN FRANCIS NORRIS.

John Francis Norris, one of Canada's veteran journalists, a ripe scholar and a gentleman in the truest sense of the word, yesterday closed his eyes in death, leaving many to sorrow in silence for a dear friend gone. His career had been inseparably interwoven with the history of Canadian journalism during more than a quarter of a century past, and none of the many thousands with whom his profession brought him in contact during that extended period will be able to recall a word or a deed derogatory to the dead. The golden rule was the text and keynote of his life, and while many of lesser talents have risen perhaps to greater prominence than that to which he aspired, no life could have been more fruitful of kindly deeds, unostentatious charity or sympathetic kindliness. His true and tender heart was large enough to shelter every claimant for his sympathy—his disposition to disregard the dross and recognize the gold of character made him a potent power for good among all those in whose society he moved. To the end of his eventful life his mission was that of ministration; wherever he found sorrow or suffering his happiness was in its relief. His compassionate sympathy made lighter the burdens of thousands, and no one realized in performance more than he the spirit of Him who went about doing good.

The late Mr. Norris was born at Utoxeter, Staffordshire, England, 48 years ago, inheriting from his father his profession of letters. As a boy he became known to and respected by some of England's illustrious public men, and when a young man he came to America their good wishes accompanied him. It was in Montreal that the busiest years of his life were spent—working first as reporter and then as editorial writer for the Star, the Herald, the Gazette and the Times, being at the head of the last named newspaper. He was confidential secretary to the late Senator Penny, the publisher of the Herald; and during the great smallpox scare of 1885 he was secretary of the Quebec board of health. While serving the public in the latter capacity he rendered signal service by his efforts in stamping out the epidemic.

Keenly and practically interested in public affairs, his presence was felt in the politics as well as in the sanitation of his adopted province, and on more than one occasion he enjoyed the honor of declining candidature for parliament. His lifework, he felt, was in the newspaper profession, and he declined to entertain any proposition calculated to alienate him from the press. In his chosen profession his opportunities for doing good were many—nor were they ever neglected.

His residence in Montreal was interrupted by a visit of a few years' duration in New York, during which he conducted the Mining Age, and by speculation in stocks acquired what would have been to him a considerable fortune. By illluck, however, his activity in "the Street" brought him into antagonism with the late Jay Gould. That veteran financier was the stronger force in the money market, and the fortune and hopes of the young journalist were soon an exploded bubble. Then he returned to Canada and renewed his connection with the affairs of Montreal and Lachute, for which places all through his later life he retained the liveliest affection.

Failing health induced him to come West in 1889, when he attached himself to the COLONIST staff, with which he remained connected until the end. During his residence in this city he was united in marriage to Marian, daughter of the late Henry Lawson, who, with a family of three—the eldest being not yet five years old—is left bereaved of his love and care. In as well as out of the newspaper office his characteristics were the same—ever ready to do anything within his power to lighten the burden of others; ever glad to be of service at a sacrifice of self. It is thus he will be remembered by those who knew him best.

His fatal illness extended back little more than two months, although he had for years been anything but a strong man. Heart disease was the immediate cause of death, but in reality it was the pressure of unremitting mental labor that had enfeebled his system until it could no longer offer resistance to attack.

A CHINESE HIGHWAYMAN.

A highway robbery among Chinamen is a new feature of life in Victoria. It developed last night with comical results. Le Lshi Suey, it seems, met Lee Lee on Fisgard street at about 11 o'clock and, after administering to him a severe blow on the face, proceeded with a search of his clothing, wherein he found 60 cents. The despoiled Chinaman soon after the affair met Officer Anderson, and a hunt for Suey at once began. An hour or so later the officer was going along Douglas street when he met a Chinaman who suddenly rushed out to the middle of the road and made away. Of course a chase ensued, but Suey could not compete with the long strides of the officer and was obliged to accompany him back to the police station.

Earlier in the evening officer Anderson arrested a bricklayer named Wm. Ferguson on the charge of stealing a coat from a Johnson street saloon.

MORE MINING DISTRICTS.

Quite a number of changes in the mining districts are made in this week's Gazette. In the first place there have been incorporated with Nanaimo mining division: That portion of the Victoria mining division which is situated on the West Coast of Vancouver island and to the north of Muchalat Arm; that portion of the Victoria mining division lying to the south of the 51st parallel of latitude and to the west of the 124th meridian; and that portion of the New Westminster mining division lying to the west of Jervis Inlet.

There are also definitions given of the Kamloops, Vernon and Kettle River mining divisions and of the Slocan mining division. Newly created districts are Grand Forks mining division, Slocan City mining division, and Arrow Lake mining division.

SPORTS AND PASTIMES

Wheelman Sharicks' Streak of Luck —Cricket Fixtures—Lacrosse in the Upper Country.

If George Sharick, the Tacoma professional, continues to ride in the exceptional luck that has followed him through the short British Columbia circuit brought to a close with the race meet at Wellington on Wednesday, he will have an average to his credit at the end of the season that none of his rivals can hope to touch. The Wellington races were, so far as he was concerned, a repetition of the programme at Victoria and Nanaimo—it was George Sharick first in almost everything; and, in the exceptional cases where George Sharick did not win, it was George Sharick's quiet brother John who gathered in the money. The Wellington meet attracted the largest attendance that any sporting entertainment has yet brought out in that hustling mining town, and no more popular victories were scored than those of the Tacoma riders. In the amateur events Tyler, of Nanaimo, again led the procession, his string of firsts thus far in the season being one of which any rider might pardonably be proud. In the matter of time the Wellington meet was a vast improvement upon either the Victoria, Vancouver or Nanaimo gatherings, 2.18 being recorded for the open mile, which was tandem paced with the once invincible Deemings up. They have not yet got into what they consider good form for single work, but will be heard from during the season. In their first public appearance as pacers they did much the same as the tandem team did here on Saturday—ran away from their riders.

PENWILL UNDER SUSPENSION.

Nanaimo had its circuit races on Tuesday last when George Sharick of Tacoma again had the good luck to add numerous points to his score so well opened at Victoria. The professional events in fact resulted very much as they did here—Sharick and Abendroth being the most fortunate competitors. In the amateur events Tyler had practically a clean sweep, securing first place in each and every race in which he was a starter. Penwill of Victoria, after riding in one event, was reported as a non-starter and suspended in punishment. The particulars of his offending have not yet been received, nor have the details of the races at Wellington yesterday. Appended is the summary for the Nanaimo meet:

One Mile Novice—T. O'Connell, Nanaimo, won; J. John, Wellington, 2.

Half-Mile Open, Professional — George Sharick, Tacoma, won; C. Abendroth, Portland, 2.

One Mile, Boys—T. O'Connell, Nanaimo, won; J. John, Wellington, 2.

One Mile Open, Professional — George Sharick, Tacoma, won; J. Sharick, Tacoma, 2.

Half Mile, Amateur—H. Tyler, Nanaimo, won.

One Mile, Amateur—H. Tyler, Nanaimo, won.

Two Mile, Handicap, Professional—George Sharick, Tacoma (scratch), won; W. W. Gray, Nanaimo, Carl Abendroth, Portland, 2; W. W. Gray, Nanaimo, (150 feet), 3.

Two Mile, Amateur—H. Tyler, Nanaimo, won.

Ten Mile, Amateur—H. Tyler, Nanaimo, won.

Three Mile, Professional, Lap Race—C. Abendroth, Portland, 1; C. F. Barker, Vancouver, 2; J. Sharick, Tacoma, 3.

Ten Mile, Professional — J. Sharick, Tacoma, won; W. W. Gray, Nanaimo, 2.

Track, fair; wind, light; referee, J. A. Fullerton.

WILL MAINTAIN THEIR RIGHTS.

Secretary Hal B. Donly, of the Canadian Wheelmen's Association, will receive a decided surprise this morning when he has handed to him by telegraph the renewals of membership for fifty Victoria riders attached to the V. W. C., the time for renewals being limited to the first of June, and any club failing to report prior to that date sacrificing its status in the national association. In the past this connection has not proved of especial benefit to the riders of British Columbia, and it has been a question with the local club if they would re-affiliate this season. Possibly they would not have done so had not differences as to the direction of C.W.A. affairs in the province reached the point that the club believes itself to have been imposed upon, and therefore will contest the principle involved, if necessary through all the courts of resort in the association. The first tribunal to have the matters of complaint laid before it will be the district board, which has not been called together during two years past, and which is now summoned for Saturday evening next at the Hotel Vancouver. It is because the powers of this body have not been exercised that the club primarily complain, and the prospects of a lively session are being discussed wherever wheelmen do congregate. In connection, the executive of the club held a special meeting yesterday evening, and adopted a unanimous resolution requesting Mr. C. H. Gibbons to personally attend at the district board meeting and present the grievances of the V.W.C.

BASEBALL.

LEAGUE GAMES OF YESTERDAY.

At Pittsburg—Pittsburg, 3; Brooklyn, 5.

At Cincinnati—Cincinnati, 7; Boston, 16.

At Chicago—Chicago, 6; Philadelphia, 3.

At Louisville—Louisville, 5; Washington, 0.

At Cleveland—Cleveland, 8; Baltimore, 7.

LACROSSE.

ASHCROFT V. KAMLOOPS.

The first lacrosse match that has been contested in the interior of British Columbia was played last Monday (Queen's Birthday) at Savonas, between the above towns, resulted in a win for Kamloops by 2 games to 1. The game was fast from start to finish, and considering the disadvantage Ashcroft has in having so few to pick from in comparison to Kamloops, the result was highly creditable to them. The game commenced at 2 p.m. with Kamloops playing down hill. Stevenson for Ashcroft made a brilliant run, but failed to score, and Kamloops getting the ball, Archibald scored for Kamloops—time 25 minutes. After ten minutes rest play was resumed, and Ashcroft attacked strongly, Stevenson hitting the gold post with a hot shot, and after short play M. Clements after a long run scored for Ashcroft in 19 minutes. The score now being even both sides worked hard and the ball passed from one end to another repeatedly, and from short passing by the Kamloops, Archibald scored the second game for them—time, 18 minutes. The position of the teams were as follows:

Kamloops.		*Ashcroft.*
J. J. Guest	Goal	G. Wood
C. Marpole	Point	J. Hawthorne
Melvanney	Cover Point	C. B. Deans
J. C. Mills	Defence	A. G. Shene
Hayes	Defence	J. H. Clements
F. Greatrix	Field.	T. Gannon
W. M. Bird	Centre	M. Clements
McDonald	Home	F. Stevenson
McGuire	Home	G. V. Ogle
Archibald	Field.	F. Reynolds
T. McDougall	Outside Home	G. Trodden
Trelford	Inside Home	M. Dumond

CRICKET.

FIXTURES FOR THE SEASON.

The Albion Cricket Club have issued a very neat and convenient fixture card for the season of 1897, from which it is learned that matches have been arranged for in the following order:

May 29—H. M. S. Comus, at Esquimalt.
June 5—R. M. A. (League), at A. C. C. ground.
June 12—Fifth Regiment (League) at A. C. C. ground.
June 19—H. M. S. Imperieuse, at Esquimalt.
June 26—Fifth Regiment, at Beacon Hill.
July 1—Nanaimo, at Nanaimo.
July 3—H. M. S. Comus, at A. C. C. ground.
July 10—R. M. A. (League), at Barracks.
July 17—Open.
July 24—Fifth Regiment (League) at Beacon Hill.
July 31—Victoria (League), at A. C. C. ground.
Aug. 7—H. M. S. Imperieuse, at A. C. C. ground.
Aug. 14—R. M. A., at A. C. C. ground.
Aug. 27—Open.
Aug. 28—Fifth Regiment, at A. C. C. ground.
Sept. 4—Open.
Sept. 11—Open.
Sept. 18.—Open.

THE ARION CLUB.

The third concert of the fifth season of the Arion Club drew a fine audience to the Institute hall last evening. The programme was of the usual high order and was rendered with admirable effect. The first solo was by Mr. James Greig, who gave the song "Blow, blow, thou winter wind;" from As You Like It, set to music by T. Sarjeant. It is a song that calls for vigor and fullness of tone, and Mr. Greig did it full justice. His sixty-five years sit lightly on this graceful basso, whose voice has almost the freshness and flexibility of youth. He was recalled, but did not respond. Mr. H. Kent was heard to great advantage in Little John's solo, "And It's Will You Quaff With Me," from Robin Hood. He entered fully into the rollicking spirit of the air and deserved the hearty encore that he received. His clear enunciation and correct style render his solos very enjoyable. Mr. L. B. Willsie sang the tenor solo in the selection from the same opera. He has a very pleasing voice and sings with animation and expression. Mr. W. S. Goodwin rendered the baritone solo in that oddly phrased but exquisite song, "The Gift of Music," by J. H. Brewer. Without being very strong, Mr. Goodwin's voice is sweet and very true. In the Serenade by Muller Mr. Wollaston's very musical bass was heard with excellent effect in obligato. His style is good and the quality of his voice very effective. In that really beautiful if verbally grotesque song "An Italian Salad," by Genee, Mr. E. H. Russell's flexible and powerful tenor was at its best. He sings as well as he accompanies a singer on the piano, and that is high praise.

The choruses were magnificently rendered. Special mention must be made of those from Robin Hood, of the Gift of Music, Soumi's Song and Landsighting. The last named was given with an orchestral accompaniment the players being Dr. Nash 1st violin, Miss Young 2nd violin, viola H. B. Young, 'cello K. J. Middleton, and piano, George Pauline. It is a grand song and the voices showed to splendid advantage in the singing in unison. The accompaniment was well rendered. The chorus in the Italian serenade went with a most edifying swing. Mr. F. Victor Austin played two numbers on the violin to the accompaniment of Mrs. Windle, and earned and received a hearty encore. Mr. Austin has deservedly gained for himself a warm place in the esteem of musical Victoria. Nearly every piece on the programme was heartily encored and at the conclusion of the concert many expressions of admiration could be heard from the gratified audience.

ORIENTAL LABOR BILL.

TO THE EDITOR:—After all the controversy there has been in the press regarding the Oriental labor bill and the non-assent of the Lieut.-Governor thereto, I may be pardoned as the introducer of the bill in question for offering a remark or two in regard to the action of the Lieut.-Governor. I am well aware of the tender ground I am on when I question the doings of His Honor, but I would only ask him to look through the statutes of 1896 and see how many private bills there are having Chinese and Japanese restriction clauses, to which he gave his assent, and in which the very same principle was involved as in the bill in question. His Honor perhaps was also aware that the restriction clauses were only inserted in those bills by a bare majority, whereas this bill, which would make all such bills alike, was carried by a vote of 22 to 8. Now I very much regret that His Honor has though fit to take this stand in the matter, in fact taking this means of killing such an important bill—important I may say was much as it was intended to conserve to our working men and women the heritage which rightly belongs to them. As I have still another session to attend I hope with another effort to succeed. WM. ADAMS.

Sunnyside Farm, May 21, 1897.

BERLIN, May 27.—The Reichstag today adopted a credit of 30,000,000 marks for the purpose of re-arming the German artillery with improved field pieces. Herr Richter, the Radical leader, said his party was willing to vote for that purpose three times as much as the rejected naval budget, adding: "Now we know well that in the matter of artillery what is spared in iron we might perhaps have to make up in blood."

"Will your new picture be something unconventional?" "No," said the artist who made a specialty of originality, "unconventionality has become the conventional thing."—Indianapolis Journal.