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THE SHADOW OF DEATH

Warning Dream of the Miller's Wife—A White Horse and His Rider.

(St. Louis Globe-Democrat.)

I was a boy at the time, living at my father's home in Ohio. We were just finishing breakfast one morning, when our nearest neighbor, the miller's wife, came in. She was pale and excited, and to our great astonishment she at once told us her husband would be drowned that afternoon. She said: "Only last night I dreamed that my husband was drowned in the mill race, and that a man, riding a white horse, had come about dusk and told me the news. So impressed was I with the dream that I warned my husband not to go near the mill to-day, and told him my dream, but he only laughed at my fears, and said that we no longer lived in the dark ages." We thought at first that she must be crazy, but at last I was so far convinced the folks that they consented to have me stay with her during the day, and I accompanied her to her home, she muttered all the way, "I warned him, but he only laughed at me. Now he will never return home."

The evening came on her anxiety increased. The approaching darkness seemed to her the shadow of death, and her face grew paler as the last sun-tinted cloud in the west gave way to the all-enveloping twilight. Although I put no faith in the woman's predictions, yet her strange murmurings had had an effect on me, and it was with something akin to relief or disappointment that I saw the hour of eight and no messenger appear. Do you must remember that I was young, and fond of the exciting and marvelous, without stopping to inquire the cause. And so it was with a sudden shock that I again looked out of the window, more carefully this time, and saw a white horse come galloping over the hill at its utmost speed. The woman saw my emotion and flew to the window. Down the short hill, over the stone bridge in the hollow, and up the long slope to the house, we watched it some' together, and we could have been hard to tell which was more excited; for although no personal feelings moved me, yet I was in a state of the utmost uncertainty as to the outcome, while the woman, although agitated by the terrible grief, yet had not doubt as to what the message would be. Yet it was no surprise to either of us to see the man stop at the gate and walk slowly up the avenue leading to the house.

The lady met him at the door. As I watched her standing there in the twilight, swaying back and forth in her joy, with her hand on the door-knob for support, I felt a great throb of pity for my heart, and at the same time a certain awe for the two who were playing so far a part in the drama of death. The fact that the news had been expected all day and had been foretold in dreams, which I knew of only as belonging to the mysterious past of King Arthur and Froissart's Chronicles, placed the characters here me on an equality with the magicians of old Granada. I shrank back, feeling that the cold wind which came in through the open door had carried me back hundreds of years and placed me in different age. Even in the calm, prosaic miller, with his snow white hair and flowing beard, seemed like some old seer. He passed his hand over his forehead as tried to collect his scattered thoughts. Silence became terrible.

The pale-faced sufferer was growing impatient. "Speak," she said, "I can bear it now as well as any other time." And then the farmer looked up. "Ah, yes, I remember, I remember now, sad-dam, your husband wants the calves tied into the little pasture back of the barn." Then he turned and rode away swiftly as he came.

Theatrical Notes.

The causes which led to the abrupt termination of Jeffreys-Lewis' tour does not reflect any particular credit upon her existing man, whose recent prosperity does not seem to agree with him.

Isabel Morris, with her "tearful voice," will make a rare representative of the Annie Meadows in "Alone in London."

Mr. Norton, the lightning change artist, who left San Francisco ten years ago with his own combination for Australia and the East, has found his way back with quite a accumulation of experience and wealth. He is prospecting for a picturesque home somewhere in the vicinity of Berkeley.

Manager Fatio is credited with the intention of erecting a $500,000 five-story building on his Fourteenth street property in Washington, and which will include a hotel and theatre, with a seating capacity of 2,000, similar to the Baldwin block in this city.

Miss Rosa Pope will have a large representation in the coming season, but will devote herself principally to Virginius, O'Neill's Richard III.

Mr. W. Summers is said to be negotiating with Dave Belasco for a sensational play with a Chinatown opium den as one of its principal scenes.

Frank L. Gardner intends to take Carl Swain to Germany at the close of the season. An American soubrette will be a novelty on the German stage, but Miss Swain is proficient in the vernacular.

Madame De Mer (Mrs. M. B. Curtis) returns overland from Portland to-day for a repetition of her experience on the way to Victoria by steamer, as she suffered terribly from sea-sickness.

The Sinn says the Baldwin is the best equipped combination house in America. Janish, having made a financial success in this country, is in Europe hunting up a wardrobe.

George T. Snow, an old time celebrity, is now the manager of a variety theatre at Fort Townsend, W. T.

M. Baird, proprietor of Baird's Minstrels, evidently has permanent designs on the Pacific slope, as he is reported to have purchased two valuable farms in Oregon recently.

Jeffreys-Lewis closed her season in Santa Rosa Tuesday night, the Northern tour having been abandoned on account of the whimsical proclivities of some of the company.

It is now stated that Sardou himself will attend the rehearsals and opening performance of Theodora, at Niblo's, New York, in the fall, and that he will be a guest of the Brooklyn syndicate in backing the affair.

CALLED BACK.

Rescue of a Supposed Corpse from Being Frozen to Death.

Wheeling, Mich., dispatch says: Mrs. Julia Foote, of Woodbridge township, left her way to the Fourth of July celebration here last Saturday, fell unconscious from her seat in the carriage, and to all indications died. Medical assistance was called, but all efforts to revive her proved futile and she was given up as dead, though not having every appearance of being dead. The body was laid out and taken home for burial. Arriving at her home ice was procured in which to pack the remains, and they were so packed for more than 30 minutes, when an old physician, Dr. Neelish, called on the bereaved family. He was so struck with the lifelike look of the "corpse" that he expressed doubts of her death. The body was quickly taken from the ice, and she went to work to establish the fact of her living. He opened a vein in Mrs. Foote's arm this morning and the blood flowed freely. In a short time the lungs began to work, and the funeral preparations were abandoned. The patient now is apparently asleep.

EMIGRATION OF SETTLERS.—D. H. McLeod and J. Fitzgerald, government agents, report that four new settlers have arrived on Valdez Island, and six more in the Comox district. All seem satisfied with their locations, and some have settlements well under way. The weather has been wet, but crops are looking well through the Comox settlement and up the River Point. Farmers are now busy

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NOTICE.

A SPECIAL EDITION FOR SOUTH DAKOTA, ALTA, METTOMOSH, CLARKS, COMOX, AND OTHER DISTRICTS HAS CHANGED BY PACDAYS MAIL IS PRINTED EVERY TUESDAY MORNING AND DISPATCHED THROUGH THE GETOFFICE.

Local and Provincial News.

(From the Daily Colonist, July 28.)

Sir John Macdonald.

Dispatches received yesterday lead us to suppose that Sir John Macdonald and party will arrive at Victoria this evening. They stayed over night at North Bend, expect to reach Port Moody this afternoon and Victoria to-night. Should this report be verified the Mayor and Councillors, accompanied by such citizens as may wish to take part in the demonstration will meet Sir John and party at the wharf this evening and escort them to the Driard, where they have engaged rooms.

Personal.

Mr. H. M. Stramberg, B. A., principal of the high school, New Westminster is a guest of the Oriental.

Mr. Byron E. Nicholson, proprietor of the Barrie, Ont., Examiner, "he has been spending a few days in the city, left for the east by the sound steamer yesterday. He expressed himself as delighted with the city's surroundings and regretted that his stay has necessarily been brief."

Prof. George E. Colby has returned to this city, and is registered at the Occidental.

At the Driard: J. P. Florence, Utica; E. E. Burnham, E. Ehrman, Portland; J. C. Barton and wife, Omaha; H. C. Eckenberger and wife, Geo. A. Shepard, Portland.

Mr. M. C. Parry, of Winnipeg, is in town, and intends locating in Vancouver in the stationery and fancy goods business.

Mr. Justice Cross and Mr. J. Magor, of Montreal, returned home yesterday morning.

Mr. A. H. Horne, agent of the Dominion Savings Bank, Nanaimo, has been appointed inspector of weights and measures.

Supt. Mathison, of the Deaf and Dumb Institute, Belleville, Ont., will arrive here on Monday. He has been appointed vice-president of the American International Mute Association which is now holding its annual session at Berkeley, Cal.

Mr. William Halpenny, government guide, left yesterday morning with Mr. Marshall, of Cumberland, Eng., to prospect between Cowichan and Goldstream for land for a ranche, as well as to look up the mineral prospects.

Mr. W. H. Ellis, real estate broker at Vancouver and Mr. F. Campbell, representing large Ontario mills at Brandon, arrived yesterday by the steamer Princess Louise.

Mrs. Power arrived from Moodyville yesterday.

Mr. G. A. Keefer, Mr B. H. Alexander, and Mr. B. Springer arrived from Vancouver last night.

Mr. W. N. Bole, M. P. P., of New Westminster, "the principal opponent of the local government," left for home this morning per steamer Princess Louise.

A RUNAWAY.—A pair of horses, in charge of a Chinaman, broke away from their driver yesterday morning and rushed madly along the Douglas street sidewalk, but did no damage. They were captured near St. John's church.

PUGET SOUND SERVICE.—After the first of August next the Sound steamers will arrive at Victoria at 3:30 o'clock p.m., and leave at 8 o'clock the next morning, one steamer lying over every Sunday.

THE HALF-MILE running race between Thomas Watson of this city and Fred. Merrill, at Portland on Wednesday night, was won by the former by about six feet. Stakes $200.

THE BOMB-THROWERS.—One of the Chicago anarchists has betrayed his fellow conspirators, and on the stand has exposed the whole business of manufacturing and throwing the dynamite bombs.

OLEOMARGARINE.—The U. S. Senate has passed the bill prohibiting the manufacture and sale of bull butter except under stringent regulations.

THE GOV[illegible] STREET

Inquest into its Origin.

An inquest into the cause of the fire which occurred on Government street on the 3rd inst., was held in the police court yesterday afternoon before Mr. Edwin Johnson, S. M. and a jury consisting of Messrs. F. Carne, Sr., Hutcheson, Page, Pagden and Nesbitt.

The first witness examined was Atwell King who deposed:—

"The building adjoining mine was a music store under the same roof, and was also destroyed. I was at my home when I heard the fire-bells ring; live on Kane street; locked up my store on that day about 1 o'clock, returning somewhere about 3 o'clock for the purpose of putting away goods and arranging the store; remained till somewhere about 5 or 6 o'clock. The day was generally observed as a half-holiday; during that time no fire was in the office, but the pipes were outside; had in stock about two gross safety matches, two dollars worth of fire works and fusees; none was with me in the store that day except a customer who called in. Locked up the store that day; returned about 8 o'clock; took away my cash book and went away; suppose the time must have been 10:30 when I arrived, at which I noticed Waitt's place on fire. So far as I could see my place was not then on fire. Flames were rushing out back and front—through a passage way between Waitt's and Sehl's. The first flames I saw came from the cellar. Did not see Mr. Waitt there; did nothing personally to extinguish the fire, having been prevented by some person in authority. Left the fire and went back to my house; and when I again returned my store had gone like a match box. To Mr. Carne—All kinds of toys were kept in my cellar—principally pyrotechnics. To Mr. Pagden—Had no straw there. The partition between my cellar and Waitt's was wooden. By the merchandise account the value was $16,900 and fixtures $18,000; but the value to me was about $21,000. Stock was insured for $13,000 and fixtures for $15,00. To Mr. Ward—I went to the store at 8 o'clock to get my cash book. I opened the store again at about half past nine when lights were in Waitt's store. Didn't know of anyone who had been smoking there. To Mr. Pagden—I have formed no idea as to the origin of the fire. Never go into my neighbor's premises, having enough to do to attend to my own.

M. W. Waitt deposed: I was the occupier of one of the stores destroyed by the fire; my premises were adjoining those of Atwell King, the partition between the two being composed only of rough boards. My store was closed at 2:30 p. m. Stayed there till six and returned again at about 7:15 p. m. Then lighted a candle to sit down to write. A customer came in and remained until I left—at about half-past seven to ten, leaving together—my companion's name being Wm. Wilson. Took him as far as the corner of Kane street, and went to Huxtable's and before I reached there I heard the fire bells. To Mr. Carne—Never went near the cellar that evening. There was no inflammable matter there except perhaps a little straw near the window. The fire was in the cellar when I got there. To the mayor—Never had a fire; my pipe had simply smoke coming up through the floor; rating, the smoke was rising and I had a fire in getting back. Did not notice whether the brigade was there, as my thoughts were centred on the safety of my premises, having reduced my insurance two days before. Mr. Wilson and I were smoking in the store, but there was no fire on that floor when I entered the store after the fire broke out. There was nothing in my cellar but empty piano boxes and cases. My store can be entered from the front and rear, but the only means of communication from the inside was by a trap door, which was never used. To Mr. Carne—Think it is impossible that a match thrown through the sidewalk might have fallen through the front grating and have originated the fire. [To the magistrate]—The door at the bottom of the flight leading to the cellar was not closed that night. Neither myself nor my companion were smoking when we left; we had stayed at least an hour before. The wind was blowing quite strongly from a southerly direction. I compute my loss at over $3000. [To Mr. Pagden]—The matches I used were ordinary wooden matches. The boards of the floor are tongued and grooved.

C. A. Phillips—I am chief engineer of the fire department. Was present at the fire. The alarm was sounded at twenty minutes past ten and the word got was that it was at *The Colonist* office. Proceeding on arriving that dense smoke was coming from Waitt's and King's stores. There were no flames at that time, but smoke only slightly from King's and in abundance from Waitt's. We tore up the sidewalk to get at the fire and seeing Mr. Waitt staggered I took him by the arm and led him away from the window. Upon tearing the sidewalk up we saw a mass of flames all over the cellars of both buildings. I then heard that the fire had also burst out at the back.

It being evident that the witness could throw no light on the origin of the fire he was told that he could stand down.

G. A. Perrin, sworn—Resides in Victoria; have been in Mr. Waitt's employ. About 10 o'clock I heard the fire alarm. Went down town and saw smoke issuing from Mr. Waitt's cellar. The door had been brought to the bar, but no water was sent through it. I am certain it commenced from the front of Mr. Waitt's cellar, just under the sidewalk on Government street; the gratings were on either side of the trap door; it is not possible for a match to have dropped through the grating directly into the cellar, though it might have dropped down and set fire to something which might have communicated to the cellar. [To Mr. Ward]—There was no packing straw below the gratings; though in the cellar there was. It was, however, two months since I had seen it.

B. Godding—When I first saw the fire it was in Mr. Waitt's cellar, but the smoke prevented anyone seeing the partitions. That was all he knew except that he hung about till the fire was put out.

His Honor said it seemed that the duty of the jury was a very simple one. It seemed to him very feasible that a half-burnt match thrown down the grating had caused the fire. He thought the jury would have no difficulty in considering the cause, in stating where, in their opinion, the fire had originated.

After barely five minutes deliberation the following verdict was returned: "We, the jury empanelled to enquire into the origin of the fire which occurred on the 3rd July, on Government street, come to the conclusion that it originated in the cellar of Waitt's store, caused by the dropping of a match through the grating on Government street."

His Honor then thanked the jury, which moved one of their number to ask "Is that all right?"

His Honor—I am inclined to think that you are entitled to the fee of common jurymen, and if you apply for the same I will order its payment to you.

The proceedings then terminated.

COMOX.—The children and nephew of G. McDonald, who was injured by a runaway team, are all doing well under Dr. Redmond's care.

What Some People Say.

That it is reported that on one occasion last winter, while Sarah Bernhardt was out sleigh riding, she was accidentally thrown from the cutter, whereupon a small boy cried out, "Hey, mister, you've lost your whip."

That the Standard has retired from the "balm" controversy. Historical facts were too many for him.

That at a dinner party last winter the cool weather had done considerable duty in supplying conversation, when a plump, happy-looking married lady made a remark about cold feet. "Surely," said a lady opposite, "Mrs. ——, you are not troubled with cold feet?" Amid an awful pause she naively answered: "Yes, indeed, I am very much troubled—but then they are not my own." Her husband blushed scarlet.

A way who is often many over-zealous pleasures, tells this story: A friend asked him to obtain for him a dose of morphine for a sick friend. The assistant objected to give it to me without a prescription, evidently fearing that I intended to commit suicide. "Phew!" said I, "do I look like a man who would kill himself? Gazing steadily at me for a moment he replied: "I don't know. It spoils to me if I looked like you I should be greatly tempted to kill myself."

That a jealous New Westminster woman a few nights ago went through the pockets of her husband while he was in bed asleep, expecting to find a love-letter from another woman; but, instead, finding only an old pocket-knife, two nails and a cue for house rent, she went back to bed and imprinted a kiss on his calmly sleeping forehead.

That a fond mother said to a bachelor uncle, "Why, John, don't let the baby play with that gold tooth-pick. He'll swallow it." Bachelor uncle—"Oh, that we'll do my here. I have a string tied to it, so I can't lose it."

That the Dundy County Bank, of Benkelman, Neb., failed. Bolzer, the president, fled to Canada and took with him about $100,000 in funds and securities.

That it is stated Mr. Gladstone's own family were against him in the contest just ended. It was with great difficulty his eldest son, William Henry, was prevented from running as a Unionist candidate.

That a special says Mr. Parnell's denial of any past relations with the Fenians has provoked much sarcastic discussion. Philip Bagenal, Secretary of the Irish Loyal Patriotic Union, says: "I have a book on "The Irish in America," and I written a saved letter to the papers on the subject.

That Rev. Sam Jones is having an interview upon Indianapolis. On Friday evening Rev. Mr. McCormick of Roberts Park Church, opened the services with this question preceding the usual collection: "What do you think of Sam Jones by this time? Here we take it."

When Sam Jones preached his farewell sermon at St. Paul, Minn., he asked all present who thought he was in earnest to stand up. All stood up except the reporters, seeing which Sam remarked in an aside: "My goose is cooked in this town."

Archdeacon Farrar made a speech at a Presbyterian gathering in London lately. "I am a sincere and convinced Episcopalian," he said, "but my answer and convinced Presbyterian. For my part, I not believe that either the Episcopal or Presbyterian organization is essential to a church."

In St. Paul the revivalist, Sam Jones, took a vote of the congregation to see if he was thought to be really in earnest in his work. He got a unanimous vote in his favour. He has not saved so many souls as he expected in the city of 12 per cent. interest, but he could be elected county clerk there without half trying.

That the strong temperance influence brought to bear in the United States prevented the University of Oxford from conferring its honorary degree on Mr. Irving, says the London World of June 25. "The discussions on the subject were of an unusually lively description, and Mr. Irving's friends made a good fight for the great tragedian."

That the Rev. J. H. Musso, of Philadelphia, says that the reason why so many Americans go to Europe every summer is that the expense of the trip costs but little if any more than there would be a summer jaunt in this country, and that the great advantages in that when one goes the water they are not likely to be troubled on "any little emergency."

That the steam rollers weighs 16 tons, and cost $3,000.

That the freight rates from Winnipeg to Victoria, B. C., have been published. The rate for first-class freight is $3.80 per 100 pounds.

That a fellow signing himself "S." took up about quarter of a column of a morning contemporary's pages to state to the public that he was not going to witness Mr. Cumberland's exhibition last night. Evidently Mr. Cumberland is industriously reminded that inutility of advertising in the Standard is no reason why the editor should write to himself in the vain attempt to effect the attendance at the seance.

That Vanity Fair says that when the Prince of Wales was passing through Chelsea the other day on his way to some public function, he read over the sign of a tavern: "Welcome to the Queen's Arms," where you had your first drink."

Marine.

American ship John Bryce has sailed from Seattle for Sydney, Aus., with 1,200,000 feet of rough lumber, 200,000 feet of flooring, 150,000 laths and 50,000 shingles.

Steamer Empire sailed from San Francisco for Departure Bay, July 21st.

Ship Triumphant for Nanaimo and bark Wallace P. Flint for Port Moody sailed from Yokohama on the 15th inst.

June 20.—British ship Leander sailed from Hong Kong for Victoria.

It is reported that the new mill company at Port Hadlock, W. T., has purchased the bark Templar.

Bark Lothair was towed in from the roads by the steamer Alexander last evening and made fast alongside Dickson-Campbell's wharf.

Steamer Alexander, Capt. Christensen, towed to sea on Thursday afternoon the ship Nancy Pendleton coal-laden from Nanaimo for San Francisco.

Steamship Mexico will leave the outer wharf to-day for San Francisco.

FROM THE RADIO TO THE ATLANTIC.—In this issue we publish the condensed time table of the Canadian Pacific railway company, wherein they state that every facility for the comfort of passengers will be provided. Dining and first and second class sleeping cars—the latter free—are furnished upon trains running from Port Moody through to Montreal, leaving Port Moody every Monday, making the journey in the extremely quick time of 137 hours. The hour of departure is fixed at 15 o'clock (1 p. m.)—the time of the arrival of the steamer from Victoria, and the journey is made over a line which reveals scenery whose grandeur and beauty cannot be surpassed. Tickets and full information can be obtained upon application at the office of the Canadian Pacific Navigation Co., on Wharf street.

DEATH ON THE RAILWAY.

Charles Swanson Found Killed in a Tunnel Above Hope.

(Exclusive to The Colonist.)

Hope, July 23.—Charles Swanson, who has had charge of the Hudson Bay store at this place for the last four or five months, was found dead in the first tunnel above Hope station this morning, where he had evidently been run over by the train going west at 8:30. His body was found by the section men, who were coming down on a hand car. His face was disfigured almost beyond recognition. The Indian with whom he crossed the river this morning states that on arriving at Hope station he (Swanson) started to walk on the railway track towards Yale. Nobody was taken to Yale by order of Coroner Hickman who will hold an inquest here. Deceased was a steady, industrious man, and is greatly respected by a large number of friends here, who are overwhelmed with grief at his untimely death.

Reception of Sir John Macdonald.

A public meeting, Mayor Fell in the chair, was held at the city hall yesterday afternoon to consider measures for the reception of Sir John Macdonald. There were present Senator Nelson, Mr. Shakespeare, M. P., Mr. Barnard, M. P., Attorney-General Davie, Mr. Tupper, M. P. P., Mr. Prior, M. P. P., Coun. Higgins, M. P. P., ex-Mayor Redfern, Coun. Grant, Coun. Lipsett, Coun. Barnard, Mr. H. B. Crosadaile, Col. Wolfenden, W. F. Bullen, Mr. Winter, Mr. Minkler, Dr. Hasington, Mr. R. Harrison, Mrs. R. Rogers and others.

Mr. Robinson, city clerk, acted as secretary.

The mayor, having stated the object of the meeting, said the city corporation had prepared an address which would be presented to the distinguished visitor at the Victoria.

Considerable doubt was expressed as to when Sir John would arrive here.

Coun. Grant said telegrams had been received from Mr. Marpole that Sir John would be at Port Moody Friday night and at Victoria to-night.

His Worship said that he ought to have received notice of such very the fact. He thought a regatta that night should be gotten up.

Mr. Crosadaile favored a reference of the whole matter to the regatta committee.

Mr. Turner suggested a torchlight procession at the same time.

Senator Nelson thought arrangements should be made without putting the day.

Mr. Prior said the admiral and officers of the fleet should be waited upon and asked to take part.

Mr. Barnard moved that the address of reception of the John Macdonald be left in the hands the mayor and council, and that the regatta committee be requested to take steps for holding a regatta. Carried.

Mr. Shakespeare suggested a band and a torchlight procession to receive Sir John at the wharf.

Mr. Redfern said the matter was in the hands of the mayor and councillors who might invite other citizens to join them.

The meeting then adjourned till next Monday morning.

Bodies Cast Up by the Sea.

The large audience that assembled in the Theatre Comique last evening to listen to the popular lecturer Mrs. Letitia Youmans, president of the W. C. T. U., were given a rare treat. The lecture, "Building on the Wall," still is full of home truths against that class of people who, despite the present licensing system, will stand aloof from engaging in active work in the temperance cause. The arguments advanced in favor of a prohibitory law were to the point, and showed conclusively that the salvation of the young men of the Dominion largely rested upon such a law. It is evident that the lecturer has given much study to the subject and put in her labors in connection with and in the interest of the cause in which she is so earnestly and successful. At the close of the lecture Mrs. Youman's novel offer was declared to join the Union to come forward, when a number of young adolescents enthusiastically took the pledge. The meeting was quite large, the Columbian building, on the upper floor, being occupied by ladies. The lecture on temperance in Columbia intends lecturing at Sooke on Monday afternoon in the Agricultural hall, a drive of about 18 miles.

The Fables Turned.

A few days ago a gentleman of national prominence, sidetracked like the good citizen that he was—Sheer Hoosen in guiding a drunk to the Station. The victim of the operation was a well known public man who observed by a Colonist reporter to be wildly flourishing an imaginary walking cane while calmly resisting the efforts of the policeman and citizen to convey him to the cells. Not wishing to be too personal, the notice of the incident refrained from mentioning the citizen's name and read as follows:

ATTACKED.—An obstreperous drunk with a fine cane endeavored to knock a policeman over yesterday afternoon, but was observed and might being assisted to goal by Officer Hossen, but had it not been for the aid of a strawberry blonde young man with a rather red nose, a stranger in town—the journey to the jug would have been far more prolonged.

Upon reading the paper in the morning the natural gentleman was greatly incensed, although there was nothing in the item that pointed to his identity, unless it might be the red nose. Still he did not like the notice, and confidentially mentioned to several friends that he would get even with the author of the item by relating to him some imaginary marine occurrence of a decidedly startling nature. But forearmed is forewarned, and the threat coming to the knowledge of the intended victim, he kept his counsel and went his usual way. Three weeks passed and, yesterday afternoon, on encountering the natural personage he enquired the news. "Nothing particular," responded the person addressed; "but that was a pretty bad affair this morning." "Morning, where?" was the natural enquiry. "Out in the Straits—was an tug by a barque passing up—two men drowned because nobody picked them up. Time, a quarter past seven this morning. Knew they were drowned, because I saw them myself." And off he went, chuckling at the thought of seeing the notice of the shocking accident in the Straits treasured by the green reporter who had so quietly listened to his yarn. The next time that this gentleman wishes to get off a joke we would advise him to make his yarn apparently harmonize more with the truth, and keep his own counsel for divers reasons.

PERSEVERANCE MEANS TRIUMPH.—A passenger just arrived from the east says the idea of the C. P. R. station, that when the train passed Donald on Thursday a pile of cord wood by the side of the track was on fire, and the smoke was intense. The flames replaced through the window, slightly burning several of the passengers. His eyes, hands showed the effects of the flames, and he says he has no desire to go through so very at again.

THE PACIFIC HOME COMPANY'S season came to an abrupt termination at Seattle. As the manager could not pay the salaries of the leading members they seized the property. The dinner girls fared badly, and scattered home going to Portland and elsewhere in San Francisco.

The Libel Cases.

In the magistrate's court at Nanaimo, before Mr. Planta, S. M., Robt. O'Brian was charged with publishing a wicked and defamatory libel on Mr. R. Dunsmuir. Mr. Pooley prosecuted. The defendant appeared for himself.

Robert Dunsmuir sworn, deposed—That he is one of the contractors to construct the Nanaimo and Esquimalt railway; Crocker, Stanford, Huntington, D. L. Crocker, Bryden, and his son, as Dunsmuir, are his partners; he owned a quarter of a million dollars more than half of the railway; the Dunsmuir mentioned in the alleged libel in the Westward Ho! of July 14th was himself; he did not and never did owe Crocker and Stanford $700,000, and never owed them a cent in his life; he did not owe the Bank of British Columbia $330,000; our business is large, and there may be $2,000 or $3,000 owing at the San Francisco branch, or there may be a large credit; merely got the statement from the S. F. branch once a month; he did not owe anything to the Bank of British Columbia in Victoria, but had credit there; the libel complained of is entirely false.

Cross-examined by R. O'Brian—The capital stock of the railway company is $3,000,000; none of that stock is hypothecated nor is any of it held as collateral security; none of the stock has been issued except to the partners; it is more like a partnership than a joint stock company; the mines are my own individual property, and also the property in San Francisco; not a single dollar of this property is hypothecated; have no accounts except at the branches in Victoria and San Francisco; when an assessment was made for the railway it was always paid in $20 gold pieces; all the plant and supplies were paid for with cash; have had no advances made on my property; had never issued bonds or mortgages on any property; never received bank accommodation on collateral security, for, thank God we had never any need to; the original arrangements in regard to his partners in the railway stands to-day the same as they did then, and he had not made a different statement to any person.

On the second charge of libel, Mr. R. Dunsmuir testified as follows: The Wellington mines alluded to in the alleged libel are my own and are situated about six miles from Nanaimo and known as the Wellington collieries; from the reports of my managers the coal is not of any inferior quality; the coal keeps up the same standard in the San Francisco market that it always did; I do not anticipate that the mines will be worked "out during my life time; as a mining expert I can say there is a fair average output the Wellington mine are good for fifty years; I have no reason to require any money from the government, or any person to save me from ruin; I do not wish to borrow any money; I have no designs upon the Provincial treasury, and I know I would not get any money if I had asked.

The accused was committed for trial. The magistrate fixed the bail in each case at $1000, the defendant in $500, and two sureties of $250 each. The defendant at first said he would not accept bail but would remain in jail. In an hour's time the bail was furnished and the defendant was allowed his freedom.

Bodies Cast Up by the Sea.

New Westminster Districts.

(Columbian.)

Next Friday is the time fixed for the execution of Mallot, now lying in gaol. The Chilliman, Ah Suey, will be executed at the same time.

So far there has been a remarkable scarcity of fish this season, and it is feared that the coming operations may result in loss. Thursday night of 6 fish to the boat, whereas it ought to have been at least 75. Possible the fish may come yet, but the chances are getting gloomy and the canneries have made very large preparations.

Port Moody now wears the air of quiet. Transcontinental depart daily, and there is daily connection with Vancouver and Victoria by steamer, and stages three or four times a day to the city. At the wharf just now lies the steamer City of New York, one of the most perfect specimens of naval architecture ever seen in these waters. The iron hulk still is near the wharf, and there is nothing being done towards pulling them under the wharf. For, Moody to beyond question the Columbia intends locating at Port Moody, and will build a branch of the railway now, but he also can fall now that the greatest condition of things will continue to exist.

(Guardian.)

The mayor and council and the citizens on Thursday night resolved unanimously to ask permission to use the old government house as a reception room for Sir John A. Macdonald. Every man in the province, and a great many women will come to see the veteran statesman who will be remembered in history as the man who bridged half a continent, and consolidated the twenty provinces of British Columbia.

On Wednesday Coroner Trow held an inquest at Ladner's, on the body of a man found dead in the river. The body was not identified, it appeared to have been two weeks in the water; on it there was a shirt with a mother-of-pearl button, and at the waist a strap such as is in the body of a heavy man, thirty years of age. Verdict found dead.

(Vancouver Herald.)

The C. P. R. work at the foot of Granville street is nearly completed, and the grading of the street leading to it is nearly finished.

A considerable quantity of brick is being brought to the city. Several brick buildings have been commenced.

The contract for building the Victoria Improvement company's hotel has been awarded to Mr. Bell.

T. M. Fox commenced laying the stone foundation for the C. P. R. hotel on Granville street yesterday.

T. W. Van Horne says the road will be finished to Vancouver this fall in spite of anything.

The C. P. R. will resume locating their lands as soon as the fire engine arrives.

Granite Creek.

Mr. A. J. Johnston of Granite Creek, writing to a friend at New Westminster on the 19th inst., says: We were scared yesterday by a bush fire, which threatened us all day. We took to ploughing with shovels and without water the wind changed and that was a point in our favor. The danger is over, because the material for fire has been consumed. A good many companies are ready to begin building, and in a month everyone will know if that silver is a fold for minute. Only two weeks ago we were in the crowd in Victoria, and the change in our condition is quite remarkable. We are prospering, and may, but it may not, be, very sick.

IS A UNION PRACTICABLE.—The Church of England synod in session in Toronto, Canada, recently appointed a committee to confer with the Presbyterian, Methodist and other Christian bodies in Canada for the purpose of ascertaining the possibilities of honorable union with such bodies, and if such union be found possible without sacrifice of essential Christian principles, to formulate a scheme for effecting such union.

MANCIET VS. BIGNE.

An Old Victoria Hotel-keeper in Court.

Among the first hotel-keepers who established themselves at Victoria in 1858 were Manciet & Bigne, who built the French Hotel on the site now occupied by the Spencer Arcade. The hotel was destroyed by fire in 1868, and a brick and stone edifice took its place. The firm then opened the St. George Hotel at Portland, and prospered until 1881, when Manciet died, leaving his wife and Bigne as co-executors of the estate. In 1882 Mrs. Manciet died, and Bigne has since continued the business, and failed to wind-up the estate. A few days ago Rachael Felice Manciet, one of the heirs, filed a petition in court to Further for the removal of Bigne from the position of executor. The petitioner alleges that Bigne has been unfaithful to his trust, that the partnership, which has never been dissolved, and a part of the debts of Manciet, were Bigne's in part, and that he neglected to include in the inventory his share of the liabilities. In consequence thereof the interest of Pierre Manciet in said business was never appraised; that Bigne claims that a large portion of the property in his, and he has a large individual interest therein; that many of the debts are his, but he intends paying them out of the estate; that he claims to own a large claim against the estate sufficient to swallow all the property; that ever since the death of Pierre Manciet, Bigne has received all the proceeds and rents of the property; that he was not authorized by the will to carry on the partnership business; that during the lifetime of Manciet a partnership indebtedness of $12,000 was contracted with Ladd & Tilton; that on the 9th day of September Bigne filed a false report with the county court, claiming that all debts had been paid and the estate fully administered and notice of final settlement was published, but that in truth and fact said estate was not fully administered; that the mortgage of $12,000 was assigned by Ladd & Tilton to B. Verdier, who brought suit to foreclose in the state circuit court, and an order of foreclosure was made and the property (St. George's Hotel) advertised for sale; that none of the heirs of Pierre Manciet were made parties to said suit; that on a former occasion Bigne sold property belonging to the estate in Victoria, and that no order authorizing the sale was ever made in court.

Mr. Stuart Cumberland.

A fair audience assembled before which Mr. Cumberland has appeared assembled at the Philharmonic Hall last night to witness an exhibition, the like of which has not been given in this province. Exceptingon the theory of the transmission of annual magnetism and an extraordinary receptive power on the part of the exhibitor, the psychological phenomena illustrated last night by Mr. Stuart Cumberland were wholly inexplicable. In introducing himself to his hearers, Mr. Cumberland requested a committee of well known gentlemen to be nominated by the audience to take seats upon the platform. In response to this desire Messrs. Bennett, H. M. Crosadaile, R. W. Drake, Thos. Russell, Rev. Percival, C. E. Pooley, M.P.P., D. W. Higgins, M. P. P., Shakespeare, M. P., J. Grant, and R. Plummer, and after much persuasion Mayor Fell seconded the rostrum. As the first experiment Mr. Cumberland requested a gentleman—Rev. Mr. Percival—to select whom he thought the most unbelieving in the audience. Mr. Percival having signified his acquiescence, Mr. Cumberland took a handkerchief, bound it across his own eyes, and seating Mr. Percival by the hand led him directly to a lady—Mrs. Cowan—to whom the thought reader presented a bouquet, and, who (Mr. Percival st