Weekly Colonist

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH, 1888.

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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Incoming Passengers.

The steamship Walla Walla, which sailed from San Francisco yesterday, has on board the following passengers for Victoria: Mrs. W. B. Gladding, B. F. Stone, H. C. Barry, Mrs. Curnell, Mrs. H. T. Barns, Miss S. Roberts, Gee Nong, J. Cartnet and J. A. Fife.

"The Solid South."

"The Solid South" still remains solid, the official vote in West Virginia having given Cleveland about 1,000 majority over Harrison. Therefore, if the Democrats had carried New York, Cleveland would would have had another term of four years at Washington.

City Police Court.

Geo. Bedford *alias* "Dan Apples," was sentenced yesterday to a month's imprisonment for vagrancy.

Ah Kwong, charged with feloniously entering Major Wilson's residence, North Park street, and stealing therefrom a waistcoat and a silver watch and chain, was committed for trial.

Pardoned.

C. P. Dixon, the defaulting C. P. Railway clerk at Portland, Oregon, who stole $3,000 of his employers' money and spent it in Victoria in riotous living, has been pardoned through the intercession of his wife, from whom he was divorced. The American Surety Co., who had to make good Dixon's shortage, protested against pardon, but in vain.

"Thy Will be Done."

The sympathy of the entire community goes out to Mr. and Mrs. John Austin in their sore trouble. Death again visited the afflicted family early yesterday morning and took away its third victim, Lilly Kate, aged 10. Later in the day the remorseless hand of the grim reaper was again laid upon the grief-stricken family, and little edith, a five-year prattler was summoned away, making the fourth victim within a week. Four more of the five surviving children are down with the disease, and the parents, who are almost heart-broken, are completely prostrated by their great trouble. Their cup of sorrow is indeed full.

Death of a Former Victorian.

Mr. George Clark, of the firm of Fisher & Clarke, architects and civil engineers, Seattle, died at his residence in that city on Wednesday afternoon, after an illness of about ten days. Mr. Clarke had been in poor health for a year past, his complaint being hemorrhage of the lungs. The deceased gentleman was a native of England. About two years since he came to Victoria with his wife, remaining here about a year, when he went to Seattle. Mr. Clarke stood high in his profession, and was much respected by all his acquaintances and friends. He leaves a wife, but no children.

Fatal Accident at Esquimalt.

At six o'clock yesterday morning a man named John Sullivan sustained injuries which caused death, by falling from the coping to the bottom of the Esquimalt drydock. Deceased, who was an old and respected resident of Esquimalt, was in the employ of the Provincial Government, and was on his way to his daily labor, to be at his work before seven o'clock, when the accident occurred. He was walking along the coping of the dock as day was breaking, and is supposed to have tripped over one of the lines fastened to a ring in the coping to keep the Idaho in position. He fell to the bottom of the dock, 36 feet below. A watchman on the Idaho heard the fall, and with assistance, raised the injured man and carried him into the cabin. The doctor of H. M. S. Espeigle was sent for, but shortly after his arrival poor Sullivan died. It was found that every rib on his left side had been broken, and his skull fractured. Deceased was aged 60 years, and was well known in Cariboo and Cassiar.

LADEN WITH JEWELS.

Last evening about 8 o'clock a Chinaman entered the loan office of Mr. A. A. Aaronson and offered for sale an upper mouth-plate of solid gold, to which was attached five teeth. Knowing that the plate could not be the property of the Chinaman, because, while it was worth fully $50, the celestial wanted to dispose of it for $10, Mr. Aaronson sent for the police, and while waiting for their arrival, kept bargaining with the Chinaman. Finding that he could not obtain $10, John offered to take $70.50, and finally $5. By this time officers Lindsay and Thomas entered the store, when the astonished Chinaman was handed into their custody. He protested vigorously, but his protests did not prevent his being taken to the lock-up, where, before being consigned to a cell, he was searched, and the following articles of jewelry found in his possession, in addition to the gold tooth-plate:—

One small-sized gold watch, stem-winder, No. 26,132, richly chased case, with gents' gold chain attached.

One gents' open-face silver watch with heavy gold chain attached, the back of the watch bearing the initials "W. H. W."

One plush jewel case, marked "Lange & Son," containing one gold pen, a pair of common-looking ball earrings, and a neat little gold fob chain.

One gold pen and pen-handle in case, the latter being marked "Bachman & Son, 3 Maiden lane, N. Y."

One gold brooch, pair of gold chain bracelets, one lady's watch-chain, and a bunch of eleven keys on a ring.

The Chinaman, who gave his name as Ah Lee, offered no explanation of how he had become possessed of the jewelry, and was therefore locked-up in a cell until morning. While the police were examining the jewelry, Mr Aaronson entered the lock-up, and picking up the ball-earings mentioned in the above list, he touched a hidden spring, when the outer shell opened and revealed inside of each a carat and a-half diamond, of the purest water, making the pair worth over $300 instead of about $5, as would appear from their first appearance. These earrings are of new design and are intended for evening wear, the outer case or ball being designed with the object of concealing the gems while their owner is going to or coming from an evening party or ball. Up to a late hour last night the police had received no intimation as to the ownership of the jewelry. The Chinaman will be brought before the police magistrate this morning, when the owner, if in the city, will probably be on hand to claim the property, which is worth over $600. Mr. Aaronson deserves every credit for being instrumental in the capture of Ah Lee.

While being searched, two policemen held Ah Lee, who kicked and fought strongly. He struck at Supt. Sheppard, who was searching his pockets, and the latter knocked him down and ironed him, after which he quietly submitted to the ordeal.

A High Valuation.

"If there was only one bottle of Hagyard's Yellow Oil in Manitoba I would give one hundred dollars for it," writes Phillip H. Brant, of Monteith, Manitoba, after having used it for a severe wound and for frozen fingers, with, as he says, "astonishing good results." tts

SCOTS AT DINNER.

The Annual Celebration of St. Andrew's Day in Victoria.

The dining room of the Driard was, last evening, the scene of a festive gathering of the sons of Auld Scotia, equally enjoyable, though perhaps not so well attended as previous celebrations of St. Andrew's Day by the St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society.

The tables were laden with glittering silver and crystal, and were surrounded by upwards of sixty Scotsmen and their friends, who came prepared to thoroughly enjoy themselves and were not disappointed.

At the head of the table were seated His Worship Mayor Grant, president of the St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society, at his right, Major Peters, and at his left, ex-Mayor James Fell. The two vice-presidents, Messrs. R. Mitchell and R. McIntosh, occupied seats at the ends of the tables.

Among the other familiar faces to be seen about the festive board were those of Messrs. R. P. Rithet, John Boyd, Andrew Gray, John Robertson, A. B. Gray, W. Lorimer, Thomas Storey, John Ross, Major Downey, Walter Walker, Alex. McDonald and many others.

An excellent orchesta was stationed in the alcove and discoursed delightful music during the evening, when mirth and merriment reigned supreme.

The *menu*, which comprised every delicacy, and especially those for which Scotsmen are partial, was as follows:—

SOUP.

Scotch Mutton Broth.

FISH.

Boiled Salmon, Genoise Sarle, Resoiv Potatoes, Broiled Fish, Maitre D'Hotel.

SALADS.

Chicken, Shrimps, Crab.

ENTREES.

Lamb Chops, Small Pears, Demi Glace.

RELEVE.

Boned Chicken a la Bellevue.

ROAST.

Goose, Apple Sauce. Turkey Cranberry Sauce.
Grouse, Scots Style.
Tenderloin of Beef, Larded.

DESSERT.

Plum Pudding, Hart Sauce, Morascino Jelly.
Cafe and Liqueurs.

The substantials having been disposed of, to the thorough satisfaction of all, President Grant, before rising to propose the first toast of the list, that of Her Gracious Majesty the Queen, stated that he had received congratulatory telegrams during the day from sister societies at Kamloops, Nanaimo, Vancouver, New Westminster, and San Francisco, and had sent the congratulations of the society to the brethren of the places mentioned, as well as at Tacoma, Seattle and Portland. Mr. Wilson, of the C.P.R. Telegraph Co. had been very kind in expediting the exchange of courtesies and congratulations. Dr. Helmcken, who was invited, was unable to be present, but enclosed a cheque with his congratulations.

The toasts of the Queen and the Prince of Wales and Royal Family were proposed by the chair, and responded to, right loyally in the usual manner.

Following came the toast of "The President of the United States," proposed by the first vice, Mr. Mitchell. Mr. McNiff was called upon to respond, but declined. He had never had the pleasure of serving the great Republic in the capacity of President, he remarked, and consequently did not think he could do the subject justice. Mr. McCandless was next called on to respond, and after paying a glowing tribute to the sensible, solid, friendly people of the United States, thanked the gentlemen about the board for the hearty manner in which they had honored the toast.

The toast of the Governor-General, proposed by the second vice, Mr. R. McIntosh, was received in the usual patriotic fashion, and the glasses drained to the music of "Hail to the Chief."

Mr. John Boyd, in proposing the health of His Honor, the Lieutenant-General, sketched briefly his career from that of a hard working man to his present high position. The toast was acknowlegged by Mr. R. P. Rithet, on behalf of his old friend, the Lieut.-Governor.

"The Press," was proposed by Mr. John Robertson in a neat and pithy speech. He thought the newspapers of Victoria compared favorably with any in the world. The toast was acknowledged by Mr. Gibbons, of THE COLONIST, and Mr. Munn of the *Times*.

"The Army, Navy, and Volunteers," proposed by Mr. R. P. Rithet, was acknowledged by Major Peters in one of his inimitable and always excellent after dinner speeches. The major was sorry not to see others about the board to do justice to the toast by saying something new. The stereotyped speeches that the Army, Navy and Volunteers were always ready to protect home and country, etc., was getting rather "chestnutty." He would like to hear something new. The little army to which he belonged had, he said, enjoyed life in Victoria. They were contented, although they had no opportunity of enjoying the splendid exercise of shovelling snow about the barracks. The very small number of desertions from the "O" battery, was proof positive that the battery boys like Victoria. They did not want to go to Vancouver, Westminster, or any of the other villages in the neighborhood, and Major Peters hoped the Victorians would not let them go.

The Dominion Senate and Commons was proposed by Mr. Andrew Gray and heartily received.

Mr. A. B. Gray gave the toast of the Local Government and Legislature, and hoped that they would assist in developing the mineral wealth of the province, which in time would astonish the world. In his short and characteristic speech, Mr. Gray hoped that the liberty of legislators in council would be as much curtailed as the liberty of the press, and they would be compelled to be just as careful in their statements and language.

The toast was suitably acknowledged by Mayor Grant.

The Bench and Bar was proposed by Mr. Storey and acknowledged by Mr. S. Perry Mills in a short and witty oration, the orchestra meanwhile playing "Money in both pockets" as the most appropriate selection with which to receive the toast.

Mr. John Ross, in giving the toast of "The Mayor and Council," hoped they would continue the good work of tearing down old verandahs, would bring down the telegraph poles, run the wires under ground, and provide the city with a perfect system of sewerage.

Mayor Grant responded, and expressed regret at the fact that the best business men of the city did not appear willing to assist in the direction of municipal affairs. The would be able to do many things that would greatly benefit the city in a hundred ways. He wished to see new manufacturing enterprises fostered. Victoria had keen opposition but had many advantages which placed her ahead of all competitors as a place where manufactures would do well to locate. He also thought that the paving of certain streets with bituminous rock would be a decidedly good move.

Ex-Mayor Fell, in giving the toast of the evening, "The St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society," gave the speech of the evening—brilliant, eloquent, patriotic, sensible and spirited. The toast was acknowledged by the chair.

"Sister Societies" was proposed by Mr. W. Lorrimer, and acknowledged by Messrs. Fell and McNiffe for the B. C. Benevolent Society and the Pioneer Society.

Mr. W. J. Robertson asked that the glasses be drained to the advancement of the "Commercial, Agricultural, Manufacturing and Mining Interests of the Province," and delivered an interesting and practical speech.

The toast was acknowledged by Messrs. A. B. Gray, Major Downey, a mining pioneer, a pioneer of the society, and a pioneer of the province; and John Robertson.

Mr. John McAllister gave the health of "Scotchmen wherever they may be," and Mr. W. Walker responded, followed by Mr. Fell, who propounded the query, "Where are Scotchmen not found?" They were in every land under the sun, and Mr. S. P. Mills was certain, in also acknowledging the the toast, that they would be found in heaven.

Last but not least the toast of "The Ladies," was given by Mr. Alex. McDonald, and the happy evening came to a close with an hour of song and sentiment.

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A Writ of Error.

Steps were taken yesterday by Mr. F. G. Walker to obtain a writ of error and a new trial for Dr. Gustavus Hamilton Griffin, sentenced to five years' imprisonment for sending threatening letters.

District Postoffice Appointments.

J. S. Shopland has been appointed postmaster for Comiaken, a new office between Maple Bay and Somenos. G. B. Ordano has been appointed postmaster at Cowichan, *vice* Kinnear, resigned. Edward Gordon has been appointed postmaster at Otter Point *vice* T. Tugwell, resigned.

More Newspaper Enterprise.

The Nanaimo *Free Press*, doubtless spurred on by the advent of the *Morning Courier* (the newspaper to be started by Messrs. Strong, Todd and McGregor), will be changed from a semi-weekly to an afternoon journal, commencing on Tuesday next, and hereafter Nanaimo will have two daily papers.

Nanaimo Customs Returns.

Following are the official returns of the Nanaimo customs house for the month ending Nov. 30th, 1888:—

Import duties	$5,412.59
Sick marine fund	243.30
Petroleum inspection	21.60
Steamboat inspection	17.46
Total	$5,694.75

Vancouver Customs Returns.

Following are the customs collections at the port of Vancouver, C. C., for the month ending November 30th, 1888:—

Import duties	$8,983.47
Chinese revenue	3,724.00
Minor receipts	406.96
	$13,094.43

Inland Revenue Collections.

At port of Victoria, B. C., for month ending November 30th, 1888:—

Tobacco	740.00
Cigars	1,150.65
Spirits	7,145.83
Malt	992.11
	$10,028.59
November, 1887	6,333.52
Increase	$3,695.07

A Race for First Place.

It is stated by the Vancouver *World* that engineers in locating the proposed line for the C.P.R. in the locality of Lulu Island, have run counter with the engineers at work on the location of the Victoria, Saanich and Vancouver route, and that both parties are now having a race as to which will locate the balance of the way first.

A Musical Family.

At the coming presentation of "Better than Gold," by local talent in aid of the Protestant Orphans' Home, the North Family will contribute the greater part of the music. One of the boys, seven years of age, will give a clarionette solo; another, a little older, is to render a solo on the cornet, while the big brother will make his bow to a Victoria audience as a mouth organ soloist. The proceeds of the entertainment are to be devoted toward the erection of an addition to the home, which is becoming too crowded for comfort.

Dr. Griffin's Sentence.

The general topic on the streets yesterday was the sentence accorded Dr. Griffin, the opinion being that it was excessive, and that twelve or fifteen months, or at the most two years, would have served justice. There is a probability that a petition will be circulated for signature, urging that the sentence be reduced to a much smaller term. The opinion is general that the Doctor was the writer of the letters, and that his previous record was against him, but it is also conceded on all sides that the sentence should be lessened.

Big Fire at Seattle.

On Thursday night, about 11:30 o'clock, the Frauenthal and Post block of buildings on Front street, Seattle, was discovered to be on fire. A general alarm was sounded, and the firemen turned out promptly, but by the time they had got water, the buildings were a seething mass of flame, and it was seen that their destruction was inevitable. The flames spread so quickly that the inmates of the upper floors had barely time to escape in their night-clothes, and for the most part, lost all their personal effects. The buildings were insured for $15,000. The loss to the occupants will be heavy, twelve stores being burned, and the insurance light.

The Jewel Robbery.

Early yesterday morning the police ascertained that the jewelry found in Ah Lee's possession on Friday night, was the property of a Miss Josie Smith, of Vancouver, who was robbed on the night of Nov. 22nd. She came to this city to try and trace her lost jewels, and was returning to Vancouver yesterday morning when the police went on board the steamer Yosemite and informed her the jewelry had been found. She, therefore, remained in Victoria, instead of returning to Vancouver, and yesterday morning she appeared in the police court to identify her property. Ah Lee was placed in the dock, and after hearing the evidence in the case, the magistrate committed the prisoner for trial.

Naval Ball.

On Friday evening, the captain and officers of H. M. S. Espeigle tendered a ball to several of their friends, the affair being held at the naval club house, Esquimalt. The ball-room was beautifully decorated with bunting and evergreens in a style and with the taste for which naval men are famous the world over. As is usual at naval balls, the guests enjoyed themselves thoroughly the gallant hosts being untiring in their efforts to make the evening pass pleasantly. Among those present were: Mr. Charles Vernon and Mrs. Vernon, Miss McTavish, Miss Hewes, Miss Genn, Miss Blaicklock, Misses Dunsmuir, Mr. H. W. Jones, Miss Crease, Capt and Mrs. Snowden, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Rithet, Mr. Webber, Mr. A. Ward and the Misses Ward, Mr. and Mrs. Dobbin, Mr. Dumbleton, Lieut. Ogilvie, Lieut. Gaudes, Dr. Duncan, Capt. Palmer, Major Peters, Mr. Boscowitz, jur., Mr. H. Brealey, Mr. R. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Cowen, Mr. and Misses Brady, Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Harris, Mr. T. R. Smith, Mrs. Peters, Miss Hatheway, Mr. Bovill, Mrs. G. Burns, Miss Innes, Mr. W. Bridgeman, Senator and the Misses McDonald, Rev. Mr. Bolton, Dr. Fitzgerald, R. N. and Mrs. Fitzgerald, Judge Gray, Misses Gray, Mr. and Miss Hyde.

A Receipt for Diphtheria.

One table spoonfull of salt, one tea spoonfull of saltpetre, one tea spoonfull of borax, one tea spoonfull of alum, one tea spoonfull of camphor gum, one tea spoonfull of cayenn pepper to be dissolved. Half cupfull of hot soft water, to which add one pint of cold soft water. Gargle every fifteen minutes until relieved. Take one dose of salts and senna.

Outgoing Passengers.

The following passengers left for San Francisco, yesterday, per steamship Umatilla: A. Nicholson and wife, A. Koubel, J. D. Sagemillar, R. Chipchase, E. L. Clapper, H. Herve and wife, Capt. H. G. Lewis, C. S. Glass, E. J. Hewlings, Allan Barnes, D. T. Thompson, R. Hoyland, A. Yidler, H. Barnard, Mrs. F. Barnard, Mrs. F. J. Barnard, W. S. Mackinlay, S. Hurley and 11 in the steerage.

Alaska's Wealth.

The following figures are contained in Governor Swineford's report on Alaska for the present year:—

EXPORTS:

Furs	$3,000,000
Fish, oil, bone and ivory	4,000,000
Gold (bullion and dust)	2,000,000
Silver	50,000
Lumber	50,000
Total	$9,100,000

POPULATION OF THE TERRITORY.

Whites	6,000
Creoles, (practically white)	1,900
Aleuts	2,950
Natives (partially educated and who have adopted civilized ways)	3,500
Total civilized population	14,350
Natives (uncivilized)	35,000
Total population	49,850

Brave Hunters.

A few nights ago, a couple of miners at Wellington started out to hunt deer in the woods by lamp-light. With miners' lamps affixed to their hats they proceeded some distance through the dark and gloomy forest, when coming to a ridge they were suddenly confronted by a large herd of deer. Nothing of the animals could be seen in the gloom except their eyes, which glowed like balls of fire. Never having witnessed such a sight before, the deer-hunters became almost paralyzed with fright, and finally took to their heels and never stopped running until they reached home, where they stated their experience, and were not a little mortified to learn that the mysterious balls of fire they had seen, where the eyes of the deer they had started out to kill.

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

FOOTBALL.

The game between the Cowichan Rangers and the Victoria Football club was played at Beacon Hill yesterday afternoon, and resulted in a win for the home team by a goal and five tries to nothing. Drake won the toss and took the lower goal. The ball was kicked off at 3.15 p. m. when a series of scrimmages took place, and here one of the Victorians was unfortunate enough to hurt his nose and had to retire from the field of play, but in spite of being one man less, in the forwards the Victorians held on, Crease and Musgrave doing very good work, and at last succeeded in getting the ball behind their goal line, when a maul ensued between Kennedy and March, and after a hard tussle the latter succeeded in placing the ball on the ground. The ball was again kicked off from the 25 yard line but was soon returned, and Allison secured a try and Ward failed in the kick. This was followed by another try by Ward but the kick also failed. Half time was then called. After half time the Victorians seemed to be too much for the Rangers, and the passing by the Victoria backs was much better. Sinclair made a very good try at goal from the field but failed to score, shortly after Kenuing secured a two tries in quick succession, but the kicks failed, another try by Sinclair which was also unsuccessful. The Rangers appeared to have lost heart, and another try by Ward which Coombe converted into goal. For the Victoria team besides those mentioned the following played well, Kennedy, Hugowin, Coombe and Rogers. For the visitors, Braumnur, Hirsch. Barkley and Forrest were the most conspicuous. The Cowichan team was as follows; Marsh, back; Maitland, Dougall, Good, Barkley, three-quarters; Hirsch, Bolton, half-back, Braumner, Forrest, Bickmore, Taylor, Smith, Green, McCarty, Pettigrue, Lewis, Clarke, forwards.

NOTES.

The foot-ball match played at Beacon Hill, yesterday, between the Christ Church Choir and the loy clubs, resulted in a victory for the loys, by 1 goal to nothing.

THE TURF.

The matched race for $100 a side between Sangster's b. g. "Diamond and McNiel's b. g. "Dick Three Times", drew a crowd of sports to the Driving Park yesterday afternoon. Both bays proved fast and easy travellers, in the three minute class, although "Diamond" had little difficulty in winning race and money, in two straight heats. Time, 3. 07, 3. 06.

PERSONAL.

Capt. J. D. Warren returned from Puget Sound yesterday morning.

Mrs. David Kurtz is dangerously ill.

Right Rev. Bishop Lemmens returned from Vancouver, W. T., yesterday morning.

Rev. P. F. McLeod left for Nanaimo yesterday to open the new Presbyterian Church in that city to-day.

Cowper Newbury and F. Chadwick, of the postal service, left yesterday morning for a week's sport at Cowichan.

W. H. Stevens and wife of Chatham, Ont., are at the Driard.

W. H. Mead, western agent of the Royal Route, Portland, is at the Driard.

Charles A. Hanson, of Montreal, is registered at the Driard.

Lord Ennismore has, we are requested to say, had a relapse which was considered sufficiently serious to call for a special consultation yesterday. The relapse causes anxiety chiefly on account of the great prostration of the patient, who has been battling against a severe form of typhoid fever for some weeks, but it is hoped by his medical attendants that with attention, and the good nursing he receives at St. Joseph's, he may recover. At a late hour last night he was resting more quietly and had less fever.

SUPREME COURT.

(Before Hon. Justice Crease.)

Yesterday morning an application was made on a *habeas corpus* by Mr. W. J. Taylor for the release of August Meanatant, Henrith Vilhelmson, Henry Redfern and Thomas Curran, four seamen of the ship Kaisow, who were recently convicted and imprisoned for desertion.

His lordship decided that the men were illegally imprisoned, as the ship's articles were defective and not intelligible and their imprisonment under the warrants of commitments was not lawful. An order was granted for their immediate release.

Of Great Utility.

There is no other medicine of such general usefulness in the household as Hagyard's Yellow Oil for the cure of rheumatism, neuralgia, sore throat and all internal and external pains and injuries. tts

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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Convalescing.

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Austin will be gratified to hear that the remaining children who have been ill with diphtheria are now out of danger and in a fair way toward recovery.

The New Steamer.

The new Clyde built steamer Islander, which is shortly to be put on the C.P.N. Co.'s service, arrived in San Francisco yesterday morning, having made exceptionally good time across. She leaves San Francisco for Victoria, in company with the Umatilla, on Friday.

Waiting for the Crew.

The bark Guinevere is still at anchor near the outer wharf waiting for a crew. The bark Johanna Augusta arrived in the roads yesterday from Moodyville in tow of the Alexander, lumber laden for Montevideo. She is now at anchor in the roads and will sail as soon as she gets a crew on board.

Fell with a Crash.

The whole of the Lovell block on Water street, Vancouver, fell with a crash yesterday morning, and is now a heap of ruins. The building was in process of construction, and some of the foundations being weak, gave way, letting the walls at one end fall. This weakened the remainder, so that the entire structure collapsed.

Too Cold to be Pleasant.

A seafaring man, belonging to the bark Guinevere, while suffering from an attack of temporary paralysis of the organs of locomotion, caused by excessive indulgence in raspberry syrup and Bourbon, fell into the water at the city landing, foot of Yates street, yesterday afternoon, while the captain was trying to persuade him to enter the boat sent over by the ship. He was fished out, none the worse for his bath.

"The Children"

must surely be pleased if they wake up on Xmas morning and find their stockings filled with toys and presents selected from that enormous and handsome stock on view at the GOLDEN RULE BAZAAR. They have 954 DOLLS of all shapes, sizes and prices, which cannot fail to please. Innumerable small toys, horses, cows, pigs, etc., trains, steam engines, wagons, barrows, perambulators and——well, everything that tends to gladden the hearts of the young and old on Xmas morning. 5-1mo

Death of a Vancouver Alderman.

Ald. Joseph Humphries died at Vancouver at 4 o'clock on Sunday morning of inflammation of the bowels. The deceased, who had been ill for some weeks past, had been a resident of the province since 1862. He was aged 56 years and represented Ward Two in the Vancouver council, being also a candidate for re-election at the approaching municipal contest. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity, under whose auspices the funeral will take place. The deceased, who was worth a good deal of property, died intestate.

Church Dedication at Nanaimo.

Dedication services were held in the New St. Andrew's (Presbyterian) church, Nanaimo, on Sunday last. The morning services were conducted by Rev. R. Jamieson, Westminster, who organized the congregation twenty-three years ago, and was its first pastor for three years. The meeting in the afternoon was taken charge of by Rev. Jas. Miller, the present pastor, and in the evening by the Rev. P. McF. McLeod, of this city. The services were all well attended, and the collections very liberal. The new church is a handsome building of wood, upon a stone foundation. It will hold three hundred people, and cost over four thousand dollars. Rev. Mr. Miller and his people are to be congratulated on the progress of their good work in Nanaimo.

A Cowardly Rough.

On Saturday last Conductor Black, of the E. & N. railway, had on board a passenger named Percival, on the out trip, who was not provided with a ticket and who only consented to pay his fare after indulging in a great deal of bad language. On arriving at Wellington, Conductor Black left the train, and was walking up the street, when the undesirable passenger ran against him with considerable force, evidently intentionally. Seeing how matters stood the conductor turned and administered a stinging blow, which knocked his assailant down. As he was falling he struck at the conductor, who received the blow on his arm. A moment later the arm commenced to pain, and investigation showed that a deep knife wound had been inflicted. The cowardly assailant was promptly arrested and lodged in the lock-up at Wellington.

Counterfeit $5 B. N. A. Bills.

Numbers of five-dollar bills on the bank of British North America are floating about in Canada. They have check letter D on them and are dated July 5, 1877. The face of the Queen, at the right of the note, is poorly executed. Eyes have an outward cast; outlines of nose and mouth imperfect. At lower left, Britannia with trident is poorly engraved, and a white line appears around the lower portion of the shield, which does not on the genuine; also at left centre, under the word "incorporated," is a blank space, while on the genuine note two curved lines appear, which are omitted on the counterfeit. On the back of the counterfeit note in the words Bank of British, the letters "of" are irregular. Note is about one-eighth of an inch shorter than genuine. Paper fair, and is very likely to deceive. The public should bear in mind that the Bank of British North America have no issue of five-dollar notes so late back as 1877, as their issues have been withcalled twice since that date. The bank is now issuing five-dollar notes from a new plate, having a large portrait of the Queen in the centre. Note this point.

"Ganged Awa."

About eighteen months ago there came to Victoria from over the line, a gentleman who was known by the historical name of John Brown. Brown, shortly after his advent in the city, opened a hat and fur store on Government street, near the post office, where he apparently did a profitable business. His goods were purchased on credit from English and Canadian houses, and payments were always made regularly and exactly. Of late "Brown, the hatter," has been observed to be acting in a manner rather peculiar for a steady business man, and the fact that yesterday the shutters were not taken down, and the gas burned dimly in the back shop during the day, led to the conclusion that he had left for fresh fields of labor. It is supposed that he departed on the Sound steamer yesterday morning, to join his wife in Portland, Ore., having shipped a quantity of goods to Portland about two weeks ago; and "raised" a considerable amount of money from city pawnbrokers, leaving new stock in pledge for about one-fifth of its value.

Mr. Brown's city creditors were very few, and the amount of their accounts in all will not exceed $100. Several English and Canadian houses will, however, be less fortunate, having given him credit on numerous large bills, for which, it is thought there is little to show in the store.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

Royal Jubilee Hospital.

Mr. John Teague, architect, invites revised tenders up to noon of Saturday, 8th inst., for the construction of the Royal Jubilee Hospital. Whole tenders will only be received, and the committee do not bind themselves to accept any tender.

Sank at the Wharf.

The steamer Lottie which has been laid up for a week or more, alongside of the old Otter, at Spratt's wharf, became entangled with the Otter, at low tide on Sunday, and filled with water when the tide came in. The pumps were put to work last evening, and the little steamer once more floated this morning. She leaves for Nanaimo to-day.

Mysterious Disappearance.

A Barkerville despatch of yesterday states that Mr. W. M. Polmere, an old resident on Keithley Creek, told his friends recently that it would be the last they would see of him. He voted in the Dominion election, made a bill of sale of his claim, gave away his watch, made a bundle of his books and albums, directed them to a young lady in Barkerville and disappeared. A party have been out hunting him for a week, but found no traces of him. The worst results are feared.

Magnificent Passenger Steamer.

It is stated in Puget Sound steamboat circles that Capt. Jas. Carroll proposes to build and equip a magnificent excursion steamer to run on the Alaskan route, and that Henry Villard is interested in the scheme. The vessel is to cost about $600,000. She will be 350 feet long and 50 beam, a twin-screw propeller with two triple-compound engines. Her chief distinguishing feature is to be a crystal saloon on the hurricane deck, 200 feet in length, heated by steam, so that the passengers can promenade under cover and in comfort, and still enjoy a magnificent view of the scenery. The steamer will make about two round trips per month, and she will be richly equipped so as to please the most fastidious taste and requirements of affluent excursionists.

Carthew-Pratt.

A very quiet and very happy wedding was celebrated at the residence of Mrs. A. Allen, Rupert street, last evening, the contracting parties being J. A. Carthew, manager of the new North Pacific Canning Company, and Miss Carrie E. Pratt, second daughter of Allen S. Pratt. The bride was supported by her friend Miss Nellie Parks, while Mr. A. G. McCandless acted as best man. The happy knot was tied by Rev. Dr. Reid, and after a bountiful wedding supper the guests dispersed, wishing the happy young people long life and happiness in their wedded life. Mr. and Mrs. Carthew left to-day for Vancouver, where they will spend a few days before proceeding to Nanaimo and Comox where the balance of the ten days honeymoon will be spent. The COLONIST also extends the warmest congratulations.

At Home.

Last evening some two hundred happy young people filled the cheerful and home-like rooms of the Y. M. C. A., on Broad street, the occasion being an "At home," given by the Young People's Literary Society of the First Presbyterian Church. No trouble was spared to make everybody feel "at home," and thoroughly enjoy the evening. The programme consisted of a song by Miss Jamieson; recitation, Miss McKenzie; song, Mr. Brown; quartette, "Homeward Bound," Misses Stevens and Netherby, Messrs. Brown and Leddingham; recitation, Mr. Jones; quartette, Messrs. Meston, Brown, Leddingham and Grant; recitation, Miss Netherby. During the evening refreshments, both delicate and substantial, were served and the gathering broke up shortly after ten o'clock, with everybody in the best of good humor.

TOWN TOPICS TERSELY TOLD.

Local and General Happenings Gathered Up and Presented in Readable Shape.

The Isabel took supplies up to the Comox mines yesterday.

About 200 feet more metal will complete the repairs on the Esquimalt road, when it will be in first class condition.

The repairs to the steamer Lilly will be complete about the end of the present week, when she will leave for the west coast.

Ah Jim, Chinese, was convicted in the police court yesterday of supplying liquor to Indians and sent up for three months.

Mr. William Wise was the fortunate winner of a magnificent plush dressing-case at M. W. Waitt & Co.'s music store on Saturday night.

Two Indians, charged with being drunk, graced—or disgraced—the police court yesterday. The one was fined $26, and the other escaped with instructions to sin no more.

Workmen began laying the rails on the railway into Comox mines yesterday. It is expected work will be completed and trains running by the first of January.

Mr. A. A. Aaronson, the Johnson street pawnbroker, was made the recipient of a gold-headed cane on Saturday evening in recognition of his services in capturing the Chinese jewelry thief.

Ald. Fenwill was summoned to appear in the police court yesterday morning, to answer to a charge of violating the city fire limits by-law by erecting a frame building, contrary to the city law. The case was laid over till to-day.

The steamer Isabel, having been put in thoroughly good condition, left on her trial trip to Comox yesterday via Departure Bay. Mr. Russell, on whose designs the engines were constructed, is on board to watch their working during the trip.

Three handsome India ink portraits from the studio of Mr. J. Savannah, are on exhibition in the window of Jamieson's bookstore. They are excellent likenesses of the late Wm. Bayblould, M.P.P. of Nanaimo, Postmaster Noah Shakespeare, and Mrs. Shakespeare.

Hot air furnaces have been placed in the Pandora street Methodist church by Messrs McLellan & McFeeley, agents for Claire & Co., Preston. They have also contracted to place similar furnaces in the Gorge Road and First Presbyterian churches.

On Monday last Mr. Mitchell, a plasterer of Duncan's station, was attacked by a vicious steer which broke away from the Indians who had it in their charge. The furious animal tossed Mr. Mitchell in the air, landing him some thirty feet away. Fortunately he was not seriously injured in any way.

Application was made yesterday by Mr. F. G. Walker, counsel for Dr. Griffin, to his lordship, Sir M. B. Begbie, to have the doctor's removal to the provincial penitentiary deferred for two weeks, during which time the legal points raised by Mr. Walker at the trial can be argued.

In a Dreadful Condition.

Hattie E. Manthorn, of Mill Village, Ont., says, "My cough was dreadful, I could not sleep at nights on account of it, but when I used Hagyard's Pectoral Balsam I had rest and was quickly cured." All druggists sell this invaluable cough remedy. tts

Grand Results.

For several years R. M. Brown, of Kincardine, suffered from Dyspepsia, he says he tried several physicians and a host of remedies without relief. His druggist recommended B. B. B. which he declares produced "grand results," for which he gives it his highest recommendation. tts

SUPREME COURT.

(Before Sir M. B. Begbie, C. J., Mr. Justice Crease, and Mr. Justice Gray.)

The publishers of the *Daily Times* were summoned to appear before the Supreme Court at noon yesterday, to show cause why they should not be committed for contempt of court, in the publication of certain articles in the issues of the 24th and 26th ultimo, reflecting upon the propriety of a judgment delivered by his lordship, the chief justice, and insinuating that anyone wishing to obtain justice in a British Columbia court should bribe the judge.

Mr. Theodore Davie, Q. C., and Mr. Taylor, were present, and Mr. S. Perry Mills appeared for the publishers of the *Times*.

The registrar announced the charge as Reg. *v.* Templeman, in the matter of a ruling of the court calling on Mr. Templeman to show cause why he should not be committed for contempt in the publication of the articles referred to.

Mr. Mills—My lords, I appear on behalf of Mr. Templeman. I think the course I have to pursue will—

The registrar interrupted to read the ruling in full, giving particulars of the contempt which Mr. Templeman, as managing editor and one of the trustees of the *Times* Publishing Company, was called to explain.

Mr. Mills—May it please your lordship. In the first place I wish to state that Mr. John Grant, at this time, and Mr. J. C. McLagan are not trustees of the company called the *Times* Publishing Company. Mr. Grant resigned that position some three years ago. They were the provisional trustees required by the act under which the company was incorporated, but Mr. Grant withdrew. This, the public were well aware of from his own statements, in public, in the council chamber and on the floor of the local house. I would not have mentioned this were it not for the case that is to be tried before your lordship next Friday. In fact I think it would have been much better for Mr. Theodore Davie to have allowed this matter to be brought to your attention by some other counsel.

Mr. Justice Crease—Mr. Grant's name was not mentioned except incidentally. When this matter was brought to my notice I asked who were the trustees of the *Times*.

Mr. Mills, continuing—In reference to Mr. McLagan, he has no connection with the *Times*, nor has he had for some time. In the first place, Mr. Templeman is a trustee. Next, I wish to state that Mr. Templeman did not write the items complained of, and when they were in print, he did not pay much attention to them. When the attention of the court was called to the matter, Mr. Templeman examined the items and he found that they did cast a reflection on his lordship and the administration of justice. He came down at once to my office and asked me if I thought it would be right for him to go at once and express his regret to the judges. Mr. Templeman then went to Mr. Crease and expressed his regret at what had appeared in the pa