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For San Francisco. The following passengers left on the steamer Queen, for San Francisco, yesterday morning: Mrs. Jamieson, Geo. F. Doane, W. H. McKerrow, Mrs. Flora Easton, R. H. Bennett, A. Crain, James Melrose, and J. H. Shanks and wife.

Gun Accident. J. H. Rudd, son of J. W. Rudd, of Preston Island, was brought to town yesterday for medical treatment. While shooting on Monday morning, he had his left hand accidentally blown off, or so seriously shattered that it is feared amputation will be necessary.

Christmas Numbers. Messrs. T. N. Hibben & Co. have laid on the editorial table copies of the Christmas numbers of the Illustrated London News and Graphic. Both publications are fully up to the high standard of excellence which has been the rule with these papers for years.

Nurses' Training School. The training school for nurses in connection with the Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital will be formally inaugurated at 3 o'clock this afternoon, when a programme will be delivered by the President, Mr. Joshua Davies; Hon. Dr. Helmecken and others.

Another Wash-Out. The Wellington train did not leave the station here, yesterday morning, until after ten o'clock, in consequence of another wash-out on the line, not many miles from Victoria. The damage was temporarily repaired so as to permit the train passing over the line. Men were engaged in putting matters right, yesterday afternoon, but this morning's northbound train will not leave until 10.15.

A Reasonable Entertainment. The Christmas anniversary in connection with the Methodist church at Victoria West, will be held in the Temperance Hall, Craigflower road, on Monday, December 22nd. In the afternoon a programme will be held by the Ladies' Aid, at which a full display of all lines of Christmas presents—fancy work, dolls, books, toys, shippers, etc.—will be shown. In the evening, an entertainment, consisting of a programme and a Christmas tree, will be given by the Sabbath school, commencing at 8 o'clock.

Funeral of Wm. E. Patton. The funeral of the late William Patton, who was killed by a fall from the scaffolding on which he was working at the new residence of Mr. James Dunsmuir, took place yesterday afternoon, very many attending. The services were held at the residence of Mr. Patton, and the body was conveyed to Ross Bay cemetery, where the interment took place. The pallbearers were E. Boland, G. S. Carter, H. Dowsett, H. Catteral, S. Rutter, and J. Collins.

The Chinese Trouble. Yesterday morning, the adjourned case of Ng Yee, one of the two women arrested two weeks ago on the charge of procuring young girls, was heard in the police court, before Mr. Belyea, P. M. Mr. J. S. Walker appeared for the defence, and after a short hearing, his client was discharged. Now that the case is over, it may be noted that the emphatic opinions expressed in the Colonist as to the guilt of Ah Yoh, and the innocence of the woman, are also the opinions held by the Police Magistrate. The former was committed and the latter set free.

The License was Granted. Mr. Wilson Brown and Mr. John Sinclair, J. P., sat as a board of licensing commissioners at the school-house, near the Royal Oak, yesterday, and heard the application of Messrs. Close & Berry for a retail license for the Oak Bay pavilion. Against the granting of the license, a formidable petition was presented by C. P. Wooley, the Oak Bay Improvement Co., J. D. Pemberton, C. Doucet, G. A. Vernon, H. Dumbleton, Alan S. Dumbleton, H. D. Gerrard, B. W. Pearce, D. W. Higgins, W. R. Wilson and others, who urged that the granting of a license would be prejudicial to the interests of the district as likely to attract a undesirable class of visitors. The license was granted.

His Smile is Not so Broad Now. About a week ago, Mr. C. McAlpine, proprietor of the Western hotel, employed as bartender a young man who rejoiced in the suggestive nickname of Smiling Alfred. He was a good man at this work but uncommonly fond of the alluring charms of Black Jack. On Saturday last, he left the hotel, and about \$130, belonging to the house, went with him. The police were notified, and yesterday, Sergeant Langley caught him at 467 Yates street, where his friend, Mr. Johnston resides, and where it was thought he was in hiding. His friends now offer to make up his shortage, and it is very possible that the case may be dropped.

A Case of Insanity. An agitated individual, giving his name Nicholas Skilleen Boland, and his address as 14 Humboldt street, entered the office of the provincial police, yesterday morning, and complained to Sergeant Langley that a number of men were conspiring to murder him. He stated that he had been told that his name was on a list of those who were to be murdered. He was taken to the police station, where he was examined by a doctor, who found him to be insane. He is now being treated in the lunatic asylum.

St. Barnabas Church Hoaxed. The second bazaar in aid of the St. Barnabas Church building and organ fund, which was held in the Cathedral Sunday school-room, and proved a source of great attraction. The room was most tastefully decorated with flags, gay bunting, and Christmas trees, and the programme was a very successful one. The proceeds of the bazaar were \$1,000.00.

Football. Toronto, Dec. 15.—A London cable says the Canadian-Americans played football at Burnside, yesterday, against the Burnside Football Club. The game was a very close one, and was decided by two goals to none.

The Royal Commissioners. The large number of people who assembled in the court room, yesterday morning, to hear the conclusion at which the Commissioners had arrived, were deemed to be disappointed. The Chief Justice explained that as the evidence had not yet been presented, it would be impossible for counsel on either side to argue coherently on the subject. He, therefore, ordered the court adjourned until next Thursday morning, when it was probable that the printing would be completed.

Sons of St. George. Columbia Lodge, No. 355, held its regular meeting last evening, with W. President J. Moore in the chair. Considerable business was transacted, after which Mr. Hobbs was introduced into the company by the society, to be the subject of a paper on the subject of the society's work. The paper was read by Mr. Fullerton, and received the degree of Knighthood. There were six propositions tabled. The lodge expressed its intention of taking part in the entertainment to be given under the auspices of the society during Xmas week. D. D. W. G. P. Wm. E. Ottaway addressed the lodge in reference to the Daughtership of St. George shortly to be initiated.

Editorial Evidence. GENTLEMEN—Your Hagar's Yellow Pills is worth its weight in gold for both internal and external use. During the late La Grippe epidemic we found a most excellent preventive and a most reliable cure. There is nothing to equal it.

Wm. E. HARRISON, Reporter, Delhi, Ont. The preparation of the Market Building for the concert on Saturday, has been already taken in hand.

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A Big Mail. Forty bags of mail came over on the Islander, from the Mainland last night.

Died in California. Word has been received of the death on Tuesday night, at El Paso de Robles, California, of a son of Mr. G. Bossi, of this city, a young man in his thirtieth year. The family were notified, and the body will be brought to Victoria for burial.

Complaints Must be Filed by Saturday. In another column will be found a notice, signed by the Mayor, calling attention to the fact that any notices of complaint against the voters' list for the election of Mayor and Aldermen for the ensuing year must be filed not later than Saturday, to be entertained.

A. F. and A. M. At a regular communication of Vancouver and Quadra Lodge, No. 2, A. F. & A. M., held last evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: J. E. Phillips, W. M., re-elected; A. B. Erskine, S. W.; J. F. Becker, treasurer, (18th time re-elected); R. A. Brown, secretary, re-elected.

Still Smiling. When the case against Albert Werther, charged with stealing a watch from the police court, Albert rose smiling; he confessed his guilt, still smiling, and smilingly asked that the case be at once disposed of. The magistrate sentenced him to five months in the reformatory, and Albert bowed, smiled, and withdrew.

The Iolanthe Club Social. Another night of pleasure was afforded by the Iolanthe Social Club, who gave one of their much enjoyed parties at Harmony Hall, last evening. Between twenty and thirty couples were present, and Bantley's family orchestra furnished the musical programme, which included sixteen of the latest and most popular dances.

A Case of Glanders. During the course of an inspecting tour, Mr. Frederick S. Roper, inspector of contagious diseases, discovered a case of acute glanders in a animal belonging to Mr. Henry Butter, on Store street, and, having the case examined and the animal destroyed, Mr. S. F. Tolinie, vet. surgeon, caused its immediate destruction and a thorough disinfection of the stable.

On an Important Mission. Alexander Beggs, Canadian Officer commiseration, left, yesterday, for Seattle and Tacoma, to procure information as to the manager of shipping fresh fish by the cold storage plan. The Croftons, he is expected to have large quantities of halibut and cod to ship to the Eastern markets when they are properly settled in their new home, and he is anxious to learn exactly what his required for the profitable shipment of fish. This he expects to acquire from the experience of Sound fishermen.

The Assessment Appeal. The decision in the appeal case of Messrs. Wilson and Dalby against the City, was rendered, yesterday, by Mr. Justice Drake. It was in substance in favor of the applicants, the assessment on lot 1,269 being reduced from \$48,000 to \$36,500, and on Lot 2,262 from \$40,000 to \$30,000. Mr. Justice also pointed out that the city had no right to assess on improvements, and all such assessments were illegal. The full decision, which is a most interesting one, and which will have very great interest effect on municipal assessment matters, is unavoidably held over on account of want of space.

Y.M.C.A. Concert. Another pleasant evening was spent in the Y.M.C.A. rooms last night, when a social and musical entertainment was given by the Ladies Auxiliary. The rooms were well filled, and the programme, which was a creditable one to those taking part in it, was as follows:

Part I. Duets: Mrs. Hall, Miss Berridge; Mrs. G. A. Vernon, Miss Spencer; Recitation: Mr. Outhbert; Song: Miss Spencer.

Part II. Duets: The Misses Van Volkenburg; Song: Mr. Booth; Piano solo: Mrs. Solly; Piano: Mrs. Penwell.

McKee Rankin. Last night McKee Rankin presented his "Canuck," at the Victoria theatre, to a fair house, and the production was a splendid success. From start to finish the play the interest was sustained, and never once did the audience show a sign of anything but the warmest approval of the efforts of the performers. The play, the plot of which was fully described in these columns, yesterday, is an excellent one, and the manner in which it was acted, last night, fully bore out the reputation that has preceded it and the company. Mr. McKee Rankin, himself, on whom falls the main interest of the piece, played in his own inimitable style, and succeeded in imitating the English dialect of the habitant to perfection. Unfortunately the character of the play is not so good as that of the actor, and the play is not so good as the actor. Mr. McKee Rankin, himself, on whom falls the main interest of the piece, played in his own inimitable style, and succeeded in imitating the English dialect of the habitant to perfection.

Chinese Thieves. Sergeants Hawton and Walker, last night, placed under arrest Ng Ah Dick and Yung Bow on a charge of housebreaking. Within the last few weeks no less than eight stores have been broken into, and in each instance a fair haul was made by the burglars. That the thefts were the work of an organized gang was evident from the sameness of the process adopted to effect an entrance. The panels of the doors or sashes of the windows were in every case broken with a three-quarter inch auger and the force of the arm. At the Leland House and at Carpenter's store, the police found traces of Chinamen, their peculiar footprints being discovered in the soft earth. Up to yesterday, however, the authorities were baffled. Ah Jim, a Chinese vagrant, now in the lock-up, furnished the clue. The court interpreter was called in, and elicited such information from the vagrant (who has put in ten years of penitentiary life) that the men and the stolen goods could be located. He named Ng Ah Dick and Yung Bow as likely to know all about it. Hawton and Walker proceeded to the abodes of those worthless, and were rewarded by finding their men and the auger with which they worked. It was an ordinary bit, broken short, and fitted into a handle, which was fast to Yung-ton. It directed exactly the holes made in

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Artillery Salutes. The Number of Guns the Various Dignitaries Are Entitled To Salute with Cannon is a certain number of guns fired in honor of a person, to celebrate an event or to show respect to the flag of a country, says the Boston Globe.

The Revolt. Messrs. Crossley and Hunter here next week their services of prayer here next week, and it is probable that they will then visit Portland.

City Council. The usual weekly meeting of the City Council, called for last evening, fell through for want of a quorum. The members in attendance were the Mayor, Ald. McKillop, Holland and Coughlan. A meeting will be called for this evening.

Petty Burglaries. Scarcely a night passes that some petty burglary is not reported to the police. The latest victim is police Magistrate Belyea, one of whose out-houses was broken into and a lot of carpenter's and gardener's tools carried off.

Working a Cure. The young man Gilman, for four months a prisoner at the provincial jail, is being cured of his appetite for morphine. He now does without the drug and does not ask for it. Whether the opium will return when he leaves the jail, remains to be seen.

Still Powerless. Almost a year ago, Mr. Gabriel, a painter, fell from a scaffolding in the Bank of C. C., where he was at work, and received injuries to his spine, which have kept him confined to a cot at St. Joseph's hospital ever since. He was moved to his home, yesterday, and the doctor says his recovery of health and strength can never be hoped for.

Amusements. The Imperial Stock Coy., with few exceptions, made pleasing impressions and were particularly successful in winning applause from a critical audience, last night, in "The Two Orphans," and they may always be sure of a royal welcome from the patrons of the Imperial Theatre. Miss Dalgleish, as "Henrietta," again captivated the audience by her natural conception of her part. Miss Belmore in her double part, as "Countess Lequiere" and "Marianne," was as usual successful in her fine and expressive representation of these parts. Mr. C. M. Gray as "Pierrot" was again splendid in his punniness. Mr. Belmore was as appropriate and vigorous as ever in his rendition of "Pierrot Fouchard." To-night, the greatest of Irish dramas, "Colleen Bawn," will be played, the company appearing in full strength.

LOVE'S QUEER PRANKS. A Young Frenchman Plays Spy Upon His Countrymen. For some time the course of true love had run very smoothly between a young Paris shopman and an apprenticed milliner, says the London Telegraph, and a marriage was arranged between the two. Parental consent had been obtained on both sides; banns were published daily at the mayor's office, and everything was being made ready for the eventful day, when the lover took it into his head to make a private inquiry into his own account. He resolved, in fact, to find out some of the past history of his betrothed, and for this purpose he disguised himself by means of false whiskers, a mustache and decided to appeal to the concierge or porter of the dwelling wherein the young lady resided. He set to work badly, however, and his first step as an amateur detective betrayed him. He went to the porter and that functionary's lady who stands by the fire and is a keen empiricist. Having told him that the lady whom he mentioned did not live in the place they asked him who he was. He replied, hesitatingly: "An official from the prefecture of police," and then left hastily. The porter stepped out of his lodge, doctored the sham deceiver down the street and had him arrested by a policeman. At the police station the amateur was obliged to tell everything and was discharged with an admonition from the commissary.

Women in Street Cars. A Washington street car conductor said recently: "Women behave like idiots on street cars. If a woman wants to get off from a crowded car she lifts one hand slightly from her lap and holds it in a limp attitude, which she imagines is a gesture of politeness. Unfortunately the conductor sees this from the platform through a number of people standing she gives the paw a sort of waggle. This usually excites the attention of some man by her, who asks her if she wants the car to stop and pulls the strap. It is the same way when a woman desires to get aboard. Usually she stands stock still at the side of the road and doesn't make a motion, though possibly she may turn up one hand slightly from the wrist as a signal, or even waggle it in a feeble way, until the driver asks her if she wants to ride. Of course, this notion is that it is the ladylike way. Four women out of five have an inclination to jump off before the car stops, which the conductor has to restrain by placing his arm in the way."

Aggravated Cases. An absent-minded woman in this town started down street the other day, says the Fairfield (Me.) Journal, and slipped and fell flat. In recovering herself she got turned around and started back home. She is a cousin of a woman who started to prepare the evening meal recently when she sneezed, and upon recovering thought she was "doing up" the supper dishes. She put everything away nicely and sat down for a quiet evening.

It Seemed Well. It took two bottles of Hagar's Pectoral Balsam, and it cured me of bronchitis and tightness of the chest after other things had failed. I have also tried B. B. H. works splendidly for weakness and headache. SAMUEL LANGRISH, Boston, Mass.

Francis Stephens, commonly known as the "Night Hawk" was fast to get for vagrancy in yesterday's police court.

ROUGH ON CATS.

A Novel Invention by Which They Are Captured. The inventor of a Man of Genus Who Has an Intense Dislike for the Felinae Race—No More Back-Yard Concerts.

The only Keely's motor is still in the other, but the inventive genius of Philadelphia has not ceased to burn brightly. A Philadelphia mechanician, John J. Chastaway, has invented a device for capturing feline miscreants. Quicker than the comfort of a Philadelphia, but the Quaker cats have not as yet learned to mitigate their nocturnal concerts or to temper their loveless lay. They patrol the fence and the back yards with the noisy vehemence of their kind, and protesting Philadelphia waves its night-cap and shouts and screams in vain. But the researchers of the ingenious Mr. Chastaway have shown how to bell the cat. The part of the town in which he lives, so writes an enthusiast in the Philadelphia Times, "is the arena for all the love-making toms and tabbies in the neighborhood. On his back fence and on the back fences of all his neighbors it has been the nightly custom, rain or shine; for hundreds of nocturnal prowlers to congregate and there hold discordant revel." 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