

NORTH WARD SCHOOL.

The Trustees Will Ask the City Council to Hold a Thorough Investigation.

Repairs to the Building Promised to Be Completed in Another Week.

The board of public school trustees met yesterday afternoon for the purpose of hearing the report of the committee appointed to suggest the best means of holding an investigation to fix the responsibility for the defects in the North Ward school building.

This committee, which was composed of Trustees Belyea and Yates, handed in a written report as follows: "Your committee find that this board has no power to summon persons before it or to administer oaths to witnesses, nor do the public school act or regulations give the board any special power in such cases as the present.

As the Chairman remarked, it was highly desirable that a thorough investigation should be made, and this could not be done by the school trustees as they have no power to compel the attendance of witnesses or to administer oaths.

Accordingly Mr. McKicking moved, seconded by Trustee Mrs. Grant, that a copy of the report be forwarded to the city council with the request that they hold an investigation.

Mr. W. Ridgway Wilson, who was present, reported the alterations at the North Ward school progressing satisfactorily and that the work would be completed another week, he hoped, at a cost not exceeding \$1,000.

The overcrowded condition of the fourth division of the Spring Ridge school was pointed out by the principal, Mr. Doran, who stated that there were seventy-one children enrolled in that division with an attendance of sixty-eight.

It was decided that Miss Russell take charge of division VIII of the Girls' Central for the present term, Miss Shrapnel being transferred from division VIII to VII, and Miss Christie from division VII to VI.

Permission was granted to Miss Cameron, principal of the South Park school, to allow the assembly room in that school to be used for the purpose of having ten-lecture courses, the proceeds to be devoted to the formation of a school library.

Before the meeting adjourned the chairman stated that it was satisfactory to know that the attendance of the North Ward classes was very good. Principal McNeill having reported no falling off in the number of pupils.

THE FLAGSHIP RETURNING.

Contrary to expectations based upon the announcement that the flagship received scarcely any injury through touching bottom at Nanaimo, the ship was found to be damaged to a considerable extent.

The long overdue Drumcraig was towed into Vancouver yesterday, having left Barclay Creek, Cardiff, on the 29th of January last and not been heard of until her arrival at Tacoma. She has pipe, coal, brick, rails, coke, fish plates, nuts and bolts, for Messrs. Evans, Coleman and Evans. Bad weather caused her delay.

The steamsip Evandale left Yokohama for Victoria on the 23rd inst., with a full cargo of tea for the Northern Pacific company. This is her second trip across the Pacific, and this time as before she is under contract for the company's trip only.

Yesterday the steamer's first run to Sooke in place of the Rainbow, which is now idle. She brought back as passengers Mrs. D. E. Harris and family, Mrs. E. H. Jameson and family, A. Gattell, and Fred Ella.

MR. TARTE CHANGES.

A sudden change seems to have come over Hon. Mr. Tarte, minister of public works, judging from a telegram which Dr. Milne received in Ottawa yesterday afternoon. It was from Senator McInnes and read as follows: "Have prevailed on Mr. Tarte to allow temporary bridge to be built."

Just what has caused this change is not made public. The messages which have passed between the city and the Dominion government in connection with the bridge lately have been kept a profound secret as far as possible, nor could a copy of Mr. Tarte's letter objecting to the bridge be secured for publication yesterday. The Mayor, while declining to give out any information as to what had passed, stated that he had not received any official intimation from Ottawa that the objection to the bridge had been withdrawn.

THE CITY.

STATE Deputy Commander J. A. Orchard, of Washington, of the Knights of the Macabees, has arrived in this city to inspect Victoria, Tent, No. 2. He will give a public lecture on the aims and objects of the Knights and Ladies of the Macabees and also hold a special meeting of the tent. Notice of the lecture will be given later and everybody will be made welcome.

The members of Seghers Council, Young Men's Institute, are busy preparing for their annual picnic at Sidney on Labor day, September 7. Banding, afternoon and evening, single and double scull (stationary seats) boat races, and running races for all, are a few of the entertainments, while a lacrosse match will furnish fun for the lovers of the national game.

Mr. LEO BRADLEY, F.V.O.M., London (England), has been appointed organist and director of the choir of St. John's church. Mr. Bradley has already made a good reputation in Victoria and shown himself to be thoroughly versed in church music with a knowledge and skill in the manipulation of the organ, a successful choir trainer, and an excellent teacher of music. He enters on his duties at once.

A TRAM car on the Esquimalt road jumped the track opposite Col. Baker's residence yesterday morning and landed in a ditch close by. It was in charge of Messrs. Dumcaife and Beckwell, who, escaping serious injury, were more or less cut and bruised. They fortunately happened to be the only ones on the car, and apart from them the only damage sustained was a broken platform.

SAMUEL SMITH, who distinguished himself on the opening day of the shooting season by bagging a pheasant within the city limits, was yesterday convicted and fined \$5 and costs by Police Magistrate Macrae. There were mitigating circumstances and His Honor took advantage of the recent amendment to the act by which he is allowed discretionary powers in the matter of penalty. Heretofore the minimum fine was \$25.

The memorandum of incorporation of a new mining company, to be known as the La Regina Gold Mining Co., limited liability, was filed yesterday. The capital stock is \$750,000 and the objects are to acquire and work La Regina mine near Rossland and to do a general mining business. The trustees named are Messrs. Hugh Macpherson, William Taylor and J. St. Clair Blackett, of Rossland, and E. H. Hewlings and R. L. Drury, of Victoria.

The Nitinat tribe were valuable contributors to the revenue of the city police court yesterday, all because of the purchase by several of their number of sundry bottles of whiskey disposed of by a Chinaman named Sam, who also was fined \$50 and three months in jail for his subject and namesake Sam, each fined \$25 and costs for being in possession; another tribesman contributed \$5 for drunkenness; and Captain Joe was taxed \$10 and costs for having assaulted one of the women of the company.

The residence of Senator McInnes on Michigan street was where the members of the Y.W.C.T.U. and their friends met last evening, the gathering being a very enjoyable social affair. The place was very prettily decorated and a well arranged program was given. The event was most enjoyable one. The entertainment was largely contributed to by Mrs. McCrady, Mr. Allan and Mrs. William Grant, and one of its fun making features was a game in which individual poetical inspiration was contracted. Refreshments were served and altogether the entertainment augured well for the success of similar occasions in the future.

A FINE legal point as to the rights which the city may exercise in connection with the use by the public of the E. & N. railway bridge, developed in the police court yesterday when a case of fast driving was brought forward under the by-law in this connection. For the defence Mr. W. H. Langley objected that the bridge being a private structure the city was in the position of merely a privileged trespasser, but could not impose conditions of use which would otherwise apply. The magistrate adjourned the information until Saturday next to look into it.

On Wednesday next the annual Provincial Convention of Presbyterian Sunday Schools will be held in the First Presbyterian church here. Delegates from all parts of the province will be in attendance. Rev. Mr. Logan, of Union, the convener, with five or six delegates representing the Northern section of the island, will arrive on the 30th of August, and will be met from the Mainland by Mr. J. A. Kueber, Lady Tells of Relief in Six Hours by the Use of South American Kidney Cure.

In a practical, everyday sense it might be said that this is still the age of miracles. At least in many cases where people have longed upon death, and their disease has been removed and they have been made whole. John Lee of Pembroke, Ont., says: "I was run down in flesh, had lost appetite, suffered intensely from indigestion, and feared final results would follow. The skill of several physicians and the use of many patent medicines resulted in no beneficial results. I was induced to try a bottle of South American Nervine Tonic, and continuing its use I am a new man to-day."

The success of the Labor day celebration to be held at the Caledonia Park on the afternoon of Monday, September 7, is now assured. The committee who have been canvassing for prizes have met with great success, the merchants and others contributing most liberally, and as yet only about half of the city has been gone over. Mr. J. C. Brown, of Westminster, who is known to be a champion of the cause of the laboring men, has been invited to be present and deliver an address; while other friends of labor will also speak. Final arrangements will be completed on Monday evening when the programme will be arranged. As the prizes will be numerous it will allow of an extensive list of

BACK FROM ALBERNI.

C. P. N. Steamer "Teas" Returns From Her First Trip to the West Coast.

A Short Visit to the Mines—Presentations by the Passengers to Capt. Irving.

The C.P.N. steamer Teas reached Victoria at 6 o'clock yesterday morning from her initial trip to Alberni, the passengers expressing themselves as delighted with the seaworthy qualities of the vessel and her steadiness at sea. Leaving here Friday, the Teas arrived at Alberni on Saturday night, and next day a visit was made to China Creek by the business men who went from Victoria to get a look at the mines.

At the Consolidated Alberni on Mineral Hill the tunnel is 130 feet, and the vein and ore are large and regular as it did in the shaft. An upraise is being made to tap the shaft. The work is being pushed night and day, and on the Missing Link, the additional claim, and other claims on Mineral Hill development work is going ahead, though time was too limited for a visit to more than one or two. The ten horse power boiler which was being made up for the Alberni will be placed in position at once.

Several astonished horses, taken completely by surprise, diverted attention momentarily from the attraction proper by executing stop dances and rearing for the fast mounting balloon with their forefeet—but they were soon brought under subjection and all eyes were riveted on the man in the air.

The wind was from the land and the balloons were blown about with unusual rapidity and careening considerably when a height had been reached at which the aeronaut resembled a small black kitten suspended by its tail.

It was at this juncture that the parachute was cut loose and the people held their united breath to see if it would open properly. It did, and worked very well in the descent, which was, however, a rapid one. The big umbrella fell near the shore, and the man worked his way to the bay, Miller jumping clear when about twenty feet from the surface. His object was to avoid the island, but unluckily he struck an outlying spur of rock and his ankle was painfully injured in consequence. It was a short swim to the island and there he and the parachute were picked up a few minutes later by A. Sarantis and D. Seferis with a row boat. The balloon fell further out by C. T. W. Piper.

On the whole the performance was a very satisfactory one and fully merited the generous applause accorded. The consensus of opinion seemed to be that the great appreciation of the city and policeman is not a happy one, and he fully deserved the glad hand as well as to wear the prefix "Professor" just as long as it pleased him.

It is very largely to the enterprise of Mr. Irving in providing reasonable entertainment for the public, Oak Bay has this summer firmly established itself as the most popular near-by resort to which Victorians and visitors repair for their recreation. More of this twice-a-week band concert—one of which was given last evening—have done much toward making the people acquainted with the beauties and attractions of the Bay, while such exhibitions as the one given yesterday, are a most creditable and profitable business with the steamer Teas.

FROM VICTORY TO VICTORY.

Fresh Triumphs of the Great South American Remedies—John Lee Made a New Man by South American Kidney Cure.

Twelve Years a Sufferer from Rheumatism—Mrs. F. Brawley Is Cured by South American Rheumatic Cure—A Quebec Lady Tells of Relief in Six Hours by the Use of South American Kidney Cure.

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This match will be played in the Caledonia park and will commence at 10 o'clock. All preparations are in active progress with the view of having the ground in perfect condition; it is now being mown close all over and a plentiful supply of water laid on the pitch. Tea will be supplied during the afternoon and the only charge made will be that for admission, which will be 25 cents. Members of the cricket club will be admitted free. This will undoubtedly be the greatest match of the season and should prove a very close one as the Victoria eleven is the strongest that has ever been got together by the club, which has been lately strengthened by the addition of two new members who have seen good cricket elsewhere. The team printed in yesterday's paper will leave town by the 10 o'clock car to-day to play the Navy at the Canteen grounds.

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NEWPORT, R. I., Aug. 26.—In the changing tennis contest yesterday R. D. Wrenn was the winner, beating F. H. Hovey 7-5, 3-6, 6-0, 1-6, 6-1.

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The foreman (Mr. G. O. Buchanan) replied that the subject had come up for discussion, but that there were not enough votes recorded in favor of including it in the presentment.

His Lordship then asked if the grand jury considered a few Chinese and Japanese houses of ill fame and a few dirty backyards of more danger to the town than a powder magazine starting them in the face, which continually threatens destruction to every man, woman and child in the place. It was surrounded by dry herbage and there might be a fire there at any time. He would help them in their deliberations on the matter, and if there were not enough votes among them they should have some more. He then directed the sheriff to summon six more grand jurors, remarking: "Don't strain at a gnat and swallow a camel."

On the court reassembling the following gentlemen were sworn in as additional grand jurors: Messrs. Robson, Finucane, Evans, Allan, Graham and Irvine. The Chief Justice then addressed the grand jury. The presentment which he had received indicated a little misunderstanding which probably was more attributable to his own shortcomings in charging them than to themselves. He referred to the previous grand jury and to the great powers they possessed. He was aware that previous grand jurors had called attention to the powder magazine and certain communications to which he could not now refer had passed on the subject, but the magazine still remains. Whose fault is this? He was unaware that it had ceased to be a

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