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The Colonist.

FRIDAY, JUNE 14TH, 1889.

FROM THE DAILY COLONIST June 11.

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

The Nanaimo Election.

A requisition is in circulation in Nanaimo requesting Mr. A. Haslem to permit himself to be nominated as a candidate for the vacant seat in the representation of the district. The requisition is receiving many signatures, it being the general opinion that no better man could be found for the position.

Kamloops Assizes.

The spring assizes were held at Kamloops on Monday, the 3rd inst., Mr. Justice Walkem presiding. There being no criminal cases on the docket, the foreman of the grand jury presented his lordship with a pair of white kid gloves, in accordance with the usual custom. One civil case being disposed of, the business of the court terminated.

A Big Sale.

One of the largest private real estate deals made in British Columbia for some time was consummated on Saturday, when Mr. J. C. Calhoun of Boundary Bay disposed of his entire ranch, one of the best known in the province, for $62,000. The purchasers are two young men, both practical farmers, who recently arrived from the East.

B. C. B. G. A.

In view of the contemplated visit of the B. C. B. G. A. to Vancouver on the 1st of July, it is the intention to hold a meeting of the non-commissioned officers and men of No. 2 Battery, in their armory at the drill shed this (Tuesday) evening at 8 o'clock, instead of the weekly drill, to discuss the project and take the feeling of the men thereon.

Steamboat Movements.

Steamer "R. P. Rithet" on her next trip (Wednesday forenoon) will connect with the steamer "William Irving" at New Westminster for Hope and way landings. The steamer "Maude," now nearly due from Skeena River, will, on arrival, be placed on the Barclay Sound route, and will leave for Alberni and ports on Barclay Sound and West Coast as soon as loaded. The steamer "Islander" took aboard yesterday 108 water pipes for Vancouver.

The City is Safe.

Last evening a fire drill was held on Government street, the Tiger engine drawing its supply from the hydrant at the corner of Fort street. Several fine streams were thrown over the highest buildings in the neighborhood; the hosemen and the hook-and-ladder men being given plenty of work. Owing to the fact that salt water was used while the engine was in Seattle, it needed a thorough cleaning, and it got it last evening. The fire laddies showed that they were in good condition for active service whenever called on.

The Saanich Road.

A portion of the Saanich road is in a most dangerous condition for vehicles, and several accidents have occurred of late. At the junction of the Cedar Hill cross road the workmen who put down the new water main have left an ugly hillock of earth, over which it is risky to drive during daylight, and at night it is positively dangerous. Several of the farmers have complained of the way this road has been left by the men laying the water pipe, and the road superintendent should at once take steps to have the workmen place the road in a proper condition.

English Female Servants.

Ex-Mayor Fell states that Rev. Mr. Barron, of Liverpool, who visited Victoria last year, is now on his way to this city in the company of Rt. Rev. Bishop Hills and two other clergymen. They will arrive here about Friday next. Rev. Mr. Barron brings with him as far as Winnipeg about 300 female servants, who have been located in Manitoba, and it is his intention to make arrangements in this province for the immigration of another detachment. The Chinese may be fought successfully in this way; and a few years would see their places as servants occupied by white people. Mr. Barron will be able to place as many as he can bring.

In Aid of Seattle.

Seattle's sister city, Tacoma, has nobly responded to the appeal for help for the sufferers by the fire, with a cash donation of $17,827, and goods and provisions of the value of nearly three thousand more, making a total of over $20,000. Portland collected over $5000 on Friday, and also devoted the sum of $4,500 (collected for the Fourth of July celebration) to the relief of Seattle, resolving to forego the celebration this year. Portland also sent by special train 200 pairs of blankets, 55 tents, 25 cases of condensed milk, 100 cases canned beef, 5 cases syrup, 200 pounds of bread, and 1,000 pounds of crackers. Port Townsend sent a cash donation of $2,167.

Geological Survey.

Professors Dawson and Macoun arrived at Kamloops from the east Friday night. Prof. Dawson was to have left last night for Revelstoke where he will take boat for the Kootenay lake district to inspect the mines in that section. When through there he will return to Kamloops, and making this his headquarters will confine his operations to the southern portion of Yale district. He will be accompanied by Mr. Edgar in his work. Prof. Macoun will also continue his work to the southern portion of Yale district, the two parties working conjointly—although separate. Mr. McEvoy it is reported will operate on the North Thompson. When operations are completed by these parties it is expected some very interesting and valuable information regarding the Yale district will be forthcoming.

A Runaway Captured.

The Port Townsend Call of Saturday says: "C. Minto, deputy sheriff at Marion county, Oregon, passed through to-day on his way home from Victoria with a colored man in charge, named Frank Gorman, who is wanted in Salem. About a year ago Gorman got into a cutting scrape, and he was placed under $250 bonds to appear at the district court. He secured bondsmen, but before court convened he skipped out, leaving his bondsmen to forfeit the $250 for his non-appearance. A short time ago Minto learned that he was in this section, and came over here in search. He found Gorman in Victoria and gave him the preference of lying in jail there until the necessary papers arrived, or returning to Oregon without further delay, and he chose the latter.

Theatre Management.

The lack of management at the theatre was very noticeable last night on account of the large audience. People were shown into wrong seats. Some seats had been sold twice, and others who didn't have coupons, coolly appropriated the seats of those who had. One instance of this sort was apparent to almost everyone in the house. A gentleman with his wife and lady friend arrived, gave the usher the coupons, and found his seats occupied. The occupant stubbornly refused to leave the seats, though threatened with ejection. Not desirous of creating a scene, the owner of the seats refrained from forcibly ejecting him, and waited for him to vacate. Finally a couple of gentlemen gave up their rightful seats to the ladies, who had been standing for some time before the curtain was rung up and into the first act. The behavior of the usurper of the seats cannot be too strongly condemned. He was offered a proscenium box in lieu of the seats to which he had no right, but still refused to move. The local theatre management should make an example of some of these disturbers of theatres, and protect their patrons when they have paid for and reserved seats, and they should also prepare their box plan and tickets so that mistakes, such as selling seats twice, cannot occur.

St. Andrew's Excursion.

The teachers and scholars of St. Andrew's Sunday school, to the number of about three hundred, held their annual excursion to and picnic at Langford Plains on Saturday last. The train carrying the excursionists, and consisting of five passenger coaches and one express car, returned to the city at about 7 o'clock. The day was spent very enjoyably by all, the usual games, etc., being provided in abundance.

Morse-Seeley.

At Port Townsend, on the 8th inst., Mr. H. W. Morse was united in marriage to Miss S. C. Seeley, Rev. T. D. Carnahan performing the ceremony. Both the contracting parties are well known in Victoria. Mr. Morse is a son of Capt. H. G. Morse, formerly master of the ss. Dakota, and now commanding the ss. Alameda. The bride is the eldest daughter of the late Mr. W. C. S. Seeley, and has very many friends in Victoria, who will be pleased to hear of her marriage, and will heartily join with THE COLONIST in extending congratulations to the young married couple. Mr. and Mrs. Morse will in future reside in Tacoma, W. T., where Mr. Morse will engage in business.

Thrown from a Buggy.

While the Misses Warren, Capt. J. D. Warren's daughters, in company with two lady friends, were driving on the Richmond Road last evening, their horse took fright at a drove of pigs and turning suddenly, the vehicle was upset on the side of the road. The young ladies in the back seat managed to get out without injury, but Miss Mary Warren, who was driving, was thrown heavily on a pile of stones, spraining and bruising her hip. Fortunately, at this juncture, the young divine who occupied the pulpit of St. Andrew's church last sabbath, happened to drive by, and placing the injured lady in the carriage, his driver with all haste conveyed her to her home, while the ministerial Samaritan kept lonely vigil beside the wreck.

LITTLE LOCALS.

The spring assizes at Clinton will be held to-day, Mr. Justice Walkem presiding.

According to the World, the vivacious and unmistakable mosquito has made its appearance at Vancouver.

The employes of the Vancouver Coal Co., in accordance with a resolution passed at a recent meeting, held a ballot on Saturday to decide for or against retaining Dr. Praeger as colliery surgeon. The number of votes cast was 526, the ballot resulting as follows: For, 263; against, 263, making it a tie vote.

"Eli Perkins" has advised a gentleman in the city that he will not lecture in Seattle as previously advertised, but that he will come right on to Victoria from Tacoma on the 11th inst., lecturing here on the 12th.

The crazy Chinaman who has occupied a cell at the police lock-up for the past ten days, has been sent to the asylum at New Westminster, having been pronounced insane by Dr. Milne.

A game of baseball was played on Sunday afternoon between an Indian and a Chinese team.

Henry Winnicott, the well known gardener of Parson's bridge, died yesterday morning.

Sells' great circus is heading up the Sound, and may be expected to reach Victoria about the end of the month.

H. M. S. Swiftsure, Amphion and Icarus went out yesterday for big gun drill at a safe distance from land. They will remain out in the Straits for several days.

Break-downs are the order of the day. One occurred on James Bay bridge yesterday, and one on Government street, near Johnson, on Sunday; besides three on Sunday where the water-works main crosses the Saanich road.

The subscription lists for Johnstown and Seattle sufferers are now open at Campbell's corner. In aid of the former about $100 has been already subscribed, and in aid of the latter $250.

J. Stuart Macdonald, agent for Carroll & Carroll, San Francisco, died of dropsy at St. Joseph's Hospital on Sunday evening. Deceased was 50 years of age.

The funeral of the late Wm. Brix took place on Sunday afternoon, Rev. Donald Fraser, M. A., officiating.

Messrs. Drake, Jackson and Helmcken have their offices in Chancery Lane, while their new brick block is building.

Water was spouted pretty high last night, but it has not reached the higher levels yet.

There will be high prices for brick during the present season.

A little attention to Government street sidewalks now and then would not be amiss, especially as the residence and vacant lots are now well supplied.

Salmon are reported plentiful in Esquimalt harbor. Mr. Burgess, of the Naval Hospital, landed four last evening, two of the fish weighing 49 lbs. and 27 lbs. respectively.

A most enjoyable social was held last evening at Cedar Hill School House. Strawberries and cream were in rich and genuine abundance, and the programme of songs, instrumentals, addresses, etc., was ably delivered to an appreciative audience.

A few days ago Pilot Thompson's children found a valuable gold bracelet near the Douglas monument, in front of the Government buildings, James Bay. Pilot Thompson says he handed the bracelet to the chief of police, and the owner can have the same by proving property.

The man who started out before the performance was over last night, and fell over a seat on his head, had no sympathy from the audience. People who haven't the decency to wait until the curtain is rung down are a nuisance to everybody else. So are the people who will persist in talking loudly during the performance. They disturb everyone within earshot. They annoy both audience and actors. They should be suppressed. People don't pay money to hear fools talk.

Several bluejackets belonging to H. M. S. Swiftsure, who cut the telephone wires between this city and Esquimalt on Saturday night, are to be prosecuted by the Telephone Company.

H. M. S. Amphion and Swiftsure were out in the Straits last evening, engaged in the electric light drill.

Madame Adelina Patti, the world's greatest songstress, will open in San Francisco on the 3rd of February next. There is a big possibility of her visiting Victoria a few weeks later.

A special collection was taken up in Calvary Baptist Church on Sunday evening, in aid of the Seattle sufferers. Seventy-five dollars was realized.

CITY POLICE COURT.

(Before Hon. A. N. Richards, P. M.)

In this court, yesterday, the case of William H. Vernon, who is charged with feloniously wounding a deck hand named Willcox, also employed on the steamer Princess Louise, came up for hearing, but was again remanded for one week. When Vernon was arrested he was compelled to leave his clothes, and what little other property he had, on board the steamer. Here he supposed they were safe, but on police officers looking for them at the request of the accused, they were not to be found, and it is supposed that the clothes have been stolen by Vernon's friends while he has been in durance vile.

Mary, a smiling Klootchman, owning the Fort Rupert's as her tribe, was convicted of being drunk, and was fined $6 or 21 days in default.

THE LAST ACT

Enacted in the Tearful Tragedy of Fisgard Street.

From the time that Chau Ah Heung, the murderer of the Chinese girl Yon Cum, was first arrested, those who know the Chinese character best were confident that if he could in any way do so, he would cheat the gallows by suiciding. It is the nature of the Chinese not to fear death, because they dread not the life beyond, nor acknowledge even the existence of any life on the other side of the grave. They do, however, decidedly object to the execution of any sentence imposed for violation of the British laws. They will watch every opportunity, and if the slightest chance is afforded of evading the laws or the punishment laid upon them for law breaking, they will see and avail themselves of it. Consequently no surprise was expressed when it was announced last evening that Chan Ah Heung had taken his own life; the only question asked was, "how could he do it?"

A COLONIST reporter, hearing that the condemned man was dead, visited the Provincial jail at seven o'clock last evening. The body lay on the floor of the cell—No. 45, in the south-west corner of the third tier—just as it had been cut down. The position of the few articles which the cell contained showed how the prisoner had taken leave of life.

In the corner, a pile of blankets taken from the bed and folded into as thick a package as possible, lay on the floor, while just above, the improvised rope with which the deed was committed dangled from a little wooden bracket, through a small hole in which it had been passed. From the position of the fatal cord, and the blankets, it was evident that Chau Ah Heung had stood upon the latter, deliberately fastened the cord around his neck and then kicked the blankets from under his feet and quickly strangled to death.

The story told by the jail officials shows this to be the correct solution of how the murderer died. The condemned cell in another wing is not quite ready for occupation, as the wire netting which is to be placed over the railing of the gallery upon which the cell door opens is not yet in position. Having no better place to put the prisoner, he was locked up by the warden in cell 45, the cell formerly occupied by Sproule and the other Chinese murderer, and the one most directly under the eyes of the jail official. From the time that he was first confined the prisoner had been very despondent. He had little to say, except to protest that he was innocent of the crime brought home to him.

On Sunday he took a bath, was shaved, and dressed himself in clean clothes with more than usual care. He was very quiet all day yesterday, and at supper time. He received his supper through the little wicket in the cell door, at 5:15 o'clock. At 5:25 one of the jail employes visited the cell to remove the dirty dishes, but could hear no sound within. He immediately reported this to the head-turnkey, Mr. Muldoon, who opened the door at once, to find the convict hanging by the neck in the corner of his cell.

With one slash of the knife he carried in his hand Mr. Muldoon cut down the body and found it was still warm. The heart was yet beating, and the eyes moved convulsively. Tearing open the Chinaman's shirt, the turnkey did everything possible to resuscitate the suicide, but his efforts were useless. Dr. MacNaughton Jones, who had been hastily summoned, arrived in fifteen minutes after the body was cut down. His skill, however, was useless to restore life.

The expression of the face of the dead was peaceful in the extreme. He apparently was satisfied. He had accomplished his design. The only discoloration or mark to be seen on the body, was around the neck where a big bluish line showed where the fatal cord had, tightening, produced death. The cord had been made hastily by the prisoner, who had torn his undershirt into strips, knotted together afterwards, to furnish the necessary rope.

Coroner Jackson was notified last evening, and the necessary (?) inquest into "cause of death" will be held today. No blame can be attached to the jail officials, although some improvement should be made in the construction of the cells. It is possible, as the doors are at present, for a prisoner, even in the condemned cell, to suicide by passing some article of clothing, twisted into convenient form, over the top of the door and through the wicket, and hanging himself with it to the cell door. When a man, yellow, black, red, or white, resolves to die by his own hand, it is the next thing to an impossibility to prevent him. He can always find some way unless constantly watched.

IN THE PILLOW CASE.

The Inner History of a Midnight Robbery.

A few evenings ago the pastor of one of the leading churches of Victoria, before retiring for the night, carefully tucked away his pocket-book containing several hundred dollars, the result of a missionary collection, as he supposed under his pillow. He did not sleep very well that night. Visions of midnight marauders possibly came to disturb his slumber, until finally he decided to assure himself that all was serene by feeling under the pillow. The pocket-book was not there, and the clergyman, now thoroughly alarmed, decided upon making a thorough search about the house, without, however, disturbing the partner of his joys and sorrows, whom he did not wish to compel unnecessarily to share his anxiety. The pocket-book was nowhere to be found, nor could its whereabouts be discovered when daylight came. Finally a thought of the pillow case entered the minister's head, and he was proceeding to make an examination, when his wife, who had been at last informed of the loss of the pocket-book, crushed the last hope by saying that the pillow case had gone to the wash. A call upon the laundryman was at once made. He had not yet undone the wash, and the missing pocket-book was found in the pillow case. And now the mere suggestion of robbers is sufficient to cause a blush to tinge the worthy clergyman's brow while he deftly turns the conversation into other and less delicate channels.

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

HERE AND THERE.

Edward North of Victoria has challenged Lieut. Gorman of Seattle to a 5,000 yards foot race.

"Scotty" Cox, who is matched to knock out Joe Howard next Saturday night, is getting into fine condition. He is under the care of W. Stokes, the pedestrian, who puts him through plenty of hard work every day at Beacon Hill.

It is the Victoria Athetic Club, not the Victoria Cricket Club, who are arranging for a picnic up the Gorge.

Watson, the runner, will leave in a few days for Spokane Falls to accept a position there with the San Francisco Bridge Co.

A tennis tournament is to be held this summer on the courts of the Victoria Tennis Club. The championship is at present held in Vancouver, although it is hoped this year to bring it over from the mainland.

A First-Class Theatrical Manager.

To John Maguire Victoria is indebted for some of the greatest dramatic treats which have been given here in years. To his enterprise we are indebted for Modjeska's visit. He brought here Mrs. Scott Siddons, Rose Eytnge, Augusta Dargon and many others. Mr. Maguire has now assumed control of the Grand Opera House, San Francisco, and he promises Victoria will receive due attention.

THE ANNUAL REPORT.

A Satisfactory Condition of Affairs Shown by the School Trustees.

A public meeting was held in the police court room yesterday morning to receive the annual report of the public school trustees to the electors. The attendance of the latter was, as it should not have been, small.

Mr. Charles Hayward occupied the chair, and all members of the board were in their places. The report was read by Mr. Hayward as follows:

To the Electors of Victoria City School District:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:—In accordance with the provisions of the Public School Act, your trustees have the honor to present their annual report, and have great pleasure in stating that the public schools of this city are yearly becoming more efficient and appreciated.

It is gratifying to be able to report that the utmost harmony has existed amongst all concerned during the year, and your trustees have reason to believe that steady progress has been made in all classes.

The average daily attendance of pupils at our schools has been 1,026.80, showing an increase of 109.41 over any previous year, being a daily average of 35.89 for each of the 21 teachers employed.

During the midsummer holidays of 1888 the whole of the school buildings were thoroughly renovated, and a large and commodious brick addition was made to the building occupied by the senior classes of the girls' department of the Central schools. This building is now entirely occupied by the girls' school, the original central building being devoted to the boys.

The large increase in the attendance at the High School has necessitated the appointment of an additional teacher for that important institution, provision for which was made by the legislature at its last session.

The increasing importance of the ward schools is shown by the necessity of an additional room, which is now being added to each of these schools in order to accommodate the large attendance of pupils. Provision has been made for the appointment of a monitor in each of the four ward schools.

The board has also to report that a residence for the janitor of the central schools will shortly be under construction. By residing on the ground, the janitor will have a constant supervision over the school buildings and property. Provision has also been made for the painting of the whole of the central school buildings during the midsummer vacation, which will greatly add to their appearance.

It is gratifying to the board to be able to report that it has not been necessary to make a single change in the teaching staff during the present school year.

The following table will show the rapid strides made since the inauguration of the public schools in this city:—

Year.	No. of Teachers	Average Daily Attendance.
1872-73	5	No return
1873-74	6	113.50
1874-75	6	272
1875-76	7	302
1876-77	8	374
1877-78	10	450.15
1878-79	10	393.99
1879-80	10	398.78
1880-81	11	410.09
1881-82	12	433.35
1882-83	13	554.55
1883-84	15	679.05
1884-85	17	710.70
1885-86	18	807.10
1886-87	19	894.29
1887-88	21	917.39
1888-89	21	1026.80

The important subject of setting apart by the government of public lands as an endowment for a Provincial University was again brought before the Minister of Education by the Board in February last, and it is earnestly hoped that ere long the province will be in possession of such an institution.

The retiring trustees are: D. R. Harris, James Bay ward; C. Hayward, Yates street ward, and Robert Erskine, Johnson street ward, whose successors are to be elected by you on Monday, the 17th instant.

The following is a summary of expenditure for the year, exclusive of that made by the Lands and Works Department:

Teachers' Salaries	$17,340 00
Janitors	1,140 00
Coal and wood	387 00
Incidental expenses	453 93
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In conclusion, the Board trust that their attention to duty and their efforts to promote the efficiency of the public schools of this city during the past year will meet with your approbation.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) CHAS. HAYWARD, Chairman.
H. F. HEISTERMAN.
R. ERSKINE.
RICHARD MORRISON.
D. R. HARRIS.
R. WOLFENDEN, Secretary.

The adoption of the report was moved by Mr. R. B. McMicking, who briefly referred to the satisfaction which all must feel upon the greatly increased attendance. He hoped, however, to see the teaching staff proportionately increased at as early a date as possible.

Rev. D. Fraser, M. A., seconded the motion to adopt the report, and congratulated the Board not only upon the increased attendance at the schools, but upon the very complete report, by which at a glance the exact status of the schools could be seen.

After a vote of thanks to the Board, the meeting adjourned.

CHURCH NOTES.

Items of Interest in Regard to Last Sunday's Services.

In the absence of Rev. W. W. Baer, the new pastor, Rev. J. E. Starr preached in the Gorge Road Methodist church on Sunday morning, and Mr. Calvert in the evening.

The flower service in Christ Church Cathedral on Sunday afternoon was well attended, and productive of good to all who were present. The many handsome boquets were thankfully received by the hospital patients.

On Sunday afternoon last the special afternoon service for young men in Association Hall was conducted by Mr. Knowles, of Manitoba College. In the evening the first of the summer series of Sunday evening services was commenced, Mr. Hampson taking charge.

Tent meetings are being held every evening by the Seventh-Day Adventists, at the corner of Douglas and Herald streets. Addresses on Biblical subjects are delivered by Mr. Reid, of Portland.

Mr. F. W. Teague, general secretary of the Victoria Y. M. C. A., preached in Sooke last Sunday morning and in Metchosin in the afternoon.

The Johnstown, Pa., calamity was made the subject of a powerful sermon by Rev. J. E. Starr, on Sunday evening last.

After closing his sermon on Sunday evening, Rev. J. E. Starr referred briefly from his pulpit to the desolation which had overtaken Seattle during the past week. Three years before, he said, he had stood before a former congregation, and spoken to them of a similar disaster which had befallen Vancouver. On that occasion he had closed his remarks by saying that if anyone wanted to pass a collection plate in aid of the suffering ones he would wait for him to do it. He could only repeat what he said then. He did not ask the people to give anything, but if they wished to do so, he would see that their contributions were handed to Mayor Grant, by him to be forwarded to responsible parties, for the relief of those in Seattle, who were in need of assistance. There were a dozen volunteers who left their seats in response to the hint and the collection taken up amounted to between $160 and $175.

"AS YOU LIKE IT."

Modjeska Carries Her Audience by Storm in the Pretty Comedy.

The large and fashionable audience that filled the theatre to the doors last night demonstrated most forcibly that Victorians not only were fully aware of the high artistic reputation of Madame Modjeska, but that they are anxious to prove their appreciation of merit. It is often the case when so bright a star in the dramatic world visits Victoria that the support is painfully weak. This is not the case with the Modjeska Company. There was not one member of the cast in "As you Like it" but who was fully equal to the part assigned, and as a consequence the pretty comedy was given without mar from beginning to end.

As Rosalind, Modjeska of course was the observed of all observers. Her audience was a keenly critical one and their appreciation was not perhaps shown as quickly as it would had they been of the class less inclined to study the actress, and by study estimate her worth. When, however, they began to feel the charm which Modjeska throws into every character she creates, their applause was as hearty as it was deserved. There is a charm about the Rosalind of Modjeska which it is hard to define. It may, perhaps, be the winsome grace of the great actress; it may be her low melodious voice; it may be the careful study she has made in order to fully interpret Shakespeare's thought, and it may be, and probably is, the combination of all. At anyrate, the unstinted applause and the calls before the curtain she received at the end of the third act, and after the final fall showed that Modjeska was fully appreciated by the most critical audience The Victoria has held for many months.

Miss Eleanor Tyndale as Celia acted well her part, and was a good foil to show the brighter, Modjeska's brilliancy. Among the gentlemen of the company, Mr. Lawrence Hanley, as Orlando de Bois, and Mr. William Stafford, as Oliver, divided the principal honors. Mr. Beaumont Smith (Duke Frederick) and Mr. Charles Collins (The Duke in exile) also proved themselves actors of no mean ability.

The staging and costuming, two very great essentials to a perfect performance, were all that could be desired, the latter especially being worthy of notice. All the costumes were of London make, by the best costumers, and were perfect in regard to historical fidelity.

This evening Modjeska and her company will present Schiller's great five act historical play of Mary Stuart. The sale of seats is already very large, and there is no doubt but that the house will be crowded.

AN APPEAL FOR HELP.

The Sufferers by the Seattle Fire in Urgent Need of Cooked Provisions.

A letter from Seattle was received last evening stating that cooked provisions of every description were needed at once by the people. Seattle had one of the largest floating populations on the coast, and very many of the people boarded in hotels and restaurants, and since the fire these people are not only houseless, but are unable to obtain food. The neighboring cities have sent some supplies, and a large quantity of flour has been forwarded from the Willamette Valley, but the latter is practically useless as there are no means on hand of converting it into bread. What is most wanted now, and until such time as the stricken city is again able to stand alone, is canned meats, canned salmon, bread, crackers, cheese, fresh and salt meats cooked, etc. The O. R. & N. Co. have very kindly consented to forward all supplies for use of the sufferers free of charge. Let some energetic citizens, therefore, without delay form a committee and solicit donations of all kinds of cooked food, which can at once be dispatched to Seattle. It has also been suggested that as food is at present of more value to the Seattleites than coin, that the money already collected for the sufferers be converted into cooked food and despatched by the steamer to-morrow morning.

ALONG THE WATER FRONT.

Little Sayings and Doings of Interest to Seafaring Men.

The tug Pilot went on the Star ways yesterday to have her bottom cleaned and painted, and to receive a new propeller.

Messrs. Laidlaw & Co.'s new cannery steamer Delta, on a trial trip on Saturday, made ten knots an hour. She is looked upon as likely to be the fastest boat of her size in British Columbia waters.

Inspector Russell is having the boilers and machinery of the steamer Daisy tested at Spratt's wharf.

The work of thoroughly overhauling and cleaning the machinery of the Cariboo Fly was completed yesterday, and she is now ready to go out at a moment's notice.

The new cannery steamer Delta will be ready to leave for the Fraser about the end of the week.

The C. P. N. Co.'s fine steamer Princess Louise is to be repainted, recarpeted, and refitted generally.

Steamers Sardonyx and Maude are both on their way down from the north, and will be due on Thursday.

A new propeller is being put on the Spitfire, and after receiving a few necessary repairs, she will go up to the Naas under contract to the Cascade Packing Company.

Sealing schooner Beatrice has recently landed 499 skins at Clayoquot and passed on up the coast to get a few Indians to complete her crew.

Capt. Kelly has just had his fine schooner the C. H. Tupper painted from stem to stern, and she now is as pretty a boat as one would care to see.

There are a large number of bets posted on the clipper ship Titania, now on her way from England, making the trip in less than 100 days. She is now out about 90.

PERSONAL.

Capt. S. Scott, owner and master of the ill-fated barque Enchanter, which was abandoned in mid-ocean, will leave for England in a few days, accompanied by Mrs. Scott and daughter.

Eli Lequine, of Okanagan Mission, is at the Oriental.

Ex-Councillor James Porter, arrived home last evening by the Northern Pacific R. R. from Pittsburgh, Pa., where he had been spending a holiday with his relations.

MARINE.

Ship Glory of the Seas arrived in Royal Roads yesterday, bound from San Francisco to Departure Bay, for coal.

H. M. S. Champion is expected at Esquimalt to-day.

Ship Levi P. Burgess, Capt. Rock, arrived from Manzanilla on Monday, seeking.

Steamer Rithet did not arrive last night, having been detained at Plumper Pass on the up trip.

(BY TELEGRAPH.)

NEW YORK, June 10.—S. S. Servia, Liverpool.

SOUTHAMPTON—Arrived—S. S. Fielda, New York, for Bremen.

GLASGOW—Arrived—State of Georgia, New York.

BOSTON—Arrived—Catalonia, Liverpool.

A Blaze at Esquimalt.

Yesterday afternoon sparks from one of the chimneys of the Esquimalt Hotel, owned by Mr. Wm. Rothwell, set fire to the roof, which burned brightly for a few moments. A private hose was turned on the fire by Officer Campbell and the provincial police, who, assisted by the men about the place, soon extinguished the flames.

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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Real Estate.

Messrs. Bourchier & Higgins yesterday disposed of three Beacon Hill lots. There are very few choice lots in the syndicate ground left, and intending purchasers would do well to inspect them.

The Building Societies.

An appropriation of the Victoria Building Society will be drawn for this evening at Harmony Hall. It is to be hoped that every member of the society will be present. On Friday evening an appropriation of the Vancouver Island Building Society is to be drawn for.

Funeral This Morning.

The funeral of the late John Stuart Macdonald, of Portland, will take place this morning, leaving the funeral establishment of Mr. Charles Hayward at 8:30 o'clock and St. Andrew's pro-cathedral at 9. The deceased was the Peruvian Consul at Portland at the time of his death.

The Usual Verdict.

An inquest into the cause of death of Chan Ah Heung was held at the Provincial jail yesterday at 11 o'clock by Dr. William Jackson, coroner. The jury found that the Chinaman came to his death by strangulation by his own hand, and completely exonerated the jail officials from any blame.

Sale of Fancy Work.

The ladies of the R. E. Church will hold a sale of fancy work at Humboldt Hall in a few days. Mrs. W. R. Higgins, president, and Miss Macdonald, secretary, of the society, are calling the young ladies together, and they will put forth their best endeavors to make the affair a success. A strawberry festival will be held in the evening.

Port Angeles.

Mr. Frank Campbell has on view at his famous corner a pencil sketch of the thriving town of Port Angeles, across the straits. The sketch was made by Pilot John Thompson, who by his long experience knows every inch of the coast. He has been very exact in his representation, and accompanying the picture is a complete list of the various localities of the town.

A Mineral Spring.

The Oyster Harbor Coal Co. while boring for coal near Oyster Bay last week, struck a spring of mineral water at a depth of 390 feet. The spring throws a good volume of water, possessing a mineral taste suggestive of iron. The stream when first struck sprang up into the air about thirty feet and was still flowing with unabated vigor on Sunday. Mayor Bate brought a bottle of the water to Nanaimo and will have it analyzed.

Drowning Accident.

George Freen, who recently arrived at Nanaimo from Vancouver, went bathing with a companion in Fish-hook Lake, Cedar District, on Sunday afternoon, and while wading into the lake he stepped off a ledge into deep water and was drowned. The young man, who was aged about 23 years, was unable to swim, and although his companion reached him a stick, he sank in a few minutes. The body was recovered on Monday morning and brought to Nanaimo, where it was interred after an inquest was held.

Paris Exhibition.

Mr. Chas. Lombard, yesterday received by mail a handsome lithographic bird's-eye view of the grounds and buildings of the great exhibition at Paris, including the Eiffel tower. The coloring of the picture is particularly good, and gives a most vivid idea of the exact appearance of those wonderful structures in the Champ de Mars. M. Leon Curtat, of Paris, (a former resident of Victoria) sent the picture, which will be on view in Messrs. Lombard & Co's window today.

C. M. Pyke's Halifax Wife.

A Halifax despatch of the 2nd inst. says: "In the divorce court to-day Judge James granted an absolute divorce to Ella M. Pyke from C. M. Pyke, an actor, now living in San Francisco, on the ground of desertion and adultery. The evidence of Mabel Kearns, a San Francisco girl, 21 years old, which was taken by commission, was decidedly spicy. Pyke has been playing at the Tivoli theatre in San Francisco, and at the Victoria theatre, Victoria, B.C., lately. The petitioner, who is a Halifax lady, married him here in 1871."

Concert and Recital.

Calvary Baptist Church, the pretty little church on the hill, held an appreciative audience last evening, the occasion being a concert and organ recital. Every seat was taken, and the programme was faithfully carried out. The platform was a little bower of foliage and flowers, the floral decorations lending a very bright and attractive appearance to the church. Prof. Sharpe presided at the new organ—an Estey—and under his skillful hands the instrument proved to be one of very superior tone and volume. The programme consisted of fifteen gems of vocal and instrumental music, and was furnished by the members of the choir, assisted by Prof. Sharpe, Mr. J. G. Brown and Mr. C. H. Kent.

Boating Parties.

Boating parties in the moonlight are all the rage just now. The Young People's Association of the Pandora Street Methodist Church amused themselves up the Arm on Monday evening, and the members of Perseverance Lodge I. O. G. T. will "recreate" at Sailor Bay to-night. The story is told of one charming young couple who went up to the Gorge with the young people on Monday night, but who preferring their own company and their own sweet conversation to the noise and merriment of the wedding crowd managed to get left behind on the return trip. Of course the walk home in the still moonlight was very unpleasant, but the young people bore it with a martyrdom worthy of emulation.

Suicide at Nanaimo.

James Malcolm, a resident of Nanaimo, suicided on Sunday evening by shooting himself through the chest with a revolver. Deceased had been on a protracted spree, and on Sunday morning he became so quarrelsome that his family left the house. He procured a revolver and commenced shooting around the house while lying on his bed. His father and brother, after hearing four shots, returned. W. Malcolm noticed a smell of something burning, and opening the door of his brother's room, saw the quilt on fire. He dragged the quilt off the bed, and noticed that his brother was dead, shot through the chest. Deceased was 23 years of age and married, though separated from his wife.

The Minstrels.

To-morrow night the Johnson and Slavin minst