# CYCLE PATHS WANTED.

**Wheelmen Are Willing to Pay for Them and the Council Willing They Should.**

**The Firehall for Spring Ridge—An Assistant Caretaker for Ross Bay.**

A petition from A. J. Dallian and 376 others, praying on behalf of the bicycle riders of the city for better roads, was presented to the council at its regular weekly session last night. The petitioners asked for a cinder or other track on four approaches to the city, and from all points of the compass. They were willing to be taxed to pay for the improvements.

The Mayor referring to the petition asked the council to give it due consideration, pointing out that a large number of taxpayers are bicycle riders, and that their number is rapidly increasing.

Ald. Humphrey suggested that the bicycle riders should form an association of their own for the purpose of raising through a tax, money to improve the streets to their satisfaction. The council would then give them the privilege.

Ald. Humber said that although he might have a little of the mossback about him he approved of the modern form of locomotion and would for one vote for anything reasonable in this direction, but he certainly considered it a little extravagant on the part of the bicycle riders to want roads from all parts of the compass. He would not have the gall to put his nose back into the North Ward, however, if the roads there were not improved before he voted for bicycle paths.

Ald. McGregor approved of taxing all bicycle riders and then having the city improve the roads as far as the revenue thus raised would permit. He thought that something should be done in view of the large and rapidly increasing number of bicycle riders. He pointed out that when a rider had to dodge around, picking out a good piece of road, there was a danger of accident.

Ald. Wilson had no objection to bicycle riders receiving what was due them, but he was getting just a little disgusted over so much abuse of the streets of Victoria. There were very few other cities on the continent that had any better streets.

Ald. McCandless expressed a willingness to help the bicycle riders all he could so long as it cost the city nothing. If they were willing to tax themselves, the city should be willing to spend the money for them according to their desires. He moved that a special committee be appointed to confer with the bicycle riders and report.

The motion was carried, and Aldermen Kinsman, McGregor and Humphreys were appointed on the committee.

A number of residents of Fernwood road and vicinity petitioned that the new fire hall be not placed at the corner of Fernwood road and Johnson street. They pointed out as objections that the hall ought to be located on a street where there were sewers, and also that there would be great danger to the lives of children in this vicinity.

Ald. McGregor did not attach much weight to the arguments in the petition, saying that if the council were to listen to the harangue of everyone, no law could ever be made. He believed that the objections were not so much from a true sense of the alleged conditions as from an anxiety to alleviate a sore point.

Ald. Humphrey said that a firehall would be just as dangerous anywhere unless it were moved out to where it would be of no use. He thought a fire hall close to property ought to be desirable. Apart from the fire protection, the presence of a number of firemen in a vicinity was a safeguard against many other dangers, such as petty thieving, etc.

Ald. Phillips brought up the question as to the title of the Yates street property in case the city wished to dispose of it.

A communication from M. Drosdowitz was read. He offered as agent for Sadie Fonts to sell to the city lot 1061, block 7, Yates street for $1650 and lot 1051, block 7, Johnson street for $1250. There was almost a general objection against this property as being too far out of the way.

The recommendation of the fire wardens to purchase the lot and buildings on the Northwest corner of Ferwood and Johnson street was also considered in this connection and it was decided to lay the whole matter over for one week.

Hon. E. G. Prior, M. P., wrote stating that he had interviewed the minister of agriculture at Ottawa in reference to the Darcey island leper station and that there was not much hope of getting him to do anything in the matter, he claimed that it should come under the jurisdiction of the provincial government.

A communication was read from Hon. Mr. Blair, minister of railways. In answer to the resolution of the people of Victoria, petitioning the government to give assistance for the construction of a railway from a point in British Columbia to connect with the Canadian Yukon railway. The minister of railways promised his due consideration.

Sidney & Adams asked that they be paid at the rate of 5 cents per load for a certain quantity of earth deposited at the end of Belleville street. On motion of Ald. Phillips it was decided to give the contractors a lump sum of $50 for depositing the earth where the corporation required it.

Hon. J. S. Helmcken objected to damage done to his property through the water coming out of the public park. The matter was referred to the street committee and the engineer.

James L. Raymur, water commissioner, recommended that a 6-inch pipe be laid on Yates street from Douglas to Cook, and a 5-inch pipe from there to Fernwood road; also that a new 8-inch pipe be put in to connect with the 6-inch pipe. The estimated cost was $3000. The commissioner pointed out the incapacity of and probable danger in the present pipes. The communication was received and adopted.

Ransom Alexander applied for a privilege to build a glass show case in front of their premises. The application was referred to the street committee and the engineer.

The chief of police notified the council that it was time to advertise for tenders for the supply of summer suits for the police force. A committee composed of Aldermen McCandless, McGregor and Wilson was appointed to attend to the matter.

The streets committee submitted a list of routine recommendations, which were all adopted.

The recommendations of the finance committee were accepted with the exception of the $25 deposit on the property at the corner of Fernwood road and Johnson streets. This was not sufficiently signed, and was held over till next week.

A petition from L. Wille and a number of other bakers praying that the standard weight of bread be made 1 and 2 pound loaves instead of 1½ pounds, was considered in connection with the bread by-law, which has reached its final stage. Action on the by-law was laid over for one week.

A number of applications for the position of assistant caretaker at Ross Bay cemetery were received. A ballot was taken with the result that John Sigurdson received the appointment.

A by-law respecting the expenditure and management of the revenue and money belonging to the city was introduced by Aldermen McCandless and Williams, and read a first time.

Prior to adjournment Ald. Wilson made a complaint about the way in which certain city officials were attending to their duties. He referred to garbage being dumped at the foot of Belleville street, and also to the waste material which was allowed to be deposited on the streets.

Those present at the meeting were: His Worship Mayor Redfern, Aldermen Wilson, Kinsman, McCandless, Humber, Humphrey, Phillips, Williams, McGregor.

## SOLDIERS FOR THE NORTH.

**Major Evans' Forces Who Are to Garrison Treasury Points in the Klondike.**

Captain Henry J. Woodside, of Portage la Prairie, Man., special representative for the Klondike of several Eastern papers and magazines, was in the city yesterday and will leave for the North on the Islander to-day. The Captain is travelling with the Portage la Prairie Gold Mining and Development Company, which includes James Stables, president, Thos. Gray, Murdoch McLean and three others who reside on the Coast. The party will leave the steamer at Wrangel and have made arrangements to travel over the route of the new Teslin lake railway. Capt. Woodside will wait at Glenora lake to join Major Evans' party of Canadian regulars who, he expects, will be along in about a week.

While in Winnipeg, before leaving for the West, he had an interview with Major Evans, and understands that his force will consist of 200 infantry and artillerymen, whose duties when landed in the Klondike will be principally in garrison at treasury points.

Among the papers represented by Capt. Woodside are the New York World, St. Paul Dispatch, Montreal Star, Winnipeg Free Press and Winnipeg Commercial. In addition to the work which he will do for these papers, he has contracts with Canadian and other magazines for illustrated articles. He takes with him two photographing outfits and a typewriting machine.

Capt. Woodside has in his time done considerable prospecting, and intends to prospect in the Klondike when his newspaper duties are finished. He is a son of Thomas Woodside, a pioneer of the Cariboo country.

## GIORZA'S FESTIVAL MASS.

**Anticipated With Pleasure, Its Performance Is Quite Equal to Promise.**

The performance of Giorza's Grand Festival Mass under the directions of Mr. F. Victor Austin had been looked forward to with so much pleasurable anticipation by the public that had it been a failure there would have been very keen disappointment to many. It was a somewhat ambitious effort to get up not only chorus but a full orchestra of amateurs as well, but last night's enviable success proved that Mr. Austin and those who assisted him knew well what they could accomplish and accomplish well. Then too the attendance was sufficient to encourage anybody and it must have put additional zest into the hearts of the singers and musicians to see the audience that crowded Institute hall from the platform to the doors. It was the orchestra, perhaps, that gave the greatest surprise, for Victoria is quite accustomed to good chorus singing, but an orchestra of thirty pieces is quite another thing. The orchestra was distinctly good, as was proved not only by the very musicianly way they played the intermezzo from Cavalleria Rusticana and the March of the Priests from Mendelssohn's Athelie, but the really artistic accompaniments to the singers—well modulated, swelling and falling as the spirit of the composition called for it and never with the brasses too much in evidence.

The chorus singing was very good. Perhaps the "Agnus Dei" was the best music and singing the perfect tune and sympathy, though some may have preferred the "Et Resurrexit" with the exultant tones brought out excellently by the voices and the brasses of the orchestra skilfully aiding in the effect.

Mr. Henry Moxon has already made a very favorable name for himself as a singer and last night won fresh laurels by the delightful way he sang Gounod's Nazareth, which suited his voice wonderfully well.

Mrs. Janion always welcome to Victoria audiences was presented with a couple of baskets of beautiful flowers and was encored after her singing of "The Toilers." Miss E. Sehl was similarly fortunate. She is still very young, but already her voice is a very capable soprano. She sang an "Ave Maria," itself a very musicianly effort composed by Mr. F. Victor Austin, whose magic baton swayed the music last night and to whose unremitting efforts the success of the performance was to a large extent due. Little Miss Eleanor Dunsmuir, who for so young a child plays nicely, gave two violin solos during the evening, one a Berceuse by Hauser, and the other an evening song by Mr. Austin. She too had plenty of applause, and twice was presented with baskets of flowers. The other soloists and the quartettes and duets were well received, and taking it all through the concert was enjoyed.

If sick headache is misery, what are Carter's Little Liver Pills if they will positively cure it? People who have used them speak frankly of heir worth. They are small and easy to take.

# MOVING FORWARD.

**The Islander Reports the Blockade Lifted on the Trails From Lynn Canal.**

**Accidents to Men and Shipping—A Strike on the Nimpkish River.**

The steamer Islander, arriving yesterday morning brings word that the condition of the trails from both Dyea and Skagway has greatly improved since the end of February, and already the accumulated outfits forming a blockade at the coast side of the Summit, are being rapidly advanced. Six thousand people are said to be moving forward between Dyea and the lakes, and possibly four thousand more over the White Pass road.

From the Scales to the Summit on the Dyea route, a groove several feet deep and about four feet wide has been worn in the snow by the passing procession, and this the miners are utilizing to facilitate their progress. They rope their oil-coats about them, shoot the chute, and find the problem of rapid transit satisfactorily solved.

At the Summit the British flag is still flying, and duty is being religiously collected on every pound of American goods entering. At the same time the Canadian officials are so courteous and so active in facilitating progress, that no complaint is made by anyone. At Lake Bennett quite a town has sprung up, incorporation of which is recorded under the name of Portage City. It has a regularly elected municipal council, police and fire departments and an arbitration committee to whom all disputes as to titles or otherwise are referred.

On the Dyea trail last Saturday, Ross Starner, of Ornby, Colorado, was killed by the accidental discharge of his own revolver. Deputy Marshal Rankin, of Skagway, has a bullet in his leg as a result of a similar accident.

Heavy gales have prevailed this week in the North, as a consequence of which the Seattle steam schooner Del Norte, which called here on her way up, is ashore near Wrangel narrows. It is anticipated that she will get off all right with the rising tide. The old Canada has been beached safely on the Haynes Mission flats, and her cargo of almost a million feet of lumber, 50 tons of coal and an equal quantity of general merchandise will be saved. Possession of the hulk itself abides the outcome of a libel action already initiated in the district court.

The Lucile was seen by the Islander at Skagway, discharging the supplies of the Quixotic and now abandoned relief expedition; while the Corona is on her way down and due to arrive this morning, in tow of the tug Lorne, her own boiler having split from long immersion.

Of the just arrived steamer's passengers, D. Van Wagner reports the discovery of rich placer claims on the Nimpkish river, British Columbia. Twenty-two claims at last reports were being worked with success, the dirt returning as high as $8 and $10 a day wages. Hansen and Anderson, two Swedes, are the discoverers of the new diggings, and it is charged that they have recorded several claims in the name of their Indian day workmen in order to monopolize the ground. This will be made the subject of immediate investigation.

A constant procession of steamers going and coming, was passed by the Islander, among them the down-bound Boscowitz, which should arrive to-day—the bark Columbia and steam schooner J. C. Kenny, in tow of the Resolute; the tug Astoria, with the bark Highland Light, the Tees and the Danube (expected home to-morrow), the Farallon, Centennial, Signal and Lorne. At Skagway on Thursday last were the Elder, Cucille, Cleveland and Rosalie. The Islander's southbound passed included A. B. and Mrs. Ellis, H. F. Fall, A. D. Cook, A. J. Baker, F. W. Gould, R. Jones, James Cromley, J. Bowman, J. Falkner, Mrs. Davis, R. Jardine, J. Noon, C. W. D. Clifford, J. Halley, Peter Adams, H. J. Carter, D. Jones, J. A. Teeporten, Flynn Prince, F. Rotley, Mrs. J. Dalton, A. R. McInnes, J. Harden, C. Fisher, H. Saxon, C. Jordan, W. B. McLeod, P. McNeill, A. R. Stewart, J. Martin, W. L. Gregg, J. Faulds, John Gardiner, J. T. Cutler, J. Wilcox, J. Elliott, H. Van Wagner, and Mrs. Ostrander and family of four.

After going round to the Esquimalt marine railway to have a propellor blade adjusted, the Islander at once commenced to take on the miners and their outfits, with which she will leave again this evening. The passengers are about evenly divided among Skagway, Dyea and Wrangel, numbering 360 in all. Among them are: E. A. McWhinney and party from Winnipeg, W. S. Lawrence and wife, M. Miller, A. W. Thomson, McChesney, Bruce, Boaz, S. R. Hilbert, Thomas Hildebrandt, A. Blythe, James Gray, J. Roland, G. Meyerhoffer, G. N. Hoffman, G. Quilt and party, A. Chaynor, Dr. Gilchrist and party, the Taylor party of twelve from Illinois, W. K. Meyers, J. McIntyre, J. Brown, W. J. Dutton, T. Riode, R. O'Neill, O'Brien, Cole, J. B. Noxon, F. E. and A. Ambert, J. Thompson, M. Woodside, J. A. Webb, H. Being, J. H. Lees, Dr. Baines, George Ballou, M. Hicks, J. Allen, D. E. Maston, R. Endrie, J. J. McDonald, H. Dute, P. F. Ropell, E. L. Sandelin, J. McCulloch, James Dye, T. Murray, F. Lewere and party, F. A. Williams, G. J. Dorfie, F. J. Stooke, G. A. and F. A. Miller, T. Tremblay, W. Rose, H. Gravel, C. H. Dyer, the Crabtree party, M. Handyside, C. Seagreen, D. S. Morton, C. H. and J. Hamilton, A. J. Callendar, D. Carmody, T. Bartlett and wife, H. Tremblay and wife, McLean, Staple, Thos. Grey, Geo. Findley, C. E. Brown, J. Thomas, H. Robson, H. Bergford, H. Johnson, D. McInnes, Johnson, F. N. Grant, G. B. Thompson, T. Hinton, J. Glover, the Black party of seven, Baker, A. Irving, H. Fishe, A. Daley, J. McGuire, P. Thompson, M. Cohen, C. Rosenthal, J. Rothen, Graham, Davidson, Harre, Murray, Bicks (2), J. W. Turpel, H. Mantrews, J. J. Schwartz, J. W. Richards, N. Pelletier, D. Benoit, M. Brocher, Wallace, N. Beaudorn, A. Caller, J. Grayner, S. Fruze, Baute, Sharpe, Meyer, Mickel, Loehr, Clemens, Diamond, Troeger, Sleniki, Andre, Wessell Koebsch, Tuite, Endile, Kane, Jaeger, Abel, Werner, A. Rogers, John Kedder, Jas. Vorgt, Savoy, Pind, J. Brown, J. B. Kuhn, four; March, two; Juker, Thompson, two; Pinta, J. Long, two; R. A. Jones, Collin, Ardern, T. W. Nesbitt, M. S. Arshill, John Briggs, G. H. Arrison, J. H. Burton, C. Chambers, George Ward, T. Rout, J. Lama, C. Squires, S. Rabev, R. Hashem, H. Hicks, A. George, F. McPherson, J. H. Holmes, W. A. Cobb, G. T. Fry, Jno. Lade, V. B. Ayers, G. B. Ladd, W. McCloskey, H. McCloskey, F. A. Tunch, D. A. Campbell, Dr. Gilchrist, J. B. Honck, T. Henderson, F. A. Bennett, R. C. Potts, O'Brien, H. Hulhouse, J. S. Soza, G. A. Dyer, J. B. Foster, L. Watson, E. Conrad, C. Schultz, H. G. Crock, G. Chisholm, G. Pini, E. Bradford, J. Flannigan, A. Bottini.

## CHEAP MONEY FOR FARMERS.

To the Editor:—Will you please give me space in your columns for a few remarks on above question? As the Farmers' Alliance convention in October last did not turn out to be a representative gathering, it was decided not to push the cheap money question until the close of the present session of the legislature, and then to place the matter before the people at the forthcoming elections; but having read with interest both of Mr. Rabbit's letters in your paper giving details of the Australian cheap money system; also the recent discussion in the legislature on the same subject, I feel constrained to make a few remarks. I am very happy to know that the opposition have decided to support our scheme. Had they done so last session we would probably have had a practical scheme in operation by this time; but it is better late than never. However, if the electors do their duty at the forthcoming provincial elections, irrespective of party, they will undoubtedly be able to get money in British Columbia at a small advance on the British market. It is only apathy on the part of the people that has permitted this huge waste of money so long.

I still believe the best way to get at the root of the evil, is for the legislature to pass an act similar to the Irish land purchase bill, enabling the provincial government to borrow money up to a certain amount as required, and to appoint a board of three competent land commissioners to value the holdings of applicants and to recommend what amount is safe to advance on the security of such holdings. Under the above act the Imperial government advanced money at 4½ per cent. per annum, paying off principal and interest in, I believe, forty-nine years, to buy out the Irish landlords and to enable the Irish tenants to live and improve their holdings. In British Columbia it is the foreign money lenders that is oppressing the farmers, and in most cases compelling them to sacrific their produce to meet big interest. Again many desirable farmers are unable to buy land for lack of capital and are thereby forced into some other calling, to leave the province, or lease some other body's farm, and to pay big rent, which is much worse, as when their short lease is up they have generally to leave or consent to a raise of rent.

If ever British Columbia is to be the home of a prosperous and independent people, the yoke of the money lender has got to be broken, and there will never be a better opportunity than at the forthcoming elections. If those in favor of cheap money will only do what is their plain duty, there will not be found one man in the next house to oppose money being got at a reasonable rate of interest. Their first duty is to watch the nominating conventions and see that honest and capable men are selected. As it is then and not on election day that wirepullers and fleshpot hunters do the harm, frequently after nomination the electors wake up to find they have only the choice of two evils.

I may say in conclusion the government last session gave the cheap money delegates a cordial and lengthy hearing and seemed to be fairly well up in the Australian and Saxon systems; also to have followed the argument on cheap money in this province closely, and now that the opposition members have come over, we should have little difficulty in getting money at a fair rate of interest, but at the elections we must leave nothing to any party's discretion. This is by far the easiest way to solve the mortgage tax question, and permanently improve the condition of the people of British Columbia. I say the people, because every citizen will feel the effects of the change a great deal more than any Klondike boom, although the farmers will be more directly benefited. Thanking you in anticipation for insertion,

Robert McBride.

Eburne, B. C., 12th March, 1898.

## PATENT REPORT.

**New Inventions Recently Registered in the United States and Canada.**

Below will be found a report of patents granted last week to inventors by the United States and Canadian governments, prepared by Messrs. Marion & Marion, solicitors of patents and experts; head office, Temple building, Montreal:

AMERICAN PATENTS.

599,821—James E. Atkins, London, Canada; ticket case.

599,761—Olivier Bellefeuille, Montreal; shoe sewing machine.

599,690—Arthur Deadman, Fort William, Canada; nut lock.

599,997—Levi Fisher, Brantford, Canada; gang punch.

599,776—Isaie Freschette, Montreal; last holder.

599,936—John Jones et al, Toronto, Can.; street sweeper.

599,937—John Jones et al, Toronto Can.; street sweeper.

599,938—John Jones et al, Toronto, Can.; street sprinkler.

599,868—William H. Russell, Newcastle, Can.; electric car trolley.

600,130—Thomas R. Woodward, Kingsbury, and A. J. Esnouff, Richmond, Can.; cloth measuring machine.

CANADIAN PATENTS.

59,079—C. H. Hotchkiss, Port Huron, Mich.; advertising board.

59,144—Lewis A. Hart et al, Montreal; money message.

59,149—Jos. Ouellette et al, St. Hyacinthe; stop motion for knitting machine.

59,161—Walter Shiers, Melbourne, Ont.; plough cleaner.

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# ORDER OUT OF ANARCHY

**The Solid Citizens of Skagway Decree the End of Soapy Smith's Reign of Terror.**

**With the Assistance of the Soldiery the Gambling Games are Closed and Order Restored.**

Matters at Skagway are rapidly approaching a crisis. This does not apply to the health conditions, for the spinal meningitis appears to be exciting much less alarm, but to the administration of the town. On the one side are the so-called solid citizens, supported by the recently arrived federal soldiery—on the other, the organized subjects and supporters of Soapy Smith.

The latter have lately been setting all law and order at defiance, cases of robbery, shooting and less serious crime being of daily occurrence. On Sunday night, the 6th instant, Alexander McLean, a prominent resident, was sandbagged just outside of his home on the local Broadway. He recovered his senses partially as he fell, and made an effort to draw a revolver, seeing which his assailant made haste to escape in the darkness.

The following morning no fewer than twelve highway robberies were reported, while from a short distance up the trail—just beyond the military encampment—word was received of a cold-blooded murder, the victim being an inbound miner named H. Bean. He had been shot at very close range, his assassin evidently having sprung upon him from ambush and thrust the fatal weapon practically into his face, which was torn and powder-burned.

The body was still warm when found, and to all appearances nothing in the pockets had been molested. In the dead man's belt upwards of $300 in bank notes was found, besides $33·50 in coin, personal papers, and a miner's certificate issued by Collector A. R. Milne, of this city. The theory formed by the military as well as at Skagway adopts robbery as the motive of the crime, those who have investigated the case believing that the murderer was frightened away before he could search the body. No clue to the identity of the assassin had presented itself before the Islander sailed south.

It was chiefly these two incidents that decided the respectable element at Skagway that the time for action had come. They accordingly conferred with the infantry officers, and one week ago yesterday morning posted conspicuous notices warning all concerned that all gambling rooms, "flimsy" and "sure-thing" games in the city or on the trail, must close, and all objectionable characters leave by 4 o'clock the same day.

A reference to the books in Collector Milne's office shows that a miners' certificate was issued to H. W. Bean on February 16. He gave as his place of residence, Seattle.

At the appointed hour the two full companies of military appeared on the scene and paying no attention to the threats of the tough element effectually closed all objectionable places. The round up was made with rifles ready, and the Soapy Smith party contented themselves perforce with muttered promises of future vengeance.

A second conference of officers and citizens was held soon after, 101 being present, at which it was decided to issue the following proclamation:

WARNING.

A word to the wise should be sufficient—All confidence, bunco and sure-thing men, and all other objectionable characters are notified to leave Skagway and the White Pass road immediately, and to remain away. Failure to comply with this warning will be followed by prompt action.

(Sd.) "101."

Skagway, March 8, 1898.

Of course this notice was productive of a meeting of the opposition faction the same night, at which dire revenge was threatened, and the following counter proclamation, drafted by Soapy Smith himself, adopted:

ANSWER TO WARNING.

The body of men styling themselves "101" are hereby notified that any overt act committed by them will be promptly met by the law-abiding citizens of Skagway and each member and HIS PROPERTY will be held responsible for any unlawful act on their part, and the law and order society, consisting of 317 citizens, will see that justice is dealt out to its full extent, as no *blackmailers* or *vigilantes* will be tolerated. [Sd.] The Committee.

The 101 have the military behind them, however, and their leader, Major J. A. Strong, does not anticipate even that extreme measures will be necessary in ridding the town of its undesirable population. This he is determined to do. The gambling houses were still closed when the Islander sailed, no games were running anywhere, and sentries paced the streets, assuring protection to life and property.

## FARMERS' INSTITUTE.

**Inaugural Meeting of the Organization for Nanaimo and Cedar District.**

The first meeting of the Nanaimo and Cedar district farmers' institute was held in the city hall, Nanaimo, on Saturday last for the purpose of organization and election of officers. Mr. John Thomas, Cedar district, was unanimously chosen president and Mr. R. F. Hickey, French Creek, as vice-president, Mr. John Stewart, Stark's Crossing, E. & N. Ry., secretary-treasurer; Messrs. Jas. Grey and G. W. Taylor, Gabriola island, H. Gaetzen, Englishman's river, F. J. Thatcher, Cranberry district, and F. B. Le Feuvre, Nanaimo, were elected as directors for the current year. Mr. Thomas, on taking the chair, briefly thanked the members for the honor they conferred on him by electing him as president, and then called on Mr. Anderson, deputy minister of agriculture, to address the institute. In his remarks, Mr. Anderson congratulated the Nanaimo institute on being organized under such favorable auspices. He stated that it was the ninth that had been organized within the province, and with the largest membership. Ninety-four members are at present on the roll. The next in point of numbers is Kamloops with 58. Next, Mr. Anderson gave the institute some pointed and necessary instruction for the successful working of the institute. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the acting superintendent for his help and instruction.

At the close of the meeting the directors met and fixed the date of the first regular meeting, which is to be held in Nanaimo on Thursday, May 5. The lecture to be delivered is on fruit culture and summer pruning, by the ablest man the department can send. One of the subjects to be discussed is how to turn the bush farms of British Columbia into paying investments for the settler and give him employment on his own land, and thus enable him to support his family, and the hope deferred of the bachelor into speedy realization—a lady to take charge of him and his domestic affairs.

# THE CITY

Owing to the death of Mr. James Hutcheson the social announced for this evening in St. Andrew's Presbyterian church has been indefinitely postponed.

The argument on the appeal to the Full court from the decision of Mr. Justice McColl in Lang v. the City of Victoria was concluded yesterday afternoon. Judgment is reserved.

J. M. Edwards, J. J. Donohue, San Francisco, and D. McGeachen, Springfield, Ill., are among a large number of gold hunters from the United States who are registered at the Dominion hotel, and who intend buying their outfits in Victoria.

The social club recently organized by the members of Court Vancouver, A. O.F., hold their first whist party of a series on Friday evening, at the Foresters' hall, Government street. All members of the order, resident or visiting, will be made welcome.

Michael Moore and Lawrence Goldspring, the two members of the Victorian's crew who were arrested on a charge of theft last Sunday afternoon, were released from custody yesterday morning, there being a lack of convicting evidence against them. In the meanwhile their steamer has gone North.

Lee Tuen the crazy Chinaman has been taken in charge by his friends and countrymen who are convinced of his insanity. They believe that his mania on the marriage question can be cured by restoring him to his wife and family, who live in China, and accordingly Lee Tuen will be sent home on the next boat.

Auction to-day, 2 p.m., at 135 Superior street, on car line. G. Byrnes will sell a splendid assortment of general furniture as enumerated in his advertisement in to-day's paper. All the articles are as good as new. There is a magnificent Cabinet Grand piano by Heintzman, of beautiful tone and action, with all the modern improvements.

A Japanese named Sa Sack was found helplessly drunk on Government street early yesterday morning and taken to the police station. He had been the night before among a party of Chinamen who, in order to show that they nourished no ill-feelings on account of the late war or the present imponding crisis, treated him royally to Chinese whiskey. Sa Sack succumbed and the magistrate charged him $5 and costs yesterday morning for his misconduct.

Yesterday afternoon while Mrs. J. C. Forster, wife of the Rev. Mr. Forster, was driving up Yates street part of the harness broke and frightened the horse, which shied into a telegraph pole, twisting a wheel and breaking the whiffletree, which left the horse free. Mrs. Forster held to the reins until they parted. The horse then started out to lower his own record, and was last seen making very good time in the direction of Saanich.

Messrs. A. D. and F. G. Hotchkiss arrived in the city last night direct from the south of Wales. News which had reached their home of gold discoveries in the Klondike induced them to move in that direction and they came to Victoria to look over the situation. Mr. A. D. Hotchkiss in talking with a Colonist reporter last night said that the excitement in the south of Wales over the Klondike was something tremendous. Many had already left there and many more had made up their minds to follow as soon as they were able.

Excellent advertising is being done the cities of British Columbia by the Pioneer Press of St. Paul, which has during the past month published no fewer than five full pages of illustrated reading matter on Victoria and Vancouver, from the pen of Mr. H. P. Hall, the newspaper advertising agent of the Soo line. Mr. Hall is a good, vigorous writer, and studies well his facts. His argument of why Victoria is especially fitted to control the outfitting trade is unanswerable. The city owes him a debt of gratitude for thus effectively presenting its claim.

Chas. J. Lett of Prescott, Arizona, who arrived in the city yesterday to purchase a Klondike outfit says that a large number of people from the same neighborhood may be expected within a month. A resident of Prescott has been to Dawson City and back again. He did not bring a glowing account of the country, but said enough to convince quite a few that it was worth while making the trip even in consideration of the great number of people who are pouring in at the present time. Mr. Lett has followed mining all his life. He passed San Francisco and Seattle bye because he knew from experience that it would pay him best to outfit at the nearest commercial point to the gold fields.

The Klondike M.T. & T. Corporation, Limited, have received a letter dated Fort Wrangel, March 9, dealing in a complimentary way with the experiences on the company's ship Amur on its first trip North, as follows: "I think I should not be honest with parties concerned, nor with myself, if I did not tell your company that your chief steward has done everything in his power to make our trip a pleasant one. It seems as if it made no difference how busy he was, it always seemed to give him pleasure to attend our wants. He, with your kind-hearted, jolly captain, will make your line popular with those who can appreciate gentlemanly treatment. We go to the island to-day, all in good spirits. Yours, (Signed) J. T. Howard."

Will be found an excellent remedy for sick headache. Carter's Little Liver Pills. Thousands of letters from people who have used them prove this fact. Try them.

# RACING THE "PUEBLA."

**A San Francisco Father's Fast Trip in Search of His Daughter.**

**Sealers Favored With Good Weather—The "Quadra" Enters Commission.**

A very different crowd was that sailing for San Francisco by the Umatilla last evening from that which the Puebla brought from the Bay City less than 24 hours before, 210 being the flyer's contribution to Victoria's transient population, while her south-bound sister liner took but twelve away. They were: Mrs. H. W. Finlay and two children, H. C. Stratton, Mrs. C. B. McNeill, J. A. Shade, J. V. Woodward, John D. Black, J. S. and Mrs. Wood, John D. Thomas and William Lynch. The latter passenger is a returning San Franciscan in connection with whose hurried visit to the North there is a story to be told. He is searching for his 14-year old daughter, and believing that she was on the City of Puebla, he had by rail raced the clipper steamer for Victoria, beating her here but finding no trace of the missing one after all. About one week ago the little girl, who has a remarkable talent for music, went out in the early afternoon to search the music stores for some particular sheet, she wanted. Whether she got lost, was abducted, or wilfully strayed from home is not yet settled in the mind of her father. When she did not return home at a late hour Mr. Lynch became alarmed and went in search of her. He was told by a young man who knew the girl that she had gone aboard the Puebla as that steamer was about to leave for the North. Mr. Lynch then took the first steamer North and arrived here ahead of the Puebla, but to his utter astonishment his daughter was not aboard the vessel. He informed the Victoria police of his troubles and then left for home again.

GOOD SEALING WEATHER.

The steamer Willapa, in command of Captain H. R. Foot, completed another very fast passage yesterday, returning from Hesquoit and all way ports on the West Coast after but three days and a few hour's absence. No special news was obtained on the trip, all the sealers having left the coast with the exception of the unfortunate Venture. They are having exceptionally favorable hunting weather, and excellent catches may in consequence be looked for. On the first part of the homeward journey—as far as Alberni—the Willapa had as a passenger Dr. Carmody, of Clayoquot, who reported a solitary case of smallpox near the settlement in which he resides. The Indian patient has been properly isolated, as well as all possible suspects, and there is in consequence no danger of the disease spreading. Among the passengers to Victoria was a West Coast special constable with a native prisoner, the latter having signed as hunter on the schooner Brenda, and then deserted ship and articles.

THE "AMUR" SETS SAIL.

The K. M. T. & T. Co.'s fine steamer Amur, Captain Mears, set sail last evening on her second trip to the north, having a satisfactory list of passengers with more to be added at Vancouver. In all there will be fully 100 making the voyage, of whom 40 boarded the ship here and 60 will be received at Vancouver. Among the former are Mr. J. T. Bethune of the owing company, George F. Kyle, J. Porteous, J. S. Romer, J. McCarthy, Thomas Sunderland, J. A. Johnson, A. Barry, J. A. Bullock, W. Synion, W. Marrick, G. Springer, J. N. Sylvester, W. T. Chandler and P. H. Spencer.

AGAIN IN COMMISSION.

The D.G.S. Quadra, Captain Walbran, re-entered commission yesterday with all her old officers, but a few new faces among the crew, replacing old deck hands and firemen who have gone to Klondike. To-morrow the Quadra goes round to the graving dock for her annual painting and overhauling. She is expected to be on the blocks for a week and then resume her regulation service

MARINE NOTES.

R.M.S. Empress of China arrived at Yokohama yesterday morning.

The Kingston yesterday brought 81 passengers as her daily contribution from the Sound.

## MASTER AND SERVANT.

**To Prevent the Introduction of Laborers Under Contract.**

The bill introduced by Mr. Macpherson in the legislature to amend the "Master and Servant Act" is a very short one, being contained in one section. It aims at preventing the bringing into British Columbia of laborers under contract from other parts of Canada or from outside countries. The section reads as follows:

Any agreement or bargain, verbal or written, express or implied, which may be made between any other person not a resident of British Columbia, for the performance of labor or service, or having reference to the performance of labor or service by such other person in the Province of British Columbia, and made as aforesaid, previous to the migration or coming into British Columbia of such other person whose labor or service is contracted for, shall be void and of no effect as against the person so migrating or coming.

(a.) Nothing in this section shall be so construed as to prevent any person from engaging under contract or agreement skilled workmen, not resident in British Columbia, to perform labor in British Columbia in or upon any new industry not at present established in British Columbia, or any industry at present established, if skilled labor for the purpose of the industry cannot be otherwise obtained, nor shall the provisions of this section apply to teachers, professional actors, artists, lecturers or singers.

Leather coats with sheepskin lining, made specially for the Yuknon country. B. Williams & Co.