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THE WEEKLY COLONIST.

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Local and Provincial News.

From the Daily Colonist, December 10.

The "Recantation" at New Westminster.

The following statement of the views of the standing committee on the above subject was read to the St. Paul's congregation morning and evening on Sunday last, by Mr. Ferris, one of the church wardens. The services were conducted by Bishop Cridge, who also administered the Lord's supper to fourteen communicants. No defections are believed to have taken place in consequence of Mr. Gill's action; on the contrary, the congregation appears to be more firmly knit together. Members of the church of England, unacquainted with the past, were amazed at the tribunal of confession erected by Bishop Sillitoe—a thing entirely unauthorized by the laws of that church and, apparently, a purely arbitrary device on the part of the bishop. The vestry returned a cordial vote of thanks to the standing committee for their kind and cheering communication.

At a meeting of the standing committee of the Reformed Episcopal church in this jurisdiction it was resolved as follows:

That we, the members of the said committee, having before us the proceedings published—apparently by authority—under the head "Recantation," and containing the Rev. Mr. Gill's letter of resignation as read to his congregation with his counsel to the said congregation to desert the Reformed Episcopal church; and also Bishop Sillitoe's hearing his recantation and granting him absolution, are of opinion

That Mr. Gill, in urging this counsel on his congregation before he had vacated his post, or his resignation had even been written to our bishop, and while still occupying the vantage ground of an accredited minister of our church, committed a breach of trust contrary to Christian law and ordinary good faith.

That, moreover, Mr. Gill, in this action, has been guilty of ignoring and disobeying the canons of the church to which he at that time belonged.

They believe that Bishop Sillitoe, in thus receiving a minister of a Christian body without letters of good standing from its bishop, and without adverting to his (the minister's) action in retiring from it, condoned, if he did not connive at, such action, and has not observed the just and courteous way of proceeding which is usual among Christian bodies in such cases.

They believe, further, that Bishop Sillitoe's action in hearing Mr. Gill's recantation and granting him absolution in the premises was contrary to the scripture and to the principles of the reformation, and a further proof, if any had been required, of the need of a Reformed Episcopal church at New Westminster.

And, lastly, they believe that the stain which Bishop Sillitoe, in these proceedings, has endeavored to fasten on the Reformed Episcopal church cleaves rather to his own hands.

Under these circumstances, while they sincerely sympathize with the St. Paul's congregation in being thus suddenly left without the usual ministrations, they do also congratulate them on the retirement of a minister who has shown himself to be so weak and vacillating, and who acknowledges himself to have been in "a false position" among them; and on the encouragement they may feel, from a review of the whole matter, to persevere in their righteous Christian movement; and they further hope that until God shall be pleased to raise them up a faithful pastor they will continue to appoint one of their own number to conduct the services of the church.

They also resolve that the bishop be requested to convey these their sentiments to St. Paul's congregation in the form of an open letter.

Victoria, Dec. 1, 1885.

To the St. Paul's Church Congregation, New Westminster:

Dear Brethren:—In pursuance of the request of the standing committee I place in your hands as an open letter the accompanying statements of the sentiments of the committee in reference to recent proceedings. Yours faithfully in Christ, our only Lord, E. CRIDGE,

Missionary bishop of the jurisdiction of the Pacific coast.

New Westminster, Dec. 5, 1885.

Over the Route.

Captain N. H. Chittenden, who has been making a tour of the Canadian Pacific railway from Victoria to Montreal, arrived here on Tuesday. Mr. Chittenden has issued a descriptive pamphlet of the entire route, devoting a brief space to each of the various towns and cities on the line. On the return trip slow travel was made over the Selkirks, there being four feet of snow on the summits. In the Gold range portions of the entire roadbed have been washed away by recent heavy rains, in one place for a distance of six miles. This is due to the fact that no culverts were made and the roadbed was of a light clay.

Farwell is almost deserted, only about 150 inhabitants remaining—those who were compelled by business to do so and miners who desire to make an early start in the spring.

TROUNCE ALLEY.—It is rumored that King Filth is about to be attacked by the shovel brigade and routed from his stronghold in Trounce alley. If some such action is not taken in the course of a day or two the place should be presented as a public nuisance.

ESQUIMALT ROBBERY.—The thief on Tuesday night at Keeler's secured about $200 altogether, including $60 in cash, a watch and chain, brooch, breast-pin, etc. He has not been discovered as yet.

Municipal Council.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 9.

The regular weekly meeting of the council was held last evening at 8 o'clock.

Present—His Worship Mayor Rithet and Couns. McKillican, Robertson, Smith, Earle, Teague, Braden, Grant, Ward and Warner.

The minutes of the last regular meeting and special meeting were read and adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS.

From Superintendent Roycraft, enclosing statement of account for food supplied civic prisoners at the provincial jail, being $322.75 for food and $50.80 two-fifths gas bill. Referred to finance committee for payment.

From C. Hayward, secretary Victoria public school board, enclosing resolution passed at the school board in reference to the establishment of a university at Victoria and asking the co-operation of the council in obtaining the lands mentioned in the resolution.

On motion of Coun. Grant, the communication was received and laid on the table and the matter referred to a committee of the council for report.

The mayor appointed Couns. Grant, McKillican and Ward as a committee.

From Hon. S. Duck, asking that he be refunded the cost price of a sidewalk placed by him in front of his building on Johnson street. Referred to street committee for report.

From residents of Superior street, asking for sidewalk between Bird-cage walk and Menzies street. Referred to street committee.

From Joseph Heywood, stating that he was unable to rent his property in the neighborhood of the electric light, owing to the noise made by the machinery, and asking that he be refunded the taxes on the property. Referred to the electric light committee.

From C. Bossi, stating that water was running into his cellar on Johnson street, and asking that some action be taken to prevent it. Referred to street committee for report.

From H. Noble, asking that a sidewalk be placed on Telegraph street. Referred to street committee.

From E. S. Vigor, enclosing account of $60 for estimate furnished by him as to the power required by the electric light. Referred to finance committee for payment.

THE NEXT COUNCIL.

Coun. Ward moved that a bylaw for the regulation of the election for mayor and council for 1886 be read a first time. Carried.

DRAINAGE AND STREET LEVEL.

The drainage and street level committee reported that they had circulated maps of the city to prominent sanitary engineers, asking for estimates of plans, and recommended that the proposal of Pickering & Crompton, Cumberland, Eng., be accepted and that Mr. Pickering be requested to report himself at Victoria as soon as possible and proceed with the work. Appended to the report were the propositions made by several engineers thought by the committee the best.

Coun. Robertson moved that the matter be deferred for one week, to give opportunity to councillors to look over the thirty-five proposals submitted in order to form their opinions on the question.

Coun. Grant approved of the examination of the proposals by councillors during the week. He would second the resolution.

Coun. Smith said it was merely the selection of an engineer to devise a scheme, not one to be permanently employed.

Coun. Earle thought if the matter was left over the councillors who attempted the work of looking over the propositions would soon get tired of it. The committee had devoted a great deal of time to the consideration of the propositions, and they had selected the three best proposals and Pickering & Compton, they considered, had submitted the most business-like proposition. It was not for the carrying out of the work, but for the preparation of a thorough scheme of drainage, one that the council could take and let to contractors. He thought that there were plenty of men in this country who could carry out the building of the system from the plans.

The matter was deferred one week.

STREET COMMITTEE REPORT.

The street committee reported in reference to sidewalk on Herald street from Douglas to Blanchard street, recommending the laying of a six foot sidewalk on the north side, cost to be about $151.

The report was adopted and sidewalk ordered to be laid.

FIRE REPORT.

The fire wardens reported that the buildings partly destroyed by fire on Store street were a dangerous nuisance, and recommended that the debris be at once removed.

Report adopted and the work ordered to be done.

TROUNCE ALLEY.

Coun. Braden reported that the nuisance in Trounce alley was altogether the bad sidewalk.

Coun. Earle said that the sanitary committee could deal with the matter. Let the notices be served, and if the notice was not observed the street committee would take it upon themselves to close the alley to public travel.

Sanitary notices were ordered to be served to abate the nuisance in Trounce alley.

ELECTRIC LIGHT.

Coun. Grant asked for a delay of a couple of days more to bring in the electric light report and a special meeting called for the purpose of considering the matter.

The delay was granted, and the mayor named Monday night for the meeting, to consider the electric light report, the latter to be printed.

THE STREETS.

Coun. Braden suggested that the street committee employ a number of men to scrape the mud off the streets. They were very dirty, and the work would give employment to a number of idle men.

Coun. Robertson said last year at this time the newspapers were charging the council with all sorts of crimes on account of the streets. This year nothing was said, and the streets were in worse condition.

His worship remarked that there was considerably more traffic now on the streets than formerly.

Coun. Earle—And they are one year older. A number of men were now engaged, but the mud was too much for them. More men would have to be put on.

Coun. Grant agreed that the streets were bad, but if the ratepayers would not vote funds, the money could not be spent. However, they would have soon to do so.

PUBLIC MORALS.

In considering the second reading of the public morals bylaw brought in by Coun. McKillican, each councillor expressed the opinion that while such a bylaw might have a good affect under certain conditions, at present the law would be undesirable. The matter might be left in the hands of the police with special instructions to the latter. Some councillors thought parents should be punished instead of children, for allowing the latter to run out at all seasons of the night.

The bylaw was accordingly killed on the first clause, the understanding being that special instructions be issued to the chief of police in regard to the matter.

In reference to the petition of barbers for a Sunday closing bylaw, Coun. Grant moved that they be allowed to close on Sunday if they so desired. Seconded by Coun. Ward and carried.

Council adjourned.

CABLE COMMUNICATION.—A scheme has just been projected at Montreal and in England for placing Canada in direct cable communication with Europe and Asia, which will be shortly carried to completion and in which the telegraph system of the Canadian Pacific will be an important factor. It is reported that Chas. Hosmer will have the direction of the new enterprise.

SNOW.—The Metchosin and Goldstream hills were covered with a wintry mantle yesterday.

"FAIRVIEW."

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Dunsmuir entertained a large number of ladies and gentlemen at the family residence last evening, invitations having been sent out several days previously for a fancy dress (calico) party. The spacious parlors were thronged with gaily, and in some instances grotesquely attired guests. Most of the costumes were unique and handsome; all were tasteful and appropriate. Although in some instances more costly fabrics were employed, calico and satteen frocks predominated; and the colors of these were so pretty and the dresses so delicately fashioned that few who were not in the secret would have imagined that they were not composed of the most expensive materials. A few of the older members of the company did not observe the mandatory injunction of calico; and the worthy host and hostess, whose hospitality is proverbial, appeared in evening dress. A glance at the hall while the enjoyment was at its height revealed extraordinary and opposite characters whirling on the floor of the tastefully decorated ballroom. Mythology and ancient history were represented and nearly every personage or character of note from the middle ages down to the present time—the dude not omitted—was there. Supper was served at midnight, after which dancing was resumed and continued till an early hour this morning. The party was unanimously voted by the participants to be the pleasantest of the kind that has ever taken place in this province. Among the most noteworthy personations were the following:

Miss Dunsmuir as "Winter" (in white and swansdown, frosted moss and crown); Mrs. Bryden, of Nanaimo, as "Night," black and silver stars crowned with crescent; Mrs. Croft, of Chemainus, as a lady of the court of Louis XIII, white with gold, pearl and emerald and ruby ornaments; Mrs. D. R. Harris, "Queen of Sunflowers," with emblematic ornaments.

Mrs. W. J. Mcadonald—"Lady of the Court of King James."

Mr. Herbert Jones, as "Cherry Ripe," a young lady.

Mrs. Wm. Smithe as "Night," black grenadine with stars and crescents.

Mr. D. R. Harris, "Stalwart Sailor-boy."

Mr. E. G. Prior, "Pirate King."

Mr. W. Ward, as a "Baby," with Mr. A. Brealey as "Dry Nurse."

Messrs. Dumbleton and P. Æ. Irving as French cooks.

W. Brealey as "Bluebeard."

Mr. Simms, as "Rouge-et-Noir."

Mrs. Bullen, as "Marie Antoinette."

Miss Bushby, as "Union Jack."

Miss Macdonald as "Galatea," Greek maid.

Miss Edith Macdonald, as "Yum Yum" the Japanese girl in the "Mikado."

G. Bovill and Keith Wilson as "Foresters."

Gavin Burns, "Charles I."

Mrs. Gray, as "Florence Nightingale."

Miss Gray—"Rachel, the Gleaner."

Mr. Snowdon—"Turkish Pasha."

B. Drake—"Little Boy Blue."

Mr. Tytler—"Neapolitan Fisherman."

Mrs. E. G. Prior—"Fishwife."

Mrs. P. Æ. Irving—"Charity School-Girl."

Miss Jenns—"Law Student."

Miss Sylvia Gray—"Little Red Riding Hood."

Miss Ward—"Winter" (with miniature snowshoes and sledges as ornaments.)

Miss Higgins—A "Witch."

Miss Helmcken—"Queen of Hearts."

Miss McKay—A "Vivandiere."

Miss J. Innes—"Night."

L. Crease—"Early Hebron Potato."

Mrs. R. E. Jackson—"Portia."

W. Croft—"Gentleman of the last century."

J. R. Anderson—"Gentleman of the Hawaiian court."

W. Gravely—A "Corsair."

Miss Langley—"Marguerite" (Faust).

Mrs. Gillespie—"Mary Queen of Scots."

Mrs. C. A. Vernon—"Lady of last century."

Mr. O'Reilly—"Yachtsman."

W. McKay—"Lawn tennis."

Mrs. Keith-Wilson—"Lady of the Period."

A. W. Jones—"Auld Scotia" (clan Cameron).

T. R. Smith—"Superintendent London Police."

Sir Richard Musgrave—"Foxhunter."

Mrs. C. A. Vernon—"Queen of Sheba."

Mrs. W. T. Drake—"Night."

Mr. W. T. Drake—A Jockey.

Miss Crease—"Background."

J. R. Anderson—"Law Student."

Miss Davie—"Aurora."

Mrs. Rithet—"Lady of 16th century."

Miss O'Reilly—"Miss Hardcastle" (School for Scandal).

Miss Breakey—"Queen Semiramis."

Mrs. Turner—"Lady of English court."

Mrs. W. C. Ward—"Court lady of last century."

Miss L. Macdonald—"El Mahdi's bride."

Mrs. M. T. Johnson—"Lady of 17th century."

Miss McTavish—"Alsatian peasant girl."

Mr. H. E. Crossdaile—"Gentleman of the Old School."

Mrs. Blaiklock—"Five o'clock tea."

Mrs. Harvey Combe—"Polly."

Mr. Harvey Combe—"Jack Tar."

Scott Gray—"Olde Englishe gentleman."

John Gray—"Tom"; Pierrepont Gray as "Jerry."

R. Jones—"Spanish matador."

Miss Jessie Dunsmuir—"Italian peasant girl."

Miss Maude Dunsmuir—"Italian peasant girl."

R. E. Jackson—"Mephistopheles."

Lieut. Gibbon—"Zouave."

Dr. Trevan, R. N., "Knight of Malta."

Mr. Fisher, R. N.—"Christy Minstrel in White."

Mrs. Crossdaile—"Gypsy."

Miss Musgrave—"The Maid of Perth."

Miss A. Musgrave—"Lady of the 16th Century."

H. Prior—"Romeo."

Mr. Reeves, R. N.—"Mariner."

Mr. Thomas, R. N.—"French Cook."

Miss F. Finlayson—"Nancy Lee."

Miss S. Finlayson—"Peasant Girl."

Miss Ella Innes—"Egyptian Maiden."

Miss Drake—"Great Grandmother."

Sir Michael Culme-Seymour, Capt. Rose, Capt. Hope and several other gentlemen from the navy were in full uniform. Sir M. B. Begbie, Mr. Justice Gray, Senator Macdonald, Hon. W. Smithe, Mayor Rithet, ex-Mayor Turner and a number of other gentlemen, not in costume, were also present.

The Weather.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 9.—8 p.m.—Indications for succeeding thirty-two hours: North Pacific—Partly cloudy weather and rain, followed by fair weather, southerly winds shifting to northwesterly.

DEATH OF THORNTON.—Thomas Thornton, the man who attempted suicide at the Royal hospital on Saturday last by cutting his throat, died at an early hour yesterday morning. The deceased in the early days was captain of a small schooner plying on the sound. Becoming partly paralysed, he has for many years kept a small fruit and confectionery store at the foot of Johnson street. Last summer he disposed of his business and went to San Francisco to receive treatment for his eyes, the sight of which was gradually becoming less. The result was only partially satisfactory and he returned to Victoria and for a time was an inmate of the convalescent home. Disliking this he purchased a small fruit business above Waddington alley, but on account of failing health was compelled to dispose of it, and went to the Royal hospital for treatment where he attempted the deed, from the effect of which he died yesterday.

SEIZED.—The furniture and piano in thouse house of a fashionable *demi monde* residing on Broughton street, were on Tuesday last seized by the sheriff on instructions from Mr. R. M. Johnson. The piano was taken from the house to a place of safety.

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AUTUMN ASSIZES.

(Before Hon. Mr. Justice Gray.)

THIRTEENTH DAY.

December 9, 1885.

REGINA VS. SPROULE (CONTINUED).

Upon the court assembling yesterday morning the learned judge commenced his charge to the jury, reading over to them the whole of the evidence taken, a work which lasted for five hours. To every point that had any particular bearing as for or against the prisoner the attention of the jury was directed with a care that bore proof of the untiring application which his lordship had displayed throughout the trial, and the guarded language employed showed how solicitous he was that by no possible misconstruction could the jury gather bias from what he said. The strict impartiality displayed in the charge was a matter of general comment upon the adjournment of the court.

Having reviewed the notes he had taken, the judge concluded as follows: "I have now read the evidence from beginning to end; and it is certainly of the most unusual and extraordinary character. I have never met in my life a case like the present, requiring such careful review of the evidence, the closest attention, and a moral determination to do right irrespective of the crown or the prisoner at the bar. I cannot define any other theory by which this crime could have happened than that adduced by the crown. There are one or two expressions that were made by the prisoner to which I deem it my duty to especially refer. One of the witnesses has mentioned the term made use of by the prisoner that "he would happen around mysteriously and disappear in the same manner." It is most extraordinary how the winds should have operated that day, how the prisoner was delayed—almost, I may say, by circumstances that were so ordered, that they seem to have been so by the interposition of providence. The storm arises on the lake, the wind retards the progress of the prisoner, the rifle shot is heard, the prisoner lands where no human eye can detect the trail, yet the same inscrutable Being is beside this man, and we find almost at the very moment when escape seemed to have been certain, that he absolutely walked by some extraordinary means right into the captors' hands. We find that the weapon of defence that he has is absolutely so covered up that he cannot use it at the time, as he otherwise probably might have done. It seems as if everything had been brought about by some higher power than an earthly one. I am satisfied, gentlemen, that the matter may be safely left in your hands. Your more than close attention, your determination to do what is right (which has exhibited itself during the progress of the trial) shows you have given a consideration to this case which must enable you to come to a correct conclusion. The interests of society are in your hands on the one side, and the life of the prisoner at the bar on the other; and I do hope that you will be able to come to a conclusion which will be consistent with what is right between God and man."

The jury then retired (4:40 p.m) to consider as to their verdict.

Mr. T. Davie wished several of the depositions taken at the preliminary examination to be given to the jury to refer to, but the attorney-general objected, and was sustained by the judge, who remarked that it would create one of the most dangerous precedents of which he had ever heard.

The jury returned at 9:45 p.m. and announced that they were unable to agree.

His lordship said he must ask them, after their having given a week to the case, to make a little further effort to come to some decision. He would ask the sheriff to take charge of them, and would adjourn the court until 11 a.m. the next day.

The foreman said one of the jurymen wanted to refresh his mind about the man who was seen at the top of the hill shortly after the discovery of the murder.

The extract was read by the judge from his notes, showing that, further on, Velnoweth in his evidence had said the man afterwards proved to be Charles House.

The foreman asked if they could be given another hour to consider—a request which was immediately conceded by the court, and they accordingly again retired. At 11 p.m. they again returned, this time with a verdict of GUILTY, accompanied with a recommendation to mercy, on the ground that they had reason for so doing.

Mr. T. Davie asked that the jury should be polled.

His lordship asked for authority upon the point. He had never heard of its being done where a unanimous verdict had been given, and especially when accompanied with a recommendation to mercy. Referring to authority handed to him by counsel for defence (Bishop on Crim. law vol. 1, section 1003) the judge said that even from that such was only optional with the court. He was satisfied the jury were unanimous which was shown from the fact of the recommendation to mercy, and he should therefore adhere to the usual precedent.

The attorney-general mentioned that the point had already been decided only so late as at the last assizes at Kamloops.

Mr. T. Davie asked that his application be noted, which the judge having done, assured the jury their recommendation should be forwarded to the proper quarter.

The court then adjourned until 2 p. m. to-day (Thursday).

British Columbia Business.

A Northern Pacific circular says the company will not receive freight coming from or destined to British Columbia, unless the following conditions are complied with:

Shipments of merchandise from points in the United States destined to British Columbia, must be accompanied by certified invoices, (that is an invoice showing the exact description, marks and value of the articles,) which must be attached to the original way-bill. The marks and numbers of each separate package must be shown on the way-bill. Shipments from Canada or Manitoba to British Columbia, require an invoice of value, certified to by the United States customs officers at the port of entry into the United States. These invoices must be attached to the original way-bills in every instance. Shipments from British Columbia to any foreign country or vice versa, are required to be bonded through the United States, and a manifest or invoice showing value, marks, weight and description, certified to by a customs' official, must accompany each shipment, attached to the original way-bill.

Arrival of the Truant Steamer.

The Teaser arrived down from Tongas last evening in charge of Acting Deputy Sheriff Cuthbert, who deserves great credit for the way in which he has carried the case through. No resistance of any account was offered except by Henry Moore, who did not come back on the steamer. The crew, one and all, seemed anxious to return, but it is thought that had not Mr. Cuthbert and his crew been armed Henry Moore could have controlled their actions. Captain Madden was welcomed by his old friends, as was also Mr. Joseph Irving, who was foremost in assisting Mr. Cuthbert. Officer McNeil boarded the vessel upon her landing and will guard against any further offence. Ben and William Moore were amongst those who returned.

WHISKY MAKING.—Travelers from the northwest coast say that there is any amount of whisky being made by Indians at a small village called Kokide, 8 or 9 miles above Bella Bella. The orgies are kept up day and night and the Indians are relapsing to barbarism.

SALMON.—Canned salmon continues to advance in the London market. At latest advices it had reached 20s. 5d. a case.

RETURNED.—The runaway girl from Tacoma, in charge of her mother, left for Tacoma on yesterday's steamer.

What Some People Say.

That the Austrian government has withdrawn its legation from Washington, and neither country is represented at the respective national capitals.

That Miss Morse, daughter of Professor Morse, who invented the telegraph, has committed suicide.

That the smallpox is gradually dying out of Montreal.

That the story telegraphed here that the Marquis of Lorne was rotten-egged and ran away from a political meeting was entirely untrue. There was a stormy meeting, but the marquis was not egged nor did he fly.

That the latest innovation in hat lining is a map of the city printed on silk, so that any stranger or gay young fellow may find his way home.

That "Mamma," said Ethel, "I think Frank means business." Mamma—"Why, what makes you think so?" Ethel—"He gave me a pair of sleeve buttons last night and they were linked."

That a Kentucky eloping couple were recently married on horseback in Louisville. They were both on the same horse.

"Grace, grit and greenbacks" are mentioned by the Rev. Sam Jones as the essentials of success.

That a man with opinions of his own appears to be a standing insult to men who have no ideas.

That "Ouida" is 45.

That the British will build a railway from the Irrawaddy river to Yimnon, China, through Burmah.

That while Rev. Mr. Putnam was delivering an address on the late vice-president on Tuesday of last week in a crowded church at Trenton, Missouri, Rev. Charles Phillips proceeded to abuse the dead man mercilessly. The meeting was broken up.

That the Marshall islands, which Germany has seized for a coaling station, are about 1000 miles east of Yap, the late point of contention in the Carolines.

That sensational and probably unfounded rumors have been set afloat concerning President Cleveland's health.

That among the exhibits at the crazy-quilt show in New York is one made by a soldier of pieces taken from the uniforms of distinguished officers to the number of 8700 pieces, and which required two and one-half years to make. It is valued at $3000. One quilt is made of 17,000 pieces.

That one of the largest mechanical toys that will cause the eyes of the little folks to dilate during the Christmas season close at hand is a life-size Nubian who does wonderful things. When wound up he plays a flute in a most entertaining manner, rolling and winking his eyes all the time. But such a Nubian costs $250.

Dedication of the New Baptist Church.

The new Baptist church on Herald street will, according to announcement, be opened with special services on Sunday next. The building has been rapidly pushed towards completion and all finishing and furnishing will be accomplished this week with the exception of the finish to the seats, which are to be upholstered throughout. The addition, comprising school rooms, vestries, etc., is yet to be built, and will be commenced at once. On Sunday there will be held three services, 11 a. m., 3 p. m., and 7 p. m., each of which, it is expected, will be of a most interesting and impressive character. The excellent choir of the church have been in long and careful preparation for the occasion. In the morning, Rev. J. Q. A. Henry, of the First Baptist church, Portland, Or., will preach the dedicatory sermon. The afternoon exercises will consist chiefly of addresses by visiting ministers. The evening sermon will be preached by the Rev. J. C. Baker, of Salem, Or. The cost of the building and furniture is about $4000. There is a seating capacity of 300.

Personal.

At the Occidental: John A. and Jas. Lawson, Winnipeg; James Raymond, Little Rock, Arkansas; Thomas Carroll, Portland.

Hon. John Norquay and W. E. Sanford, of Hamilton, attended the levee at the White House on the 1st December.

Yesterday we had the pleasure of a call from Mrs. Emma A. Adams, correspondent of the Cleveland Leader and Herald, a western journal of large circulation and influence. Mrs. Adams, who is a lady of culture and an excellent writer, has passed several months in California, Oregon and Washington territory, writing up the resources of those many States. She proposes to describe British Columbia's products and possibilities for the information of the readers of the Leader and Herald.

Marine.

Bark Arcturus, belonging to Adams of Seebeck, which sailed for Valparaiso November 30, was in the midst of violent gales for many days. Just after leaving Cape Flattery 40,000 feet of lumber was thrown overboard to lighten her during one of the storms. She began leaking at the rate of ten inches per hour, and was compelled to turn into San Francisco, the passage requiring 21 days.

British ship Palgrave, which left Cardiff Nov. 30 for San Francisc, was spoken Sunday dismasted and otherwise disabled. Seven of the crew have been seriously injured. She was taken in tow by the British steamer Decan, which remained in her company until Monday, when the hawser broke and the ship drifted away. The steamer made search for her, but the weather being thick she was lost sight of.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 9.—Arrived—Ship Melrose, from Seattle; steamer State of California, Portland; ship Shirley, Swanton, Tacoma. Sailed—Steamer Geo. W. Elder, for Astoria; steamer Beda, Astoria; steamer Oregon, Astoria; schooner Geo. C. Perkins, Port Townsend.

The Latest Metlakahtla Trouble.

Mention was made yesterday of the arrival of two prisoners from Metlakahtla who are committed by Mr. Elliott for larceny, in having collecting a fine from an Indian girl who had broken a rule of the council of Metlakahtla. It is said that the girl subscribed to a rule which required that no member of the community should purchase any goods at Bishop Ridley's store. The girl broke through the rule and was thereupon fined by the council. The fine was collected in goods, money not being available. The decision of the committing magistrate has been appealed from, and an opportunity is presented of testing the right of bodies that have not been incorporated according to law to make regulations for the guidance of the members and impose a penalty in case of default.

AN AGENT DRUGGED.—W. A. Gilbert, canvasser for a sewing machine company, has been drugged at Seattle and robbed of $50, which was in a wallet carried by him in the inside pocket of his vest, and a gold pin.

SUDDEN DEATH.—Mrs. B. F. Dillon died suddenly yesterday afternoon. She had been slightly ill a few weeks, but no serious apprehensions were felt for her safety. Her husband and three young children are plunged in grief at the loss of a good wife and mother.

FROM THE ISLANDS.—The steamer Lottie arrived from the islands yesterday with a large lot of poultry. Thinking it was the Teaser a large number of people were on the dock to receive her.

LEGAL.—Mr. L. Gulline was engaged by counsel for the defence to take stenographic notes of the evidence given in the lately concluded Sproule case.

FIRE DEPARTMENT ELECTION.—Only those assessed for real estate will be qualified to vote at the election for chief and assistant engineers on Monday.

From the Daily Colonist, Dec. 11.

MAYNE ISLAND.

Festivities Incidental to the Opening of the New Wharf.

MAYNE ISLAND, Dec. 7, 1885.

After several years of doubt, disappointment and discomfort Mayne Island has a wharf, and one that Captain Irving has pronounced to be the best on either the New Westminster or Nanaimo routes. On Friday, 4th December, as the Princess Louise steamed into Plumper pass with the chief commissioner on board, she was saluted with a volley from the school boys (under the command of that old Petropaulovski hero "Dutchy" Smith), lining either side of the wharf; flags and other decorations enlivened its front, and numbers of

HAPPY, EXCITED FACES

greeted her approach. When the mooring lines had been thrown out and she was safely brought alongside there was a hurrying to and fro noticeable amongst the crowd, and as the the premier stepped ashore two of the island's oldest settlers, Messrs. Heck and F. Robson, came forward and welcomed him, leading him to the place where he was to stand. Mr. Figg then approached and read an address, testifying to the gratitude felt by the residents of the islands for this and the other numerous actions that marked the premier's desire to advance the welfare of this portion of the province. Mr. Smithe, in reply, simply and eloquently expressed his pleasure at

THE RECEPTION ACCORDED HIM,

and earnestly pointed out how his desire was to advance the welfare of the people, touching lightly upon the school and other improvements which he had been instrumental in bringing about. He gracefully wound up with a pretty tribute to the lady whose hand had fashioned the address. Three cheers were then given for Mr. Smithe, and Mr. Puetz, stepping forward, handed the premier an address, asking him to present it to Captain Irving, requesting the captain to consider one or two existing grievances. To the address the able skipper of the Princess Louise responded in a generous and sailorlike manner. So satisfactory, indeed, was his answer that three cheers were immediately called for and given. The proceedings then terminated with three rousing cheers for the Louise, she whistling back her answer.

THE WHARF

is T shaped. Its approach is 225 feet long and 14 feet wide; the wharf proper is 16 feet in width and 40 feet long and is built upon three rows of piles (ten piles to a row) braced by piles sunk at one end into the ground and the other bolted to the outside piles; the whole structure being of immense strength and reflecting great credit on the contractors. After the departure of the steamer those present, numbering about one hundred and fifty, all residents of the island, adjourned to Mr. Puetz's house and enjoyed a cold collation presided over by Mrs. Robson and provided by Mr. Puetz. Great praise is due to the energetic action and and careful forethought of one or two, conspicuous amongst these one might mention Mr. Phelps, to whom a great deal of the success of the affair may be attributed.

CAPT. DEVEREAUX

of the Sir James Douglas kindly lent his flags, and we would here thank him. Trusting Mr. Editor, that this will not take up too much space, may we ask you to insert it?

MAYNE ISLAND.

FROM COMOX.

Capture of an Indian Liquor Smuggler.

Mr. D. H. McNeil, special constable and government guide, returned from Alert bay, having proceeded to the latter place to secure witnesses in the Salmon river Indian murder case. Having forwarded these he went inland in search of the Indian who has been in the habit of supplying liquor to those of Salmon river, where the murder took place. He was found on Village Island, and is named Kilkite. For some time past he is known to have been smuggling the liquor from the Sound by canoe, bringing in a barrel at a time, selling it by the bottle and charging $10 per bottle for it. Mr. McNeil was assisted by Constable Beckinsill and R. Cliff, of Comox. The Indians on the island gathered round the officers, to about 100 in number, and had a great pow-wow among themselves, but made no attempt to rescue the prisoner, who was taken to Nanaimo, the Comox officers being compelled to also go there on account of rough weather preventing their landing at Comox.

Mr. McNeil was told by a white man that Indians of the coast were constantly supplied with smuggled liquor. The villages are so distant from one another that it is almost impossible for the Indian agent to took after them all.

Another Indian, who is concerned in the smuggling, was absent from the island and was not secured.

On the way up Mr. McNeil located two more settlers at Comox. Rough weather was experienced during the whole trip, strong southeast winds and rain prevailing.

The witnesses in the case of another Indian, named Kanalth, also on trial for murder, could not be procured, being away on a hunting expedition. A search for them was made but they were not found.

Personal.

E. J. Buckley, a Victoria boy, who made his debut at the Theatre Royal 21 years ago, is now a leading actor on the American stage. He will visit this city and play a The Victoria in February next.

Dr. Walkem, Mr. H. Bornsteir, Mr. M. Lenz and Pilot McDonald were passengers from the east coast yesterday.

Mr. J. Antonelle, railway contractor, leaves to-morrow for San Francisco to spend Christmas with his family.

Mr. Charles Kennedy, general agent of the freight and passenger department of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific, arrived in the city yesterday in the interest of the pioneer Albert Lea route.

Mr. J. Jessup, immigration agent, who sustained a slight fracture of the leg by being thrown from his horse at Sumas, is now resting easily. Dr. McSwain set the injured member.

Messrs. E. V. Bodwell, G. A. Keefer and G. H. Keefer were passengers yesterday from New Westminster.

Mr. D. W. McNeil, government guide, arrived down from Comox yesterday.

Fire Department Election.

The following gentlemen were nominated yesterday for the offices of chief engineer and assistant:

FOR CHIEF ENGINEER.

T. J. Burnes; nominated by John Parker and John Braden.

Charles J. Phillips; nominated by Richard Jeffrey and H. Saunders.

Joseph Wriglesworth; nominated by Louis Vigelius and John Robertson.

FOR ASSISTANT ENGINEER.

W. A. Calhoun; nominated by George Powell and Louis Vigelius.

Thomas Deasy; nominated by Alexander McLean and T. N. Hibben.

H. C. Wilson; nominated by A. Bossi and George Morrison.

David F. Fee, jr.; nominated by A. J. Smith and A. Ofner.

IMMERSED.—Rev. Mr. Croucher, though not a Baptist, was immersed in the waters of the Fraser on Monday last by the upsetting of a skiff opposite Ewen's cannery. His cries were heard and he was rescued from a perilous position.

HOPE TRAIL.—The trail over Hope mountain to the Granite Creek mines, is clear of snow, and traveling easy and safe.

STOPPED.—One of the paper carriers was ordered to stop and make known his identity in the neighborhood of Spring Ridge by a policeman yesterday morning.

FROM SOOKE.—The steamer Woodside arrived from Sooke yesterday, Captain Muir, her owner, being a passenger.

ICE formed last night to the thickness of half-an-inch, and skiver's bottom holds out a little encouragement for skaters.

What Some People Say.

That you must call on Collector Russell at the city hall and pay up your municipal taxes; otherwise you will not be entitled to vote at the forthcoming municipal election.

That straw pressed into blocks is a new fuel in Dakota.

That a barrel factory in Detroit, Mich., turns out 6000 barrels daily.

That Pennsylvania anthracite coal brings in the City of Mexico $25 per ton. What a chance for the Queen Charlotte Island product!

That the annual sales of the house to which the late H. B. Claffin belonged amount to $40,000,000.

That the price of diamonds has fallen in London from $15 to $3.75 per carat.

That apples sell for 50 cents a barrel and cider for 5 cents a gallon in the Hudson river valley.

That 15 cents will buy a bushel of apples in Connecticut and but eight apples in Georgia.

That the guano deposits of the islands off Lower California, being worked by Sr. Bulle of Guaymus, are turning out to be very abundant. The first vessel has sailed for Europe, carrying 800 tons.

That the coasting trade in India amounts to over $250,000,000, and, says the London Times, its value is more than one-third of the sea-borne trade which is conducted with Europe, Africa and the other countries of Asia.

That electricians say that the problem of seeing by electricity is so nearly solved as to greatly encourage those engaged upon it.

That it is announced that an English inventor has lately devised a method of coating tin with a material resembling glass, which removes all danger of poison in canned goods, and the adoption of his process is likely soon to become general.

That the Columbian denies with emphasis a statement in the Guardian that Mr. Cunningham, member for New Westminster, employed the New Westminster chaingang to make improvements at the Methodist church of the Royal City.

That the Guardian says the view of Coal Harbor printed by the West Shore is a *phantasie d