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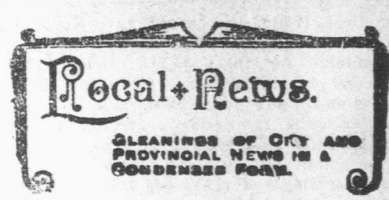
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ARRIVALS. The following... here: Princess...



Howard Pierce, adopted son of Peter Emery, of North Saanich, died on Saturday. He was 6 years of age...

Miss May T. Heathfield, of No. 6 Soreby street, died on Wednesday after a short illness. Miss Heathfield was a native of San Francisco and well known and respected in the city...

The Fannin memorial fund was increased to-day by the addition of \$8 from the Savona school district, and \$1 from a friend of the former was transmitted by A. Robinson, superintendent of education, to Captain Walbran, president of the John Fannin memorial fund.

Farmers' Sons Wanted with knowledge of farm stock and 14th education to work in an office, 400 to 500 monthly salary. Apply to the office of the association at 1111 Broadway, Victoria.

In the provincial police court, Tuesday afternoon Harry Yeo and Victor, the two Saanich Indians arrested on the Saanich road the other day with whiskey in their possession, were given the option of paying a fine of \$25 each, with costs, or of serving a month in jail with hard labor. The two Chinamen who supplied them were sentenced to six months with hard labor.

Through the kindness of Lieut.-Col. J. A. Hall in allowing the use of the drill hall for Friday night, the sergeants' mess of the Fifth Regiment will give a social to the warrant officers, sergeants and sergeants' club of Work Point garrison as a small return to the many kindnesses shown by them to the sergeants of the Fifth Regiment.

At the recent annual meeting of the Firemen's Relief Association the following officers were elected: President, Assistant Chief H. McDowell; vice-president, Wm. Duncan; secretary, Frank LeRoy; treasurer, Geo. E. Moss. Following are the trustees: Chief Watson, Assistant Chief H. McDowell, Wm. Sprinkling, Geo. E. Moss, Wm. Duncan, Geo. Lund and Frank LeRoy. The treasurer's annual report showed that there were nearly a thousand dollars in the bank.

A musicale will be held at the home of Mrs. Dunn, Cadboro Bay road, on Thursday evening under the auspices of Knox club Ladies' Aid Society. Every preparation has been made to ensure a thoroughly enjoyable evening to the many friends who will doubtless be present. A choice programme, refreshments and games will be features of the gathering, and the friends of the club are expected to be largely augmented as one of the results.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY. TAKE LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE Tablets. All druggists return money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box.

The committees in charge of arrangements for the masquerade dance, to be given by Victoria Hive, No. 1, Ladies of the Maccaebes, are working earnestly and without doubt success is assured them in advance, for never have invitations been more sought. It is requested that all those who have so generously donated refreshments towards the supper will send them to the trustees, Chief Watson, on Friday during the forenoon, or early in the afternoon.

The firm of Messrs. Maclure & Fox, architects, of Victoria, has opened a branch in this city, the office being situated in the Fairchild building, Granville street. S. Maclure, the senior member of the partnership, is well-known here and at the Capital by his good work. The branch here will be conducted by the junior partner, C. C. Fox, who was a pupil of Alfred Waterhouse, R. A., and also of Mr. Voysey, both distinguished London architects. Mr. Fox has been associated with Mr. Maclure for some years.

An organ recital will be given by G. Jennings Burnett in the St. John's church on Monday evening next. Mr. Burnett will be assisted by Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. H. Pooley and Dr. Herman Robertson. A splendid programme has been arranged, and with Mr. Burnett presiding and the talent mentioned an evening of excellent musical entertainment will be assured. Among the selections to be given will be a couple of compositions of the organist. A song, which has been specially written for Mrs. Campbell's voice, will be one of the numbers.

Preliminary arrangements for the annual convention of local Sunday school workers to be held on March 28th and 29th, were undertaken at a meeting of the executive of the district branch of the International Sunday School Association held in the Y. M. C. A. hall last evening. An endeavor is being made to secure addresses from one or more of the prominent Sunday school workers on the American side as well as interesting papers from members of local schools, and it is hoped to make the coming convention one of the most successful held in this city.

The annual show of the Victoria Kennel Club promises to be a splendid success. Members have been out collecting subscriptions, and have met with a more than usual response as will be seen by the following: W. B. Shakespeare, cup; Dixie H. Ross & Co., cup; L. Goodacre & Sons, cup; M. R. Colby, cup; J. A. Rittner, cup; S. Jones, cup; Mrs. K. J. Bradley-Dyne, cup, and \$5 for best Irish terrier puppy. M. R. Smith & Co., cup; C. P. R., round trip to Seattle; Alaska Steamship Company, round trip to Seattle; J. Barnsley & Co., silver dram flask; D. R. Ker, \$5; Hickman & Tye, goods valued at \$250; Dr. Hamilton, medal; D. E. Campbell, shaving set in leather case; O. Has, medal; Dr. Robertson, medal. It is expected that no less than forty handsome silver cups will be issued in prizes.



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Information received by H. E. Tanner, M. P., from Ottawa, gives the news that an inspector for Vancouver Island under the Fruit Marks Act will be appointed without delay.

The clearing-up of the week ending February 28th were \$700,425. For the month they amounted to \$2,169,799, a falling off from the same month in 1904, when they were \$2,746,221. In February, 1903, they were \$2,092,797; 1902, \$1,925,197; 1901, \$2,373,821.

The February customs returns for the port of Victoria are as follows: Import values: Dutiable, \$166,185; free, \$19,540; total, \$185,725. Export values: Domestic, \$40,848; foreign, \$202,248; total, \$243,096. Duty, \$49,480.68; charges, \$16,000; other, \$77.10; total, \$49,557.78.

The finance committee of the San Francisco board of supervisors has recommended that certain portions of the long pending bills of F. M. York & Co. for street paving repairs, concerning which there is no dispute, be paid the firm. This action will affect both the August and September bills.

B. J. Short, of Vancouver, was in the city Monday. Mr. Short is the gentleman who had a number of piles driven at Clover Point for the purpose of carrying on some salmon fishing experiments there last year. These were very successful, and Mr. Short is now arranging for a trip on the fish caught in which will be sent to the Fraser for canning purposes.

The library returns for February are as follows: Books issued, 1,471; highest number issued in one day, 100; average number, 61; new members, 16; ladies, 9; gentlemen, 7. The following new books were received during the month: 'Resist Not Evil' from W. McCambie; 'Statutes of Nevada: "Life After Death"; 'In Tune With the Infinite'; 'Mind, Power and Privileges'; and 'Etidorphus,' from W. H. Maroon.

In Chambers Wednesday P. Peters, K. C., acting for the defendants in the case of the Alaska Packers' Association vs. S. A. Spencer, moved to have set aside an order directing action to be before Judge and jury. Leave was granted to amend the summons. This is an old case which arose over Mr. Spencer's tug attempting to tow a vessel belonging to the association off Trial Island. It was appealed to Ottawa and referred back to the local court for a new trial. The case comes up to-morrow.

Thomas Young was charged in the police court on Thursday with breaking into the residence of Thomas Martindale on Sunday night and stealing a ring, a brooch, and a revolver. There was quite a crowd in the police court when the case was called. W. Moresby announced that he appeared for the accused on Saturday night for a remand until Saturday, which was granted. It is quite likely that a charge of breaking into the residence of Rev. Mr. Adams will also be preferred against the young man. Several express drivers were fined five dollars for occupying stands other than those specified by the by-law.

J. D. Gillis, principal of the Boys' Central school, returned Tuesday from a trip through California, where he had gone for a critical examination. He took advantage, however, of an opportunity to visit a number of the California schools, and a comparison was made of the systems there and that here. The public schools at San Francisco, Santa Barbara, and Los Angeles were visited, as well as the Normal schools at San Jose and Los Angeles, and the Department of Pedagogy at Berkeley University. In Los Angeles there are polytechnic schools, where, besides the wood-work classes, the course is extended to include ironwork, agriculture, and commercial work.

A quiet wedding took place Tuesday evening at the Centennial Methodist church, when Rev. J. P. West united in the holy bonds of matrimony Miss Ethel May Heritage, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Sellick, of 54 Third street, and Mr. Charles Alfred Lawson, fourth son of the late Mr. C. H. Lawson, of Victoria. The bride looked charming in a gown suit trimmed with green velvet, with green velvet hat to match. Miss Ellen Sellick acted as bridesmaid. She also looked well in a blue suit with a blue chiffon hat. Mr. Willis Sellick acted as groomsmen. The ceremony being performed the wedding party returned to the home of the bride's parents, where a sumptuous repast was provided. The display of presents manifested the esteem in which the couple are held. They later left for their home at THIS YOUNG.

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A meeting of the Lifboat Association was held Tuesday afternoon, when a resolution was passed requesting the secretary to correspond with the senators and provincial members of the House of Commons to press upon the Dominion government the necessity for financial assistance, and the like also to be brought to the attention of the provincial legislature. It was also resolved that steps be taken to obtain the permis-

sion of the government to grant a charter of incorporation, and the following were appointed a committee with a view to carrying the same into effect: A. B. Fraser, sr., H. D. Helmecken, K. C., Jas. A. Douglas and Joseph Peiron. The sub-committee who some time ago interviewed the mayor and council relative to the combination of fire extinguishing appliances for the harbor and foreshore were again requested to follow up the question with the civic authorities.

In South Nanaimo Wednesday afternoon Allan Cameron Wilson, third son of the local sanitary officer and Miss Jessie Snowden, daughter of Mr. Isaac Snowden of that city were joined in marriage by Rev. Mr. Miller, formerly pastor of St. Barnabas's church. The event took place at the residence of the bride's parents. The groom was supported by Mr. Orlando Vaughan, while Miss Elliott and Miss Snowden acted as bridesmaids. After the wedding the party took a party to the residence of the bride's parents. On their return they will take up their residence in Victoria.

The first social held in the new Methodist parsonage, Sidney, on the evening of March 2nd, was a successful affair. Many favorable comments were passed on the workmanship and design of the building. A pleasant evening was passed with vocal and instrumental music, paper games, agreeable and profitable conversation. Mr. Kirkendale, of the steamer Iroquois, delighted the audience by his eloquent and humorous remarks. Rev. T. H. and Mrs. Wright were the recipients of many expressions of thanks for providing such an enjoyable evening.

William White, of the King's Head saloon, Johnson street, who is one of the most experienced gunners in the city, has recently had added to his collection of trophies a white-breasted brant and a white-breasted blue grouse. Both birds were recently shot on Sidney Island, and are rare curiosities. Mr. White says he never saw birds of this sort so marked before, and his statement is borne out by many others who use the gun. The walls of the King's Head are covered with animal heads, stuffed birds, horns, etc., many having been taken from remote points in the North Pacific.

Lifboat Soap—disinfectant—is strongly recommended by the medical profession as a safeguard against infectious diseases.

At the regular meeting of the Victoria Trades and Labor Council on Wednesday A. Johnson, chairman of the organization committee, reported that the lady members of the Laundry Workers' Union were arranging to hold a social dance and requested patronage. The legislative committee reported the defeat of the bill regulating hours of labor in smelters, which was received with regret. Upon the request of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union the secretary was instructed to furnish information regarding the number of telegraphers employed in Victoria. The legislative committee reported that they had organized, with J. D. McNiven as chairman and P. Henski secretary, C. A. Ferris presented his credentials as a delegate from the Cigar-makers' Union.

THE DIVINE FIRE. The greatest of the bookkeepers' organs devotes two columns only to a review of works of fiction published in 1904, and considered worth special notice. 'Of this startlingly concise critique about one-fifth is devoted to a book, of which we have only just heard of here, though written by the sister of one of our own people. "The Divine Fire," by May Sinclair, is described as having made the hit of the year in America, but it is not only in America that the book has been a brilliant success.

The publisher's critic makes one mistake. "May Sinclair" is no debutante in literature. The great novelist, Blackwood, has already published one of her works, and three at least—"Andrey Craven," "Two Sides of a Question" and "Mr. and Mrs. Nevill Tyson"—have been extremely well received in England.

For some time past she has organized an epigrammatic brilliancy in Miss Sinclair's dialogue, which will compare favorably with the best work of Miss Thorneycroft Fowler, added to a purity in English prose amongst modern novelists, and a subtlety in delineating character which is almost uncanny.

"The Divine Fire" is the best example of Miss Sinclair's work yet given to the public, and it is doubtful whether any other work of hers will produce many more such living characters as charming Lucia Hardon, and that very perfect gentleman Savage Rickman, but her success has been such that we shall have specimens of her work no doubt in all the leading magazines for some time to come. To those who want to read the masterpiece of one of the coming women in fiction "The Divine Fire" is recommended.

Some local interest is added to Miss Sinclair's work by the fact that two of her brothers have been British Columbians. To those who know them it is safe to assert that his sister's writing is even more finished in style than "old Joe's" criticism. Ask Vancouver whether that is high praise.

THE EARLES BILL. Has Passed the Washington State Senate. In the Washington state senate on Monday the Earles sockeye salmon bill passed by a vote of 26 to 12. Judge Earles, who introduced the bill, is an attorney and gave notice of a motion to reconsider. Palmer, of King, and Gravelle, of Spokane, spoke in favor of the bill, urging the necessity of a closed season in conjunction with the Canadian authorities.

BREWERY DESTROYED. Another Fire at New Orleans—Damage Two Hundred Thousand Dollars. New Orleans, La., March 1.—The Weikling brewery, part of the New Orleans Brewing Association, was destroyed by fire last night. The loss is \$200,000.

CUT RATES WERE ENFORCED THURSDAY

INTERESTING RIVALRY ON THE SOUND ROUTE

Tacoma Fast in the Ice—Shamrock Will Run Again on the Arm in the Summer.

To-day a rate war has been inaugurated on the Victoria and Seattle route that has all the appearance of a lasting fight with all the advantages accruing which makes an event of this kind so interesting and appreciable to the public. In yesterday's Times the announcement appeared of the proposed reduction in fares to \$1.25 for single journey and \$2 for return trip. This was in accordance with action first taken in Seattle and followed up by the Victoria company. It will happen next between the two companies will be awaited by the public with no little concern. There are those who predict that the rate will be cut to 50 cents, but if this is the case it will appear that the initiative will have to be taken by the Alaska Steamship Company, the C. P. R. simply meeting each reduction as it is made.

Capt. Trout started this morning that he had little to do but make on the statement of Spt. Burns, of the Puget Sound Navigation Company, which is published in the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. The argument that the American company would lose business if it were to do this in Seattle and nothing in Victoria is not the kind, he thinks, that will strongly appeal to Victorians.

"If the Canadian Pacific people are looking for a rate war, they will get it," said Superintendent Frank Burns, of the Puget Sound Navigation Company, yesterday when questioned concerning the action of the former concern in announcing a reduction of rates between this city and Victoria.

We are not carrying any trouble of this kind, continued Mr. Burns, and we make any formal announcement until the C. P. people show that their announcement was made in earnest.

It is expected that there will be considerable business between this city and Victoria this summer, and we shall do our best to get a share of it. The Canadian Pacific people have made various statements of late regarding what they were going to do in connection with the business in question, and I understand, have made promises to the merchants at Victoria that they will see to it that the money expended in conducting a line of steamers between these ports will all be spent in the Canadian city.

Whether or not they can make good on this statement remains to be seen. We have a year's lease on the wharf which will be used for the purpose of operating a certain number of boats to operate the two boats of the company between here and Victoria, and all of that money was spent in Seattle, as it represents expenditure for wages, fuel and other supplies. The company should allow themselves to be driven out of business by the Canadian line this money would be lost to this city, as that company spends practically nothing this side of the line. The Puget Sound Navigation Company operates two steamers between this city and Victoria during the summer, the Whatcom and the Rosalie. The latter is taken off during the winter months.

The only other local company carrying passengers between the two points is the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, and they only make the stop on the regular line of the Puget Sound Navigation Company. It was stated that while the matter had not been considered as yet, it was probable that they would meet the rates made by the Puget Sound Navigation Company. Boats were lowered in an orderly manner in a stormy sea that was illuminated for miles around by the flames which towered up from the after part of the ship.

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FIGURING ON NEW BARGE. Within the last week the management of the ferry, still operating between Port Guichen and Sidney, have been getting figures on a new steam barge to replace the one now running, which is towed back and forth by a new Westminister tug. It has been thought that a steam barge might be worked more cheaply, hence figures on the cost of building one have been obtained. It is probable, however, that this barge will not be built, that the service will remain as it is for some time. It makes a couple of trips a week, bringing loaded cars across to the Island from the dock of the Great Northern Railway Company. The steamer Victoria is still on the stocks on the banks of the Fraser, and there is no prospect at present of her re-entering the service.

FAST IN ICE. The San Francisco marine exchange has been notified that the steamer Tacoma is fast in the ice of the North-Western Steamship Company's steamer Tacoma is fast in the ice of the Sayo Straits. It is thought that two other ships are in the same vicinity. Secretary Treuholme, of the North-Western Company, believes that while the Tacoma may reach some near-by harbor when the ice breaks up, the squeezing which she will have and already received will carry her so badly that it is extremely doubtful if she will be worth repairing. It is thought that the officers and crew will stay by the ship.

A more lively company of passengers than usually cross the Pacific arrived here on the R. M. S. Empress of India Wednesday. They included the Poland children, who are well and favorably remembered by Victoria theatre-goers. About 200 passengers were on the life raft of the voyage; they kept the other passengers well entertained from the time the ship left Yokohama until her arrival at the outer wharf, where they departed. They are booked for a number of performances here, many being delighted to return to the city again.

The Empress had a rather protracted voyage. She usually arrives on Tuesday. On the Japan coast the weather was very stormy and the ship lost considerable time. The steamer brought a full miscellaneous cargo, of which 150 tons for Victoria will be transhipped at the Terminal City.

The saloon list of passengers is as follows: F. A. Astor, G. Brown, Miss T. Brown, Miss L. Bull, Miss V. Bull, Miss V. Burt, R. Clark, Miss L. G. Cohn, L. V. Coll, L. C. Cowan, Mr. de Previung, Miss Irene Falls, Miss Irene Finlay, Mrs. J. Ford, Mrs. J. T. Forth, E. Fukai, Miss M. Fraser, Master John Fraser, A. Goulding, Miss D. Guest, Master Oscar Heintz, Master Fied Heintz, Master John Heintz, Lieut. Kourachich, Miss L. Leichen, Master Teddy McNamara, Miss M. Martyn, Miss Miss Midas Martyn, A. W. Massey, Minnis, Mr. Mitchell, Mrs. Mitchell, Miss Eva Moore, Miss Olive Moore, J. C. O'Brien, N. Otaka, A. H. Pollard, E. J. Pollard, Miss A. Pollard, Miss Daphne Pollard, Miss Mrs. Pollard, Fred Pollard, Master John Pollard, Miss Helvie, A. J. Retton, Hugh Ross, Miss N. Sheddin, Dr. H. W. Sheppard, Master R. Smith, T. Takahashi, Miss M. Tardiff, Master W. Thomas, Miss E. Thompson, Miss O. Thomson, Miss M. Tratt, Dr. H. B. Wilkinson, N. Yanagiya, T. Yokobe.

MORE THAN HUNDRED LOST. Details of the loss of the coasting steamer Natoriwaga Maru off the entrance to Osaka harbor and the loss of more than one hundred lives were received through the arrival of the R. M. S. Empress of India this morning. The Natoriwaga Maru had been trading along the coast, and was about to enter Osaka harbor when the calamity occurred. The exact number of passengers on board the vessel when she sank, says the Japan Chronicle, is yet unknown, as they came on board at different small coast ports between Osaka and Kobe. But later particulars show that only eleven passengers have been rescued instead of fifteen as first reported, and it is probable that the total loss will exceed a hundred. Of the crew of twenty-three, only four of whom were saved, the master, chief engineer, and purser are among those missing.

In a dense fog the ship struck the breakwater of the harbor, rebounded and sank in deep water in less than ten minutes. The passengers rescued were either on deck or those making preparations for landing. These, on realizing the true situation, seized lifebelts and jumped overboard afterwards, when the steamer had sunk, clinging to the funnel and masts which fortunately remained above water. But most of the passengers were asleep below decks, and so met their fate.

Before the steamship Senator sailed for San Francisco on Monday a party of Victorians boarded the ship to present Capt. N. E. Cousins with a souvenir of the voyage made by the steamship Senator just one year ago Monday. On that memorable occasion the Queen was on her way to Victoria from San Francisco with Capt. Cousins in command. Off the Columbia river the ship took fire. Due to the gallant efforts of the captain but a small number of those aboard, considering the terrible plight in which they found themselves, were lost. Captain Cousins showed great presence of mind and heroism in saving the lives of the passengers. Boats were lowered in an orderly manner in a stormy sea that was illuminated for miles around by the flames which towered up from the after part of the ship.

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Winnipeg, Feb. 28.—The Windsor hotel, Rapid City, was destroyed by fire last night. It started in the bar. F. A. Ferguson, the tenant, lost everything.

NANAIMO'S POLICE. Nanaimo, Feb. 28.—The proposed plebiscite on police appointments has been abandoned by the commissioners, who will tonight choose members of the force in the old way.

FIRE RETURNS. The fire record for February was as follows: 3rd, 9 p. m., phone, fire at Goodacre's, outside limits; 5th, 9.45 a. m., phone, fire at Capt. Wright's, outside limits; 5th, 3.15 p. m., still, overheat at Mrs. Bidford's, block; 10th, 3 a. m., 65, fire at F. Garland's, Oakland, loss \$1,200; 10th, 7.30 p. m., 27, chimney fire at 67 Herald street; 10th, 7.45 p. m., 27, chimney fire, Chatham street; 11th, 2.55 p. m., 27, fire on roof of corner Amelia and Cornwall, loss \$10, 12th, 4.55 p. m., 27, fire on roof at W. Mable's, Victoria West, loss \$20; 12th, 11.30 p. m., phone, barrow of coals in shed, C. P. R. wharf; 16th, 2.45 p. m., 27, roof of house, Finchard, near Pioneer; 17th, 7.15 p. m., 65, roof of Geo. Caldwell's, Victoria West, loss \$5; 23rd, 7.20 p. m., still, defective fire in Moffat's Grocery, Douglas street; 24th, 6.35 p. m., 23, fire at Blyth's dry goods store, loss \$1,200; 27th, 9.05 p. m., 27, incendiary fire at residence of Rev. G. K. B. Adams, loss \$80. Loss for month, \$2,465.

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BRIEF TELEGRAMS. NOTICE. The family and friends of Gorky, the Russian novelist, are greatly exasperated by his treatment, and maintain that a breach of confidence has been committed, an order for his unconditional release having been signed when bail was deposited.

St. Petersburg, March 1.—Next Saturday being the anniversary of the emancipation of the serfs, rumors have been in circulation that the day has been selected for notable events. According to some of the rumors the workmen are planning an immense revolutionary demonstration, while according to other reports the government intends commemorating the anniversary by issuing a manifesto establishing some form of representative legislature.

It was stated positively, however, on competent authority that there is no intention on the part of the government to signalize Saturday by any special manifesto, and plans for a demonstration of workmen, if there are any, have not yet reached the men of the Liberal leaders. On the other hand it seems certain that the recently revised council of ministers, at its weekly session, is considering the all important question of reform and evolving governmental alterations of a momentous character, but what form these changes are to take it is impossible to ascertain with positiveness. Presumably the council is discussing the means of bringing the government and the people in closer touch.

Minsk, March 1.—The students of the Clerical seminary here yesterday wrecked the houses of the directors and inspectors of schools, and burned all their papers. All the students then left the town.

SMITH—At Kamloops, on Feb. 28, A. F. Smith, aged 79 years.  
DESJARDIN—At Kamloops, on Feb. 28th, Edward Desjardis, aged 80 years.  
MARTIN—At Vancouver, on February 25th, Weliway A. McArthur, aged 21 years.  
MARTIN—At New Westminster, on February 27th, John J. McMartin, aged 27 years.