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The Victoria Weekly Budget and Town Journal made its appearance yesterday for the first time. The new publication is a bright little weekly, devoted to the social, industrial, commercial and economic interests of Victoria and British Columbia. It is published by the late Dr. J. A. Gammell, and will, in a full share of attention, and will, no doubt, be well talked about by the proprietor of the new-comer.

The Belated Mail.

The delayed express mails arrived by the steamer Umetilla, the Pacific Express got into Vancouver shortly after 10 o'clock on Friday night. The train met with five delays between Montreal and Vancouver. The delay was caused by a freight train east of Portage la Prairie, in the other delays were in the mountains, two mud slides. The number of through passengers was not large.

A Very Successful Steamer.

The customs office of Port Townsend has been notified to look out for a new smuggling craft, supposed to be engaged in bringing over Chinese and opium from Victoria. Captain Robert White, formerly commanding the steamer Umetilla, reports having met on his last trip, half-way between Victoria and Port Townsend, a new steam launch. She seemed to be making about fourteen miles an hour, and was seen to be carrying a large cargo of opium. She was on Puget Sound can overtake her. She had a canopy, but the sides were open, and it was noticed that the men on board were passing parcels to her. She went to the assistance of the Potter's. All efforts to get the steamer aloft, however, were of no avail, and the Potter's passengers were then transferred to the "Wildwood," which proceeded. Some fears were expressed for the Potter, as it was said she was in a dangerous position and even if she got off, would certainly be badly damaged. The steamer, however, now reached Seattle that the Potter had succeeded in getting off the bank, but the extent of her injuries was not known.

Budding Artists.

Mr. A. H. Cameron, who came down lately from Cayoosh Creek, brought with him several specimens of penmanship made by the Misses Watkinson, who reside with their father on a ranch on the banks of the Fraser half way between Lytton and Lillooet. The penmanship is worthy of the art of the artist, while several water color drawings of flowers and birds are beautifully executed, showing extraordinary natural talent.

These young ladies, who have lived on their ranch all their life, have never had any training beyond the instruction of their father in writing, and have been compelled to manufacture their own calligraphic style. They are now drawing portraits with pen and pencil with great facility. Where such native talent is displayed, there can be no doubt that with the aid of masters of the art, they would be able to do much for the world of art.

A Farmer's Society.

A movement has lately been set on foot by Capt. Livingston Thompson and the farmers of Burton Prairie, to form a "Farmers' Society" which it is intended shall be spread from the Dominion and province to the other. The object of the society is to foster and encourage all agricultural interests, and to be organized as to ensure proper representation of these interests in the Dominion and provincial legislatures. Chilliwhack, Surrey, Delta and every other municipality in the district has been communicated with and the farmers asked to take immediate steps to organize the principle laid down. The movement has met with favor, and as far as it has extended, and without doubt, it will spread until it embraces every farmer in the district.

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